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## Latest news flash from outer space

By MARY E. FORGIONE  
Staff Writer

In the last three decades, America has radically changed its mind about invaders from outer space. During the cold war era, science fiction films portrayed all types of cosmic intruders being repelled by a strong American defense. But with the advent of "E.T." America has discovered that extraterrestrials could be cute, cuddly and even a little bit human. But what are aliens really like?

Alfredo Uchoa, a retired general from the Brazilian Air Force, has a pretty good idea. He claims to have regular meetings with a band of small aliens in his native Brasilia. According to a secondhand report, the humanoids (of unknown galactic origin) feel that we are on the verge of blowing ourselves up in a nuclear war.

Although the press has covered similar predictions from people who live in such unheavenly venues as Washington and Moscow, Uchoa's adventures are chronicled in only one place: California UFO. The new 44-page magazine hit the stands in early October and hopes to provide new information and insights on those popular planetary dwellers. "We are trying to present a forum for all types of UFO stories," says founder Vicki Cooper, a former Glendale resident. "But we are not trying to sell the concept that UFOs exist."

Both Cooper and her creative director, Sherie Stark, are journalists by trade. They share a common concern about what they term "a new and on-going phenomenon." But the constraints of a two-person staff limits them to running stories from other sources rather than undertaking any investigative efforts of their own.

"This is not a subject that is actual or verifiable," Cooper says. Stark went on to comment that people have very strong opinions about UFOs and whether or not they exist. "There are two types of people who are involved in the current UFO scene," she said, "those who are investigators — Air Force personnel, engineers — people who are quietly gathering their own information. The others are psychic or spiritual types, those who feel they are tuned-in to aliens."

Cooper and Stark admit that it is hard to please both camps of readers and described their fledgling publication as one "still in the process of finding an identity." Stark said that they hope to present humorous articles as well as serious accounts of sightings.

One part of the magazine is devoted exclusively to "contactees" like

Uchoa who claim to have met or traveled with aliens. "I got a call today from someone who saw a distinct UFO in Los Angeles," says Cooper. "And he told me that NASA people were out there looking at it and taking meter readings."

Whether or not these stories are true is hard to prove or disprove. Cooper admits that by reporting the experiences of people who call or write in, she has been accused of not being journalistic. "This is not an open subject with most people," she says.

As proof of their open-mindedness on the subject, one article in the premiere issue features 18 different theories about where UFOs come from. In the article, author Brad Steiger names everything from Atlantis to something called the Hollow Earth Hypothesis as a possible source. Another piece explains how to report UFO sightings, complete with a

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non-toll free number to call.

And how is the magazine selling? Cooper says the magazine has sold out three times at The Bodhi Tree, one of the most prominent metaphysical bookstores in Los Angeles. Locally, the magazine is available at Ancient Friends bookstore in Pasadena.

But Stark and Cooper hope that their bimonthly magazine will eventually reach a broad subscriber base, both here and internationally. Until then, they will continue to find fresh angles on UFOs. As Cooper writes in one of the press releases: "We see the UFO as a vital, hopeful symbol of an emerging 'New Age' consciousness which we want to reflect."

ENTERPRISE, Mill Creek, WA — Feb. 4, 1987

## UFOs not just imaginary

It heartens me to see such publicity regarding UFOs because it means they once again are being put in front of the public.

It is a sorry state of affairs when the only sightings reported are the ones that happen to have support from "official" agencies.

Where was all the support in

1975 and 1979 when overflights of ballistic missile silos along the northern tier caused panic in the military world? The targeting computers at the K7 installation in the Judith Gap region near Lewiston, Mont., were reprogrammed during a "visit" on Nov. 7, 1975.

If those missiles would have been launched — for whatever reason — there would have been no way to determine where they would have gone. Again, where

was all the concern then?

People in general have the very misguided notion that UFOs only appear every once in awhile because that is the only time they get press attention. If you subscribed to the UFO Newsclipping Service in Plumerville, Ark., you soon would realize that this is not a hit-and-miss phenomenon.

And, hokey as it sounds, there are agencies out there that would go out of their way to create grief for any investigative body that

drew too close to the problem. I know that for a fact because my family was threatened while living in Great Falls, Mont.

I have been banned from Malmstrom Air Force Base for wanting to ask questions about the missile silo incidents. If there isn't anything to these "lights in the sky," then why all the cloak and dagger?

James R. Leming  
Lynnwood

UFO news is more believable than you think

REVIEW, Lake Oswego, OR — Jan. 27, 1987

## Hang in there, Leo Bartsch, I believe you, anyway

This just in from Coos Bay.

Leo V. Bartsch of that coastal burg apparently has been concerned about UFOs for some time. He puts out a sheet he calls "UFO News." It consists of a few comments of his own, but mostly a whole bunch of newspaper clippings on the subject of unidentified flying objects.

You've got to hand it to Leo; he gets a lot of stuff on a single 8-by-11 sheet (printed both front and back). First the headlines of the stories he has chosen to share:

- 747 pilot describes UFO encounter (Hutchinson, Kans. News).
- UFOs surround planes in Brazil (Coos Bay World).
- FAA to reopen probe of Alaska UFO sighting (USA Today).



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Mikel Kelly

- FAA's empire covers air traffic, safety and navigation (USA Today).
- China: Plane crew sees 6-mile-wide UFO (USA Today).
- He Became Weightless When UFO Flew Over ("This," says Leo, "happened in Coos Bay, Ore.")

There are other comments typed in around the edges of his clippings, such as "Notice how the UFO followed the plane in China, the U.S.S.R. and Alaska, and in Brazil the plane was surrounded."

Now, maybe you think Leo's a nut case, but I don't. The fact that he lives in Coos Bay, I'll admit, does not reflect all that favorably on him. But hey, we all make mistakes, right?

He is quite right when he points out that "all over the world airline pilots are having UFO encounters; and the

last thing an airline pilot wants to talk about are UFOs because pilots can be fined, or grilled for hours, or lose their job over this. So when airline pilots talk about UFOs, you can be sure their credibility is above average.

To further buttress his case, Leo points out that "over 3,000 UFO by airline pilots have been investigated by the Federal Aviation Administration, and God only knows how many more have not been reported by airline pilots, and how much more have the news media covered up."

I, of course, do not have to worry about being fined, grilled or fired just for talking about UFOs, so I have chosen not to participate in the cover-up. On the other hand, I have no

credibility either. One must take, I have found, the bitter with the sweet.

I have never been taken for a ride in a UFO. I have never discussed politics with alien visitors or become weightless, for any reason.

But I'm more inclined to believe Leo. V. Bartsch than the other looney-birds who send me mail, most of whom do it on company time with company stationery (almost all of which ends up, by the way, in my company wastebasket).

When Leo says "the great UFO cover-up is falling apart," I believe him. And so should you.

Hang in there, Leo. And keep those "UFO Newses" coming.

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# UFOs:

Group meets at Hamilton Library to discuss close encounters of the unidentified kind

By Michael Koy  
Staff Writer

The sky was clear on May 25, 1952. While saltwater fishing on the open seas with a group of friends, Ward C. Campbell looked up and saw what appeared to be a "defined light" hovering in one spot. Perhaps it was a blimp or an airplane, the fishermen thought.

But the witnesses could not ignore it. The light's color was beyond description, almost comparable to the purplish hue of fluorescent tubes used for growing plants.

Suddenly the object began to gyrate. It dropped and zoomed to the right and then to the left. At first the men laughed at the odd behavior of the "blimp" — until it flipped over and displayed a circular, disc-like shape, elongated like a cigar. Mr. Campbell, a former Coast Guard skipper during World War II who had experience in aircraft recognition, had his Navy binoculars with him, but was so entranced by the light that he forgot to use them.

The object instantly disappeared, "like a snap of a finger," Mr. Campbell described the vanishing as a dematerialization.

After the light was gone the fishermen searched the sky with their binoculars, but not a trace could be found.

Ward C. Campbell is a soft-spoken, gentle man who talks to his audience in the rational tones of a university professor. Besides his Navy career, Mr. Campbell has a 30-year background in engineering. Today he lives in Glassboro and runs a bookstore that specializes in antiques and curios. He also investigates unidentified flying objects (UFOs).

Prior to his experience in 1952, Mr. Campbell had no interest in UFOs, or "flying saucers," as they were called back then. His sighting on that clear day in May changed the course of his life, bringing him into contact with others who have had similar experiences in the south Jersey area. He related what occurred next to about 25 people at a meeting of the Central New Jersey-Pennsylvania UFO Study Group, which gathered last week at the Hamilton Public Library.

After his sighting, Mr. Campbell began to read about and listen to all he could on UFOs, which were gaining the attention of the whole country. At that time, Frank Edwards had a radio show on the subject and several UFO organizations were formed, such as NICAP (National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena) in Wash-

ington, D.C., and APRO (Aerial Phenomenon Research Organization) in Tucson, Ariz.

The newspapers picked up the stories and reported straightforwardly, although their slant was either pro or con. (The supermarket tabloid-type sensationalism did not exist until later, after mainstream media interest had diminished.)

When Mr. Campbell wrote to the Pentagon Department of the Air Force for more information, he was given simple explanations: most UFOs were either identifiable or were cases of mass hysteria.

But a clerical error convinced Mr. Campbell that the U.S. government knew more about UFOs than it was admitting. After writing to the Air Force, he received in the mail a copy of AFR200-2, a restrictive eight-page intelligence report on how UFOs were to be identified and observed — and how false information was to be disseminated. A few weeks later he received an addendum updating the report.

"I became very interested then," Mr. Campbell said. He contacted U.S. Marine Corps Maj. Donald E. Keyhoe, who told Mr. Campbell he himself could not get a copy of the report from the Air Force.

"The denials and counter-denials by the government were voluminous," Mr. Campbell said. Explanations ranged from reflections caused by ducks to weather balloons. Some of the more inexplicable cases caused the government to modify its denials and finally admit that something strange did happen. But "when they get too near the truth, they back off," Mr. Campbell said, noting that the Air Force terminated its Project Blue Book, part of its UFO investigation program, in 1969.

Soon after Mr. Campbell's 1952 sighting, reporting began to diminish. There was no censorship, "but the large networks would slow down on it because too many people were asking questions. The government was embarrassed," Mr. Campbell added that Frank Edwards was put off the air "because his reporting was getting too pointed."

The government debunking campaign raised the suspicions of many UFO investigators that the phenomenon must be more than reflections and weather balloons. "I'm trying to establish a credibility that high government agencies recognize this," Mr. Campbell said.

As further evidence to the legitimacy of the phenomenon, a friend who had been a pilot for Eastern Airlines told Mr. Campbell that airline personnel

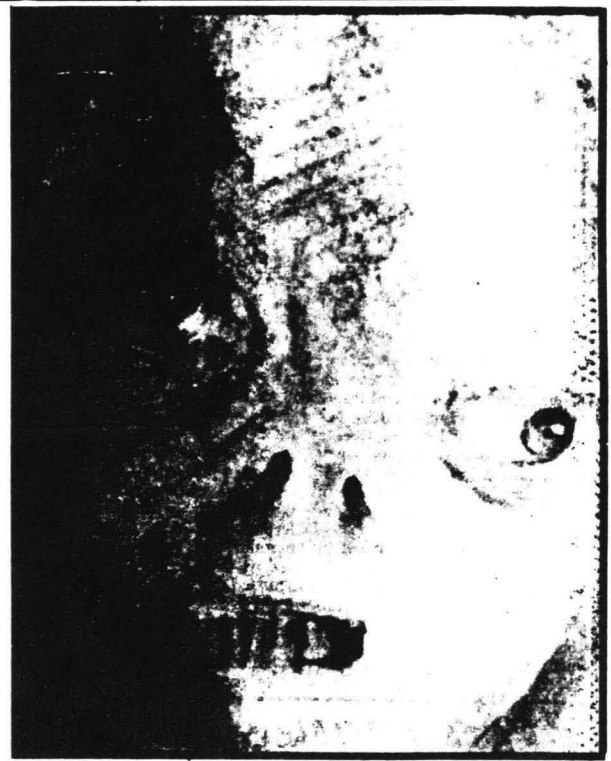
carry "confidential information" in their flight bags that includes a form for reporting UFOs, "but they won't admit it."

Mr. Campbell also quoted from a similar form used at Kennedy Space Center, revised May 31, 1974, part of which reads: "Delete the provisions for processing reports of unidentified flying objects."

The authorities, however, have not entirely dismissed the matter. Today, Mr. Campbell has been able to obtain more information through use of the Freedom of Information Act, and McGuire Air Force Base has shown interest in UFO cases reported in south Jersey. But Mr. Campbell said that had the government been more open, "it would've been a different story."

The UFO investigator has worked for several organizations and is still active in NICAP, concentrating on cases involving close sightings in the south Jersey area. "I realized it was too big a field, so I had to get interested in one aspect," he said. Mr. Campbell reads most of the reports in local newspapers, then goes out and interviews the witnesses.

Most people who report UFOs are far from publicity seekers. When they see something they cannot explain,



people like Mr. Campbell are called in to help. In some cases, the UFO can be identified. Other cases defy explanation, and that is where scientific inquiry plays its most important role.

"Minds are like parachutes," Mr. Campbell said, "they function when open."

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(Above right), An artist's rendering of a humanoid, such as the ones reportedly spotted by Barney and Betty Hill in 1961 in New Hampshire. (Above left), An artist's rendering of a UFO sighting in Hamilton Township in 1953. The sound of the objects was heard and the objects internally, seemingly mechanical motors were observed in detail. (Above), A number of books have been published on the topic of UFOs.

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# Scientific inquiry persists in UFO phenomenon

By Michael Koy  
Staff Writer

Since the first modern UFO sighting in June of 1947 in Washington state, thousands of incidents have been reported by reputable witnesses ranging from military observers, astronauts, scientists and engineers to airline pilots and other civilians.

Unidentified flying objects (UFOs) have been seen at night, during the day and on radar (see J. Allen Hynek, "The UFO Experience," Ballantine: 1972). Some reports are eventually explained and become IFOs, or identified flying objects, but the rest retain their mystery.

Perhaps the most intriguing cases are those involving close encounters with UFO occupants, the best-known of which is the Barney and Betty Hill abduction which occurred in New Hampshire in 1961.

Speculation on the origin of UFOs makes use of various theories, such as extraterrestrial intelligence, other dimensions, and short-lived natural phenomena.

Scientific inquiry into the UFO phenomenon is one of the main activities of such groups as the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP), the Aerial Phenomenon Research Organization (APRO) and the Mutual UFO Network Inc. (MUFON). These organizations collect any physical evidence, including photographs or films, and document sightings through interviews with witnesses.

Ward C. Campbell currently investigates close sightings in the south Jersey area. He related the most recent incident, paraphrased below, to members of the Central New Jersey-Pennsylvania UFO Study Group.

A group of Cub Scouts met at a Heislerville, N.J., home one starlit January night in 1982. After the meeting ended at around 7:45, a few of the mothers were washing dishes when they saw a bright light through the kitchen window. Another woman entered the house and said she saw the light in the West.

After the dishes were done, the owner of the home went outside to warm up her car and saw the light, with an "intensity beyond description,"

across a field over a wooded section. Soon all three mothers and nine scouts were joined by the neighbors from across the street to watch the object.

Leesburg State Prison is in the area, so their first thought was that it could be a searchlight for an escaped prisoner.

But the object slowly moved toward the witnesses, revealing that it was made up of two lights of tremendous intensity that diminished to an amber color as it came across the field.

Suddenly, it silently hovered 40 feet above the group. The witnesses described a delta-shaped or boomerang-type of craft, approximately 30 feet wide, with soft red lights around the perimeter. A 6-foot grid of amber light shone in the center.

One of the mothers crossed the street to get another view of the UFO and saw that it was rounded with a high appendage in the center that had the same amber color as the grid. She then said she saw the upper torsos of two humanoid bodies moving within the appendage.

Terrified, the woman ran back to the group. As the object started moving toward the East Point lighthouse on the Delaware Bay, the witnesses said they heard what sounded like the hum of a smooth-running refrigerator. The object moved out and disappeared.

Mr. Campbell said he went back to the witnesses a month after the incident and was told the same story. A year later, he heard the same account without variation. The group made drawings of the UFO and recorded its testimony on tape.

The object remains unexplained.

Those who would like more information on the subject might be interested in joining the Central New Jersey-Pennsylvania UFO Study Group, P.O. Box 1174, Trenton, N.J. 08606. Dues are \$15 for the monthly newsletter, and meetings are open free to the public. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 21, 7:30 p.m. at the Hamilton Public Library, 1 Municipal Drive, Hamilton, N.J. -- Michael Koy

PRESS, Atlantic City, NJ  
Jan. 18, 1987

## Researcher Believes In UFOs

By RICK MURRAY  
Press Staff Writer

It is UFO season here in Southern New Jersey. But then, to Robert Barry, every season is UFO season, everywhere in the world.

Barry, 64, is a television personality in south-central Pennsylvania, lecturer and writer on UFO phenomena, and founder and director of the now defunct 20th-Century UFO Bureau, a "public education" foundation formerly based in southern New Jersey.

According to Barry, who claims inside government sources and possession of partially supportive documentation, the recent, much-publicized UFO sighting over Anchorage, Alaska, was only one of several during the same time frame in the United States.

In fact, as late as three years ago, he says, the United States government had "something like 34 to 37 (extraterrestrial) cadavers in the deep freeze."

And since 1978, says the veteran broadcaster, earth has "been averaging one close encounter of the third kind daily worldwide."

Barry's non-profit bureau headquartered in Collingswood once sponsored annual conferences at the Christian Admiral Hotel, Cape May, offering lectures to update the public on the latest in UFO sightings, close encounters, and official government acknowledgements.

But as moderator of a television program on space/extraterrestrial visitations — broadcast each Saturday at midnight over Channel 49 in Red Lion, Pa. — Barry says he became so busy that a few years ago he had to discontinue the bureau and the Cape May conferences.

## UFO report no surprise to longtime believer

'They're here to warn us of danger we are'

by Peter Lewis  
Times staff reporter

Reports of a jumbo walnut-shaped unidentified flying object being sighted across the Arctic skies were music to Wayne Aho's ears.

"I'm always thrilled to hear those reports because not many get into the news," said the Tacoma resident known as "Mr. UFO."

Aho was referring to recent news accounts telling of a veteran pilot who said three UFOs — two small ones and one shaped like a walnut and twice the size of an aircraft carrier — trailed his Japan Air Lines cargo jet for 400 miles as he flew across northeastern Alaska from Iceland to Anchorage on Nov. 17.

The pilot, his co-pilot and flight engineer on JAL Flight 1628 reported seeing flashing lights trail their jet. Federal Aviation Administration officials confirmed that the controller who handled the flight saw a mysterious object trail the jet on his radar, and Air Force officials at the Alaska Air Command said their radar picked up something near the JAL plane.

But Aho, founder and president of the New Age Foundation Inc., yesterday predicted that in the coming days or weeks, news organizations will be running "kill stories" that cast doubt on the sighting's authenticity.

"Someone will come up with an explanation far more impossible for anyone to imagine as being reality," Aho said.

That's what happened, Aho recalled, after amazed crew and passengers on a Soviet airliner reported seeing a star-like UFO beam a thin ray on the ground, then turn its dazzling light on the aircraft, then become a green cloud that "escorted" the plane during a flight over Minsk in January 1985.

The story first appeared in a Russian newspaper. But Soviet authorities later discredited the report, saying the UFO was actually space junk orbiting the Earth, Aho recalled. His memory is borne out by U.S. newspaper clips.

"How could space junk fly alongside and not fall?" asked Aho. "How could it follow at the speed of an airliner and fly beside it for 17 miles?"

In the case of the newly reported sighting, Aho wondered why it has taken nearly two months for it to make news. "What held it up?" he asked.

Aho, who said he has personally seen UFOs nine times, believes there is a deliberate effort on the part of the National Security Council to suppress UFO sightings because of the economic and political upheaval confirmed sightings would cause.

Yet according to an eight-year-old Gallup Poll, 16 million Americans have reported seeing UFOs, Aho said. And worldwide, an estimated 150 million people have seen them, he added.

He said the frequency of sightings has increased since the U.S. bombings of Nagasaki and Hiroshima at the end of World War II.

Aho's "awakening" to UFOs started in 1957 while he was attending a UFO convention in the Mojave Desert, where he became involved in a "close encounter of the third kind — like the movie," he said.

UFOs are from a superior civilization that have come here "to warn us of the danger we are to ourselves," Aho believes.

A self-described "70 years young," Aho said he was an intelligence officer trained in aircraft identification who attained the rank of major in the Army during the war.

Robert Gribble, a retired Seattle firefighter who operates the Seattle-based National UFO Reporting Center, has received thousands of reports of UFO sightings over the years. He said the large, walnut-shaped UFO reported seen by the JAL pilot over the Arctic skies is similar to outlines previously reported.

"I think the significant thing there is that they tracked it on radar," Gribble said. "It lends credibility that they saw both objects (the UFO and the plane) on the screen at the same time."

Two weeks ago, Gribble said yesterday, he was contacted by a Japanese reporter in Washington, D.C., who was the first to alert him to the sighting. Gribble said the reporter was trying to gather confirmation from various agencies to see if they had the sighting on radar, or if it had been reported by other airline crews, "and wanted to know if we had other reports, and of course we didn't," Gribble said.

In 1986, his center received an average of six reports a day of sightings from English-speaking people from the Caribbean across North America to Hawaii, Gribble said. Busier years have averaged from 15 to 20 calls a day.

## Gleason girls report UFO

Another in a series of recent UFO (unidentified flying object) sightings was reported in the Gleason area Tuesday night.

Three sisters, Rhonda Chapman, 13, Rebecca Chapman, 10, and Tara Chapman, 9, of N8196 Highway H., Gleason, reported to the Lincoln County sheriff's department that they spotted a UFO in the sky near their home about 6:45 p.m. The information was relayed to the Langlade County sheriff's department.

The girls said they saw a large round object that was first yellow and white in color, and later changed to blue with red flashing lights. Sparks emitted from the object, the girls reported.

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HARBOUR SUN, Seal Beach, CA - Jan. 1, 1987

## FOR EARTHLINGS

# Couple publish UFO magazine

A new bi-monthly magazine called "California UFO" hit the newsstands in Los Angeles recently. Its co-creator is Seal Beach resident Vicky Cooper, who with her partner in Los Angeles, Sherie Stark, is now hard at work distributing the second issue of their unusual publication.

Cooper, a journalist, hopes the magazine will catch on with people everywhere, not just in California.

