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'Credible people reporting incredible things...' DAILY TIMES CHRONICLE, Reading, MA - Nov. 3, 1986 CR: B. Greenwood

# Monitoring UFOs is more than a hobby

By JACK CAIRL  
Part One of a Two Part Series

They call themselves UFOlogists. Sometimes their critics, who are legion in number, call them by less flattering names.

**UFOlogy:** the study of UFOs. The study of objects or lights that do not suggest a conventional explanation.

Why would anyone devote their time ... devote their life, to such an endeavor?

"Because so many credible people are reporting incredible things," says James Melesciuc of Maple Street, Reading.

Melesciuc is the state director of MUFON: the Mutual UFO Network. MUFON is an international organization which serves as an operational arm to the Center for UFO Studies at Lima, Ohio.

With over 3,000 members, MUFON's aim is to provide a locale and a focus for people to report "sightings" and a capacity to scientifically investigate those sightings.

"We hear from air traffic controllers, pilots, Ph.D.'s, trained scientists, police agencies and just plain folks," says Melesciuc, "and we investigate every report."

The emphasis he claims, is on the word "scientific."

"We thoroughly train all field investigators in the scientific method and seek members with experience in those fields necessary to the understanding and study of scientific phenomenon."

MUFON admits membership by invitation only. "We are very careful," says Melesciuc, "to not leave ourselves open to the kind of criticism which is often

translated into such phrases as 'nuts and kooks'. It is very important for us to back up our findings with solid scientific data."

Melesciuc, who has lived in Reading for four years, is a Vietnam era veteran, who has studied law enforcement and broadcasting. An employee of Boston Gas for over 10 years, he has been interested in the question of UFO's since his youth.

Early on, he read every piece of literature and documentation he could lay his hands on, related to the UFO phenomenon.

The author, who converted Melesciuc from an interested observer into an active investigator, was Raymond Fowler of Wenham. Fowler's book entitled, "A Casebook of a UFO Investigator," Prentiss Hall, 1981, proved to Melesciuc that there was some serious literature on the subject, and that some very credible people were involved in scientifically investigating UFO's.

Melesciuc said that for some reason, a lot of people instrumental in MUFON activities and important to UFO investigations, are located in this part of Massachusetts. The previous state director of MUFON, who is the current director of the Eastern Region, is Joe Santangelo who lives on Boyce Street in Reading.

Barry Greenwood of Stoneham, is Melesciuc's assistant state director, and is noted for having the largest collection and library of UFO material in the world. Greenwood is the co-author of the popular book, "Clear Intent — The Government Coverup of the UFO Experience." He was also

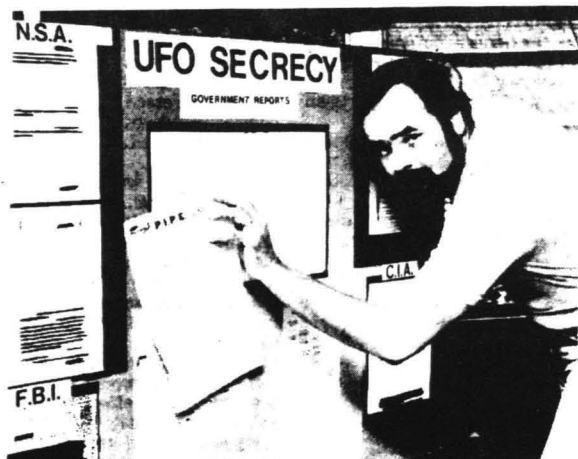
one of the principal investigators in the so called "Bentwaters Incident".

The Bentwaters Incident occurred near Woodridge Royal Air Force Base in Bentwaters, England, and has been one of the two most discussed UFO cases of this decade. Its importance is based on the fact that 17 eye-witnesses have been identified, among them, two high ranking United States Air Force officers.

Greenwood became involved when one of the eye-witnesses, Larry Warren, a previous member of USAF and current resident of Connecticut, sought someone to whom he could tell his story; a story which Warren felt a desperate need to get into the open, and off his chest.

The incident related to a bizarre series of events that reportedly occurred on the night of Dec. 27, 1980. Included in the events were sightings of strange multi-colored lights and triangular shaped objects in the sky, the sighting of a large aspirin shaped vehicle, on or near the ground, and the reporting of domestic animals going berserk.

The incident received a large boost in its credibility when, with some digging and, a good deal of luck, the so called "Halt Memoranda" was located. The official USAF memo briefly outlined, in the best military bureaucratic language, the incident and personal experiences of the writer, Lt. Col. Charles I. Halt. As of this writing, the controversy is still continuing, as investigators try, with little success, to extract further information from official government sources.



JIM MELESCIUCK displays UFO data at his Reading home. He's the state director of the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON), part of a 3000-member group of citizens who provide a focus for people to report sightings, and offer a capacity to scientifically investigate those sightings.

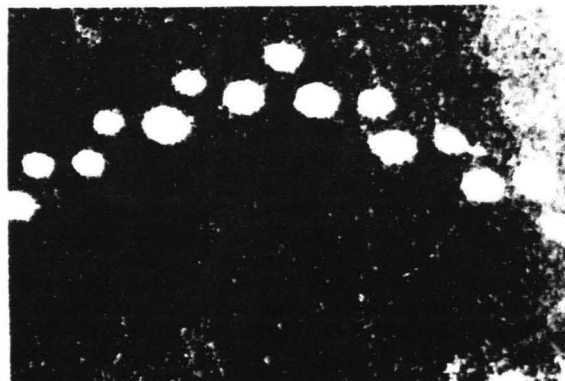
(Don Young photo)



TIENTSIEN, HOPEH PROVINCE, NORTHERN CHINA, 1941 This photo was published in the only book about UFOs to come out of China, entitled "UFO's over Modern China," by Paul Dong. Note man in right foreground pointing to object in sky.



UNIDENTIFIED LIGHTS OVER SALEM On July, 16, 1952, this photo was taken by Coast Guard Seaman Shell Alpert. Reportedly the military was very disturbed over the public release of this photograph.



THE LUBBOCK LIGHTS A formation of unidentified lights seen passing over Lubbock, Texas was seen on several occasions during August, September, and October of 1951.

(All photos from the archives of author, historian, Barry Greenwood of Stoneham.)



soundoff

Do you believe in UFOs?

A veteran Japanese pilot reported seeing an enormous unidentified flying object in November, and the Federal Aviation Administration has confirmed that the object showed up on air traffic controllers' radar screens. Some people believe that at least some UFOs carry space travelers from other planets. Do you believe that?

**YES, 78 percent:** "I've seen one." ... "They're out there and the FAA knows it." ... "Once you've seen one you become a believer." ... "I sure hope it's intelligent life because we need all the help we can get."

**NO, 22 percent:** "How come only one or two people see it?" ... "It's all a bunch of hogwash." ... "Seeing is believing."

Soundoff is a non-scientific, reader-opinion feature. Percentages are based on 212 calls.

FREE PRESS, Detroit, MI - Jan. 2, 1987  
CR: R. Somerville

## Reading-based MUFON

## UFOlogists seek answers to 'unexplainable'

By JACK CAIRL  
Part Two of a Two Part Series

UFOlogists are attacked from both sides of the spectrum and are intensely conscious of the criticism of certain members of the scientific community, as well as the harm done to conscientious investigators by the "mindless tabloids", said Reading's UFOlogist James Melesciuc (pronounced "Melachuck").

According to Melesciuc, a UFOlogist believes in the use of trained experts and the scientific method, to investigate reported sightings of what many call unidentified flying objects.

A four year Reading resident, Melesciuc is the state director of the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON).

"The supermarket mentality," is the term Melesciuc uses to describe people who sensationalize or trivialize what he sees as a valid scientific discipline.

The people who write the articles and those who are attracted by the tabloids that exploit the bizarre, "reinforce an attitude," says Melesciuc, "that serious students of UFOlogy must constantly battle."

Why do many respected scientists cast dispersion on the UFOlogist?

Michael Swords, an associate professor of Natural Science at Western Michigan University

and a well-known UFOlogist, says that one of the primary reasons is money. In eloquent terms and persuasive language, he made the point while delivering an address to the 17th annual MUFON Symposium, held at Michigan State University this June.

He argues that there is only so much research money to go around for any one scientific field, and the competition for that money is fierce. Simply put, he believes that many scientists fear a reduction in their own research pot if UFO investigations are taken too seriously.

Because of the general attitude of the public, it is possible for scientists to make unsupported generalizations, and never be called to task by their peers. This is one of the phenomena that most aggravates the UFOlogist. In every scientific discipline, each scientist's work and conclusions is weighed against the facts and his methods. The same is not true for the findings and conclusions of the detractors of this highly sensitive field, says a spokesman for MUFON.

Members of MUFON, and of the Center for UFO Studies, feel embattled, but also say they are making great strides. In their opinion, their greatest ally is freedom, and most particularly freedom of information.

One of their greatest stumbling blocks is a government, which they insist, is withholding



JOE SANTANGELO has been a ham radio operator at his Reading home since 1939, and is the eastern regional director of the MUFON program.

(Don Young photo)

a large amount of critical data which could help solve many of the unanswered questions about UFO's. Their requests for information under the Freedom of Information Act, is, they claim, most often denied on the grounds of national security.

According to Melesciuc, MUFON is aware of over 300 documents being held within the intelligence community, which the government has refused to

release. "Not only," says Melesciuc, "has the government usually failed to provide information, they have also failed to accept any responsibility for occurrences when they were clearly involved."

A well known incident, relating to the issue referred to by Melesciuc, is the Cash-Landrum UFO case. The events of this case occurred on Dec. 29,

1980, just two days after the Bentwaters Incident.

Betty Cash, Vickie Landrum and her grandson Colby, reportedly saw, while driving on a country road in East Texas, a strange machine with a bright light. The intensity of the heat coming from the vehicle was so great that they were forced to leave their car. They received severe burns.

In addition to the unidentified vehicle, they claim to have seen over 20 helicopters swarming in the area and operating as if to force the machine to land. The helicopters were identified as models flown only by the U.S. military.

The individuals involved have, according to a law suit still being pursued against the government, suffered both short term and long term major physical and psychological damage. As of this time, the government has failed to acknowledge any responsibility or first hand knowledge of the incident.

Melesciuc, who has personally conducted over 25 investigations into sightings, says that over 90-percent of the reported observations turn out to be caused by natural scientific phenomenon.

However, he notes, that particularly since the early 1950s, there have been many unexplained sightings; that is unexplainable based on earth bound technology and without reference to the possibility of extraterrestrial intelligence.

It is MUFON's goal to piece all available information together, to offer opportunities for scientists to conduct unhampered research on these phenomena and, thereby, to arrive at the best scientific conclusions. It is their further hope to either eliminate the artificial barriers to their research, or at least to do the best research possible under the less than ideal of circumstances.

A review of the speakers at the June MUFON Symposium, shows that the field is attracting people with legitimate credentials and of some scientific note.

In addition to Professor

Swords, some of the other speakers included: Allen C. Holt, a research physicist and technical manager for the NASA Space Station Program; David M. Jacobs, Associate Professor of history at Temple University; Richard F. Haines, Ph.D., an experimental psychologist at Ames Research Center where he is a project manager on a space station design effort; Dr. Bruce Maccabee, a research physicist at a naval laboratory and professionally affiliated with the American University in Washington; Harley D. Rutledge, Professor of Physics at Southeast Missouri State University; and John F. Schuessler, former project manager of Space Shuttle Operations.

The UFO question was reviewed and summarized by an arm of congress in 1983. The resulting report entitled, "The UFO Enigma," was written by the Science Policy Research Division of the Congressional Research Service.

The paper offers a good general overview of the subject and is available free of charge from the Library of Congress. In requesting a copy, report No. 83-205-SPR should be cited.

If you would like to locate more in-depth information, or receive copies of investigative reports, you may call the Massachusetts State hot-line. In fact, if you would like to report the sighting of a light or object which you find unexplainable within your own knowledge or understanding, you should call the hot-line.

It is a Reading number and is constantly monitored. "All questions," says Melesciuc, "will be responded to with alacrity and sincerity"

When you stop to think about it, this is very important. What would you do, in this world of skeptics, if you experienced an unexplainable sighting?

There is no public source where you can turn without fear of ridicule.

Well folks, 944-0686 is the number to call!

You can be assured that your inquiry will receive the most serious consideration.

## UFO mystery has been missed

CHRONICLE, Houston, TX - Jan. 2, 1987 CR: J. Schuessler

The UFOs are back, and we've been wondering where they were.

A Japan Air Lines cargo plane's crew reports it saw mysterious flashing white and yellow lights on a November flight across the Arctic Circle. A U.S. Air Force radar station even picked up a return from an object a few miles away from the JAL craft. The object was large, and its lights didn't fit any known pattern.

Remember when the UFOs were sighted frequently? The sightings usually came in bunches, and many people were positive they had seen

something unusual. The UFO theme became popular on television and in movies.

Formal investigations failed to prove anything, and also failed to discourage the true believers. In recent years, claims about sightings diminished.

UFOs represent the unknown. They present the possibility that somewhere out there there is a superior race of beings who will solve all our problems, even if they do so by eliminating all of us. The JAL sighting restores a bit of mystery to all our lives.

NOTE: The "Translations" section of the December 1986 issue (pages 9/10, 11/12) was very dim. These pages have been reprinted and anyone wanting replacement copies may request them. — L.F.

## Sightings bolster belief in UFOs

They are active in community affairs. They have responsible jobs. They are long-time, respected residents of the area.

And this Hamilton husband and wife have, they believe, made constant sightings of unidentified flying objects (UFOs) and Men in Black (MIB). "Men in Black" are believed to be aliens who land and seek information for their outer space governments.

"Do you believe?" the man asks at the beginning of an extended interview. He hates to waste his breath on someone who is not going to believe what he says.

"I've had things happen to me all my life," he says. "As a boy I lived on a farm on Ross Road. It was about the time of the '20s. I wasn't allowed to venture far from the house when I went out to play."

"This one time I was in a little wooded area when a little girl came up. She had two boys with her. She called them her brothers."

"I remember they were dressed rather oddly. After about five minutes the brothers left. She came to me and placed her forehead against mine. "I asked her where she lived and she said: "Up there and over there and there, as she pointed upward in all different directions. I didn't understand."

Later, when he was older he was inside his parents' locked garage when a man and a woman appeared and asked: "Are you all right?"

"I tried to explain to my parents but they didn't understand. I was perplexed."

His wife, who grew up in a nearby county on a farm, recalled a similar childhood experience.

"I was six or seven. We were hoeing corn when this huge thing came down to the ground. We ran to the house to tell our parents, but they just thought we were trying to get out of work and sent us back to the field. The thing was round and pretty and shiny."

"They seem to hover around where we are," he said. "When I see one I think: 'Who are you? What can I do to help?' I see them most often in the early morning hours when I'm on my way home from third shift work."

Once, when the couple went to Canada on a vacation trip and left at 3 a.m., a UFO stayed above their car all the way, they said.

"At Ypsilanti (Michigan) UFOs were all around the city. I got out a camera; a brand new one. It wouldn't function. On the way home, there it was going right along in front of us. At Celina we got lost looking for our camping area."

"We didn't see it for awhile, but when we found the campsite it was already there. It knew," he said.

He said he feels at times that the objects in the sky respond to his thoughts. When he mentally asked that one come closer, the light brightened brightly and greatly as though it was moving in, he said.

"Scientists say if you can't spell it, eat it, or touch it, they don't want anything to do with it. So we don't try to report them anymore," he said.

The two don't make a big deal out of their beliefs. The wife, who says author Leonard Stringfield ("Situation Red") is her idol, says she thinks the UFOs come "from the other side of the moon."

If beings or ships from other planets decide to land on earth for all to see, at least one Hamilton couple, Bill and Virginia Smith, will not be the least bit surprised.

Working Woman

Ercel Eaton





# THE CHRONICLE WHOLE EARTH CATALOG

A compendium of useful ideas and things. Edited by Stewart Brand and K. Patrick Conner

## UFO Controversy

### Extraterrestrial visitors

I've never seen an unidentified flying object, but I've always had a certain fascination with those reports of sightings that seem to find their way into the back of the paper — the slow-witted farmer who spotted a saucer above his field of corn, the fearless pilot who gave chase to some blip on his radar screen at thousands of miles per hour, the old woman who swore she fixed a plate of jelly sandwiches for the aliens with the big green heads.

But who's to say it isn't so? An incredible body of literature has grown around UFOs and the debate whether life exists elsewhere in the universe. Here Ted Schultz, our resident expert in matters such as these, recommends several books that take up that debate.

We also note a clipping service that culls reports of UFOs from around the world, as well as a fascinating book about yet another mystery to be found in the sky — ball and bead lightning.

— KC

you'll be well informed on both points of view.

— Ted Schultz

#### An excerpt:

Ever since radar first probed the atmosphere, scientists concerned with the interpretation of the returned signal have been intrigued by mysterious echoes, or "angels," from invisible targets in the apparently clear atmosphere.

The nature of these targets as proposed by various investigators falls into four categories: 1) surface and airborne targets below the line of sight which are brought into view by anomalous propagation, 2) insects and birds, 3) direct backscatter from sharp gradients or fluctuations in the index of refraction in the clear air, and 4) unidentified flying objects (UFOs).

*UFO's: A Scientific Debate*, by Carl Sagan and Thornton Page, editors, 1972; 310 pp.; \$7.95 postpaid from W. W. Norton, 500 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10110.

#### THE UFO CONTROVERSY

The most complete, sober and objective social history of UFOs. Included is a thorough overview of the little-known presage of the modern UFO era, the "Mystery Airship" wave of 1896-1897.

Air Force coverups, government investigations, contactees and UFO personalities populate the cast of this 20th century drama.

— Ted Schultz

#### Excerpts:

#### A SCIENTIFIC DEBATE

In 1969, the American Association for the Advancement of Science held a special symposium, chaired by astronomers Carl Sagan and Thornton Page. The papers delivered at that conference are all here, making this the best book to read when asking, "Are UFOs real?"

You may not come away with a clear answer — half the papers are pro, half are con, and the authors are all excellent scientists — but



BY JAMES DONNELLY

In 1897 witnesses reported a whole series of contacts with people making repairs on their airships. Several "presumably truthful" citizens of Chattanooga, Tennessee, said they "came upon the vessel resting on a spur of mountain near this city. Two men were at work on it and explained they had been compelled to return to earth because the machinery was out of order. One of the men said his name was 'Professor Charles Davidson.' He is alleged to have said that the vessel left Sacramento a month ago and had been sailing all over the country."

Time magazine announced that all UFOs were actually Skyhook balloons, a theory widely accepted for a time. But Dr. Anthony Marachi, an Air Force chemist, argued that the

Skyhook theory led people to a false sense of security because, in actuality, a foreign power launched the saucers. Marachi recommended that the United States identify the foreign power before Americans experienced another Pearl Harbor.

Contactee followers believed, as did legitimate UFO investigators and researchers, that flying saucers (UFOs) existed. The difference between the two groups was the reasoning that followed the belief. Most serious UFO investigators either refused to speculate on the origin of the objects or believed the extraterrestrial hypothesis best explained the evidence.

They were split over whether to accept reputable witness claims of occupant sightings as part of the

evidence, and many were hostile to any claims of communication. When a contactee claimed direct social intercourse with an alien and had no reasonable evidence to back up even the fact that he had sighted a UFO, most serious UFO investigators denied the claim as a fabrication.

*The UFO Controversy in America*, by David Michael Jacobs, 1975; 362 pp.; \$19 postpaid from Indiana University Press, 10th and Morton Streets, Bloomington, IN 47405.

#### UFO NEWSCLIPPINGS

UFO Newscipping Service is a monthly newsletter that reproduces clippings of UFO sightings from newspapers around the world. Foreign-language reports are translated into English. Simple recurring accounts from housewives, farmers, cops, airline pilots, professional "ufologists" and occasionally from reporters themselves.

I find the sheer volume, repetitive similarity, and grass roots nature of these back-page reports, without theories, more persuading than any book on the subject, and the creepiest thing I've encountered in a while.

— Kevin Kelly

UFO Newscipping Service, Lucius Fraish, editor, \$55/year (12 issues) from UFO Newscipping Service, Route 1, Box 220, Plumerville, AR 72127.

#### BALL LIGHTNING

"Ball Lightning and Bead Lightning" is a good, science textbook-style introduction to two forms of lightning that are so rare that not all atmospheric scientists even agree they exist. Ball lightning is a short-lived, mobile, luminous sphere that seems to appear after a lightning discharge, and bead lightning is a chain of luminous fragments that apparently forms in an imperfect lightning discharge channel.

Author James Dale Berry assumes the two are related and presents deductions about the physical characteristics of ball lightning based on an analysis of more than 1100 reports. Various theories of ball and bead lightning are outlined, and there's a chapter on laboratory-produced ball lightning.

The 1800-entry bibliography is the best available on this subject. The author has taken great pains to reproduce virtually every known photograph of these two types of lightning; too bad most of them are blurry and indistinct. I guess that's to be expected from snapshots of two of nature's most elusive wonders.

— Ted Schultz

#### An excerpt:

A relationship between ball lightning and the St. Elmo's Fire discharge has been suggested many times. It has been postulated that some rarely occurring situation leads to the transformation of St. Elmo's fire into a ball lightning.

Such an observation has been reported only twice among the more than 1100 reports accumulated by this author. Kerkhoff (1913) and M. Scott (1878) reported that a glowing ball, initially hovering above an object on the ground, suddenly moved away, free of its attraction for the grounded object. Such observations, although rare, may represent the only observations of the origins of a ball lightning.

