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Co-founder's death leaves UFO group with uncertain fate

By KEVINNE MORAN
Citizen Staff Writer

"It started out as a kitten," Mrs. Lorenzen once said of her avocation. "We thought that in a few years, the mysteries would be cleared up."

Coral E. Lorenzen, co-founder of the world's largest and oldest organization investigating unidentified flying objects, died Tuesday in Tucson of respiratory failure.

The fate of her Tucson-based Aerial Phenomena Research Organization, which at times boasted 4,000 members worldwide, is unclear.

Lorenzen, 63, and her late husband, L.J. "Jim," founded APRO in 1952 in Sturgeon Bay, Wis.

For most of the past 35 years, APRO has issued monthly newsletters and attempted to verify UFO sightings through its headquarters in Tucson.

The organization studied and catalogued more than 40,000 sightings from around the world.

For many years, the couple operated a 24-hour UFO sighting report hotline.

"A few people have called in and they are petrified," said Mrs. Lorenzen in a 1984 interview with the Tucson Citizen. "They have always thought before that these things don't exist and all of a sudden they are confronted with this on a dark road, late at night. It takes 10 to 15 minutes to calm them."

Known even in skeptical scientific circles as a level-headed pair, the Lorenzens always said that 80 to 85 percent of so-called UFO sightings could be explained.

That mysterious remainder, though, had captured Mrs. Lorenzen's imagination most of her life.

"She devoted her life to solving the UFO mystery," said her son, Lawrence Lorenzen of Phoenix.

"Long ago, she determined to her own satisfaction that, out of all the millions of sightings, enough were not explainable in human earthly terms that they had to be visitations from extraterrestrials.

"But she still didn't know what they were up to."

He added that he didn't know yet whether APRO would survive his mother's death.

Mrs. Lorenzen said that as a little girl in 1934, she saw her first UFO,

an object that resembled a "parachute without lines."

In 1952, she and about 300 other people in Sturgeon Bay, Wis., said they saw an elliptical object with a red underside hovering over the town for about 40 minutes.

It was that sighting that spawned APRO. As many as 500 volunteer field investigators did the organization's primary research by interviewing people claiming to have seen UFOs. Investigators weeded out hoaxes and explainable sightings and sent the unexplained accounts to the Lorenzens.

In an interview with the Citizen last year, Mrs. Lorenzen said she was convinced that UFOs are controlled by scientifically advanced individuals who have been observing people on earth for thousands of years.

She added that she believed man is "toward the bottom of the evolutionary totem pole" when stacked up next to other creatures of the universe.

The height of APRO's activities were in the late 1950s through 1970s, when the couple wrote seven books on UFOs and investigated dozens of reported "abductions" by extraterrestrial beings.

From 1969 to 1981, APRO had a public office on North Country Club Road. When interest in UFOs waned in the 1980s, APRO moved back into the couple's home.

The organization took its only hiatus during the few months preceding Jim Lorenzen's death from cancer in August 1986.

Last year, however, Mrs. Lorenzen told the Citizen that UFO sightings again were increasing and she was getting many letters from around the world.

She added that she was convinced that scientists were on the verge of a "major breakthrough" in flying saucer research.

Mrs. Lorenzen was the mother of Lawrence Lorenzen and the late Lesli Stryker. She is survived by four grandchildren, three sisters and two brothers.

Memorial services will be Monday at Unitarian Universalist Church, 4831 E. 22nd St. Interment will be at Arlington National Cemetery in a plot next to that of her husband.



Citizen File Photo

Coral E. Lorenzen and her husband, L.J. "Jim," founded an organization to verify UFO sightings in 1952.

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UFO sightings may be planet

Sightings of unidentified flying objects in the night sky continued over the weekend while an astronomer claims that the lights are actually the planet Venus.

About 60 sightings were reported to the Little River County Sheriff's Office. Two people have told the *De Queen Bee* they saw unusual lights.

A woman who lives near Gillham Lake reported seeing a slow-moving, red light in the sky last week.

Alice Steel, who lives about one mile west of the Arkansas line on U.S. 70, said she saw the lights Thursday night.

Mrs. Steel said there were several lights which burned continuously "like a clear light bulb." They first said thought the lights might be a plane or helicopter but they moved

very slowly, she said.

Mrs. Steel said her husband and six children in the car also saw the sight. They were returning from a basketball game when they spotted the lights around Glover about 10 miles west of Broken Bown.

Observers in Little River County reported that the light appeared to be two objects flying close together and then going off in different directions at great speed. The object changed color from red to green to blue, they said.

Meanwhile Clay Sherrod, director of the Arkansas Sky Observatory, said the object is actually the planet Venus. When Venus and the moon come close together, the planet appears to move from side to side, enlarge and change colors, Sherrod said.

Author tells tales of aliens

Closes conference by asking questions

By LINDA CORNETT
Camera Staff Writer

Visitors from another planet have been tracking and intruding on Whitley Strieber's life ... maybe. They have come to his bedside at night, spoken into his head, carried him aboard their spacecraft and experimented on his body and mind before returning him home, unharmed ... maybe.

Or, maybe, there is a completely different explanation.

Strieber himself doesn't know, but *something* happened to him and to thousands of others and he thinks it is time to start trying to figure it out.

Strieber is the successful author of six novels but his latest fast-selling work is non-fiction. "Communion," an accounting of Strieber's terror and excitement and fascination in the face of a mystery he hasn't been able to solve.

Strieber closed out the 41st University of Colorado Conference on World Affairs Friday night with a talk to an audience of about 500.

Following Strieber's scholarly talk, a young listener got the basics during a question-and-answer session.

"Have you seen any aliens?" she asked.

"Well, I don't know," said Strieber. "They didn't seem to be human beings to me. It will be up to your generation to grow up and help us figure it out."

Strieber said he has received letters from 5,000 people around the world relating bizarre experiences of their own. He outlined two of them:

■ A suburban housewife wrote that two squat creatures and a tall, thin creature came to her home as she vacuumed and demanded that she go with them. When she refused and tried to escape, they pulled her back with their minds. When she was next aware, four hours had passed.

■ A man reported that with the help of his wife, he battled for more than two hours with a humming, throbbing force above his bedroom that felt as if it were sucking his soul from his chest.

