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ARIZONA DAILY STAR, Tucson, AZ - Aug. 31, 1986 CR: W. Stevens.

Tuesday memorial service set for UFO expert L. J. Lorenzen

A memorial service is scheduled for 2 p.m. Tuesday for leading UFO expert Leslie James "Jim" Lorenzen, who died of cancer Thursday at Veterans Medical Center. He was 64.

The service will be at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 4831 E. 22nd St. His ashes will be buried at Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, D.C.

Lorenzen, who never saw a UFO himself, founded the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization in Wisconsin in 1952. The Tucson-based organization has more than 1,200 members worldwide.

Lorenzen's wife, Coral, estimated yesterday that the group received "at least 150,000" reports over the years. "We never stopped to take a head count," she said. "We receive

reports practically every day."

Lorenzen and his wife wrote five books on UFOs.

Lorenzen kept looking for UFOs and never stopped believing, Mrs. Lorenzen said.

The latest major incident they investigated was a report of UFOs chasing and teasing Brazilian jet fighter planes. The incident is still unexplained. "The Brazilian air force admitted very candidly that there was no solution," Mrs. Lorenzen said.

Lorenzen was born in Minnesota. He married his wife in 1943, moving to Tucson in 1960 from Alamogordo, N.M., to work in electronics at Kitt Peak Observatory. He worked in the electronics department of the chemistry lab at the University of Arizona until he retired in March.

Lorenzen was a professional musician in his youth and maintained an interest in music throughout his life, his wife said. He handbuilt his own violins and has a patent pending on an invention his wife called "the first improvement on the violin since Stradivarius."

Lorenzen served in the U.S. Army Air Forces during World War II as a radioman, flying supply missions over China and India. He was decorated six times, including a Distinguished Flying Cross.

Besides his wife, Lorenzen is survived by a daughter, Leslie Stryker of Tucson; a son, Larry of Phoenix; four grandchildren; four sisters; and three brothers.

Mrs. Lorenzen said donations in his name can be made to APRO, 3597 W. Grape Drive, Tucson, 85741, or to the American Cancer Society.

NEWS, Lima, OH - June 10, 1986

Official of UFO center seeks sighting witnesses

An official of the Center for UFO Studies is seeking information from anyone who might have seen a phenomenon similar to one reported today by a Lima man.

Arley Taylor said he was making deliveries to Scot Lad Foods Inc., 1100 Prosperity Road, at 4:30 a.m. today when he saw an orange light in the sky, "that was the size of a grapefruit and darted about like a hummingbird for about 10 to 15 seconds, then disappeared."

Taylor, 55, of 1030 Cornell Drive, reported the sighting to Lima's John Timmerman, vice president of the Center for UFO Studies in Glenview, Ill. Taylor said he studied the sky as he

continued on his delivery route, but didn't see the object again. Taylor works for Service American Corp., 1251 N. Cole St.

The light was in the northwest, apparently some 200 feet above the ground, and could be seen against the overcast sky, said Taylor.

Timmerman asked that anyone who might have seen a similar phenomenon today contact him in writing at P.O. Box 1621, Lima.

"It's important that if similar sightings occurred, it be documented," Timmerman said. "It could help (the Center for UFO Studies) in determining if such occurrences could be something caused by the earth's geophysics."

UFO buffs swap stories this weekend

By JOANNE MENESALE
News Staff

BEVERLY — There will be a close encounter of an unusual kind here this weekend, as hundreds of UFO buffs from all over the country gather for a two-day forum with some of the leading UFO researchers in the United States.

The conference, held for the third year in Beverly, will bring believers and skeptics alike to the Beverly Golf and Tennis Club Saturday and Sunday.

For the past two years the forum has been sold out, with standing room only. Last year a crowd of over 300 people attended the forum, coming from as far away as Hawaii.

The forum attracts people with stories to tell and information to share about UFOs or unidentified flying objects.

The conference is being sponsored by Massachusetts Mutual UFO Network (MUFON), Inc., and is a project of Marge Christensen, a former Beverly High School teacher who recently moved with her family to Arizona.

This year over 100 people have already pre-registered to attend the forum, but there is still room for more, said James L. Melesciuc, state director for MUFON, who has been promoting the conference on area radio stations and talk shows. As long as there is space, people may register the day of the conference.

The event will run from 1-5:45 p.m. on Saturday and from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on Sunday.

Dr. Richard Haines, research scientist and team director of human factors engineering in the Space Station program, will head the lineup of some of the leading UFO researchers in the country.

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Melesciuc said there will be a table at the conference where people can report any cases where they have seen a UFO. There will also be discussion about a "mini-flap" of UFO sightings in the Boxborough area last year.

Another speaker at the conference will be Dr. Bruce Maccabee, an optical physicist for the U.S. Navy Surface Weapons Research Center, who is also director of the Fund for UFO Research.

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Interested persons should contact Massachusetts MUFON, 8 Maple St., Reading, Ma. 01867, or call the hotline telephone number at 944-0686. Pre-registration fee for the 2-day forum is \$25 if submitted prior to July 1. After July 1, the fee will increase to \$30 per person.

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Stars see 'things' in the night sky

By Mary Grimmer

STARS ECLIPSE STARS: More celebrities than "normal" people seem to see odd objects when glancing skyward at night.

No one knows why such stars as Phoebe Snow, John Lennon and Ray Walston ("My Favorite Martian") see unworldly beings and otherwise spacey effects, but this month's OMNI says Lennon, perched on the roof of the Dakota in the late '70s, witnessed a glowing object moving through the sky. He maintained it was a UFO. Mohammed Ali has reported "strange, bright lights that take off across the sky and disappear." Snow said she taped the voices of two alien beings during a Ouiji board session with friends.

"Thrilled to see the cosmic fireworks," initially, she became so annoyed when they began calling on the phone in "tiny screaming voices," she burned the Ouiji board.



PHOEBE SNOW

HERALD, Boston, MA - Aug. 20, 1986 CR: B. Greenwood

EVENING NEWS, Salem, MA - Aug. 8, 1986 CR: B. Greenwood

MIDDLESEX EAST, Middlesex, MA - June 25, 1986 CR: B. Greenwood

UFOs

Area Club Investigates Phenomena

By Safir Ahmed
Of the Post-Dispatch Staff

Unidentified flying objects. Psychokinesis. Big Foot. Spontaneous human combustion. Ghost-busting.

As long as a phenomenon is unexplained, it is a topic for investigation and research, say members of the Quad County Mutual UFO Network, a group of determined seekers in Madison, St. Clair, Monroe and Clinton counties.

Despite years of being laughed at by skeptics, the members of the group are unwavering in their search for answers.

"There's something going on and we want to know what it is," said Karen Tellor of Collinsville, the group's president. "We look at UFOs but we also look at all unexplained phenomena."

Last week, the guest speaker at the group's monthly meeting was Grover Krantz. He is called "the world's foremost authority on gigantopithecus," otherwise known as the abominable snowman and generally known to skeptics simply as Big Foot.

Tellor said that Krantz had reconstructed a skull and put together plaster casts of the foot, based on information from "fossils and footprint sightings all over the country".

Tellor said that the group, which has about 65 members in the area, is interested in finding out about any phenomena that seemingly defies explanation. And the group goes after scientific data about these phenomena, Tellor said.

"The only thing people hear about such things is from scandal sheets," Tellor said. "It's not a joke and we want to know more about it."

Gary Jascur, a member from Highland, said that all the research being done about such phenomena was being conducted by the government and was kept secret.

"If there was more information available, then more people would feel comfortable about reporting sightings," Jascur said.

The local group is part of an international network. The U.S. headquarters are in Seguin, Texas. The local chapters feed information about sightings reported in the area into a computer, Jascur said.

One recent sighting was reported in Granite City. A man there said he had seen "a light in the sky" that was moving faster than a normal aircraft



Karen Tellor, president of the Quad County Mutual UFO Network, with a cast said to be of

Big Foot's foot. "There's something going on and we want to know what it is," Tellor said.

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and making turns unlike a falling star or meteorite, Jascur said.

A short time later, a woman in St. Charles reported a similar sighting, Jascur said. Tellor said that other sightings had been reported in Alton and Fairview Heights.

Group members take UFO sightings rather seriously.

"There is a very good possibility that these things are extra-terrestrial," Tellor said. "There's too much evidence to support that."

Jascur said, "You figure with as many stars and planets out there, there's got to be life out there."

When a sighting is reported, the group sends a team to the field to

study such things as markings on trees and on the ground and analyze soil samples and feed it into the national computer data base, Tellor said.

The local chapter of the group was started about a year ago, Tellor said. A chapter in St. Louis has been in existence for several years, she said.

ARIZONA REPUBLIC, Phoenix, AZ - July 11, 1986

Green men over Wikieup? Probably just Red Planet

By STEVE DANIELS
Western Arizona Bureau

WIKIEUP — The Arizona Department of Public Safety said the people were sober and on their way to, not from, Las Vegas.

The motorists reported that an other-worldly light on the western horizon followed their car as they traveled toward Las Vegas shortly before dawn Thursday.

However, an expert on heavenly bodies said later Thursday that the light probably was nothing more than the planet Mars.

A member of a group that compiles reports of UFO sightings does not agree.

At this point, officers of the DPS don't really care what it was. They are tired of all the hoopla.

A motorist, who DPS spokesman Alan Schmidt said wants to

remain anonymous, told an officer that she, another adult and her two sons were driving to Las Vegas, Nev., on U.S. 93 early Thursday when she and her sons spotted a strange orange light that hovered above the western horizon and appeared to follow the car as it traveled north.

The object was said to "pulsate like a star" and was described as appearing "about twice as bright and twice as big as a star."

Patrolman Veronica Minch, Schmidt said, had spotted the object earlier.

"She thought little of it and went on about her business," Schmidt said.

"Meanwhile, down the road, these people see it."

The DPS phoned Nellis Air Force Base, near Las Vegas, "to

see if any rockets or balloons had been launched," Schmidt said.

"They said they had no activity like that."

The DPS then reported the incident to the National UFO Reporting Center in Seattle, a private, non-profit organization that fields reports of UFO sightings.

Meanwhile, Carl Posey, Tucson-based spokesman for the National Optical Astronomy Observatories, which include Kitt Peak National Observatory near Tucson, said the motorists most likely saw Mars, which now is nearly as close as it ever gets to the Earth.

"Every 15 to 17 years, Mars makes a very close approach to Earth," Posey said. "That is what we are seeing now."

Reddish-orange Mars is now the brightest object in the sky other than the sun, the moon and the planet Venus, which is now clearly visible near the moon at sundown, Posey said.

"Mars is rising in the southeast right after sundown and setting



in the southwest just before sunrise," Posey said.

"Because it is low in our southern sky, we are looking at it through a lot of atmosphere, which would cause it to twinkle, or pulsate, especially in this kind of heat."

"There have been a couple of other reports of the same kind of thing from Green Valley and from people who have been traveling through."

"They all report a brilliant object in the southern sky which, because it is seen setting below a mountain ridge, gives it a sense of motion."

Robert Gribble, a member of

the staff of the National UFO Reporting Center, who spoke to Minch after the incident, said, "Witnesses said what they saw appeared to ascend and move about."

"That would not, in any way, shape, or form, match a description of Mars."

Gribble, who said his organization receives six to 25 calls of UFO sightings per day, says this about such sightings:

"Based on studies since 1974 of 'unknowns,' studies of cases that date back into the 1940s, we have concluded that we are dealing with superstructures, or wingless vehicles, both manned and unmanned, that come from places other than the Earth."

Despite Gribble's claim, extensive scientific investigations have turned up no evidence that extraterrestrial vehicles have visited Earth.

Of the scientifically minded "establishment," Gribble says:

"They don't say 'yes'; they don't say 'no.' We say, 'Yes, indeed. There is not the slightest doubt in our minds that these things come from outer space, and that is based on sightings by very credible observers.'"

Sightings of possible UFOs reported

By Joe Ford
Owensboro Area Museum

Were UFOs products of over-active imaginations? In my opinion UFO's were something, because too many people reported seeing them in the past for all the stories to be false. But we haven't heard of many reports until recently.

On the night of June 17, Karl Brown, Marty Patterson, Joey and Robbie Butler and Terry Guggisberg were in Bon Harbor Hills about 11 p.m. when two single lights similar to stars appeared in the west. The lights attracted their attention because of the slow movement eastward, which they first thought might be airplanes. But the lights moved toward Rockport, Ind., and disappeared without a sound, and there were no flashing lights or colored wing lights that appear on planes at night.

About 15 minutes later another pair of lights appeared in the northwest and traveled eastward. These

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lights seemed to pause occasionally. Perhaps what the men saw could be easily explained by another observer, but I'm sure they saw something.

TRIBUNE-STAR, Terre Haute, IN - June 24, 1986

UFO made its first appearance 39 years ago today

To many, it is an enigma that isn't. To others, it has been around since the beginning of recorded history. It has been seen around the world and outside it.

Today marks the 39th anniversary of the first reported sighting of that puzzler of humankind — the unidentified flying object.

However, many ufologists believe the UFO dates to prehistoric times. The strange marking on the Plains of Nazca in Peru are conjectured to be an ancient aerodrome for UFOs — or flying saucers, according to author Erich von Daniken, who believes the human race is descended from extraterrestrial life.

Locally, that idea is discounted by James Wallace, a long-time observer of things that flash in the night sky, the most recent being Halley's comet.

"I don't think von Daniken is on target with his theories about UFOs," Wallace said. "Perhaps those things in Peru were natives worshipping their god and not a spacedrome as he has speculated."

Asked if he ever observed a flying saucer, Wallace replied he had. "One day in 1972, when I was 11 years old, my family decided to take a trip to Ann Arbor, Michigan. We left the little town of Milan driving on small rural highways in isolated farmlands when we rode over a hill, and there it was!" Wallace said. "I was old enough to know I was seeing something that was not normal."

It was broad daylight — about noon — when Wallace saw the strange object in the sky. "It was about the size of a large car and we got within, I judged, about a quarter-mile of it. It was bright silver and saucer-shaped. It appeared to be drawing power from a electricity relay station located in the area. It hovered over the station for about a minute and then moved very fast toward the horizon."

Wallace said the sight made a lasting impression on him. "It was an unique and interesting experience."

Wallace is just one of thousands — perhaps millions — who has observed the eerie phenomenon throughout the world. Many who have witnessed the strange goings-on are trained observers such as pilots and astronauts.

Maj. Robert White, who was a



FLYING SAUCER ANNIVERSARY June 24

The anniversary of the first reported sighting of a "flying saucer". Kenneth Arnold of Boise, Idaho, claimed to have seen a flying saucer over Mount Rainier in Washington on this day in 1947.

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test pilot on the X-15 rocket plane, reported an account that was published in Time magazine. On July 17, 1962, during his record-breaking altitude run to 314,750 feet, White reported there "were things out there!"

A big object had zipped past his aircraft at the time he was flying at 3,800 mph.

Astronauts, too, have reported seeing objects during their flights. On May 16, 1963, Astronaut Gordon Cooper told people on the ground that a glowing green object was nearing his spacecraft.

Adelord Cantin, assistant professor of geography at Indiana State University, said he would not discount the reports of sightings.

"Many of the sightings were made by competent people who have the qualifications to accurately report those things observed," Cantin said. "There is no proof for UFOs, nor is there any proof against them. So I, for one, will keep an open mind on the matter."

INDEX-TRIBUNE, Sonoma, CA - July 8, 1986

Nurse tailed by UFO

By JOAN CASSERLY
I-T Staff Writer

Sightings of strange flying objects have become more frequent in these parts since late May when a California Highway Patrol officer spotted a peculiar light in the sky during the wee hours of the morning.

But last weekend, not only did Sonoman Joan Burtson observe an unusual flying object — this one toyed with her and followed her car for several blocks before finally giving up and going away.

The head nurse at a local convalescent hospital dismisses the notion that the bright object in the dawn sky which taunted her for some 15 minutes was a space ship carting around some alien beings.

"I don't believe in them," she emphatically states. "I don't know what it was but I don't believe in UFOs."

Burtson will acknowledge that in the last few weeks she has heard numerous rumors of UFO sightings in Sonoma Valley.

For instance, an acquaintance on Eighth Street East reported that ever since the CHP officer saw the strange light two months ago "that thing has been hanging around here."

HOWEVER, BURTSON'S description and that of the CHP patrolman are vastly different, leading one to believe there are several odd things hovering around up there.

What was seen on the early morning of May 21 was a bright orange "X" shaped object heading at a high rate of speed over the Valley to Petaluma.

The only similarity with Saturday's unexplained illuminating object was that both were apparently headed in the same direction — over the hill to Petaluma.

Burtson remembers it as a "solid mass of white light, it was circular about the size of an apple."

"There were no colors and it was not flashing," she recalls. Burtson's curious find took place at 5:15 a.m. as she was on her way home from Napa after dropping her husband Pat off at work.

She initially noticed the stationary light in the vicinity of Eighth Street East and Napa Road. Later, as she approached Leveroni Road from Fifth Street West the flying object moved along with her and made the same right turn.

She subsequently made three U-turns and each time, the object would seemingly use its remote control to reverse its course also.

"I thought to myself this is weird so I made three U-turns to test it out," she says.

On occasion, the UFO would become obscured by the trees but almost the entire way home, no matter what Burtson would do "it would move right along with me," she laughs.

Finally, the flying object, for whatever reason, decided the game of cat and mouse was over and it headed towards the Diamond A area, disappearing over the hill.

During Burtson's rather surreal experience, her 8-year-old son John remained asleep in the back seat of the car.

Asked why she didn't wake him up so he too could witness the strange sight, she replies with a chuckle, "Hey, we don't need two kooks in the family."

ENTERPRISE, Manchester, KY - July 10, 1986

Oneida stirring after UFO sighting

Roosevelt Spurlock was relaxing on the front porch of his Oneida home. Mary Helton was at her Countryside Restaurant. Margy Turner was also finishing up her duties at the restaurant. Vernon Stidham was at his Red Bird home.

Still, they all said they seen it. A large square object with red lights, windows, hovering just above the big hills in Bullskin.

What these four people saw as well as many more Oneidians Tuesday night has this small, calm, peaceful mountain town in a complete uproar Wednesday morning.

Air traffic controllers at the London Airport say it must have been a large plane... possibly a B-52 flying at a low altitude.

A State Police dispatcher at London says there were reports of a large plane in the Oneida area around 10 p.m. Tuesday that was losing altitude and flying at approximately 6,000 feet.

However, Roosevelt Spurlock, a forest ranger with the Peabody Ranger Station says what he saw was no plane because he has seen a lot of planes in his day.

Mary Helton swears what she saw was no plane. "I saw it and it

was very big, scary, and square with windows," said the Oneida restaurant owner.

"It was the scariest thing I have ever encountered," said Spurlock. "I was sitting on my front porch and it came over the Bulls-kin mountains barely cutting the mountaintops."

It had two front red lights and two back red lights. It was square and large and it scared me," said the forestry man.

Flight service controllers at London say the object they got reports on was flying at approximately 6,000 feet which is extremely high.

"If it was a large plane which our radars indicate and it was flying at 6,000 feet it would have still been hardly noticeable," said a flight service attendant who asked to remain unidentified.

"It possibly could have been a B-52 plane because their routes go somewhere along that vicinity," he added.

Still Spurlock, Helton, Earl Feltner, Stidham, and Turner say what they saw was no plane. Local authorities say they have received no calls about the sightings.

"It just made this loud ear-piercing sound, sort of like a

whistling sound," said Helton.

"This thing circled and came back traveling at a very slow speed," said Spurlock, "and no plane could go that slow."

Like every other tales when possible UFO sightings have been reported people have a tendency to disbelieve.

"I know what I saw and it was huge, square and very scary," said Helton by phone Wednesday.

"This thing went right over the top of my house and it was no plane, I don't care what anybody says," added Spurlock.

It flies and has lights, but what the heck is it?

From Staff Reports

CELINA-Blown out of proportion by Nashville, Chattanooga and Knoxville media, the sightings of a low-flying aircraft is the talk of the community here.