"I have my own beliefs about the reality of UFOs and extraterrestrials," she says. "But we hope the magazine will be an open forum, providing opinions and stories from all sides. The subject is still underground, for the most part, and we want to bring it more out into the open. We'll offer our readers a regular sampling of available information and theories, and let them make up their own minds."

But do UFOs exist? "That's a hard question to answer," Cooper states. "From what I see and hear working on the magazine, I have to say yes! But I've never seen anything that I can say for sure was a UFO."

The first issue of "California UFO" featured material about a UFO research expedition to Brazil, a Soviet close encounter, an L.A.-based UFO "hotline" and UFO art and photography. Their new issue has more Brazilian information, a look at Mars activity, and an interview with a very outer-space-oriented spiritual teacher named Uriel, among other articles.

"Finding and editing material for the magazine is the easy part," Cooper says. "What we're finding most challenging is getting this magazine on the appropriate newsstands and in bookstores. We've done very well in L.A., and we're looking to be distributed all over the world, eventually."

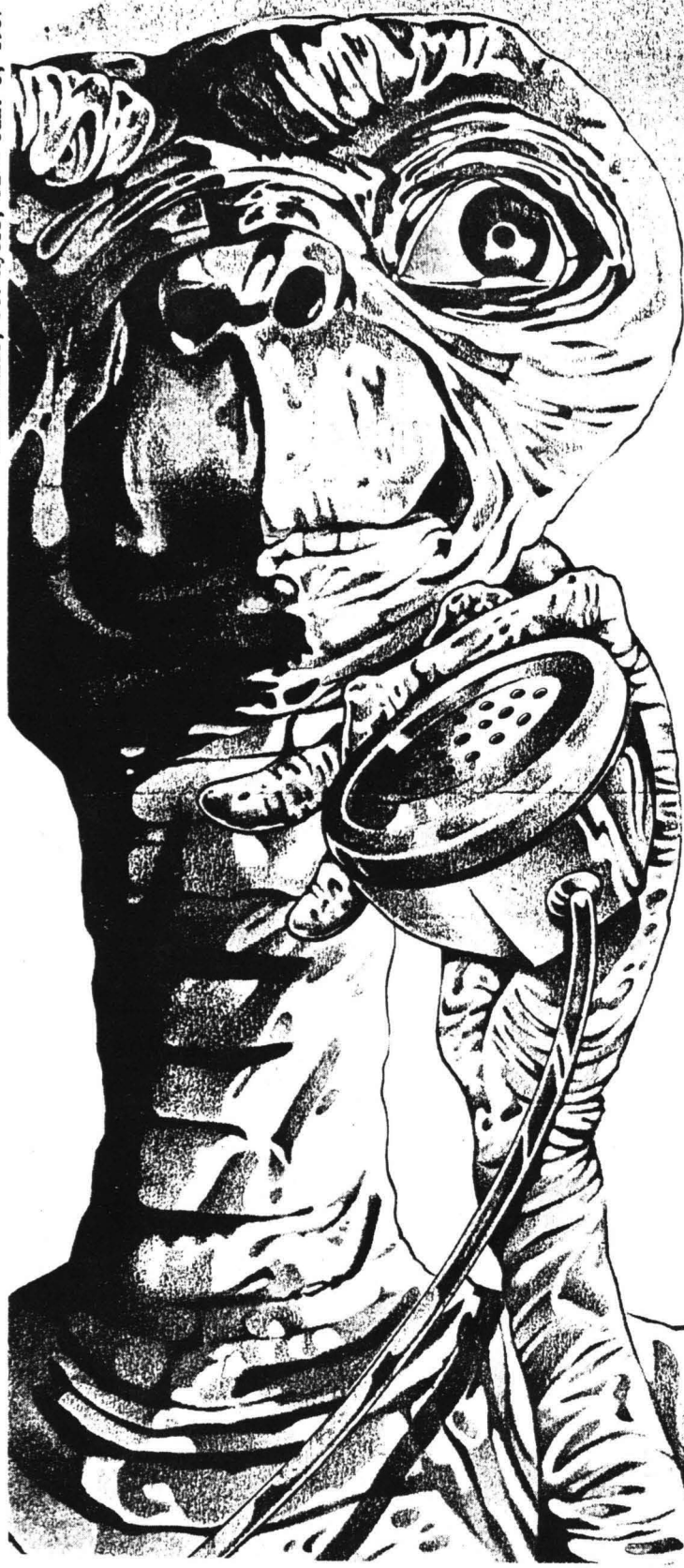
Helping Cooper carry out this big dream is Ms. Stark, also a journalist. They reconnected after having spent time

working together for the Century City News, and planned the magazine with their dual skills in journalism and graphics. Their feminine touch seems evident in the new issue, with its eye-catching violet- and peach-colored cover.



Vicky Cooper and Sherie Stark

A sample issue is available from Cooper by sending \$4 to "California UFO," 1800 S. Robertson Blvd. #355, Los Angeles, CA 90035. A year's subscription is \$15. "And we can use advice about distributing in Orange County, too!" Cooper says.



If you have an encounter with a UFO some would say . . .

# That's not incredible

By EVA KINSEY POWELL  
News-Press Staff Writer

Wondering what's going on in the world of unidentified flying objects?

A southern-California-based hotline offers an ever-changing taped message containing information on UFO sightings and contacts. On Friday, the hotline, which can be reached at (213) 976-UFOS, centered on a "simple Swiss farmer" who had repeated contacts with alien beings.

Southern California, you say. That figures.

But wait. UFOs have been sighted in Southwest Florida — as recently as last year — and local members of the Mutual UFO Network want to be sure those who make such sightings are not cast aside as eccentric.

"The average person who reports a UFO sighting is not a kook," said Everett Walter of Fort Myers. Walter is the assistant state director and electrical engineer for the network.

"These are credible people reporting incredible things," he said.

A woman driving through the North Fort Myers countryside at about 3 a.m. one day last year observed a strange object hovering at treetop level over a field. It was larger than a bus and disc-shaped, with two rows of lights. When the object appeared to move in her direction, she panicked and fled.

At 6 a.m. a month later, another woman was startled by the appearance of a brilliant light over the same field. She too, was overcome by fear and fled.

These two UFO sightings and dozens more were reported in Southwest Florida in 1986. You probably never heard about them, because the sightings do not make the news the way they have in decades past.

Both were reported to local members of the Mutual UFO Network, a non-profit organization created to research UFO phenomenon. It is an international network with more than 1,000 investigators at work

throughout the country.

In Southwest Florida, UFO sightings can be reported to local members of the network at 275-7236 or 489-9263.

Shirley Fox of North Fort Myers is a field investigator for the organization.

Fox, who also is a state section director for the network, has been working with UFO sightings since 1953. For 10 years she worked as an investigator with the National Investigation Committee on Aerial Phenomena in Washington, D.C.

When a UFO is sighted, Fox first looks for natural or manmade explanations.

"We try to identify everything, and most sightings turn out to be the bigger stars," said Fox. "Jupiter and Venus are often mistaken for UFOs."

"Birds flying at night can appear white and also are mistaken for UFOs. Rocket launches, aircraft, clouds reflecting city lights, balloons, meteors, satellites — all are unrecognizable under the right conditions."

The network's investigators have found that about 80 percent of the sightings definitely have terrestrial origins.

But when a sighting defies explanation, investigators ask the witness to draw a simple sketch of the object, write a description of the incident as it happened and fill out a questionnaire.

Fifteen sightings were investigated and believed to be legitimate in Southwest Florida during 1986. Some of them were referrals from the sheriff's department, Coast Guard and the Federal Aviation Administration.

Legitimate reports are entered into the network's computers, based at its headquarters in Seguin, Texas.

Working with this data, investigators have uncovered interesting similarities in the reports.

According to Walter, sightings often follow patterns.

"Sightings frequently occur near power plants, dams and high-tension wires," he said. "There are patterns in the way they move, their shape and their color changes."

"For example, their movements often resemble a falling leaf when landing. And when taking off, they often change color from dull orange at ground zero to a white appearance as they disappear."

The biggest obstacle to UFO research is fear of ridicule.

"There are many more sightings each year than we hear about," Fox said. "People are afraid they will be ridiculed. But that's not the case anymore, and if a person wishes to remain anonymous, we will not use their name."

TIMES, Mamaroneck, NY - Jan. 9, 1987

## 'UFO' is only ultralight aircraft — again

William Bossio of Hartsdale says he knows a UFO when he sees one.

And you'd be hard pressed to convince him that the lights he saw skimming along Westchester's sky Thursday night were anything earthly.

"I called the (Westchester County) airport and they told me it was a club of guys who fly around at night in different formations," said Bossio, a former member of the New York State Air National Guard. "But, they didn't have standard aviation lights, and that's against the law, and their formation was too perfect."

Bossio wasn't alone in his insistence that the lights forming a big V in the sky at about 10 p.m. had to be from out-of-this-world.

Police throughout central and northern Westchester and officials at the Westchester County Airport

received about two dozen calls from residents who said they saw a UFO.

And, as they have many times in the past, police and airport officials said it was a group of pilots flying ultralight aircraft from airports in Dutchess County.

"They have a flying group in Stormville and they do a lot of flying at night," said New York State Trooper R. Rivera. "We frequently get a lot of calls about UFO's. . . It's very hard to tell unless you know what to look for. The wings are too hard to see."

In Yorktown, police attributed the six UFO sightings they received to a flying club out of Rhinebeck Airport, also in Dutchess County.

"It's the same crew from up in Rhinebeck," said officer Gary Frank.

Police said the pilots fly with large red and yellow lights

"I don't know. This thing was right over us. It was a huge V and moving real slow. I just don't know."

— Laura Rauhofer of Greenburgh

strapped to the bottoms of their aircraft and remain in very tight formation, making it difficult to distinguish between the individual machines.

That's what officials told Laura Rauhofer of Greenburgh when she reported seeing the lights traveling over Route 9A in Elmsford. But she was not completely convinced.

"I don't know," she said. "This thing was right over us. It was a huge V and moving real slow. I just don't know."

— Michael Slackman

## YOU AND YOUR PROBLEMS



CR: D. Clements

By Richmond Barbour, Ph.D.

"I still am curious about UFOs. Early this month I saw reports that three well-lighted UFOs had trailed a Japanese airliner across part of Alaska. Pilots and passengers saw them. So did some Alaska-based

radar operators. One of the objects was huge, probably as big as an aircraft. The others were small. No one has explained them. What do you think? I remember that before he was elected Jimmy Carter promised to reveal the contents of some massive secret government files on UFOs. He did not keep his promise. Is it not time we were given the truth on U.S. government studies of UFOs? Why keep such important information from us?"

I recall my disappointment when Carter broke his promise. One possible explanation is that the findings have much to do with national security. That may still be true. There have been frequent UFO sightings along the Carriso Corridor beyond the Laguna mountains, and over Cajon Pass in San Bernardino County. I agree with you that it is high time we learned the truth about UFOs.

TRIBUNE, San Diego, CA - Jan. 31, 1987



# Is the government suppressing the truth about UFO sightings?

To the Editor:

Dr. Milton Friedman's article on Jan. 21 is of interest for a fuller account of the Nov. 17 UFO sighting over Alaska.

It is also of interest for offering some explanations for UFO sightings intended, by the government, to discredit them, in many cases by subjecting the reporting person to ridicule or by ignoring pertinent and crucial aspects of the reports. Of course not all reports are worthy, but there is ample evidence that our government has been less than honest on the subject.

Not a few of these un-earthly objects have been seen in daylight, when the planets Jupiter and Venus could not be used as an explanation, nor reflections of city lights.

If Kenneth Arnold (pilot and businessman) ever acknowledged

that his "flying saucers" were navy balloons (flying in formation!), it never came to the writer's attention - and it is my impression that Arnold continued to maintain they were craft-like objects. In fact, Arnold stated his calculations showing they were traveling more than 1,700 mph, an unprecedented speed at the time and one that balloons have never aspired to!

As to hallucination induced by drugs accounting for reports of abductions by UFO's, it is only necessary to cite John Fuller's notable book, *The Interrupted Journey* (1966), which details the UFO abduction of Barney and Betty Hill, who repeated under professional hypnotic regression their harrowing experience in 1961. No evidence of drugs or mental derangement sur-

faced there.

Concerning statements by astronomers, Clyde Tombaugh, discoverer of the planet Pluto, twice observed UFOs. In 1949, with some members of his family, he saw an apparently cigar-shaped object with lighted rectangular windows.

As to government distortion and suppression of the facts, a number of responsible books on the subject have made this abundantly clear - the latest, by Lawrence Fawcett and Barry J. Greenwood, "Clear Intent" (Prentice Hall, 1984) is must reading. It is evident - and long has been - that reliance on the government's offered explanations is not, to this date, warranted.

Robert S. Camburn  
Glenide

## Don't scoff at UFOs

To the editor:

Scoff if you must, nonbelievers, but the recent UFO sighting by the crew of Japan Air Lines (JAL) flight, while navigating through the clear skies of Alaska on Nov. 17, was perhaps the most sobering piece of news revealed on New Year's Day - a day usually reserved for rest and recovery from the previous evening's festivities, a night when just about everything is slightly blurred, if not highly confused.

According to a Jan. 1 UPI story, veteran JAL pilot, Capt. Kenji Terauchi, described the unidentified flying object as "... a very big one - two times bigger than an aircraft carrier." In other words, Capt. Terauchi was apparently trying to say that his fellow crew members didn't have to squint to get a good

look at the UFO. It was that big.

Capt. Terauchi, who's not an aspiring artist, drew an illustration of the UFO, thereby categorizing it, at least from this point forward, as an identified, flying object. According to art critics and others, Terauchi's drawing looked something like a "giant walnut" with an illuminating array of lights all around it.

Speaking at a press conference, Terauchi explained to reporters (one simply never "tells" reporters; one must always "explain") that in addition to the "giant walnut"-like object, two smaller UFO's also tailed his Boeing 747 airliner during the unnerving 32-minute, 400-mile episode.

Incidentally, it's rather unusual for the Japanese to go public with

this kind of information - or any other discovery, for that matter. The Japanese are usually pretty low-keyed people and historically have preferred to do things quietly, without much public fanfare.

Speaking in English, but occasionally using the aid of an interpreter, Terauchi also told, or explained to reporters that he felt that he had witnessed something of an extraterrestrial origin of a far more advanced technology than anything on earth. Presumably, it's from a place even more technologically advanced than the Japanese, if that's possible.

Darcy G. Richardson  
Melrose Park

## Don't bother the feds with UFO Reports of sightings referred to private agencies

By ED HAMILTON

University of Washington News Bureau

Imagine you're standing on your back porch and you see a large, disc-shaped object hovering thirty feet above the ground.

Strobe lights flash, images whirl, and you believe you're seeing a UFO.

After decapitating your trees, the image disappears and you feel obligated to report it. You reach for the phone and dial information, asking for the number of the Federal Aviation Administration.

You might be frustrated to discover that the FAA won't take your report.

Instead, you will be referred to one of two private Seattle organizations dedicated to recording sightings of unidentified flying objects. Both agencies knew of the Nov. 17, 1986, reported sighting of UFOs by a three-man Japan Airlines crew several weeks before the media covered the event.

The cargo jet was said to be followed for 400 miles by several UFOs.

Paul Steucke, the FAA spokesman in Alaska, explained his agency's refusal to take citizens' UFO reports by saying that the "FAA only gets involved if the incident involves an aircraft."

"Currently, there is no federal agency maintaining files of contacts," he added.

FAA staff will refer callers to a private UFO reporting center. As shown by the FAA's response, the government's position regarding UFOs is a skeptical one, at best.

This wasn't always the case.

In 1947, there was Project Bluebook, a program run by the Air Force to investigate UFO sightings. But, because of the high cost and questionable results, the government's position changed.

Bluebook was canceled in 1969 when Secretary of the Air Force Robert Seamans Jr. said the project was "no longer justified either on the grounds of national security or in the interest of science."

During the 22 years of operation, the Air Force investigated 12,618 sightings at a cost of several million dollars. The number of UFO reports during the investigation dropped from 1,501 in 1952 to 146 in 1969.

At the same time, two separate investigations by the National Academy of Sciences and a group at the University of Colorado also concluded that further studies were a waste of time and money.

Edward Condon, head of the committee for the University of Colorado study, said that the investigation was "a bunch of nonsense" and that he was "sorry (he) ever got involved in such foolishness."

Members of Seattle UFO-watching groups don't agree that it's nonsense.

If you see a UFO in your back yard, they'd very much like to hear about it.

Robert Gribble runs the National UFO Reporting Center from his home in South Seattle, accepting calls 24 hours a day at 722-3000. Gribble receives about six calls each day, most from within the continental United States. He records information about UFO sightings, then decides whether a follow-up investigation is necessary.

If so, he calls Mutual UFO Network, a Texas-based investigation agency. The privately financed agency has about 700 investigators nationwide.

The UFO Information Service International, another private, Seattle-based reporting center, began investigating and recording UFO sightings in 1973. Dale Goudie, an agency worker, wants to avoid having UFO reporting agencies stereotyped as science-fiction story chasers.

"We deal with fact, not fiction," he said. "The first thing we do when we get a case is try to destroy it."

His agency has records of more than 60,000, multiple-witness sightings from around the world since the 1950s. Only 3 percent of those who believe

Jan. 14, 1987

By Carolyn Penn  
Staff writer

Japan Airlines pilot Kenji Terauchi made headlines again Tuesday with his second reported UFO sighting over Alaska. But unidentified flying objects are old news to Bay Area United Airlines pilot Bob Wollow, who says he saw his first UFO outside the cockpit window more than 10 years ago.

The 36-year-old Mountain View resident was a Naval pilot trainee then, stationed in Texas. During an otherwise uneventful flight through clear evening skies near Seattle, Wollow said, "My co-pilot looked out his side window and pointed to what looked like a huge, really bright highlight up in the sky."

"We started to head after it, but it was moving incredibly fast. Then we blinked our eyes, and it was gone. Other pilots in the area excitedly radioed air control to report similar sightings. Wollow recalled, 'If you tell a member of the general public you've seen a UFO, they look at you like you're one off-the-wall character.' Wollow said, 'But pilots don't.'"

Chris Zwingle, Bay Area safety coordinator for the Airline Pilots Association, agreed that UFO sightings are far from rare among his professional peers. "I've flown with a number of men I consider reliable pilots who say they've seen them, and I found what they said highly credible. I wouldn't be particularly awestruck, or even amazed, if I see one myself someday."

It seems pretty foolish that there's no government agency monitoring these things regularly. Both Terauchi and his co-pilot reported a mysterious, globe-shaped aircraft with a diameter the size of two aircraft carriers chased his cargo jet for nearly an hour through clear evening skies Nov. 17. On Sunday, he again reported that a mysterious pair of lights chased his Boeing 747 at 37,000 feet above Fort Yukon, Alaska. FAA spokesman Paul Steucke speculated Terauchi's most recent sighting could be easily explained as light reflecting off ice crystals in the atmosphere.

Steucke dismissed the inexplicable image picked up by nearby military radar during Terauchi's November sighting as "clutter." The blip that registered on FAA radar at the same time was determined to be a split image of Terauchi's JAL jet, Steucke said. Joe Swartz, an air traffic controller at San Jose International Airport, doesn't share Zwingle's opinion about the frequency of pilot UFO sightings. "I've been in this business for 25 years, and I've never had a pilot report anything like that to me," Swartz said.

But UFO researcher Richard Haines said he has investigated no fewer than 100 UFO reports from pilots. About 80 percent of them did witness phenomena for which science has no logical explanation, he concluded.

"What happened in Alaska," Haines said, "tells into a typical variety of what I call close encounters at high altitudes."

they have seen a UFO report it, Goudie said. If you've made a sighting, you can call the service at 721-5035.

Goudie believes the recording of information, accompanied by volumes of government reports, should help to convince skeptics that the government should begin financing investigations again.

Gribble, in an attempt to contact as many UFO witnesses as possible, has left his phone number with all levels of government agencies, throughout North America and the Caribbean.

# UFO encounters — pilots say they're common

Giant Boomerang Was Among Eight UFOs Reported In State During 1986

DAILY NEWS, Eden, NC - Jan. 13, 1987 CR: G. Fawcett

CHARLOTTE (AP) — The boomerang-shaped object as big as two football fields made no sound as it cruised over Alfred and Elizabeth Edwards of Hampstead, but Mrs. Edwards says it gave her "the most terrifying feeling I've ever had in my life."

"It felt like my body was vibrating, but I think it was from fright," she said of the experience Jan. 9, 1986. "It scared me so bad I

Fawcett, who investigates and compiles sightings of unidentified flying objects, said the number is about the same as the year before.

"But these are significant reports. We have electromagnetic interference, animal reactions, multiple witnesses and people who have agreed to use their names," he said. "This is the best I've seen in about two and a half years. They (the witnesses) don't seem to express the fear of ridicule."

Mrs. Edwards said she called the Wilmington airport, which reported there was no plane in the area and that nothing showed on radar. Airport officials suggested she call a UFO study center in Washington state, which contacted Fawcett.

"I was kind of like other people," said Mrs. Edwards. "I did try to keep an open mind, but I still had a little doubt. I thought maybe what they saw could be explained. But not anymore. ... Believe you me, they are there, whatever they are."

Smoke from the center and three bursts of red fire before entering a cloud bank.

• Murfreesboro, July 27: Ronald E. Wood reported seeing a milky white, disc-shaped object hovering about 30 minutes above power lines for about 30 minutes. Fawcett said the man took some photos, but that they only showed some unfocused lights.

fit," Fawcett said. He said this report accounted for both the electromagnetic interference and the animal reactions he mentioned in the 1986 reports.

Fawcett also reported three more UFO sightings from late 1985 in Wilmington, Maiden and Concord. The yearly reports probably represent only a small portion of the UFOs seen in North Carolina, he said. Some people report them to local law enforcement, while others may not report anything at all.

KOSSUTH CO. ADVANCE, Algonia, IA - Jan. 10, 1987

According to a rural Algonia couple, an unidentified flying object hovered just over a grove of pine trees at their farm site west of Algonia Monday night.

"It had lots of lights and looked kind of plastic—like it was made of glass or something," said Betty Fisher. "It looked like it was real close," she added.

Mrs. Edwards, a 53-year-old housewife, said she and her husband, a 52-year-old construction worker, were returning home from dinner in Wilmington at about 7:45 p.m. when they saw lights about 400 feet up in the sky along U.S. 17.