"This happened to somebody in this world. What happened to him?" questioned Strieber. "What happened to the thousands of others who wrote of similar experiences? What happened to me? How can we explain it to ourselves?"

Strieber said he is proceeding as if the events have a physical explanation, but, "I am not a UFO sort of person. Until I have a belt buckle from the beyond I will keep my doubt."

Still, *something* happened, he repeated, and the answers should come not from the "UFO types," but from scientists and intellectuals and an interested public, he said.

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Service set for UFO expert Coral Lorenzen

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. tomorrow for Tucsonan Coral E. Lorenzen, a leading UFO expert and author.

Lorenzen, 63, died Tuesday at St. Mary's Hospital.

The service will be held at Unitarian Universalist Church, 4831 E. 22nd Street. Lorenzen will be buried at Arlington National Cemetery in a plot next to her husband, L.J. "Jim" Lorenzen, who died in 1986.

The couple founded the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization in 1952. The Tucson-based agency has 1,200 members worldwide.

In a 1986 interview, Mrs. Lorenzen estimated that the group had received "at least 150,000" reports of UFO sightings and incidents over the years.

"We never stopped to take a head count," she said. "We receive reports practically every day."

The husband and wife team wrote five books on UFOs.

The fear of being labeled a "kook" inhibits many people from reporting UFOs, she said in a past interview with the Arizona Daily Star.

Even some organization members don't want to be identified because they have

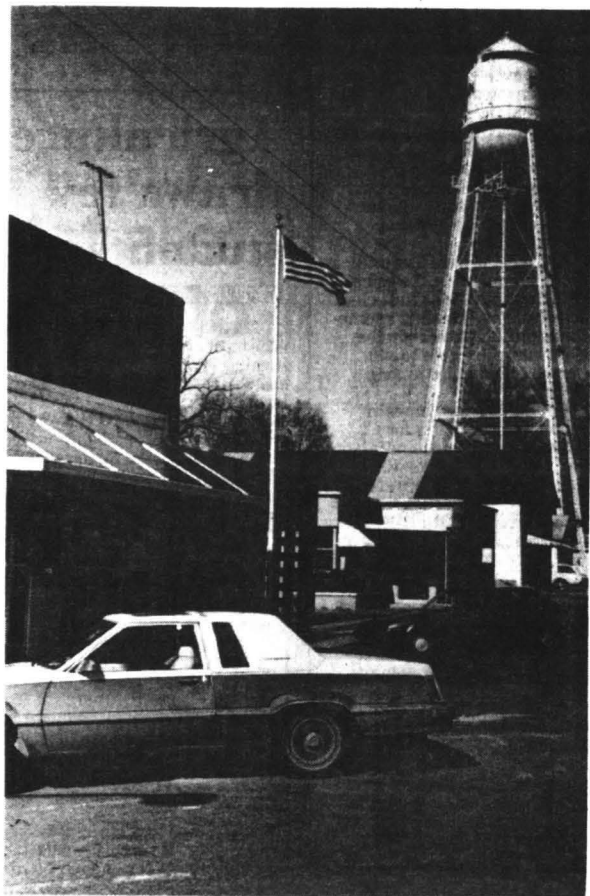
important jobs and fear for their reputations, she said.

Also in that interview, she said the six most common UFO shapes are a disc, sphere, egg, triangle, cigar and doughnut. She said she never concluded that UFOs represent extraterrestrial beings.

In another interview with the Star, Mrs. Lorenzen said flying objects and their occupants have been reported taking soil samples and picking objects out of garbage dumps.

Mrs. Lorenzen is survived by a son, Lawrence, of Phoenix; three sisters; two brothers; and four grandchildren.

Foreman UFO's: Can there be an explanation?



(Timesphoto by Bill Macomber)

A view of downtown Foreman, Ark.

have heard no sound—whatsoever. No known conventional craft would be capable of this.

—Experimental government aircraft? Barksdale Air Force Base in Shreveport, La., has claimed no unusual activity in the region. The Red River Army Depot to the south of Foreman is a tank rebuilding and supply station. This base, too, has noted no unusual maneuvers. The Air Force may be refusing to disclose secret testing operations for security reasons. In this case, Huffer noted, why not test secret craft at one of the many enormous expanses of land owned by the Air Force in the western United States? In the case of a malfunction, secret tests in a relatively populated area such as Arkansas would become immediately known, particularly at this time when people are out observing the night sky. In the west, a crash, for instance, would never become public.

As for Air Force mid-flight refueling operations, which appear odd to those who have never seen them, most Foreman residents have observed such exercises for years. Refueling operations would certainly not explain the noiseless, hovering sightings registered in the last month.

Reported behaviors of unknown objects in the Foreman area have also included at least one occasion of a high-speed, 90 degree turn. This episode involved two witnesses who said the object also conformed suddenly and precisely to up and down terrain as it flew at high speeds. They heard no noise. There are no indications that current technology is able to produce anything even remotely capable of this sort of in-flight behavior.

—Misperception of planets or stars? Frequent reports of UFO's can often be attributed to sightings of Venus and Jupiter, which recently have been setting in the west. These planets often appear to shine brightly. Foreman residents scorn this explanation, however. Many sightings have appeared to the east, north and south, away from Venus, Jupiter and the brightest star, Sirius. Also, the planetary explanation ignores close-up night sightings that witnesses said lit up nearby objects. Many other observers reported sudden, dramatic movements by lights which would be impossible to mistake for the slow movement of the planets. Ken White, a local astronomer with a radio talk show in Texarkana, saw the same unexplained lights his neighbors have seen. According to White, astronomical explanations don't come close to describing what he saw.

—Mirages? Mirages appear close to the horizon, not directly overhead where many of the Foreman sightings have appeared.

—Swamp gas? This famous explanation would have to involve pockets of methane gas forming long enough in one spot to burn if ignited. Huffer noted that steadily blowing wind conditions, as have been common recently on the flat Red River bottoms, would make this explanation highly unlikely. Swamp gas also does not move great distances or last very long. Many Foreman sightings have lasted as long as 45 minutes.

—Weather balloons? Balloons, though highly reflective, have not been noted to move laterally at great speeds as the Foreman objects have. Nor do balloons fly directly into prevailing winds, as the Foreman objects have flown.