Spotted on five consecutive nights, a jet-like aircraft, able to hover and then dart away was seen by people in Celina and Moss on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights between 9 and 9:30 p.m. The craft was also seen by people in Moss on Friday and Saturday nights.

Despite attempts by some television stations to call the sighting a UFO, area residents say

that they know that its "some kind of jet" but they are curious about why it continues to fly so close to the ground.

To complicate things, two area residents say that it was seen "hovering" and shining a beam of light on the ground. Mrs. Linda Rich saw the craft hovering over a field between her house and the Cumberland River on Wednesday night. Dwight Goolsby and his wife Vickie saw the craft as it hovered over Charles McLerran's house near Moss.

When it flew over the Celina softball field last Wednesday night, most of those in attendance who saw it thought it was a jet "on it's way

down."

Wilbur Walker said that the same thing was heard in the skys on Tuesday night and thus the great mystery began. Since Tuesday, people all over the county have discussed the aircraft, guessing at it's origin.

A story in Friday's Nashville Banner made a joke out of the sightings and since that story the same news has spread across Tennessee on the Associated Press wire.

The Citizen-Statesman received phone calls from Knoxville, Cookeville, Crossville, Chattanooga and Nashville on Monday from radio stations and newspapers seeking to "follow up"

on the story.

Just like a circulating rumor, each radio station that has picked up on the AP wire story has changed the story somewhat. One woman in Chattanooga called Monday asking if a flying saucer landed on the Celina softball field. She said that she heard it on a radio station.

Just exactly what the aircraft is continues to be unclear. No one who has seen the lights and heard the jet-engine sound has ever suggested that it is a flying saucer. Most feel that it is a military aircraft, possibly a hovering jet like those that land and take off from an aircraft carrier.

The Citizen-Statesman called the Nashville Banner on Thursday to enlist their help in finding out exactly what the aircraft might be. Instead of finding out what it was, they ran a front page story on Friday about the sightings, saying that no little green men had been spotted but that a UFO had been seen flying over the local softball field.

The aircraft has flown over Celina from the east and turned near the Cumberland River and headed north, then flying over Moss before disappearing in the northern skies.

It was seen at 2 a.m. on Saturday and then spotted again that night at a higher altitude by residents living near the Kentucky-Tennessee state line.

CITIZEN-STATESMAN, Celina, TN - July 23, 1986

Mystery craft identified-- turbine helicopters

By **DON NAPIER**

Citizen-Statesman Executive Editor

CELINA-Thanks to the help of Congressman Bart Gordon's office in Washington, D.C. and his Tennessee staff, people here can sleep a little easier, knowing the low-flying aircrafts that caused such a disturbance last week have been identified as turbine-powered helicopters from Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

The headquarters of the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) at Fort Campbell told the Citizen-Statesman that the Army had been flying low-level, "map of the earth" training missions over the vicinity of Celina and Clay County on the same nights that the mystery aircraft was spotted.

Several residents had seen and heard a low-flying aircraft on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, July 8, 9, and 10. They had described it as sounding like a jet, flying at tree top level and hovering over open fields and an occasional house.

An inquiry by this writer with a Nashville newspaper in an effort to identify the aircraft backfired when the Nashville

Banner ran a page one story about the sightings and proceeded to make a joke out of them, insinuating that people in Clay County had spotted a UFO.

While people in Moss had spotted the aircraft, people in Celina had also seen it. Up until the craft was identified, it was thought that there was only one. As it turned out, there were three UH-60 Black Hawk turbine helicopters--very large aircraft that sound like a jet with turbine engines that drown out the sound of the rotary blades.

Major Mike Dormeyer of Ft.

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Campbell said the Army was flying training missions during the week with three UH-60s, which are large transport helicopters with the capacity to carry 14 passengers in addition to a crew. "The UH-60 has a red and green running light and a stobe light with a very powerful spotlight in the center used to search for appropriate landing sites," Dormeyer said.

Dormeyer said these aircraft



Soldiers get out of a UH-60 helicopter, which the U.S. Army identified last week as the crafts spotted over Clay County for five consecutive nights recently. The helicopters are

will occasionally land and will shine the powerful spotlight while hovering at a low altitude. The major also confirmed the suspicion that the copter does not make the normal copter sound, but sounds like a

taxiing jet engine.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Goolsby of Moss were on their way home from Nashville, driving toward Moss on highway 52 when they first saw the craft, hovering over Charles McLer-

turbine-powered, accounting for the jet-like noise the craft made when they passed over. (Photo courtesy Ft. Campbell)

ran's home. Goolsby, like other people who saw it, said he had no idea what it was but was concerned about why it was flying so low and spotlighting private homes.

The lights and noise were

spotted on five straight nights between July 8 and July 12. All descriptions of the craft by those who saw it were about the same and most were curious

more than anything else.

Fort Campbell officials said that it was not unusual for the Army to use Dale Hollow Dam and reservoir as a visual check-point in training missions. Maj. Dormeyer said that most training flights were scheduled in rural, farmland areas but they will fly over a farmhouse or residence every once in a while. "It's not unusual for us to get calls from people in nearby towns where we fly over on a regular basis," Dormeyer said.

In an effort to identify the aircraft, the Citizen-Statesman also talked with Capt. Dumalin of the Air Force at the Pentagon in Washington. They were very courteous and said they had received other calls about the craft.

The mystery of the low-flying aircraft was finally disclosed by Rep. Gordon, D-Murfreesboro and staffers Billy Smith of Cookeville and Kent Syler of Murfreesboro. Both men kept in constant contact with Washington for several days while trying to find out the aircraft's identity.

Editorials

Gordon, staff helped...

When was the last time that you needed help from your congressman? True, they are our friend in Washington and they constantly tell us that they are there when we need them, but have you ever really needed them?

Last week the people of Clay County called on Congressman Bart Gordon, D-Murfreesboro. We needed help from someone "with connections" who could find out what kind of aircraft was flying at tree-top level over homes in Celina and Moss.

This was a serious request. People were concerned about these unknown flying vehicles. They were coming over on a pattern, hovering over homes and shining lights on the ground. They were going slow and sounded like a jet engine sounds when a plane taxis down a runway.

Most people who saw the lights and heard the noise probably felt like it was some kind of military craft but this did not give the reason for hovering over homes.

These sightings surfaced as the "talk of the community." Everyone had their own theory as to what it was. But at no time did anyone ever use the terminology of "UFO." This was done for us by the Nashville Banner and the Nashville broadcast media in a bit of sensational journalism.

TV personalities like Teddy Bart probably got quite a kick out of "making fun" of us poor hillbillies in Clay County. Evidently Congressman Gordon's office didn't see quite the humor in our predicament. They wasted little time in contacting the Air Force and the Army. They wanted to know what the aircraft were and they communicated our concern to the military.

Quick action by Rep. Gordon's office and his Tennessee staff got results. At times like these, it makes us proud to be represented by Bart Gordon.

He didn't think it was a joke. He went right to work to get proper identification on the aircraft and we thank him for his concern.

...but media didn't

People believe what they read in newspapers.

And when a story appears on the front page of a daily newspaper in our capital city, it attracts attention. We can only hope that these news articles are accurate but when they're not accurate people usually get hurt. Maybe not physically hurt but they suffer all the same, which is the case at hand.

A story that ran on the front page of the Nashville Banner on Saturday, July 12 served as source of embarrassment for a lot of folks in Celina and Moss.

Residents in Clay County did not see a UFO nor did they see any "little green men" and we resent the implication by the media that everyone here in Clay County is so dumb that we do not know the difference between an aircraft and a UFO.

The term unidentified flying object is self explanatory. Any aircraft seen as unidentified can be a UFO but when you throw in an "off the cuff" comment like the Banner did about residents not seeing any little green men, it automatically gives the UFO term a "flying saucer" identity.

The community offers it's thanks to the Herald-Citizen newspaper in Cookeville for it's accurate reporting on the subject. Reporter Mary Jo Denton did an admirable job of straightening out the facts and reporting on the information as it was presented.

DOOR CO. ADVOCATE, Sturgeon

Bay, WI - Aug. 5, 1986

CR: R. Heiden

SOMETHING UP THERE

Last night (July 29) at 11:45 I looked out at the stars and saw a very bright light above the lake. I watched it flash through the trees. It was about four times the size of a star. About an hour later after it shot flashes and was very bright, it came into the clear sky. Above it was an object that hovered over it. This was at least 20 times larger. The smaller object dipped continually, always going back to the space it occupied. After an hour of this behavior they moved to the right and the larger object went to the side - a distance apart. It was steady but the smaller one still dipped. At a little after 2 a.m. when the large one went above the small one the one on top sped away to the right. The little one made dips but kept on lowering itself. A dark cloud covered it and they were both gone.

I was glad because I had watched them far too long a period.

Last year, July 7 while in my back bedroom I witnessed another UFO over the Maxwellton Braes land. This was a different shape and jerked to three sides.

About 25 years ago my husband and I, driving at night to Bethesda, MD, witnessed one in motion for hours. This one seemed to have streamers hanging.

Did anyone else witness the UFO last night? Wished my husband was still alive so he could have seen it too.

P.S. Had to take the letter out of the mailbox to add this:

At 1:05 a.m. I turned in my bed to face the lake on my left side and as I did so I saw a flashing light high in the sky over the lake towards Boynton Chapel's land. I watched it until 1:30 a.m. as it jerked all over the same place as the night before only this time it didn't have the lighted crown above it.

The sole object was much more active and flashed light above it.

There definitely is an alien object up there. Incidentally it was in the same range as the rainbow earlier.

MAY RUTHERFORD
Baileys Harbor

CITIZEN REGISTER, Ossining, NY - July 11, 1986

A flying hot dog?

Ray Nethercott saw a "big hot dog" fly by his Valhalla home Thursday night.

"It was weird," the 18-year-old said. "It was going pretty slow and had lots of lights on it."

Alison Yuri, 20, of Fishkill was driving through Ossining on Route 9 when she saw something hovering over her car.

"My boyfriend saw it first," she said. "It was rounder than a hot dog and had about 20 white lights and two red lights on it."

Nethercott and Ms. Yuri were among dozens of people along the Hudson River in Westchester County and in New Jersey who called police departments and local airports to report strange lights flying along the river.

"I saw a UFO," said Bill Engstrom, 18, of Valhalla. "It had 20 lights on the front of it and looked like a big blimp."

The UFO was identified by officials at the Teeterboro Airport in New Jersey, however, when they discovered the strange lights came from a group of military helicopters.

"I don't know where they flew out of, but it's just a group of military helicopters flying in formation," said Kim Stoltzfus, who works at Teeterboro Airport, where many New Jersey residents called to report a UFO.

At Westchester County Airport, officials were reluctant to discuss the UFO incident, referring calls to New Jersey.

"All I'll say is if it is a UFO, I wish they'd come and pick me up," said Bob Brunner, a county airport employee.

— Michael Slackman



UFOs are out of sight, and out of mind, too

Twenty-five or 30 years ago they used to be the rage, but like the hula hoop, penny loafers and 3-D movies, you don't hear much about flying saucers these days, either. I blame Walter Cronkite for that.

Cronkite narrated a television "special" 20 years ago that was supposed to have been an objective study of the UFO phenomenon. Instead, it was so obviously intended to debunk UFOs (flying saucers) that I recall wondering at the time who had put him up to it. Regardless, saucer reports have been going steadily downhill ever since.

Oh sure, every once in a while someone sights an UFO somewhere — just last May, Brazilian jet fighters chased several unidentified flying objects over Rio de Janeiro — but it ain't like it used to be back in the '40s, '50s and early '60s when it seemed just about everyone and his brother were seeing them. In fact, I felt cheated at the time because I'd never seen a real live UFO myself, although I saw something on a radar screen once that still defies explanation.

The big flying saucer "flap" began in the summer of 1947 with Kenneth Arnold's now famous close encounter of the first kind over Mount Rainier, and for the next 19 years reports of saucer sightings were an almost daily occurrence. Many of those sightings were

found to be natural objects seen under different or unnatural circumstances, while others were of the stuff that *National Enquirer* headlines are made of. Many others, however, have never been satisfactorily explained. But by 1966, with public pressure for an official explanation mounting, the Air Force — which had by that time investigated some 10,000 sightings through its Project Blue Book — said further investigation was unnecessary because there was no evidence to prove that UFOs were extraterrestrial. The explanation, which Uncle Walter helped sell to the public, was that we had been seeing weather balloons, or swamp gas, or the planet Venus. UFOs ceased to officially exist. Case closed!

Certainly, some people honestly mistook high-flying weather balloons or the planet Venus for spaceships from Mars, and others made up stories and faked pictures for whatever the reason. But there were also many reports by credible and highly reliable witnesses that cannot be explained away that easily. Some of the "best" of those were like the one in which an UFO was spotted near Rapid City, S. Dak. by a member of the now-defunct Ground Observer Corps. Not only was it seen with the naked eye by a trained observer, it was also tracked by radar operators at nearby Ellsworth AFB. And when a F-84 pilot was sent up to take a look, he first sighted it visually, then locked onto it with his radar-ranging gunsight. He then chased it around the sky for several minutes before the UFO zoomed out of sight, and off the radar scope, with a sudden burst of speed that easily outdistanced the F-84, one of our fastest fighters at the time. The pilot said later there definitely had been something real and solid in front of him; you don't pick up swamp gas on radar.

But if flying saucers are real, how come there has never been any physical evidence to prove it? And how come saucer reports suddenly dropped to near

zero right after the Air Force's explanation? One day it seems we're being practically inundated with UFOs; the next day, nothing. It's like someone turned off a switch. Maybe we were all suffering from some sort of mass hysteria back then.

Then again, maybe people are still seeing UFOs, but are afraid to report them for fear they'll be laughed at, or even lose their jobs. Airline pilots, for instance, used to be among the most numerous and most reliable witnesses, but you hear nothing from them anymore. Of course, I'm sure the airlines frown on their pilots telling the newspapers, "Hey, guess what? I saw all these funny looking little lights buzzing around my 727 on the New York to Miami run last night." The airlines are having enough problems these days, without people thinking their pilots are seeing little green men from Mars.

As you've probably guessed by now, I'm a flying saucer buff myself. I believe — or want to believe — that there is something out there. One thing is for sure, it's never been denied that there exists that possibility.



Group continuing UFO investigations

From Pittsburgh to the Poconos, residents of Pennsylvania are reporting unidentified flying objects in the sky.

Sightings of spinning discs, hovering metallic triangles and large cigar-shaped objects at tree top level, are among the strange phenomena being reported. The Pennsylvania Association for the Study of the Unexplained, (PASU) an all volunteer, non-profit statewide clearinghouse, that conducts open-minded scientific investigations of alleged UFO sightings and other phenomena in the state, has been busy all year looking into the sighting reports.

PASU, based in Greensburg, has investigated dozens of UFO incidents already this year. Stan Gordon, PASU founder and director, stated that a high percentage of the incidents reported has been found to have a logical explanation. Many of the UFO sightings could be attributed to misidentifications of bright planets and stars, meteors, aircraft lights or lights reflecting off of cloud layers. But some very strange sightings have also been reported, that can't be easily explained away.

For example, on the night of Jan. 7 a large metallic gray, disc-shaped object was seen hovering just above the Birmingham Bridge in downtown Pittsburgh. The object hovered in place for a short time, then tilted so that the underside and top of the object could be seen. It then went down over the bridge and followed along the river.

In a rural area near New Castle in Lawrence County, several observers watched a bright glowing oval-shaped object with multi-colored lights, hover over the area for a considerable period of time. The object described "as large as a house" was seen several hundred feet above the ground. The object which made no sound, ascended into the sky and joined several other strange lights in the distance.

In March, near Downingtown, several people in a car, traveling late at night, saw several bright lights ahead of them. The lights began to move directly toward the car, then stopped in mid-air directly in front of their vehicle. The lights were attached to a large solid appearing triangular-shaped object. The object hovered in front of the car, moved around to passenger side of car and hovered. It then moved across the road and hovered over a field, before following the car down the road for a distance.

In April near Crossingville, in Crawford County, people in this

rural community watched a strange illuminated oval-shaped object as it moved low over a field. The observers moved in the direction of the object to take a better look at it, but the object then began to move in their direction. The object turned and went down over a gully and out of sight.

In the early morning of June 21, a large elongated cigar-shaped object with bright red lights at each end was seen as it slowly moved just over the tree tops near the village of Forbes Road in Westmoreland County.

Gordon stated "It is PASU's purpose to look into these reports with an open-minded attitude. It is apparent that responsible observers continue to report experiences with aerial phenomena that can't be explained by present scientific knowledge." PASU has many professional people among its volunteer staff including scientists, medical doctors, engineers and technicians. Both field investigators or when appropriate a Phenomena Response Team (PRT unit) which is made up of research specialists, is dispatched to go to the scene of an incident to interview those involved and to gather any physical evidence for laboratory study.

The week of Aug. 10 to 16 has been designated the second annual National UFO Information Week by the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) of Seguin, Texas. MUFON is the largest international UFO research organization conducting serious study of the UFO mystery. PASU will join the MUFON in this national effort to bring the serious study of the UFO phenomena to the attention of the public. Even though the news media has carried few stories about UFO incidents in recent years, the sightings have never stopped and, in fact, are reported on a continuous basis by observers worldwide.

PASU will have an exhibit of UFO-related material on Aug. 16 at Westmoreland Mall in Greensburg. The exhibit will feature slides and pictures of UFOs, a display of books and government documents and various physical evidence obtained by PASU during investigations.

People who have had past or recent UFO sightings (or other strange experiences) are asked to write to PASU at 6 Oakhill Ave., Greensburg, 15601, and describe what occurred. The 24-hour Pa. UFO Hotline is 412-838-7768. Observers may report these experiences without fear of ridicule or publicity.

Iowa UFO hunters seek close encounters

By PHYLLIS BAILEY

Register Staff Writer

It was Sept. 16, 1976. What seemed to be a white strobe light surrounded by glittering green and red sparks hung motionless high in the nighttime sky over Saylorville Lake for more than two hours.

Des Moines Airport officials couldn't explain it. The National Weather Service couldn't explain it.

It was another UFO sighting for investigation by the Mutual Unidentified Flying Object Network (MUFON), an international non-profit UFO research group.

MUFON, a small band of UFO aficionados based in Des Moines and ready to travel the state to listen to people who can't believe what they're seeing, is headed by Donald Curtis, 3039 Mahaska Ave., state director.

Of the incidents investigated by MUFON, those of the night of Sept. 16-17, 1976 — when 18 to 20 UFO reports were filed with MUFON — stand out. "Three of the witnesses were Polk County deputy sheriffs," Curtis recalled.

Deputy's Report

A Sept. 17 newspaper report quoted one of the deputies as describing the UFO as a white strobe light surrounded by green and red sparkles high over Saylorville.

A spokesman for the National Weather Service said it might have been a commercial airplane, but deputies disagreed, saying airplanes don't sit in one spot for hours. And the Des Moines Airport had no aircraft plotted in the area.

Sightings also were reported that year on Sept. 18, 22, 23, and 30, and on Oct. 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, and 10.

Curtis, an electronics and communications technician for the city of Des Moines, said sometimes it takes years for a UFO sighting to come to light. Since he joined MUFON in 1978, he said, there have been reports of 14 sightings.

Six weeks ago, MUFON heard a report from Council Bluffs dating back to 1963.

It was early one morning in the late summer or early fall of 1963, Curtis said, when two students at the Iowa School for the Deaf saw a glint of light outside their dormitory window.

About 300 yards away, a disc-shaped object was hovering near the ground, they said. After breakfast they went outside and found burn marks on the ground where the object had been.

Unwilling Witnesses

"More than the two students who talked to me witnessed the phenomenon," said Curtis. "But only those two

were willing to talk."

Reluctance to report UFO sightings was common for many years because people were afraid of being ridiculed, Curtis said. "But, in the last 10 years or so, UFO sightings have become more widely accepted as fact, and people are more willing to come forward with information," he said.