*Ball Lightning and Bead Lightning*, by James Dale Berry, 1980; 298 pp.; \$35 postpaid from Plenum Press, 227 West 17th Street, New York.

TIMES HERALD, Dallas, TX - Dec. 12, 1986 CR: T. Adams

## UFO group avoids being too spacey

As I drove through the rain Saturday night to the small office building on Walnut Hill Lane, I had no idea what to expect. Possibly some survivors of bad acid trips. Maybe some escapees, some misguided palm readers. Some people with tissues in their hair.



**ALICE LOVE**

In fact, the most unusual thing about the meeting of MUFON — Mutual UFO Network — was how normal it seemed. How — shall we say — sane.

Not that I spotted Ross Perot or Starke Taylor among the 50 or so in the room, but neither did I see any Leatherfaces. There was a post-hippie or two, some loophole-fluent gray suiters, a number of attached couples, some potential national heroes, an age range from 20s to 60s.

"Our first goal this past year was to increase the membership of MUFON," said outgoing president Kay West in opening the meeting. "We have accomplished this."

"Our second goal was to have an alien come talk to us," she continued, amid laughter. "So far, we haven't succeeded. Unless there's one here tonight."

On the front row, a woman named Evelyn raised her hand. "Well, I'm real strange," she volunteered. More laughter. "Sometimes I feel like I'm from another planet."

#### On a mission from Mars

West introduced the evening's lecturer, British research scientist Hilary

Evans. On the topic of "What You Can Learn from Liars and Loonies," Evans explained that little progress had been made in the field of UFOs because of the time spent weeding out hoaxes and hallucinations.

"This lady may look to you like an earth person," said Evans, pointing out a young dark-haired woman pictured on the slide screen behind him. "There's a good reason for that — she is inhabiting an earth person's body. But, in fact, she's from another planet. I know this because she told me so herself."

Evans explained that he met the woman at a conference in Wyoming. "For a week, I was couped up in Laramie — there's nothing else to do there — with 50 people at this conference, all of whom claimed to have had extra-terrestrial experiences."

Evans indicated he did not find many of their stories convincing. "The witnesses are sincere. They're telling the truth as they know it. But I personally have never had any other-worldly experiences. I have never met any beings from another world."

Another of Evans' slides showed an artist's depiction of alien beings, as described by a couple who believed they had been taken aboard a spaceship. Some of the aliens had cat-like features and wore surgical greens, while others resembled wild boars.

"They look like my neighbors," said a man on my right.

Evans ended his two-hour lecture by not coming to a conclusion. "I may sound like I'm calling some of your deepest beliefs into question. I'm not. I'm saying that you don't have to throw out the baby. Just the bathwater."

#### Seeing's believing

The six-year-old MUFON-Metropolis has around 125 members, says incoming president Jerry Decker. "We have computer programmers, a couple of physicists, 30 or 40 who work in electronics as engineers or technicians. We have housewives, bankers, lawyers."

The group meets each month for lectures by NASA scientists, spacecraft

engineers and researchers, but its main purpose is to provide a central check-point for local UFO sightings and research. "In the next year, we want to train some people in documenting UFO sightings, collecting physical evidence. We want to put together an investigative team."

Decker, an electronics technician and anti-gravity researcher, says many of MUFON's members have sighted UFOs — some as near as Lake Ray Hubbard. "That's what initially attracts most of our members. They've had an experience, and are looking for more information."

In addition to sightings, Decker says some of the group has experienced "what we refer to as 'missing time.' They look at their watch, and it's one o'clock. Then they look at it again and it's four o'clock."

Ah, yes. Something to which we can all relate.

CHRONICLE, San Francisco, CA - Dec. 15, 1986

#### UFOs

Editor — The UFO article in the Whole Earth Catalog December 10 simply perpetuates the government sponsored myth that their existence is in doubt. Selected sources were mostly biased or misleading. Kevin Kelly was, however, properly impressed by the "sheer volume, repetitive similarity and grass roots nature" of news clippings about recent sightings. UFOs continue to be reported in large numbers worldwide. Your readers would have been better served by reviews to "The UFO Experience" by the late D. J. Allen Hynek, "The Encyclopedia of UFOs" by Ron Story, or "UFOlogy", my own technical analysis of the subject.

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# Tales Of A Space Traveler

By DARRELL LAURANT

Lynchburg News and Daily Advance

SALEM (AP) — The weird thing about William Goodlett is that there's nothing weird about him.

He lives in a big, broad-shouldered Victorian house on an Anytown, U.S.A., side street in Salem. The house is cluttered as only someone who reads four books a week can clutter it.

He seemed glad that I had stopped by on a recent Friday morning, but said he didn't have much time to talk to me.

"I've got to run off at 11:30," he told me. "I'm secretary of the Diner's Club, and we've got a meeting."

It was just after 10 a.m. Goodlett was dressed in mouse-colored slacks, a slightly darker sweater, a flannel shirt (obviously an old friend), faded running shoes and a western string tie. A robust 78 years old, he resembled everyone's favorite grandfather. When he talked about his travels, which have been extensive to say the least, his eyes crinkled and twinkled.

Either Goodlett had sized me up as open-minded, or else he didn't care. In his occasional glances in my direction, there was no hesitation, no unspoken "you may think I'm nuts, but . . ."

"I have done astral projection my whole life," he said quietly. "I've been all over the world."

Not to mention the galaxy.

A few weeks earlier, a friend had called and asked, "Have you ever interviewed an extra-terrestrial?"

Negative. Gurus, yes. Howard Cosell, yes. A snake swallower, yes. So far, though, my interview subjects have been limited to this planet.

My slogan is "Earth: Love It or Leave It."

But I was curious, nonetheless.

*William Goodlett says he travels to other planets — not just Mars or Saturn. He says he goes to anonymous worlds like "The Planet of the Tall Trees" and "The Planet of the Small Islands."*

"I think you'd enjoy hearing this fellow speak to Rosie McKnight's class at CVCC," my caller said. "He'll be there on Halloween."

Alas, I missed him then (it was my daughter's last year for trick or treat), but I did manage to call Goodlett and set up an interview. And in doing a bit of research, I found out that he is a very big deal in the world of astral projection, interplanetary travel and the like.

Ruth Montgomery's best-seller "Aliens Among Us" devotes an entire chapter to him. She calls Goodlett "one of the most fascinating men I ever met."

I had to agree. Even forgetting the astral projection stuff, Goodlett is unusual. He is an artist. He has taught dance, pioneered a method of teaching reading phonetically and served as a cryptographer in World War II.

And he says he travels to other planets — not just Mars or Saturn. He says he goes to anonymous worlds like "The Planet of the Tall Trees" and "The Planet of the Small Islands."

How?

"I just go," Goodlett said. "I ask to go, and that's it."

Sometimes his requests go unheeded. It happens every few years, and he travels outside of his body.

OK, I thought dreams, vivid dreams. Goodlett shook his head gently, as if correcting a stubborn child.

"With dreams, I'm outside looking in," he said. "I know what a dream is. This is different. I'm there."

When he returns, he makes drawings. He showed me a dozen or so, incredibly elaborate and bizarre, filled with creatures and landscapes unlike anything I had ever seen.

You may be interested to know that William Goodlett is not alone. Actress-author Shirley MacLaine has gone on record as believing in astral projection and out-of-body experiences. The Monroe Institute in Amherst County has been set up to study them. Goodlett gets supportive calls from all over the world, he pointed out, many congratulating him for "coming out of the closet."

Which is nice. But Goodlett doesn't care if people think he's eccentric. Back in 1978, he told me, he died of a heart attack.

"I was sitting in that chair," he said, pointing toward an overstuffed wingback in a corner of his kitchen. "And my heart stopped. I felt myself coming out of my body. I heard beautiful music. I moved toward a light, and then something told me to go back. Since then, I haven't feared death."

Or ridicule.

By Goodlett's estimate, thousands of planets in our solar system harbor life, and "600 or so that have humans. I've seen creatures just like us," he said.

## Green flash lights sky across Florida

From News-Press Staff and Wire Services

Residents from Southwest Florida to the east coast of the state Thursday reported seeing a green flash in the sky that lasted about 15 minutes, officials said.

Callers reported the sighting between 10 and 10:30 p.m. to the Collier County Sheriff's office, an official there said.

The sighting was also reported in Charlotte County, a Lee Sheriff's Department spokesman said.

A short time after the west coast sightings, residents of the east coast of Florida saw a flare and then heard an explosion, according to a spokesman for the U.S. Coast Guard office in Fort Pierce. Some people even reported a loud sound similar to thunder that shook houses, the Coast Guard office reported.

Unconfirmed reports from across the state said the green streak across the sky was a meteorite which may have landed in the Atlantic Ocean. Officials from Patrick Air Force Base in Cape Canaveral could not confirm that the sighting was a meteorite, but said the matter would

be investigated today.

It was the second time in a week that residents along Florida's Atlantic Coast reported seeing a flash of brightly colored light streak across the late night sky.

Last Friday, a streak of light seen in the night sky from Tampa to Jamaica produced a similar effect and was apparently produced by debris from a Soviet rocket passing through the Earth's atmosphere.

A resident in the West Palm Beach area described the Thursday night light as bright yellow, white another in that area said the light

started out red, turned to blue, then pink and yellow.

Mike Palmeritti, an astronomer in Malabar, saw the light between 9:30 and 10 p.m. He believed it was a "very strong flash of lightning."

But Harold Povenmire, a professor at Brevard Community College and director of the Florida Fire Ball Patrol, said he is certain the flash of light was caused by a meteorite entering the atmosphere at 10:03 p.m.

He also said the light was preceded by a sonic boom that "rattled things around quite a bit."

## UFO sonic boom annoys Hudson

By Agustin Torres

If you're a science-fiction movie nut, try recalling that now-famous scene in "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" when the hero, played by Richard Dreyfuss, starts exhibiting bad table manners by piling his mashed potatoes so high on his plate they hide his face from astonished family members.

The celluloid hero had just seen an unidentified flying object, presumably extraterrestrial, and mashed potato-piling was an immediate symptom of the encounter. Oh yes, the side of his face that was turned toward the ET vehicle received a "sunburn."

That's important information because early last Monday morning, North Hudson and Hoboken police departments received telephone calls from residents who said they saw and heard an especially loud UFO.

About 1 a.m., residents reported hearing deafening sounds over their homes along the Union City-Hoboken border and extending into North Bergen. It was unusual because late-night honking of horns by those dropping off dates was missing and because one youngster reportedly caught a glimpse of a large round object in the sky emitting red beams.

Now, it's hard to tell what effect these "beams" may have on Hudson earthlings. To play it safe, some police officers suggested that school officials should hire trained observers

to watch students with partial tans in cafeterias and to report any attempts at potato sculpture. Those who do the cooking in the household should avoid spuds and perhaps substitute turnips for a couple of weeks.

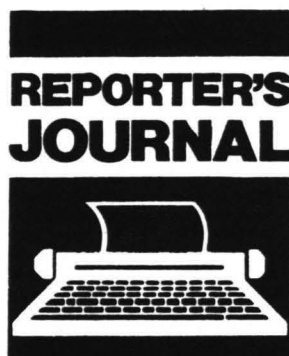
It's too bad there weren't any clear sightings. One would have thought the night's full moon would have brought out more people claiming to have seen the "visitor."

Still, Hudson County should count itself lucky as apparently being one of the major corridors for arriving ETs. Every year, there are reported sightings, sounds and unusual phenomena.

No one has actually said North Jersey is the Club Med for intergalactic tourists, but it still rankled that, for years, all Hudson County would get was a glimpse of shiny or glowing or brightly lit strange objects obviously on their way to some locale in the Southwest or Corn Belt.

Many have long complained that most of the actual sightings of the drivers of these star-powered coupes have been reported in out-of-the-way rural spots where people have a tough time running into people, let alone a neighbor some several light years down the pike. But a crack in the Middle America monopoly occurred about a decade ago.

The doorman at the Stonehenge apartment building near the Palisades at the edge of the James J. Braddock-North Hudson Park, North Bergen, was on



the late night shift. There were others that night: a dog walker, a young couple and more.

They all said a space craft landed on a knoll across the street from the park tennis courts and near the lake.

Even more unusual was their claim that several of the vehicle's occupants emerged and appeared to have taken soil samples before returning to the craft and leaving in a swirl of dust and light.

It was difficult to find evidence of the landing in morning light since the ground, like much of the park, was devoid of grass and the recreation area always looked like a moon landscape.

The big question in many minds was what these aliens would think of us after studying soil samples. What picture of our social structures could

they get from some old chicken wing bones and beer tab rings?

Actual sightings of walking ETs were too good an opportunity to ignore for those who study such phenomena. Two days later, representatives from a magazine specializing in UFOs announced that a trio possessing extrasensory abilities would visit the landing site to try to contact the galactic geologists psychically.

Apparently, the magazine spokesman explained, there are just a few corridors in our atmosphere through which UFOs travel. One of them is, of course, the Bermuda Triangle, and oddly enough, another is over the New York metropolitan sector, among others. It has something to do with the magnetic field of the planet or some other such explanation, said the spokesman.

Two men and a woman came to the North Bergen landing site and attempted to make "contact." It didn't work.

The only thing out of the ordinary was the several thousand onlookers who showed up at the scheduled "seance." Perhaps the ESP signal was scrambled by the guy who appeared out of the crowd wearing aluminum foil from head to toe.

Police are convinced that despite the denials of area airports, a sonic boom with its accompanying echo caused much of the last Monday's commotion.

Oh yeah! Well, what caused the boom?

Beam me up, Scotty!



# UFO hunter sues feds

By Ed Miller  
Packet Staff Writer

Forget Irancon and Contra-veny. Larry W. Bryant wants to talk about UFO-gate.

For more than 30 years, the 49-year-old Alexandria man has been fighting an uphill battle to expose an alleged government cover-up of information about UFO crashes.

Now, he's suing the government over its refusal to allow him to run classified advertisements in military newspapers searching for "whistle blowers" willing to help him break the story.

Bryant, who once filed a legal document entitled "Writ of Habeas Corpus Ex-terrestrial" and has never seen a UFO, also charges in his suit, filed in U.S. District Court in Alexandria, that his UFO activism has caused him to receive a poor rating in his job as a writer with the Army News Service.



Photo by James Corrie

Larry W. Bryant, UFO hunter: "There's this deep throat out there who's going to sing...."

clean and continue to exercise my right of free speech."

"I think it's a strong case on First Amendment grounds," said James H. Heller, Bryant's attorney. "I don't see any reason why he can't run his ads."

Heller explained that the harassment suit, in which Bryant alleges he suddenly began receiving poor ratings for his job performance after years of favorable ratings, "will be more difficult to prove." But, he added, "there's got to be some remedy for that. Either you go away or work somewhere else, or you muzzle your mouth on a matter of citizen interest."

In conducting his UFO research, Bryant said when he "finds a UFO case that would be conducive to locating a whistle blower, and then asks (the paper) to run the ad."

Most of his ads have run in military newspapers, like the Fort Belvoir Castle and the Bolling (Air Force Base) Beam, Bryant said.

The sighting was a "classic close encounter involving aircraft under control of some kind of higher intelligence," Mr. Bryant said. "This was obviously not a natural phenomenon."

Japanese airline pilot as a "big event because it involves credible airborne observers and reported radar contact by the FAA, Air Force and NORAD (North American Radar and Air Defense)."

He described the recently reported sighting of a huge UFO by a "dent" that UFOs actually exist. "If I was 100-percent confident, I would probably pack it in and find a new mystery to solve," he said.

"It's a cover-up that has fed on itself for so long that no single person in authority is able to bring a stop to it," he said.

Despite his conviction of the government's complicity, Mr. Bryant says he is only "90-percent confi-

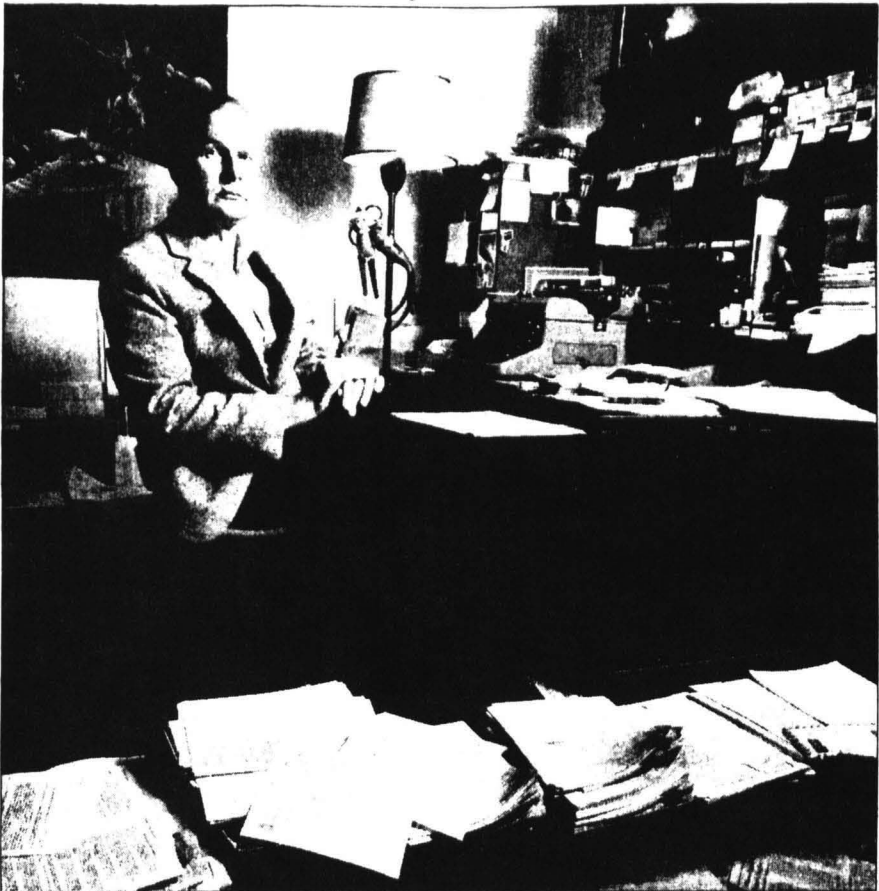


photo by Don Presler The Washington Times

Unidentified Flying Object researcher Larry Bryant in his living room amid some of his literature on UFOs.

month in U.S. District Court in Alexandria, naming Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger, Secretary of the Army John O. Marsh Jr. and Secretary of the Air Force Edward C. Aldridge Jr. as defendants.

The suit asks that Mr. Bryant be allowed to place advertisements in Army and Air Force newspapers asking potential whistleblowers to come forward with their knowledge of government information on UFOs.

The suit also seeks "to reverse the job-related pressure Bryant has been experiencing because of his decision, two years ago, to mount a 'UFO cover-up whistleblower advertising campaign.'"

A Defense Department spokesman said there would be no comment while the litigation is pending. The government has 60 days to respond to the lawsuit.

While the acknowledgment of UFOs might have caused a national panic 30 years ago, the government cover-up is now "a breeding ground for rumor, sensationalism, and a breakdown in public confidence in government," said Mr. Bryant.

## Alexandria man raps government for UFO cover-up

By Jim Clardy  
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

A bumper sticker on the door of Larry Bryant's Alexandria apartment sums up his conviction: "UFOs Are Real—Ask The Government."

As the founder and president of CAUS, or Citizens Against UFO Secrecy, Mr. Bryant has waged a 10-year crusade to end what he says is an extensive cover-up by the government of Unidentified Flying Objects.

"You cannot escape the conclusion that the government over the last three decades has known more about the UFO problem" than they have let on, said the 48-year-old Army employee.

Mr. Bryant contends the government's acknowledgment of UFOs would create a dilemma because of "the far-reaching impact on society, military preparedness, space technology, religion and culture."

In other words, "the government doesn't trust its citizens enough to deal with the reality of UFOs," he said.

His small one-bedroom apartment overflows with UFO-related documents, photographs, periodicals, maps and "practically every UFO book I can get my hands on, English or otherwise."

"The more you dig into the subject, the more you get hooked on it. It's intellectually habit-forming, particularly when you find other people who are just as hooked," said Mr. Bryant, a writer and editor for AR-NEWS, an Army news service.

Mr. Bryant filed suit filed last

In one of the rejected ads, which Bryant attempted to place in the newspaper at Peterson Air Force Base, Colo., Bryant implores readers to "Blow the Whistle On Military Medicine's UFO Cover up" by coming forth with information about an alleged autopsy of an alien crew member recovered from a "flying saucer" some 30 years ago.

The chief of public affairs at Peterson refused to run the ad because it "purports to state as a fact a number of specific matters which lack any credible support. Publication of these matters, under the auspices of an Air Force commercial enterprise publication, would give them a credibility they do not deserve," according to portions of a letter reprinted in the newsletter of Bryant's organization, Citizens Against UFO Secrecy.

Similar ads seeking information about other UFO crash landings around the country also have been rejected by some military newspapers, Bryant said.

Bryant said UFO researchers have had some success locating documents through the Freedom of Information Act. But some agencies, such as the CIA and the National Security Agency, have stalled research efforts by refusing to release scores of key documents, allegedly because they would be forced to disclose sources and methods of intelligence-gathering, he said.

Why would the government want to cover up information about UFOs? Bryant said it may be to protect the technology scientists have gathered from recovered space craft. He suggests that advances in heat-shield technology and in micro-circuitry could be attributable to UFO technology.

"We owe these aliens a debt of gratitude for what they inadvertently brought to our scientific advancement," he said. "The documents that have been recovered are 'just the tip of the UFO iceberg,'" Bryant said. He claims the recovered FBI documents on reported UFO sightings reveal that, "behind the scenes, the FBI looks like it's taking (UFOs) dead serious."