"It just came over real slow, he estimated about 15 or 20 mph," Mrs. Edwards said. "I believe it was the most terrifying feeling I've ever had in my life. ... I caught myself trying to hide from the lights behind him (Ed-

ward). I begged him to get back in the car ... but it was like he was mesmerized."

Mrs. Edwards said she called the Wilmington airport, which reported there was no plane in the area and that nothing showed on radar. Airport officials suggested she call a UFO study center in Washington state, which contacted Fawcett.

• Mr. Alry, Oct. 19: Jonathan Semones reported hearing a swishing sound around 3:30 p.m., looking up and seeing a tan-colored, crusty object about the size of a basketball hovering 70 feet away. After a few seconds, the object moved away.

• Boger City, Dec. 13: Two high school students, who asked that their names not be published because they had an illegal car radar detector, reported hearing noises on the device, then seeing a small round white object that later turned reddish-orange. The object appeared to maneuver above their car, moving up and down in an arc and disappearing.

Among the exhibits would be photographs, UFO investigative kits and displays of objects that were later identified or revealed as hoaxes.

• Fawcett, who works at a textile mill, is working on plans and financing for a UFO museum. He said it would have classrooms, a library, lecture room, exhibit room and snack bar offering "space doggies" and "unidentified fried objects."

Couple Reports Seeing UFO Over Area Farm

According to Rev. Bob Adams of Algonia, the object may have been real. "We are like small children coming out of the woods as far as physics and astrophysics are concerned," said Adams who taught astronomy at the University of South Dakota. Adams has also

been consulted a number of times by authorities concerning UFO sightings.

Adams indicated that that the object may also have been a setting planet. "A setting planet can give the impression—visually—of being very low. The light gets refracted through the densest part of the atmosphere into spectral colors that appear to blink," he said.

Adams said most UFO sightings fall into 2 categories. "Most reports of objects are from observers who didn't really understand what they were seeing," he said. "Then there is a small percentage who see something unexplainable," he said.

• Shelby, Feb. 9: Frances Shaw reported seeing a spherical, orange object with blinking lights moving eastward and leaving a trail of smoke about 7:15 p.m.

• Maiden, March 16: Allen and Karen Cloninger reported seeing three objects to the left of the moon about 25 degrees above the horizon at about 11:30 p.m. They said the objects had colored lights and that, seen through binoculars, they appeared to have rounded tops and flat bottoms.

• Bessemer City, June 1: Six members of the Ragan Wesleyan Church reported seeing a round object with windows shortly before 10 p.m. The airplane-sized object moved from north to south in the sky about 3000 feet away, emitting

What could be the biggest story of the age appeared last week when the Federal Aviation Administration disclosed that on Nov. 17 the crew of a Japan Air Lines cargo flight encountered a huge unidentified flying object in clear skies over Alaska. All three members of the crew saw it, and the FAA confirmed that its radar had picked up the UFO.

While entirely possible that some completely plausible, entirely terrestrial explanation will emerge, it was a rather remarkable event. Yet the most remarkable thing about it seems to be that so far it has evoked little more than a colossal yawn. Many newspapers, as well as radio and TV news shows, didn't mention it at all. There have been no reports of panic, and the nation's armed forces, so far as anyone knows, have not been placed on alert to repel an invasion from outer space.

Why this widespread ennui? Several possible explanations suggest themselves. For one thing, people have

seen it all before in movies such as *Close Encounters of the Third Kind*, *Starman* and *ET*, which also have taught us that extraterrestrials are to be welcomed, not feared. Then, of course, readers of supermarket tabloids may have been unimpressed because they already knew there would be an encounter with a UFO this year. Ralph Blodgett, a writer who keeps tabs on published predictions by psychics (and has shown that they are for the most part awesomely inaccurate), says that three seers have predicted some kind of encounter with extraterrestrials this year.

On a more serious note, it's sadly ironic that J. Allen Hynek, the astronomer who headed the Air Force's study of UFOs from 1946 until the project was terminated in 1969, died in May at 75 and didn't hear of this latest encounter. Not long before he died he told an interviewer that he was more convinced than ever that UFO sightings deserved serious study. He may have been on to something.

INQUIRER, Philadelphia, PA - Jan. 5, 1987 CR: T. Crair

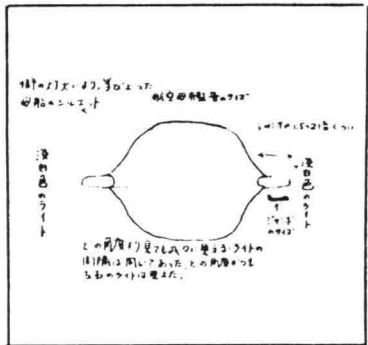
Reflections on a close encounter

UFO That's Hard to Miss — And Not a Camera on The Japanese Plane!

Scoff if you must, O unbelievers, but the recent UFO sighting by the crew of a Japanese Air Lines (JAL) flight, while navigating through the clear skies of Alaska on Nov. 17, was perhaps the most sobering piece of news revealed on New Year's Day.

Veteran JAL pilot Kenju Terauchi described the object as "... a very big one — two times bigger than an aircraft carrier. An aircraft carrier is enormous. For instance, a modern aircraft carrier, such as the nuclear propelled Nimitz, is 1,092 feet long, and displaces some 96,000 tons of water. These monstrosities are hard to miss by the naked eye, although the Japanese themselves used six giant aircraft carriers during their brutal sneak assault on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941 — and we didn't see them coming. I guess our vision isn't as good as theirs.

Captain Terauchi prepared an amateur artist's rendition of the UFO. According to art critics, his drawing looks something like a giant walnut with an illuminating array of lights all around it. The captain explained to reporters that two smaller UFOs, possibly peanuts, also followed his airliner during the



32-minute 400-mile episode.

Terauchi also told reporters he felt that he had witnessed something of an extraterrestrial origin of a more advanced technology. Even smarter than the Japanese.

This is the first time the Japanese have confessed that they're inferior to nuts.

Then again, who could believe that among an all-Japanese flight crew, not a single one of them carried a camera?

Darcy G. Richardson  
Melrose Park

Eight UFO Sightings In State Last Year Include One From Westfield-Area Man

By TOM JOYCE  
Managing Editor

A Westfield-area man's spotting of an unidentified flying object near his home in October was one of eight apparent UFO sightings reported in North Carolina in 1986.

"I don't want people to think I believe in little green men and flying saucers...but I saw something and it was unique," Jonathan Semones said during an interview today. He said the object he saw coming from the northwest sky

about 3 p.m. on Oct. 19 could have been some type of meteor, but isn't sure.

Semones, 25, said he was sitting on the steps outside his mobile home about five miles from Westfield and reading a book when he heard a strange sound.

"I heard a noise like something cutting through the air, like a swishing noise," Semones related. He added that the noise resembled that of a remote-control airplane coming in for a landing: "I don't

know how to describe it — I've heard that sound before."

Semones said he looked up from his book and saw the brown-colored object with the autumn sunlight glistening on its surface, which appeared as if it had "pits" on it. He described it as being about the size of a basketball, though not perfectly round.

"It never did stop. It never did hover. It was just travelling — real fast — about seventy feet off the ground," about tree-line level.

"It stunned me," admitted Semones, who was alone when the sighting was made and said his mobile home is about 100 yards from the nearest other residence. "I've never seen anything like that and I probably never will. I was pretty excited about it, too."

After cruising past his home, the object disappeared into some nearby woods.

Semones, who said his wife was at work at the time and his two children were inside the home

asleep, later searched for the object with the help of some friends but was unable to find anything. He speculated that if it did hit the ground, the object might have been covered up by autumn leaves that were rapidly covering the ground that week.

Afterward, the Westfield man decided to report his experience to "people who are interested in such things." Enter George Fawcett, a Lincolnton UFO researcher.

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NEWS, Mount Airy, NC  
- Jan. 15, 1987)

Semones remembered Fawcett when Fawcett lived in Mount Airy and investigated a rash of UFO sightings in the early 1970s.

Fawcett mailed Semones a form on which the latter listed information about the incident.

Semones, a fixer in the Knitting Department at an Adams-Millis plant in Mount Airy, admits that he has taken some ribbing from people he has told about the sighting but he stands by his account.

"It wouldn't be nothing like little green men. I figure it was only a meteor."

#### Other UFO Sightings

Fawcett said the other seven apparent UFO sightings in the state last year included a boomerang-shaped object that was brightly lit and said to be as large as two football fields, as reported in January by Alfred and Elizabeth Edwards of Hampstead.

The others were reported in Greensboro, Shelby, Maiden, Bessemer City, Murfreesboro and Boger City.

The objects spotted seemed as different as snowflakes, according to those making the sightings.

In the Greensboro incident, for example, Scott and Tina Kay reported seeing 10 glowing, gray, disc-shaped objects as big as airplanes flying in formation about 9 p.m. Jan. 12, 1986. They said the formation changed as the objects flew overhead.

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Fawcett, assistant state director for the Mutual UFO Network, investigates and compiles sightings of unidentified flying objects. He said the number of sightings in '86 is about the same as the year before.

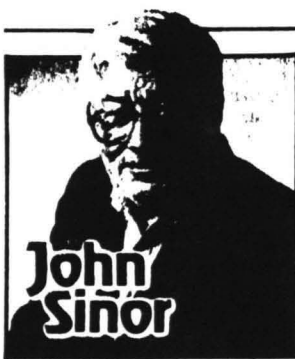
"But these are significant reports," added Fawcett, who works in a textile mill. "We have electromagnetic interference, animal reactions, multiple witnesses and people who have agreed to use their names...They don't seem to express the fear of ridicule."

Last year's reports probably represent only a small portion of the UFOs seen in North Carolina, according to the researcher. He said some people report them to law enforcement agencies, while others may not report anything at all.

The last "major wave" of UFO sightings in the state was in 1973, when hundreds were reported in more than 100 towns. Smaller waves occurred in 1975 and 1978, Fawcett said.

The former Mount Airy man is working on plans and financing for a UFO museum.

TRIBUNE, San Diego, CA - Jan. 19, 1987



**THE PILOT** of a Japan Air Lines cargo jet reported this week he had spotted his second unidentified flying object over Alaska.

That's nothing. I had an inflow who went for a ride in one.

He swore it was the crying truth.

He said the UFO landed in a field in Oregon. He was driving by on a country road and his car engine died just as the craft touched ground.

Two aliens stepped out of the door and motioned to him to approach. He described the aliens as about 7 feet tall, wearing sort of shimmering silver outfits and helmets that obscured their facial features.

He said they had two arms and two legs just like us, but their fingers were all about 12 inches long.

He said they did not speak but he seemed to understand their thoughts and they obviously understood his words.

They instructed him, by telepathy, to get into their craft. Then they took off.

He said they just stood in a circular device and seemed to run the craft by telepathy.

When he asked me what I thought about that, I said I thought he was either lying through his teeth or had finally gone completely nuts.

**NOW, I HAVE** to admit I never did think this particular relative had all his marbles in

one bag. He was forever making weird claims that you couldn't really disprove.

Like, how did I know for sure he had never been a secret agent assigned to assassinate Hitler during World War II? You can't really prove anything about a secret agent's past.

And I couldn't positively know that he hadn't stumbled across the Lost Dutchman's gold in the Superstition Mountains when he lived in Arizona.

He said he got a fever walking out of the mountains and lost his memory of the way to the treasure.

I suppose he could have been a boy acrobat with the circus when he was 12. It just didn't seem likely. He always appeared pretty clumsy to me.

But he swore all these things were the absolute truth. And he did it with such conviction, that pretty soon he convinced you that at least he believed it, whether it was true or not.

**HE SAID** the aliens didn't put many more thoughts into his head. They just seemed to be showing off their craft.

The thing traveled at an incredible speed. Within seconds after taking off, the craft tilted a bit and he noticed the Golden Gate Bridge down below.

A few minutes later, he claimed, the craft tilted again and he spotted the Statue of Liberty.

Next the aliens flew by Mount Rushmore in South Dakota.

He said the aliens seemed to know which landmarks he would recognize. It seemed mostly a demonstration of speed, although he could feel no sensation of hurtling through the air that fast.

Minutes later the craft was back in that Oregon field. He was released and went back to his car and the UFO streaked away in the night.

He never even got excited about it all, he claimed. It was as if the aliens had somehow tranquilized him.

That's what he said. I still say he was nuts.

CR: D. Clements

FORT LEWIS RANGER, Tacoma, WA - Jan. 23, 1987

## STREET TALK

Recently, the crew of a Japan Airlines 747 gave a vivid description of what appeared to be a huge spacecraft that followed them for a long time on their flight over the Pacific. Do you think there really are visitors from outer space or are these UFO sightings all an illusion? Why?



**PFC Don W. Wise**

Co C, 86th Engr Bn

Yes, I believe there are visitors from other planets. I believe at this day and age anything could be possible and who knows what's beyond our universe.



**Michelle Cessler**

Army family member

Yes, because if we live here on this planet there is no reason why other beings cannot live on other planets.



**SSgt. Willie Williams**

1st SFG

I believe because I can't help thinking there is another form of life out there. It's not unrealistic to believe that there is other life exploring just as we do.



**Sgt. George Johansson**

HQB, 1/89th FA

I feel the universe is endless and that there are countless planets. The chance that the earth is the only one able to sustain life is very slim. Therefore, I do believe that it is possible to have other beings in the universe besides the human race.



**Spec. Chona Gullett**

Co B, AMEDD

If there is life from another planet I haven't encountered it. But, I will not count out the possibility.



**Sgt. Derek Wiley**

Co B, 9th Sig Bn

I doubt it, until I see it for myself there's no way I can believe it. This is 1987, not "My Favorite Martian."

## 'Expert' doesn't end UFO sightings

TIMES, Anchorage, AK

Feb. 5, 1987

Dear Editor:

Well, the same old game has begun again. How easy it is to call in some "expert" who knows everything and call his words the truth — period! And for the very newspapers that cover the original story to suddenly cop-out, though they were ready to sensationalize front page for that very same news.

That is just exactly why those who have had any experience with the UFO goings on will continue to keep it to themselves, or at the most private times, among very close friends, share the happenings.

Because of the Mr. Klass's in our world, the silence continues. Interesting how no one will question the logic of Mr. Klass — he's

an "expert"! Could he be another of those paid to knock out and discredit any UFO information? One of the men in the black suits? One of the men who kept the Blue Book?

How nice when, from some quiet, maybe even teasy comments among friends, there is the realization that there is someone who has been witness to something parallel to another's experience or even a new facet of events is added to the happenings among one another. The interest in discovering similarities, and how cautiously it comes out. In bits and pieces as one tests the others. The relief to find another you can talk to and share with. And in time there is another and another, and you know they are

not going to think any different of you — or you of them — from this sharing.

I commend Capt. Kenju Terauchi for reporting his sighting, and holding to it. I hope he will not feel offended with the newspapers' coverage in favor of Mr. Klass' explanation. Anyone can dig up a good explanation if he searches hard enough. Let the UFO "expert" knock holes in the sighting. If only he knew how many people are witness to UFOs in the most innocent of times, places, day and/or night events.

Capt. Terauchi, you are not alone...

Nancy D. Kroon  
3008 W. 29th Ave.

# Residents see UFOs in Maiden, Newton

On the night of March 16, 1986, Alan and Karen Cloninger of Maiden were searching the sky for Halley's Comet around midnight when they saw something very unusual on the horizon: several bright lights which appeared to be very close.

Mrs. Cloninger told me this week she and his husband looked at the objects through binoculars to trace the motion of the lights. Because the lights were so close, Alan Cloninger set up a camera tripod to try to get a timed exposure of the lights, but the photos turned out blurry.

In fact, the strange lights had been seen earlier that evening, around 9:30, by members of May's Chapel Church who had been attending a function at the church, Mrs. Cloninger said.

That incident is one of eight sightings of unidentified flying objects (UFOs) in North Carolina from last year, according to George Fawcett of Lincolnton, assistant state director for the Mutual UFO Network.

"But these are significant reports," Fawcett recently told a reporter for the Associated Press.

"We have electromagnetic interference, animal reactions, multiple witnesses and people who have agreed to use their names. This is the best I've seen in about two and a half years. They (the witnesses) don't seem to express the fear of ridicule."

Karen Cloninger told me of another UFO sighting she had in Maiden when she saw a large bright light hovering over a friend's house near Maiden High School.

She returned home in a "stunned" condition, but it was only a short while before she received a telephone call — it was her friend calling to tell her about the strange light she'd just seen over her house.

A third sighting happened when Mrs. Cloninger, her mother, Gwen McRee, and Marlene Wilson, all of Maiden, saw a strange light in the sky as they were driving back to Maiden from Gastonia.

Mrs. Cloninger said the bright object was the size of a house and was stationary in the night sky. She drove around to see the object from three different sides, she said.

"I definitely think there are UFOs. I guess there is life out there, but I don't really think about it a lot," she said.

## A sighting in Newton

Another Catawban who was involved with a local UFO sighting is Newton businessman Joe Ikerd, who owns and operates Space Age Satellite Systems at



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Associate Editor

Winn-Dixie Plaza.

About five years ago Ikerd, his wife, Carolyn; and son, Trent were returning from a softball game at Jaycee Park when they saw a bright round object in the night sky near Jarrett's Farm Road in Newton.

The object, which was orange at one point, appeared to descend to the earth nearby, Ikerd said. George Fawcett subsequently came up to investigate the sighting and toured the site with Ikerd.

The O-N-E carried the story about the sighting, and following his investigation Fawcett listed the sighting as a genuine one.

"It wasn't an airplane, and it wasn't a helicopter," Ikerd said Thursday. "I'm not saying it was people from Mars either, but it was an unidentified flying object."

Ikerd, who named his business Space Age Satellite Systems because of his interest in space phenomena, said, "I'm a definite believer in God, but for every star there's a sun, and every sun has planets."

Given the billions of stars in the universe, the likelihood of extraterrestrial life is pretty high, Ikerd says.

"There's no doubt in my mind there are extraterrestrial beings," he said.

Although it seems impossible today, man may one day perfect the methods of space travel so that he will be able to reach other planets, Ikerd said.

"Yesterday's science fiction is today's reality," he notes.

These sightings remind me of the experience a good friend of mine from Conover, an old high school buddy named Mark Herman, had about five years ago.

One night Mark was driving around with his girl friend, Tammy — they met while students at Lenoir-Rhyne and are now happily married — when they saw a strange bright light in the sky near Hickory.

Mark drove them over the Hickory Airport to ask if

anyone there had noticed the light, but no one else had seen it.

## Whitney's view

The great majority of the strange lights seen in the night sky can be explained by routine phenomena such as atmospheric conditions and weather balloons, according to R.V. Whitney, who helps with astronomy classes at Maiden High School. (One of his current students is the Cloninger's son, Adam, a sophomore at the school.)

Yet, about three to four percent of the sightings simply cannot be explained, Whitney said.

Years ago when he lived in Plymouth, N.C., Whitney interviewed a woman who had seen a strange object in the night sky.

"We decided she saw something that morning we could not explain," he said.

He subsequently found out that several people in town had seen the strange light, and a jet had been scrambled at the nearby Seymour Johnson Air Force Base to investigate the object.

When he lived in New England Whitney found there are a number of reported sightings in that part of the country, too.

Just last month, in a widely reported incident, a Japanese airline pilot reported seeing a UFO near Alaska, Whitney noted.

Somewhere in the vastness of space — and it stretches for many light years — there may be intelligent life, Whitney says. But, being a scientific observer, he reserves his final opinion until more conclusive evidence is in.

As for me, I don't get very excited about UFOs, but it is my opinion that the odds do favor the existence of intelligent life elsewhere in this universe.

That opinion doesn't conflict with my belief in God — being a student of Martin Luther's theology, I think man ought to take a humble, not a prideful, opinion of his place in the universe.

But, as Whitney notes, the distances between our "tiny" solar system and neighboring ones are vast — so vast, in fact, that I think it's quite possible over the coming thousands of years that man could easily exhaust this planet or destroy himself before any concrete proof is received from an alien civilization.

But in the meantime there's nothing wrong with hoping and dreaming. Something surprising may turn up at any time.

# UFO 'scares' decline in U.S.

By Matthew Schofield  
staff writer

In the mid-1970s it seemed Missourians could hardly step outside without spying space aliens winging by the front porch or scaring the cattle.

One decade later, however, times have changed, according to area and national experts on Unidentified Flying Objects.

"We haven't had any top quality strangeness—the stuff that brings UFOs out of the ghosts and goblins realm—since 1978," said Ted Phillips of Reeds Spring, Mo., a professional photographer and research associate for the Arizona-based Center for UFO Studies.

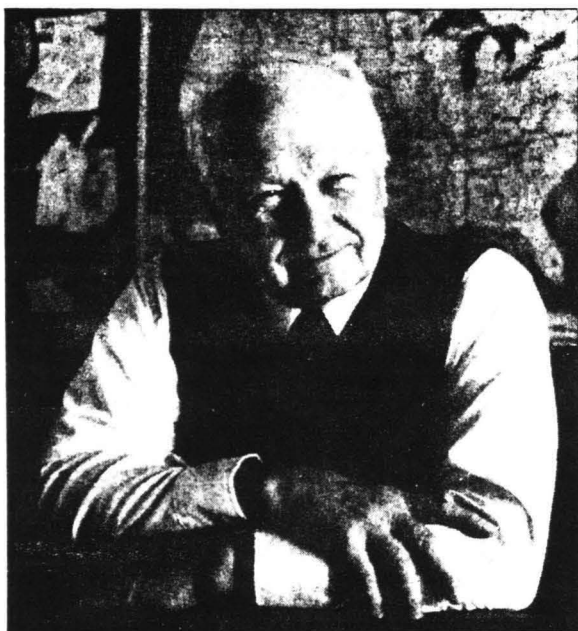
Still, UFO experts are hoping a recent sighting over Alaska of a possible spaceship twice the size of an aircraft carrier will scare up new enthusiasm for alien visitors among the general population and the press.

They said enthusiasm, even among many of the faithful, reached low tide during this decade. And as enthusiasm ebbed, so did the number of sightings, they added.

"People don't look up at the sky anymore," said Thomas H. Nicholl, a Leawood aeronautical engineer and "ufologist," trying to explain why there haven't been as many sightings recently as there were 10 years ago. "Really, there's a lot of them around."

Missouri attracted world-wide attention in 1973 and 1974 for hundreds of UFO sightings in the state. Reported sightings, however, declined toward the close of the decade.