—Army flares? The orange objects hovering just above the southern horizon seen by Huffer and a Times reporter could, according to Huffer, be explained by Army flares which burn for a set period of time in mid-air before snapping out. A phone call to the Red River Army Depot south of Foreman reached public affairs officer Dee Reece, who has worked for several years at the base. Reece said she knew of no maneuvers involving flares over the base on the night in question. She added air activity of any kind is rare for the base. Night shifts at the base, she said, are occupied almost exclusively with supply tasks. Huffer added that flares do not normally rise as the lights observed did.

—Phosphorescent fungi? This has been described as a low, cool glowing produced by stationary organ-

isms. It is not known to fly.

—Oil well or natural gas discharges? All residents of Little River County questioned on this matter agreed that the few wells located in the region are far to the south. They have never been known to burn unexpectedly. This explanation would not explain the numerous sightings of observers looking to the north.

Light reflected from great distances? This would not explain several close-up sightings, among them a sighting by James William Vorheas, a medical doctor at a local hospital. Dr. Vorheas, 37, spotted an unexplained light hovering over trees across a field from the French family's house on the Anderson lateral road. There were numerous other witnesses to what he saw. The light had a blue tint to it. Eventually the light moved laterally some distance above the treeline before dropping down and out of sight. This in itself was not an unusual sighting at that location. (See Parts III and IV.) What was significant about this sighting was that a friend of Vorheas's was stationed on the other side of the trees at a distance of two miles. This friend also saw the unidentified light as he looked back in the direction of Vorheas. This cross-sighting would place the object at a distance of no more than a mile from one or the other of the two men. Dr. Vorheas returned at a later date and filmed the hovering light with a video camera. The distances in both cases would not account for any unexplained source of reflection such as a temperature inversion or large body of water.

—Atmospheric conditions of any kind whatsoever? "Spook lights" appear mysteriously in various locations across the country as a result of localized atmospheric conditions. Huffer noted that such air conditions, though repeatable, rarely stay just right for as long as would be necessary to produce the Foreman sightings.

Unidentified

Ultimately, there are no explanations for what Foreman residents have been seeing the last month that would account for every case reported. In particular, the close-up sightings detailed earlier in this series defy attempts at easy answers. The witnesses in all the cases investigated were remarkable, if at all, for their lack of hysterical statements or claims. Almost all the witnesses interviewed stated they had no idea what it was they saw.

That they have seen something unusual is indisputable. Dallas Kellar, the Little River County sheriff, said his office had received too many calls to ignore. "Too many people have seen it to say it is nothing," Kellar said. He had no firm explanation. "You can bet the U.S. government knows what it is," Kellar said.

If Uncle Sam knows then he isn't talking. As noted earlier, The Air Force Project Blue Book, which studied UFO's, was officially halted in 1969. Today the Air Force is silent about the subject.

The sightings in Foreman, however, have formed a strong, almost obsessive grip on the imagination of local residents. When last interviewed, they were steady in their commitment to find answers.

In Huffer's experience of studying UFO's, that day of resolution may never come. On the way home from Foreman, Huffer said if this extended UFO episode ends the way others have ended, then the sightings will one day halt as suddenly as they began. Very possibly there will never be an adequate explanation for what hundreds of people in Little River County have seen but cannot explain.

NORTHWEST ARKANSAS TIMES,
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Letters Home

By William Macomber

Dearest Quazgaa,
Reactions surrounding the writing and printing of the Foreman UFO stories last week have been interesting.

I had one person at work who was wondering out loud why the people in the small town of Foreman, Arkansas, were lying about seeing UFO's. He had the answer to the UFO mystery. He said the UFO's that were terrifying people and baffling experts in Foreman were actually plastic garment bags enclosing a ring of candles. The whole apparatus floats up into the air; according to this UFO debunker. Once it reaches a certain height, the bag catches fire and comes down with a spectacular burning effect.

I asked him how a garment bag could follow three reputable, sane women in a car at speeds up to 120 miles per hour over a distance of several miles. "Obviously it got caught in the tailwind of the car," the debunker said.

I said, "But whatever it was made a 90-degree, right-hand turn and followed them onto a new highway."

At this point my friend said he was just plain skeptical about the whole thing on principle and left it at that.

I know how this debunker feels. I feel the same way. The human mind immediately searches for natural answers when confronted with things that seem unthinkable and yet apparently have happened.

The implications of real UFO's are very disturbing to most people. It means we may be at the mercy of something bigger than we are. It means we may not really be in control. What if they really are here? And what if they really aren't very nice at all, just real patient?

In the past I have been like most other people, I suspect, when it came to UFO's. I'd walk by the check-out stand and see the National Enquirer articles like "Aliens Turn Pet Into Hat," or "Daughter Elopes With Space Bikers." I'd glance at them and my "loony light" would start flashing in the back of my head.

But if you had asked me if I believed that unexplained vehicles controlled by intelligent life have visited this planet, I would have said, "Probably." Astronomers have looked onto stars that are some 18.6 billion light years from this planet. There's a whole lot of stellar activity between here and there. Simple common sense tells me that some of that activity has to be planetary.

I don't know what people have been seeing in Foreman, or what they have been seeing by the thousands all over America and the world since the first major modern sightings began in 1947. I can testify that people in Foreman are not publicity hounds and they are not crazy. They, like me, have been presented with a brick wall. There is something of very high strangeness on the other side of the brick wall. They don't know what that thing over there is, and they are beginning to suspect they will probably never know in this lifetime. All they know is that it's bigger than a breadbox — or a garment bag — and more mysterious than almost anything else in the natural universe they've ever come up against.

EDITOR'S NOTE — Residents of the small southwest Arkansas town of Foreman began spotting unexplained lights in the night sky late last December. Since that time, the local sheriff's department has received more than 200 reports of unidentified objects flying over the Foreman/Ashdown area just north of Texarkana. Several residents have reported that the objects do more than simply fly over at night. The Foreman sightings are unusual in the history of unexplained aerial phenomena. Rarely do such episodes continue as long as this one or involve as many people. Unless otherwise noted, all episodes recounted in this five-part series on the Foreman sightings were told firsthand to a Times reporter on location in Foreman by eyewitnesses. At press time the sightings continue. So far, efforts to find military or commercial air explanations have yielded no answers. Parts I-IV of this series have detailed various UFO episodes in Foreman, including several close-up sightings involving multiple witnesses. Today's final installment outlines possible answers to what so far has remained a mystery.