Curtis said the federal government has for 40 years insisted there is no compelling evidence that UFOs are anything other than conventional aircraft or natural phenomena. "But anyone who digs into this after a while has to see the U.S. government, at least internally, is much more interested in it than they admit publicly."

"Virtually every intelligence agency has classified data concerning UFOs — the CIA, FBI, National Security Agency, Defense Intelligence Agency, all branches of the armed forces, the State Department, to name only a few."

He says the 1974 Freedom of Information Act included a tool that allows UFO researchers to request government agency officials to search through their records and declassify UFO data and release it to the public. More than 12,000 documents, some 20,000 pages of material, have been released.

Public Exhibits

The government's reticence and the reluctance of witnesses to talk about sightings are part of the reason that MUFON, in cooperation with the Center for UFO Studies and the Fund for UFO Research, will hold National UFO Information Week Aug. 10-17. Exhibits are planned Aug. 14-17 at SouthRidge Mall and at Des Moines' five public library branches. MUFON's van is entered in the Iowa State Fair Parade.

But despite the popular focus on UFOs as phenomena from other worlds, Curtis said that 80 percent of the sightings have down-to-earth explanations.

One sighting near New Virginia last October, for instance, looks like a wild turkey chase.

"Witnesses said they saw a brilliant nocturnal light about 4:30 in the morning about a quarter of a mile away from them," Curtis said. "For about 45 minutes, it moved north to south and back and forth before vanishing behind some trees."

"But I think I have an explanation for it. The incident was on Oct. 25, a Friday morning and the last day of turkey hunting season. It's common for hunters to go out early with lanterns to look for tracks and set up for hunting."

The Iowa MUFON group has five members — Curtis; Desmond Bragg, a retired Drake University professor; Forrest Lundberg, a retired state worker; Sondra Mentzer, an Iowa State University psychology major; and factory worker William Phillips. All live in the Des Moines area.

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UFO group to take part in information week

By Michael A. Fuoco
Post-Gazette Staff Writer

The bright objects that appear nightly in the eastern, western and southern skies aren't unidentified flying objects, even though under certain atmospheric conditions they may appear to bob and move. Actually, they're the planets Jupiter, Venus and Mars, respectively.

That was easy to explain. But what was the silver, disc-shaped object seen by two people flying over the Birmingham Bridge Jan. 7?

And just what was that oval-shaped object that appeared in New Castle Feb. 28?

And how about the object, described by two witnesses as a "me-

tallic hot dog," that hovered near Greensburg June 21?

Those are just three of the open cases being studied by the Pennsylvania Association for the Study of the Unexplained. The association is a Greensburg-based statewide clearinghouse for UFO sightings and other phenomena.

To bring the serious study of UFOs to the attention of the general public, the association will take part this week in the second annual National UFO Information Week sponsored by the Mutual UFO Network of Seguin, Texas, the world's largest UFO research organization.

For its part in the week, the Greensburg-based group will present an exhibit Saturday at West-

moreland Mall, Greensburg. Included will be UFO detection equipment, slides, government documents and plaster casts of Big Foot and other strange creatures.

Electronics technician Stan Gordon of Greensburg, who founded the non-profit group in 1981, said it is possible the Pittsburgh, New Castle and Greensburg sightings this year are explainable, as are 90 percent of the 300 calls his 75-member group receives each year. Most sightings involve natural objects — planets, stars, satellites, weather balloons, aircraft lights — that are misidentified, he said.

But, he adds, the remaining 10 percent of the sightings are not so easy to explain away.

"I've never seen one myself but after interviewing thousands of people I'm convinced there are credible people seeing things that at this point have no scientific explanation," Gordon said.

He said it is hoped that by showing the professionalism of private UFO research, the public will become aware it has a place to report sightings without fear of ridicule. PASU promises confidentiality to callers, he stressed.

The all-volunteer group includes medical, scientific and technical specialists.

PASU's 24-hour UFO hotline number is 838-7768. Correspondence may be sent to 6 Oakhill Ave., Greensburg 15601.



Donald Curtis

people

Theories link pyramids, space visitors

"Canst thou bind the sweet influences of Pleiades, or loose the bands of Orion?"
from Job 38:31 in the Holy Bible.

By DOUG McDANIEL
Courier Staff Writer

Conventional thinking says the ancient pyramids were built by an autocratic and earthbound society, unidentified flying objects are explainable, and supernatural beings don't speak through little old ladies.

But then, the theories and beliefs of Dr. Lawrence Kennedy, researcher and parapsychologist, aren't for those who hold conventional views.

Kennedy and Sandra Sitzman, a crystallographer and massage therapist, were in Prescott last week to present a series of multimedia presentations on the extraterrestrial connections between Atlantis, ancient Egypt, UFOs from Pleiades, and Ramtha — 35,000 year-old entity who has dire warnings for the near future.

It wasn't fare for the narrow minded, or those secure with their dogma.

Kennedy, in an interview, said he became interested in the field of parapsychology after going through a "classic death experience." He said the experience came while he was dying from bleeding ulcers.

"I probably went out of my body in some manner or form," he said. "I was going through a tunnel, there was a roar in my ears, and I was going toward a light at the end of the tunnel."

Kennedy never found the light at the end of the tunnel. Instead, he went back to the living. His ulcer condition "arrested itself."

Prior to that time, Kennedy had a "very materialistic" belief system.

"I believed in my Lincoln Continental, my credit cards, my 36-foot cabin cruiser, my airplane," he said. "My reality changed so dramatically ... it was like waking up from a nightmare."

But now, Kennedy said he believes in a nightmare of far more cosmic implications.

"We are in the midst of the winds of tomorrow. Shadows we are casting now are projections of what is to be," Kennedy told a small gathering at a Prescott residence in the first of "The Connection" series.

Kennedy began his presentation by attempting to disturb the equilibrium of the listeners' belief systems. He said the governments, schools, and other institutions teach falsities about such technological developments as electricity, the automobile, and solar energy.

"Most of what you hear is a lie," he said.

Next, Kennedy launched into the meat of his first presentation — the connection between UFOs and ancient Egypt. But he was only laying the groundwork for something even more unusual.

Kennedy's basic premise is extraterrestrials were the architects of the pyramids, and many of the Pharaohs were descendants of the aliens.

The parapsychologist said the crystal properties in the granite blocks that make up the pyramids create a form of cosmic energy. The main function of the pyramids, he said, were as light and sound resonators, as a demonstration of spirit in pure form.

The popularly held belief the pyramids were merely elaborate tombs for the ancient kings is incorrect, Kennedy said.

"There were never any records by any archeologist of any mummy ever found in any pyramid. Never," he said. "It's a big academic lie." The pharaohs, he said, were buried in the Valley of the Kings, not the pyramids.



Dr. Lawrence Kennedy, Sandra Sitzman

Kennedy had this belief confirmed during "Atlantis Rising," which was a tour of Egypt he took in 1980 along with archeologists, psychics, authors, Egyptologists, pyramidologists, firewalkers, diviners, and hypnotists.

"One of the primary rules of paranormal investigation should be that, although the explanation given for a particular phenomenon may be totally incorrect (e.g., that UFOs are vehicles from other planets), the observations themselves may be quite accurate."

— Gordon Stein, from *The Skeptical Enquirer*

During his expedition, Kennedy visited the quarry where the Egyptians cut the stones for the pyramids. By any standards, the sharp, angular cuts into the granite would be difficult to make. He said today's precision equipment would have a difficult time performing the task.

And, for the ancient Egyptian technology, which had only the very soft metals of bronze and copper at its disposal, the angles were "impossible."

"The only way they could do that would be with lasers."

Of course, according to the generally accepted view of history, lasers weren't available to the peoples of earth until late this century.

But then again, even the best historians have difficulty explaining a great deal, Kennedy asserts.

According to mainstream historical theory, the ancient civilization's past can be divided into the following periods: The Old Kingdom beginning 4,500 B.C., the Middle Kingdom of 2,500 B.C., and

the New Kingdom of 1,000 B.C.

For the purposes of reference, the young king Tutankhamen, known for the riches of his tomb, lived during the New Kingdom.

In fact, pyramid building was a very early feature of Egyptian history. The height of the "Pyramid Age" during the Old Kingdom, when the five largest pyramids were built, encompassed the very brief span of one century.

According to Kurt Mendelssohn's, "The Riddle of the Pyramids," a scholarly work on the early Egyptian culture which provides very down to earth reasons for their construction, pyramids continued to be built for thousands of years.

But in a reversal of what usually happens in the progress of technology, Mendelssohn said pyramids became much smaller and also much shoddier as the centuries passed. On the other hand, the early impressive stone structures of the early age have survived, with a few exceptions, in essentially the same form in which they were erected 4,000 years ago.

As Kennedy would say, the late pyramids "pale in comparison."

One of the greatest mysteries of the age is: What turned a scattering of agrarian, late stone age peoples into a robust, centralized, even bureaucratic, society capable of building stone monuments that would last thousands of years?

The earliest and most revered pharaoh in Egyptian history was Zoser, who brought a unity of purpose to Egypt that had been lacking prior to his reign. Zoser's dynasty is linked with the Horus — the "sky God" whose symbol was the falcon.

Under Zoser's reign, the great architectural achievements of the age were ushered in, including the Step Pyramid of Saqqara.

According to Mendelssohn, "The most astonishing feature of this development was the lack of any preparatory phase; it seems that within one generation Egypt had stepped from a semi-tribal state into a highly organized society, capable of an astounding communal effort."

But to Kennedy the mystery can be explained.

Zoser, Kennedy believes, was a descendant of the ancient Atlanteans with links to the extraterrestrials of Pleiades.

"The sudden appearance of this well developed (hieroglyphic) form of writing indicates that it was most likely imported to Egypt from elsewhere, and most Egyptologists are inclined to think that at about 3400 B.C. a large-scale invasion of Egypt took place. Where the invaders came from is not known."
Kurt Mendelssohn, from *The Riddle of the Pyramids*

The proof of the genetic link among the ruling class of extraterrestrials was in the elongated skulls and long, thin necks, he said.

"There was a hybrid situation existing in ancient times," Kennedy said. For example, the Zulu tribe of Africa extends the necks of its women by using layers upon layers of bands.

The unnatural contorting of the necks of the African women is a "worshipping of an ancient contact," he said.

The parapsychologist said one hieroglyphic at Saqqara provided a hint to Zoser's origin. Quoting the ancient message, Kennedy said, "He ascended in a manner in which he came, in a ball of light."

Kennedy said during his trip he was able to get an unauthorized view of a tomb from Zoser's time. Once inside the tomb (where the general public is not allowed) to

enter, he saw a hieroglyph of a "cigar shaped mother ship."

This ship was of Pleiades of the Taurus constellation. The race of extraterrestrials has been influencing human activities throughout history, he said. They are often referred to in the Bible and other religious books, usually as being teachers, illuminators, and are always highly revered.

The theory that ancient history experienced a visit of extraterrestrials is dismissed in scientific circles. Mendelssohn, for instance, scoffed at the idea as lacking any historical proof.

"Scientifically such a hypothetical visit cannot be disproved but, on the other hand, there exists no evidence whatever that it did take place," Mendelssohn states. "Thus, the idea has not the status of a theory but that of other works of science fiction, being probably equally entertaining and stimulating to the imagination of its readers."

The most famous, and notorious "theorists" of the ancient astronaut theory is Erik Von Danniken, who authored the best-selling "Chariots of the Gods" in the early 1970s. After that work and several followups were published, many of Von Danniken's ideas were dismissed under close scrutiny, and it was even discovered he had fabricated some of his "evidence."

But Kennedy disagreed Von Danniken had been largely discredited.

"In 'Chariots of the Gods,'" Kennedy said, "he brought out the possibility forward that the earth was visited in ancient times by a higher technology, and that there probably was a hybrid situation going on, or some kind of intergration."

"He may have been reaching a bit on some of those figures," Kennedy said. "But when you look at this, is there any doubt in your mind what those are?"

Kennedy was pointing to a photo of two small, detailed sculptures of what could be interpreted as two little fat men in space suits. The parapsychologist said the sculptures, discovered in Brazil, had been "completely authenticated" as being thousands of years old.

He said the Pleiadians have continued to visit and influence the planet. The most recent recorded visit was in Switzerland in 1975. That visit coincided with the appearance of Ramtha, who spoke through an American woman, who had been experimenting with pyramid energy, named J.Z. Knight.

Ramtha is a being from the days of pre-history, of Atlantis, Kennedy said. The entity is referred to by the Hindu religion as Ram.

According to Kennedy, both Ramtha and the Pleiadians who landed in Switzerland brought a message of dire consequences for the future.

What the extraterrestrials prophesized was, in some ways, like what is predicted in the Book of Revelations in the Bible, Kennedy said.

Kennedy said people should expect increased earthquake activity around the world. Droughts and other changes in the climatic patterns will continue, he said. Diseases like AIDS will spread.

After two years, the great tribulations will end and a "New Jerusalem" will manifest on earth, Kennedy said.

But until then, people need to prepare themselves, he said. They need to learn to grow their own food, and produce their own energy.

"Man is in a continuous cycle," Kennedy said. "Atlantis is repeating itself."

What was it?

Mystery light baffles stargazers

By Michael O. Best
News Staff Writer

It moved ever so slowly through the night sky like a glowing, spiraling, one-armed pinwheel.

Wherever it came from, whatever it was, the UFO gave 110 Metro Detroit stargazers more than they bargained for Tuesday night.

It also spawned hundreds of calls of inquiry around the country Wednesday after sightings of the mysterious object elsewhere in Michigan and in nearly every other state east of the Mississippi.

RESIDENTS OF Kentucky's Clark County, east of Lexington, heard a boom accompany the show.

"Some people said they saw a great big ball of fire," said Clark County Deputy Larry Lawson. "The people said their homes shook and windows vibrated as if there had been an explosion or earthquake, but it was just for a very few seconds. They said the whole sky lit up."

"All these people weren't imagining or seeing things. Some of them were very terrified over it right after it happened. Some said they smelled something like gunpowder."

The object was seen by Detroit skywatchers who had gathered at the Troy Outdoor Education Center's farm for an outdoor lecture and a look at the annual Perseid meteor shower. The campfire was blazing and marshmallows were roasting when suddenly one of the attendees stood up, pointed up into the southeast sky and shouted, "What is that?"

CHUCK BARNES, head naturalist at the Troy Farm and Nature Center, described what they saw.

"It was glowing like a spiral pinwheel standing on end and moving on a line from southeast to northwest," he said Wednesday.

"We first saw it about 40 degrees up from the horizon. It appeared to be about five or six times larger than a full moon."

At first, it looked like a single landing light from a plane as seen through a fog or thin patch of clouds, he said. It had a bright point and seemed as though it was coming toward the group. A little later, its tail seemed to be wrapped around it like a one-arm spiral galaxy. Then it faded and drifted away, Barnes said.

Sherman Larsen, director of the Center for UFO Studies in Glenview, Ill., said his group received telephone reports Wednesday morning from Elkhart, Ind., and Chicago. "In each case, witnesses said an object appeared to have exploded in the sky and then moved into a cloud," he said.

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Tom Smith, chief of interpretive services for Huron Clinton Metro-parks, saw the object with binoculars and photographed it outside his home in Romeo. "It was a spiral cloud with a starlike object to its left emitting a jet of gas which I suspect was the origin of the spiral cloud," Smith said. "The starlike object, I would suspect, was a spacecraft either dumping waste or adjusting its orbit."

Ed Weiler, NASA's chief of astronomy in Washington, disagreed.

"The direction being described would mean the object, if it were in space, would be in a polar orbit," he said. "Neither we or the Russians have any manned vehicles in polar orbit, so the waste water dump idea would be incorrect. They could have seen an unmanned craft using maneuvering jets, but the speed suggests it was an event occurring in the atmosphere and not in space."

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Artist's conception of what appeared in the night sky

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The possibility of the UFO being related to the Perseid Meteor Shower also drew comment, even though the two were dissimilar. The meteor shower, which annually occurs between Aug. 10 and 15 and peaked Tuesday night, looked like thin streaks of light radiating across the sky from northeast to southwest. The unidentified object was more like a cloud, and it moved in an opposite direction.

Jim Loudon, a University of Michigan astronomer, said it could have been a Perseid meteor train "that became distorted by upper atmosphere winds. But that's just a wild guess."

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Was it a bird, plane or UFO?

Sky-gazers see bright, mysterious object over Northeast

Herald-Journal news services

Central New Yorkers reported sighting a mysterious light in the night sky, and officials were at a loss early today in saying whether it was an unusual aircraft, a rocket, a meteor shower — or something else again.

"It was like three lights at once — red, green, and white. It was flashing on and off," said Tim Jones, an air traffic controller at Hancock International Airport. He said he watched the lights for about 45 minutes early today. He said they periodically hovered and veered randomly.

The lights, which were also seen by a commercial pilot, registered on the airport's primary radar, which is designed to ignore stationary objects, Jones said.

"It was definitely a flying object that was unidentified," he said.

"Personally, I do not believe it was an aircraft. The way it was behaving is unlike any aircraft I've ever seen," said Jones, a controller for four years. "It hovered. It remained stationary."

Jones said a caller from Syracuse reported seeing a "mist effect with a rooster tail that was spiraling."

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Another witness said the object looked like a rocket booster.

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There were similar reports throughout much of the eastern half of the country. Robert Gribble, a spokesman for the National UFO Reporting Center in Seattle, said he re-

ceived more than 100 calls from a region bounded by Michigan, Maine, South Carolina and Louisiana. He said people were "curious and puzzled" after the three- to ten-minute sightings about 10 p.m.

In Buffalo, talk show host Tom Bauerle at radio-WGR said his station was swamped with telephone calls about the sightings just after 10 p.m. He said people described a luminous cloud, with one observer reporting a spiral shape. Other observers talked of seeing a gas cloud.

Gribble said people in various parts of the East reported seeing "something moving upward with a cork-screw effect until it just disappeared out of sight."

David Sage, a forecaster with the National Weather Service in Buffalo, said he saw a dull glowing gas cloud on the eastern horizon. He said he didn't know what it was.

Gribble said the light must have been at least 100 miles high to be seen over so large an area. "Something on a scale this large ... is rather rare," he said.

He said the UFO center had checked various rocket-launching points and was told nothing was sent up.

DOOR CO. ADVOCATE, Sturgeon Bay, WI

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LETTERS to the Editor

MORE SIGHTINGS

When I wrote you about seeing the UFO or movements in the sky SE over the lake in Baileys Harbor the first and second of August I thought that was the end of it so I didn't bother to look Sunday night. Monday night I looked up from my bedroom window, one lot back from the lake, and there they were. Tuesday it returned again and last night it zoomed in with even great-

er speed and the smaller object was more emphatic in its jerking, bouncing and streaking while the golden lit up halo hovered over it. The white light always returned to its original position.

I received a call from Mrs. Frances May of Sturgeon Bay who said she was delighted that I had reported it as she too has seen sightings. Many people scoff but if they would only look they'd become aware of this activity. I have 20/20 vision so I'm not making this up.

Aren't there any people in Baileys Harbor who stay up late? It is such an exciting experience!

MAY DAY RUTHERFORD

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"It was nice and clear and a lot of people were out, which made it good," he said. "Not only did you have a lot of witnesses, you had a lot of amateur astronomers used to observing the sky. So many of them saw this thing and they couldn't explain it either."

The object was sighted toward the southern part of the sky and most reports said it appeared right above the planet Mars, said Mr. Gordon.

Descriptions of object

"It started out like a pinpoint of light and became very brilliant white," Mr. Gordon said. "Many said it was as bright as the planet Venus, which is along the horizon and is extremely bright. Then, it began to form a vapor around it. Then, it began to spin, giving a spiral effect. In fact, a few people said it looked like a spiral galaxy."

"After a period of time, the bright white light began to dim and fade out and the white cloudlike vapor around it continued for a little bit longer and then began to move off. It was moving like this in a cloud toward the east and then began to fade out."

Mr. Gordon said the description was not that of a basic fireball-type meteor. That is a lot different, he said, although researchers are not rejecting the possibility.