Since 1985, only four UFO sightings have been reported in Missouri and 218 reported nationwide, according to records



Thomas H. Nicholl, a Leawood aeronautical engineer and "ufologist," says there haven't been as many recent UFO sightings as there were 10 years ago. (staff photo by Talis Bergmanis)

at the Computer UFO Network in Seattle.

The sightings include one Oct. 22, 1985, in Mayville, Mo., one each last April 22 in Lawson, Mo., and Farmington, Mo., and one last Sept. 15 in Florissant, Mo. Experts estimate that only about 3 percent of sightings are reported.

Harley Rutledge, physics professor at Southeast Missouri State University, said law enforcement agencies and media outlets are not as receptive to UFO reports as they once were and can even scare away reported sightings.

As many persons become shy of reporting UFOs for fear of being mocked or verbally abused, fewer others become interested in looking for them, he added. But, he said, he wasn't afraid of talking about UFOs.

"I'm a physicist, and this is difficult to deal with, but I've seen 161 UFOs in my life," he said. "I've seen seven vehicles, two in the daylight. I'm convinced."

Phillips said, "I hate to say these things are the results of aliens from outer space, but that's what I'm saying."

REFLECTOR, Greenville, NC - Jan. 26, 1987

# Maybe ...

If your attention is triggered by the letters U F O, then you presumably read some recent news stories of a Japan Airlines pilot reporting his cargo jet was shadowed by a huge unidentified flying object over Alaska last November and a purported second encounter with lights in Alaska's skies in January.

A separate account cited eight apparent UFO sightings in North Carolina during 1986. They were reported to a Lincolnton resident, one George Fawcett, who is connected with an unofficial group that keeps track of such experiences. Fawcett regards those eight reports as especially significant in that they include multiple witnesses, people who have agreed to use of their names. The size, shape and coloring of the objects they "saw" were widely varied.

One of them was purported to be "as big as two football fields"; others were described as being the size of an airplane (which is not helpful) ... and then there were smaller objects apparently the size of a basketball. Among the latter was "a tan-colored crusty object" hovering 70 feet away and emitting a "swishing" sound, that eventually moved away and out of sight.

Taken all together they add up to something highly implausible taking place in North Carolina skies. Yet, the feeling persists that some people have been witnessing something totally beyond their experience and comprehension.

Seeing "flying saucers" or unidentified flying objects has been an American phenomenon for maybe four decades. Tradition has it the first were observed at the close of World War II when a "formation" of saucers was said to have been seen in the Washington D.C. skies. (We do not recall the news media marking that occasion.) Since then the record is filled with hoaxes and manifestly fraudulent claims. There were other claims that could not be so easily dismissed though all were suspect.

None of it makes sense. But the recurring tales over a period of many years tends to add weight to wondering if maybe, just maybe....



# Letters to the editor

## UFO SIGHTINGS

### Perhaps U.S. government doesn't tell us everything

Your call for a full-fledged, open investigation by federal authorities into the recent Japan Airlines UFO sighting is commendable but also naive.

In the nearly 40 years since pilot Kenneth Arnold reported seeing nine disk-shaped objects while flying his light plane from Chehalis to Yakima (an incident that popularized the term "flying saucer"), thousands of thoughtful people have asked for such an investigation, all without success.

Instead, the federal government has used every trick in the public relations book to persuade Americans that authorities have no interest in such reports.

In recent years, however, the Freedom of Information Act has been used to obtain thousands of pages of UFO-related documents from the CIA, the U.S. Air Force, the FBI, the National Security Agency (NSA), and other branches of the military-intelligence community. These documents make it clear that UFO sightings by reliable witnesses have been a frequent topic of discussion within classified channels at least until 1979. Many UFO-related documents held by the NSA remain classified for national security reasons.

For those of us who have followed this controversy, it is easy to understand why the government does not wish to acknowledge the existence of UFOs. A number of government investigators have concluded that some UFOs are intelligently controlled. If this is the case, then the problem naturally falls into the domain of the military intelligence community.

Unlike rocks, trees, stars and other "natural" phenomena which do not "mind" being studied by scientists, alien intelligence might not wish to be observed by us. Thus, the techniques of counterintelligence would be the most appropriate means of conducting UFO research. Such research is always carried out in secret so as not to tip off the other side as to what you have discovered about them. If you tell the public what you know, you also risk telling the enemy.

Another problem has to do with the national defense system which depends heavily on radar. It would not be wise for the military to admit that it can't tell the difference between anomalous radar targets such as UFOs, and, say, a Russian missile attack.

Then there is the concern about public panic or other unpredictable social effects that might result from open acknowledgement of UFO reality. Suppose government analysts have concluded that UFOs are potentially malevolent. If so, they certainly would not admit this to the public.

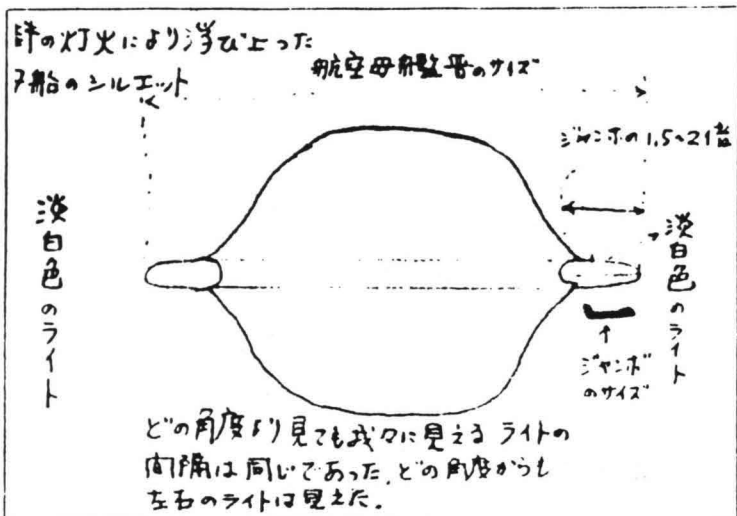
Fear of public panic was one of the main reasons for the CIA's little-known program of covert mass-media "training and debunking" instituted in 1953 to persuade the public that all UFO sightings had prosaic explanations. The Air Force's Project Blue Book and similar public relations exercises were undoubtedly an extension of these early CIA efforts to calm the public following major sighting waves.

Today many journalists regard UFO sightings as fit only for light-hearted or even satirical treatment. But the entire subject of contact with alien intelligence has profound social and political implications. Although the government remains silent whenever things go bump in the night, we can be confident that these implications have not been entirely lost on the U.S. intelligence community.

Terry Hansen  
Seattle

### Many unanswered questions remain about UFO incident

No doubt your readers want to know more about the fascinating account Capt. Kenju Terauchi gave of encountering a UFO. What interests us are these questions: 1) Why was there not an Air Force scramble to encounter this object which was within someone's airspace, be it Canada, the U.S.S.R. or the United States? 2) Are there other radar or early-warning reports of this object and its two smaller satellites by other nations? 3) How odd that no one in this aircraft had a camera...



Pilot Kenju Terauchi sketched the UFO he says he saw over Alaska

One asks how it is that two other objects did not appear on radar, but were flying alongside the larger object? One would like to know where the instructions originated to evade this UFO. At that moment one would expect orders to go to various governments to send up planes to look and see what is in their airspace. No doubt UPI will give us a further story on this one.

J.M.B. Crawford  
Tacoma

RECORDER, Belleville, WI - Feb. 5, 1987 CR: R. Heiden

## Phyllis' Meanderings

By Phyllis Wambold

### UFO—THE AFTERMATH

A couple of weeks ago one of our local police officers, Glen Kazmar, along with rider Jeff Furseth, were involved with fellow officers in viewing something they couldn't identify.

It was in the air-flying.

They didn't know what it was—unidentified.

It was there and they could see it—object.

ERGO—Unidentified Flying Object.

When I first read about the incident I was terribly excited and wanted to call Glen right away to talk, but your reporter was too late. Glen had already made T.V., the Madison papers, and our own Recorder. Foiled again. It wasn't until several days later, after listening to the varied remarks of fellow Bellevillians that your reporter decided to call Glen to see if he would talk to me. I wanted the story of what has happened to Glen since the sighting. This story is not about UFO's and whether you believe or not. It's what would you do if put in Glen's position?

Would you tell the world? Would you keep it to yourself? If you were alone, would you tell it or would you try to get someone else to confirm? Would you accept some feeble excuse for something entirely out of place in your trained eye? Glen did the best thing he could have done, got confirmation from fellow officers, (certainly for his own protection and peace of mind), probably took a deep breath and made his statement. He must have known some were going to poke fun, make jokes, etc. but he went ahead anyway and told the story. In the estimation of this reporter, it took real guts to do what Glen Kazmar and Jeff Furseth did.

But what has happened to Glen since then. That's what your reporter wanted to find out. On Tuesday, January 27th, Glen and Jeff both came to this reporter's home for an interview. Perhaps they were a little apprehensive—wondering what she was going to say, wondering how she felt and wondering if she was going to make fun of the whole situation - NOT SO, folks.

Your reporter put a few questions to Glen and following are the answers to the Reporter's obvious inquiries:

"They're going to think we're nuts!"  
"Most of the response has been positive."

"I've had to take my phone off the hook."

"I don't feel bad, but feel it has been blown way out of proportion."

"My home and private life have been shattered!"

Of course, your reporter's big question was, "Would you do it again?"  
"Yes, it's part of my job to log and report what I see."

I put it to you folks, what would you have done? What would your reporter have done? She's not sure. Your reporter does know that there's billions and billions of stars out there - that this old (or new) earth of ours is merely a grain of sand on the beach of the universe(s), that our space program is still in the infant stage of its lifetime, that someday humans will travel through that infinite space and who knows what we'll find. My only regret, and this reporter's friends and family have heard me say it many times, is that she won't live long enough to be there. You don't even have to be a "believer" to agree with this.

So I say "good work" Glen and Jeff. Next time call me so I can see too! And for you scoffers and jokers - what can I say - you'll always have an answer for everything.

SUN-HERALD, Biloxi, MS  
Feb. 15, 1987 CR: D. Titler



Charles Hickson

## Hickson reprints his book on UFO

JACKSON COUNTY BUREAU

■ GAUTIER — What really happened to two men who claim they were spirited aboard a UFO on the banks of the Pascagoula River 14 years ago and what has happened to them since then?

A book, "UFO Contact at Pascagoula," co-authored by one of the men, Charles Hickson of Gautier, and college professor William Mendez, details the strange encounter with extraterrestrials on Oct. 11, 1973 and goes beyond that initial meeting.

The 200-page, hardcover book has just been released in its second printing by popular demand, Hickson said.

The incredible of the experience of Hickson and his friend, Calvin Parker, is told by Hickson in his own words in the book.

Hickson discusses the examinations the men went through and their interviews with UFO experts.

The complete psychological report on Hickson and Parker is also revealed.

UFO expert J. Allen Hynek, who met with Hickson and Parker following the incident, told reporters that the two men had had a real and frightening experience. But there have been critics of Hickson and Parker's story.

Hickson said through his narrative he tries to answer the doubters who have spoken out over the years.

Hickson also reveals he had later contact with the aliens after the 1973 meeting.

Included in the book are drawings of the craft and creatures made according to Hickson's description when he was placed under hypnosis and asked to recall the incident.

Mendez, who has spent years researching the Pascagoula UFO experience and others, has written a chapter for the book on what scientists believe about the possibility of extraterrestrial life and discusses what this means for our world.

There are also sections of the book by Mendez on his visit with Betty Hill, the alleged victim, along with her husband, concerning a UFO incident in 1961.

"UFO Contact at Pascagoula" is available for \$14.95 plus \$3 for postage and handling. Six to eight weeks should be allowed for delivery.

One may send a check, or money order to Charles Hickson, 2024 Carol Drive, Gautier, MS 39553, or P.O. Box 334, Jeffersonville, ID 47130, or call toll free 1-800-654-7196.

# Those flying saucers keep coming back

By Larry Gedney  
Geophysical Institute, U of A

There was a recent spate of news reports about three UFOs that intercepted a JAL cargo jet near the Canadian border and followed it across the skies of Alaska. According to the pilot, the largest object was about the size of two aircraft carriers, and it was accompanied by two smaller companions. The pilot says that he made a complete circle in the sky, and the UFOs continued to pursue him. Turning off the cockpit lights convinced him that they were not reflections from the windshield. No plausible explanation has yet been set forth.

The story is reminiscent of the flying saucer craze of the late 1940s and 1950s. (Of course, sensational accounts of UFOs are

still common fare in tabloids such as the National Enquirer).

It all began on June 24, 1947, when Kenneth Arnold, a private pilot, was flying over the Cascade Mountains of Washington. As he approached Mt. Rainier, he reported that nine circular objects, moving at high speed in a stepped-back formation, passed his plane at a distance of about 25 miles. Arnold told a reporter that they flew like a saucer would if you skipped it across the water. Thus was the term born and thus the mania began. Soon saucers were reported from all across the nation and in several foreign countries.

It was a hucksters' holiday. Two Tacoma men reported a weird doughnut-shaped craft that spewed forth lava-like rock on an island a few miles offshore. Pressured to investigate, the Air

Force dispatched a B-25 bomber to the scene and found nothing. But on the return trip — the left engine caught fire and, although two crew members managed to bail out, the two officers in the cockpit were killed in the ensuing crash. (The Tacoma men later confessed that their story had been a hoax).

In January 1948, Captain Thomas Mantrell was flying his P-51 fighter near Fort Knox, Kentucky, when he radioed that he was going in pursuit of a round, white object above him. His last message was that he would follow it to 20,000 feet and, if he could get no closer, he would abandon the chase. Apparently he blacked out at around 30,000 feet and spiraled into the ground.

Naturally, stories such as these only reinforced the hype that UFOs were manned (created?) by beings from outer space that had destroyed their pursuers. Pictures of flying saucers (many of which look suspiciously like garbage can lids thrown into the air) repeatedly cropped up in the newspapers and in pulp magazines.

Because there were those who maintained that the saucers were some sort of secret military development, the Air Force was inevitably drawn into the controversy. At the time, it seemed conceivable that UFOs might be Soviet reconnaissance vehicles, possibly developed with advanced technology obtained from German scientists captured at the

end of World War II.

Consequently, the Air Force initiated a study that involved more than 10,000 UFO reports and lasted more than 20 years. To the disappointment and skepticism of true believers, it was finally concluded that, with few exceptions, the reports could all be attributed to explainable phenomena such as weather balloons, bright celestial bodies, ball lightning or meteors.

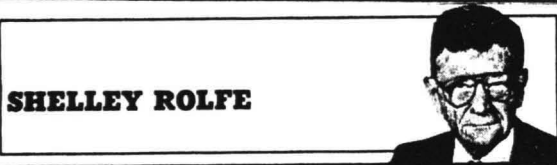
But the subject wouldn't go away (and still hasn't, as witness the recent JAL event). In 1966, at the request of the U.S. Government, the University of Colorado undertook a controversial two-year UFO investigation funded by a U.S. Air Force research grant. The study (called the Condon Report after Dr. Edward Condon, the project manager) was marred from the outset by the attempts of a group of UFO-believers (including one congressman, J. Edward Roush, D-Ind.) to discredit the Colorado effort. One result was that the congressman arranged for a fervent UFO-believer (James McDonald, of the University of Arizona) to select a group of six scientists to testify before the House Science and Astronautics Committee (of which the congressman was a member). Five of the scientists were strongly pro-UFO, while the sixth, Carl Sagan, was mildly so (Sagan has since become a skeptic). The object of this lopsided testimony was, of course, to obtain massive

funding for more UFO investigations. The effort did not succeed.

In the end, The Condon report revealed little that had not already been said. There were a few instances in which a rational explanation of a UFO sighting could not be found. But these were nearly all cases that occurred in the early days of UFO mania, and the trail had grown cold. In the vast majority of cases, the sightings could be attributed to perfectly natural phenomena. But the report did little to settle the matter conclusively and satisfied nobody.

As for the recent Alaska incident, it is interesting that the early sensational reports indicated that Air Force radar had tracked the UFOs trailing the JAL jet. In more subdued tones (and smaller headlines) it is now learned that the Air Force attributes what was seen on the screen to radar "scatter."

(As a personal aside, I am a UFO-sighter myself. In the early 1950s I was a high school student living on a farm in Nevada. The craze was in full swing. One day I looked up and saw this round, silvery thing high overhead. I wanted desperately to believe in UFOs and, being an amateur astronomer, had a four-inch reflector telescope stored in a corner of my room. I got it and ran outside, focused, and saw — much to my disappointment — a very nice weather balloon with an instrument package dangling beneath.)



SHELLEY ROLFE

## The return of the UFO

Residents of our global village have been reacting with admirable restraint to the recent report that a Japan Air Lines pilot who was commanding a cargo plane observed an unidentified flying object over Alaska in November. As far as can be ascertained, no one else has said he or she has seen a UFO since then. This may say something about our times.

Once it would have been different. One sighting would have led to an epidemic of other visions of UFOs.

You do not have to be that old to recall cartoons depicting little green men stepping out of a flying saucer and saying insistently, "Take me to your leader." Now you can't even find that in the Far Side.

But those little green men lived in the imagination as well as cartoons. In the 1950s, a resident asked the Virginia attorney general's office to determine their legal status. The question apparently was left in midair.

The legal status of whatever the JAL pilot saw has not been determined. Meanwhile, on the radio the other evening, a man from an Alaska outpost of the Federal Aviation Administration said his office was investigating. This was reassuring to a point. The man would not say whether anyone at the FAA was taking the sighting seriously.

Well, in the once upon a time, you can bet sightings were taken seriously by many of us. The question of whether UFOs existed was probed by the Air Force, which said no. The question also engaged some of the world's better scientific minds. Reflecting the human condition, some believed and some were skeptics.

The skeptics focused on mass hysteria and the power of suggestion; the believers deplored those of little faith. However, no little green men, or women, ever appeared on the evening news.

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It is widely believed that UFO sightings are a post-World War II phenomenon. By that yardstick, a man named Kenneth Arnold from Boise, Idaho, has won a place in history. On June 24, 1947, while flying a small plane over Washington state, Arnold made the first sighting of our era.

But one scholar who clearly believes has said there were sightings as long ago as 1290. We also should not forget that Ezekiel saw a wheel within a wheel.

What Arnold saw was a "chain of saucerlike things at least 5 miles long. . . . They were flat, like a pie plate."

In the years to come, the UFO sighters, in Virginia to localize matters, also described what they saw as being shaped like cigars, three-legged aluminum storage tanks and blobs of gas — a development that led the skeptics to invoke natural phenomena such as hot air. The JAL pilot said his UFO had the mind-boggling diameter of two aircraft carriers.

The first post-Arnold sightings in Virginia apparently occurred in 1949. Then they began coming in waves, which does hint at the power of suggestion. There were mass sightings in the mid-1950s and 1960s and the early 1970s in all areas of the state.

Sightings were made by a milkman in Goochland County and a policeman in the Richmond area. A Richmond woman saw a UFO navigating its way from downtown to the Mosque. Newspaper clippings of the time indicate there was no panic in the streets.

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The last recorded sighting in Virginia occurred in Chesapeake in 1980. In Chesapeake, of course, it could have been a bear with particularly luminous eyes. Will the FAA investigate whether the JAL pilot might have seen a flying reindeer?

I also trust the FAA will probe whether the cargo plane was carrying wine, was tapped. On the other hand, the pilot, whose name is Kenji Terauchi, has been described as an experienced, no-nonsense airman.

Terauchi, it should be noted, has said nothing about little green men. Note: One Virginia sighter of the past said he saw green men with ginger hair.

I keep being intrigued by the green men, no matter the color of their hair, and the fact that, for a while, no one has seen them. Science fiction books, movies and TV have prompted many of us to believe that there is highly intelligent life in other galaxies.

Can it be that the green men, coming from far space, have hovered over Earth and decided there is nothing here to catch their cerebral fancy? That would be unsettling.

From FAA—

SUN, Jonesboro, AR - Feb. 25, 1987

## UFO Information Is Available

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — If you want an inside look at a Japan Air Lines pilot's recent claim that he saw a UFO, the Federal Aviation Administration will send you everything you ever wanted to know about the incident for \$194.30.

The complete package includes tapes of interviews with crew members, spaceship drawings by the JAL pilot and air controller statements, even four glossy color photos of regenerated radar data.

The unusual FAA mail-order offer is an effort to cope with enormous public interest in the November sighting, said spokesman Paul Steucke.

Since the pilot's claim was publicly disclosed, the FAA's Anchorage office has received information requests from more than 200 members of the news media, as well as 46 requests from individuals.

Steucke said the information requests exceed those that followed the 1983 downing of a Korean Air Lines jet by the Soviets. "Without a doubt, this thing has had the most inquiries," Steucke said.

For those on tight budgets, the FAA's UFO package can be broken down. The agency is offering 20 individual items, ranging from a \$50 cassette tape of communications between the controllers and the flight crew, to a 30-cent copy of an FAA form summarizing the sighting. Orders of less than \$5 are free.

"We wanted to be as responsive as we can to the public. We don't want them to spend \$100 for data they don't need," Steucke said.

JAL Capt. Kenji Terauchi reported on Nov. 17 that his Boeing 747 cargo jet was shadowed by two belts of light as it crossed into Alaska airspace on a flight from Iceland to Anchorage.

In an encounter that lasted about 50 minutes, Terauchi also reported seeing a third aircraft, a huge spaceship which he said was the size of two aircraft carriers. He radioed the sighting to Anchorage FAA flight controllers, who saw what they thought was an object on their radar screens.

The objects, Terauchi said, "were not made by humankind. They were of a very high intelligence."

Philip J. Klass, an editor with Aviation Week and Space Technology and a longtime investigator of claimed UFO sightings, has investigated the incident and concluded that the pilot was actually seeing an unusually bright image of the planet Jupiter and possibly Mars.

Klass said astronomical calculations show that on Nov. 17, Jupiter was extremely bright and was visible precisely where the pilot reported that he saw the UFO.

Mars was just below and to the right of Jupiter, and may explain the pilot's initial report that he saw two lights, Klass said.

A United Airlines flight and an Air Force C-130 cargo plane that were in Terauchi's vicinity at the time of the claimed sighting were asked to look for unidentified objects, and neither reported seeing them.

The FAA is scheduled to release on March 5 the results of its investigation of the sighting.

(Editors: The FAA address in Anchorage is 701 C St., Box 14, Anchorage, Alaska, 99513.)

NEWS, Kenosha, WI - Feb. 5, 1987 CR: R. Heiden

## Authorities say UFO no conventional aircraft

MILWAUKEE (UPI) — A series of strong, shimmering lights seen by a Belleville police officer was not a conventional aircraft, an investigator from the Center for UFO Studies said.