Bryant's own story is perhaps best summarized by a cartoon he has on the wall of his Fairfax home. In the cartoon a man and his wife find a flying saucer. In the man's zeal to get his picture taken with an alien, he harasses his wife into exposing the film in the camera. "Yes, yes, Warren, there is film in the camera!" she says, opening the camera and ruining any evidence of their close encounter of the third kind.

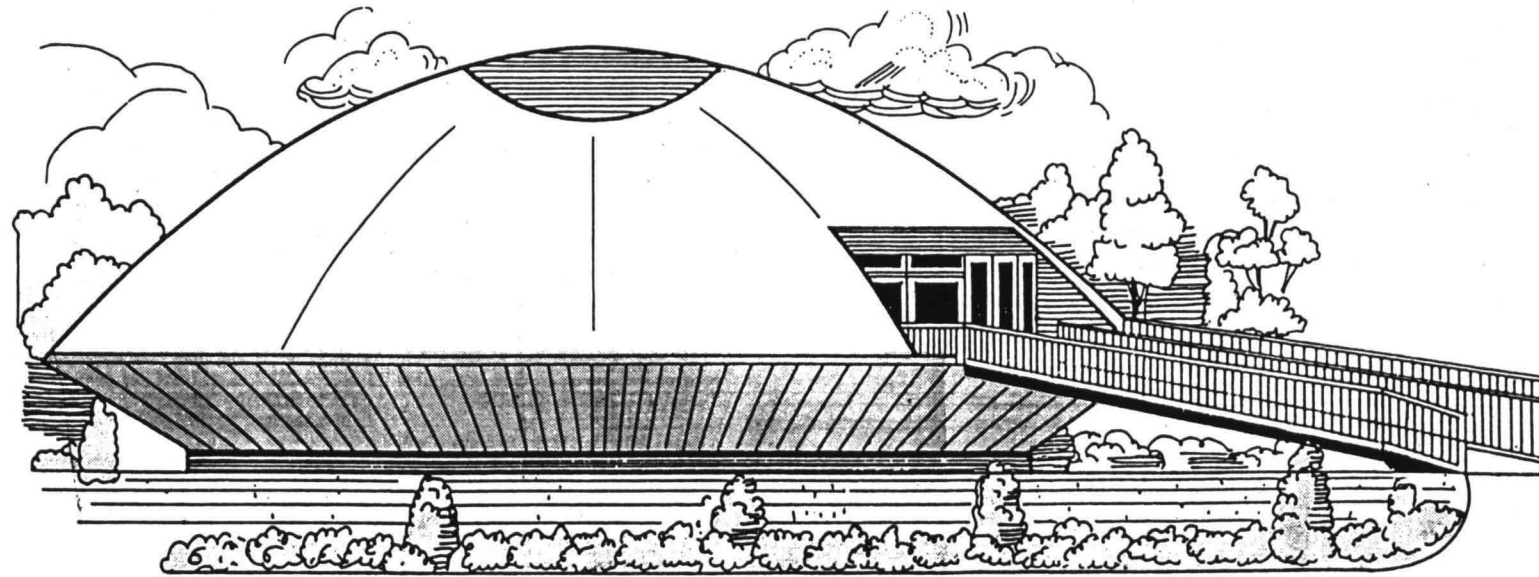
"That's a classic," Bryant says. Like the couple, he's come close, but has ultimately been frustrated in his attempt to find any hard evidence of a UFO cover-up.

But with more and more documents coming out in the past few years, "my 30-year investment of time and interest is slowly paying off," Bryant said.

However, Bryant still has not been able to locate one "deep throat" who is willing to come forward and tell all about the UFO cover up. He's hoping that someone will do it on their deathbed, and even has placed ads urging people to are to uncover the government's scandal "with your last breath."

Bryant said even if his ads don't turn up any whistle blowers, they raise the public's consciousness about UFOs and warn people that they "should not accept government handouts on this subject."

Still, Bryant remains hopeful about locating whistle blowers. "There is this deep throat out there who's going to sing a tune that will forever be recorded," he said.



An exterior view of George D. Fawcett's proposed UFO museum, as sketched by him and colleagues. Fawcett says North Carolina ranks fourth in UFO sightings among the states, and is a natural site for such a museum — which perhaps could be built in Wilmington.

# UFO buff wants museum to land in N.C.

By Ben Steelman  
Staff Writer

**N**orth Carolina might be first in flight, but it's also fourth in unidentified flying objects.

Doesn't it make sense, then, for the Tar Heel State — or maybe even the Port City — to have its own museum to document the UFO phenomenon?

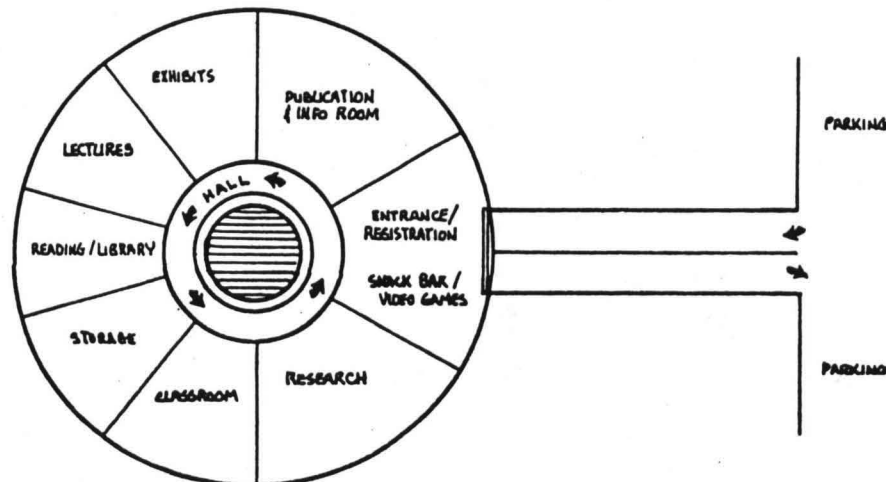
That's what George D. Fawcett thinks. "I figure if I can get four or five people interested, this thing would snowball," he said.

Fawcett, a 57-year-old Lincolnton man, is assistant state director and public relations chief for the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) of North Carolina.

He and other members of the private, non-profit organization make volunteer investigations of UFO sightings across the state — including two in Hampstead and Wilmington during the past year.

More recently, however, Fawcett has been trying for a different kind of close encounter. He's been contacting investors about the possibility of a UFO Museum. He even mailed a four-page prospectus to newspapers across the state.

Response, so far, has been tentative at best. "My previous suggestions (for a museum) to *The National Enquirer* and to Walt Disney World have been turned down," Fawcett admitted.



The UFO museum would have space for everything from classes, exhibits and lectures to snacks and video games.

For a man who's bucked the accepted wisdom about UFOs for more than 40 years, however, that's hardly daunting.

"The idea's on the edge of growing public interest," he said.

A Mount Airy native, Fawcett traces his interest in UFOs to World War II, when he was an enlisted communications specialist with the

U.S. Army in Panama.

He still has a scrapbook with a newspaper clipping from Dec. 28, 1944, which he said sparked his interest. The headline read "Silver Balls in Sky: Latest Nazi Device?"

"When we took over their bases in Japan and Germany, we never found a solution," he said.

After the war, Fawcett attended

college, graduating from Lees-MacRae junior college at Banner Elk in 1950 and from Lynchburg College in Virginia in 1952, with a degree in psychology and education.

During the next 20 years, he worked as an executive at six different YMCAs, from New England to Florida. For 10 more years, he was a newspaperman at weeklies in

*'I know I'm fast-talking. It comes from living so long among the Yankees.'*

George D. Fawcett, UFO hobbyist

Mount Airy and Maiden, N.C.

"I was photographer, columnist, ad seller — you name it," he said. "I've always been a bit of a jack-of-all-trades ... in the Army, the motto was, 'Let George do it.'"

All that time, however, Fawcett's interest in UFOs remained warm. He joined UFO organizations, became a volunteer investigator, taught a course on UFOs for Gaston College's Lincoln County extension, even wrote a book about UFO case histories in the Carolinas and Florida.

Books and filing cabinets full of reports, documents and photographs have overflowed his attic, dining room and garage, and they take up a good deal of space in a small restaurant Fawcett operates with his wife.

"It's been a way of life for me," he said.

Almost without taking a breath, Fawcett can rattle off statistics: A 1978 Gallup Poll found that 13 million people said they had seen UFOs, that 98 percent were aware of the phenomenon and that 57 percent believe they were real. North Carolina ranks fourth among the

states in annual UFO sightings. UFOs have been spotted in more than 136 countries, with a worldwide average of 150 sightings a day.

"I know I'm fast-talking," he said. "It comes from living so long among the Yankees. Up there, if you don't stop talking and start walking, you'll freeze to death."

Fawcett thinks his proposed museum will cost between \$2 million and \$3 million. "That's a ball park figure," he emphasized. "We're not really sure yet."

However, he does have a rough design and artists' conception already prepared, with help from fellow UFO enthusiasts Jim Lear and Calvin Byers.

If their concept — a dome-like structure with a long walkway — reminds people of the Starship Enterprise, that's no coincidence.

"It's designed like a UFO," Fawcett said. "We want it to attract attention."

Fawcett hopes to run the museum as a self-supporting, "free enterprise" tourist attraction. His plans include a meeting room as well as space for a snack bar and gift shop.

"The point is we want to keep the government out of it," he said, "because we have to be critical of some of the government investigations."

The Air Force and NASA continue to maintain that virtually all UFOs are natural phenomena or the result of hallucinations or visual error. Yet Fawcett said that documents obtained under the Freedom of Information Act show that many officials believe UFOs are physical, not natural, and show a high degree of technology.

Fawcett is skeptical of theorists like Erich Von Daniken "who jumps around 12,000 years," or "modern UFOnuts" who approach the subject as a kind of religion.

Like other members of MUFON, he tries to follow the methodology of men like J. Allen Hynek, the astronomer who is the best-known academic proponent of the theory that at least UFOs are controlled by intelligent beings.

Sightings are checked separately, with phone interviews and questionnaires. MUFON volunteers will travel to the scene.

Phone calls from UFO networks in other states often alert Fawcett and his associates to sightings in North Carolina. A UFO hotline from Washington state, for example, was his first source for a sighting in January at Hampstead.

(The individual who reported the sighting later declined to talk to *Morning Star* reporters.)

Although Fawcett has contacted businessmen at Blowing Rock, Statesville and Gatlinburg, Tenn., no definite backing for the UFO museum has yet emerged. Nevertheless, he believes his plan is sound.

"I can't deny I've had my head in the clouds from time to time," he said, "but this time, I think my feet are on the ground."

Fawcett can be contacted at 602 Battleground Road, Lincolnton 28092.



# Giant 'walnut' UFO shadows jet

## FAA, Air Force confirm blips

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Pilot Kenju Terauchi was on a routine cargo flight from Iceland to Anchorage when he and two crewmen saw something strange.

In the clear night skies over Alaska, he saw the lights of three mysterious craft in formation following his Japan Airlines jet. One appeared enormous, dwarfing his Boeing 747. The other two were smaller.

Each walnut-shaped craft appeared to have two panels of lights. The objects darted quickly and occa-

sionally stopped suddenly — once appearing in front of the cockpit. They instantly disappeared and reappeared, according to the 47-year-old veteran pilot.

"THEY WERE flying parallel and then suddenly approached very close," said Capt. Terauchi, whose career spans 29 years.

Terauchi said he briefly glimpsed the largest object in silhouette eight miles away. "It was a very big one — two times bigger than an aircraft carrier," he said.

Terauchi tried to shake the unwelcome convoy with evasive maneuvers, but he said the craft followed his plane for 400 miles.

"It was unbelievable," he said this week, making public his Nov. 17 close encounter with unidentified flying objects. He acknowledged that some airline colleagues find his story hard to believe.

BUT PARTIAL confirmation comes from the U.S. government.

The Federal Aviation Administration and Air Force this week said the large UFO appeared on air traffic controllers' radar screens within five miles of the cargo jet. The identity of the craft remains a puzzle after six weeks of investigation, officials said.

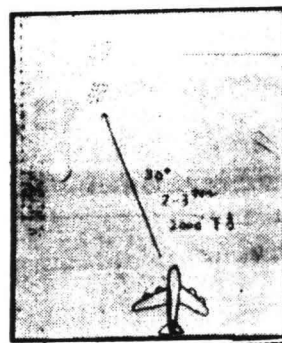
FAA investigators questioned Terauchi, his co-pilot and flight en-

gineer in Anchorage and concluded they were "normal, professional, rational, (and had) no drug or alcohol involvement," reported Jim Derry, an agency manager.

The captain, stationed in Anchorage with his family, on Tuesday drew maps, pictures and supplied technical annotation to describe the events to reporters.

TERAUCHI SAID his only conclusion is that he saw something of extraterrestrial origin. "The two small ships and the mother ship" moved with amazing speed and astonishingly abrupt stops.

Terauchi said the crew tried to escape by following FAA directives



Crew drawing of position of objects relative to plane.

to drop 4,000 feet and make turns — including a complete 360-degree turn. But the mysterious crafts remained on their tail.

"They were still following us," Terauchi said, and FAA radar confirmed that at least one object remained nearby after the maneuvers.

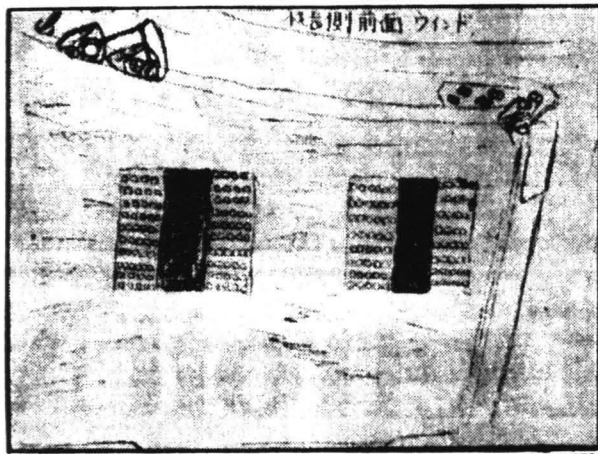
FAA flight control reports indicate the enormous object stayed with Flight 1628 for at least 32 minutes. It seemed longer, said Terauchi, speaking in English with occasional help from a translator.

THE FLIGHT controller directing the Japanese plane reported the object on his radar as close as five miles to the jet.

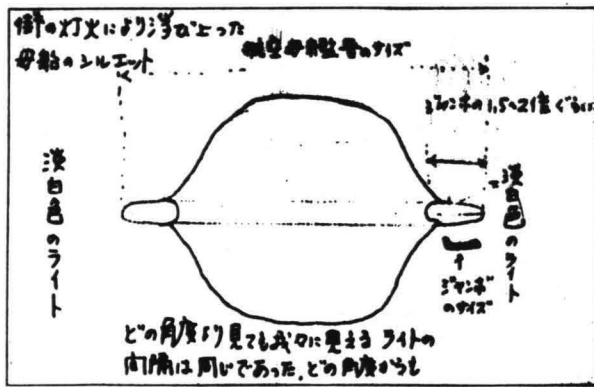
Asked if he ever became fearful, Terauchi replied: "No, I am the captain. I cannot be nervous."

Asked why he thought UFOs would follow his chartered cargo plane, Terauchi laughed and replied: "We were carrying Beaujolais, a very famous wine made in France. Maybe they want to drink it."

News Staff Writer Ann Ruams and United Press International contributed to this story.



Pilot Kenju Terauchi sketched his cockpit window and the lights visible on object ahead of his aircraft.



Drawing by pilot, with accompanying notes in Japanese, compares walnut-shaped object with Boeing 747 jumbo jet.

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ruases. Saucers brim with gusto and good humor, not germs. Why do people insist on thinking saucers are hostile? Probably because we make everything over in our own image. We're too guilt-ridden to grasp innocence, too fearful to appreciate radiance.

Saucers are for merriment, high jinks, fun. Unlike the bashful Nessie of the Scottish loch or Yeti of the high Himalayas, saucers are spirited extroverts, sociable as puppies. Astronomers say a huge galaxy was born the other day. Small wonder the saucers are out in force, lighting up the heavens. What better way to mark the birth of new stars?

When the next flying saucer shimmers up to you, grab on and soar. If peanut butter sticks to your palate, ask for wine. The saucer that glommed onto the Japanese plane the other day knew exactly what it was doing. That 747 was loaded to its gunnels with new Beaujolais.

were mean-spirited ideologues like Patrick Buchanan, they would not eat flapjacks. They would break-fast on Ali-Baba and fried eggs. Saucers contribute to the gross national product, providing articles for tabloids. These frequently deal with food, as when a saucer hijacked a truck load of peanut butter. It was returned after tasting, much as a magician hands back your tie after appearing to mangle it. Though saucers are incorrigibly mischievous, there is a not a mean bone aboard.

The current Weekly World News features a sketch of a female space alien under a headline, "UFO Crash Survivors on the Loose." This lady was on a starship that crashed in Brazil last summer, escaped from a detention center and may be on her way to the United States, the tabloid says. Then, as humans invariably do, it speculates about harm coming to people through extraterrestrial viruses.

Forget it. Earthlings grow vibrant. Saucers grow vibrant. Saucers brim with gusto and good humor, not germs. Why do people insist on thinking saucers are hostile? Probably because we make everything over in our own image. We're too guilt-ridden to grasp innocence, too fearful to appreciate radiance.

ness. He took evasive maneuvers. Silly boy. Nobody evades a saucer. To these fun-loving visitors from outer space, a plane's darting away is an invitation to dance. I've followed saucers since their debut in 1947. In the late '50s, as an Air Force reservist, I had a desk in an intelligence shop next to the Project Blue Book officer who researched all saucer sightings.

He found the saucers curious about everything on earth, especially junk food. One gentleman came upon several extraterrestrial alien picknickers at a parked saucer. He sent in a sample of what they had been eating. Chemical analysis showed it to be pancake mix.

Any student of psychographics knows flapjack eaters are laid back and mellow. If saucer crews

## UFOs aren't out to get us; they are friendly, inquisitive

By Jim Fain  
ATLANTA JOURNAL

—WASHINGTON—

Flying saucers are as pure a blessing as fresh air and snowflakes, but — in our churlish way — we insist on thinking they're out to get us.

The record proves these celestial sprites never harm a soul, though some humans do themselves in by chasing them too far, too high or too fast. Saucers are friendly, inquisitive, fun-loving. Only polio-head bureaucrats call them UFOs.

When a cargo pilot spotted a walnut of a saucer, "two times bigger than an aircraft carrier," flying formation with him over the Arctic recently, he reacted with characteristic humanoid skittish-

By Ben Steelman  
Staff Writer

"Was It An Air Ship?" was the lead headline on the front page of *The Wilmington Messenger* for April 6, 1897.

In fact, later generations would probably have called it a UFO.

"Hundreds of people were out on the streets and wharves last night," the unsigned report began, "looking at a brilliant floating mass in the heavens to the west of the city."

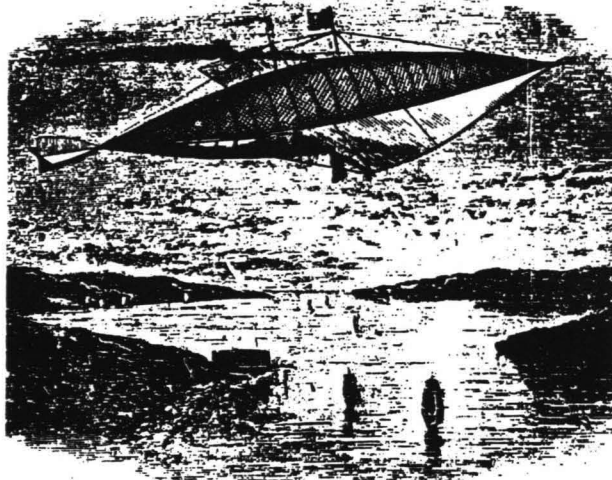
"It was moving very rapidly and many persons saw net-work about the aerial wonder," the report continued. "Some of our very best and most reliable citizens saw so much of the heavenly stranger that they had not the slightest doubt but that it was the air ship which has been reported from other cities."

Underneath the Wilmington reporter's story, the *Messenger's* editors ran similar wire-service stories of mysterious "air ship" sightings: One from Omaha, Neb., dated March 31; another from Kansas City, Mo., dated April 4.

Both stories carried accounts of bright, floating lights similar to the one that Wilmingtonians had seen. In both cases, viewers assumed they were seeing a flying machine.

All three sightings came more than six years before the Wright Brothers' flight at Kitty Hawk, at a time when most lighter-than-air vessels were still slow and cumbersome.

"The ship moved to the west at a rapid rate," the *Messenger's* report of the Wilmington sighting continued. "It seemed to have something like a searchlight, facing earthwards, and (it) created a sensation among all classes of people."



"The ship appeared to come from the ocean and passed opposite the Market Street dock going in the direction of the Navassa guano works. Some gentlemen who saw the ship through field glasses inform us that they could see wires and ropes and rigging about it."

The unidentified flying object over Wilmington, like those seen at Omaha and Kansas City, was not an isolated occurrence. Dozens of such sightings were reported in newspapers across the United States during 1896 and 1897.

Those who believe that many UFOs are advanced craft controlled by intelligent beings frequently cite these reports, noting their consistency with the UFOs described since World War II: bright, hovering lights, searchlights and so forth.

UFO skeptics, however, see the "air ships" of the 1890s as a classic case of mass suggestion.