Part 5 of 5-part series

By BILL MACOMBER
Times Staff Writer

Charles Huffer spent three days in Foreman during the week of Jan. 25. Huffer is a field investigator for MUFON, the Mutual UFO Network. Though he was not in Foreman to write the official MUFON report, he talked with dozens of Foreman observers who have spotted UFO's since last December, some from as close a distance as 15 yards. Huffer himself, in the company of a Times reporter, saw unexplained bright orange orbs rise in the southern sky above the Red River bottoms on Thursday, Jan. 28. The round

orange lights did exactly what Little River County residents said they had been doing. The lights rose, hovered, then blinked out suddenly as if someone had tripped a light switch.

If anything, Huffer is generally skeptical about UFO reports. His training and first impulse in Foreman was to find conventional answers to the unexplained aerial sightings. He is not what some would term a UFO "nut." At 49, he has taught mathematics for the last 19 years in Berlin, West Germany. Huffer is a member of Mensa, a high I.Q. club. He has studied the UFO problem for years in his spare time as objectively and scientifically as possible. After three days in Foreman, his conclusion was slightly unsettling and, for him, typically unemotional. "As far as I'm concerned, whatever it is remains unidentified."

This conclusion is unsettling to those who have seen unexplained aerial activity. The most common reaction noted in interviews with Foreman's close-up UFO observers (See Parts I-IV of this series) was the desire to explain what they had seen in common, conventional terms. In Foreman such explanations have become harder and harder to come by.

The following is a catalogue of possible explanations offered by a variety of sources. Along with the explanations are the reactions and responses to these explanations by those who have actually been in Foreman watching and studying the activity.

—Misperception of conventional aircraft? As has been repeated several times in Parts I-IV of this Times series, eyewitnesses stated adamantly that they were quite familiar with air traffic patterns over Foreman. Phone calls to commercial air carriers have confirmed there have been no unusual changes in those patterns recently. Also, observers of unidentified objects as close as 15 yards away have claimed to

Duguala Bay residents all buzz over UFO sighting

By Steve Berentson
Staff reporter

North Whidbey resident Dan MacIndoe and four other adults at his home say they witnessed an unidentified flying object near Duguala Bay last Thursday night — and today the reluctant witness is eager to know if anyone else in the area saw the same strange phenomenon.

As MacIndoe tells the story — and he has told it numerous times over the

past few days — the incident occurred last Thursday night while he and his wife, Isidra, were visiting with his mother, Connie MacIndoe and Isidra's parents, Louis and Dominga Dimalanta.

MacIndoe, a former Navy man who emphasizes, "I am extremely familiar with aircraft," said the night's strange events started at about 8 p.m.

His mother, a cigarette smoker, stepped onto the MacIndoe's porch in the Fircrest Estates residential area to

have a smoke. Seconds later, she called to her son.

"She saw something to the south-southeast," MacIndoe recalled in a Monday interview. "It was a curious bright light — more so than any star I had seen."

Still, MacIndoe concluded: "It could have been anything. I thought it was a helicopter off in the distance."

It was that early evening incident, however, that heightened the family's senses for a far more dramatic event

later that night.

"We kept going to the window to see," MacIndoe said of the curious light. "Sometimes it would be there, sometimes not. That was it until about 10 o'clock..."

Actually it was 10:45 p.m. "What happened next was quite profound," said MacIndoe.

On another trip outside Connie MacIndoe "let out a scream."

"I could tell by the sound of her voice that something was going on," said the

ex-Navy man. Four of the adults in the house gathered on the porch while one stayed inside with 3-year-old Kimberly MacIndoe, who watched out the window with her grandparent.

Perhaps because of the earlier incidents of the night, MacIndoe, his wife and guests recall the next 25-35 seconds quite vividly. In fact, MacIndoe spent much of that time viewing the strange object in the sky through a telephoto lens on his 35 millimeter camera.

"Off to the south-southeast again, in the same spot we saw the earlier object, there was something almost like a flare — a bright ball of light now much lower on the horizon," said MacIndoe. MacIndoe, who notes his experience with aircraft in the Navy has continued as a civilian watching NAS Whidbey aircraft day and night for four years, said: "I have pretty good judgment of distance as far as aircraft go."

Based on this experience, he estimates the object he and his family

saw was about a mile and a half from his house, "just above the treetops on the north side of Duguala Bay."

Only a couple of seconds after the group gathered on the porch MacIndoe said the bright ball of light "took off and made a vertical rise straight up at tremendous speed."

Then, he said, his mother exclaimed, "Here it comes!"

"It came directly at us," said MacIndoe, "from Duguala Bay to my house."

Even to this point, MacIndoe contends, he could have gone to sleep without too much trouble if the incident stopped there. But it didn't.

"As it approached the house the light disappeared," said MacIndoe, "and it drifted directly over the house," never actually stopping or hovering.

"Within 100 yards of the house it slowed way down. As it drifted over our house we got one hell of a look at this thing."

MacIndoe, who emphasizes he and those in his house did not watch "Alien" on television that night, said the only way he can describe what he saw is to make reference to the UFO featured in "Close Encounters of the Third Kind."

"It was right over our house," he said. "As it went over I saw — and we all agree — a pattern of lights in a complete circle. There were about 15 lights around the perimeter of this thing — a ring of bluish-white lights, lit all at the same time, pulsating sequentially in a clockwise pattern."

MacIndoe recalls saying, "Be quiet," even though no one was talking. He wanted to listen.

"There was no prop noise, jet noise, anything like that," he said. "There was absolutely no noise."

The object "drifted" over the MacIndoe house to the northeast, he said, "and that was it."

MacIndoe, his wife and guests went back into the house, shaken by the sighting. He looked at a clock and

noted the time was 10:45. A few minutes later he called the NAS Whidbey weather station looking for an old friend. The friend was not there, so he asked if anyone had reported seeing any strange lights. No report.

Subsequent calls that night and early Friday morning revealed NAS Whidbey training flights had ended at 10:30 p.m., fifteen minutes before the UFO sighting. MacIndoe also called his brother in California.

"He believes this UFO thing is real," MacIndoe said. "Even though there were five of us (who saw the UFO), I had a strong need to talk to somebody."