Sheriff's officers in Dane and Green counties also saw the lights Jan. 15.

Belleville officer Glen Kazmar and a companion in his squad car, Jeff Furseth, reported seeing bright red, blue and white lights wavering close together in a straight line in the sky Jan. 15.

Kazmar told a Green County sheriff's department dispatcher about the lights and she reported them to the Federal Aviation Administration control tower in Aurora, Ill., shortly after the sighting. The FAA operator on duty tracked the lights.

"From the operator's reports, we have determined that the lights were not caused by any conventional aircraft. We are attempting to track down two civilian witnesses to the sighting and we've ruled out one explanation that the lights were actually a fire," UFO Center Wisconsin investigator Donald Schmitt said Wednesday.

The next step, he said, would be to study the tapes from the dispatcher who described the sighting and make a sight inspection to see if the lights were a natural occurrence in the area.

The Green County dispatcher received a similar report about the mysterious lights from a sheriff's deputy and a Dane County officer said he saw the lights, too, but the county did not report them to the FAA.



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Mysteries  
that go blink  
in the night

## UFO search group joins investigation

Glen Kazmar says he's trying to keep an open mind about the object he and others saw in the night sky over Belleville last week — an object that apparently will be classified as a UFO.

The sighting has caught the interest of the Center for UFO Studies which has assigned Don Schmitt of Milwaukee to investigate the matter.

Sherman Larsen, a founding director of CUFOs which has an office in Glenview, Ill., said Tuesday Schmitt is a commercial artist who volunteers his time to investigate for CUFOs. According to Larsen, Schmitt is "highly respected" by others working in the field.

Not every UFO report is investigated, according to Larsen. He said once a report is received, a group of scientists determine whether the case is worth pursuing. A coordinator in Alabama assigns investigators to the chosen cases.

Larsen estimates 80-90 investigators volunteer their services for CUFOs. He could not say how soon Schmitt may come up with an explanation of the object near Belleville — the volunteer's caseload consists of approximately 11 Wisconsin sightings from the past month.

The TIMES is scheduled to talk to Schmitt later this week to learn about his caseload and to see if any other sightings have been similar to the Belleville one.

Meanwhile, area residents have been offering their answers to this sky puzzle.

But their answers have been thrown out, as none seems to be a complete or accurate explanation as to what the strange object was.

One person mentioned it might be a star going into nova, but that thought was tossed aside when other persons believed to be more knowledgeable on the subject said a star going into nova wouldn't appear stationary and no colors are known to be linked to such an event.

**F**rom radio show hosts to local TV personalities, Glen Kazmar seems to have met them all in the last few days.

The 33-year-old father of two suddenly found himself captured in the limelight after he and a neighbor friend reported the appearance of a mysterious lighted object in the sky.

The publicity, so far, has been manageable but tiresome.

Kazmar has been at his Belleville home nursing a sick daughter. While there, he has satisfied the questions of reporters by subjecting himself to interviews.

Helping calm the wave of calls, Belleville Police Chief Jack Pace spent some time at the Kazmar home.

Pace described his job as "trying to field calls for him and keep the phone from ringing and waking up the little girl."

Tuesday Kazmar said the publicity thus far hadn't bothered him, but by Wednesday he was feeling enough was enough.

radio contact was not established.

"As a pilot I can tell you that is not unusual," Pace said. "If a plane is flying outside of a controlled airport, radio contact is not required and in fact a lot of our planes don't even have radios."

"The radar people never mentioned (specific speeds). I'm not sure if they know even, but from what officer Kazmar's told me for a period of 20 minutes by his observation the lights didn't move."

From that observation, one might logically conclude the movement was slower than any slow-moving plane would make. "Depending on angles of course, an airplane or a light can move away from you and appear not to be moving, so you can't write that out completely either."

However even that explanation seems lacking in that it doesn't explain why the object was in the same area from roughly 9 p.m. to 3 a.m.

"I suppose unless something happens in the future, we'll just write it down as one of those things we see and don't understand," he concluded.

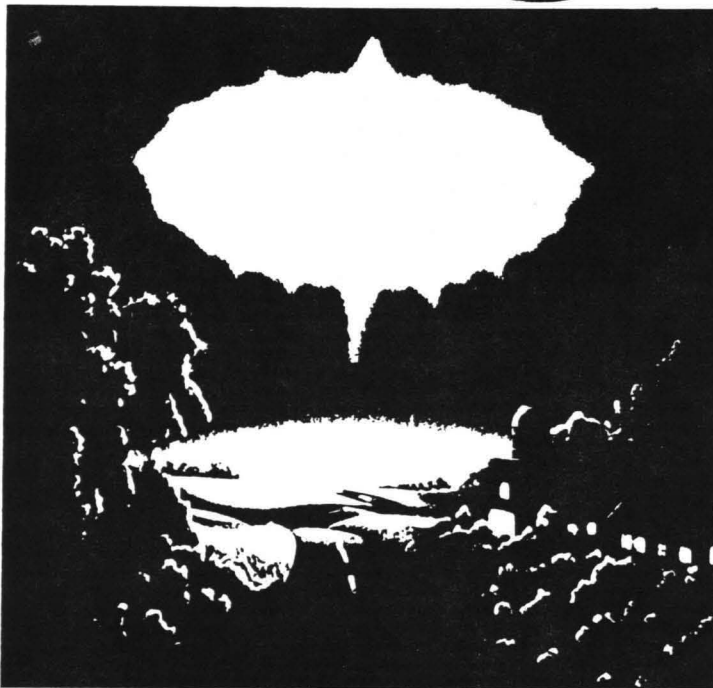
Someone else thought perhaps it was a weather balloon, but a check with the National Weather Service found that explanation unsatisfactory. Weather balloons don't have lights.

All that is certain at this point is there was something in the sky, something that shone brightly with flickers of color, and that something was tracked on radar.

Belleville Police Chief Jack Pace said, "Just being a police officer we always see things that are sometimes tough to explain. As far as blinking lights, I would imagine I myself once a month see something offhand that I can't identify. I usually write it off as something like an airplane...I think the fact that these lights were so brilliant and stuck around for more than just a brief moment caught Glen's interest."

It is undisputed that the object was picked up by radar and

# UFO



By  
JANE  
WEIHEIMER

**P**olice officer Glen Kazmar says he's sure it wasn't a plane — but he and a few others still haven't learned what that mysterious unidentified flying object they saw in the sky last week actually was.

Kazmar, an officer for nearly 11 years, and his neighbor were riding patrol that unforgettable night. As early as 8 or 9 p.m. Thursday Kazmar's attention was drawn to an object in the sky because of its extreme brightness and its stillness. The sky was so brilliant, he said, it forced him to peer up.

The object's red, blue and white lights flickered in the star- and moon-lit sky. "It stood out from the rest of the stars and stuff."

Although he noted the colors, he couldn't determine dimensions. "I would say a smaller object, but I really can't tell you shape or distance."

Later on, he noticed it again in the same place. He admits he doubted his own eyes at first. "Working nights, I just didn't know."

It wasn't until his passenger Jeff Furseth asked him what it was that he even talked about it.

"I saw it once," Furseth said, "and then we drove through town, and I looked again, and it was still there in the same place and that's when I just asked him if he knew what it was," Furseth said.

Kazmar and Furseth began seriously studying the silent object about 2:45 a.m. Friday, then decided to report the sighting.

"I'd say we looked at it a good 10-15 minutes before we actually called it in," Kazmar said. It took him that long to get the nerve to radio the report in, he said. "I didn't want to put it over the air. As a matter of fact, I never did put it over channel one."

At that point, the dispatcher hadn't heard of any related reports, but not long after a Dane County Sheriff's deputy and a Green County deputy both confirmed the sighting.

A call to a Chicago radar tracking agency led to a radar check which detected the object.

"If I can remember the exact words of dispatch, I believe, 'Chicago Radar are tracking a slow-moving object, unknown, unidentified and no voice contact.' They did try to make voice contact," Kazmar reported.

He says he wasn't sure what to think after that. "When it just stayed in the same place, and the bright lights, then I knew it was something that isn't normal."

Intrigue kept the two men watching from a hilltop southwest of town until the object began drifting away. The pair traveled along Wis. 69, hoping to keep track of it, but the vision was lost to the horizon shortly before daybreak.

Both noted disappointment when the object vanished — disappointment because they never learned what it was.

Kazmar says he wasn't frightened, but had an eerie feeling. "I think mainly because of the excitement. I was really excited about it myself. It never leaves my mind, I'll tell you...I won't forget it. I like to look up at the sky."

Furseth said he wasn't scared, but had a kind of a "tingling" feeling. "You just wonder what it was. It's still a question in my mind. It's just been in the back of mind, and now that I've talked about it again, it raises bigger questions."

**W**hen it just stayed in the same place, and the bright lights, then I knew it wasn't something normal.

— Officer Kazmar

## UFO hunters turn up cold feet

Intrigued by the recent sighting of a UFO, TIMES photographer Shari Rampenthal and I decided to venture Tuesday night toward the noted vantage point along Quarry Road by Belleville in the hope we too might see that mystifying sky ornament.

Unsure of what was necessary for UFO hunts, we collected cameras, film, binoculars, blankets, a tripod, flashlight and, most importantly, food.

We drove through the small community looking about for anything unusual. With nothing eventful above we began to search for Quarry Road. After a few ill-fated trials, we found the high point, parked our car at the hillcrest and began our vigil.

Admittedly, we are not the most informed skywatchers — we couldn't tell a soup ladle in the sky from any other groups of stars — but we thought our spirit alone might bring success to our venture.

There we sat.

And looked.

Cloud cover hid the stars for a good share of the night, but each time those lighted speckles reappeared, we

kept our eyes closely attuned to the sky.

An occasional flickering grabbed our attention, but it always turned out to be an airplane or a tower. There sure are a lot of towers around Belleville.

Basically the posted-watch was uneventful. It was cold in the car. The sky wasn't giving any good light shows. And it was late. But we kept up our enthusiasm with some radio music, late-night talk of fainting spells and illnesses, and some other basically pointless chit-chat.

Bright lights advancing toward us consistently proved to be cars. One particularly bright set of lights stopped parallel to us. I was scared. Who knows what kind of weird might be out on the road that time of night? After I noted the police decal on the door, I rolled down my window.

All I could think was, "\$44.50. Improper parking on roadway." I was depressed.

To our good fortune, the friendly officer was happy to know we weren't having car trouble or anything so he drove along, and we resumed our watch.

We made note of what to do on our next watch: Take a

car with a sunroof or at least clean windows, and maybe some different food might work better. Goldfish crackers and hot tea didn't seem to do the trick.

We thought our best chances of sighting that unknown object would occur at the times of the last reported sightings. We were set to stay till 3 a.m., but we decided to conclude the vigil prematurely as snow began to fall around 1.

Shari tossed our failure off to skepticism. If you don't believe, you won't see, she said. But I attributed the failure more to bum luck and ill-timing. I was sure the sighting was for real — I just didn't know if that strange object was extraterrestrial or just some secret governmental aircraft hovering above.

During the ride back to Monroe, Shari kept her eyes on track of the stars.

After she was dropped off, I ventured toward my home. Driving along, I thought it was probably stupid for us to take the vigil. After all, it was four days after the fact.

But as I drove, a tinge of undying hope forced me to

keep an eye to the sky. Lo and behold, I too thought I saw a flickering of color above!

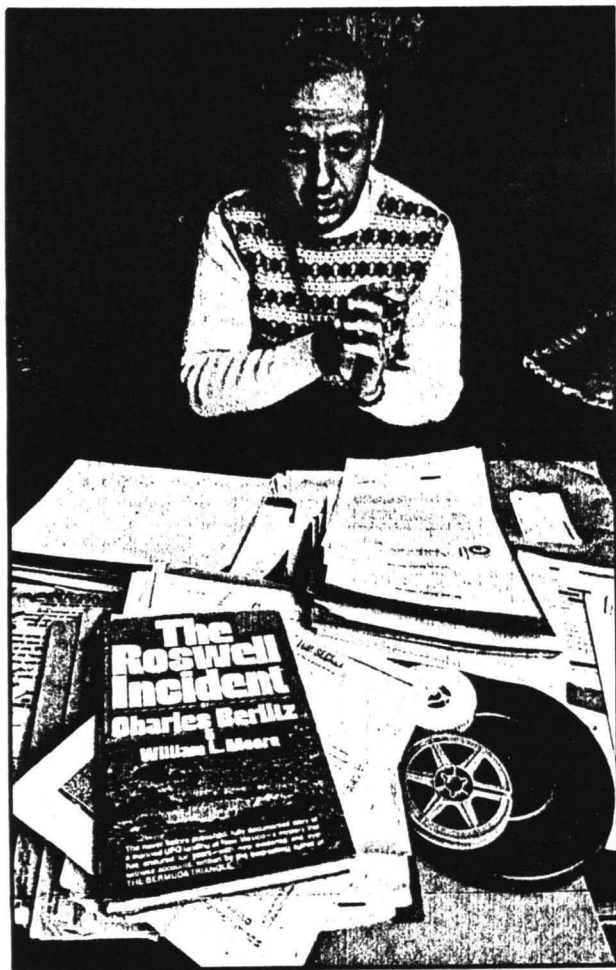
As excited as could be, I stopped and watched, but nothing seemed to happen. So I drove again, repeating the experience twice more. I finally decided my eyes were playing tricks on me because they were so tired and I was really picking up some colors along the roadside.

Greatly disappointed, but still curious, I continued to glance toward the starry above. Just short of my home, my eye caught a glimpse of huge flashes of red and blue ahead. My heart in my throat, I thought, Oh my, it landed!

I quickly turned ahead in fright and curiosity, only to note a squad car stopped along the roadside.

It definitely was too late in the night for me.

My mind was wild with curiosity. It still is, but at least I learned something. My next watch will involve a wake-up alarm at about 2:30 a.m. and I'll be sure if I do see something there will be somebody nearby to tell me whether or not I'm crazy.



Clifford E. Stone's interest in UFOs was fueled by his own 'close encounter' in 1957 in Ohio.

## Stone tries to explain mysteries

By CHRIS GALLEGOS  
Record Staff Writer

Earth is a small place when one considers there may be alien space travelers from distant galaxies racing between the stars in vehicles so technologically advanced that the space shuttle looks like kid stuff.

### Monday profile

For ages man has told tales of unexplainable, unidentified saucer-like crafts flying around, flashing eerie lights and whizzing away. There have been stories of crashed unidentified flying objects, of humans kidnapped by aliens, of sightings of extraterrestrial beings venturing away from their craft.

Even Roswell made national headlines in July 1947 when a UFO reportedly crashed on a remote ranch northwest of the city. The government later discredited the Roswell incident as a downed weather balloon.

But Clifford E. Stone, a man whose pet hobby is collecting data on UFO sightings and investigations, believes the Roswell crash and other UFO incidents may be valid and warrant open scientific study.

Stone, a U.S. Army sergeant employed at the New Mexico Military Institute Military Science Department in charge of general administration of cadet and cadre personnel and pay actions, has been obsessed as a private citizen with uncovering UFO information since he was 8 years old.

His interest was fueled by his own "close encounter" with a UFO at his home in Portsmouth, Ohio, in 1957.

Stone says it was a bright sunny day when a white disk, with its rotating outer ring making "whooshing" sounds, whizzed above him about 150 feet in the sky.

The incident intrigued him so much that he immediately began collecting literature on UFOs. He read books and magazines on the subject. He wrote the Air Force for reports of its investigations of space visitors.

"I feel there is something to the UFO phenomenon. There is a lot more that needs to be studied," said the 38-year-old career Army man, who stresses that his UFO interests are totally unrelated to his career.

"I'm still trying to figure out what I saw that day," he said. "It haunts me to this day and it wasn't an illusion. I have never used drugs in my life and I may drink three beers a year. My biggest vices are drinking too much

coffee and smoking cigars."

He commonly uses the 1978 Freedom of Information Act to legally obtain declassified government documents on its UFO investigations.

The federal government's most intense study was Project Blue Book, which the government officially closed in 1969 discrediting any existence of outer space visitors or s p a c e c r a f t .

However, Stone has Central Intelligence Agency documents which indicate the government was still studying UFO reports well into the 1970s.

"I don't like the word 'coverup.' I think there is a lot of stuff that's classified and I think there is a lot more that the government knows than what they are telling," said Stone.

He doesn't believe the government would pass up an opportunity to gain technical knowledge from UFO sightings and extraterrestrial craft crashes that leave hardware and the bodies of their occupants behind.

"I just want it to be open without revealing state secrets. You have people reporting cases. There are over 1,000 such cases on file. Those people need answers," he said. "We need to get out of just ridiculing it and get some hard scientific backing."

He said Americans are beginning to be more open to the idea of UFOs and beings from other planets thousands of light years away, adding it is close-minded to believe humans are the epiphany of all things in a universe that could have 100,000 inhabited planets.

"People are more open about it now because space travel is a reality. We can't go far but it's a reality," he said, adding that the 1938 Orson Welles radio broadcast of "The War of the Worlds," which panicked the nation and caused a number of suicides, did much to keep UFO studies under cover.

"Those were tense times and we were on the brink of war. The thought of a space invasion really scared people," he said.

There are three classifications of a "close encounter" with a UFO, Stone said.

The first is a very close observation, usually within 500 feet. The second type involves physical traces of evidence of their presence, including things like burn marks. The third encounter involves actually seeing the occupants of the craft but having little or no interaction with them.

Stone has never seen another UFO since his first encounter 30 years ago. But he would like the chance to see one again.

"If I ever had a close encounter of the third kind, I'd probably bore them because I'd have 10,000 questions to ask," he laughed. "Unfortunately, the ones who want those encounters aren't the ones to have it."

He admits that many UFO

claims are bogus but said many reports are credible. He is now seeking the help of several United States senators to help release UFO information. In the meantime, he continues to add to and study his collection of more than 10,000 pieces of UFO literature.

The unusual hobby takes much of Stone's free time, but he still has his military career, which began right after graduation in 1968 from Teasy Valley High School.

He enlisted in the Army because he completely believed in U.S. activities in Southeast Asia. He was sent to Vietnam.

"The problem with Vietnam was the American people lost touch with what the communist philosophy was — world domination, including the United States," he said. "That's true whether you're dealing with Central or South America or Southeast Asia."

He sees Vietnam as a "victory being denied" situation where the U.S. was trying to prevent the "domino theory," a term coined by President Eisenhower predicting the fall of nation after nation to communism.

Vietnam was home for Stone from 1969 to 1973. While there he helped organize an orphanage in the Tay Ninh Province, which started out with 23 children and then boomed to 1,700 kids.

The Army helped him supply the orphanage by giving him leverage with the black market. The orphanage still exists in the now communist-controlled Vietnam.

"The high point of being in Vietnam was the orphanage. It's a shame that people have forgotten all the good we did over there. A lot of people just remember the bad things. While we were doing projects like this, the communists went to a village 45 miles from us, burned it and killed several hundred people. The only thing that stopped them was they ran out of mixture for their flame throwers," he said.

The orphanage also served as a courting place and Stone married his Vietnamese wife, Hanh, in 1972.

"It was the old 'G.I. teach me English' story," he said, explaining how he was less than eager to teach the girl his native language but that their relationship evolved from "friends to lovers."

Mrs. Stone works at Levi Strauss and Co. They reside at 1421 E. Tilden St., and have four children — George, 16, a junior at Roswell High School; Julia, 12, a sixth grader at Flora Vista Elementary School; twins, Bobby and Johnny, 11, fourth and fifth graders, respectively, at Flora Vista.

Before being assigned to the military science department at NMMI in 1985, Stone had served at bases in the United States and West Germany. He is currently studying to receive paralegal certification.

In addition to being state section director of the Mutual UFO Network, Stone collects stamps and is an amateur astrologist.

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CR: S. Parker/COUD-I

## Can't rule out UFO because of radar

From Lindy Whitehurst, Houston.

The November sighting of a large UFO by the crew of a Japan Air Lines 747 cargo jet was reportedly tracked briefly by the Federal Aviation Administration, the U.S. Air Force and the 747's own radar. A few days later, the FAA claimed a "split image" of the 747 while the USAF chimed in with "electronic clutter." Never mind the 747's on-board radar picking it up and the visual sighting by all three crew members.

Such radar malfunction "coincidences" are common throughout the history of the UFO, with stories of angry veteran civilian and military pilots who report, only to have some desk-flying lieutenant tell them they were seeing Venus, which often was not even visible in the sky at the time.

The classic UFO shape — one of curved surfaces, no sharp angles and no visible hot engine exhausts — is the goal of the U.S. program to design radar-proof fighters and bombers. UFOs flying under and though U.S. radar not geared to track them are unlikely to generate substantial radar evidence to prove their existence. Still, the lack of radar confirmation to a major UFO sighting can never be considered a blot on its record.



A classic, curved UFO appears in a photo that proved to be a hoax.

CAPITAL TIMES, Madison, WI - March 10, 1987 CR: M. Anderson

## Belleville residents report UFO

The Associated Press

BELLEVILLE — Lavonne Freidig says she first thought it was a distant flock of geese, but closer observation showed an object shaped like an airplane fuselage with no wings.

Belleville has recorded another sighting this year of an unidentified flying object.

"It just hung there. I watched it and watched it," she said Monday of the object, or objects, she and her son, Bill, saw in the sky at dusk Sunday.

After several minutes, the hitherto motionless object took off without a sound, leaving a vapor trail and several smaller objects behind it.

"It was really strange," said Freidig, adding that a local businessman and several of his out-of-town relatives, as well as residents of nearby Paoli, also saw the object. Someone also photographed it with a camera he had in his car.

She said she and her son called the Dane County Sheriff's Department and were given the number of a national unidentified flying object reporting center to call. The cigar-shaped object appeared to be about as large as a pen held at arm's length, she said.

In mid-January, Belleville police officer Glen Kazmar reported seeing lights much brighter than a star suspended in the sky west of Belleville for more than a half hour one night.

He said at the time that a Federal Aviation Administration radar center in Illinois detected a slow-moving object on its radar screens on the night in question.

Jack Smith, manager of the FAA control tower at the Dane County Regional Airport in Madison, said Monday that tower operators did not report any unidentified objects on their radar screens Sunday evening.

He said the tower received no reports of sightings from pilots.





Charles Silva

# Shirley's guru beams to Madison

By TONY ROGERS  
Capital Times Staff Writer

The faithful may have come because of "Out on a Limb," but the disenchanted just walked out — the door.