"But the consistent reports we have — the movement of it, the length of time it was seen — is not consistent with other reports normally of bright meteors," Mr. Gordon said.

Queries NORAD

Mr. Gordon, seeking more information, telephoned the North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) at Cheyenne Mountain, Colo., which tracks space debris and monitors the skies for defensive purposes.

"There was nothing at that time they could correlate with these reports," Mr. Gordon said.

He also checked with the National UFO Reporting Center near Seattle, Wash., and learned it had received numerous inquiries on similar sightings in the same time frame from Michigan, Louisiana and Maine.

Later, Mr. Gordon said, he received a call about the sightings from a major civilian computer terminal, also near Seattle, which serious researchers use to transmit data around the world.

"Seen by thousands"

"They had received calls also from Florida, Michigan, South Carolina," Mr. Gordon said. "So this thing was seen in the eastern United States apparently by thousands of people."

"We don't have a good explanation of what it is. Normally, when you have a sighting like this seen over a wide area, you usually pinpoint it very fast. It normally turns out to be a piece of space junk burning or a meteor. But the basic description of this and the length is not consistent with those two categories. So, at this point we don't know what we have yet."

Coincidentally, the widespread sightings took place during a national observance of Unidentified Flying Object Week.

Mr. Gordon said he would encourage anyone who saw the phenomenon to write down what they saw, make a sketch and mail them to the research office at 6 Oakhill Ave., Greensburg 15601. The UFO hotline number is (412) 838-7768.

Spiraling light in sky baffles experts

From staff and wire reports

A mysterious light show that flashed across the night sky in the Southern Tier and many states east of the Mississippi sparked an earthbound debate yesterday, with few able to agree on what caused it.

It was described as everything from a pinpoint to a moving spiral to a glowing cloud to "a big ball of fire," although astronomers said it probably was related to the annual Perseid meteor shower.

Residents of one Kentucky county said they saw a bright flash and then their houses shook when something went bump in the night with a bang like dynamite.

At the meteor watch at Beaver Lake Nature Center near Baldwinsville, outside of Syracuse, astronomy buffs who gathered to watch the Perseid shower caught sight of a large "reflective cloud" that moved steadily across the sky for five to seven minutes, said the vice president of the Syr-

acuse Astronomical Society. "It was definitely not a meteor," said Denise Sabatini. "Meteors burn off after seconds. This lasted five to seven minutes. It was really quite spectacular."

Sabatini described the scene this way: "It started out as a pinpoint of light. It was as if it were releasing some type of reflective gas into the air, and as the gas was released into air, it was as if it was spiraling around the pinpoint of light."

She described the spiraling as "like pouring milk into coffee. It was a whitish type of cloud. At first I thought it was just reflection of the moon off a cloud. But it was very iridescent, very vivid."

Some speculated it was a satellite or rocket release of barium gas, used to study the upper atmosphere. But workers at Cape Canaveral, Fla., the North American Aerospace Defense Command in Colorado Springs, Colo., and the NASA facility at Wallops Island,

About the photo

Amateur photographer Loraine Whitaker of Lanesboro, in Susquehanna County, Pa., took this photo Tuesday night while out taking pictures of the moon.

Whitaker, taking some night shots from the deck of her Viaduct Street house, said she was waiting for the moon to clear some trees when she saw a bright, white spiral cloud along with what seemed to be a star pulling the cloud. She said it was moving so fast she was surprised she was able to get it on film. "I was in the right place at the right time," she said.

Whitaker photographed the object using a 35mm camera with an 80 to 200 zoom lens. Her camera was mounted on a tripod, and she made the several-second exposure on 400 ASA Kodachrome film. Whitaker said photography is a hobby for her, and that she had just completed a summer course in color photography at Broome Community College.



PHOTO BY LORRAINE WHITAKER. Photo shows the spiraling object that was seen Tuesday night in many states east of the Mississippi.

Va., all confirmed there were no launches Tuesday. Others thought it might be a satellite breaking up in the atmosphere.

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There was speculation it was the failure of a new Japanese satellite, but officials at Japan's Tanegashima Space Center said there was nothing wrong with the vehicle.

At Ohio's Bowling Green State University, physics and astronomy Professor Ronald Stoner said he suspected the display was caused by the Perseid meteor shower, produced by the remnants of a comet.

"It is caused by little bits and pieces of dust from the comet. They're very small," he said. "If there were a larger piece, and an icy piece of material, something about the size of a snowflake, it might well cause something like this. It would vaporize and leave a glowing cloud behind it."

A Cornell University astronomy professor also said it was most probably related to the Perseid meteor shower, which will continue for sev-

eral days, but she also said it may have been a trick of light.

"When people who watch the stars once, maybe twice, a year go out and look hard for a while they're bound to see things they think are strange," Martha Haynes said. "The reason for the large number of reports is probably because there were a lot of people out last night to look for the (meteor) showers and when you're in that mind set anything like the light of a plane on the horizon looks strange."

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Tom Boone, director of the Rauch Planetarium at the University of Louisville and a member of the Smithsonian's Scientific Event Alert Network, said the network received reports of the lights from nearly every state east of the Mississippi River. Only residents of Kentucky's Clark County, east of Lexington, heard a boom accompany the light show.

"Some people said they saw a great big ball of fire," said Clark County Deputy Larry Lawson. "The people said their homes shook and windows vibrated as if there had been an explosion or earthquake, but it was just for just a very few seconds. They said the whole sky lit up. All these people weren't imagining or seeing things. Some of them were very terrified over it right after it happened. Some said they smelled something like gunpowder."

Karl Kamper, an astronomer at the David Dunlap Observatory in Richmond Hill, Ontario, outside Toronto, said he was one of four astronomers there who witnessed the light. He described it as a star-like

object low in the southern sky, surrounded by a small spiral cloud.

He said the spiral could have been fuel spewing from a damaged satellite. And he said it must have been extremely high because it was seen over such a large area and because meteors burn relatively low in the atmosphere.

It was also speculated the event was a rocket, but other experts disagreed. No government agency claimed responsibility for a Tuesday launch.

"I'm giving speculation, but based on the description of the event, it sounds like a rocket," said E. Jay Sarton Jr., curator of the Kopernick Observatory in Vestal Center. He said members of the observatory staff and almost 50 people who called in described the object. "It sounds like an atmospheric test," he said.

Edward J. Uiszkowski of Vestal, who spotted the object from his back yard, said the white object was moving in a northeasterly direction and at first resembled an airplane. "I glanced up into the sky at 10:15 and I saw this white object spiraling. At first, I thought it was an airplane or something," Uiszkowski said. "It looked like a bunch of fireworks followed by a white cloud."

The object was seen by Detroit skywatchers who had gathered for an outdoor lecture and a look at the annual Perseid meteor shower. The campfire was blazing and marshmallows were roasting when suddenly one of the attendees stood up, pointed up into the southeast sky and shouted, "What is that?"

Chuck Barnes, head naturalist at the Troy Farm and Nature Center, described what they saw. "It was glowing like a spiral pinwheel standing on end and moving on a line from southeast to northwest," he said yesterday. "We first saw it about 40 degrees up from the horizon. It appeared to be about five or six times larger than a full moon."

'Wormy things' seen in night sky

By CHRIS COURSEY
Staff Writer

Strange things floated across Santa Rosa's night sky Friday, confounding residents all around the city.

And we're not talking your run-of-the-mill flying saucer.

"They were things," said Robert Warren, who spotted them near telephone poles in the South Park area. "Kinda wormy looking things, just floating up there, and some of them stopped around the wires."

"There are packs of them."

He said they seemed to be floating with the breeze, which at The Press Democrat was heading east-northeast. Sure enough, not five minutes after Warren called, another caller said they were over his house just east of the Sonoma County Fairgrounds.

"There are these things in the sky," said the man. "They're hard to describe, they keep changing shape."

"I feel kind of silly calling. I don't believe in UFOs, but these are weird."

The first man said the objects were 6 or 7 feet long, the second estimated 5 to 8 feet. About as thick as the barrel of a baseball bat, and low — less than treetop level.

The third call came about 10 minutes after the second.

"I'm out here on Highway 12 having a hot dog and I saw these things," he said. "They were kinda like worms."

Before he hung up, he said the objects were a long way from where he sat, but he estimated their length as 3 feet.

By then it was dark, and none of the callers had seen any lights on the objects, although Warren said they were "shiny."

When the fourth caller began, "You won't believe this...." the reporter said, "Try me."

"Well, my little boy just came in and said there's something outside," said the woman. "I looked, and there are these sleek, shiny things. About three of them, real bright."

She said she was on Fulton Road, south of Guerneville Road, but then with a small voice in the background hollering "Mom, look!" she said she had to go.

"Sounds like a damn good mystery to me," said the editor. But one, at this point, without a solution. Although the Santa Rosa Police Department reported some similar calls from the northern end of the city, they could offer no explanation. Every other law enforcement agency in Sonoma County said no one had called.

"A real can of worms," muttered the reporter.

Engineer believes Japanese rocket caused mysterious fireball

By GIDEON GIL

Look, up in the sky. It's a bird. It's a plane. No... it's a satellite rocket booster.

So says James Oberg, a space shuttle engineer in Texas, who believes that the mysterious glowing cloud seen by hundreds of people over the eastern United States Tuesday night was caused by a Japanese rocket booster that released excess fuel almost 1,000 miles above the Earth.

Stunlight reflected off the vapor cloud that formed after the station wagon-sized booster dumped cold liquid hydrogen and liquid oxygen fuel into space — much like the sun

Theory doesn't explain boom that shook ground in Kentucky, however

doubted that an object 1,000 miles high could be seen from the ground. Gribble said Tuesday's event will probably become one of the 10 percent of UFO sightings received by the center that are never solved.

Morton C. Herald, a Clark County sheriff's deputy, had a different problem with Oberg's hypothesis. It doesn't explain the ground-shaking boom that residents there heard when they saw the illuminated cloud.

An anonymous caller reported to

the sheriff's office Wednesday that he had exploded some mortar-type fireworks, like those set off during Fourth of July shows, Tuesday night.

But Herald said he doubted that the fireworks would have been strong enough to shake houses a mile apart, as residents reported.

Oberg, 41, is not one to back off in the face of criticism, however. He said he was hoping his idea would not get by without somebody "picking a fight" with him.

"Mr. Gribble is certainly welcome

to enjoy his own fantasy world, but popular estimates of motion high in the sky are notoriously inaccurate," he said.

He said similar vapor clouds from rocket boosters have been seen for decades over Australia, where American spacecraft have unloaded fuel, and South America, where Russian boosters have released their gas. But Americans have not seen the phenomenon because, until now, the United States had not been downrange from a country launch-

ing rockets powered by liquid fuel, he said.

The Japanese only recently switched from solid-fuel rockets to the liquid variety, which must release their excess fuel when the gas begins to heat up to prevent an explosion.

Oberg, who works for a National Aeronautics and Space Administration contractor, said the Japanese satellite would have been flying northeast over Cuba, Bermuda and just off the East Coast of the United States shortly after 10 p.m., the time when people reported seeing the object.

He said he calculated the orbit from the time of the satellite's launch, 4:45 p.m. EDT Tuesday, and tracking data obtained from the North American Aerospace Defense Command in Colorado Springs.

As for the boom heard in Clark County, Oberg said it was probably caused by something unrelated to the glowing object, because the sound was not reported elsewhere.

While still unconvinced, sheriff's deputy Herald said, "I guess that guy's theory is just about as good as any other."

UFO startles residents of Sierra foothills

McClatchy News Service

GRASS VALLEY — A silent but colorful flying object zoomed across the sky over the Sierra foothills just before dawn Friday, according to some local residents who witnessed the brief event.

U.S. air defense officials said they had no explanation.

"It was a bluish-green light with a large tail," said Ron Talmage, a security officer who was nearing the end of a night shift when he saw the unidentified object.

"It had little pieces flaking off of it like it was something burning while it was coming down," he said. "Working nights, I see meteorites, little ones, all the time. This was spectacular and it seemed like it was just a few miles away."

The blaze of color, reported by most observers to have occurred just before 5 a.m., was seen over a 40-mile area ranging from Colfax to Penn Valley.

Jim Kerr, news director for KNCO Radio in Grass Valley, said callers were lighting up the station's switchboards Friday morning.

"The descriptions varied quite a bit," said Kerr. "One person said it looked like a sudden floodlight in the sky. Another one called it an explosion."

Beale Air Force Base officials could not identify the object, and officials of the North American Aerospace Defense Command in Colorado said there were no re-entering satellites or missile launches in the area, according to Associated Press reports.

At Vandenberg Air Force Base near Lompoc, Capt. Tom Connell said Friday that he received five calls from people who had seen strange sights in the sky.

Connell said the base had no aircraft over Northern California on Friday morning and had had no missile launches.

A bright flash or flying object was reported by several employees of Grass Valley Group, an electronics manufacturer.

Most said the sight lasted about two seconds, but at least one observer estimated it endured up to a minute.

"I was driving to work. It was so strange," said Betty Lane, an assembler with the company. "It was a big light going across the sky, kind of like fireworks. It was like an explosion. I watched it through the tops of the trees."

Coworker Jeff Morris said he had arrived at work and was climbing out of his car. "There was a flash of light. I saw what looked like a flare. It was green with trailing white sparks."

Light in sky from Japanese launch

But many other sightings remain unexplained

By The Standard Observer

Westmoreland County residents who reported an unusual aerial phenomena earlier this week probably witnessed the final stages of the launch of a communication satellite from Japan, the head of a group that investigates such reports said.

But other recent sightings of unidentified flying objects can not be so easily explained, according to Stan Gordon, founder and director of the Pennsylvania Association for the Study of the Unexplained (PASU).

PASU is a Greensburg-based research group that investigates sightings of UFOs and other unexplained phenomena.

Gordon said hundreds of residents in the Irwin and Jeannette areas reported seeing a pinpoint of light in the southern sky moving in an easterly direction Tuesday at about 10 p.m.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration received thousands of such reports, he said.

After talking with NASA and confirming that no U.S. launch occurred, Gordon said he feels relatively certain that the sightings can be attributed to the launch of a laser reflecting geodetic satellite from Japan.

The six-foot satellite contains 318 mirrors on its exterior, he said.

Gordon said that while light flashed from the object would have travelled in milliseconds, much too fast for the eye to detect, the sightings may have actually been of the satellite's booster rocket as it tumbled away.

But he said other recent sightings, like the daylight observance of UFOs in Allegheny and Westmoreland counties on the same day, are not as easy to explain.

Reports of UFO sightings are on the increase, he said.

PASU will be exhibiting UFO material today at Westmoreland Mall near Greensburg as part of the 2nd Annual National UFO Informa-tion Week.

The exhibit will feature slides and photographs of UFOs, a display of books and government documents and various physical evidence obtained by PASU during investigations.

PASU's offices are located at 6 Oakhill Ave., Greensburg, and the organization maintains a 24 hour Pa. UFO hotline at 412-838-7768.

Meanwhile, an aerospace engineer associated with the space shuttle program has essentially confirmed Gordon's explanation.

James E. Oberg attributes the sighting to vaporizing liquid hydrogen from the booster which was illuminated by the sun.

"You never run your tanks on dry, just like in your car or you get gunk in your lines," he said. "There's always 1 or 2 percent of the fuel left over."

Once the rocket hits orbit, its supercold fuel heats up, pops a pressure sensitive valve, and boils out, he said.

Oberg said in Louisville, Kentucky, that similar sightings of U.S. boosters have been reported by Australians for years and Argentnians have viewed similar effects from Soviet launched spacecraft.

The Japanese were launching the rocket in an experiment to determine how high it would go. It went up 1,000 miles before the fuel was dumped, Oberg said.

Because the booster tumbled in a two-minute cycle as the fuel was released, the phenomenon had the look of a spiral, Oberg said.

The satellite on board was an amateur device put together by ham radio operators for the rocket testers who did not want to risk an expensive satellite on an experimental operation.

Some ham operators in the U.S. were tuned into the launch and noticed the "fuss over the cloud," he said.

CR: S. Gordon

Mysterious Light Turns Out to Be Rocket Fuel

ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — The mysterious glow that flashed across the sky in the east this week was fuel being dumped from a Japanese rocket that boosted a satellite into orbit, an aerospace engineer said yesterday.

For more than 20 years, Australians have seen similar nighttime flashes from fuel dumps of U.S. rockets, and Argentnians have watched the effect from Soviet boosters, said James E. Oberg, a civilian contractor on the space shuttle program. "Not until now have we been in somebody else's down range," Oberg said in a telephone interview from Houston.

The light Tuesday night was described as everything from a pinpoint to a moving spiral to a glowing cloud to a big ball of fire. It elicited speculation of hovering UFOs,

exploding satellites and the annual Perseid meteor shower.

But Oberg, who delights in the folklore of the space age and has written books on foreign space programs, said the glow was vaporizing liquid hydrogen fuel from the Japanese booster illuminated by the sun.

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Once the rocket hits orbit, its supercold fuel heats up, pops a pressure-sensitive valve and boils out, he said.

"Some people were fortunate enough to see this streamer coming out of the rocket, rotating ... because the booster was slowly tumbling. It took about two minutes to make one full sweep," he said.

POLICE RECEIVED a call from a Garder Road woman who said she spotted what appeared to be a unidentified flying object, but which an official at the Bridgeport airport said it was probably an ultra-light aircraft. Terry Pellicci of 360 Garder Rd. told police she spotted the object shortly before 10 a.m. Thursday in the direction of Monroe Elementary School and it appeared headed towards Rt. 25. She said the object appeared to be dark gray and was low in the sky, traveling at a high rate of speed. Morgan Kaolian at the airport said he had no reports of sightings, but said the local woman may have seen an ultra-light craft.



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She feared they would be beamed to another planet

SPACE ALIEN GRAN STABS GIRLS TO DEATH

A GRANNY stabbed her two little granddaughters to death because she thought aliens were trying to beam them up into space.

Deranged Gloria Stephens believed a machine like a giant vacuum cleaner threatened to suck them to another planet, a court heard yesterday.

In her madness she thought that if she killed the children and herself they would be united in paradise and escape the spacemen.

Stephens brutally knifed Tasha, 10, and Andrea, 7, in the chest when they visited her home during school holidays.

Both little girls also got stab wounds on their arms as they tried to defend themselves from the frenzied attack.

After killing them with a kitchen knife 57-year-old Stephens stabbed herself repeatedly in the chest and also took an overdose of drugs.

When her suicide attempt failed she called the police, answering the door of her home in Harlesden, North West London, in a blood-stained nightie.

The children's bodies were found under a blanket.

Stephens claimed the house had been burgled by two raiders who

Mad fantasy made her kill

By MIRROR REPORTER

stabbed Tasha and Andrea.

The Old Bailey court was told that Stephens was obsessed with psychic behaviour and spiri-

tualism. And she was dominated by a fear of spacemen.

She believed space ships visited her regularly and beamed her aboard.

She kept plastic bags full of clothing and personal belongings ready

for the day they took her away for good.

Her daughter and neighbours spoke of her "bizarre" behaviour.

She often spoke of her past lives and boasted of having been both kings and queens.

She also believed she had been someone called "Diana the huntress."

Stephens admitted manslaughter and pleaded diminished responsibility. Three top psychiatrists told the court that she is mentally ill.

She was remanded in custody until a place can be found for her in a psychiatric hospital.

Could it be a UFO?

EASTERN EVENING NEWS, Norwich, England - July 30, 1986

VERY high in the sky over the Bowthorpe and Hellesdon area on the evening of Wednesday, July 23, between 7 pm and 8 pm I picked up this object as I looked out from the bedroom window at Winchester Tower.

It gave me great pleasure to watch it diving about between the clouds as the sun went down. My wife thought it was a kite but to me it looked much larger and in the shape of a big bird like the condor, more like a glider.

If it was remote controlled or piloted, they were expert at it. I viewed this with binoculars as it went up to high. I was sorry to see the big black storm clouds coming up from the north-west when it just disappeared into the clouds.

During this time two fighter planes went close by, as if to investigate the object. I do hope that someone can throw some light on this interesting and spectacular sighting.