Ordinary citizens would read accounts of "air ship" sightings in other places, they argue. Or they could read one of the many speculative books of the period about flight, such as Jules Verne's *The Master of the World*.

Then, when something strange passed near their homes, they would convince themselves they were seeing what others saw.

Books dealing with the "air ship" wave include *The Great Air Ship Mystery of the 1890s* by Daniel Cohen (Dodd, 1981) and *The UFO Controversy in America* by David Michael Jacobs (Indiana University Press, 1975).

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## 'Air ship' caused stir in 1897

# UFO question tough to answer

*Hynek remembered for giving respectability to phenomenon*

**T**HIS YEAR, WE LOST THE man who brought the subject of unidentified flying objects into the realm of science, Dr. J. Allen Hynek (1910-86). In recent months, even years, UFO activity seems to have been at a low level, and the public has not been very conscious of the phenomenon.

Everyone who works in the field of astronomy or at a planetarium, frequently is asked, "Do you believe in UFOs?" It is a very difficult question to answer because those words can mean so many things.

"Believe in" can suggest that a person may have faith in the great goodness of UFOs, that they are vehicles for creatures who have come here with a message that will save the inhabitants of Earth. Several people who claim to have had contact with UFOs have said that they are responsible for conveying that message. Although this is an aspect of the UFO story, it is not usually what is meant by that question.

The answer to the literal meaning of the question, "Do you believe in unidentified flying objects?" is "Yes, of course." It is a fact that lots of people are seeing flying objects that cannot be explained. This does not mean that anything strange is happening here, simply that some of the sightings are unidentified. This answer usually annoys the questioner because that was not the intent of the question.

The real question that was intended goes something like this, "Do you believe that the UFO sightings mean that we are being visited by alien space craft from another world?" The only answer that I can give is that I do not know. The problem is that, for the majority of sightings, all that people see are lights in the sky, for which no good explanation can be found. These sightings are well documented, and often corroborated by several witnesses. This is interesting, but not evidence of extra-terrestrial visitation.

## Metallic objects

There are many stories of people sighting flying disks and other metallic objects, and a fair number of situations where we hear of contact between humans and aliens. There are problems with these interesting stories.

The evidence is slim. Usually only one person has the experience, and there is a lack of good recorded data such as pictures. Because of the dearth of supporting evidence, it would be easy to scientifically reject all of this. Unfortunately, it becomes difficult to do this because the people involved are often very credible.

It is amazing how often someone I recently met will discover that I have an interest in the subject and they will confide some UFO experience that happened long ago. It had been kept a secret because they were afraid to tell anyone. This is hardly a publicity-seeking hoaxer.

The dilemma is that, when faced with a credible story, I have the choice of deciding that the person is a liar, or that they really had an interesting experience. Hynek taught that to see UFOs as evidence only of extra-terrestrial visitation was to limit our thinking. He liked to call everything that was associated with the sightings the "UFO phenomenon." This meant it was possible that, by collecting data on UFOs, we may be documenting several different kinds of happenings, and only one, or none, may be the result of aliens coming to Earth.

The term that he used for UFO sighting was "new empirical observations." Surely there are things going on in this universe of which we know nothing, or almost nothing. For example, early in the last century no one knew about radio waves. Right now those wave are all around us, passing through our bodies, and carrying television and radio information. And we can sense none of it.



## Sky Watch

Robert Ballantyne

## Light waves

Actually there is some of this that we can sense; we sense light with our eyes, and infrared can be felt as heat with the skin. Light waves, and infrared waves are part of the electro-magnetic spectrum. So are radio waves. Infra-red is lower frequency (longer waves) than light, and radio waves are simply much lower again.

The light which we perceive is actually the tip of a big iceberg, the whole electromagnetic spectrum. The question that all of this raises is, what other things that we observe every day are tips of other icebergs? Could the UFO phenomenon be the tip of one, or more than one?

Hynek thought so. He was an astronomer and a scientist. The Center For UFO Studies was an attempt to make the subject suitable for real scientific investigation.

The subject of UFOs has never been the focus of intensive scientific investigation. For a long time, the United States treated it as a national security problem, and left the matter in the hands of the Air Force. The military were not known for sharing their information, and many people suspect that they have facts which they are hiding from the public.

In order to get out of the UFO business, the U.S. assembled some scientists under the leadership of Dr. E. Condon to study the matter and report. The result was the often debated, but seldom read, *Condon Report*, published in 1969. It concluded that UFOs were not a suitable subject for scientific research. That ended official U.S. involvement in recording people's UFO experiences.

The process of science requires some way for real data to be collected, and theories proposed and tested. In this sense, the comments of the *Condon Report* were valid. The data on the subject usually consists of the anecdote of the UFO sighting, along with any comments and evidence which can be collected by investigators who arrive on the scene later. There is a mountain of this, but it leaves little room for real science.

Hynek thought that as a phenomenon, the UFO incidents involved the effects of the experience on the subjects (or victims), the behavior of other people in the community, and the reaction of society at large. All of this merited study. If any kind of pattern was to emerge from all of this, the information had to be collected in one place. To provide a place for the information, and to encourage research using the files, Hynek established the Center For UFO Studies.

Hynek was an astronomer and a teacher. He will be best remembered for his work with the UFO phenomenon. This subject brought him to Winnipeg on several occasions, including once in 1978 to participate in the development of the Planetarium show, *Unidentified Flying Objects*. Those of us who knew him will miss his enthusiasm and insights into this strange subject.

The Planetarium operates the Manitoba Centre For UFO Studies, and is affiliated with Hynek's center. If you have had a UFO experience, it should be reported. The reports are all confidential.



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## Jet pilot's report of UFO verified on radar screens

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — (UPI) — A veteran pilot whose UFO sighting was confirmed on radar screens said the thing was so enormous that his Japan Air Lines cargo plane was tiny compared to the mysterious object.

Capt. Kenju Terauchi also said there were two other small unidentified objects — smaller than his Boeing 747 cargo carrier — that did not appear on radar.

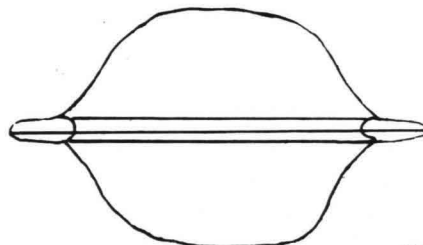
Terauchi, his co-pilot and flight engineer told Federal Aviation Administration investigators that they saw UFO lights.

"They were flying parallel and then suddenly approached very close," said Terauchi, 47, who received FAA permission to take whatever evasive action was necessary to avoid the UFO that appeared for a time on FAA and Air Force radar and on the radar screen in the cockpit of JAL flight 1628.

TERAUCHI TUESDAY described the Nov. 17 incident that was revealed by the FAA Monday. Additional FAA data released Tuesday again confirmed that government radar picked up the object.

Terauchi, a pilot for 29 years, said he briefly glimpsed the large unknown object in silhouette, and he said, "It was a very big one — two times bigger than an aircraft carrier."

Terauchi made a drawing of the large UFO, looking



UPI

Pilot Kenju Terauchi drew a picture, above, of one object after he glimpsed it in silhouette. He said, "It was a very big one — two times bigger than an aircraft carrier."

something like a giant walnut-shaped object, with big bulges above and below a wide flattened brim.

The captain, who is stationed in Anchorage with his family, was flying the jumbo jet from Iceland to Anchorage on a Europe-to-Japan flight when the crew had its unexpected encounter in clear weather over Alaska during the evening.

TERAUCHI SAID the three unidentified objects followed his jet for 400 miles.

FAA investigators who questioned the crew in Anchorage concluded they were "normal, professional, rational, (and had) no drug or alcohol involvement," the report by FAA security manager Jim Derry said. Crew cockpit experience totals more than 46 years, the pilot said.

Terauchi said he followed FAA directives to drop 4,000 feet and make turns — including a complete 360-degree turn in an attempt to evade the UFO, but "they were still following us."

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## No show UFO: Radar recording shows aircraft is still a mystery

Scripps Howard News Service

A Federal Aviation Administration probe of a UFO that showed up on an air controller's screen in November was set back when a radar recording failed to show the craft's signal, an FAA spokesman said yesterday.

Agency officials yesterday also interviewed for a second time a Japanese pilot who was helped by an FAA air controller to evade what he said was an unidentified flying object over Alaska in mid-November.

But the UFO sighting remained a mystery, with FAA and Air Force sources saying it was unlikely that the origin of the craft described by Kenju Terauchi would ever be determined.

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The object, which Terauchi said was twice the size of an aircraft carrier, was accompanied by two smaller aircraft, the pilot said. FAA investigators who questioned

the crew concluded they were rational and professional and showed no evidence of drug or alcohol use.

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But Steuche confirmed that an FAA air traffic controller had spotted the unknown craft as a "weak, intermittent signal" on his own radar. The signal appeared within eight miles of the JAL aircraft and at the same speed and altitude.

When the recorded radar transmission was replayed later, however, there was no image of any aircraft except for the commercial airliner, Steuche said. He said it was possible the signal from the UFO was strong enough to be picked up while the incident was occurring but not strong enough to register on the radar recording system.

The FAA has no systematic procedure for evaluating reports of unidentified flying objects. The Air Force once did, but abandoned such investigations more than 15 years ago.



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He said he did not expect Terauchi to add to the information in press accounts.

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Officials with the Air Force's Alaskan Air Command initially told the FAA air controller they, too, could see the object's radar signal. But on Friday Capt. Larry Jenkins, a command spokesman, said the signal didn't last long enough to be confirmed, and that the command now attributed the signal to electronic clutter.

"We're not doing any further investigation," Jenkins said. The FAA has no systematic procedure for evaluating re-

ports of unidentified flying objects. The Air Force once did, but abandoned such investigations more than 15 years ago, Jenkins said.

A spokesman for the North American Aerospace Defense Command in Colorado said officials there had no radar signal that could correlate with what Terauchi described and were not investigating the incident.

Terauchi and his crew of two told the FAA at 6:19 p.m. on Nov. 17 that they were fast approaching the lights of a large flying object and requested help in avoiding it.

An FAA controller, spotting the signal of the mysterious craft on radar, directed the JAL to take evasive action, at one point approving a 360-degree turn to shake the object.

Steucke said both objects appeared to be traveling about 550 miles per hour at 35,000 feet in altitude and traveled together for more than 350 miles.

# Mystery 'blast' rattles Otsego, stumps officials

By MARCIA KOZUBEK  
Staff Writer

MORRIS — A mysterious noise accompanied by vibrations that reportedly shook houses in Morris and Burlington Flats yesterday had police and government agencies baffled about its origins.

Reports of a sound similar to an explosion came from a 20-mile radius of Morris. Otsego County's Communication Control Center in Cooperstown received its first call at 10:37 a.m. from a Morris man, said director Roy Altheiser. New York State Police at Oneonta said they received several reports of a "blast-like" sound.

"We were sitting in our home and watching TV and suddenly the whole house went vavoom," said Frederick Fusco of Route 23, Morris. "It sounded like a plane crash."

Fusco said his three-story house began to

shudder, and that he ran outside to see if his chimney was still standing.

Meanwhile, 18 miles away, Elizabeth Carney said she was doing kitchen chores when she was jolted by the sound. Carney, who lives on Route 51, Burlington Flats, said she was frightened by the noise.

"We thought one of our propane tanks blew up. It frightened the children and it shook trailers and houses for miles," Carney said.

Carney said many neighbors told her they also were startled by the noise. "It really shook up people at the Morris Trailer Park," she said.

Gerald Cammisa of Dimock Hollow Road in Morris said he telephoned sheriff's deputies to inquire whether anyone was using explosives in the area. Altheiser contacted the New York Power Authority, but was in-

formed that no blasting was conducted in Morris. The Marcy South hydroelectric line is under construction, and power authority workers are clearing land for towers in Laurens.

Cindy Welch, a waitress at the Village Coffee Shop in Morris, said coffee cups rattled after she heard the noise.

Sgt. Edward Hallett, a public relations specialist at Griffiss Air Force Base in Utica, said he received several telephone inquiries about a loud noise. "It sounds interesting, but we didn't have any aircraft flying at that time in that area," Hallett said.

David Bowman, a spokesman at the Federal Aviation Administration tracking station in Nashua, N.H., said there was no indication of an airplane crash anywhere in Otsego County. The tracking station re-

cords flight patterns throughout the northeastern section of the United States, he said.

The Town of Morris is located on a geological fault, and earthquakes have been recorded in upstate New York, Altheiser said. However, there was no indication of any earth tremor yesterday, said Francis Wu, a professor in the science department at the state University Center at Binghamton. He said an earthquake with a reading of 2 or higher on the Richter scale would have registered on his seismographic equipment. No unusual ground activity of any kind was recorded yesterday, he said.

"Of course, the instruments might not pick up something like a quarry blast," he said.

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## The Reader's Guide to UFOs

By Bernard Schoenburg  
Associated Press

CHICAGO—George Eberhart has never seen a flying saucer, but after compiling a list of more than 15,600 books and reports about UFOs, he says he's pretty sure there is something to the stories.

"That there is some phenomenon out there which behaves at odds with what we consider reality seems pretty well established from the evidence I have seen," he says.

Eberhart is an editor for an American Library Association magazine in Chicago, but he also volunteers his time to serve as librarian for the J. Allen Hynek Center for UFO Studies in suburban Glenview. Hynek was formerly head of the astronomy department at Northwestern University. He died in April.

Eberhart's two-volume, 1,300-page work, "UFOs and the Extraterrestrial Contact Movement: A Bibliography," lists titles of books, articles, records, tapes and unpublished works on unidentified flying objects, or UFOs. The bibliography is published by Scarecrow Press, Metuchen, N.J., and was released in December. Eberhart says he wrote it for libraries and for collectors of UFO materials.

His interest in the field and his own collection of publications does not mean he is eccentric, Eberhart says.

"I collect it not because I believe it's all true, but because it's very important, not only to [give possible] evidence of extraterrestrial life, but also because of the impact the UFO phenomenon has had on the human race," he says.

He agrees that some of the material he listed is far-fetched, such as a book called "UFOs: Nazi

Secret Weapon?" that says Adolf Hitler and other Nazis escaped from Germany in 1945 and have survived in a colony at the South Pole, their base for an air force of flying saucers.

"I didn't want to ignore anything, no matter how ridiculous it might seem," Eberhart explains.

The list's entries include more than 5,500 books in English, 2,200 books in other languages and magazines such as the Flying Saucer Review and the International UFO Reporter.

One listing is for a 1957 record album called "Music From Another Planet," on which Howard Menger played songs he says were taught to him by a man from Saturn.

The bibliography has 158 chapters on different types of listings. One chapter is on UFO abductions, in which people claim they were kidnapped by aliens and later released.

Another is on animal mutilations, where extraterrestrials are blamed for killing cattle or other animals whose organs are supposedly surgically removed. There are two chapters on UFO reports before 1945, some reaching back 2,500 years.

Eberhart, 36, says he has been interested in UFOs since he was a teen-ager. In the 1960s and 1970s, he says, people reported many sightings, but there was a decline from about 1981 until a year ago, when things began picking up again.

But new technology is making it tougher to determine which reports of UFOs are important, now that there are aircraft like experimental Stealth planes in the air.

"In 1987, it may have more of a basis in it being a government project than it would have been in 1957," he says.

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## FAA Reopens Its Inquiry Into UFOs

### Objects Violated Alaskan Airspace

United Press International

ANCHORAGE, Jan. 3—The Federal Aviation Administration has reopened its inquiry into what happened the night a Japan Air Lines Boeing 747 cargo crew reported seeing unidentified flying objects (UFOs) over Alaska, an FAA spokesman said today.

FAA investigators interviewed Capt. Kenji Terauchi, the pilot, for a second time Friday and are reviewing all radar records from the evening of Nov. 17, 1986, when an unexplained blip appeared on radar screens as the JAL crew reported seeing mysterious lights.

"The reason we're exploring it is that it was a violation of airspace," FAA spokesman Paul Steucke said.

"That may sound strange, but that's what it was."

When the incident first came to light last week, the FAA reported that it was no longer investigating and considered the matter an unexplained sighting.

However, a thorough review of available data in the case began Friday and will continue this week, Steucke said, noting that he is calling it an inquiry, not an investigation.

"The object of the inquiry—of collecting all the data and interviewing people—is to identify the object, if possible," Steucke said.

"However, considering the type of data we have available, no one considers it realistic that we can identify the object," he added.

The decision to reopen the inquiry was made by the regional director of the FAA, Steucke said.

An unknown object appeared on radar screens monitored by the Anchorage Air Route Traffic Control Center, the Alaska Air Command at Elmendorf Air Force Base and in the cockpit of the JAL plane.

Air Force officials have dismissed the unidentified blip as "random clutter," but Steucke said the FAA's radar system is designed to remove this kind of clutter.

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## Jets' sonic booms at Griffiss caused unexplained noise

ONEONTA — Explosive sounds heard in Otsego, Delaware, Orange and Sullivan counties were sonic booms from fighter jets used in training at Griffiss Air Force Base in Rome, said Carl R. Sahre, media relations director.

The National Guard based in Atlantic City, N.J., was conducting routine training missions and the F-106 Delta Dart fighter jets broke the sound barrier during those missions, he said.

The magnitude of the sonic boom was intensified by local air turbulence near the ground, Sahre said. If the jets had been flying at a higher altitude residents wouldn't have heard sonic booms, he said. Wind speed, air temperature and direction of the aircraft can all affect the sound, he said.

More than 30 telephone calls were received by Port Jervis police after a sonic boom shook much of western Orange County at 7:45 p.m. Tuesday, said police Sgt. Robert Doss. Similar shock waves were reported by residents of Morris and Burlington Flats after a sonic boom shook houses in Otsego County at 10:37 a.m. Monday.

# Flying object sighting unexplained

By Michael A. Fuoco  
Post-Gazette Staff Writer

There's nothing very unusual about Route 119 near New Stanton — unless you happen upon a flying 50-foot-long metallic object with multiple yellow-green lights.

That's just what 20 people say they saw Aug. 31 in a 10-mile area between New Stanton and Connellsville.

The sighting is one of more than 300 listed in the 1986 annual report of the Pennsylvania Association for the Study of the Unexplained, a Greensburg-based, non-profit research group and statewide clearing-house for UFO sightings and other phenomena.

While 90 to 95 percent of the 1986 sightings can be explained logically, the New Stanton event remains an

open case, said Stan Gordon, PASU director and founder of the 6-year-old group. Most sightings involve misidentified normal objects — planes, weather balloons, bright stars, meteors, satellites — observed under unusual conditions. The remainder cannot be explained easily, he said.

"It's a good one," Gordon said of the Aug. 31 sighting. "Many people saw it move low over their cars. We have a signed statement from an FAA [Federal Aviation Agency] traffic controller with 16 years experience who saw it and said it wasn't any type of conventional aircraft."

Motorists in the New Stanton area first believed the low-flying object was an aircraft in trouble and as they came around a bend, found a hillside on fire. Several people stopped their cars and climbed the

embankment where all they found were two rings of fire, Gordon said.

Other sightings are logically, if not immediately, explained, Gordon said. He noted an Aug. 12 incident in which thousands of East Coast residents, including Pennsylvanians, saw a bright spiraling object moving slowly across the night sky. For three days, the object remained unidentified, drawing nationwide media attention. NASA even called PASU to see if it had any information, Gordon said.

"One member of our group remembered seeing an AP [Associated Press] story about a Japanese satellite launching," Gordon said. "I called NASA and told them to look into that and they discovered it was fuel released from a rocket booster."

PASU received sighting reports last year from 28 counties in the

state, Gordon said. Among them were a metallic disc-shaped object hovering over the Birmingham Bridge in Pittsburgh Jan. 7; a metallic, cigar-shaped object in Salem June 21; and an elongated, silver object seen in daylight Aug. 12 in Monroeville and Mount Pleasant.

Also reported were sightings of cougars, extinct in the East since the late 1800s; Bigfoot, the tall hairy, ape-like creature; and animal mutilations.

About 80 people from various scientific backgrounds are members of PASU, which operates a 24-hour hotline — (412) 838-7768 — for reporting unexplained sightings. The names of observers are kept confidential.

PASU can also be contacted by writing Gordon at 6 Oakhill Ave., Greensburg 15601.

By Robert Burke  
and Cheryl Mattox Berry  
USA TODAY

Federal Aviation Administration officials today reopen an inquiry into a UFO sighting over Alaska by a Japan Air Lines crew.

The decision followed a second interview Friday with the crew, which reported three objects followed their plane for nearly an hour on Nov. 17. The pilot described one object as the size of two aircraft carriers, Richard Haines, among the foremost UFO experts, said

Sunday sightings are "an issue of credibility." "That's why I like pilots. They tend to be rather credible sources," said Haines, who works as a NASA engineer. Haines, who has compiled more than 3,000 UFO reports from pilots in 20 years, hopes

to interview the pilot in his own separate investigation. "If a pilot tells me some very strange story, he's putting his reputation on the line. He's generally going to be saying what he's seen," Haines said. "I don't think I'll ever call me up."

By Marilyn Adams  
USA TODAY

A federal probe of a UFO encounter over Alaska has run out of leads — but UFO buffs remain intrigued. The Federal Aviation Administration said Tuesday that investigators found no radar recording of a giant object following a Japan Air Lines 747

carpo jet for 500 miles Nov. 17. The finding means there's no independent evidence of the crew's sighting of a white, saucer-shaped object the size of two aircraft carriers with wavy, blue, yellow-white lights trailing with two smaller objects.