One of MacIndoe's Friday morning calls was to radio newsman Dur Roberson of KJTT Radio in Oak Harbor. Roberson listened to MacIndoe's story and concluded he was "credible." The newsman suggested MacIndoe call the UFO Reporting Center in Seattle.

The UFO Center took his report and Roberson subsequently ran a short interview with MacIndoe on the air. A story of two groups of people who sighted a UFO in Australia Wednesday had made news around the world. Before the day was out Associated Press picked up the story and Roberson had given a "voice feed" over the telephone to at least 15 other radio

stations.

The subject of UFOs, said MacIndoe, "is a subject I never wanted to study. I have no choice now." After the news broke Friday, however, the next two or three days were filled with interviews and exchange of UFO information.

MacIndoe was told his family's description of the UFO "is a very common description." What is significant about the Whidbey Island sighting, he said, is the fact that five adults saw the object — and the object was viewed from an estimated distance of only 1,200 feet.

"It was a very upsetting experience," said MacIndoe. "A very profound experience." Even though it was too dark to actually see the form of the aircraft, he was impressed with the UFO's speed (he calculated its speed across Duguala Bay at 1,000 mph), its ability to change direction, its "muffler system" and the "running lights."

MacIndoe has already talked to a number of people, including others who claim to have seen UFOs, but no one to his knowledge from North Whidbey has reported seeing the same strange object he and his family saw.

"I know we saw what we saw," said the man who was once indifferent to the subject of UFOs. "You just couldn't have missed it."

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Strange lights over Bennington believed by onlookers to be a UFO

By ALAN CLENDENNING
Sentinel Staff Writer

BENNINGTON — A strange, fast-moving light that didn't make a sound was sighted 500 to 1,000 feet over Bennington last Thursday night by at least six people, including one part-time Bennington police officer.

"My first reaction was 'Wow, it's a jet.' But there wasn't any noise," said Elaine Barrett, who saw the unidentified flying object through some trees for about two seconds as she drove home on Old Stagecoach Road at about 10:45 p.m.

She said the object was white and red, but she couldn't make out its shape.

Barrett didn't know what to think of what she had seen until a few minutes after she got home, when Frank H. Cordelle called her and said he had seen it, too.

Cordelle and Barrett attended a meeting at the Harris Center for Conservation Education in Hancock that night. Cordelle was driving home on Route 47 in Bennington when he saw the light.

"Right in front of me there was this very bright light trailing a tail," he said.

Cordelle stopped his car, turned off the radio and rolled down the window just to make sure, he said.

The light changed from white to red, 'then it appeared that the light went out. My impression at the instant I saw it this was, quote-unquote, a UFO.'

— Frank H. Cordelle

It was still there, moving at the same speed as a fighter jet about 1,000 feet in the air. It made no noise, he said.

As it flew across the sky during the six to eight seconds that Cordelle saw it, the light changed from white to red, "then it appeared that the light went out," he said.

"My impression at the instant I saw it this was, quote-unquote, a UFO," he said. "There wasn't any debate: This was something totally unlike anything I'd ever seen before."

Friday morning, he talked to two other people who saw it.

Cordelle said he has seen hundreds of meteors, and that this light was about 100 times brighter than them.

Bennington Police officer David E. Skerry also said the object was much brighter than a meteor.

He saw it at about 10:50 p.m. over Bennington village as he and

Donald Breyer of Antrim drove to work at Monadnock Paper Mills Inc. in Bennington.

The thing swooped overhead at about 500 feet for 10 seconds before it went out of sight, Skerry said. It looked like "an orange ball with an orange tail."

"I went into work and asked the other guys if they saw it," he said. "They said 'Yeah, what have you been drinking?'"

But he and Breyer were convinced. And Skerry said at least three people reported the sighting to Bennington Police Chief David Mancini.

The Federal Aviation Administration in Nashua had received no reports of the sighting as of this morning, a spokeswoman said.

Antrim Police had received no reports of people seeing the UFO, police dispatcher Gil Mitchell said this morning.

"I guess it must have landed before it got to Antrim," he said.

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Area residents continue to see bright lights

By CHARLES BOOTHE
of the Daily Telegraph staff

Sightings of strange lights continue in the area as a Green Valley family has seen "a large, bright object" during the last several evenings.

Myrtle Mullens said she and her family saw a "bright light" that breaks off into several smaller lights that then move around in all different directions.

"It's like a huge star," she said. "It has sharp points that light up. It makes no noise, though."

She said smaller lights then move from the large one.

"There are many of the small lights and they move in all direc-

tions, she said. "They move fast, too fast for an airplane."

Mullens said the lights are in the southwest sky and are usually visible right after dark.

"We looked at it through binoculars and it was something," she said. "But you can see it without binoculars."

She said the lights don't appear to have any mass, just a collection of lights that form a "huge, long object."

The sightings are not new to the area. Several residents of the Wytheville, Va., area have talked about seeing the lights, similar to what Mullens saw, for several weeks.

Also, two women saw a light Sunday night near Pinehill, off U.S. 52.

Frances Hollway of Brushfork said, "It was like looking at a city. What we saw wasn't anything that man could have made. It is hard for anyone to believe."

Mullens said she has been seeing "strange" lights since October in the early evening sky and still has no explanation for them.

"We all stand out on the road and look for them until it gets too cold," she said. "People that drive by probably think we're crazy. But something's causing those lights."

A spokeswoman for Piedmont Airlines at Mercer County Airport said no pilots had reported seeing any strange lights. "I'm sure they would have reported them if they had," she said.

Government won't go public on UFOs

A phenomenon has existed on this Earth for uncounted years. It is the UFO phenomenon, and unlike the cultural fads which grow and eventually fade away, UFOs have remained as much a part of human existence as ever before. In fact, the numbers of UFO sightings are growing.

Since the times of Ezekiel as told in the Bible, people have been seeing strange, unidentifiable objects in the sky. The plains of Nazca in Peru remain a mystery even to this day. Before airplanes were even thought of those primitive peoples constructed "landing strip" type geometric designs shaped like spiders, birds and strange beings, all of which are only distinguishable from high in the air.