Bob Williams
Winchester Tower,
Norwich.

CR: T. Good

PART ONE OF AN EARTH-SHATTERING SERIES**U**FO investigator Brenda Butler admits now: "If I had known what this case would involve I would never have set things in motion."

Brenda, colleagues Dot Street and Jenny Randles, are all convinced they have proved their case of a Ministry of Defence cover-up over a UFO crash.

But they have paid a heavy price, both financially and personally, for investigating the mystery crash in Rendlesham Forest, Suffolk, over a period of five years.

It has led to:

- A marriage break-up
- A broken long-standing romance
- Threatening phone calls
- Bills of thousands of pounds
- Frustration that many vital facts still remain hidden behind the Official Secrets Act.

Widowed mother of two Brenda, of Leiston, Suffolk, who was the first of the trio to learn of the UFO crash, says: "I wish now that I had never acted upon what I was told by an American Air Force security officer."

"Pursuing this UFO case has cost friendships and the job of one American serviceman. Over a two-year period I had quarterly phone bills of up to £500, and weekly petrol bills of £25-£30.

Brenda, a home-nursing help, adds: "I had to take a lot of time off work which, with two children

UFO QUEST WRECKED OUR LIVES

A NEW book *Sky Crash* (Grafton, £2.95) by Brenda Butler, Dot Street and Jenny Randles poses intriguing questions: Did a UFO crash in Rendlesham Forest, Suffolk, near an American air base in 1980? And, if so, why have the authorities persisted in keeping it secret?The authors embarked on a quest to uncover the truth amidst a welter of contradictions, hearsay, eyewitness reports and official denials. Now they tell *Weekend's* TONY WILMOT what their truth-seeking has cost them in financial and personal terms.

then at school to clothe and feed, I could ill afford."

But her co-investigators, Dot Street and author Jenny Randles, say that their personal problems and financial hardships have been worth: "getting to the truth through a wall of official silence."

For Dot, who has a daughter 13 and a son, nine, penetrating that wall of silence has been traumatic. She says: "This case broke up

my marriage of seven years. My husband simply got fed up.

"But from the first moment I set foot in that forest I just knew something extraordinary had happened there—and that feeling wouldn't leave me alone."

She made several trips a week by moped from her home in Oulton Broad, Suffolk, to the USAF bases at Woodbridge and Bentwaters, which border Rend-



Jenny Randles: Sifting the UFO evidence

sham Forest. And the bills for the 80-mile round trips mounted.

She says: "My quarterly phone bills were often £900."

One anonymous caller threatened her children.

Jenny Randles, director of investigations for the British UFO Research Association, says: "This case has been so costly I had to sell my house in Warrington; and I estimate it has cost me between £5,000 and £10,000 in expenses."

"It also came between me and the man I had lived with for two and a half years."

She was also warned she was "messing with something so serious you could end up at the bottom of the Thames."

"We don't know what it was... but we do know that it has caused high-ranking people in a Government ministry to consistently evade, deny and lie," says Jenny.

WEEKEND, London, England - July 8, 1986 CR: T. Good

BERWICKSHIRE NEWS & EAST LOTHIAN HERALD, Berwick-upon-Tyne, England - July 17, 1986 CR: T. Good

A bird? A plane? A UFO?

A strong light which was seen shining in the sky above Tweedmouth last week has left Police mystified.

Several residents in the Tweedmouth area saw the unidentified light glowing above the cemetery at midnight on Thursday, but when Police went to investigate they could find nothing.

An eye witness, Mr Tommy Rae, from the Highwayman in Tweedmouth, said the light was stationary for about 15 minutes.

"I thought at first it might have been a helicopter," he said, "or even an aeroplane. But it had no red or green lights underneath it, and when it moved it went away at an angle towards Scremerston."

"It might sound silly, but I thought it could have been a UFO."

A Police spokesman said later they had received several calls, but they had been unable to identify the cause of the light.

WESTERN TIMES, Exeter, England
Aug. 8, 1986 CR: T. Good

JP sees UFO

A UFO resembling a Zepelin has been spotted over the Westcountry. The phenomenon was seen by a barbecue party in North Devon.

Mr John Garnsey, a local magistrate, said: "It was most weird. I thought it might be a plane, but it made no noise. We watched it for over 10 minutes drifting across the sky."

"It seemed to discharge a rocket from it then disappeared across the horizon."

Seventeen witnesses at the party watched the UFO — and Mr Garnsey insisted: "We hadn't been drinking!"

His wife Jennifer said: "It was travelling slowly across

the sky. All of a sudden another bright light like a rocket flashed from it."

"It was completely silent. We thought it might be an aircraft or a helicopter, but we couldn't hear an engine."

The mysterious craft was spotted near Westward Ho! A spokesman at nearby RAF Chivenor said: "Our helicopters weren't flying in the area at the time."

It was suspected that an RAF Sea King helicopter might have been practising without lights that night. But a spokesman at RNAS Culdrose, where the RAF training unit is based, said: "We definitely had no aircraft in the area at the time."

POST & GAZETTE, Teignmouth, England
Aug. 8, 1986 CR: T. Good

UFO seekers seek others

WHILE we have slept soundly in our beds, members of Exeter UFO Group have been on Dartmoor searching the sky for unidentified flying objects.

Now they are appealing for more people to come forward to join them in their search which they carry out twice a month, weather permitting.

Their leader, Mr Jeffrey James (37), who is writing a book on UFO sightings in the West Country, has records of nearly 400 unexplained objects seen since 1967 by his group.

He explained that watchers soon get to know what is natural and what is not. He said: "The predominate colour of anything extra-terrestrial is always orange, not not pulsating."

"We get quiet experienced at knowing what is a balloon or a satellite, which are always white or blue."

"But it is really odd we have seen nothing of interest this year other than orangery lights over Haytor, which are not flares."

"Nineteen seventy-eight was the biggest year for sightings in Devon. It was a strange co-incidence that we saw an object over Exeter on the very day that Genette Tate disappeared. I've never forgotten that."

Mr James is inviting anyone who is interested to contact him at 31 Walpole Street, Exeter, or to telephone him on Exeter 59993.

DERBYSHIRE TIMES,
Chesterfield, England
July 11, 1986 CR: T. Good**Close encounter?**

■ A Chesterfield motorist spotted a strange orange glow in the sky late on Saturday night.

The oval-shaped unidentified flying object with a flashing blue light was sighted above Wardgate Way, Holme Hall, speeding its way to Ashgate Road.

But a police spokesman warned that the aliens plotting the UFO may be prosecuted for impersonating a panda car if they returned.



ACCUSED... was mystery author Patrick?

I see no hoax, says Patrick

PATRICK Moore has been accused of perpetrating a major hoax involving flying saucers.

He's hopping mad about the suggestion and has threatened to sue anyone who brings the matter to public light.

Well, it is being brought to public light. And, dare one say, it is a rather intriguing story.

Some years ago — in the fifties — a book was published by one Cedric Allingham, called *Flying Saucers From Mars*. It was a best-seller.

The author claimed in its pages that he had witnessed the landing of a UFO in Scotland and that he was taken on board and whisked around the Solar System.

This wonderful tale, told

as it was in the rather less sophisticated times when man had not yet vaulted into space, very much excited Fleet Street.

The papers tried, indeed, to track down the amazing Mr Allingham so that he could tell them in some detail about his wonderful celestial voyage.

Alas, the publisher's Muller's, claimed that Mr Allingham was dying in Switzerland. And that he was unable to speak.

Plain

This week, however, a magazine called *Magonia* — it is dedicated to paranormal matters and the like — will claim that Cedric Allingham never existed.

And, further, that the author of the book was none other than our much respected astronomer, the eccentric Patrick Moore.

Says Jenny Randles, director of investigation for the British UFO research association: "It's as plain as anything that he did it. The magazine has spent

five years, on and off, researching this. Patrick Moore did it as a joke and to upstage another author who was making absurd claims. Moore has always regarded UFOs as 'absolute rot'."

However, Patrick Moore himself, possibly fearful for his revered reputation, will have nothing to do with it. He said to us: "I can't be bothered with these people."

"It's the closed season for nuts. Thank you. Goodbye."

DAILY MIRROR, London, England - Sept. 1, 1986 CR: D. Speed

Magic circle

A MYSTERY circle of flattened wheat appeared in the middle of a Hampshire field yesterday. It is the ninth to be found in the area recently.

NORTH ISLAND ADVERTISER, Courtenay, B.C., Canada Aug. 3, 1986 CR: G. Conway

Mystery deepens with each sighting

I have a scrapbook containing many newspaper clippings telling of people who either sighted or encountered UFOs.

The accounts are a hodge-podge with no threads running through them that could be woven into any sort of pattern; the more sightings there are, the more the mystery deepens.

It appears that the occupants of the space craft have no desire to make themselves known to us; quite the contrary, they appear to avoid it.

The latest clipping I have happened quite recently in Warren, Minn.

A deputy sheriff's car was "zapped" by a UFO. A brilliantly lighted object swept down on the car and left the vehicle damaged, the sheriff unconscious.

His wrist watch and the electric clock in the car both stopped for 14 minutes. Apart from a mild case of "welder's blindness" the deputy was in good condition.

When he met with reporters at his office in Warren, he told them: "I was pretty down in the dumps the first couple of days afterwards. I thought I was in mental difficulty."

"It's hard for me to justify, since I work with facts and logic, but what happened isn't logical and that's a bit frightening."

Allan Hendry, the chief investigator for the centre for UFO studies, investigated the case at his headquarters and said: "It is a most incredible case and there are some unusual clues, including two bent antennas, shattered windshield, broken head lamp and a small dent in the hood."

"We receive about 1,000 tips of UFO's a year. We investigate by telephone the most interesting ones, but the Deputy's case, where damage is involved, it's worth going out to see."

Professor J. Allen Hynek, of Northwestern University, said: "UFO is no longer the dirty word it was a few years ago, but the movement still suffers from a credibility gap; 10 to 20 per cent of UFO sightings cannot be explained within the bounds of existing knowledge."

"Canadians", continued Hynek,

Cottingham family's UFO mystery

A MYSTERY sighting in the skies over Hull has left a Cottingham family wondering if they have seen a UFO.

Mr Derek Mason and his children Beverley (7) and Alex (9) watched in amazement last night as the mystery object shot across the sky before disappearing over the city.

Mr Mason said Alex and Beverley had come rushing into the house in Burton Road at about 8.50pm, saying they had seen a rocket.

When Mr Mason went out into the back garden he said he saw a long tube like object with a bright light at the back moving across the sky.

"We could see it very clearly," he said. "It was coloured something between grey and white with light patches. I could not see any wings, and it made no sound whatsoever."

DAILY MAIL, Hull, England - July 30, 1986 CR: T. Good

DAILY MIRROR, London, England Aug. 26, 1986 CR: D. Speed

New devil ring riddle

FIVE more mystery circles of flattened corn have appeared at the Devil's Punch Bowl in Hampshire.

The new rings, one 42 foot wide, were discovered by a pilot flying over to photograph the first three, found earlier this summer.

STAR, Leongatha, Victoria, Australia - Aug. 19, 1986

WAS IT A UFO?

Leongatha resident, Mr. Paul Carter, is intrigued by a light he saw in the sky last Wednesday night, wondering if it might have been an Unidentified Flying Object.

Mr. Carter, who lives in Ritchie Street, said the light defied all the laws of physics and moved very erratically during the 40 minutes he watched it.

"I'm not UFO-minded

and I've never seen one before," he said the next day, "but there was no explanation for it."

Mr. Carter, who teaches English at Leongatha High School, said he had been taking

an evening class and was farewelling a student.

He and the student watched the light "wobble" in the sky over Gatha Hardware.

"It was a yellow/orange color and at first we thought it was a plane but it moved too erratically," said Mr. Carter.

His student went home and Mr. Carter continued to watch as the light rose in the sky, changing to white.

"It seemed to tilt and reflect light like the reflection off metal," he explained.

Mr. Carter said the object flashed twice in that manner before travelling over Leongatha in the eastern sky. Fascinated, he roused a neighbor who is a science teacher and together, they drove around the town following the path of the object.

"It was fairly low in the sky. Then we saw a shooting star and the object was gone."

"It could have been the shooting star but its movement changed so much. The object rose and fell, remained motionless and moved quickly."

"There was no obvious explanation and that is what intrigues me."

DAILY TELEGRAPH, London, England - July 11, 1986

CR: J. & C. Bord

Quirk of nature

SIR—Dr. Paul Mason of the Bracknell met. office is absolutely right about a whirlwind causing the flattened circles in cereal fields (report, July 9).

I live on a ridge, quite steep on one side, and a couple of years ago we witnessed a small whirlwind starting at a nearby motorway, travelling along the line of the ridge, across a farmyard, causing havoc with some baling and then lifted on to a wheat field where it sort of bounced two or three times before dispersing in some trees. Where it touched the wheat field it produced the flattened circles.

No UFOs or little green men—just a quirk of nature.

JOHN LEWIS

Ross-on-Wye, Herefordshire



FASCINATED... the Prince wants UFO news

WHILE investigating the subject of flying saucers we came across an odd fact concerning Prince Charles; he held a secret garden party a year or so ago in order to discuss with enthusiasts and experts the whole UFO business.

Both Charles and Prince Philip have an abiding interest in the subject and the Prince of Wales, in particular, is fascinated by most aspects of the paranormal.

"His interest was and remains very strong," says director of UFO investigation Jenny Randles. "At the time of the party he was under pressure and so I was asked not to talk about it to journalists. I see no reason why I shouldn't now."

Miss Randles, who says that Prince Charles's gathering was attended by such weird fellow enthusiasts as Michael Bentine and Uri Geller, gives us a reason for the Royal Family's obsession with visitors from space.

Keen

She says: "It all goes back to the day when a UFO landed at Broadlands in Hampshire, the home of the late Lord Mountbatten." (This last piece of information is not necessarily regarded without a modest degree of scepticism by your diarist).

Miss Randles continues: "That's when the interest started. The Prince is particularly keen to be kept in touch."

"He is on the mailing list of the magazine *Flying Saucer Review*."

EVENING ECHO, Bournemouth, England

Aug. 16, 1986

CR: T. Good

Sky lights

SIR — I wonder if any of your readers can help me? During June and July several people reported sightings of unusual lights in the sky to the "Echo," including Mr. Peter Charman of West Hove.

The British UFO Research Association is dedicated to unbiased, scientific investigation of unidentified flying objects and usually we manage to find an ordinary explanation for sightings of such phenomena.

Consequently, could any readers who observed unusual lights during this time please write to me at the address below giving a full and precise account as possible. — PAUL FULLER, 83 Alfreton Road, Winchester.



Isobel Graham Valley Writer

"report more sightings per capita than Americans and most of the reported sightings occur between 8 p.m. and 9 p.m."

"Four per cent of them include some kind of creature, the most common description is not that of little green men, but of grey or metallic beings with spindly bodies, large heads, bulging eyes and human-like features."

One cannot help wondering by such description if we are actually seeing beings from another world, or are they master-minded robots?

Two boys, aged 13 and 15, members of my family, were holidaying with their grandmother in the Straits of Juan de Fuca on the American side.

One morning they returned, breathless and pale, too frightened at first to speak.

"There was a tall man in the field," they said. "wearing a yellow overall, boots and yellow gauntlet gloves." They were close enough to notice the ribbing in the cloth of the suit he wore.

They stood for a few seconds staring at him, too frightened to move. He turned away suddenly and walked into the woods.

"Well," said grandmother reasonably, "he might have been working on the telephone lines, why were you so frightened of him?"

"Because," said the 15-year old, "he didn't have any face!"

Afternoon cuppa disturbed by a UFO

CONVERSATION over a cuppa was interrupted for two Keighley pensioners by what they believe was a UFO.

having a get-together with her neighbour, Mrs. Edith Spencer, 90, when a strange sight cut into their chat.

To their amazement, they saw an oval-shaped object flying towards the tower block from the direction of the Haworth/Oakworth moors.

It was black on top with a silver rim round its centre, and disappeared towards Keighley town centre as quickly as it came

"I could see it as plain as anything," said Mrs. Snowden.

"I didn't believe in flying saucers but I do now." Keighley police said they had received no reports of other sightings in the town.

Leeds Bradford Airport said they had observed no abnormality or

extra aircraft, though their radar was such it did not cover anything at a very high altitude.

The Aeronautical Information Service at RAF West Drayton said there had been no reports of aerial phenomena from West Yorkshire.

Mrs. Margaret Snowden, 60, of Delph House, Parkwood Rise, was

Their attention had been drawn to the window of Mrs. Snowden's ninth floor flat by a buzzing noise outside.

JACKIE, London, England
Aug. 16, 1986 CR: T. Good



WAY OUT MAN!

NIK KERSHAW will tell you he's not the sort of person who imagines things, but he's CONVINCED that he's seen a U.F.O.

"It was a white back," Nik told us. "I was driving past an old quarry one night with a few friends when we suddenly saw a light in the sky. It began to do those incredible manoeuvres which would have been impossible for any normal aircraft to have made!"

"We were just stunned and stared at it for ages before it shot off at a remarkable speed. I'm sure whatever it was didn't come from this planet..."

Maybe you had just a little too many fizzy pops, Nikky!

CHRONICLE, Barnsley, England - Aug. 29, 1986 CR: T. Good

Encounter of the blurred kind . .

A BARNSELY man is recovering after a close encounter with a flying saucer!

Mr. John Brook fled in fright after the UFO turned a blinding white fluorescent type beam on him. Mr. Brook, of Derby Street, Barnsley, felt a tingling sensation throughout his body for the few seconds he was transfixed by the light coming from beneath the oval shaped, 60 feet wide object.

He has spoken for the first time this week about the experience

by
IAN THOMPSON

which left him ashen-faced. The UFO was hovering at a height of about 30 feet in the night sky somewhere in the direction of the Co-op Dairy in Summer Lane. The object had flashing red and purple lights on its side.

Mr. Brook, an unemployed technical illustrator, said the close en-

counter took place at about 10.50 p.m. on a recent Friday.

He told the Chronicle: "I was on my way home from the pub when I saw the object in the sky. From where I was standing, it looked as though it was spinning on its axis. Suddenly, this bright white light with a fluorescent tint shone down on me. I had to close my eyes, it was so bright.

"I felt this tingling sensation all over and through my body and the

hairs on the back of my neck stood on end.

"I just turned and ran as fast as I could towards home. I know that people will suggest that either I was drunk or just another nutter but I had only drunk about three pints that night because I am unemployed and that was all I could afford."

When Mr. Brook got home, he and his wife Josephine watched the UFO from their garden before it

disappeared. Mrs. Brook said: "When John got home he was out of breath and his face was as white as a sheet. I have known him for about six years and I have never seen him so frightened."

This was the third time that Mr. Brook has had an encounter with a UFO. His first sighting was in the early 1970s and the second, which took place last year while he was with his neighbour, Mr. Richard Shirt, was reported to the Royal Air Force.

NORTH DEVON GAZETTE, Bideford, England - Aug. 8, 1986 CR: T. Good

Magistrate sees a UFO launch a rocket!

BIDEFORD magistrate John Garnsey and his wife, Jennifer, talked this week about the UFO they saw in the sky over Westward Ho! They, and 15 other people enjoying a barbecue, watched it for ten minutes before it disappeared.

Mrs Garnsey said: "It might be seen, July 16, across the sky it was bright yellow and party swore blind that shaped like a Zeppelin. They had not been drinking..."

"The weirdest part of it was that it appeared to release a bright orange rocket while we were watching."

"It was completely silent. We thought it might have been an aircraft or a helicopter, but there was no noise."

"I have always been sceptical about UFOs and I don't think what we saw came from Mars or anywhere like that. I am sure there must be a logical explanation."

However, the RAF said it had no aircraft flying in the area on the

GLOUCESTER ECHO, Cheltenham, England

Sept. 2, 1986 CR: T. Good

Family spots UFO

AN UNIDENTIFIED Flying Object could have been sighted over Cheltenham, according to a stargazing family.