Earlier, the agency reported a controller in Anchorage saw two radar images — one for the jet and one for a large object. The FAA controller who monitored the JAL plane, Flight 1628, reported tracking the UFOs several times on radar, as near as five miles from the aircraft. "The traffic (UFO) stayed with JAL1628 through turns and descents," said the controller in a statement released by the FAA. The identity of the controller, however, has not been released.

The Military Regional Operations Control Center reported picking up the UFO on radar about eight miles from the plane. The military center then lost track of the UFO for 11 minutes, then picked up "a flight of two," according to a flight chronology released by the FAA. It picked up the UFOs as they dropped back and to the right of the plane, then lost radar contact.

More recently, Steucke has said that neither the military nor the FAA puts any faith in the early radar sightings. Steucke said that the FAA controller mistakenly interpreted a split-image of the cargo plane as a UFO and that the military now reports its radar images were simply "clutter."

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## FAA says UFO on radar screen was just a double image of jet

United Press International

ANCHORAGE — Federal investigators say a review of radar tapes failed to show a UFO shadowing a Japan Air Lines cargo jet, contradicting reports made by the crew and the air-traffic controller who handled the plane.

The Federal Aviation Administration's examination of the tapes shows what appears to be a second object near JAL Flight 1628 on Nov. 17, but investigators now think it is a double image from the Boeing 747, FAA spokesman Paul Steucke said yesterday.

On Dec. 29 the FAA released details of the UFO sighting, revealing the flight controller handling the jet saw an object on radar five miles from the plane. The Anchorage Air Route Traffic Control Center directed the crew to take evasive maneuvers, including a

4,000-foot drop and a 360-degree turn.

Co-pilot Takanori Tamefuji, 30, said yesterday he did not know why the FAA first confirmed a nearby object and now dismisses it as an image of the 747.

In his second interview with the FAA Tuesday, Tamefuji reiterated that he saw lights, and Steucke said, "The co-pilot's testimony supported the pilot's."

Although the FAA is satisfied with the double-image explanation, the inquiry is continuing with interviews of the crew and a review of data, Steucke said.

Steucke said the pilot, co-pilot and flight engineer have told the same story: Blinking yellow, amber and green lights appeared too close to their plane for comfort.

The FAA says the controller apparently misinterpreted what he

saw on his screen. But Steucke defended the controller's response, saying, "He had a pilot tell him he was seeing something right there. This is not something where he can take a risk even if it is a double image."

The radar image seen in the JAL cockpit and by the controller also appeared intermittently on Air Force radar. Air Force spokesmen dismissed it as "random clutter."

Steucke said the FAA will complete its inquiry and send a report to its Washington headquarters, but he said he doubted whether the mystery of the lights over the arctic that November night will be solved.

"The bottom line," Steucke said, "is that this tells us that we don't have any radar confirmation of the object that the pilot said he saw."

## NASA worker tracks UFO reports by pilots

By HAL BERNTON

Daily News business reporter

The mysterious flashing lights sighted by the crew of a Japan Air Lines cargo jet last November aren't the only strange things pilots have seen through their cockpit windows.

In the past 20 years, more than 3,000 sightings of UFOs have been reported by pilots, according to Richard Haines, a NASA scientist who tracks UFO sightings by pilots in his spare time.

"Some of them are very spectacular and very significant from the standpoint of getting a better idea on how to characterize the phenomena," said Haines.

He said the sightings are reported by military, civilian and commercial pilots who fly both national and international routes. UFO reports from Alaska pilots are relatively rare.

The sightings tend to occur in cycles that peak about every five years, Haines said. For the past two years, sightings have been in a trough.

Haines said many of the reports fall into two main categories.

One category involves UFOs that suddenly appear within view of the cockpit and then disappear very rapidly. "The airplane is flying along essentially minding its own business. Then something comes up and does barrel rolls around the airplane."

Many other reports, including the Nov. 17 sighting by the JAL crew, involve UFOs that trail aircraft for periods ranging from a minute to more than two hours.

Haines' interest in UFOs results from his more than two decades spent working in NASA's man-in-space program. In the early 1960s, as he began studying visual optics in space, he encountered many reports from pilots who claimed to have seen UFOs.

"I thought I could explain all these strange phenomena as nothing more than strange lighting," said Haines, who now studies "human factors in space" at NASA's Ames Research Center in Mountain View, Calif.

"But I had to look at the data as an open-minded scientist and pretty soon realized that we are facing something totally different."

NASA currently doesn't investigate any UFO sightings. But Haines, working out of his Los Altos, Calif., home on his own time, has clipped newspapers, interviewed pilots and talked with controllers to amass reports of more than 3,000 sightings.

Haines said he hopes to fly to Anchorage to investigate the Nov. 17 sighting by Capt. Kenji Terauchi, pilot of a JAL cargo plane en route from Iceland to an Anchorage refueling stop. The report was made public in late December.

Terauchi, a 47-year-old pilot with 20 years of experience, told United Press International that two small brightly lit objects and one enormous object — the size of two aircraft carriers — followed his jumbo jet for 400 miles.

Terauchi first sighted the lights shortly after the plane entered Alaska airspace. At first, the lights were directly

in front of the plane, and Terauchi feared a midair collision, said Paul Steucke, Alaska spokesman for the Federal Aviation Administration. Terauchi then obtained permission from an air traffic controller to try and evade the UFOs with several turns and drops in altitude. He finally lost the UFOs about 80 miles northwest of Anchorage, according to Steucke.

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jet the crew said paralleled them for 55 minutes. FAA investigators interviewed pilot Kenji Terauchi and his copilot in Anchorage. The jet carried French wine and no passengers.

Analysis of the electronic radar record shows both images are the 747 — one from the FAA radar signal and one from the jet's transponder, FAA

spokesman Paul Steucke said. The Air Force has dismissed a blip on its radar at Elmendorf Air Force Base as "random clutter."

Though the crew is credible, the lack of a radar record "won't make it as strong a case as it was," said Walter Adams, director of the Mutual UFO Network in Seguin, Texas. Still, "I'd like to see what they saw. What the phenomenon is that created it, we don't know."

case worthy of a lot of work." Said Richard Haines, a NASA official who researches UFO sightings in his spare time: "This has some interesting dimensions, but it's a typical encounter."

Said Steucke: "We take the crew's sighting seriously. I think they saw what they saw. What the phenomenon is that created it, we don't know."

TIMES, Seattle, WA - Jan. 8, 1987 CR: J. Leming

DAILY NEWS, Anchorage, AK - Jan. 9, 1987



# UFOs perplexed local experts all through past year

STANDARD OBSERVER, Irwin, PA

Jan. 7, 1987 CR: S. Gordon

metallic hot dog.  
✓ Aug. 12—Two daylight UFO sightings of similar objects are reported. The first at 8:30 a.m. near Monroeville and the second in the afternoon in Mt. Pleasant.  
✓ Oct. 30—Latrobe residents report something has been breaking down their new electric fence. Three large footprints were found and a PASU investigator made a cast of the best track. It was 13 inches long and 8 inches wide, the general configuration of a Bigfoot track made in Greensburg in 1973.

p.m. a metallic appearing disc shaped object is seen hovering over the Birmingham Bridge in downtown Pittsburgh.  
✓ Jan. 23—Slickville. Several cases in early 1986 indicated a military interest in some UFO cases. Residents of the community saw a large, triangular object with numerous lights maneuvering over the area. A short time later, the silence was broken by three military jets that chased the object toward Pittsburgh.

CUFON, the Computer UFO Network, near Seattle, Wash. In 1986 many strange cases were reported in Pennsylvania which have not been identified or scientifically explained, according to PASU director Stan Gordon.  
Gordon says, "It is PASU's purpose to try to find explanations for the cases reported, and most of the time this has been found to be the case. There are, however, reports of strange phenomena, being reported by credible people that remain indeed baffling." Gordon says it is the group's policy not to release names of the observers to protect them from ridicule.

animal declared extinct in the East since the late 1800s. There have also been reported sightings of Bigfoot, the tall, hairy apelike creature that has not been scientifically verified but which is seen regularly.  
Strange glowing ground sites, unusual photographs and animal mutilations all come to the attention of the PASU but after the group investigates most are found to have a logical explanation.

The incident is only one of hundreds of cases reported by residents of Westmoreland County and Pennsylvania during 1986 to the Pennsylvania Association for the Study of the Unexplained (PASU) based in Greensburg.  
The association is an all volunteer, non-profit scientific research group which conducts first-hand studies of alleged UFO sightings and other strange occurrences throughout the state.

On the night of August 31, 1986 a large elongated object with a metallic surface, a distinct dome-shaped structure at the top and numerous bright lights was observed in a 10-mile area.  
The object was first thought to be an aircraft in trouble, about to crash, as it came closer to the ground in New Stanton. Motorists approaching the area noticed a hillside on fire and several stopped, climbed a steep bank to assist at the crash site but found only two small circular areas of fire.

The research group can be contacted 24 hours a day at the Pennsylvania Hot Line, 412-838-7768, or by writing to Gordon at 6 Oakhill Ave., Greensburg.

✓ June 21—Forbes Road. Two witnesses observe a metallic, cigar-shaped object moving at tree-top level a short distance away. The object has two, large, brilliant lights on at each end. One witness described it as looking like a

Some of the other cases reported to PASU in 1986 include:  
✓ Jan. 7—Pittsburgh. At 11:20

PASU exchanges information on a worldwide basis with reputable researchers and organizations and works closely with the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) in Texas, the largest international organization conducting UFO research. The group also passes data on to the

ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT, Little Rock, AR - Jan. 13, 1987

## JAL pilot has sighting of eerie kind 'Irregular lights' reported to FAA

The Associated Press

ANCHORAGE, Alaska - A Japan Air Lines pilot who said his cargo jet was shadowed by a huge unidentified flying object over Alaska in November has reported another encounter of the eerie kind.

Capt. Kenju Terauchi and his co-pilot reported the sighting of lights Sunday morning while on a flight from London to a refueling stop in Anchorage.

"His statement to the controller was 'irregular lights, looks like a spaceship,'" said Federal Aviation Administration spokesman Paul Steucke. But Steucke said there may be an easy explanation for Sunday's sighting: light reflecting off ice crystals in the atmosphere.

Terauchi, a veteran pilot, told the FAA he saw the lights twice Sunday, once for about 20 minutes and again for about 10 minutes as his plane flew at 37,000 feet, Steucke said.

### Engineer uncertain

The plane's co-pilot reported seeing the lights, Steucke said, but the flight engineer, who sits farther back in the cockpit, "indicated he was uncertain whether he saw any lights at all."

Terauchi did not immediately return a telephone message left for him at the JAL office in Anchorage.

Both the November sighting and the Sunday sighting were near Fort Yukon, but there were few other similarities, Steucke said. "The second sighting doesn't seem at all like the first one," he said.

### Changed altitude

On Nov. 17, Terauchi reported that two bright lights and an object as wide as two aircraft carriers placed end-to-end followed his JAL Boeing 747 cargo plane for more than 300 miles as it flew to Anchorage from Iceland. The lights stayed with the plane even when he changed altitude and took other evasive action, Terauchi had said.

In the sighting this weekend, the pilot said that in both cases, the lights approached from the front of the Boeing 747, went beneath the aircraft and reappeared to the rear.

In November, the object showed up on the plane's weather radar and may have appeared on FAA radar, but there was nothing shown on radar Sunday, Steucke said.

At the time of the November incident, traffic controllers spotted what they believed was a split image of the JAL aircraft caused by a minor problem with the plane's radar

transponder, Steucke said earlier. He said it was coincidence that the split image was located where Terauchi reported seeing the objects.

### Radar clutter

The military dismissed the blip as radar clutter.

Steucke said FAA officials and experienced pilots speculated that Sunday's sighting could have been caused by light bouncing off ice crystals in an inversion layer. In a temperature inversion, a layer of warmer air traps a layer of colder air closer to the Earth's surface.

Lights from below could have reflected off ice crystals in the inversion and appeared to be hovering in midair, Steucke said. As the plane approached and passed over villages, the reflected light would appear to go under the aircraft and reappear behind it, as Terauchi described, Steucke said.

### No inversion

But the same theory couldn't explain the November sighting, Steucke said, because at that time the weather was clear and there was no temperature inversion.

He stressed that the reflected light theory was speculation and that the FAA has reached no conclusions in either case. Both are under investigation, he said.

Steucke said the crew appeared in good condition Sunday. "They seemed fine, professional," he said.

USA TODAY, Arlington, VA - Jan. 14, 1987

## Pilot says his second UFO just city lights

It was all an optical illusion.

That's how Japan Air Lines pilot Kenju Terauchi, 47, explains what he first thought was a UFO tracking his cargo flight over northern Alaska.

"After landing at Anchorage I checked the map," Terauchi, a 20-year JAL veteran, said Tuesday. "I concluded it was a light of a town or a village" reflected off ice crystals.

The sighting occurred Sunday, nearly two months after he saw his first UFO Nov. 17.

The first one "was a real UFO," he said, noting that crew members also saw it.

The pilot said the apparitions don't frighten him. "It's not dangerous," he said. "It's a very safe area."



Story and pictures: Caroline Hurry

WHAT do you do when the man you love lives light years away? It's cosmic consternation for Elizabeth Klarer, who lost her heart to a starship trooper more than 30 years ago.

But the galactic granny who glows like a gamma ray at the mention of her marriage in the Milky Way, is convinced that Akon, her celestial sweetheart will sweep her off in his silver satellite as soon as she has completed her mission on planet Earth. Destination? Planet Meton of Proxima Centauri where love-lorn Liz will be re-united with her son Ayling, conceived in Akon's spaceship.

#### Fantasies

Spaced out fantasies of some freaky Flash Gordon fanatic? Maybe, but as Hamlet once said: "There are more things on heaven and earth Horatio, than are dreamt of in your philosophy."

And Elizabeth has won international acclaim as a space scientist and UFO expert in her own right. A world-renowned meteorologist with a degree from Cambridge University, Elizabeth is also an accomplished musician trained in Florence.

She has lectured to scientists world wide and held a responsible position in British and South African air force intelligence.

Elizabeth's first book "Beyond the Light Barrier" sold out two editions within weeks when first published in Germany. Her second book "The Gravity File" is due for release next year.

But back to the interplanetary passion. Akon and Liz were actually lovers on Venus millions of years ago — until Akon's civilisation took off on a star trek, but all will be explained in Elizabeth's third book "Daughter of Venus".

Like the bumper sticker — Just visiting this planet — Elizabeth doesn't really belong here.

"I've just adapted,"

says the Titian-haired lady with the wise blue eyes.

"I was put here in 1910 — the year of Halley's comet — but from the moment I was a child, I always knew I was different. I even look different."

Elizabeth grew up in Natal and first came into contact with Akon and his spaceship in 1954.

Then followed a few more close encounters with the extra-terrestrial knight in shining underwear and romance rocketed like a shooting star.

Elizabeth conceived her son Ayling on board Akon's starship, carried out a normal pregnancy on her sister's farm in the Drakensberg (and weathered a kidnapping attempt by the Russians who wanted to examine the foetus) until Akon took her to Meton where Ayling was born.

Elizabeth stayed on the planet for four months of earth time — to be with her son.

#### Vast

"Meton is a beautiful planet — slightly bigger than earth with vast seas. There are no continents, only islands scattered on the oceans which abound with whales and dolphins.

"There are no carnivorous animals on Meton — they are kept on another planet — and all the inhabitants are vegetarians.

"Meton is lit by three stars and the atmospheric climate is controlled by the people.

"Although the planet has polar caps, there are no extremes of heat or cold, only light rains and gentle breezes.

"There are no cities, no monetary systems, no roads and no pollution on Meton. People travel around in miniature flying saucers.

"The folk are simple. Men and women mate but there are no marriage laws, people are naturally attracted to one another through electro-magnetism.

"There are no wars, or diseases and the people have discovered the elixir of youth.

"Yes dear, of course they use the lavatory. Sewage is chemically eliminated by using a light ray."

But stuck in the gravity groove on the earthly plane is not too bad for Elizabeth who communicates regularly with Akon through mental telepathy.

"Akon and his civilisation are particularly worried about Earth," says Elizabeth.

"Man could destroy Earth through nuclear warfare, pollution and over population. Good planets are hard to find ..."

"There is creation going on all the time in the Milky Way galaxy. Akon's people want peace and harmony and a way of creative living among all creatures.

#### Planets

"They are now preparing Venus, Mars and the Moon for human and animal habitation as well as planets in the Vega Star system.

"Our astronomers have already discovered Akon's base on the Moon. Our scientists know that Mars is now experiencing volcanoes which produce atmosphere and underground water while thunderstorms have been detected on Venus.

"The Russians are very enlightened and already in contact with Akon's people.

"But Akon's civilisation won't allow nuclear weapons. It would take only five megaton nuclear submarines to destroy the entire earth.

"Through stupidity and ignorance, man is playing with forms of nature in higher physics which could lead to the destruction of mankind."

So, c'mon earthlings, try and beam into the fourth dimension — a realm of space, time and expanding consciousness — and maybe you could spot a spaceship.

"Look," says Elizabeth, "there is nothing supernatural about all this. Telepathy, hunches, ESP and being aware is a natural way of life. But I have never lost my awe and wonderment for all of this."

## The galactic granny and her planetary passion

Mrs Elizabeth Klarer ... "Good planets are hard to find."



WINIFRED BARNES is convinced she's seen a "shimmering green fish" — and it wasn't in the water.

Miss Barnes was painting the outside of her house in Dickens Lane, Poynton, when she looked up into the sky and to her astonishment saw the fish-shaped object moving steadily through the clouds in the direction of Bollington.

Although she was sure it was neither a balloon nor an aircraft, she thought little about the incident until a few days later, when on a visit to Derby she spotted an article in a local newspaper about unidentified flying objects.

The flying green objects were so similar to the one she saw, that she contacted the Derby

cause it was very bright green and shimmering — almost translucent.

"I was so astonished I followed it with my eyes. It seemed just like a fish swimming through water."

Miss Barnes, a former textile designer is a very active 65 and does not claim to be "doodly" yet! She doesn't wear glasses, is very observant as she paints for a hobby and says she isn't given to hallucinations.

Added Miss Barnes: "A neighbor said it might have been a police balloon, but it didn't move like a balloon. It wasn't drifting, it seemed to be self-propelled."

A spokesman for Cheshire police said the force didn't use balloons and hadn't hired light aircraft for a long time.

● A Jodrell Bank scientist told the TIMES: "There are a great number of reports like this. It could have been an aircraft or possibly the planet Venus which is visible sometimes. Her guess is as good as ours."



PULLMAN'S WEEKLY NEWS, Yeovil, England - Oct. 27, 1986

### Mystery flying object spotted

WAS it a bird? Was it a plane? No — Musbury villagers say it was something "out of this world". That's the only explanation they have to a mysterious flying object seen in the skies over the village last week.

At least six locals claim to have seen the UFO in the night sky and they are adamant it was no aircraft of natural phenomenon.

Aircraft spotter Edward Mellor, of Pyrland, Doatshayne, is certain it was no plane or balloon.

"It appeared to get bigger — it was a body of substance," he said, describing an unusual light in the east. "It moved forward jerkily and it made no noise at all."

Another to spot the orange light was parish council chairman Law-

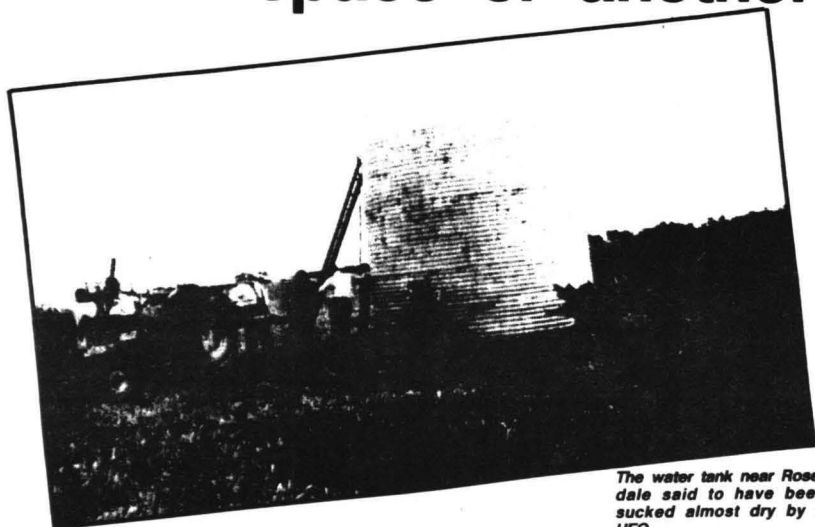
rence Littley. He described it as a ring of light with three or four brighter points of light shining out.

"I do not know what it was, I'm a level headed chap, but it was definitely something up there."

CR: T. Good



# 'Our theory is that they come from outer space or another dimension'



The water tank near Rosedale said to have been sucked almost dry by a UFO.



UFO Research Society members inspect burn rings thought to be a UFO landing site.

## UFO buffs probe the outer limits

A FUNNY thing happened on a farm in Gippsland six years ago...

It was evening time and the silence was broken by what sounded like the roar of an engine.

The manager of White Acres, a property near Rosedale, looked out the door of his farmhouse and saw some lights far away in a paddock.

He got on a motorbike and rode out to investigate, thinking a plane may have made a forced landing.

The lights were near a concrete water tank but when the farmer got nearer he did not find an aeroplane.

Instead, he says, there was a bell-shaped object which took off and flew away as he approached. The 45,000 litre water tank, which had been full when inspected two days earlier, was nearly empty.

This is one of hundreds of cases investigated by Pat Gildea of the Victorian UFO Research Society.

Mr Gildea says he does not know exactly what it was that landed in that paddock on September 30, 1980. But he is convinced the farmer was telling the truth.