While most reported sightings of UFOs can be explained away as meteorites, stars, weather balloons, swamp gas, birds and satellites, a good number of sightings have even the most learned scholar stumped. For example, who on the face of this earth ever saw a bird travel at speeds faster than the speed of sound? Or an airplane able to make 90-degree turns with speeds in excess of 300 MPH? And what star in the entire universe ever landed on earth, left behind burned patches of grass, then took off vertically and disappeared into the sky?

It's amusing to think that the United States government (and other world governments) actually expects its citizens to believe that each and every UFO sighting can be explained away as a usual common occurrence (fast-flying

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birds, incredibly agile airplanes or periodically visiting stars). How naive we have been to believe this!

Consider the JAL (Japan Airlines) encounter a year ago over Alaska. The pilot saw a UFO the size of two football stadiums. It also appeared on radar. The incident made a small appearance in local newspapers and even a spot on the evening news. Soon the reliability of the pilot was questioned and the public was led to believe that it was just a cloud that the experienced pilot saw. What is startling, is that the public believed the explanation, and thus both the public and the government were happy.

Readers must wonder why I mention the government so often. It is because the government has known about the existence of UFOs for many years now, and is not letting the people of the United States of America know the truth. Senator Barry Goldwater tried to obtain top-secret information on UFOs from the Air Force but was denied access. President Carter wanted NASA to study UFOs. President Ford wanted investigations of UFOs since a wave of UFO sightings in 1966.

Why has nothing surfaced? It couldn't be because UFOs do not exist, for if they did not exist, then President Ford and President Carter's investigations would have been made public, and the UFO



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matter would be put to rest. The government would have offered irrefutable proof that UFOs do not exist, and the case would be closed. But that's not what happened.

Never has the American government been able to provide proof positive that UFOs do NOT exist. In fact, strong evidence exists which proves that certain segments of the United States government have been conducting their own secret investigations on UFOs for many years now.

The NSA (National Security Agency), after repeated requests by UFO researchers for UFO data, denied having anything at all in their files on UFOs, until a leak by the CIA implicated the NSA's involvement in collecting UFO data. Only then did the NSA admit to be in possession, or "control" of,

nearly 100 UFO documents. The knowledge of the NSA's UFO documents was only possible through the FOIA (Freedom of Information Act).

The FBI (Federal Bureau of Investigation) has been involved with UFOs since at least 1947, and CAUS (Citizens Against UFO Secrecy) a locally-based UFO research group, has been able to obtain approximately 1,700 pages of UFO files from the FBI only with the help of the FOIA.

The CIA (Central Intelligence Agency) has also been involved in UFOs since at least 1949. And, like all the others, denied having any UFO-related information until the UFO researcher's requests were accompanied by the FOIA.

But this is only the "tip of the iceberg."

Most of the released documents are vague generalizations. And when researchers pressed for more detailed information, the usual governmental agency response is that the requested information falls out of the reach of the FOIA due to "national security." But my question is, if UFOs pose "no threat to national security" as stated time and time again by the government, then how can the UFO documents be withheld from the public for "national security" reasons? Why would UFO-related documents be withheld if they (UFOs) pose no threat to our national security?

Furthermore, a good percentage of the released documents are blacked out with a magic marker, making it quite impossible to read.

I have obtained a good part of this information from a book en-

titled *Clear Intent* by authors Lawrence Fawcett and Barry J. Greenwood. In their book they state, "Foreign governments, just as the U.S., have said publicly that UFOs are a nonsense subject. Yet, they broadcast UFO data over their most important intelligence channels such that the NSA intercepts the broadcasts and retains the information under top security!"

And, "Since the government has declared many times that UFOs are no threat to national security, we feel fully justified in asking that data about UFOs be released and put out before the public for a fair and open-minded assessment of what is one of the most intriguing topics in recorded history."

I urge readers to write to their congressman/congresswoman. Tell them to "support the free-flow of public information, particularly UFOs" as suggested by the authors of *Clear Intent*.

I also challenge any member of government to disprove the existence of UFOs based on the information now in the possession of UFO researchers. I do not believe that people will "panic" when the truth is finally told, so I cannot accept that theory as the one which explains the government cover-up.

I believe people are intelligent and mature enough to realize that we humans are not the only intelligent species in God's great, infinite universe.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Lottie Michaud is an occasional contributor to the Bristol Press Op-ed page. She watches the skies from Terryville.

LOST IN TIME

He Hardly Believes It Himself

By Joan S. Rodgers
JOURNAL REPORTER

ONE SEPTEMBER night in 1966, when David Oldham was 16, he and two other boys were riding around about 8 o'clock killing time.

For some reason, he says, the boy who was driving, Ned, turned onto an isolated road in Guilford Courthouse National Military Park. As soon as he turned off, he adds, the boys saw a huge light "sitting right on the trees."

"It was as though you could just climb up on the trees and reach and touch it with your hand. It felt that close."

"The set of circumstances at that point froze. Everything was put into a suspended state, and we just sat in the car and observed. And then one of the comments came up out of the car — I don't know who said it, whether it was me or one of the other guys — they said, 'Let's get the hell out of here.' And then we said, 'God, that's a UFO.'"

They drove on to a nightclub outside of Greensboro but did not talk to one another about what they had seen. At the door, they asked what time it was. It was 10:35.

That is when they realized, Oldham says, that they were missing 2½ hours of their evening. What had happened when they saw the UFO?

He says that he eventually found out what happened during the missing 2½ hours.

"It's so far-fetched that even I can't believe it."

SIMILAR REPORTS THAT are surfacing all over the country seem to have in common a mysterious gap in time.

Oldham has serene, bright blue eyes and a salt-and-pepper beard. He seems to be a gentle person and describes himself as a man who is not afraid

to show his emotions. Outdoors, he appears to love the earth and enjoys the sighting of forest animals.

AS HE WALKED the grounds of the park where he says the event took place, and with his terror showing through at times, he told the Journal his hair-raising story:

He did not give the UFO event much thought until nine years after it occurred. He was in an automobile accident, almost died and was in the hospital for quite a while, he says.

Then he started having nightmares. He began a spiritual search and also began to study UFOs and investigate reported sightings.

Once on a visit to New York, he looked up Ted Bloecher, a well-known UFO expert. They talked about the subject, and Oldham eventually told Bloecher his story. Bloecher arranged for him to see a psychologist for hypnotic regression.