They think red, green, blue and yellow lights flashing in the sky belonged to a UFO—but a police spokesman dismissed the sighting as "probably a plane."

Karen Britton, brother Keith and mother Mrs. Mary Hale of the Ocean Fare chip shop in Bath-

road, spotted the object and Karen watched its slow passage across the sky for more than two hours.

Space aliens in Australia

Did astronauts from other worlds visit the Land Down Under

By REX GILROY,

IN a rock shelter in the NSW Blue Mountains 20 years ago, I came across a mysterious Aboriginal carving.

Etched into the rock, it appeared to depict a human-like figure seated in an airborne vehicle.

Flying saucer enthusiasts would take this carving as clear evidence that astronauts from outer space visited Australia in ancient times. Personally, I don't know. But if it is not a depiction of "ancient astronauts," then what does it mean?

Aboriginal myth and legend, like that of many primitive peoples throughout the world, speak of "dream-like" culture heroes, or gods, who came down from the sky at the dawn of history, to impart culture to Earth's primitive inhabitants.

These traditions, linked as they are with many ancient archaeological sites, give rise to current theories that in ancient times our Earth may have been visited by intelligent beings from other worlds.

Researchers who investigate this evidence point to certain myths and legends, as well as the rock art of the Australian aborigines, which they believe support the theory of visits to Earth by "astronauts" from outer space.

As an open-minded researcher of many unexplained Australian mysteries, I do not deny the likelihood of intelligent life forms existing elsewhere in space.

If such life forms exist and have undertaken space exploration, then perhaps "someone" might have visited Earth in ancient times.

Perhaps the most intriguing evidence supporting this theory can be seen in the many fascinating stone-age cave paintings and rock carvings found throughout the world.

The rock art of the Australian aborigines, like those elsewhere in the world, depicts animal scenes together with strange man-like shapes and images.

Researchers have long argued about whether these depict visiting astronauts and their space-craft, or mythical culture heroes and totemic designs. Believers have claimed that many of these mysterious shapes are very similar to U.F.O.'s (unidentified flying objects) supposed to be sighted in modern times.

The implications are that many thousands of years ago strange phenomena were observed in the skies. Whether these were space craft containing extra-terrestrial beings is arguable.

Take, for example, the world famous Wandjina cave paintings of the aborigines of the Kimberleys region of Western Australia. These human figures dressed in strange garments and "space-helmet"-type head dresses have been claimed to represent ancient astronauts.

The traditions surrounding the Wandjina say these beings came from the west (i.e., across the Indian Ocean) in ships in ancient times.

From my own study of the Wandjina figures, I would say the so-called "space-suits" and helmets of these figures resemble more closely traditional garments and head-gear of ancient middle-east seafarers who may have landed on the Kimberleys coastline 2500-3000 years ago during trading expeditions to south-east Asia.

These interesting possibilities are supported by apparent middle-east racial features still present today among local tribes people, and ancient rock engravings in the region identical to symbols of the ancient Egyptians and Phoenicians.

Similar "spaceman" art exists at Ayers Rock. Many so-called "spacecraft" carvings and paintings of the Aborigines are associated with myths which ancient astronaut researchers have grasped at as further "proof" of extra-terrestrial visitations in antiquity.

For example: Central Australian aborigines believe that far back in the dream-time a great colored egg came down from the skies to break into pieces upon touching the ground.

Cave paintings of the "egg" are cited by "ancient astronaut" researchers as depictions of an ancient space-craft, despite the fact these paintings are typical aboriginal interpretations of meteors and comets.

Almost 20 years ago, during a search for ancient rock art sites, I came upon a rock shelter deep in the Blue Mountains west of Sydney.

Etched into the rock shelter wall, I found an aboriginal painting of a horizontal, heart-shaped design in red ochre. Measuring 77 cm long, by 26 cm wide, it was connected by a greyish-ochre "tail" extending 2.5 metres horizontally along the cave wall.

Aboriginals say the design depicts a comet. It would be interesting to speculate on whether the unknown artist depicted Halley's Comet upon that cave wall.

We shall never know. There are, however, many Aboriginal rock carvings and paintings depicting objects which defy any conventional identification.

They often include human-like figures attached to apparent airborne objects, and at least one Blue Mountains NSW carving seems to depict what could be described as a human-like figure seated in an airborne vehicle. If they are not depictions of "ancient astronauts," then what is their true meaning?

Similar mysteries are found in Papua New Guinea, where highland natives believe the first men and women came from a giant "beetle" which landed from the heavens at the dawn of history.

UFO watchers marvel at the famous Nazca Plain "airstrip" and other ancient formations in Peru, South America. They argue that these were built by visiting extra-terrestrials in antiquity.

However, archaeologists have demonstrated how the ancient Peruvians constructed these alignments and other formations themselves, for astronomical observations associated with agriculture — much like the megalithic stone alignments erected across Europe and Asia several thousand years ago.

Similar structures are to be found in Australia. Take, for example, one site in far western New South Wales, consisting of lengthy stone alignments, standing stones (menhirs), stone circles, even carved stone heads, and other structures, covering an area of several square kilometres.

Since I first discovered the site 12 years ago, I have come to realise these structures all form one vast astronomical observatory, for plotting the seasonal movements of the heavens for agricultural purposes. But who were the builders of these monuments? It is yet one more mystery of Australia's ancient past whose answers are lost in the mists of time.

Some of the stones forming these structures are enormous, and would give rise to suggestions that their erection was beyond the means of primitive man.

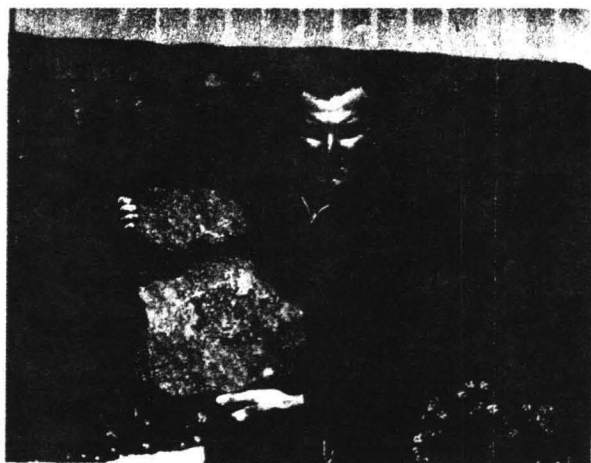
I cannot accept this explanation. Egyptologists have shown how the ancient Egyptians were able to move massive stones into place on the pyramids up to 5000 years ago, with the aid of sand causeways which were removed at the completion of the pyramids.

It has been demonstrated how our ancient forefathers were able to move quite often massive stones into place with the simplest of means.

Ancient aboriginal folklore maintains they shared Australia with other races of man who had inhabited the land before them. These included a race of giant stone tool-making men and women.

Certain rock art throughout Australia, like other examples throughout the world, is claimed to depict giant beings, often clothed in garments which could be said to resemble those worn by modern-day (earth-based) astronauts.

Regardless of the supposed "astronaut" status of these figures, there is evidence for claims of giant races in antiquity.



★ REX Gilroy with a large stone hand-axe — one of the many implements he found in western NSW.



★ AN artist's impression of landing on a moon-like planet.



★ MRS Heather Gilroy examining two mystery Blue Mountains, NSW, rock engravings.

Fossilised jaws and teeth of tremendous proportions have been excavated in Africa, the near-east, China and Java, including huge stone implements, and even fossilised giant footprints.

Such implements and footprints have been found in remote parts of Australia to give credence to aboriginal traditions.

The aborigines of central western New South Wales claimed these giants stood over twice the height of a modern man.

In various locations throughout the central west of the state, I have, over the past 20 years, uncovered many enormous stone implements, including hand-axes, clubs, knives, adzes and other tools, weighing from 5.5 kg to 16.5 kg.

Such implements could only have been made and used by beings of immense stature and strength.

Are these implements the remains of Australian relatives of the Meganthropus ("Giant Java Man") who was said to roam south-east Asia 500,000 years ago, a giant forerunner of the smaller Java Man (Homo erectus)?

I believe it possible that a number of large fossil footprints found in many parts of Australia may have been made by this race.

These man-like tracks are up to 60 cm long, and 35 cm wide across the toes. Some have been found in the Bathurst-Blue Mountains district of NSW, as well as in Victoria and Queensland, preserved by ancient volcanic ash flows dating far back into the last ice-age.

At the time the tracks were made, a great land-bridge would have allowed easy access into Australia for migrating stone-age groups from south-east Asia long before the appearance of the first aborigines.

I believe that in this modern age with many old scientific ideas continually being made obsolete by new discoveries, research into current mysteries, including the U.F.O. question, should not be discouraged.

Were some of the "gods" of the aborigines and other ancient people visitors from other worlds?

Only future research can decide. All the "evidence" so far gathered is inconclusive, and raises questions to which there are only tentative answers. I remain completely open on the subject. My verdict is that the "ancient astronaut" theory is not altogether impossible, fantastic though it seems, but better supportive evidence is needed for its adherents to prove their case.

Man has only just taken the first steps towards the exploration of the cosmos.

Perhaps only when we can explore other worlds in space will we learn more fully about the origin of our own.

Flying saucer expert

EXPRESS, Sussex, England
Aug. 15, 1986 CR: T. Good

FLYING saucers and other weird aircraft will fall under the spotlight at Beckley Village Hall on Thursday, August 21, when it plays host to one of Britain's leading ufologists.

Timothy Good, who has spent years investigating sightings of unidentified flying objects, will be giving a talk about the subject at the hall, starting at 6.30 pm.

Admission to the lecture costs £3.25 — the price includes wine and a light buffet — and tickets must be booked in advance from MRPA Investment Company Ltd, Sussex Chambers, Havelock Road, Hastings.

Teenager in 'UFO' close encounter

A TERRIFIED Chadderton teenager claims she was 'followed' by a UFO near her home.

Lynn Murray, 16, of Manor Close, said her close encounter came on Wednesday when she was confronted by flashing red, blue and green lights, a strange noise and a huge craft hovering above the rooftops.

She was so frightened she ran to the nearby home of her friend, Claire Smith.

Claire and her younger brother also saw the unidentified object.

Lynn, who works at A.M. Lock, Neville Street, Oldham, said she had been baby sitting for her sister about 15 minutes away from her home.

As she walked back at around 9.40pm she heard a horrible noise "like a sucking sound".

Looking up, she was stunned to see lights in the distance - red, green and blue, flashing alternately.

"I was so scared I just ran but it came over the top of me," said Lynn.

"It disappeared, then reappeared and was three or four houses long."

"I ran and it seemed to chase me until I reached my friend's home on Manor Close."

Claire offered to walk Lynn back to her home but when they got there it appeared above the house.

"We could hear the noise again and we sat inside until it went," said Lynn.

Claire, aged 15, said she did not believe her friend at first until she too heard the strange noise and saw the lights.

"There was a deep humming noise like nothing I have heard before," she said.

Manchester Airport, who monitor airspace around Oldham, said nothing unusual was reported on that night.

HAMPSHIRE CHRONICLE, Winchester, England - Aug. 22, 1986 CR: T. Good

Third ring adds to mystery of wheat field

The "Mystery of the Circles" continues with an uncharacteristically late appearance of a third flattened circle of wheat in the field at Cheesefoot Head where two other circles appeared last month.

It has already been established that these circles are a regular annual occurrence and many local farmers in whose fields they appear regard this phenomenon as commonplace and take little interest in it, but to enthusiasts it still gives scope for much debate and question-asking.

The favourite and most likely theory of local expert Mr. Pat Delgado is that the circles are formed by an "inuff" or an invisible unknown force field. This he believes is in the form of a vertical rotating force field, from either below the ground or above it, which creates unexplained activity similar to that caused by poltergeists.

The latest circle is 900ft. from the centre of the field and has a diameter of 100ft. It was first sighted early on Thursday morning last week. The rings are again uniform and there is a six-foot ring of upright wheat in this third circle at Cheesefoot Head.

A booklet recently produced by the British U.F.O. Association entitled "Mystery of the Circles" offers several suggestions but no solutions. The authors present the evidence, but leave the reader to draw his own conclusions and emphasise that mystery circles may be news, but explained ones are not.

The media, too, have offered their suggestions, but as the "Mystery of the Circles" reiterates, it is ultimately up to the individual to choose his own interpretation.

'Oval flying saucer' shocks Margaret Rain theory over that silver UFO

by Sue Riley

A UFO enthusiast has come up with a theory for the silver UFO seen by two Keighley pensioners.

Mrs. Margaret Snowdon,

TELEGRAPH & ARGUS, Bradford, England - Aug. 21, 1986

60, of Delph House, Parkwood Rise, was having a cuppa and a chat with neighbour Mrs. Edith Spencer, 90, when their conversation was interrupted by a strange buzzing.

Looking out the window they saw a weird, oval-shaped object flying towards Keighley from the direction of the Haworth/Oakworth moors.

It was black on top with a silver rim around its centre and disappeared towards Keighley town centre as quickly as it came.

David Barclay, of Shipley, who writes about UFO's, said as the sighting occurred just before a downpour, it could be linked to the theory of barometric pressure.

It is thought that pressure in rocks produces electricity, which in turn produces a glowing aeriform.

Mr. Barclay is currently forming a group in the Aire Valley to study all aspects of the paranormal.

Believe

Mrs. Snowdon said she saw the UFO "as plain as anything."

"I didn't believe in flying saucers but I do now," she said.

Keighley police said they had received no reports of any other sightings in the town.

The Aeronautical Information Service at RAF West Drayton said there had been no reports of phenomena in West Yorkshire.

SUN, Vancouver, B.C., Canada - Sept. 2, 1986

Meteor seen in Saskatchewan

Canadian Press

PRINCE ALBERT, Sask. — An extremely bright meteor streaked above north-central Saskatchewan late Sunday night, lighting up the sky along a 300 kilometre path.

The meteor blazed across the sky in a northeasterly direction and may have landed in the backyard of a home in Nipawin, Sask., about 280 kilometres northeast of Saskatoon.

Irvin Quiring said he found what he believed were fragments of the meteorite about 30 metres from his home Monday morning.

"It's sort of a pliable piece, it smells like burnt, something burnt you know," said Quiring.

Quiring said he would contact scientists at the University of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon to verify his find.

In some areas of the province, weather offices reported calls from residents who believed they heard a sonic boom as the meteor crashed to earth.

CR: G. Conway

CR: T. Good



★ A mystery rock carving: does it depict an ancient astronaut or just some, as yet unexplained, Aboriginal ceremonial figure?

AUSTRALASIAN POST, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia - Sept. 11, 1986 CR: P. Norman

Mystery of corn rings still puzzles scientists

The mystery of the huge corn circles which have puzzled experts for 50 years remains unsolved.

The rings of flattened corn appear every year at this time at the Devil's Punchbowl in Hampshire.

Recently scientists thought they could have been caused by freak winds.

But yesterday, Dr Paul Mason of the Meteorological Office at Bracknell, said he had been mistaken.

He said: "It is inconceivable that such neat geometrical rings would be caused by the weather."

After studying detailed photographs, he said: "I think they have been made by hooligans."

But Hampshire police are convinced they are a natural phenomenon.

A spokesman said: "We cannot explain them away. They are definitely not man-made."

The British UFO Association says it does not think the circles are where space-ships have landed. But it says there are a lot of unanswered questions.

Meanwhile, American tourists continue to flock to the Punchbowl, near Winchester, to see the latest circles, some as wide as 68 feet in diameter, in wheat fields.

EASTERN EVENING NEWS, Norwich, England - Aug. 4, 1986 CR: T. Good

Yes, it was a UFO

I CAN confirm that Bob Williams and his wife had a UFO sighting on the evening of Wednesday, July 23, as I witnessed the same phenomenon myself from my bedroom window.

I had been viewing it from the direction of the back of the Mayfair Bingo Club on Dereham Road in the sky directly behind St. John's Roman Catholic Church on Earlham Road but my description of the sighting differs to the descriptions given by Mr and Mrs Williams.

To me the object had the appearance of the brightness of the sun, except that it was not of a spherical shape.

However, I too saw it diving about between the dark clouds that had gathered in that particular part of the sky.

I have witnessed one or two UFO sightings in the past but these have mostly been of the saucer shape and of a different appearance altogether.

Mrs P. Fletcher, Orchard Street, Norwich.

UFO IN TOWN?

POLICE in north Derbyshire are investigating the alleged sighting of an Unidentified Flying Object over Chesterfield.

Mr. Melvyn Broadhurst, 30, of Hanbury Close, Holme Hall Estate, was playing his cassette recorder on Saturday night when he spotted an orange glow above trees at Ashgate Woods, only a few yards from his flat windows.

"I thought immediately it was a flying saucer. It looked as though it was searching for somewhere to land so I dashed downstairs to try to watch its movements.

"It was going in the direction of the top end of Linacre Road, towards Ashgate Hospital. It was oval shaped, about the size of a mini

car, very bright yellow, about the same colour as street lamps, with a blue flashing light on top.

"It was absolutely silent - no engines whatsoever. I watched it for about 20 minutes but it was a bit cloudy and it went into the clouds to the east and I lost it."

He reported it to police, and to the UFO Society who visited him on Tuesday to log the details.

"It was the wrong shape for an aircraft or even a helicopter. It was definitely a flying saucer," he said. "If anybody else saw it, I would like them to get

in touch. Anyone near the Woodside pub at about quarter to eleven might have seen it."

It was Melvyn's second UFO sighting - he saw one over the miners' statues on Saltergate during the Chesterfield by-election campaign. That was also reported to the UFO Society.

"Until I saw that one I never really believed in flying saucers, but I do now," he said. "I strongly believe there must be some life form on another planet - there can't be just us in the Universe."

Apparently, there have been many sightings reported recently in the Chesterfield area - particularly in the region of Bolehill Quarries at Wingerworth.

ARKANSAS GAZETTE, Little Rock, AR - Sept. 5, 1986

Missiles suspected in unusual lights

Unusual lights seen in the sky over Sweden this week may have been caused by exhaust particles from Soviet intercontinental missile tests, experts said Thursday at Stockholm.

The display was reported by several people in southern Sweden early Thursday. It followed a similar observation Tuesday morning by mate Hakon Fjallberg aboard the Finnish ferry Scandinavia in the Baltic Sea.

"A strong light rose from the sea near the Finnish coast," he said. "After three to four seconds, a giant mushroom *** reached 500 feet into the sky and covered the moon." (UPI)

JOURNAL, Dandenong, Victoria, Australia - Aug. 18, 1986

Have THEY landed in Dandenong?

A 25-year-old Noble Park man has reported a sighting of UFOs over Dandenong.

Mr Tim Lowen told The Journal that at 9pm on Wednesday 6 August he was walking along McFees Rd, North Dandenong, when he saw a long row of lights in the southern sky.

He said the amber-colored lights appeared to be travelling along in a line.

Mr Lowen said he waved down a motorist to show the lights to him to prove he wasn't "seeing things".

Mr Lowen, who later caught a taxi and said he got

the taxi driver to look at the lights, said: "I've got plenty of witnesses."

He said the lights were there for a long time and he phoned television channels, and the police.

Mr Lowen said: "When the police came, a policeman said he thought the light was part of the Southern Cross but I pointed out to him it couldn't be because the Southern Cross was elsewhere."

The Journal phoned the RAAF to see if there had been any plane activity in the area that night and was referred to president of the Victorian UFO Society, Mrs Judith McGee, who said there was a report from a woman in the Geelong area on Monday about a sighting over Geelong.

CR: P. Norman

TRANSLATIONS

City and country of incident: Porto Alegre, Brazil

Date of incident: June 3, 1986

Name of paper and date of clip: ZERO HORA, June 4, 1986

City and country of newspaper: [City Unknown], Brazil

[CREDIT: YUFOS - TRANSLATION CREDIT: Wendelle Stevens]

STRANGE OBJECT IN THE SKY OF PORTO ALEGRE

Dozens of persons, residents of the zones to the East and North of the city, witnessed at around 22:30, the appearance and approach of a strange luminous object in the sky. The apparition was described as a small disc of intense luminosity, red in the center and greenish-blue at the edges, according to Pedro Andrade, a resident of the Auxiliadora (neighborhood). A similar description was related by Moacir Motta, of the bairro Barao do Cai, adding, however, that the UFO seemed to rotate on its own axis, leaving a kind of incandescent trail behind it as it ascended vertically, after remaining for some minutes in a stationary position at some 2,000 meters altitude.