"He was that close he felt the blast of heat as it took off," Mr Gildea said last week.

"He got a big fright. This is how you can tell whether people are faking or not. When you go to interview them you can tell by the way they act and talk that they still haven't come down to earth."

Mr Gildea produced pictures which show a circular burn mark on the ground near the water tank. He says this is where the UFO landed.

By

Tony Wells

He says that when he inspected the site he found that the concrete tank was cracked and had chip marks on one side.

UFO activity has been linked with the disappearance of water in several cases investigated by the society. Mr Gildea says he does not know enough to offer an explanation for this.

The society, formed in the 1950s, has about 400 members, including the father of missing Melbourne pilot Frederick Valentich.

Valentich disappeared on October 21, 1978, while flying over Bass Strait.

According to tapes of his final conversation with flight control, Valentich reported some kind of object flying nearby.

He was about to describe the object when he was cut off. Valentich was never heard from again and a large-scale search failed to find any trace of his plane.

The society says Valentich is the 20th person in 32 years whose disappearance has been linked with UFO activity. The others have been overseas.

Not all cases in the society's files are so dramatic.

Mr Gildea says the society can come up with a reasonable explanation for most UFO sightings. Helicopters, sun reflecting off the planet Venus and weather balloons are the more common causes of alarm.

Then there are the hoaxes where people try to fake pictures of flying saucers with garbage bin lids and Frisbees.

Many of the cases are referred to the society by the RAAF which no longer officially investigates UFO activity.

Mr Gildea says he is convinced that some of the objects sighted are not made by man.

"They seem to have overcome the law of inertia which we haven't," he says. "They've been clocked on radar at a few thousand kilometres an hour, and all of a sudden they do a right angle turn."

"Our theory is that they come from outer space or another dimension."

Who or what pilots these speed machines is not known.

But Mr Gildea referred to documents about UFO sightings released in the United States under freedom of information legislation.

One, dated March 22, 1950, is a memo to the director of the FBI.

The memo says in part: "An investigator for the Air Forces stated that three so-called flying saucers had been recovered in New Mexico. They were described as being circular in shape with raised centers, approximately 50 feet in diameter."

"Each one was occupied by three bodies of human shape but only 3 feet tall, dressed in metallic cloth of a very fine texture. Each body was bandaged in a manner similar to the black-out suits used by speed flyers..."

According to UFO watchers, the "aliens" were taken into custody. The U.S. Government has always denied such a story.



Pat Gildea of the Victorian UFO Research Society... reasonable explanations for most sightings.

MAIL, Surrey, England - Nov. 15, 1986 CR: T. Good

## Family convinced after sighting

# UFO MYSTERY

CLOSE encounters of the first kind were experienced by a Haslemere family last week after a UFO flew over their house. Mr Stephen Harwood of New Road, Camelsdale told the *Haslemere Mail* "It was 6.15am last Wednesday and I had just gone out the door when I saw this large arc-shaped object flying slowly overhead, about 4,000 feet up."

He continued: "It had about seven or eight red lights along the side - each spaced I guess about 20 foot apart with two bright white lights at the front. What was really strange

was that although it was flying quite low it was making no noise. It looked like no aeroplane I know off."

He called his wife and children and they all stared in amazement at the vehicle passing overhead: "It was moving towards Petworth quite slowly. It swept over Haslemere before heading back the way it came."

The UFO was shaped like a banana with the

lights moving alternatively. While it was passing overhead another bright red light moved up behind it very fast then followed alongside.

After it had disappeared he phoned the air traffic control at Gatwick Airport to see if anything had passed over Haslemere between 5.30am and 6.30am that morning and shown up on their radar.

"They said nothing at all had gone over between

these times."

He added that Gatwick had told him two hours prior to their close encounter, a similar object had been reported over Kent. But Haslemere police reported this week

that no-one else had reported seeing this.

Mr Harwood said: "I didn't really believe in them before but now I am not so sure. You don't really believe it until you do see something."

CHATHAM, ROCHESTER & GILLINGHAM NEWS, England - Dec. 5, 1986 CR: T. Good

## VILLAGES' FLYING SAUCER MYSTERY

The U.F.O. was spotted at Cobham Hall girls' school and a spokeswoman there said: "Something was spotted over the village but I think it was not an aeroplane."

"It headed off towards Luddesdown."

Strood firemen carried out the search and one of those involved said: "It really is a mystery."

"We contacted the air traffic authorities at Southend, West Drayton and Biggin Hill but none had any planes reported in the area at the time."

A mysterious flying object was seen over Cobham and Luddesdown on Wednesday night.

Firemen searched the countryside after reports of a blazing aircraft over the villages.

They later diverted their search to Wrotham where residents reported seeing a plane crash near the radio transmitter.

But no trace was found of any aircraft.

# Residents mystified as havoc hits homes

Was it an Unidentified Flying Object or a freak whirlwind which wreaked havoc in the gardens of Kidderminster residents this week?

People in Maripool Gardens are still reeling from the effects of a strange force which visited them in the early hours of Tuesday morning and tore down several panels of garden fencing.

One resident thinks it could have been an alien spaceship which almost crashed on top of their Puxton Drive homes, while a neighbour reckons it could have been a whirlwind.

Also a young girl reported seeing strange objects over Kidderminster. The houses' occupants claimed to hear a weird whirring noise — one said he also heard an inexplicable siren-like sound and that his house was vibrating.

The residents said they were awakened from their sleep sometime between 12.50 am and 3 am, by the whirring noise and discovered six-foot fencing panels in a number of gardens had been mysteriously torn down.

Mr Derek Perks said: "There was a weird whir-

ring sound, like a child's spinning top, then there was the sound of a siren which stopped as quickly as it started.

"It was as if something had been coming down on top of us and at the last minute regained control and pulled up".

Mr Perks said he believed the disturbance could have been caused by a UFO and claimed his 13-year-old daughter Rachael did see strange objects.

"She said when she

looked out of the window there were four weird objects, all of different shapes, laying above the town", said Mr Perks.

But neighbour, Mrs Jeanette Fortune said the incident was probably caused by a whirlwind.

"There was this horrible whirring noise — I was very frightened", said Mrs Fortune, who added the area had also been hit by an earth tremor last year.

"It must have been a freak gust of wind", she said.



● Mr Derek Perks.

# Expert to probe UFO sightings

A UFO expert is to investigate sightings over Bradford this morning.

Four people rang the T&A to report mysterious objects over Odsal, Allerton and Fagley at 7.25 a.m.

All of them describe a group of between six and eight bright lights flying at high speed silently over the city.

But Leeds-Bradford airport staff said the airspace over Bradford was clear at that time.

Andrew Wood and his boss Derek Moore are part of the Bradford Council Mobile cleaning team, had just begun to unload outside a house in Barmby Avenue, Allerton at 7.25 a.m. when they saw the lights.

Andrew described them as like planes in formation with bright lights but there was no noise. Derek explained: "My hair stood on end, it was very odd there was a cluster of lights but no sound."

"They went quickly across the horizon, there was an orange glow at the back of them like a vapour and they went from north to south."

James Greenwood was on his way back from the night shift at a bakery and was between Fagley and Thornbury when he glanced up and saw six bright lights.

He said: "I say them going at a fair lick and disappear behind black clouds in a few seconds."

by Kathy Myers

Wool representative Donald Thorley walking his dog at 7.30 a.m. along Netherlands Avenue, Odsal, saw the lights.

He said: "They were in a formation of six or eight bright lights — like the Red Arrows team and left a golden trail."

Harry Richardson, from Ilkley, was with workmates at the Bradford Council depot in Rockwell Lane, Greengates when the formation flew over.

"It was fantastic. I have never seen anything like it before. Bright objects with long golden trails and there was no noise."

David Barclay, author of a book on UFOs due out next year said from his Nab Wood home: "It is very difficult to say what they have seen. There are all sorts of things flying over our heads that the authorities choose not to tell us about."

"I will be contacting the people and I and the organisation I represent, the Association for Scientific Study of Anomalous Phenomena, will be looking at it further."

# Several report spotting UFO in Mexico City

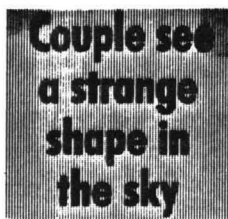
MEXICO CITY (Reuter) — Mexico City International Airport received dozens of calls reporting an unidentified flying object over the capital Tuesday, the official Notimex News Agency reported Wednesday.

The multi-colored object was making a faint buzzing noise as it rapidly circled the city before shooting off at high speed, witnesses said.

There was no word on the object's shape or on how long it was visible.

Notimex said the crew of a Pan American Airways jet also reported having seen the object briefly.

The agency said an unidentified flying object was seen at the same time and place on Nov. 2, 1973.



A Telford woman who saw a strange shape in the sky yesterday afternoon said she was "shaken" by the experience.

At three minutes past four Mrs Kathleen Richardson, of Chockleys Meadow, Leegomery, said she had been looking out of a bedroom window when she saw something big and round. "It was far away. There was no

cloud, it just went up. It was dark on the bottom and it was wavering around. The sunlight was catching it and it was silver on top," she said. She said her husband saw it, too. They are sure it wasn't a plane or a helicopter. "There were no lights on it," she said.

"It seemed to go across a bit and up, it was wavering and it just disappeared," she said. "I want to know what it is. I have never seen anything like it before. It has shaken me," she said.

A spokesman for RAF Shawbury said there had been no flying in the area during the afternoon. The aircraft control tower had not been in operation either.

Telford police said they had had no reports of anyone seeing anything unusual in Leegomery during the afternoon.

## TRANSLATIONS

City and country of incident: Sao Jose dos Campos, Brazil

Dates of incidents: May 28, May 29, 1986

Name of paper and date of clip: VALE PARAIBANO, May 30, 1986

City and country of newspaper: Vale do Paraiba, Brazil

[CREDIT: Irene Granchi - TRANSLATION CREDIT: Wendelle Stevens]

### POPULATION BELIEVES IN MORE UFO SIGHTINGS

For the last two nights, the attention of residents has been called to the luminous points in the skies. Sao Jose dos Campos finds that the discs are returning.

The residents of the central region of Sao Jose dos Campos again reported having the impression of having seen UFOs. The majority reside in the suburb of San Dimas and have discarded the possibility of it having been a star. "Stars do not move; nor make circular motions," they said. And yesterday the phenomenon repeated this at successive times.

Without going into the merit of these sightings, because at that hour (22:00) it was difficult to find flight operators of the CTA control tower who also could speak only with the authorization of the Ministry of Aeronautics in Brasilia. The VALE PARAIBANO heard the opinion of Antonio Carlos Rodrigues, founder of the Grupo de Estudos e Pesquisas Extraterrestres de Sao Jose dos Campos (a local UFO study group). He came to cite the BAVIC corridor and its relationship with the numerous sightings of UFOs in Paraiba Valley — particularly in Sao Jose dos Campos — and reassessed the merit of the event occurring at the beginning of the last week, when "the ideas of engineer Osires Silva and the Minister of Aeronautics himself on this business were made public." For Antonio Carlos Rodrigues, until then — and he hoped that now the picture had changed — the people who had seen a UFO would die of embarrassment in the fail to ridicule if they commented on the event. "One of the greatest merits of the recent appearances of the UFOs is the fact of their having been seen and documented by persons in collusion with the Government authorities. With this, the ufologists could see that they were given a vote of confidence."

But that which was not given to understand — said Antonio Carlos — was the fact that the aircraft of the FAB (Brazilian Air Force) had been sent out to intercept the UFOs fully armed, even with missiles: "It seems like they had been waiting for something or other, which did not happen." Rodrigues disagreed also with Aeronautics having said that magnetic currents could interfere with radars: "This is not possible, since the radars detect solid materials, metals or heavy clouds and the sightings disagreed with the last possibility."

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### "FLYING DISCS" AGAIN AT S. JOSE

Residents of the central region of Sao Jose dos Campos became alarmed again Thursday night, when they had the impression of having seen Unidentified Flying Objects in the skies of the city. The editors of VALE PARAIBANO received several telephone calls, including today, when the phenomenon was repeated. Photographer Adenir Brito captured one luminous object that was seen in the sky in the place indicated by several persons who telephoned the editorial offices, and the result obtained was recorded in the photo at the side here, whose negative has been made available to experts.

City and country of incident: Sao Jose dos Campos, Brazil

Date of incident: May 29, 1986

Name of paper and date of clip: VALE PARAIBANO, August 20, 1986

City and country of newspaper: Vale do Paraiba, Brazil

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### NASA WANTS THE PHOTOS OF VP

The negatives of the photographs made by VALE PARAIBANO, of flying discs seen in the skies of Sao Jose dos Campos in the last weeks of May, are being analyzed by NASA. To ask for copies of them, the Director of Technology Marketing Analysis Corporation of San Francisco, California, J.J. Hurtak, came to Sao Jose dos Campos today en route to the United States. He made reference to the reports and associated the presence of UFOs to the existence of life in more advanced phases in other points in the universe.





## 'Bigfoot' Family Sighted In Area?

By TOMMY TOLES  
Editor

A WHOLE family of Bigfoot creatures seems to exist in the Northwest Georgia-Northeast Alabama area, according to reports received by The News since an incident on Aug. 24 in Chattooga County.

David A. Brown, 44, Summerville Rte. 1, said a creature about 7½ feet high, covered with hair and having a horrible odor came near him on the high point of Jenkins Gap on Taylor's Ridge around 9:30 a.m. Aug. 24. The creature, which he said appeared to weigh 350-400 pounds, had large eyes, a flat nose and a pointed head. Its arms hung down to its knees. Brown reported to the Chattooga County Sheriff's Office.

Brown, in an interview with The News, was asked if the creature may have been a black bear standing on its hind legs.

"NAW, IT was no bear. I'm sure it was no bear," Brown replied. "I sat and stared at him three or four or five minutes and it was nothing like any bear I've ever seen."

Brown said he was in one hollow below the crest of Taylor's Ridge looking for ginseng and walked over to another hollow, where he later saw the creature.

"After thinking about it, I think it was with me in that first hollow," Brown said. He saw what he thought was someone walking toward him on the far side of a hollow and thought it was a friend who may have followed him, parked his car next to Brown's truck and walked to the area to find Brown. He yelled for his friend to come on over but got no response, Brown said, and all of a sudden, "it got deathly quiet." He thought it was peculiar that his friend didn't respond to his greeting, Brown said, thinking that he had yelled loudly enough.

ALL OF A sudden, Brown said he heard movement behind him and he turned around, thinking it was his friend. It wasn't. It was the strangest creature Brown had ever seen. It was panting or breathing hard, as if it had been running.

"It came up behind me some 60 or 70 feet without me ever seeing it," Brown said, and when he heard the movement, "Bigfoot" was 20 or 25 feet away.

"I was froze to the ground. I couldn't move," Brown said. "I was afraid it would attack me..." and thought if he didn't move, it might not hurt him. But if it had made

another step toward him, Brown said he was thinking, at the time, "I'd go up that mountain like a rocket..."

For several minutes, Brown said he and the Bigfoot just looked at one another, neither of them moving.

The creature's left "hand" or paw had long fingernails that curved "like corkscrews in a knot" and his left arm appeared to be useless, Brown said. His left leg also appeared to be hurt, or "something seemed wrong with it."

THE CREATURE'S right "hand" had short fingernails and appeared normal, the Chattooga County man said.

Since the creature was covered with thick, long black hair that fell in locks, Brown said he couldn't tell whether it was male or female.

The face appeared "monkey-like," and the mouth was flat across the face, somewhat human-like, with thick lips. Brown recounted. But it didn't have any teeth, Brown said, which made no difference because "I thought it could still eat me." It appeared to be rather old.

Finally, the creature turned to its left after a grunt and walked away down the ridge. Brown also turned back up the mountain but didn't walk away.

"I'VE GOT bruises as big as half-dollars all over my legs where I slid on the rocks," Brown said. "I went up that mountain in three or four minutes and when the deputy and I went back down there it took us 15 minutes. I guess I did go back up the mountain 'like a rocket.' I thought I was going to have a heart attack..." When I got to the truck, I'll bet I tried every key I had before I got it cranked."

And Brown said a law enforcement report and a report in The News that he vomited because of the smell of the creature was wrong. "I threw up because that's how scared I was, not because of what it smelled like," he said.

Brown, who has hunted ginseng, a medicinal herb that grows wild, for years on Taylor's Ridge, said he'll never go to the area alone again. He has even dreamed about the Bigfoot twice since the incident.

HIS DAD, who is 70 years old, always thought there was something unusual on the ridge, Brown said, and his mother once saw something odd when she was in the Brown's pasture.

Brown admits that his story seems "unbelievable. If somebody had come up to me and said they'd seen that, I'd have said, 'You're crazy!'" he freely acknowledges, "but I know what I saw!"

Brown wishes he had concrete proof of the creature's existence. "I'd give anything if there'd been somebody with me or if there'd be any way to get a picture of it," he said.

In fact, on his future ginseng-hunting excursions, Brown plans on taking a small camera and a weapon... just in case.

MEANWHILE, Robin Avans, a Walker County resident and brother of Trion policeman Roger Avans, said he and three friends saw something earlier in the summer similar to the creature reported by Brown.

Avans and three friends, Kevin Pettigrew, Todd Rope and Tommy Brooks, all of Walker County, had been involved in a coon hunt in the Centre, Ala. area when they returned to find one of their missing dogs.

While riding down a dirt road in the center of a long soybean field, they spotted something at the edge of the field.

"HE WAS real tall," Avans said, estimating the creature's height at 10 feet. It was slender and appeared to have on something that appeared to be yellow-brown "overalls," Avans said, adding that the creature was so far away that it was hard to come up with a specific description. The creature didn't appear to be covered with fur or hair, except from its knees to its feet, he said.

It was walking upright like a man and taking long, stiff-legged strides, Avans said. "It could walk in 15 minutes what it would take a man to walk in an hour," Avans said.

The four saw the creature go into the woods but were a little fearful of getting too close, Avans said. They didn't find any tracks because the ground was so dry and hard-packed, he said. A car was spotted a short distance away, Avans said, but the two men at the vehicle — who were of normal height — didn't indicate that they had seen anything unusual.

THE CREATURE was slim and did not appear bulky, Avans said.

They spotted the creature in a field near Ballplay, located in Etowah County, Ala., near the Cherokee County line, Avans said.

An acquaintance of Avans spotted a similar-looking animal or creature near Pigeon Mountain west of LaFayette this summer, he said.

It appeared to have on what Avans said his friend described as "kind of a monkey suit." His friend saw the creature near a roadway early one morning when going home from work. "He got a real good look at him," Avans said.

Rego. But, if the sightings continue, the DEP may send someone to Old Lyme to research its existence.

Until then, the creature's identity remains a mystery. And residents continue asking what it could be. Is it a freak mutation of a rabbit? Is it an evolutionary form of a prehistoric beast? Could it be a rabbit that ate radioactive carrots? Perhaps it is an alien that landed here to study us? Or is it a rat that escaped from New York City for a vacation on the shore?

There are several possibilities. Said Rego: "Maybe it was just someone's ugly dog."

GAZETTE, East Hartford, CT - Sept. 4, 1986

## Sightings Of Creature Claimed By Residents

### Half-Dog, Half-Rabbit Animal Allegedly Roaming Through Area

By LINDA TAMMARO  
OLD LYME — What do you get when you cross Bugs Bunny with Rin-Tin-Tin? You get some very concerned Old Lyme residents.

Like Big Foot and the Abominable Snowman, a strange rabbit-dog creature allegedly seen in local woods has posed questions with no conventional answers.

Several residents have reported sightings of a bizarre creature that's been roaming the town for the past two months. The mystery animal, witnesses say, has the body of a dog and the head of a rabbit with long

floppy ears.

It's about as big as a medium-sized dog but hops like a rabbit on its hind legs, claims John Hubbard, an Old Lyme resident who first saw the creature in mid-July in Lyme and again in Old Lyme 10 days later.

Hubbard first saw the animal run across the road while he and his wife, Patricia, were driving their car on Route 156. His wife also caught a glimpse of the rabbit-dog, she said.

On the second sighting, Hubbard

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CR: G. Earley

saw the animal sniffing grass near Mill Pond Road. Before Hubbard could get closer, the creature ran away. Hubbard doesn't know if the creature was eating the grass. It's difficult to say whether it would eat carrots or dog bones. But, whatever it eats, it eats a lot.

The creature stands more than 18 inches high, Hubbard explained. It's thin like a greyhound, has short grey hair and a long thin tail, while its front paws move forward in a pacing fashion when it jumps. "It was a funny looking sight," he exclaimed.

It was a "crazy thing," said Peggy Atwood, another Old Lyme resident who spotted the creature near Mill Pond Land with her husband last month. When she first saw it she thought it was a fox, but when it began hopping across the road she realized there's no such thing as hopping foxes. Yet it wasn't large enough to be a kangaroo, she said. "I have no idea what it was."

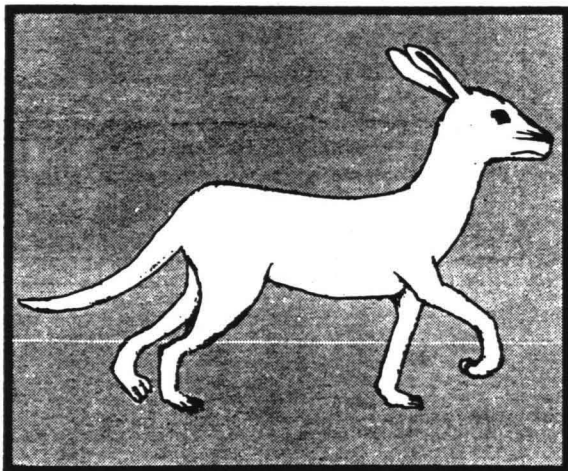
What could this strange animal be? "It might be the mixture of a dog and a rabbit," said Hubbard.