Oldham had tried hypnosis with a therapist in Guilford County, he says, but would always reach a point in the recollections at which he would cry. He could never get past that point.

Dr. Aphrodite Clamar, the psychologist in New York, induced hypnosis, and Oldham had a breakthrough, he says. The information that emerged was terrifying.

He recalled the events that he feels happened to him during the lost 2½ hours:

He found himself outside the car in the park but does not remember getting out of the car.

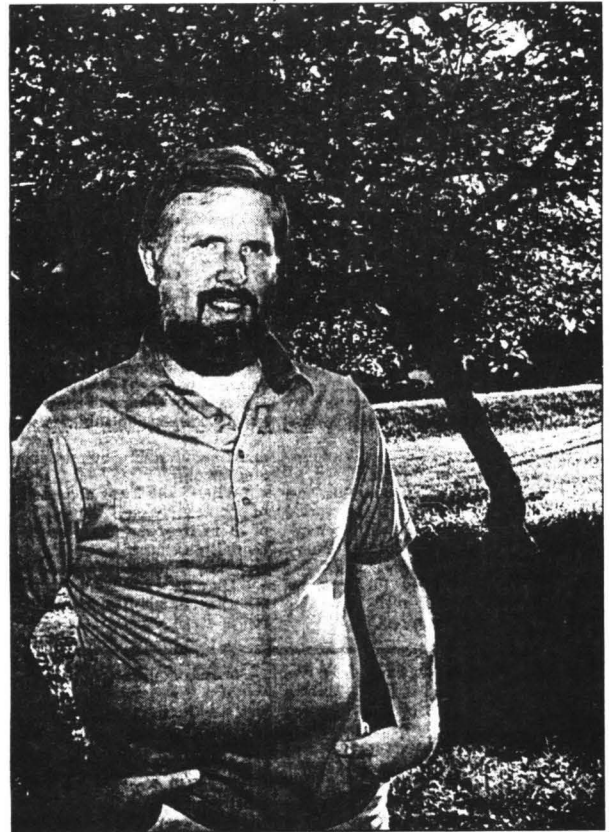
"All of a sudden, out of the distance, I see a shadow of a person, and, naturally, I freak out." When he turned to get back into the car, he could not move. A human-like being approached him. The sight of it terrified the living daylight out of Oldham.

"You turn the corner, and immediately you're under the control of something. . . . The being — he came at me without me being able to move."

"He looked me in the eye, and I was freaked. I didn't know what to do, and he, through telepathy, told me to close my eyes and relax, that I was frightened and that there were other people that wanted to see me."

"All of a sudden, out of the distance, I see a shadow of a person, and, naturally, I freak out."

— David Oldham
Business consultant



David Oldham stands in his yard in Greensboro next to what is left of a tree that was splintered unexplainably several years ago.

Oldham was taken — he does not remember by what means — aboard a craft. He remembers lying on a table in a cylindrical chamber, surrounded by smoke, and having difficulty breathing.

The light in the room was like light in a movie theater, he says, where you see the light but cannot determine its source.

A group of beings stood over him as an instrument passed over his body. The instrument did not touch him, he says, but might have been shining a light on him. It was like being X-rayed.

The beings took him off the table and moved him to another room, but they did not carry him, and he did not walk.

"There's no way, physically and verbally, that I can tell you how it feels to levitate."

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IN THE SECOND room, a group of the beings sat in a semicircle in a corner of the room, staring at him. When they blinked, they all blinked in unison.

He finally determined, toward the end of the ordeal, that a blink seemed to signal the end of a thought process and the beginning of a new one.

"The weird thing about it is that they all had large-shaped heads, and they had these tremendously big eyes. I mean it reminded you of a cat eye."

The iris filled up the whole eye socket, he says. Oldham did not dare to look below the shoulders, he says, because he was terrified.

"Would you?"

He did not have a sense of male and female beings.

And they showed no emotion.

"These guys were just neutral," he says. "If you played poker with them, you couldn't call their bluff, because you wouldn't be able to read their eyes."

They "spoke" to him without words. It was like telepathy, he says, but somehow beyond telepathy — it was energy.

ONE OF THE beings handed him a small box the size and shape of a remote-control device, he says. It bore symbols like the ones used in ancient Egyptian hieroglyphics.

The being who handed him the box blinked. When Oldham looked over, the others were gone. In their place was a screen that showed him images, as a slide show would. He remembers one picture of fire.

"The guy kept saying, 'Remember this,' and I said, 'I won't.' He said, 'Remember this,' and I said, 'No.' It was like a battle of the minds."

Finally, the being told him that he was going to leave the room and that Oldham would be alone, he says.

"I knew that was a set-up. That's the oldest trick in the world."

He felt that they were going to watch him as scientists might observe a subject in an experiment, he says.

Left alone, Oldham did not know what he was supposed to do with the small box. He held it for a while and eventually laid it down.

He noticed a larger box in the corner on the floor and felt something tell him not to touch it. He touched it and received a jolt like an electrical charge.

"It was like I was shocked out of my skin — like touching a live wire."

Finally, he was taken down out of the craft and set free. At the moment of departure, Oldham was crying. The being who had communicated with him asked, "Why are you crying? Why are you showing this emotion?"

And Oldham said, "Because I've never felt love like this before. . . ."

"It was like, at one point, we connected in unconditional love."

The being seemed indifferent but did acknowledge the statement about love with a blink, Oldham says.

The next thing he remembers is getting back into the car with the boys.

"They were in the car like robots." He got into the car without their being aware that he got in, or, for that matter, that he had ever left, he says.

"I don't know if we went separately. In 2½ hours, they (the beings) could certainly have done anything they wanted to."

NOT ONLY DID he see images during the hypnosis, he says, but at times he felt as if he could not breathe, and at times he felt paralyzed. His heart was racing, he sweated, and he felt panic.

"I was shaking so hard that it felt like I was really being rattled up out of my body," he says.

"It was horrendous. . . . 'Oh, man, just hold on to your body,' is what I kept thinking, because it feels like they are going to electrocute you. . . . Oh, man, it was unbelievable, unbelievable. I can't even describe the fear. It was the most horrifying fear."

The part that terrified him the most, he says, was the abrupt stopping of all motion at the beginning, when he was outside the car, and seeing the being approach.