A crowd of about 500, paying \$15 a head, jammed a conference room at the Ramada Inn Friday night to hear Charles Silva, the spiritual guru to actress Shirley MacLaine.

MacLaine wrote of her experiences with Silva — whom she called "David" — in her book "Out on a Limb," which was dramatized in a two-part TV miniseries earlier this week on ABC/Channel 27.

The timing of the show, sponsored

by the Aloha Higher Health Center, a local holistic healing group, did nothing to hurt sales for Silva's speech Friday — or the all-day seminars with him today and Sunday at \$55 a pop.

But Silva's unimpressive oratory, prefaced by a 45-minute introduction from Aloha's Don Goetchius and plagued by a bad sound system, sent some people back out into the cold early.

With little inflection in his voice, Silva instructed the audience to "Love God and your fellow human beings."

Few were buying.

"He's drawing on the Bible so

much, it's not what I expected," said one woman who walked out early in Silva's speech. "The TV movie was impressive. This is long and boring. But they're making a lot of money."

True, Silva's message, a hodgepodge of Christian ethics and so-called "New Age" mysticism, didn't seem to grab the audience much.

But people did seem to perk up when he started talking about his association with the famous singer-actress and his friendship with an extraterrestrial he claims to have met in Peru.

This wasn't any ordinary E.T., either. Silva gave this account:

He was on a mountaintop in the

Peruvian Andes when he saw three UFOs hovering above. Suddenly, he realized that an attractive, petite woman sitting atop a Los Angeles police motorcycle had sidled up next to him.

"Did you see that?" Silva exclaimed.

"Yeah, they're flying saucers, you idiot," the woman said.

Later, Silva related, he discovered that the woman was from another planet. Her spiritual teachings were to become the basis of his book "Date With the Gods," he explained.

Silva sent a copy of the book to MacLaine, which led to a luncheon date that turned into a conversational marathon lasting until 3 a.m., he said.

Silva eventually took MacLaine to Peru, the odyssey she wrote about in "Out on a Limb."

Silva managed to outrage some in his audience when he suggested it was "not impossible" that the Virgin Mary was impregnated with the baby Jesus by a laser beam from a spaceship.

He also said that three extraterrestrials in the White House during the Eisenhower administration proposed a cure for all the world's diseases but were turned down, presumably by Vice President Richard Nixon, because it would hurt the medical profession.

Later Friday night, as Silva signed books at a table where holistic merchandise was being hawked, many audience members said they had enjoyed the talk.

Baraboo resident Dennis Braun, who noted that he had studied UFOs for 30 years, said that "what Silva said is similar to the experiences of many other people."

And Margaret de Pereiro, who said she saw two UFOs during a trip to Uruguay in 1975, said it was worth the long drive from Friendship, Wis., to see Silva.

But others remained unmoved.

One woman who wished to remain anonymous said, "My toaster oven told me to come, and now my tin foil TV antenna is telling me to leave."

HERALD-TELEGRAM, Chippewa Falls, WI - Feb. 11, 1987 CR: R. Heiden

## investigator rules out natural cause for latest Wisconsin UFO

MILWAUKEE (UPI) — A series of strong, shimmering lights seen by a Belleville police officer in January were not caused by a natural phenomenon, says an investigator from the Center for UFO Studies.

"With our corroborating reports and our examination of the site this past weekend, we have ruled out a natural occurrence as causing the lights. As a matter of fact, we found dozens of corroborating witnesses and an entire family reported seeing a similar occurrence last week," Don Schmitt said Tuesday.

Schmitt, of Milwaukee, is the Wisconsin investigator for the UFO center, a private group based in Glenview, Ill.

A BELLEVILLE officer reported seeing a series of lights Jan. 15 and then early

Jan. 16 along the Green-Dane county line.

Schmitt said other witnesses confirmed the sighting. He also said the same type of lights were seen Jan. 16 in Monticello and Verona.

"An entire family in that general area reported a similar sighting last week. They said they even heard a whooshing noise as the lights went past the family car," Schmitt said.

He said two reports on the Jan. 16 sighting reported the outline of an object.

"One person described it as cigar-shaped while another said they couldn't exactly describe the outline but whatever was surrounding the lights blocked out the stars," Schmitt said.

Schmitt said his next step will be to review law enforcement dispatcher tapes to determine if

one of them mentioned coordinates of the object.

"THAT WILL PIN it down within 10 miles but we are confident we can nail it down within a hundred yards by using witness reports," he said.

"We have ruled out any kind of natural object — that is, we checked to make sure the Goodyear Blimp wasn't in the area, or any other object like that. We need to consider whatever it was would have had to refuel since the reports place it in the area for nearly seven hours," Schmitt said.

He said the center probably would call out a field team and an investigation team to do an interview witnesses and a ground examination. If the reports are corroborated, the series of lights will be classified as a UFO, he said.

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## UFOs reportedly seen near Mono Lake

by Michael Frye

MONO COUNTY — A rash of alleged UFO sightings in Mono County, most in the Mono Lake area, have been reported in the last month.

The Mono County Sheriff's Department log has a record of three separate claims made by individuals between Dec. 12-16, as well as a sighting in late October and another Jan. 7. Thomas McFall, attorney for the Center for UFO Studies in Glenview, Ill., is currently investigating these claims.

The sheriff's log records a purported incident during late October near Hot Creek reported by a married couple from Modesto. They assert that while on a back road they saw what appeared to be a three-foot-wide "silvery disk" suspended in the air about 50 feet above the ground. They first assumed it to be a remote-controlled toy. As they approached within 200 yards of the object it shot off at a "phenomenal speed" (they) couldn't even estimate.

They did not report their sighting to the Mono County Sheriff's office until they had returned to their home in Modesto.

On Dec. 12, the pilot of a private plane was flying north over Mono Lake, which was covered in fog,

when he saw a "huge, orange rectangular glow" coming from beneath the fog, said McFall. The sheriff's log reports the pilot saying his sighting occurred at 5:30 p.m.

McFall also records an incident the morning of Dec. 14 that is not in the sheriff's log. A couple was driving from San Diego to South Lake Tahoe and had stopped at a gas station in Walker, where they saw an "extremely bright light over a hill." McFall records one of the people saying: "Orange sparks were emitting from the hill itself into the white light...On other (adjacent) hills were green and yellow glowing rectangles."

They then left Walker and were followed by the white light, which was about 50 feet off the ground and 500 feet behind them, all the way to the town of Minden, Nev., where they entered a casino. Later, the man stepped outside the casino to see that the light was hovering at about 50 feet over the building. He stared into the light until it eventually left. For the next several days the man's face was bright red as if it had been burned, said McFall.

On Dec. 15, a man from Walker saw a "pink diamond-shaped object suspended over Mono Lake shooting 'laser-beams' into the lake," said McFall. He said the following day

the man, out of curiosity, returned to the lake and saw the same thing.

The sheriff's department was alerted to both sightings by Miles Ellis of Bridgeport. At 5:10 a.m. on Dec. 15, Ellis pointed out an object in the direction of Mono Lake from the sheriff's office in Bridgeport to the dispatcher and jailer on duty, which they said appeared as a "bright planet in the sky," said Lt. Dave Smith of the sheriff's department.

The following morning at 4:05, Ellis returned saying he had seen the UFO again.

On Jan. 7, Robin Matthews of the Forest Service was stopped by a resident from the area of Pole Line Road, which skirts Mono Lake's north shore. Matthews told the sheriff's department the person claimed to have seen a "bluish circular ark" halfway up a mountain near Mono Lake. The individual had assumed it to be a faulty transformer, but when Southern California Edison was contacted, representatives said none of the company's transformers was experiencing problems.

Smith said that during 1976, there was a 10-day time period in which similar sightings were made, including one that was witnessed by several hundred people near Reno.

Did anyone else see that bright light in the night sky?

JOURNAL, Jacksonville, FL - Jan. 30, 1987

for an orbit of the Earth by light brown beings with human shape and long hair. Police found no evidence of any landing in the field.

The Comptons were quite sober, and both say they believe in extraterrestrial life.

"We talked about it for a half-hour afterward," Compton said. "This is just one small planet compared to this huge universe, and anyone who thinks we're the only ones here has got to be naive."

Is someone out there watching us? North Shore residents Ronnie and Peggie Compton think so. They want to know if anybody else saw the unidentified flying object that left them awestruck Tuesday night.

They had pulled into their driveway and saw this object with two large, bright lights hovering silently near their home.

"We watched it for 10 seconds and it didn't move at all," he said. "It was about 300 feet up and 100 feet north of our house. Then, it just took off toward the south with this big roar. Then it banked and headed toward the ocean."

Mrs. Compton said she thought the lights were red, but Compton said they were white. They agreed the lights were very bright.

Jacksonville Sheriff's Office spokesman Mike Kee said no report was made of a UFO Tuesday, but two weeks ago, an intoxicated fellow told police that he had a close encounter of the third kind.

The man said he stumbled upon a craft in a field near Gateway Plaza and was taken



**BOB PHELPS**  
Journal columnist



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# Row erupts over Yorkshire 'UFO'

By TIM ZILLESSEN

**Controversy is raging among UFO spotters following claims that the Cracoe Unidentified Flying Object is a trick of the light.**

Three-and-a-half years ago the YEP exclusively published a photograph of the sighting at Cracoe Fell, near Grassington, which was being hailed as the most conclusive evidence of a UFO ever seen in Britain.

But now the West Yorkshire UFO Research Group, headed by Mr. Andy Roberts, editor of Brigantia, a nationwide UFO magazine, says the photograph is nothing more than an unusual piece of light reflection.

To support its case the group sent its own photographs of the phenomenon to the same photographic analyst used with the first sighting, Mr. Klaus Webner, in Wiesbaden, West Germany.

And in a letter to Mr. Roberts the analyst says the new photographs unmask the Cracoe UFO phenomenon as nothing more than a reflection.

Mr. Roberts said his group had been investigating the Cracoe sighting for three years and had now proved conclusively it was a natural phenomenon and not an extra-terrestrial visitor.

"We believe we have incontrovertible proof that it is nothing more than a complex light reflection. Undoubtedly a lot of people saw something that day but unfortunately they do not accept a rational explanation for it and still refuse to do so," he said.

"We did not set out deliberately to dispel or to disprove the sighting, we simply set out to investigate it. We are open-minded enough to accept a UFO sighting when it happens, but not in this case."

But his claims were immediately dismissed by Mark Birdsall, of the Yorkshire UFO Society, who along with his brother Graham brought the Cracoe UFO to the attention of the YEP.

"We absolutely reject any suggestion that the sighting was a light reflection. We are convinced something was seen on that day on the fell," he said.

He said his group had in the last few days visited the two police officers who took the photographs, and both stood by their original claims.

Mr. Birdsall then made a stinging attack on the research group and the photographic analyst.

He said the group had only been in existence for three years and did not have enough information to make any positive claims. He dismissed the analyst as a great sceptic who had no scientific authority to make any judgments.

Mr. Birdsall added that his society had produced a 200-page report backing up its claims.

CRAFELD DISTRICT CITIZEN,  
Woburn Sands, England  
Jan. 8, 1987 CR: T. Good

## Mystery of misty UFO...

IT HOVERED in the sky surrounded by mist and bright light — but within seconds it had vanished without a trace.

Penny Priestman thought a helicopter was about to crash when she saw the giant flying machine from the window of her home in Two Mile Ash.

But before she could even reach the phone the UFO had gone with a flash.

"Don't worry, I'm not mad, but I've never seen anything like this before in my life," said Mrs. Priestman, aged 31, of Capian Walk.

'Spaceship' could just be search flare — claim

# City UFO mystery sparks a big scare

THE SIGHTING of a suspected UFO in the area sparked a wave of calls to the Citizen offices.

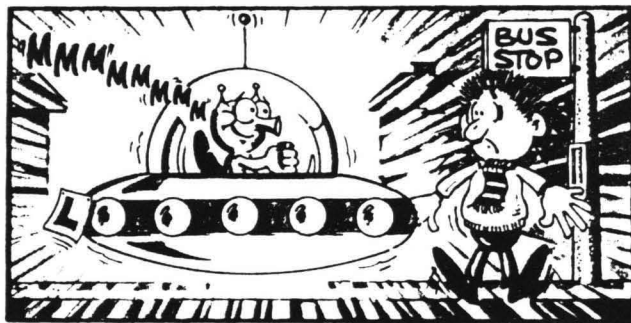
For the mystery spaceship has been spotted by at least half-a-dozen people at different locations during the last week.

The unidentified flying object was first seen on Friday night last week by Mrs Penny Priestman near her home in Two Mile Ash.

And on Sunday Sharon Waldock of Furzon claims to have seen a similar object in the sky when she was driving home from Newton Longville.

The mystery spaceship lurked again over Two Mile Ash on Tuesday when Mrs Wendy Brown saw it light up the sky near her home in Church Hill.

Then on Wednesday at



● Citizen artist Leigh Parry sees his own UFO!

7pm teenager Susan Hillery, of Crispin Road, Bradville, had the fright of her life when the spaceship suddenly appeared while she was walking her dog. "Susan was shaking from head to toe. Whatever was in the sky really frightened

her," said her mother Mavis. Susan, aged 16, described the spaceship as being oval-shaped with light around it making a humming noise. "I was really scared. When I saw it I didn't stop running until I got home,"

said the teenager. But another Citizen reader had a different explanation for the mysterious object. He declares the so-called UFO is a search flare used to light up the sky when a search is going on at night!

BUXTON ADVERTISER, Derbyshire, England - Jan. 14, 1987 CR: T. Good

## UFO's over the High Peak?

**If you saw any bright lights in the sky two days before Christmas then there is an organisation that wants to hear from you.**

The Yorkshire UFO Society are investigating a series of sightings of a formation of bright lights over Yorkshire and South Lancashire on December 23, and they believe the

unidentified flying objects were heading into the High Peak.

Mrs Elsa Lee, who is the society's assistant director of research, told the Advertiser: "We have had several reports of these sightings, and if anybody else saw anything I would like them to contact me."

She added that the society get reports like this all the time, but particularly at this time of year. "We identify 90 per cent as aircraft,

airships, satellites, and often planets such as Jupiter, but the remaining 10 per cent remain unidentified flying objects."

The society's investigators talk to the weather men, airports and even the Ministry of Defence, to try and pin down just what a particular sighting may have been.

Mrs Lee added: "There are some that are still very, very strange, and they may not be spacecraft or aliens..."

## Any UFO sightings?

HAVE you seen anything strange in the skies above Oldham lately?

Local UFO investigator Dave Bezer is anxious to hear from anyone who noticed an unidentified object early in the morning of Tuesday, December 23.

For several sightings have been reported in the Yorkshire area of a very unusual low flying object between 7 and 7.30 that morning.

And from a network of enthusiasts around the country Dave has found that it seemed to be heading for Oldham.

## POSTBAG

# Science has ignored UFOs

MAY I reply to Mr Harris, of the Plymouth Astronomical Society, and his laughable statement that science has explained UFOs? Science has not explained UFOs — science has ignored UFOs.

We do not, as he states, classify all reports as UFOs (Unknown Flying Objects). We are fully aware that a report could very simply be aimless identification of known origin, be it astronomical, aeronautical or meteorological and indeed have in

the past consulted Mr Harris's own society for information on reports.

If a report can be identified as a plane, planet, satellite, meteor, parasetellae or whatever, we identify it as such, we do not call it a UFO.

If, however, the report is of a "reddish" oval object, emitting a brilliant white light, flying from the moors over Plympton and up into the sky to the South West, as seen by eight telephone technicians recently, we would not be

able to immediately identify it.

This object, about a third of an inch at arm's length, was watched for ten minutes. Neither Roborough Airport nor Mount Batten RAF station knew of any aircraft flying then, nor could they help with identification.

The object was seen at eight o'clock in the morning on a clear day by eight intelligent, responsible witnesses.

I wish I could bolster Mr Harris's prejudices and

say that the object was Venus, or an eclipse, but the evidence does not support this conclusion. To date this report is classified as an unknown flying object.

Science in application must be rigid and exacting, but the scientific mind must always be open and enquiring. To deny the vast amount of eye-witness reports and mass of photographic evidence simply because he has not seen one is, I would suggest, both a very negative and highly unscientific approach.

A newspaper report of May 4, 1984, stated that 20 police officers were among witnesses at Wealdstone, London, who for an hour watched a "mysterious object, glowing red, white and blue," and "zapping about all over the place," police officers completed UFO reports which were to be studied by the MoD.

Are they all lying? Or hallucinating? What type of evidence does Mr Harris need before he can change his rigid and narrow view of the universe and his fellow

beings? UFOs exist and to deny that does not alter the fact.

UFOs have been seen for thousands of years. They are still being seen all over the world.

Many have been seen in this area and if you think you have seen one please get in touch with us. We treat every report seriously and confidentially.

Watch the skies (day and night!)

BOB BOYD  
(Plymouth UFO Research Group)  
St Budeaux, Plymouth.

WESTERN EVENING HERALD, Plymouth, England  
Jan. 19, 1987 CR: T. Good

OLDHAM ADVERTISER,  
Lancashire, England  
Jan. 8, 1987 CR: T. Good

## Japan TV says film shows UFO

Agence France-Presse

TOKYO—A television reporter has filmed an unidentified flying object on a tiny island in the East China sea off Nagasaki, Fuji Television of Tokyo said yesterday.

The videotape, broadcast yesterday, showed a large bright star-like object moving irregularly.

The tape was taken in Fukue on the Goto Islands chain shortly before dawn yesterday, Fuji said.

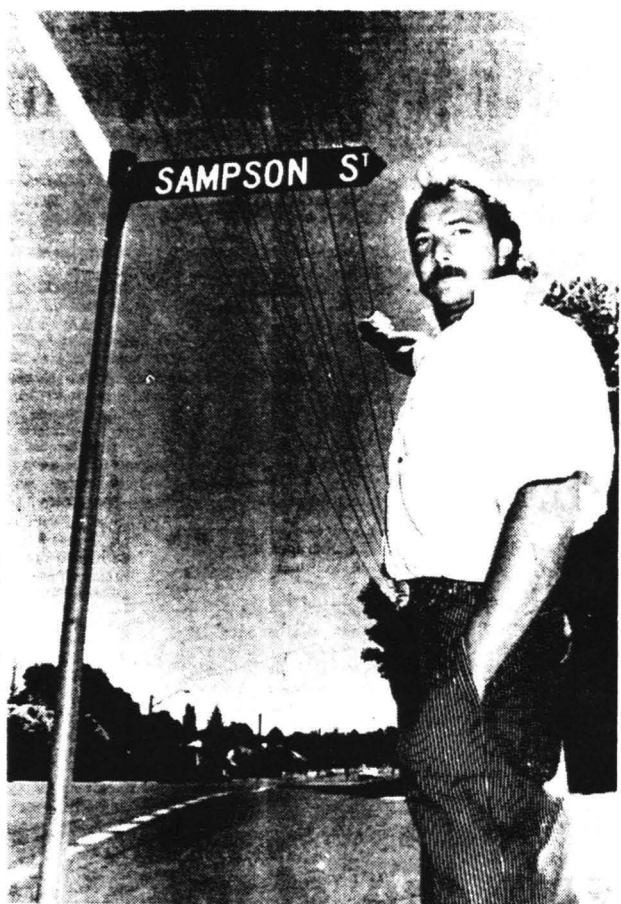
It quoted the reporter as saying the UFO was like a saucer and moved to and fro at high speed for about half an hour.

It was the second report here this week of a supposed UFO sighting.

A Japan Air Lines pilot said Monday that he had seen three UFO's while his Boeing 747 cargo plane was flying over Alaska on November 17.

SUN TIMES, Chicago, IL - Jan. 2, 1987





## UFO comes out of the saucerpan into the the skies

By SANDRA ROBERTS

UFO researchers are baffled by an Orange man's sighting of an object which came bursting out of the Sausagepan star formation above the city yesterday morning then zoomed off again.

Mr Peter Langham, 33, claimed he'd never seen anything like the object which stopped him in his tracks as he walked down Sampson St at 3am yesterday.

It had three large green lights in the shape of a boomerang then on either side of the craft was a row of smaller white lights, he said.

"I looked up at the Sausagepan. I don't even know why I looked. Then out of the formation it came.

"It came down lower and lower. I couldn't believe it, it was so prominent. At first I thought it was a bunch of stars then it zoomed off to the west.

"I've never seen anything like it before. I was left standing there."

Mr Langham said he watched the object for about 30 seconds before it disappeared.

He had been walking to his parents' home at the southern end of Sampson St after having dinner and chatting with some friends. He said he had not been drinking.

Haunted by the sighting, Mr Langham checked several times during the night to see whether the UFO had returned.

Mr Langham was probably the only person who saw the object as no other sightings have been reported to Orange police or observed by officers at the Department of Aviation tower on Mt Canobolas or at the CSIRO radio telescope at Parkes.

Orange UFO researcher Mr Terry Bishop said yesterday the sighting seemed a bit strange and that he'd never heard of anything like it before.

He said it did not fit the description of any meteor or satellite which would have passed over Orange yesterday morning.

"UFOs are called that because little is known about them. We're trying to find out whether their causes could be natural.

"It's possible they could be people coming through from another dimension.

"We don't say they don't exist. We look at things scientifically.

"We believe there has to be some other life because of the mass of the universe and because there are so many other planets and suns out there.

"Probably some are in an advanced human form but others might be at the caveman stage or they could be future relatives coming back in time."

SOUTH BUCKS STAR, High Wycombe, England - Jan. 16, 1987 CR: T. Good

## Riddle of doomed jet buzzed by a UFO

By ALAN CLEAVER

**AUTHOR** Jenny Randles is investigating a theory that a fighter plane crashed because of a UFO.

The F-111 crashed in Oxfordshire and a strange orange ball of light was filmed the same morning by a building surveyor travelling from Thame to Aylesbury.

At first it was believed the surveyor, Peter Day, had simply filmed the last minutes of the F-111 but subsequent investigations proved the film was shot more than half an hour before the crash.

UFO author and investigator Jenny Randles of the British UFO Research Association has said the film is "the hardest evidence in the world that UFO's do exist."

In this month's The Unknown magazine she re-evaluates the 1973 sighting and rules out other theories



● Did a jet crash because of a UFO?

of ball lightning and lights on top of a helicopter.

Peter Day told Jenny: "I did not waste time getting out of the car when I saw the light but wound down the window for a perfect view of this strange thing. I rested my arm on the door and started filming."

Jenny concludes: "If the F-111 had crashed because of the UFO then a great many questions would be answered."