Moacir insisted that he never had seen anything like this in his life, not being any kind of lights from a balloon, mainly for the fact that it ascended vertically at incredible speed. Alberto Santos of Bairro Sarandi, was another who saw the luminous point, much bigger than a star, moving in the skies of Porto Alegre. A kind of great star, with intermittent scintillations, of various colors (yellow, red and green), was how Maria Elizabeth, a resident of block 677, apartment 301, in Jardim Leopoldina, saw the phenomenon. Besides these witnesses, different persons, who preferred to remain anonymous, said they saw the same intense lights in the sky during the night.

City and country of incident: Ludvika, Dalarna Region, Sweden

Date of incident: June 23, 1986

Name of paper and date of clip: DALA-DEMOKRATEN, June 25, 1986

City and country of newspaper: Falun, Sweden

[CREDIT: Erik Fredriksson]

FLYING OBJECT SWEEPED OVER THE LAKE

With a hissing sound, a 1.5 meter-long robot-like object came sweeping over the Lake Vasman.

The observation was made by a man and his son from the village of Sorvik. They were fishing in Lake Vasman on Monday evening. He told the local police at 23:00 hours what he and his son had observed.

"I don't believe in UFOs," he assured the police. But nevertheless, he felt that what they observed must be reported to some authority. He and his son were fishing on the northern part of Lake Vasman. The son was the first who observed the flying object, just about 200 meters from the boat. The father didn't see anything, but at once he heard a hissing sound. A second later, he discovered the object, about one to one and a half meters long and robot-like. Whatever it was, the object disappeared quickly to the south, in the direction of the town of Ludvika, and was out of sight on the horizon.

City and country of incident: Borgholm, Oland Region, Sweden

Date of incident: July 30, 1986

Name of paper and date of clip: OSKARSHAMNS-TIDNINGEN, August 1, 1986

City and country of newspaper: Oskarshamn, Sweden

[CREDIT: Erik Fredriksson]

MAN FROM OLAND SHOCKED - DID HE SEE A UFO?

"I saw something big and lighted, perhaps 50 meters wide, and it disappeared after some minutes. I was terribly afraid. Perhaps it was a UFO, I don't know. I've never seen anything like that in my whole life."

The immigrant, Soad El-Bajdi from Morocco, now living in Tryggestad, South Borgholm, called the paper BAROMETERN in Kalmar at 22:30 on Wednesday night. He was very upset; he observed a big lighted object ten minutes earlier.

"I took a bike turn and when I came to a small forest road between Borgholm and Tryggestad, I observed a bright shining light. In front of me was the brightly lighted object rising up. It was quite silent and hovered about 20-30 meters above me. I was paralysed with fear," said Soad El-Bajdi.

"It could not be either an airplane or helicopter. I have seen them with lights. This was something supernatural. My theory is that it has to be a UFO. I never believed in such, but now I don't know."

"I can't explain. I'm frightened and shocked. That was my life's most remarkable experience," said Soad El-Bajdi.

City and country of incident: Nyhammar, Dalarna Region, Sweden

Date of incident: July 25, 1986

Name of paper and date of clip: DALA-DEMOKRATEN, August 1, 1986

City and country of newspaper: Falun, Sweden

[CREDIT: Erik Fredriksson]

DID HE SEE A MOTHERSHIP?

What was it really which Paul Hellberg from Nyhammar observed in the sky on Friday night?

He is strongly pondering that question, but he thinks it was a mothership to an object coming from the northwest and traveling in a southeast direction toward Smedjebacken.

It happened when Hellberg was on the way home from fishing in Lake Hedtjern in Nyhammar. It was just before midnight--exactly 23:35--as he made the discovery in the heavens. It was a gigantic round object with knife-sharp edges around it and a strong yellow light, traveling at a very high speed, said Hellberg.

Hellberg says it has been surprisingly quiet in the airspace in Dalarna for a long time. He is very much interested in heavenly phenomena and thinks it is extremely interesting if it can be determined for certain what sort of object he saw.

Paul Hellberg pointed out that it would be valuable if other people who made the same discovery would call him or make contact with the local club in Vasterbergslagen.

City and country of incident: Smedby, Oland Region, Sweden

Date of incident: July 26-27, 1986

Name of paper and date of clip: OSTRASMALAND, August 2, 1986

City and country of newspaper: Kalmar, Sweden

[CREDIT: Erik Fredriksson]

UFO REPORT FROM SMEDBY

From Smedby have come many reports during the year of a stationary red ball in the sky. In the center of the red, there was a lighter color.

The latest report was on July 26-27 between 23:00-24:00. The object could be seen for one hour and then quickly disappeared. It has been established that there have not been any regular aircraft flights through the area, except on one occasion when the object seemed to dissolve.

Of course, the local people are wondering what the phenomenon can be. In recent times, it has appeared quite often. They suspect it to be a searching satellite from a strange spacecraft.



Bigfoot fuss takes root in Ohio farm country

By Rheta Grimsley Johnson

NEWCOMERSTOWN, Ohio — Some say Bigfoot stalks these lovely hills.

Even if you are prone to believe in shadowy creatures of gray or black or brown or silver or white, creatures that smell bad, that like women and leave crater-sized footprints with four, five or six toes, this would seem an unlikely place to spot them.

This is farming country, beautiful and basic, a sweeping vista of gentle contour, the Tuscarawas River a silver snake slithering across it.

There are the stark Amish estates and the wonderful old farmhouses. You are as likely to meet a black buggy on the roller-coaster roads as another car.

There is an unpretentious, friendly spirit about the people here, too. "No shoes, No shirt, Who Cares?" says the sign outside one area restaurant.

But, if nothing else, imagination is roaming these dense woods north of Coal Country, coexisting peacefully with the deer and the bears and the beauty.

About once a month, Don Keating of the Eastern Ohio Bigfoot Investiga-

tion Center holds a meeting at Bud's Banquet Room.

One night he drew 105 people. Some were believers; some merely curious. Some were local; others came from as far away as Arizona and Kansas.

Don Keating is a polite, unemployed 23-year-old who wants to be a meteorologist. The Bigfoot Center is a small home where he lives with his mother.

He has a wedding to attend this very night, but when I phone Keating to say I want to talk about Bigfoot, he does not stall. "Come on over."

Outside his front door is one of those ceramic jockeys, the kind that looks best plotted in petunias. The face on his jockey is painted lime green, and I know Don Keating has to be interesting.

ALL THE MOST recent Bigfoot fuss started about three years ago. One memorable sighting occurred in late November 1983. A deer hunter got the feeling somebody or something was watching him.

The hunter claims to have seen a creature, about eight feet tall, lurking in high weeds.

There were numerous other close encounters with Bigfoot — or Something. Heights varied. Colors, too. Kids

would go into the woods to pick wild berries and come back with wild stories.

Not just the children believe. Some who had roamed these woods their whole lives have gotten nervous and stopped. A middle-aged man at Tony's Bar in Newcomerstown, who looked like he never had a frivolous thought in his life, stared straight at me and said he tended to believe Something was out there.

Keating himself had a brush one night with a set of red, glowing eyes.

People found impressions, footprints if you will, in a sandbar. Keating made plaster casts that he keeps at home, as proof.

I examined the molds but admittedly I have had scant training in Bigfoot anthropology. However, if you squint, you can make out indentations that might well be big toes.

In the last two years, says Keating, there have been 15 confirmed sightings in a five-mile radius of Newcomerstown.

He has several fat scrapbooks full of pictures. Not of Bigfoot, but of people looking for Bigfoot. Also shots of bent twigs, glowing eyes (which, if you want to look at it skeptically, could be cracks in the emulsion), sites of sundry unexplained occurrences and several empty

landscapes where UFOs are said to have once appeared.

"Some people believe that these things, whatever you want to call them, come from outer space," says Keating.

"Don't talk about UFOs," warns his mother. "People will think you are crazy."

Some people do already. Keating has heard his share of bad Bigfoot jokes. "Hey, Bigfoot," some townspeople yell at him.

When a couple of ambitious entrepreneurs started selling "Newcomerstown, Home of Bigfoot" T-shirts, Keating was dismayed.

"I ran 'em off from Bud's because I didn't want people to think this was just some scheme for me to make money."

KEATING IS as serious about this as a priest is prayer. He has talked to a Lion's Club and reporters and just about anybody else who would listen.

He believes there are many heavy-walking, smelly creatures out there — not counting Sylvester Stallone — and he wants to get one on video tape.

You have to admire him. There always will be unexplained things that go bump in the night and a very few who try to explain them.

And, of course, there will be those of us, probably a majority, smug in our knowledge that no such thing could possibly be.

Or could it?

Rheta Grimsley Johnson is a columnist for The Commercial Appeal.

Various interpretations made

Is Bigfoot tramping hills at Macy? Tracks are sighted on reservation

By Mike Mulvey
Journal State Bureau

MACY — Bigfoot is either tramping through the hills here or local residents are suffering from a collective case of summer boredom, according to interpretations of the sighting of unusual animal tracks in an isolated part of the Omaha Indian Reservation.

The sighting has caused a considerable stir here, as well as official — yet skeptical — investigations.

Among Omaha tribal members, the tracks have been attributed to everything from an 8-foot-tall creature, with three toes and a 6-foot leg span, to a supernatural being that is the source of an omen for some yet-to-be-determined future event.

Scientists kindly say the evidence is inconclusive. "I'm certainly not going to jump on the three-toed monster bandwagon," said Dr. James Stewart, a sociologist at the University of South Dakota in Vermillion.

Predisposition

Stewart, another sociologist and an anthropologist from the university inspected the tracks Wednesday on the reservation near the home of elderly tribal members Francis and Angeline Parker.

"I have a great predisposition to skepticism in all these things," Stewart said. "My whole thing is it is more of a social than physical phenomena."

He isn't going to persuade the Parkers and many others here of that, however.

The Parkers and their grandson, Tim Hawks, discovered the tracks outside their home Saturday morning after a 3-inch rainfall. By Sunday, 300 to 500 curiosity-seekers walked through the area. Many are convinced the tracks were made by Bigfoot, the supposed large, furry, manlike creatures that have been spotted coast to coast.

Pause noted

Wayne Tyndall, director of the Macy Alcoholism Counseling Center, said he's angry that officials haven't taken the matter more seriously. As a rule, he said, Indians don't play hoaxes or fabricate stories.

Early in the week, he said, the tracks definitively showed that a three-toed creature had ambled through, even pausing outside the window of the Parkers' home.

"What amazed me was it was 74 inches from foot to foot," Tyndall said. "Someone would have had to be on stilts



to do that."

Most of the tracks had been rubbed out by visitors or dried out and blown away by the time the South Dakota investigators arrived Wednesday, Tyndall said. Roger Sharpe, an associate professor of biology at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, inspected the tracks the same day.

Sharpe couldn't be reached for comment, but Tyndall said the Omaha scientist didn't seem impressed with the evidence.

Plaster cast made

The South Dakota trio took a plaster cast of one track, which Tyndall said was 15 inches long and 6 inches wide.

Stewart said, however, that the track was shallow, indicating that it may have expanded simply from time and weather.

"We just didn't see enough to draw a conclusion one way or the other," he said, adding that he could make a good argument that the track wasn't three-toed.

Stewart has written a paper on South Dakota sightings of Sasquatch, another name for Bigfoot. He admitted that his group made the trip south because it was an otherwise slow day.

Although the Parkers and others probably are sincere in their beliefs, Stewart said, he would tend to categorize the event as a mass delusion rising out of summer boredom or the need for close community identity.

"The thing that struck me was how readily these people adopted the monster explanation," he said. "They really wanted to believe it."

STARS & STRIPES, West Germany

Sept. 4, 1986 CR: R. Reid

Vatican denies having list of apparitions of Virgin

VATICAN CITY (UPI) — The Vatican Monday denied an Italian newspaper report that said it had drawn up a list of new "approved" apparitions of the Virgin, including one complete with an alleged tape recording of her voice.

The denial, issued by chief Vatican spokesman Joaquin Navarro, responded to an article published in Rome's La Repubblica newspaper.

The article said Vatican officials had drawn up a list of 11 apparitions reported in the last two years that merited serious attention by church authorities.

The article included a report on one supposed apparition, in Oliveto Citra in southern Italy, where twin brothers Dino and Carmine Acquaviva said the Virgin appeared and spoke to them. The local parish priest sent the Vatican a tape recording of what was said to be the Virgin's voice.

By Rheta Grimsley Johnson



Don Keating made plaster casts of "footprints" found in sandbar.

Local woman writes about Pa. Bigfoot

A Bradford woman recently co-authored a book on the Pennsylvania Bigfoot.

Joan L. Jeffers, a retired nurse, has collected and analyzed reports of the large, hairy creature allegedly roaming rural areas of Pennsylvania.

Based on decades of research, the book evaluates more than 160 reports.

Ms. Jeffers is director of investigations and research for northern Pennsylvania for the Pennsylvania Center for UFO Research, a non-profit organization dedicated to solving the puzzles of unidentified flying objects and other strange phenomena.

The center provides an organization to which people may report sightings without fear of ridicule or unwanted publicity. Members of the group work closely with state and local police.

They can be contacted through Ms. Jeffers or by a 24-hour telephone hotline number in the Pittsburgh area.

ERA, Bradford, PA - July 26, 1986 CR: P. Johnson

Fouke 'monster' thing of the past

BY SCOTT CHARTON
Associated Press Writer

FOUKE - Fifteen summers have drifted by since giant footprints generated international publicity about a hairy, pigpen-smelling critter with eyes of fire.

Despite the offer of a \$10,000 reward, the Fouke Monster was neither trapped nor photographed. The reported sightings captured the imaginations of students, who had monster-drawing contests, and one teacher who said the creature should be protected as an endangered species.

Descriptions vary. Depending on the source, the red-eyed monster was a howling ape, a swamp man or a country cousin of the Abominable Snowman.

Frank Schambach, an archaeologist at Southern Arkansas University in Magnolia, has been debunking the monster myth since the three-toed tracks were found in June 1971 on the edge of a soybean field. "There's never been any question in my mind that it was always a hoax," he said recently.

The reported encounters were fleeting in the town, which is about 10 miles from Texas and about 20 miles from Louisiana. A carload of Texarkana residents said the monster dashed across U.S. 71 one late spring evening. A deer hunter said she spotted the creature in heavy timber. One man moved his family to another town after what he described as a terrifying encounter with the monster that sent him screaming through a closed door.

Supposedly, a town wit pointed to a liquor bottle when asked where he had spotted the monster.

When size 14EE tracks were found by a farmer among the sprouting beans, Fouke Monster fever became an epidemic.

Virgil Roberts, mayor of the town of 509, says the monster

was a hyped hoax. "I'm convinced beyond any reasonable doubt that was a man-made track," Roberts said recently as he sipped a soda at City Hall.

But the monster-generated dollars were real.

Roberts' wife made a plaster cast of the footprint and turned out more than 5,000 miniatures, complete with handpainted "Greetings From Boggy Creek." Roberts says she sold them to a distributor for 50 cents each.

A movie entitled "The Legend Of Boggy Creek" was produced at a cost of about \$160,000 and has earned about \$20 million, said director Charles B. Pierce, whose film career took off after the project starring Fouke residents. Pierce, a former Texarkana resident who lives in Tennessee, estimated in a recent interview that \$10 million to \$15 million was spent to independently advertise and distribute the film.

"It was highly successful, and it opened a lot of doors for me to continue. Without that success, it probably would have been my first and last movie," Pierce said.

A resident who became disgruntled with the production company, J.E. "Smokey" Crabtree, filed suit against Pierce and the movie's financial backers. Pierce said Friday he would have no comment on Crabtree's lawsuit.

'I believe there is something there. I don't know what it is, maybe a wild man who's lived there a long time.'

Pierce said some residents in the film "were very honest in what they felt they saw and what they believed was down there. I believe there is something there. I don't know what



it is, maybe a wild man who's lived there a long time."

Pierce links sightings to rises in water levels along the Sulphur River. "I believe that brings him out of there, closer to fields or backs of houses. Most of the time when they don't see him, it's drought years."

The movie monster was a shadowy figure, Pierce said, "an old movie trick. You're only frightened of what you don't know. You are frightened of the unknown ... an image of a tall, slumped-over type of man in an upright position."

Pierce says he wasn't sold on the footprints.

"I believe that there were some hoaxes set up for my benefit, to create some sensation. The tracks in the bean field are still a mystery to me to this day."

Pierce says his best guess was that someone "used some kind of a footprint on a stock lowered from a helicopter. There were no other tracks in that field. I believe that was a

hoax, and somebody worked long and hard at it."

Crabtree published a book about his experiences in 1974. It's still sold at a hamburger stand in town. Crabtree, asked recently about the monster, said his book would answer questions and declined further comment. The book says Crabtree's son fired at the monster in 1965, but the creature kept coming and the youth retreated.

The paperback book and the Boggy Creek Legend pizza on the menu of the Fouke Family restaurant are about the only monster references in the Miller County community these days.

Roberts says the tracks were a publicity stunt. "I feel like somebody walked out in there with stilts on. When I was a boy, we called them tomwalkers. I think they were trying to get attention here. Maybe they thought they could make a little money on it, I don't know. ... I suspect there was several involved. I won't call their names because some people have passed on."

Roberts said it's natural for a prankster to boast, but that hasn't happened in Fouke. "I'm kind of puzzled about it," he said. "I try to downplay it everywhere I go. It's kind of embarrassing, a little bit, when I go off to a meeting like the Arkansas Municipal League and they'll ask about the monster."

There have been no sightings in at least three years, Roberts said. "I won't say all was intoxicated when they saw it, but some did see something that, well, they saw more than actually was there. I never did believe it from the day I heard it. I've lived here 65 years and traveled just about every spot in south Miller County. I've never seen anything."

Chief Deputy H.L. Phillips of the Miller County sheriff's office said he hasn't taken a monster call in years. "I don't

even recall the last one I got," he said. "We don't even keep a file anymore. A few years ago, someone called and said they'd found a cave along the Sulphur River where the monster was supposedly living. Nothing there. I don't believe in it. But I'd say you don't argue with people who say they've seen it. Many were respectable and responsible folks."

"There are no higher primes other than man in the Americas," SAU archaeologist Schambach said. "Scientific evidence is totally against it. It's just mass hysteria. I don't think that many people actually believed in it. People see things when their imaginations are excited. They see things, coincidences come together. People see flying saucers."

Former Fouke Mayor James

'It was just, I think, a rigged deal all the way through. I don't know why anybody would want to do it, unless it was to put Fouke on the map.'

D. Larey was one of three townspeople named to verify the capture of any monster by a reward seeker.

"There's always joking about it from time to time, you know," he said. "Somebody will mention it and somebody will laugh. I don't think the people believed there was a monster as such, but there's always a few people who believe. For a while, there was lots of people talking. I had a bundle of 700 or 800 letters at one time, they were wanting to bring dogs and guns and everything to find it."

Most people who have claimed to see the monster, Larey said, "have quieted down, some have passed away, faded out. There's no advertising or anything anymore."

WESTERN MORNING NEWS, Plymouth, England - June 3, 1986 CR: COUD-I

Kate seeks lost world

A DEVON student is to join an expedition to remote mountains in Venezuela, where dinosaurs are reputed to roam, and which inspired Sir Arthur Conan Doyle to write "The Lost World."

Miss Kate Wykes, 22, of Higher Lathys, Poltmore, Exeter, a third-year language student, is joining seven other people on the scientific adventure.

The 14-week Lost World Forest Resources Expedition 1986, which sets out this month for Gran Sabana in South-East Venezuela, has been given the Royal Geographical Society's official approval

and will receive funds from a number of sponsors, including the Duke of Edinburgh.