Officials of the state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) disagree. It's impossible for a dog and a rabbit to mate, said Paul Rego, wildlife biologist for the DEP.

Town officials have not yet decided whether to bring in Loch Ness monster scientists to research the creature. But, the DEP is following every lead to determine the creature's identity.

There are no native animals in Connecticut that fit the rabbit-dog's description, explained Rego. There are a few European hares scattered throughout the state, which are larger than the American cottontail rabbit. They can grow to be the size of a medium dog weighing up to 10 pounds. But, European hares do not have long thin tails, he said.

The DEP has not received many calls about this strange beast, said



CREATURE — John Hubbard's sketch of an animal resembling a dog and rabbit (above) he claims to have seen twice in the region. Several other residents in Lyme and Old Lyme also claim to have seen the creature.

# Falling ice probe after bomb No.3

ENTERPRISE, Beaumont, TX - Dec. 22, 1986  
Lake monster hoax confirmed

NEWPORT, Vt. (AP) — A picture purporting to show a monster in a northern Vermont lake has been revealed as a hoax.

While there have been more than 100 reported sightings of a Lake Memphremagog creature called Memphre, a photograph submitted by two Quebec residents will not be recorded.

Jacques Boisvert, a member of the International Dracontology Society of Lake Memphremagog, said he has decided a blurred photograph of a brontosaurus-like creature in the lake is a fake. The picture showed

two black dots in the water near the creature — dots Boisvert said look like the kind of buoys that might be used to moor an inflatable monster.

The society organized an "international press conference" this past summer, in which the mayors of Magog, Quebec, and Newport, Vt., signed a joint proclamation recognizing Memphre.

Asked how he regards the Memphre phenomenon he helped to create, the skeptical Boisvert said, "With a smile on my face. Life is a party — why not enjoy it."

By COLIN PRATT

A BLOCK of ice the "size of a carrier bag" plunged from the sky narrowly missing two cricket-playing youngsters.

It was the third ice "bomb" believed to have fallen from an airliner in the last week—and last night the Civil Aviation Authority were urgently investigating the incidents.

At first they dismissed it as a million-to-one chance. But last night a CAA spokesman said: "We now believe it is due to freak atmospheric conditions."

The first smashed a gaping hole in a garage roof at Hitchin, Herts, and on Saturday the second fell beside a three-year-old girl playing in her garden at Amphil, Beds.

The third block came down in Highland Drive, Bushey, Herts, at the weekend, a few yards from Matthew Stephens, 13, and his friend. It landed in the garden of a neighbour who dashed out to give them a telling off for throwing stones.

## Thud

But Matthew's mother Mrs Brenda Stephens said: "It came down with a real thud, then sprayed ice all over the place. If it had hit the boys it would have killed them."

The CAA spokesman said: "It's likely to be either galley or toilet water which has formed on the outside of the aircraft. When the aircraft flies through a freak warm area at high altitude the ice falls away."

EVENING NEWS, Harrisburg, PA - Oct. 21, 1986

## Cries in the night rekindle legend of area Big Foot

By Wade Fowler  
Patriot-News

The scary animal sounds that put a neighborhood on edge in the summer of 1985 and sparked the imagination of a Big Foot prankster is still being heard as residents of Pine Hill Road prepare for Halloween.

One year ago today, District Justice Edward J. Carl of Camp Hill fined Craig Alan Brashear — alias Big Foot — \$10 plus \$50.17 court costs for his impersonation of the legendary half man, half ape.

Dressed in a costume of fake fur and a wolfman mask, Brashear stepped into the headlights of a car along Pine Hill Road in East Pennsboro Twp. at about 12:20 a.m. on Sept. 29, 1985.

He was a Big Foot lookalike of sufficient realism to frighten the devil, who promptly reported the sighting to police.

Brashear led East Pennsboro Twp. police on a merry chase.

Police eventually unmasked Brashear as the prankster, but not until an officer had spent the better part of a night combing the woods in the dark, and not until Police Chief James J. Corbett had answered a barrage of questions from reporters near and far.

Brashear went on to star in the township's Halloween parade. Sales of his "Legend of Pine Hill Road" T-shirts were brisk.

He pulled the Halloween prank, he said, to play on the fears of residents who were jumpy because they had been hearing noises in the woods all summer long.

The noises are still being heard — usually late at night.

Nancy Jones of 55 Pine Hill Road doesn't think it's Big Foot. Her guess is that it's an exotic pet — possibly a primate — that's been abandoned by its former owner in the woodlands.

Linda Lender of 65 Pine Hill Road thinks it's a bobcat. "We saw a show on Channel 33 about bobcats, lynxes, whatever you call



Big Foot

From Patriot-News files

Artist's rendition

them, that make a similar sound," she said.

Jones doesn't know how to describe the sound, and she's made three recordings of it — the last in late September or early October, she said.

Is it a scream? A pant? A bark? or a grunt?

"It's like all of those things mixed together," Jones said.

Is it low-pitched, or high?

"High," she replied after some consideration.

"The sound's still around, but nobody's seeing anything," said Carol Liddick of 73 Pine Hill Road. "I don't go out at night, but I'm not scared, I'm just curious. I'd like to know what it is."

Jones also is curious and frustrated, too. She thinks somebody should be able to identify the sound.

The Game Commission has been approached, so have several zoos, she said, but nobody seems much interested in solving the mystery.

Corbett hasn't heard any reports of noises in the night from residents of Pine Hill Road.

William C. McDonald, the township's animal warden, has heard stirrings about noises in the night, but has not been asked to investigate. However, said McDonald, "I've always said that there's something making those noises."

JOURNAL, Sioux City, IA - Dec. 9, 1986 CR: W. Thompson

## 'Bigfoot' book is monster

By Dave Opfermann  
Journal staff writer

Danny Liska's first book in his Bigfoot Series, "Our Valleys: The Niobrara and Verdigris" has turned out to be somewhat of a monster in its own right.

Liska, owner of a 1,200-acre spread in Niobrara, Neb. he named "Bigfoot Ranch" (hence the "Bigfoot" Series), had initially intended the book to be 285 pages. Instead, it wound up being 710 pages long.

"It just kept getting away from me," he says with a shrug.

Liska, 57, who lives most of the year at his ranch in Columbia, South America, spent the last 10 years working off-and-on on the book. Actually, he says he's spent the last 25 years working off-and-on on seven other books as well, which he hopes to write as part of the series.

"Our Valleys" is, in Liska's words, "a kaleidoscope profile of Knox County, Nebraska, as seen by those local writers of yesteryear who were profoundly concerned with Northeast Nebraska's future."

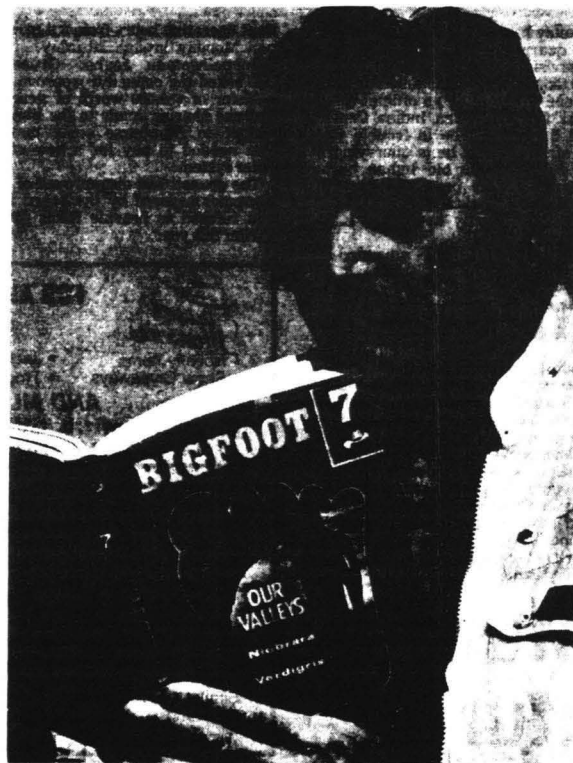
Most of the historical happenings included are from the second half of the 19th century. The book jumps about midway through to unexplained phenomena which have occurred down through the years — things such as UFO and Bigfoot sightings, cattle mutilations and the like.

Liska says he believes the reason why so much unexplained phenomena occurs in Niobrara and its surrounding area is because of an overabundance of cosmic energy produced by the confluence of the Missouri and Niobrara rivers and the Bazile, Ponca and Verdigris creeks.

"It's a known fact that where you have two rivers meet, you'll have all kinds of paranormal phenomena. People say things like, 'Well, it was a figment of your imagination.' Perhaps, though, these phenomena are figments of nature's imagination," he says.

Though he has never actually seen the so-called Bigfoot, Liska hypothesized that phenomena such as Bigfoot and the 18- to 20-inch high "Little People" (called "canotila" by the Indians) are really transitory matter.

"I think they probably exist for one or two weeks, taking on certain behavioral characteristics. Then



Danny Liska looks over a copy of the first of his eight-part "Bigfoot" book series. (Staff photo by George Johnson)

the matter which has produced them plasmates, and they become reabsorbed back into nature," he says.

Many of the historical and paranormal occurrences dealt with in the book have been dramatized by artist Bob Ibanez in various sketches and paintings — several of them in color. Pictures are also in abundance.

Liska is publishing the book on his own, with the price of the hardcover edition set at \$27.50.

"I want to come out with a cheaper one. If I came out with one in paperback, perhaps that would cut the price in half. But most of the people I've talked to prefer the hardcover," he says.

Because he is publishing the

CHRONICLE, Houston, TX  
Dec. 8, 1986

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## Mysterious bog slides into sea

DUBLIN, Ireland (UPI) — Hundreds of sightseers flocked to a remote Irish village Saturday to see a mysterious moving bog slide toward the sea.

"I'm looking at it but I can't believe it," farmer Tom Moran said as he watched the oozing quarter-mile quagmire of peat and mud slide slowly past his doorstep. "This is ridiculous. The bog has actually been moving down the road for the past two days."

Sightseers flocked to the scene a mile outside the seaside village of Belderg, 140 miles west of Dublin.

The leading edge of the half-foot-deep muck slithered half a mile down a gentle slope, along a country road and plunged over a cliff into the Atlantic.

"It's the first time we've come across an experience like this," one official said. "We're not exactly sure why it should happen. It is traveling faster than a man can walk."

County engineers said the bog, made of wet, spongy, marshy land, was loosened by heavy rains, and that it would probably stop moving when the rain ends.



# Did Bigfoot 'Jinx' Attack TV Station?

Could it be the "curse of Bigfoot?" WXIA television, Atlanta, may be thinking that there could be something to the idea that Bigfoot didn't want his presence known beyond the Chattooga County area.

Reporter Neal Craig and a cameraman visited the county last Thursday, Sept. 11, to cover the Bigfoot story which had been featured in The News.

Resident David Brown, who resides just east of Lyster Highway near Summerville, took Craig and the cameraman to the location on Taylor's Ridge where Brown said he saw a strange creature on the morning of Sept. 24.

The WXIA reporter visited The News and interviewed several local residents about the possibility that a strange creature popularly known as Bigfoot resides on Taylor's Ridge.

The WXIA report was promoted on the Atlanta television station's 5:30 p.m. news last Thursday and at least twice on the 6 p.m. news — but it was never shown. But no on-the-air explanation was offered.

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The segment was shown on WXIA's 6:30 a.m. Friday news and it was scheduled to be on the 6 p.m. news that day. However, the segment started with Craig and Brown walking down the ridge trail toward the spot where Brown saw the creature. But after a few seconds, the taped report blacked out and co-anchor Chuck Moore said, "I don't believe it. I don't believe it." John Pruitt, co-anchor and Moore briefly discussed whether Bigfoot had some sort of control over WXIA's equipment since the station had tried unsuccessfully to get the report on the air Thursday night. Moore said the report might be telecast during the weekend but it didn't appear.

Gary Whitaker of WXIA told The News, with more than a hint of frustration in his voice, that Craig and the cameraman were unfamiliar with the wiring and equipment in the Rome bureau office of WXIA Thursday evening, causing videotape editing problems that forced cancellation of the Bigfoot segment. The bureau chief, Don Hatcher, was on vacation last week.

## FALSE START

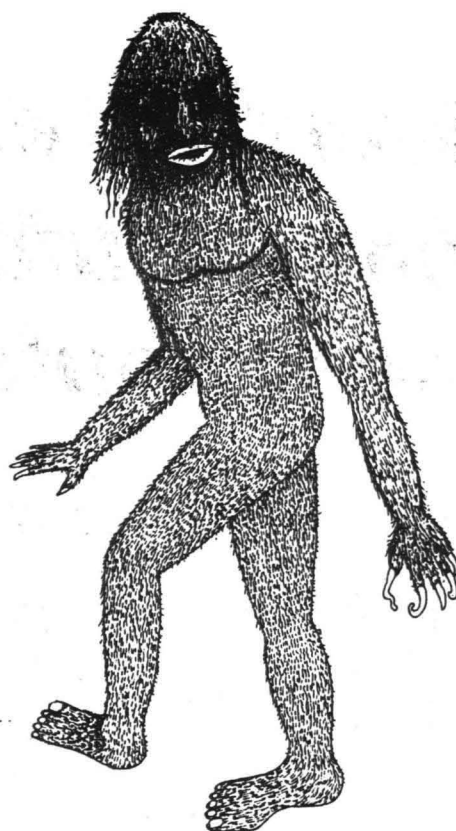
The segment was telecast successfully Friday morning, Whitaker said. The first part of the piece had been started and aborted during production and then started over. Both the false start and the entire completed piece were on the same tape cassette, Whitaker explained. But when the tape was rewound after the Friday morning showing, it was accidentally wound back to the beginning of the false start, rather than to the beginning of the "good" entire segment.

Rather than try again during the weekend, WXIA decided the report was "jinxed" and dropped the idea of trying to show it again, Whitaker indicated.

Meanwhile, a Chattooga County artist came up with a sketch of the Bigfoot creature that Brown reported having seen on Taylor's Ridge. The artist, who wished to remain anonymous, said he based his sketch on Brown's description of the creature featured in The News. Aside from being a bit less "hairy" than Brown had described, it appears to be a faithful rendition of what Brown said he saw in the woodlands.

A rumor earlier this week that the Chattooga County Sheriff's Office had arrested a man over the weekend who may have been "Bigfoot" turned out to be false.

So whatever Brown saw... it's still there.



CHATTOOGA ARTIST SKETCHES LIKENESS OF "BIGFOOT"  
Based On Description By Summerville Man

# Look out for Bigfoot — and his trap

## Lumbering legend managed to elude his Applegate cage

By Barbara Hahn  
of the Daily Courier

APPLEGATE LAKE — Through the autumn mist, a strange structure looms.

Built of 2-by-12s, stacked nine high and supported by 6-inch diameter treated poles, it stands sturdy. A 10-foot-high steel grilled door hangs partially open, ready to snap shut once a visitor steps inside.

Its intended prey is the legendary Bigfoot.

Those who have hiked the Collings Mountain trail, on the northwest side of Applegate Lake are familiar with the trap. It was built, according to U.S. Forest Service sources, more than a decade ago by a group out to trap the elusive Bigfoot, a local version of the Abominable Snowman, a towering creature believed to roam the area's forests.

Occasional sightings are reported. In late 1983, for example, a motorcyclist reported seeing such a creature crossing the Interstate 5 near a Grants Pass interchange.

But those looking for Bigfoot in the Rogue River National Forest, near the site of Applegate Lake were less successful, despite the massive trap.

To find the area, take the Collings Mountain Trail, just south of the Hart-tish Park turnoff. Follow the easy trail along the gully for about one-half mile until you reach a small abandoned cabin. From there is a trail veering to the left. About 50 yards up the hill is the trap.

The trap was built about in the mid-1960s by a private group from Eugene under a special use permit from the Forest Service. There was no Applegate Lake then, and the area was only accessible by a trail that followed the Applegate River.

A permit stipulation was that someone had to live in the old miner's cabin in case someone, human-type, got caught in the trap.

The trap apparently operated by luring Bigfoot inside with an animal carcass. Once Bigfoot was inside, the heavy trap door would fall shut.

"Apparently the only thing they caught was a bear, and they had a lot of problem getting him out," a Forest Service worker said. The problem with the bear was the apparent cause the use permit was revoked.

Because of the unique structure, the Forest Service opted to keep the trap. Signs have previously been posted warning visitors not to climb on the structure. The trap door has also been bolted in place to prevent it from shutting on a visitor.

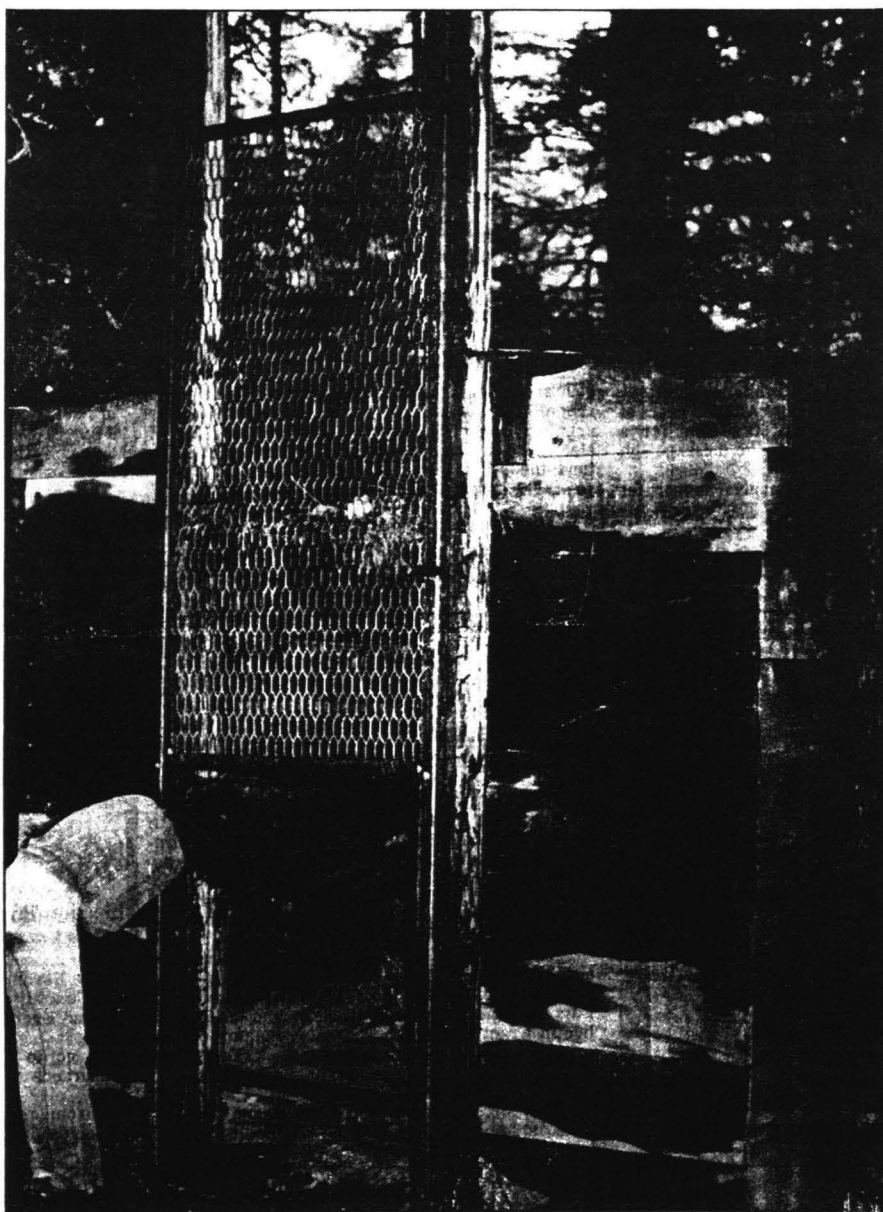
The lake, 23 miles southwest of Medford, was completed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in 1980 for flood protection and fish enhancement. Its 18-mile shoreline is surrounded by hiking trails and recreational facilities.

The Forest Service operates several hike-in campgrounds. Trails include the Collings Mountain trail which loops around the mountain and returns to the paved county road at Watkins Camp, at the southwest corner of the lake.

Another short, two-mile hiking trail begins across the county road from the entrance to Hart-tish park. This trail also loops around a hill providing a pleasant, shaded walk through tall trees.

On the lake's southeast shore is a jumble of hiking trails surrounding the Latagawa Cove Camp. Trailheads are reached by driving across the dam to the east. The Dagelma and Stringtown trailheads both lead the hiker into the area.

On the southeast side of the lake are Harr Point Camp and Tipsu Tyee Camp. Continuing along the trail, the hiker returns to a Forest Service road at the Manzanita Trailhead. The road leads south to join with the county road near the California border.



A cautious hiker checks out a bigfoot trap near Applegate Lake.

BARBARA HAHN/Daily Courier

# Invention could change future energy output

By DENISE SINCLAIR  
SYLACAUGA — James Hudson is a man with a dream — one which he has been working on and perfecting for more than 30 years.

He believes his invention will change the world and the way it uses energy.

Hudson, 81, has applied for a patent from the Patent and Trademark Office for what his attorney Robert S. Smith of Hartford, Conn., calls a linkage for transferring motion.

The Sylacauga man says the mechanical device is a converter of energy and has great potential and possibilities. "It can produce an excess of 50 percent energy output for commercial use, easily adapted to increase any energy output, large or small, as it can be recycled or if desired, made to operate perpetually by using an electric motor and generator hooked up by anyone handy with tools," Hudson said.