DAILY MIRROR, London, England

Feb. 10, 1987 CR: T. Good

## RIDDLE IN THE SKY

IT'S time there was a government investigation of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs).

For nearly two years I have been trying to attract official interest in a sighting which involved a UFO passing through an air force base and was followed for

about three miles by a car driver.

If anyone has any information about this incident, which happened in south-west England, we will be pleased to hear from them.—Eric Morris, Cheshire UFO Studies Centre, Winsford, Cheshire.

## Data Bank to Track Unidentified Flying Objects

By CHRISTIAN POPPE

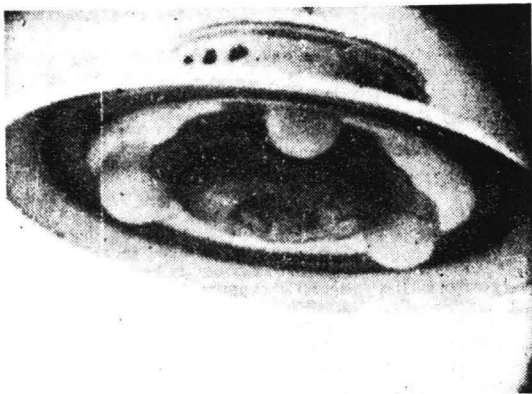
PARIS (dpa) — Unidentified flying objects provide a considerable source of excitement and speculation to those who spot them.

In France, a group of UFO enthusiasts has set up a data bank in the hope of learning more about the mysterious objects, which have not been identified as aircraft, satellites, balloons or known astronomical bodies.

Since it opened in Chatillon near Paris in February 1986, the International Bank for UFOlogical Data has received more than 1,000 eyewitness reports of sightings from all over the world.

About a quarter of the reports deal with a phenomenon witnessed by thousands of people in Western Europe last Sept. 23. On that morning, a number of saucer-shaped objects emitting a strange green light were spotted in the skies above West Germany, France and the Benelux countries of Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg.

Some of the objects were traveling at high speed, others more slowly, according to the reports received by the data bank. Witnesses in Belgium spoke of seeing "formation flights," while people in other countries described how the UFOs appeared to hover over the earth for a short time before moving on.



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THE ADAMSKI UFO sighting of 1952. This picture, of an alleged UFO in the United States, has caused hot debate among ufologists for three decades. It was recently exhibited in Weisbaden, West Germany.

The reports were sent in by people from all walks of life, including scientists and pilots, according to Frank Marie, who is in charge of the data bank. Each respondent was sent a form with detailed questions relating to the sighting, and the answers were evaluated and recorded by the data bank.

The results show that most of the sightings on Sept. 23 occurred between 7 and 8 a.m. as the objects were traveling at a height of between 800 and 2,000 meters in a southwesterly direction. Some reports spoke of the UFOs heading south-

eastward.

The phenomenon went undetected on the radar screens of North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) forces.

Marie says it is the first time that so many unidentified objects were spotted at once. He does not believe they were flying saucers, but hopes to discount the official explanation they were fragments from a meteorite entering the earth's atmosphere.

This theory was put forward by Jean-Jacques Velasco, head of the Research Group for Unidentified Air and Space Phenomena (GEPAN) at the state-run Institute for Air and Space Research in Toulouse.

Marie says the angle of incidence and the course described in the sightings rule out a falling

meteorite or debris from a burned-out carrier rocket.

"It could be a physical phenomenon that scientific research is not yet in a position to explain," he says. "After all, it took man a long time to realize what meteorites are."

Marie says he is happy to receive data from UFO enthusiasts seeking proof of the existence of extraterrestrial life, although he himself does not believe there are such beings.

In France, there are a number of people in responsible positions who claim to have friends who have made contact with alien life forms, or have even traveled with them in their spaceships. These people say they have heard of former U.S. military personnel, who claim they were ordered to examine the wreckage of a crashed spaceship and recover the bodies of its crew.

They even put forward the theory that aliens have established a base on the moon. To back up this claim, they point to the apparent reticence of the U.S. Apollo astronauts in discussing what they saw on the far side of the moon.

GEPAN boss Velasco dismisses such claims as fantasy. He says his organization has solved all but three of the 1,650 phenomenon registered with it since it began operating in 1977.

One of the unsolved cases occurred in 1981 in the south of France. A house owner reported seeing a shimmering disc-shaped metal object land in his garden. When he approached it, the apparition disappeared.

Tests revealed concrete proof of structural changes in the soil and plants around the landing spot, according to Velasco.

## Riddle of Muriel's fiery ball of light

MAL, Oxford, England  
Feb. 21, 1987 CR: T. Good

AN OXFORDSHIRE pensioner is mystified after seeing a strange bright light in the sky near her home.

Mrs Muriel Woodward, 70, was looking out of her living room in Hawthorn Close, Elms Rise, Botley, when she spotted a fiery tennis ball-like shape.

The object went across the sky and was followed by a bright tail. She watched it for about half a minute until it disappeared behind Wytham Woods.

Bright

The sighting happened at about 6.15 pm on Wednesday and Mrs Woodward, a widow, said the tail was about 50 ft long.

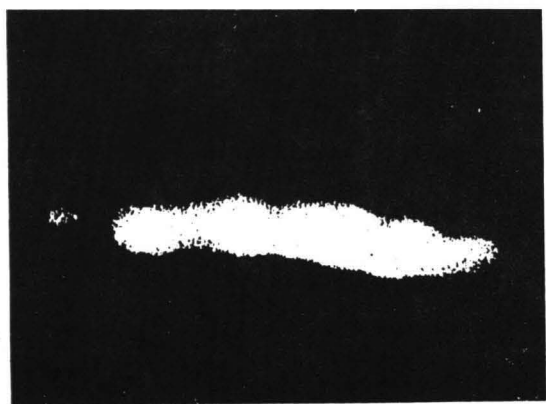
She said: "I just don't know what it was. I have never seen anything like it before. It was the colour of a bright electric light bulb and when it went out of sight it was as if someone has turned the light out."

She added: "It definitely wasn't a plane."

JAPAN TIMES, Tokyo, Japan - Feb. 18, 1987

CR: Y. Matsumura

BERGSLAGSPOSTEN, Lindsberg, Sweden  
Feb. 10, 1987 (See Translations)



Detta "fenomen" fotograferades över Säter av en av deltagarna i Projekt Dalarna. Bilden bedöms som mycket intressant och har skickats för genomgående analys.

STAR-PHOENIX, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada - Jan. 27, 1987 CR: S. Friedman

# Sober citizens crowd hall to hear of UFOs

If you bet against UFOs you're betting against an almost sure thing.  
— Former NASA astronaut John Young.

IT WAS 10 MINUTES to show-time, and the crowded room was already a fire marshall's nightmare. Nearly 500 people had squeezed and squirmed their way into a stuffy U of S lecture theatre designed to seat 319. Aisles and exits were plugged tight by an overflow audience that left no standing room unstood. The multitude was assembled to hear the gospel according to Stanton Friedman, self-proclaimed harbinger of intelligent

is oft visited by alien lifeforms from faraway solar systems. And yes, these unearthly creatures do seem to flit about mysteriously in flying saucers not unlike those you might have seen crudely depicted on the pages of a supermarket tabloid. But where tabloid tales are less a reflection of reality than human gullibility, Friedman's convictions are based on scientific analysis of the evidence from hundreds of reliable eyewitness reports. Latest among these was a documented UFO sighting in November by the crew of a Japan Air Lines cargo jet over Alaska while en route from Paris to Tokyo. Veteran pilot Kenji Terau-

chi described the object to ground controllers as a huge, darkened globe with a diameter the size of two aircraft carriers placed end-to-end. He put his airliner through evasive manoeuvres, but the UFO followed a parallel course for almost an hour before vanishing into the eastern sky. Friedman is not inclined to dismiss a commercial aircrew as a collection of kooks. And he wryly observes that you don't have to be an aviation expert to know that a flying machine as wide as six football fields is currently beyond the technological capabilities of any and all earthly powers. Ergo, it came from some-

where else light years away. Friedman's audiences are nearly as remarkable as his theories. His lectures attract capacity crowds more often than not, and he is much in demand as a guest on TV and radio talkshows. During his one-day, whirlwind visit to Saskatoon this week, he packed 'em in at Kelsey as well as at the U of S, and was interviewed on no fewer than four radio and TV programs. The opportunity to ridicule a crackpot cannot account for such mass appeal. On the contrary, Friedman's large and diverse audiences seem as serious and sober as the man himself. Typically, there wasn't a heckler in the house at the U of S.

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Les MacPHERSON  
Opinion/Commentary

life from out of this world. A nuclear physicist, researcher and consultant from Fredericton, N.B., Friedman is best known for his unrelenting campaign to legitimize the scientific study of UFOs. He presents a compelling case that our planet

## TRANSLATIONS

City and country of incidents: Samana Peninsula, Dominican Republic  
Dates of incidents: 1950's - 1960's  
Name of paper and date of clip: OJO, January 3, 1987  
City and country of newspaper: Lima, Peru  
[CREDIT: Gary Levine - TRANSLATION CREDIT: Jane Guma]

In an "underwater" base - FISHERMEN SWEAR TO SEEING MARTIANS  
Santo Domingo, Jan. 3 (EFE) - According to accounts made by fishermen of the eastern end of the Dominican Republic, there could be a submarine UFO base near the country, in front of the Samana peninsula.

Since the end of the fifties, fishermen have told countless times about mysterious fireballs or huge luminous saucers that enter and leave the waters of the Atlantic, north of the Canal de la Mona, from Frances Viejo Cape to Engano Cape.

In 1957, many residents in Punta Cana, Engano Cape, Barbaro, Cortecito, Macao, Nisibon, Miches, Sabana de la Mar, Sabana, Sanchez, Nagua, Mantacitas, Cabrera and other coastal places reported the same mysterious entrances and departures from the sea at great speeds of luminous or incandescent bodies.

That year and the following, personnel from the meteorological station at Cabo Engano recorded curious sightings, which were corroborated by local fishermen.

Later, in 1964 and at the beginning of 1965, UFO appearances increased considerably, especially during almost all of 1965.

According to the reports, at that time it was relatively frequent to see a large cylindrical, very bright, ship that hovered at considerable altitude and from which circular smaller craft emerged which then entered the ocean, and others that left the waters and ascended towards the larger ship, which they then entered.

City and country of incident: Ludvika, Dalarna Region, Sweden  
Date of incident: February 1, 1987  
Name of paper and date of clip: BERGSLAGSPOSTEN, February 7, 1987  
City and country of newspaper: Lindsberg, Sweden  
[CREDIT: Erik Fredriksson]

UFO VISIBLE OVER ASEA?  
On Sunday, a man from Nyhammar observed a flying object over the Vasman Sea in Ludvika. The man was on the Furuhall's road in Ludvika. He saw a large elongated object passing behind the factory ASEA at very high speed. The time was 16:30 SNT.

And now some of the people from a UFO-space union in Nyhammar want to know if more people saw the mysterious object flying over the Vasman Sea around 16:30 on Sunday, when there was a heavy wind. The chairman for this second UFO group, not associated with Vasterbergslagens UFO, is Paul Hellberg.

"We had talked with the military and the Dala-Airport to determine if there was any kind of flight in the air at this time. But the wind was blowing at the rate of 18 meters per second and all flights were cancelled," said Paul Hellberg from Nyhammar.

Exactly what the man saw when he was standing on the road Furuhall in Ludvika was a clear and real flying object, moving at high speed behind the factory of ASEA and over the Vasman Sea. He described the object as very large and elongated like a helicopter, with a cupola rising from the middle.

The object could, according to the observer, have come from Borlange, moving in the direction of Klenshyttan. It was observed for 10 seconds before it disappeared in the twilight.

The UFO-space union has members in Nyhammar, Smedjebacken and Ludvika. They are associated with Solna Astronomiska Forening. "Why we don't work in common with Vasterbergslagen and UFO-Sverige is because there are problems with our different methods of research," said Paul Hellberg. "We were not taken seriously in UFO-Sverige and Vasterbergslagen, but we will be in Solna Astronomiska. But the whole UFO research effort would be much easier if we could cooperate."

City and country of incident: Sater, Dalarna Region, Sweden  
Date of incident: January 10, 1987  
Name of paper and date of clip: BERGSLAGSPOSTEN, February 10, 1987  
City and country of newspaper: Lindsberg, Sweden  
[CREDIT: Erik Fredriksson]

PHENOMENON OVER SATER CONFUSES UFO MEMBERS  
At the beginning of 1987, a UFO research project was started in the district of Smedjebacken. "Project Dalarna," the first of this sort in Sweden, had, during the cold winter days, assembled persons interested in UFOs from the whole country. They had come to Dalarna for a serious effort to find the mysterious aerial phenomena which appeared in the sky at this time year after year.

Now the examination group has collected their reports, including lots of observations with different cameras and special film. There was one observer who witnessed a UFO during the time of the project, according to the president of the Vasterbergslagens UFO club, Gudrun Andersson, from Smedjebacken.

The group member was located on Bispbergs hill in Sater. They saw a brilliant object flying over the observation site. The object's light was pulsating and was so strong that the surrounding woods were illuminated. One photo of the object was taken, but sorry to say, no one had time to use the cameras with special film. There was a very low temperature that night and the cameras were moved from the high tower where they had been installed. There was no chance to continue the job, due to heavy wind and very cold temperatures down to 33° C., with wind of 18-20 meters per second. In any case, the observers were really surprised and paralysed for photographing indeed.





BEE, Sacramento, CA - Oct. 4, 1986

# BIGFOOT

## There's something in the woods: Is it man, myth . . . or monster?

By Dixie Reid  
Bee Staff Writer

**B**URNEY, Shasta County — Old bear tracker Ivan Marx dropped into a sagging chair and stared at the mountains through a streaked window. "I really do believe there's something out there," he said pensively. "Something of a superior intelligence."

Meanwhile, a dozen cats bumped against the front door, begging for supper. Out back, American wilderness dogs — domesticated wolves, actually — restlessly awaited their feedings. So, too, did the various hounds, chickens and geese that live on Marx's Bear Ranch, near this little logging town.

But Marx wasn't anxious to tend to his stock. He was pondering another creature, one he's certain is every bit as real. He swears he's seen it. And photographed it. And once even lost a fight to it.

It is Bigfoot, sometimes called Sasquatch, Skunkman and Stickman.

"It's a thing that looks darned near like a man," Marx explained, his forehead wrinkling. "only it has a lot of hair and a high, pointed head."

Sightings have been reported overseas in China, Russia and Australia; in the United States in Alaska, Florida, Louisiana, Arizona, Vermont, Washington and, frequently, in Northern California.

A Redding beautician told the local sheriff 10 years ago that a Bigfoot kidnapped and raped her. The lawman doubted the story because the woman returned to town smelling nice (Bigfoot reportedly reeks) and wearing clean clothes. A few years later, a Eureka woman claimed a Bigfoot raped her, too. Neither incident was ever proven.

Campers have told of their tents being destroyed by Bigfoot, and hikers have said they've spotted the creature in the Sierra high country. A construction crew working in the Inyo National Forest, in the southern Sierra Nevada, two months ago reported glimpsing the shadowy outline of something 8 feet tall.

"I'm just about pretty sure I saw Bigfoot," said one crewman.

Not everyone, of course, believes in Bigfoot. Most people don't. But this story is about some folks who do — and its existence is about all they agree on.

Marx, who mostly wears plaid flannel shirts and denims, has tracked animals since his Depression-era childhood, when he sold raccoons for a whopping \$14 apiece. He's since made a living hunting bear and cougar, and selling the photographs and films he's taken of wildlife. Although only slightly more profitable than killing raccoons in the '30s, Marx also claims to be the one and only Bigfoot tracker.

"There are a lot of Bigfoot experts," he said, "because you can be one instantly. Nobody really knows about Bigfoot. To be a Bigfoot tracker, though, that's gonna take you a lifetime."

Marx is acquainted with the self-proclaimed Bigfoot experts, he says, because they've hunted the creature with him.

A couple of those "experts" are involved in this minor Bigfoot feud. Warren Cook, an East Coast anthropologist, believes Marx has seen, photographed and battled Bigfoot. However, Grover Krantz, a West Coast anthropologist, argues that every woolly creature picture Marx has taken was actually Marx's wife in a monkey suit.

Marx's part of this story began in the late 1940s, when he heard Shasta County locals whispering about a huge, hairy animal that walked like a man. In fact, they called it "Wild Man of Little Valley." Marx disregarded the stories until 1951, when he spotted 18-inch footprints near Mount Shasta.

"Whatever it was, I didn't know," he said. "But I knew it was something that was alive."

"Before that," Marx continued, "I would no more have believed it than the man in the moon. People would try to get me to chase it. I never would. But that (seeing tracks) made a believer of me."

Although he says he's seen 15 of the Bigfoot, his first sighting was in 1959 in the White Mountains near Bishop. He shot film of that Bigfoot but misplaced it. "It just didn't seem important at the time."

Marx carries cameras on tracking trips and says he's sold wildlife films to Disney



Studios and Warner Brothers for movies and television. His footage was the basis of World Picture's "The Legend of Bigfoot," which played in movie theaters 11 years ago. It's basically the story of Ivan Marx and Bigfoot.

"I wanted people to see the dad-gummed thing," he said. "I didn't realize there would be such a controversy."

Amazing Horizons, a production company in Sunnyvale, a few months ago released a videotape documentary titled "In the Shadow of Bigfoot," which is mostly Marx's footage.

Marx claims never to have made money on either project. Maybe he got \$800 for "The Legend of Bigfoot," he says, but the producers of "Shadow" haven't even given him a copy. He says he doesn't care about the money.

"Who the hell else could live to be 65 years old, don't owe one cent in this world, don't have any money in the bank and don't want any?"

Just as easily, Marx discards both the public ridicule — not unlike that endured by people who believe in flying saucers — and Grover Krantz's criticisms.

Krantz is an associate professor of anthropology at Washington State University. Had he not been so outspoken during his 18-year tenure about the existence of Bigfoot, Krantz says, he'd probably be a full professor now.

"I'm curious about anything weird and out-of-the-ordinary," Krantz said recently by phone. "I don't put much stock in them, but I'm always curious. Bigfoot — I like the name Sasquatch — is pertinent to my work in human evolution. To ignore something like that, even if the odds for it to exist are slim, would be the height of folly."

However, he doesn't think Marx has even photographed Bigfoot.

"In the two (films) I've seen, I not only know they're faked, I know who was in the monkey suit: He was in one and his wife was in the other," Krantz said. "He's an extraordinary outdoorsman and expert photographer. He thought he would be the one to get this (Bigfoot images). But after trying so many years, I think he gave up and said, 'If I can't get the real thing, I'll fake it.'"

**M**ARX KNOWS OF Krantz's complaints and grins when he remembers his old friend. They used to hunt Bigfoot together.

"Some of the pictures we've taken are funny-looking as hell," Marx conceded, "but the damn

Left: A plaster cast of a footprint measuring 16 inches long by 6 inches wide was taken near Mount Shasta.

thing looks phony. He's not well-groomed and the more spooked he gets, the higher that dome on his head gets." The Bigfoot's normally pointed skull also becomes more pronounced, or undergoes what Marx calls a "cranial erection," when it's courting another Bigfoot.

For all the squabbling, though, Krantz considers himself one of perhaps only two — the other being Warren Cook — academicians in this country who admits there's a Bigfoot. Neither, however, has ever seen one.

Krantz's belief is based on talks with 40 people who told him they'd seen Bigfoot. "I can't find a flaw in the stories of a little over half of them," he said. "If those creatures don't exist, every one of those people was mistaken. And if just one was right, then Bigfoot does exist."

Cook, an ethno-historian and professor of history and anthropology at Castleton State College in Vermont, is as adamant as Krantz about the creature's existence. He also has queried witnesses and considers their stories credible.

"I may not be right about some of my impressions," Cook recently said by phone, "but I know the phenomenon I'm studying exists. It's not a figment of people's imaginations."

Neither does he believe Ivan Marx concocted any Bigfoot photos. In fact, Cook has traveled across the country with Marx, talking with him about Bigfoot on TV and radio shows, and promoting the "In the Shadow of Bigfoot" movie, for which Cook was the scientific consultant.

Cook and Marx are aligned in their estimates that a few hundred Bigfoot creatures exist in this country, and Cook is convinced the Bigfoot is dying out. On the other hand, Grover Krantz suggests that some 2,000 live in the Pacific Northwest and adjacent Canada.

Krantz hopes someone will kill a Bigfoot and allow scientists to autopsy it. Cook and Marx disagree. Leave it alone, they say. Meanwhile, Cook is trying to muster funds to send a Castleton State anthropology student into a Bigfoot "hot spot" in Columbia County, N.Y., to observe the creatures, much as the late Dian Fossey did mountain gorillas of Africa.

Said Krantz, "The only way to establish that Bigfoot exists is to have a body or a significant piece of one."

Retorted Cook, "The death of any creature might endanger the ability of that breeding pool (to reproduce); it might push Bigfoot beyond the level of survival."

Then Krantz countered, "While I don't think these things are endangered, if we're to do something to help them — maybe alter logging procedures or avoid making roads in a few places — nobody will unless we prove they exist. It becomes all the more important to shoot one as soon as possible."

Although Krantz isn't planning to kill Bigfoot himself, he says a few Bigfoot hunters are trying to get one for him. In the meantime, he's looking for a Bigfoot that's already dead.

He's building a lightweight helicopter and plans to fly with an infrared heat detector over known Bigfoot country in the spring.

"If I could locate an area where they die during winter," he explained, "in the spring when they thaw, they would rot. So the entire year's supply of dead Sasquatches would be rotting, and a rotting body generates heat. I could pick up an image of the rotting body on the detector's screen."

Until they're able to actually study a Bigfoot corpse, Krantz and the other believers can only guess at what the creature is.

Krantz thinks it's a descendant of *Giantopithecus*, an apelike creature that lived a million years ago in what is now China. "It's more ape than human," Krantz said of Bigfoot, "and intellectually it's like an ape. But the locomotion, the walking on the hind legs, is more human. There's no indication it can reason, but I think it's a closer relative to us than to the apes."

Cook suggests that Bigfoot is a cold weather-adapted, swamp-adapted *Australopithecus*, a genus that preceded *Homo erectus* (the scientific name for Peking Man). Cook also believes Bigfoot is more intelligent than an ape, but less so than Peking Man.

He also contends that Bigfoot's intelligence keeps it safe from man. That, and the fact that Bigfoot is nocturnal.