In Gran Sabana lies a range of flat-topped mountains called Tepuis. Their remote location and isolation since prehistoric times had led to speculation about the existence of living fossils — dinosaurs — in their plateaux.

Attempts to reach the summit of the most famous of them, Roraima, in the 19th century, were the source for Conan Doyle's book, which was later made into a successful film.

ARKANSAS GAZETTE, Little Rock, AR - June 30, 1986

Committee confirms Virgin sighting

A committee at Cairo set up by Pope Shenudah III of the Coptic Orthodox Church said Sunday it had confirmed miraculous appearances by the Virgin Mary, a phenomenon dismissed by some experts as mass hysteria.

The committee, made up of four bishops, a priest and a layman, also reported, in a statement published Sunday, the miraculous curing of many people afflicted with incurable diseases at a church in northern Cairo and linked the cures to the Virgin's appearance.

The reported apparition of the Virgin, accompanied by bursts of mysterious light, has been drawing thousands of people to the St. Demiana church in the neighborhood of Tera Boulakiya since the first sighting March 25. (UPI)

STARS & STRIPES, West Germany - July 23, 1986 CR: R. Reid

Is there life on Mars? Probably, 2 scientists say

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Results of a biology experiment that landed on Mars 10 years ago indicate the chances are better than ever that life was detected on the planet, two scientists reported Monday.

The conclusion is a controversial one that was not supported by the findings of two other life-detection experiments aboard the Viking 1 and 2 Mars landing craft.

"We have waited 10 years for all the theories and results from the many sci-

entists investigating our experiment before voicing any conclusion," said Gilbert Levin.

Biochemist Patricia Straat was more cautious, but she said that, in her view, the results of the analysis indicate "a slightly better" than 50 percent chance some kind of life process may have been observed.

Straat said that she hesitated to "come right out and say there's life on Mars."

The experiment involved the release

of radioactive organic chemicals into a container with a sample of Martian soil as an agent to measure metabolism. Scientists earlier said the findings could have been produced by some strange chemistry in Mars' soil.

"After examining these efforts in great detail, and after years of laboratory work on our part to duplicate our Mars data by non-biological means, we find that the weight of scientific analysis makes it more probable than not that living organisms were detected on Mars."

"This is not presented as an opinion, but as a position dictated by an objective evaluation of all the relevant scientific data," Levin said in a statement issued before his formal presentation to scientists attending a conference on Mars at the National Academy of Sciences.

Earlier Monday, NASA vowed to pursue an aggressive program of solar system exploration using unmanned probes, but administrator James Fletcher said the Challenger disaster is complicating future planning.

The Curious Flock to Macy 3-Toed Tracks Fuel Bigfoot Rumors

By Doug Gollin
World-Herald Staff Writer

Macy, Neb. — A University of Nebraska at Omaha zoologist is unconvinced, but some Macy-area residents said they think Bigfoot may be alive and well in Thurston County.

Responding to reports of strange footprints found near a cabin, Roger Sharpe, associate professor of biology at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, drove to Macy Wednesday.

Sharpe said the 5-day-old tracks were too greatly blurred by sun, wind and rain to yield any conclusive information concerning their origin.

But people continued to visit the cabin about three miles west of Macy to examine the three-toed prints and to swap observations and speculation.

On Reservation

The small house, occupied by Francis and Angeline Parker and their grandson, Tim Hawks, sits in a patch of sparse grass along a gravel road on the Omaha Indian Reservation.

Hawks, 20, said he and his grandmother discovered the prints around the house last Thursday and Saturday. One set was in front of a bedroom window, and others were along the driveway.

Other tracks later were found along the edge of a nearby corn field owned by the Omaha Indian tribe.

James A. Gibson, a professor with the University of Nebraska Department of Anthropology, said from Lincoln that legends and sightings of large humanlike creatures have been reported from widely scattered areas of the country.

Gibson said most such reports have originated from mountainous or heavily forested areas in the nation's Northwest. Other sightings have been reported in Arkansas and East Coast states, he said.

"The only trouble is that all these legends of Bigfoot have humanlike feet," he said. "There isn't anything running around right now with only three toes except birds."

Gibson said it's possible the Macy footprints could be from an animal with a deformed foot or missing digits.

He also said the soft, wet condition of the muddy ground might have distorted the size of the footprints.

"I have no idea what it might be," he said.

Hawks said he examined the tracks carefully and found some hairlike material embedded in one of the prints. He said he removed the material from the mud and put it in a plastic bag.

"It made the hair on my neck stand up, thinking about what made them," he said.

15 Inches Long

Saturday evening, Hawks and his grandmother, 64, summoned Macy police to examine the tracks.

Macy Police Officer Milton Miller wrote in his report that the prints measured 15 inches long by 4 inches wide, with the middle part of the foot 3½ inches wide and a span of 7½ inches between the big toe and the small toe.

"This foot print only had three toes," Miller wrote in his report.

Police Lt. Forrest Aldrich said he and Miller tried to follow the tracks in both directions from the cabin.

"You couldn't see where the tracks came in or where they went out," he



Phil Johnson/World-Herald

Sharp, right, examines tracks with Elsie Morris, left, Wynema Morris and Hawks ... Sharpe said the 5-day-old prints were blurred.

said. "I've been here eight years and I haven't seen anything like it."

Wayne Tyndall, director of the Macy Alcoholism Counseling Center and a former director of the American Indian Center of Omaha, said he viewed the prints Tuesday morning.

"It's very mystifying," Tyndall said.

Tyndall said he did not know what could have made the tracks, but did not believe they could be made by a human.

Legends Recalled

Tyndall said several hundred people from the reservation have come to the Parker home to look at the prints.

About 20 people stood in the shade of the house's carport as Sharpe examined the print Wednesday. In the next hour, several additional carloads of curious onlookers drove up, parked their cars along the road shoulder opposite the house and crossed the dusty yard to peer at the faint marks.

"There's always been legends about it from early days," said Elsie Morris, 63, a retired employee of the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs and a member of the Nebraska Environmental Control Council. "The Indian people have always believed there was a big animal — half-man or whatever — that was around. The old people talked about different animals that we know nothing of."

Sharpe said the prints were not clear enough for full analysis or for preservation with plaster casts. He said he was able to distinguish the tracks in the cornfield below the house from the prints in the mud near the cabin.

"The size of the so-called prints (in the field) are not the same size as the prints up at the side of the house," he said. "There definitely was somebody barefoot or something barefoot along the side of the field."

'Not Abnormal'

Sharpe said neither the size nor the striding of the tracks by the field had struck him as abnormal.

The only two "apparently anomalous" tracks were two prints by the house, Sharpe said.

Sharpe said the strands of hairlike fiber were "not animal matter" although "we didn't put it under a microscope."

He said they had "a distinct resemblance to plant material or perhaps even synthetic fiber."

Tyndall, 50, said he did not believe anyone would have deliberately fabricated the prints in the mud.

"None of the Indians ever play practical jokes or pranks," he said. "Besides, I don't know who could take six-foot strides. And why would they have gone way out in the wilderness on a lonely night?"

Sept. 5, 1986

Equipment woes at pyramid spark jokes on curse

The Associated Press

GIZA, Egypt — Scientists and engineers drilling into the Pyramid of Cheops in an attempt to reach a secret chamber joked Thursday about the pharaoh's curse after a broken compressor and chipped bit caused temporary delays.

Drilling went slowly, with the bit reaching only 3 feet 7 inches into the 10-foot-thick stone, according to Jean-Francois Goudin, a French architect who helped initiate the project.

Both the Egyptian Antiquities Organization and the French government are sponsoring the project. The team hopes to drill a 1½-inch diameter hole in the stone and push through a tiny lens by the weekend to take a look inside the chamber.

To drill, the Franco-Egyptian team crouches inside a long airless corridor about a yard square, an uncomfortable position in Cairo's 90-degree summer heat.

Goudin and colleague Gilles Dormion discovered the existence of at least three chambers last winter, using a sonar-like device called a microgravimeter.

Once the chamber is pierced, an endoscope, a camera-like device with a light and reflector, will be dropped through the hole and into the cavity to provide a picture of its contents.

No one knows what to expect in the cavity, lying with the other secret rooms in a 12-square-yard area along the corridor to the queen's chamber.

"Because of their position, we think they might be storage rooms, but that's only a guess," said Fatah Sabahy, an Egyptologist with the Antiquities Organization.

The pyramid, one of the seven wonders of the ancient world, was built 4,500 years ago near two others over a 70-year span in the 27th century B.C. Cheops' tomb is the largest of the three pyramids, 482 feet high and built of 2.5 million limestone blocks. Its base covers 13 acres.

Speculation about the curse started after several members of the team of English archaeologist Howard Carter died of unexplained deaths after finding the tomb of Pharaoh Tutankhamen near Luxor in southern Egypt.

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Guntersville, AL — July 30,
1986 CR: L. Phillips
Another animal
sexually mutilated

A young bull has been found dead with its testicles cut off. It is the latest of several dead animals that have been found in this area with their sex organs removed.

The bull, 10 months old, belonged to Clyde C. Gilliland. It was found in a pasture behind his home at Nixon Chapel on Horton 2.

The sheriff's department said the bull had apparently been dead 3 or 4 days. It was so badly decomposed that it was impossible to tell the cause of its death. No signs of an injury were visible except the removal of the testicles.

Discovery of the other animals led to speculation that they might have been killed by members of some religious cult for use in their rites.

GLOBE AND MAIL, Toronto, Ontario, Canada - June 12, 1986

Planets circling nearby stars, astronomers find

BY STEPHEN STRAUSS
The Globe and Mail

Canadian astronomers have found evidence of planets circling sun-like stars that are relatively near neighbors of Earth, close enough to be visible to the naked eye. The discovery is seen as making these stars a focus of the growing search for life in space.

Dr. Bruce Campbell reported yesterday to the Canadian Astronomical Society's annual meeting in Penticton, B.C., that a study of 10 stars showed four had variations in motion suggesting one or more planets "smaller than the smallest star" were circling them.

Dr. Campbell and Professor Gordon Walker of the University of British Columbia have spent five years looking at the stars, eight to 15 light years from Earth, using the Canada-France-Hawaii telescope atop Mauna Kea in Hawaii.

The nearby stars were chosen for observation because they are roughly the same size and temperature as our sun, said Dr. Camp-

bell, who works with the National Research Council's Dominion Astrophysical Observatory in Victoria.

Using new equipment and technical advice from Gerhard Herzberg, Canada's only living Nobel laureate, the Canadian astronomers were able to determine the velocity of the stars speeding away from Earth to within 40 kilometres an hour. The best previous measurements had been accurate to within only 2,000 kilometres an hour, and the increased precision allowed the scientists to see wobbles in the stars' motions that they believe reflect the effect of circling planets.

"We think we are seeing the effect of large planets with a 10-year orbit," Dr. Campbell said in a telephone interview. The same wobbles suggest that the still-unseen large planets have a mass of two to 10 times that of Jupiter. By way of comparison, Jupiter's diameter is 11 times that of the Earth, and its inner core alone weighs 20 times as much as Earth. All the other planets would fill up only one-third of

Jupiter's volume.

Scientists generally accept that bodies having less than 80 times the mass of Jupiter are classified as planets, Dr. Campbell said. He added that his data do not preclude the possibility that other, smaller planets may also be a part of the newly pinpointed solar systems. But it would take at least one planet of Jupiter's size or bigger to significantly affect a star's speed.

Can this motion fingerprint of giant planets be verified by a visual sighting? "Other than getting in a spacecraft and going there, I'm not sure," Dr. Campbell said. The problem is that light from the stars would almost certainly completely obscure any reflection from the planets.

He did point out that deviations in Uranus's orbit observed in the nineteenth century indicated that a planet was circling beyond Neptune, but it took astronomers 84 years and several leaps in technology to locate the body we now call Pluto.

Pines residents on lookout for 'O.P., the monster'

Radio show prompts phone calls, but police say they know nothing about it

OCEAN PINES — If you live in this quiet residential community and haven't sighted "O.P.," the monster, you're not the only one. The Pines police department hasn't received any reports about the 6- to 7-foot reptile-like creature that has allegedly been spotted in the community's ponds by a local radio station's listeners.

At least a dozen callers have told 96-Rock (WWTR-FM) disc jockey T.J. Trout over the air that they've seen a "scaly, hairy, serpentine-like monster with appendages" in a couple of the area's lakes. (The monster's been named "O.P." after the community's initials.) Someone even sent Trout a videotape of the alleged monster in action.

Although one caller, who identified himself as a police spokesman, claimed that the police department was investigating the matter, Ocean Pines Police Chief Rod Murray said he knew nothing about the creature.

"No one has brought this to my attention," said Murray. "I was never called. If there was anything to it, they (the police) would have called me at home. Maybe somebody had a few too many martinis at the Yacht Club."

The calls began two weeks ago after Trout had made some comments about "Chessie," the mysterious creature that has been spotted in the Chesapeake Bay. Trout, whose morning show is often humorous, said that he's fairly certain "O.P." is a joke.

"I have a videotape they sent. It's

fuzzy, but I didn't expect it to be real clear," said Trout. "It's a far shot from the lake."

"It's supposed to have a fairly reptilian form—6 to 7 feet tall, scaly, but also with hair. It may be amphibious," he added.

Trout said that an "unofficial" police spokesman called him one day stating that they were conducting an "ongoing investigation."

"Someone—a guy named Paul, I can't remember the last name—called. He said they wanted to keep it (the investigation) under cover and didn't want to alarm the people," said Trout.

Although the callers have reportedly sighted "O.P." in a number of the community's ponds, Ocean Pines officials said the ponds are not connected geographically. Members of the maintenance department said the north gate pond may be spring-fed, but they are not certain.

"If all are spring-fed, it's a very crooked river," said Lee Adkins, a maintenance department employee.

Like the police department, many Ocean Pines residents haven't even heard about "O.P."

"This is the first I've heard (about) it," said Alison Rodriguez. "Maybe it comes out at night. I went by three (the north gate pond) today and didn't see anything." ■



A photograph, purportedly showing the monster's head, submitted to The Dispatch this week.

ENTERPRISE, Lynnwood, WA - July 2, 1986 CR: J. Leming

Writing contest seeks stories about Bigfoot

EDMONDS — Ann Saling is on the lookout for local writers whose works have been published.

And what's more, she's got Bigfoot to help her in her search.

Saling, a writer and member of the Edmonds Arts Commission, is organizing a writers' conference this November 15. Dubbed "Write on the Sound," the conference will feature workshops and speakers, including a keynote address.

However, Saling says that the commission simply doesn't have the names of local writers on file. "In order to get the workshop underway, I've got to locate more Edmonds writers," she said.

As part of the plan to generate local interest in the workshop, the arts commission is sponsoring a "Sasquatch sighting writers' contest," she said. In 400 words or less, writers must describe a real or imaginary "encounter of the hairy-giant kind" in prose or as a one-page narrative poem.

Saling, who claims to have never seen a Sasquatch herself, reminds potential authors that entries should stay within the accepted "facts" about the giant, hairy critters who have been seen on numerous occasions by

residents of the Pacific Northwest.

"Any true Sasquatch believer is going to make sure they (the entries) are true, but I don't care myself," Saling said. "We're just trying to have some fun."

Entries can be humorous or serious, sad or funny, scientific or fantasy-oriented, but should not ridicule the idea of such an animal existing, she said. Saling credits Gloria Mae Campbell, arts commission chairperson, with the idea for the contest.

The contest is open until Sep. 20 and limited to residents of Washington, Oregon and Idaho. There is an entry fee of \$1, with only one entry per writer allowed.

There will be a \$50 prize for the top entry and prizes of \$30 for second place and \$15 for third place. Winners will be announced by Edmonds Mayor Larry Naughten at the conference.

Saling said she is hoping to sponsor a more traditional writing contest as well before the conference.

For contest rules and Sasquatch information, send a self-addressed, legal-size envelope to Ann Saling, Sasquatch Contest, 8620 Olympic View Drive, Edmonds, 98020.

POST, Washington, DC - July 5, 1986 CR: B. Pittman

Coptic Church Committee Confirms Appearance of Virgin Mary, Jesus

United Press International

CAIRO—A committee appointed by Coptic Orthodox Patriarch Shenudah III confirmed the Virgin Mary appeared repeatedly at a Cairo church and reported a number of miraculous cures associated with the apparitions.

Committee members reported that the Virgin appeared at the St. Demiana Church June 20, carrying the infant Jesus in her arms, and that a number of other saints—including St. Demiana—also have appeared.

The fact-finding committee, in a statement published Sunday by the Coptic newspaper Watani, said members first visited the church April 9 and, while spending the night there, "saw the apparition of the Virgin Mary and spiritual phenomena which accompanied it."

"Members of the committee visited the church again repeatedly and the appearance of the Virgin, and the spiritual phenomena, was repeated," the statement said.

"The appearance was accompanied by the miraculous healing of incurable diseases, such as restoring eyesight to the blind and curing diseases of the kidney, heart and other parts of the body," it said.

Thousands of people have flocked to St. Demiana, located in the working-class neighborhood of Tera

Boulakiya in north Cairo, since the first reported sighting of the Virgin Mary on March 25.

The apparition has been repeated several times, sometimes on the two domes of the church and sometimes inside, according to witness and newspaper accounts.

But other worshippers said they saw nothing. Psychologists interviewed by the local media

"The appearance was accompanied by the miraculous healing of incurable diseases"

— report of Coptic committee

dismissed the phenomenon as mass hysteria.

Shenudah III, head of the Coptic Orthodox Church, appointed a committee of four bishops, a priest and a layman earlier this year to investigate the reported sightings. The Coptic Orthodox Church dates from the 5th century and claims 6 million members in Egypt, the seat of its patriarch.

ARKANSAS GAZETTE, Little Rock, AR - Sept. 12, 1986

Mysterious explosion heard at Dallas

Firefighters and the police converged in south Dallas in search of the conflagration they expected following dozens of calls describing a powerful blast that lit up the sky, rattled windows and shook buildings to their foundations, but there was no fire.

Authorities at Lancaster, a Dallas suburb, searched for the cause of the explosion but found none.

"Weird," Lancaster police Lt. Larry Flatt said. "Normally, if you have a loud explosion like that, you'll eventually have a fire or something."

A firefighter speculated the boom may have been a test explosion on the set of the movie "Robocop" in downtown Dallas. But a spokesman said the explosion for the film was not detonated until after 1:30 a.m. Wednesday, well after the blast was reported Tuesday night. (UPI)

STARS & STRIPES, West Germany - Aug. 2, 1986 CR: R. Reid

Energy machine inventor tells of battling bureaucracy

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Demonstrating his "revolutionary energy machine," backwoods inventor Joe Newman told Congress Wednesday of his seven-year fight against bureaucracy for a patent on the device he says will change the world.

But government experts told a Senate subcommittee on energy the National Bureau of Standards tested the contraption and found it does not work.

Undaunted, Newman staged a demonstration that he contended proved his

machine unleashed energy from mass more efficiently than one run by an electric motor.

Newman, 49, who lives deep in the piney woods outside Lucedale, Miss., balked at the suggestion of Sen. John Glenn, D-Ohio, that he submit his device to another government test.

"You're talking about changing mass into energy, and that's never been done except in the nuclear field," said Glenn, the first American to orbit Earth.

But Newman, who told Glenn his de-

vice someday will power space flights, insisted he could not get a fair test from the bureaucrats who already have decided his device will not work because it violates accepted scientific principles.

After his testimony before the Governmental Affairs Subcommittee, Newman grumbled, "I'm not pleased at all. It's the same old crap."

Several lawmakers have introduced bills that would force the government to give Newman a patent on the device he claims will replace all other sources of

energy and eliminate home utility bills forever.

Dr. Roger Hastings, a physicist for the Sperry Corp., in St. Paul, Minn., one of more than two dozen experts who have signed affidavits saying Newman's device produces more energy than it uses, testified, "It's clear to me that there's something very important going on here."

Hastings said Newman should have received a patent long ago and the government test did not properly measure the energy output of his machine.