Hudson said the device could be converted to the electric motor or generator gaining enough RPMs to run individual or large light plants as well as a hookup to any system to increase its energy output, regardless if gas, electric, steam or even atomic energy systems are used.

"This linkage in my opinion can be modified to use in automotive equipment to get a working model as such. As it stands the invention with the patent applied for should be in large demand in many fields of industry without much pushing after it gets into the open," Hudson continued.

The 81-year-old works out of his apartment at Sylavon Towers. He's been wheelchair bound for several years. He contracted polio at the age of six, but his handicaps have not slowed him down. He continues to work on his inventions and hopes

someday a company will take his perpetual motion device.

The linkage (or perpetual motion) is a self-contained device and Hudson has contacted many about his invention including Dr. Joab Thomas with the University of Alabama, engineers at both Alabama and Auburn, the Undersecretary of State, Cong. Bill Nichols, Pat Robertson of the 700 Club and the Rev. Jerry Falwell.

He also received a letter earlier this year from John D. Dingell, chairman of the Committee on Energy and Commerce. Hudson at that time was having problems getting his invention to the Patent Office.

Dingell commended Hudson for his spirit and determination in pressing for the invention to be marketed in spite of his age and disabilities.

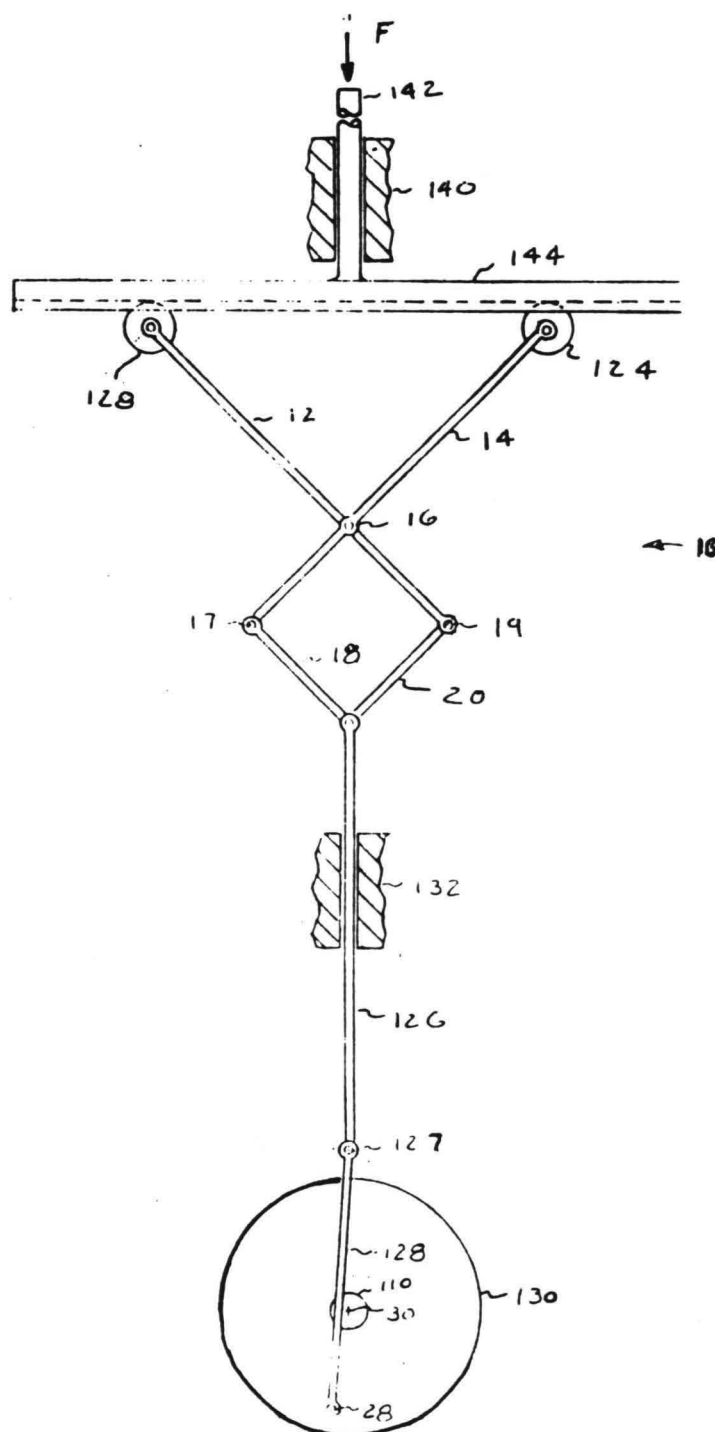
Hudson firmly believes his invention could cut gas consumption, electric bills and any energy source because when it is added to, say for instance an automobile motor, it could increase that motor's output by 50 percent.

Explaining his interest in kinematics, Hudson said he's had it all his life and traces it back to high school where his best subjects were algebra and Latin.

He concluded by saying this energy converter is simple to make and economical to keep up.

"I've tried to get some local people interested in the invention but have had no luck. I believe it would be a tremendous boost for Sylacauga and cut down on the cost of energy worldwide," Hudson stated.

A line that appropriately describes Hudson's desire for his invention was found at the bottom of one of his letters: "When patterns are broken, new worlds can emerge."



Hudson's rendering of invention

## Astrology Draws Few, But Big Foot Has Fans

By Clarence Petersen

CHICAGO TRIBUNE

**T**HE GOOD NEWS is that only 15 percent of 1,000 college students polled in three states said they had faith in astrology, the ancient pseudo-science that believes a person's fate is controlled by the position of the stars at the moment of birth.

But that does not mean the age of reason is upon us. The same poll revealed that one-third of the students believe in space aliens, Big Foot and the lost city of Atlantis. About half believe the Biblical stories of Adam and Eve and Noah's Ark are literally true.

Big Foot is a hairy man-like creature said to live in the mountains of the American northwest. The space aliens are said to have visited Earth in ancient times. The lost city of Atlantis is a legendary island of an advanced civilization that supposedly sank into the sea, some say in the vicinity of the so-called Bermuda Triangle.

A team led by Francis Harrold, professor of archaeology at the University of Texas' Arlington campus, polled students there and at colleges in Connecticut and California. Most students were white, liberal arts majors between 18 and 22.

"What really surprised us," Harrold said, "were the number of students who believed in what we

call 'cult beliefs,' or unproven pseudo-scientific theories. We all agree that for a leading scientific nation, this is not a good sign of the effectiveness of our science education."

The poll turned up no correlations among the cult believers. "They accept some theories and reject others," Harrold said. "They don't have any patterns of reading or television or religion that we can tell."

The poll did show that students who believe in creationism are less likely to read books, tend to be more politically conservative and have lower grade-point averages than students who dispute that God literally created the universe in six days.

Thirty-seven percent of the students said they believed in ghosts; 39 percent said they believed it is possible to communicate with the dead.

The students were not asked if they believed in the Easter Bunny.





staff photos by George Millener

Jack Laperitis uses sticks to guide him to the source of water. He says his interest in dowsing has led him into contacts with Sasquatch, UFOs and 'starpeople.'

# Dowsing leads to Sasquatch, UFOs

## Social scientist discovers world of psychic phenomena

By MIKE THOELE  
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WILBUR — Larry Paxson and the crew of mechanics at Fray's Automotive had a problem.

Someone had moved the big Ford before the carburetor repair was done and a tiny part left loose under the hood was missing. The job was long past its completion time, the customer was fuming, a replacement part was days away and five mechanics searching for 2½ hours had been unable to find the 2-inch-long metering plug.

That's when Jack Laperitis walked in to the Roseburg garage to pick up his car. Paxson had heard about Laperitis. "I

told him what the problem was and that I was really in a jam," he says. "He told me to draw the best picture I could. Then he took that picture in one hand and pulled this pendulum out of his pocket. It was a crystal on a little short string."

Paxson says he and the other mechanics watched as Laperitis walked the garage floor. In moments, holding the pendulum before him, he homed in on a corner of the engine compartment, Paxson says.

"He told us it was on the frame, underneath the battery," Paxson says. "We told him we'd already looked there but we checked again. . . . We didn't find it. He kept saying it was on a little lip inside the frame that we couldn't see. Then he reached down there and pulled it out. . . .

"Nobody could believe it. He's a credible person but what we saw was incredible."

Jack Laperitis is a dowsing. Like thousands of others before him, he can, he says, find water. Or lost objects. And the Douglas County area has plenty of people who say that he can.

If it were as simple as that, the 42-year-old Laperitis would be easy to explain. Dowsing has been around since the time of the ancient Egyptians. Until a few centuries ago, it enjoyed some modest scientific credibility.

Even now, every rural area of Oregon has a dowsing or two whose work produces local reaction ranging from doubt to unquestioning belief, with plenty of people willing to entertain cautious speculation that there might be something to it. The list of people who tap those dowsers' skills when there's a well to be drilled include the sophisticated and the educated, suspending whatever disbelief they may have before they start paying money.

But it goes beyond underground water or missing carburetor parts with Laperitis, an anthropologist and a health-care professional whose life is now dominated by dowsing. He will take the listener far down the suspension-of-disbelief road, into what most people would describe as canyons of improbability or even fantasy.

At the end of his tale is Sasquatch, or Bigfoot, the legendary apelike creature of the Northwest, in company with spaceships and psychic phenomena and a book that has occupied the last 1½ years of Laperitis' life.

Mixed in with it is a large measure of apprehension on the part of Laperitis, a well-spoken, studious, intense professional who's fully aware of what the world thinks of those who subscribe seriously to legendary forest creatures, UFOs and the extremes of extra-sensory perception.

Nevertheless, he says, he's taking the step of going public and risking ridicule. He's in the home stretch on his book and says he's in serious negotiations with a couple of small publishing houses. Beyond that, he wants a book tour and the lecture circuit and perhaps even a movie. But all the wishful talk doesn't make the anxiety go away.

"I admit, I totally admit that all of this is bizarre," he says. "I know that it

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A dangling crystal indicates water depth

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## Scientist helps plants reach new heights with process using high-frequency sounds

By CHERYL JOHNSON  
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Dan Carlson believes he has figured out how to make plants grow like weeds.

Carlson, a self-employed plant-breeding scientist from Blaine, Minn., uses high-frequency sounds and an organic spray of 55 trace minerals and amino acids in a process called Sonic Bloom. He says that it's being used in 30 states and seven countries, and that several universities are testing it.

Carlson sees his process as a scientific development that could help solve the world hunger problem.

"As a scientist, I've invented interminate (limitless) growth," he said. "That's a hell of a statement to make. The scientific community gets rather rocked when it hears that."

Carlson's first success was a house plant that grew into the Guinness Book of World Records. It was a Purple Passion, which normally grows about 18 inches. Treated with Sonic Bloom, Carlson's plant reached 600 feet.

The 17-year-old plant eventually grew to 1,300 feet, before horseplay by two of Carlson's children caused it to be pruned back by 1,280 feet when it got wrapped into the kitchen ceiling fan, he said.

In the meantime:

- Save the Children, a non-profit relief agency, has planted crops grown from seeds treated with the product.
- C. Koh America, a Japanese corporation with offices in Los Angeles, is negotiating a multimillion-dollar, five-year contract to use the process in Japan.

The process is being manufactured for house plants, vege-

tables, trees, flowers and farm crops by Dan Carlson Scientific Enterprises Inc., at Carlson's home.

Among Minnesota farmers touting Sonic Bloom is Gerald Scheuerer of Nicollet, Minn., a farmer for 25 years. "We had one of our best crops ever last year," he said.

Scheuerer said that in order to cut costs, he didn't use the product this season. "We are down this year, so we felt it did help a lot," he said. "Next year we are going to use some; that's for sure."

The concentrate costs about \$50 an acre per season for farmers, plus a \$200 annual leasing fee for the oscillating high-frequency sound unit. The home kit, which includes a cassette tape, is \$30.

Patents are pending for the product and Carlson's process in the United States. But the product and process already have been patented in Japan, Canada, Spain, Jordan, Lebanon, Australia and New Zealand, according to one of Carlson's attorneys, Donna Johnson of St. Paul.

An agricultural project in New Mexico has successfully used Sonic Bloom to treat ancient drought-resistant seeds, said Lynnwood Brown, community planner for the project.

"It's a good product and we think it has a lot of promise," said Brown. "In many crops — corn, amaranth, tomatoes, beets, carrots — there were substantial increases in yield."

The New Mexico project has supplied Save the Children with treated seeds for use in drought-stricken parts of East Africa.

A grant from the Kellogg Foundation of Battle Creek, Mich., is being sought to give Sonic Bloom scientific credence. Thelma Carlisle, a former researcher for the U.S. Department of Agriculture said she is working with Carlson to get the grant.

# Canadian observers mystified by 'flasher' in sky

Keith Johnson's Skies Above column, which normally runs the second Sunday of every month, was held over because of lack of space.

BY KEITH H. JOHNSON  
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Have you ever seen a flasher at night? A late-night group in Canada has, and they think it's an important thing to keep track of.

Perhaps I should define my terms. Members of the North York Astronomical Association have repeatedly seen sudden flashes of light in a particular place in the night sky. If these are real, they represent something new and unexplained in the universe.

The first flashes were noticed in August 1983. More were seen in 1984, and the NYAA organized a "flash watch." More than two dozen were seen in a 10-month period in 1984-85. Since then, reports of further flashes have been made by observers throughout North America.

A flash looks like a sudden, newly created star. Typically, it lasts for less than a second. The maximum brightness can vary from one flash to another, but some have been estimated to be as bright as the planet Venus, usually the brightest object (aside from the Moon) in the night sky.

Originally, it was thought that all the observed flashes



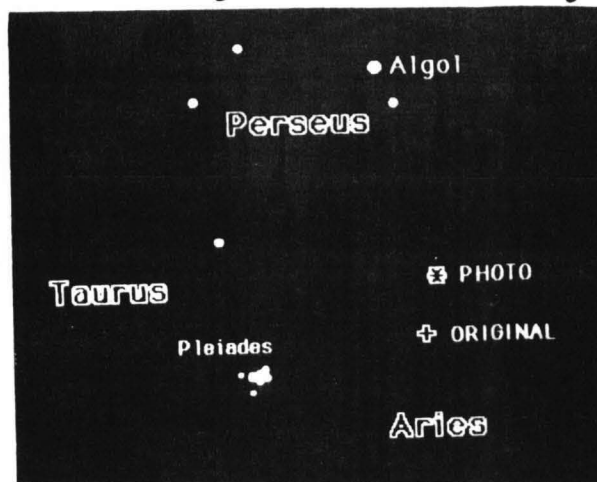
occurred at the same point in the sky, near the boundary between the constellations Perseus and Aries, about nine degrees northwest of the Pleiades star cluster. The watchers were seasoned observers, and agreed well on the spot where the events took place.

But further observations seemed to confuse the issue.

The obvious thing to try next was photography, to obtain an unbiased, permanent record of the event. So NYAA members Bill Katz and Joe Adair started taking time exposures of this area of the heavens.

I don't know how much film they invested in the venture, but they finally caught one. The photo shows stars as short streaks, because of the Earth's rotation. But in the middle of the streaks is a small, bright pinpoint of light. Katz actually saw the flash, so he could provide additional information.

What the photo seems to show is a small yellow-white star. Katz says it lasted for a quarter of a second. Unfortunately, it's also about three degrees north of the spot where previous flashes were



**FLASHING OGRE** - Position of the "flasher" seen by the North York Astronomical Association; the plus sign is the original position reporter, the asterisk is the measured position of the object as photographed.

seen.

Is it really the same object? Probably; pinpointing the location of a brief flash of light visually is not an easy task. We should probably be glad that the first observations weren't further off than that.

So what is it? Nobody knows. Normal stars have never been seen flashing so quickly, and current theory suggests no explanation. There are flare stars, but even the most rapid of flares takes

place over many seconds of time, not split seconds.

There are other types of flashers. Gamma-ray astronomers have been puzzled by unidentified objects that give off bursts of high-energy gamma rays that can be shorter than a second. In a very few cases, the burst of gamma rays was accompanied by a flash of optical light, identifiable on photographic patrol plates. But no-one knows what

the gamma-ray flashers are either.

Katz and his colleagues have named their flasher the OGRE, for "Optical Gamma Ray Emitter," but they have no proof that it is really the same thing the gamma-ray people have been seeing for a decade.

What next? It would be nice if one of the flashes could be seen by two or more observers in widely separated locations. That would tell us whether the thing was actually out among the stars or just a phenomenon within our atmosphere. If several people saw the same flash simultaneously, it would also prove that the flash is really there.

Another possibility is more extensive monitoring. Some observers are using videotapes and sensitive cameras in an attempt to record the details of the rise and fall of the flasher's light level. So far, their efforts have gone unrewarded.

So there is plenty of room for volunteer work. You might like to try it yourself. Go out in the country, get comfortable (perhaps in a lawn chair or sleeping bag and pillows), and observe the area of sky roughly halfway between the Pleiades and the star Algol. Watch for a quick burst of light, possibly orange in color, lasting less than a second. This is much like meteor watching, except

that this object will flash quickly rather than move quickly.

Expect to observe for a long time before you see anything. *Sky and Telescope* magazine asked its readers to observe this area some months ago; 31 readers responded, reporting on about 85 hours of observation, during which time they saw about half a dozen flashes.

If you do see something, please let us know about it. We are always interested in further proof that the universe is a stranger place than we imagine.

In 1979, as he was preparing for an Oregon vacation that was to involve more Bigfoot research, he says, he and his sleeping partners turned their tools on maps of the Oregon Cascades. They

learned that much of the modern research and writings on dowling treat it more as a psychic phenomenon than a physical one. Many dowlers maintain, for example, that they can locate water veins by dowling a map or that they can find missing persons or objects by using such "witnesses" as a lock of hair, a picture or an item of clothing. Tools such as pendulums, forked sticks or homemade "divining rods" still are used in the process, however.

But after a year the man persuaded Laperitis to take the course and, Laperitis says, he discovered that he had some dowling ability. For the next two years he toyed with the practice but considered it mostly a curiosity. "Sometimes, I'd put it aside for months," he says. "It was just a fun thing I didn't take it seriously."

In that time, Laperitis says, he learned that much of the modern research and writings on dowling treat it more as a psychic phenomenon than a physical one. Many dowlers maintain, for example, that they can locate water veins by dowling a map or that they can find missing persons or objects by using such "witnesses" as a lock of hair, a picture or an item of clothing. Tools such as pendulums, forked sticks or homemade "divining rods" still are used in the process, however.

became convinced that they had located a center of Sasquatch activity in the Mount Hood Wilderness, he says. Within a few days, Laperitis was camped there alone.

"Within an hour, I had found my first Bigfoot track," he says. "From the moment I arrived, there was growing going on. There was the walking of a giant man around me, a high-pitched whistling every time I left. One night, a Sasquatch came and pushed a tree over beside my tent."

Laperitis says he never actually saw a Sasquatch during that period. And he says he occasionally heard a mechanical "generator" noise. But not until two weeks later, when he had returned to Wisconsin, did he understand that noise, he says.

He says he was visiting the land of some Indian friends and walking alone when "I received the shock of my life," he says. "This Sasquatch telepathically spoke to me. He said, 'Friend, I'm of the Sasquatch people and we've been watching you for a long time. I don't believe what was happening. His talking was kind of choppy, like a traditional Indian talk.'

"All of a sudden this other sophisticated voice came through and said to me, 'I am a Sasquatch and I, too, have been watching you for a long time. I'm in a UFO now, as you people call it.'"

Laperitis says he was stunned, but that Indian friends subsequently told him many stories that combined the Bigfoot legend and "spacepeople." The owner of the property where the incident occurred said "spacechips" regularly landed there, Laperitis says.

Laperitis says the experience changed his life. Psychic phenomena became a regular part of his experience and his dowling of wells rose to a documented 98 percent accuracy, he says. Ultimately he left his Milwaukee job and moved to Oregon. As recently as 1 1/2 years ago he was working for a Roseburg firm specializing in injury rehabilitation but he left the job to begin work on his book.

Since 1979, Laperitis has ranged the United States, interviewing people with such accounts for his book. And he's become a regular on dozens of late-night radio talk shows where conversation often turns to paranormal topics. He maintains that seven species of Bigfoot creatures were placed on Earth millions of years ago by visitors from other planets. The "spacepeople" continue to associate with the Sasquatch, he says.

"It doesn't get any easier or any less bizarre when you go on from there," he says. "The Sasquatch is so profoundly psychic that it can communicate by telepathy and dematerialize. It can also astro-project and appear to people as a living apparition."

"They can speak in this state," he says. "They telepathically speak to me. They've done it to many other people. Sixty-seven times now in seven years — I've kept records — the Sasquatch have appeared to me."

Laperitis, who says the Sasquatch people want to save the Earth from war and environmental degradation, says he is regularly contacted by people who have had similar experiences. He continues to seek out such people and his book is a compendium of his own experiences and those of his interviewees.

But his task is made more difficult, he says, because most of his sources will not let themselves be publicly identified, either out of fear of ridicule or fear that knowledge of their location would bring harm to the Sasquatch.

Phil Singleton, a Roseburg real estate broker and a longtime member of the city's business community, is perhaps Laperitis' best friend. He doesn't share all his friend's beliefs but he has supported Laperitis as those beliefs led him to quit work, start his book and head into the public arena.

"Jack's a very unusual person and a very intense person," Singleton says. "I've kept myself at arm's length from a lot of his beliefs — but always, I guess, with the idea that there's nothing that's impossible. . . .