**M**ARX IS NOT a scientist but a bear tracker. And he shrugs his shoulders about Bigfoot's identity. "I guess it's just whatever it is."

He tried two years ago to capture a baby Bigfoot. Marx told that story as he headed up a bumpy, abandoned logging road to two alpine lakes, high above Burney. There, he will circle the watering holes, looking for Bigfoot tracks. The altimeter on the dash showed Marx was nearing 7,000 feet, prime elevation for Bigfoot.

"You know," he said, directing tobacco juice into a can and squeezing the jerking steering wheel, "they get so darned used to us, being around us, that they've come to tolerate Peggy and me. That's the reason, when that one tossed me around, I didn't feel like it was going to try to break an arm or anything. I really felt for the thing because of the look in his gol-darned eyes . . ."

Marx and his wife had been camped, he said, when they heard pitiful whimpers of a sick female Bigfoot carrying a white-furred baby.

"First, she come into our camp and we heard her crying like a baby. We spent one hell of a night there. So we moved camp and she followed

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us. Then we saw a big, young male. Then we saw her laying down with the baby, and the baby was trying to get up. We could hear the male talking. Finally, she got up and went into the dad-gummed brush."

So Marx set out after the female, thinking he'd snatch the infant, call Cook to fly out and see it, then put it back the next day. The 400-pound male intercepted him, however.

"He made a couple of runs at me," Marx said, "but I wouldn't get away. Finally he just come in and bowled me over three times. He didn't hurt me. But he'd have had a helluva time getting that baby away from me if I could have gotten ahold of it."

Marx never saw the white baby Bigfoot again and thinks it died soon after. What he wants to do, his legacy to the Bigfoot legend, would be to find the remains of that infant, to prove once and for all that the creatures exist. Otherwise, he wants the Bigfoot left alone.

"There's a lot of animals in this country that people don't even know is there," Marx said. "We caught one animal and called the game warden and told him we had a mountain boomer (a nocturnal rodent). He said, 'You couldn't; that's a myth.' But then we showed him. We're out in the woods all the time. We see a lot of things we don't even know, can't explain."

Marx says most people won't admit to things they don't understand, things that are odd. And that's why many Bigfoot sightings go unreported. But if folks want to talk, they're likely to seek out the Bigfoot Man of Burney.

He's heard firsthand about kidnappings and rapes. He's met a hairy-faced woman in Alaska who says she's one-quarter Bigfoot; her grandmother allegedly was carried off by a Bigfoot and returned to the village pregnant.

"Then there's this ol' boy from over on the coast, a hippie type," Marx said, chuckling. "He was camping one time, and this female Bigfoot wouldn't leave him alone. She kept coming around and coming around. He told me he was going back to that same place this last summer, and I haven't heard from him yet. Maybe they got married."

ARKANSAS GAZETTE, Little Rock, AR - Jan. 30, 1987

## Japanese scientists scan pyramid

Japanese scientists beamed electromagnetic scanners inside the Great Pyramid of Giza Thursday in a high-technology quest to unravel its 4,500-year-old pharaonic secrets.

"They have got some interesting results," Shawki Nakhle, director of scientific research at the Egyptian Museum, said at Nazlet El-Semman when he emerged from the 440-foot pyramid 10 miles southwest of Cairo.

The scientists from Tokyo's Waseda University crouched in a stifling pyramid passageway, hoping at least to confirm the results of a French expedition that in February pointed to the existence of unexplained sand-filled cavities. That discovery set off speculation the French had stumbled on the lost funerary treasures of the pyramid's builder, the pharaoh Cheops.

But authorities said the main purpose of the exploration was not to find the treasure of Cheops. (UPI)

PRESS-TELEGRAM, Long Beach, CA - Jan. 31, 1987

## Southland rattled, but this mysterious shake is no quake

By Harry Tessel  
Staff writer

A widespread area of the Southland was rattled by some kind of shaking phenomenon Friday morning, but seismological experts said it wasn't an earthquake.

The Seismological Laboratory at Caltech in Pasadena reported that inquiring calls started pouring in about 8 a.m. and continued for more than two hours.

"We had a pretty good load (of calls) around 10 a.m.," said Nancy Durland, staff member of the Seismological Laboratory. She said the lab received about 50 calls shortly after 10 a.m.

The calls came from areas that included Long Beach, Pasadena, the San Gabriel Valley, Tustin, Buena Park and Newport Beach.

And callers to the Press-Telegram reported feeling a window-rattling shaker from Seal Beach to Paramount and from San

Pedro to Fullerton shortly before 10 a.m.

Despite the inquiries, Durland said "there has been no seismologic activity" in the area normally covered by the laboratory, from Bishop south to the Mexican border, and from the ocean to Nevada.

Durland suggested possible causes of the rattling included atmospheric pressure changes and sonic booms, which she said don't have to be heard to be felt.

However, a spokesman for the National Weather Service said there had been no atmospheric pressure changes large enough to cause the reported shaking. And a Federal Aviation Administration spokesman said there had been no sonic booms over Southern California Friday morning.

A Navy spokesman quashed another possibility: blasts from the guns of the battleships New Jersey and Missouri. He said both ships are in port.



Special to The Bee Ivan Marx

Ivan Marx describes the picture above as a Bigfoot shaking water from his pelt after dousing himself from a pool in a marshy area near Snowy Mountain.



A U.S. Forest Service spokesman displays a sketch of a creature workers said they spotted near Walla Walla, Wash. The plaster cast is of a footprint found nearby.





Free Press Photo by DEBBIE DLOTT

At a deserted North Beach, Norman Rabidoux shows off one of his carvings of Champ, a monster believed by some to inhabit Lake Champlain. Besides sculpting Champ seven times, the artist has drawn and painted the creature.

## Burlington Man Has Thing About Depicting Monster

By SUSAN ALLEN

Free Press Staff Writer

Norman Rabidoux is a man with an obsession: carving, sculpting and painting Champ, the legendary creature in Lake Champlain.

"Making Champs is more than a hobby with me, it's more important than a hobby," said Rabidoux, as his latest, bright green Champ floated in the water off North Beach in Burlington.

This green monster is the seventh sculpture he has carved, Rabidoux said, in addition to his drawings and paintings of the creature.

"I've lived or been on all these islands, so I know all about Champ," he said. "When I was little my father told me a story about a man who went skin diving in the lake and came back saying there were giant things down there. I've been interested in Champ ever since."

He said he even saw the real Champ years ago off Grand Isle.

"I saw all the birds, hundreds of birds, coming together and circling above the water," Rabidoux said. "And then Champ popped up, and he looked just like this one (the sculpture), but without the horns or fins."

Rabidoux, 32, is a shy, quiet man and the father of three. He said he spends all his free time working on his Champ projects.

He is a man who believes in a legend, and also believes in a dying art.

"Woodworking, woodcarving and woodburning have all gone out, and I'd like to see them come back," he said wistfully.

He spent months cutting and carving one 30-foot-long piece of driftwood in his spare time, until it became a 5-foot-tall, curving creature he named after Champ. He left it unpainted, and gave it to his three children to climb and play on.

Several years ago the giant head of the sculpture broke off, and today he occasionally works on carving a

more elaborate face on it, with an open mouth, or painting the colorful eyes.

Shortly after he finished the first Champ, Rabidoux spotted a tree stump in the woods, and carved it into a smaller Champ with a saddle for kids to ride on.

Since that time every piece of wood he comes across becomes a potential Champ.

The green Champ is his favorite.

"The body is made out of a piece of elm that floated up off Savage Island," Rabidoux said. "The head is white pine I found in Milton."

He spent weeks sculpting the 5-foot-long body, but the head took longer because of its protruding eyes and smiling mouth. The horns and fins he bought at a toy-model shop, and the spiky backbone he cut from pieces of aluminum.

He painted the sculpture with waterproof, Kelly-green boat paint, and painted the eyes and mouth white, yellow and red.

"You should have seen the looks I got when I had it out in the water the other day," he said, explaining that he floated it in the lake one sunny afternoon. "Everybody wanted to know what it was and where it came from."

Rabidoux hopes a marketing firm will buy his sculpture to use as a model for inflatable plastic beach toys for children.

Rabidoux said his current project is his most ambitious. He is painting "a dream scene" of Champ flying to the moon. The work is done in oils and watercolors, on a flat wood piece, and uses the colors in the Vermont flag.

It is an elaborate, intricate painting that he hopes to sell on the Burlington mall next summer if it is finished.

But it is not just the promise of money that inspires Rabidoux to carve and paint. He has had jobs mowing yards, washing dishes and hauling trash, but he is an artist at heart.

Will he ever carve anything other than a Champ? "I doubt it," he said. "I have a thing for Champ."

## 'Bigfoot' sightings reported

NEWCOMERSTOWN — Don Keating, leader of the Eastern Ohio Bigfoot Study Group, said Thursday he's received new reports of sightings of Bigfoot-type creatures in the Plainfield/West Lafayette area.

Keating said a large creature, covered with black hair, was observed standing beside a barn on a farm between West Lafayette and Plainfield.

The woman who observed the creature estimated it was at least eight feet tall, said Keating.

"I went there and checked all over but couldn't find any footprints," said Keating.

Keating said he received a new report that indicated a suspicious creature was observed running through woods near Plainfield last Saturday at 3 p.m.

A witness told Keating the creature stood seven to eight feet tall and was covered with thick black hair.

The lack of corroborating evidence, however, continues to dog Keating and his study group.

"I believe we have several (creatures) that are running back and forth between Cambridge and West Lafayette," he conjectured.

Keating said he's continuing his investigation into sightings and urged interested persons, or witness to such creatures, to call him at 498-7117.

## Area resident believes 'Bigfoot' lives in county

NEWCOMERSTOWN — The president of the Eastern Ohio Bigfoot Study Group believes a family of Bigfoot-type creatures may live in the Cambridge area.

Don Keating, president and founder of the Newcomerstown-based group that investigates sightings and reports of Bigfoot-type creatures, said today his organization is searching for the person who allegedly observed an unknown primate along I-77 in the Cambridge area on Jan. 6.

The report may have some factual basis, said Keating, because an unknown creature was sighted in the same area at 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 12.

"I think we've got a family of these creatures living around here," said Keating.

Keating's group regularly receives sighting reports, but proof of the existence of the creature known as "Bigfoot" is hard to come by.

At approximately 3 p.m. on Dec. 2, during deer season, said Keating, a bigfoot-type creature was sighted near Salt Fork State Park.

On Jan. 9, just south of Newcomerstown, large footprints were discovered.

"They averaged about 11 inches long," said Keating.

The Eastern Ohio Bigfoot Study Group meets at 8 p.m. Saturday at Duke's Inn at Newcomerstown to discuss the latest sightings and plan future activities, including a research expedition later this year.

"We've got a six-day expedition planned for this spring," said Keating, adding that the expedition will focus on areas in southern Ohio where Bigfoot creatures have been reported.

Keating said he uses the Bigfoot label for the creature, even though "it's probably just some type of large primate."

The public is invited to the Bigfoot study group's meeting.

PLAIN DEALER, Cleveland, OH - Jan. 21, 1987



Marc Miller will spend a month searching snake-infested rain forests for a brontosaurus. He doubts it will look like the dinosaur model he is pictured with.

## Ohioans set sights on African 'dinosaur'

COLUMBUS (AP) — Two Ohioans are among five people planning to go to Africa to look for a living dinosaur.

"To me it is the unknown that is appealing," said Marc Miller, a 44-year-old clinical neuropsychologist from Lancaster. Among those joining him on the trip will be Bill Cacchioli of Yellow Springs.

The trip to the Republic of the Congo will cost about \$6,000 each. They are to leave Jan. 31.

Miller said the purpose of the trip was to catch a glimpse of what he

believes is a brontosaurus, although scientists believe the 80-foot beasts lived in North America before becoming extinct millions of years ago.

"If a brontosaurus is indeed there, it is an animal that has evolved through the years," Miller said. "It is probably the size of an elephant."

Miller's group will begin its exploration in Brazzaville, the Congo capital.

From there, Miller said, the group hopes to catch a helicopter or small plane to the Likoualla swamps, just north of the equator.

# Murphy's Law intervened in plan, car inventor explains to observers

ARKANSAS GAZETTE, Little Rock, AR - Jan. 2, 1987

By John Maines  
GANNETT NEWS SERVICE

JACKSON — Joseph Newman came to Jackson recently intending to demonstrate a breakthrough in energy physics, but all he produced was a shiny red car that whirred and clicked and remained junkyard still.

Newman canceled the endurance test for his prototype car at the Mississippi Coliseum because of a mechanical problem. More than 600 people had come to see the test — some from hundreds of miles away.

"I'm sure everybody's familiar with Murphy's Law," that which can go wrong will go wrong, the 49-year-old inventor quipped. "Murphy drove with me to Jackson."

Newman said the car's electric motor, which he says produces more energy than it consumes, had been damaged in transport during the bumpy drive from his laboratory in the backwoods of Lucedale County.

He had hoped to spend at least six hours driving the car in a figure-eight pattern inside the coliseum, saying it would outlast by hours a conventional electric car following behind. The United States Patent and Trademark Office said it has repeatedly denied patent applications on his energy machines because they do not perform as the self-taught inventor contends.

Although Newman demonstrated a small electric fan run by one of his machines, all he could do with the car was briefly run the motor. He said he would try a test drive again after the motor is repaired.

The demonstration was meant to be a major media event for Newman, and while many people attending said they still had faith in

him and his machine, others viewed it as a major publicity malfunction.

## Disgruntled observer

"I think he's pussyfooting around," Jim Panici of Homewood, Ill., said. "The way I feel about it, he should go ahead and build, if it works. The patent doesn't mean a damn thing."

Panici and his brother, John,

Newman said the car's electric motor, which he says produces more energy than it consumes, had been damaged in transport during the bumpy drive from his laboratory.

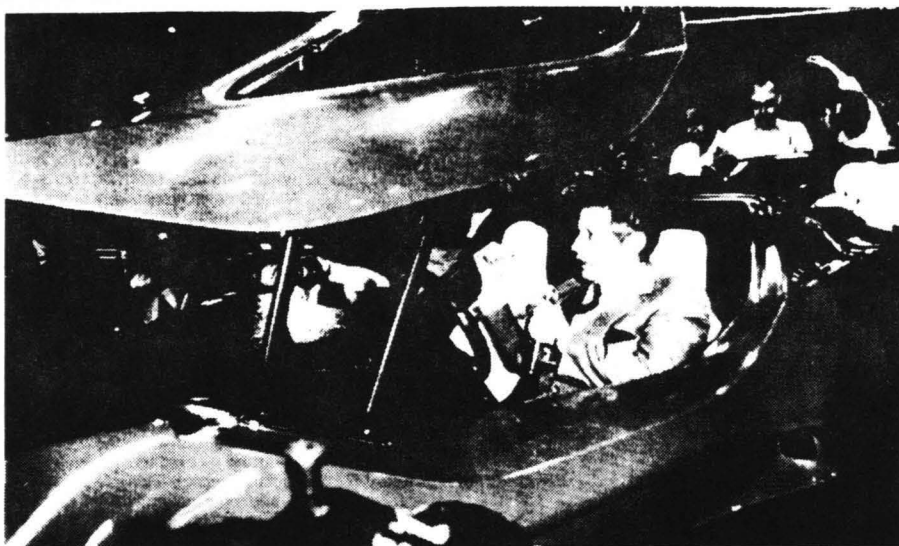
rode 14 hours on a train to attend the endurance test.

Another man called from the crowd asking why Newman had not tested the machine before the public demonstration. Newman's attorney, John Flannery, said that Newman, "contrary to my advice," had wanted the first experiment to be public.

Flannery represents Newman in his suit against the Patent and Trademark Office for refusing the inventor a patent. A federal judge is considering the case, with a decision expected in the spring.

Newman spent more than an hour answering questions, at times giving flowing, evangelistic speeches, praising his machine, condemning the government for rejecting his patent or calling for others to believe.

"Don't blindly believe the stupidity [of the government]" he



—Claron Ledger-Jackson Daily News (Special to the Gazette)

Newman, sitting in his electric car, explains how contact with potholes damaged it.

called to the crowd. "How many people, despite that the car doesn't move, believe?" he asked.

Scores of people applauded and cheered.

The inventor, who has patents for plastic-coated barbells, a fruit picker and a device that deflects rain from car windshields, has said his energy machine harnesses gyroscopic energy from atoms in magnetic fields. His machine uses very high voltage, but low current, to turn the motor. Large conventional electric motors use high current.

Newman told the crowd that sophisticated versions of his device

could solve the world's energy problems and have a wide range of pollution-free spin-off effects.

"There wouldn't be any more Ethiopias," he said. "You could take saltwater and convert it to freshwater."

## Sweden interested

The Swedish government is interested in such technology. Jan Aschan, chief correspondent for *Ny Teknik*, a Swedish weekly technical newspaper, said the government's power board would like to test the machine. Sweden, which has limited energy resources, is hoping to discontinue use of nu-

clear power by 2010 and is seeking alternative power sources, Aschan said.

Rickey Keene, a Jackson-based automotive engineering consultant, said the Society of Automotive Engineers asked him to report on the demonstration.

Keene said his firm, K and R Engineering of Pennsylvania, has often produced new engine products and marketed them without a patent because of the lengthy application process.

"The mystery to me is, why is he going after a patent?" Keene said. If it works, he should go ahead and build it."

TRIBUNE-TIMES, Tampa, FL - March 1, 1987

## 'Triangle' controversy gets new life

KEY WEST (UPI) — New evidence Saturday about a Navy plane salvaged from the sea has helped preserve the myth of the "Bermuda Triangle," threatened by speculation the plane was one that vanished without a trace 40 years ago.

Treasure hunter Mel Fisher said Friday he believed a Grumman Avenger his crews lifted out of the mud on the floor of the Gulf of Mexico earlier this week was one of five that set off on a routine training flight Dec. 5, 1945, and mysteriously disappeared.

But Fisher's son, Kim, who has been trying to identify the plane, said Saturday he had heard from a Naval historian that the serial number on the plane, 47688, had been stricken from Navy records 10 months before.

That would indicate the salvaged plane had either crashed or been decommissioned before the five TBM-Avengers from "Flight 19" ever took off from Fort Lauderdale, far from where the plane was found, west of Key West.

"It makes me doubt that it was one of the five Avengers" Fisher said. The salvaged plane was a torpedo bomber that was part of a squadron that ended up in the Pacific, he said.

The so-called Bermuda Triangle is an area of the Atlantic Ocean — bounded by Bermuda, Puerto Rico and Cuba — that supposedly swallows up boats and planes.



The plane treasure hunter Mel Fisher found may not be a Grumman Avenger.

L.P. Artman, a Key West resident who served as a Coast Guard reservist in 1945 said that of 26 Grumman Avengers used in night flight training missions between Key West and Dry Tortugas, 24 were downed in 1945.

The Avengers carried nine enlisted crew members and five officer pilots.

Members of the salvage crew rejected any link between the wrecked plane and the strange events of the Bermuda Triangle.

"We work in the so-called Bermuda Triangle every day. It makes a good story. People never let facts get in the way of a good story. The planes could have gotten lost and run out of fuel — that's my opinion," said K.T. Budde, first mate on the *Swordfish*.

NEW ZEALAND HERALD, Auckland, New Zealand  
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## Mystery Creek Dweller

Quite a number of people visited Mr Castleton's farm, at Frankton, yesterday, when both boys were repeatedly questioned as to the appearance of the creature they had seen the preceding morning.

The boys — one of whom is fourteen and the other twelve — are intelligent lads, and tell their story with every appearance of truthfulness.

The elder, who first saw the creature, noticing the commotion in the water of the creek, thought it was caused by a large eel, which had been seen there before, until the beast put its head out of the water,

when its enormous jaws and teeth caused him to run, and none too soon.

Both boys adhere to the description given on Tuesday as to the width of the body, and its being covered with light brown scales the same as a schnapper, only that the scales seemed to be each as big as a penny.

On Tuesday Mr Castleton and some of the settlers armed with guns, beat the creek banks in the expectation of rousing the reptile, but without success.

The work will again be proceeded with to-day. The creek is about 150 yards from the house,

and the distance the second boy was chased by the creature from the creek was close on 100 yards.

The mystery is inexplicable, but no one for a moment doubts the good faith of Mr Castleton or his sons.

It appears that I was in error in supposing the younger boy had gone to the creek after hearing that his elder brother had seen the animal. He went shortly after the elder boy, but to fetch wood for the fire, and the brute was on the bank of the creek when it commenced to make for him.

September 30, 1886.



## Taniwha Attack Claim

The statements of the boys at Hamilton, who alleged that they had been chased by a beast resembling an alligator, have been received with a considerable amount of incredulity, many thinking that the boys had simply imagined the story, and then had stuck to it.

Boys and women, and even men, have been guilty of such freaks. The fact that nothing has been seen of the monster since the boys told their story, and that what is known of the natural history of New Zealand, which has been zealously studied, seems to negative the possibility of the existence of such a beast, are against the credibility of the story. But the following communications seem to put beyond all questions the fact that some kind of huge amphibious reptile has found its way into the



Waikato River, and apparently it has already caused the death of a child. The following letter from Mr Arthur Inkersley, one of the masters of Auckland Grammar School, admits of no question so far as it goes:—

Sir,—In the second week of September a friend and myself were rowing down the Waikato River from Hamilton to Mercer. Soon after leaving Huntly, on the morning of the 12th, we saw between our boat and the Huntly bank of the river the head of some creature swimming. We stopped rowing, and watched it as long as we

could see it. It was pounding up-stream at a great rate (especially when the swiftness of the stream at that time is considered), and caused a considerable commotion in the water with its tail, which seemed to furnish the locomotive and guiding power.

We imagined it to be a shark, but have since been told that sharks are not met with in fresh water. The accounts of the water monster lately seen near Hamilton reminded me of our experience.

A correspondent at Huntly writes as follows:—

Sir,—Great interest is felt here respecting the alligator or taniwha seen at Hamilton. Just one year ago a little girl belonging to Tipene Puagarehu, of Waihi, was found dead in the Waihi Creek. The flesh of the right arm was completely stripped from the bone. The child had only been absent from its parents twenty minutes. The Maoris were greatly concerned respecting the death of this child, and say the taniwha did the deed. A fortnight ago two gentlemen tourists came by boat to this place from Hamilton, and stated that they saw a monster with a head like an alligator, making up river between this and Ngaruawahia.

We thought they were only joking, but there may be something in it after all.

—October 5, 1886

NEW ZEALAND HERALD, Auckland, New Zealand  
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