There are some lapses in his narrative, parts he did not recall.

"I'm disappointed in my detail, but I'm satisfied that I was strong enough to get through it," he says of the hypnotic regression.

He has always recalled consciously that on the night of the event, on the way home, the three boys did not talk about the UFO sighting. And they never discussed it after that night, he adds. At home that night, Oldham

went to bed and cried himself to sleep. He did not know at the time why he cried, he says.

He compares his abduction experience to rape. Being manipulated beyond your will is rape, he says, whether it is sexual, emotional or physical.

He says he would like to see a group organized for people to get together who feel that they have had similar experiences so they can talk it out.

OLDHAM IS 37 and still lives in Greensboro. He is a college graduate and a business consultant to a company, but he does not want to use the company's name in this article.

He knows that he may receive letters and phone calls as a result of this article, but he feels that it is time to go public.

He actually has gone public once; his case was written up in a book, *Missing Time*, by Budd Hopkins (Richard Marek Publishers, 1981). The book is about alleged abductions of humans by UFO occupants. He signed a release for his story to be told in that book, figuring that few people around here read books about UFOs. And he received only one phone call from this area, from a woman in Greensboro. Thus far, he feels that his privacy has not been invaded.

With this newspaper article, he says, "It's going to be different, because I know I'm going to get a reaction."

OLDHAM WANTS to make it clear that he is not a publicity hound, that the reporter went to him — he did not go to the newspaper.

He says that he is not a fanatic and that he is aware that there is no evidence to confirm his abduction.

It is his memory of the terror he felt under hypnosis that reminds him that the abduction happened, he says. "That was my only form of verification."

But there are some possible confirmations that society does not look at, he says, such as the strange phenomena in his yard in 1982: One day, he says, he found a tree bowed over and splintered, a conduit knocked off the house and an oval depression in the grass.



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Creatures from UFOs are generally said to have large craniums, gray-white skin, and large, wrap-around eyes. The skin texture is usually compared to the texture of marshmallows or clay. This composite picture is based on reports by many people who say they have seen the creatures.

The depression was about 13 feet in diameter, according to Oldham, and the grass was discolored — darker than the rest. The mark stayed there about a year, and he took pictures of it.

He checked with the county's Agricultural Extension office about lightning. That office told him that a tree as small as his would probably have shattered if it had been struck by lightning, he says.

If this destruction was a prank, Oldham says, someone went to a lot of trouble.

"I'm telling you, I'm not crazy. I know what's out there, and it's a lonely place out here. And I simply don't have any messages or wisdom to tell the people about what they've come to do and what they're trying to do for us. All I can tell you is that there is something there."

IN HIS VIEW, there is a three-judge panel on UFOs: the government, the scientific community and the media. These three groups reinforce each other's skepticism, he says. "They're not giving it a fair shake."

He exercises some skepticism himself. He has heard other people tell of their abduction cases, and he does

not believe all of them. Many cases have been proven fraudulent, he says, and that will continue.

Oldham says he does not think the alien beings are after anything. "I think they're just experiencing."

He says that he believes there is a reason for everything that goes on. And he says that he thinks change is coming around that will call for unconditional love.

"One day I think we'll walk in harmony together."

Everyone is searching, he says.

"I searched for a long time. I've walked a lot of spiritual paths. I've studied Eastern teachings, Western Christianity, New Age thought. I've covered the gamut, because I am in search, and I guess I'll always be in search."

Oldham says he gave his life to Jesus Christ when he was 15 years old and also recognizes other religions. He calls himself a universalist and a modern-day mystic.

"I'm not out to sell you on this," he says. "I'm not out to sell the world. All I know is that something happened to me. I don't totally understand it. I probably never will."

"I'm sure one day I'll come at peace with it. And until I do, I'm going to keep searching."

Interest in UFOs Takes Off Again

'A Lot Is Coming Out of the Closet,' N.C. Investigator Reports

By Joan S. Rodgers
JOURNAL REPORTER

What's all this fuss about UFOs? Clubs for enthusiasts and newsletters, movies, lectures and books about UFOs are bringing in the bucks at a pace undone only during the wave of UFO sightings in the 1950s, according to a recent report by the *New York Times*.

Part of the hoopla surely can be attributed to three books that have come out recently: *Communion* by Whitley Strieber (Morrow), *Intruders* by Budd Hopkins (Random House) and *Light Years* by Gary Kinder (Atlantic Monthly Press). All three deal with alleged encounters between humans and aliens.

Some believers say that for 40 years, the United States government has been hiding evidence of extraterrestrial creatures, including their corpses and damaged spacecraft. Reports of such evidence, dismissed by skeptics and government officials as a laughable hoax, are contained in what purport to be top-secret government papers from the Eisenhower era, according to the *New York Times* story.

In the *Times* story, psychologists, historians, philosophers and science-fiction writers said that belief in alien encounters

Dr. Richard Pinneau, a therapist in stress management and biofeedback, says that information gathered under hypnosis is not necessarily more valuable than information recalled consciously.

is rooted in such things as the need for secular messiahs and the search for explanations for terrestrial troubles.

But others, often respectable scientists who have studied UFOs for years, said that the skeptics were missing the biggest story of the times, the *Times* story says.

Ask anyone interested in UFOs around here for an expert in North Carolina, and they will probably point you toward George Fawcett of Lincolnton. Fawcett, 58, is the assistant state director of the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) in North Carolina. His job is moving heavy equipment in a textile factory, and he is a former newspaperman and YMCA executive director. He is a college graduate and a Mount Airy native.

MUFON sends out investigators to people who report sightings, but it does not have enough investigators, according to Fawcett.

Among the many files he holds at his house are reports about humans abducted by aliens in two cases that allegedly occurred in North Carolina. He told the stories, based on investigators' reports:

□ Pat Eudy (now deceased), a 46-year-old car salesman who worked in Charlotte, was driving home to Monroe from Charlotte at 3 a.m. on March 9, 1979. He saw a blinding light on a deserted stretch of the Sikes-Mill Road. The next thing he remembered was that he was on a spot of the road about eight miles away, and it was 6 a.m.

Later his eyes burned, and he had a stinging rash on his wrists and ankles. He also suffered some mental confusion and began to have nightmares. He sought help.

When a therapist placed him under hypnosis, he remembered that he and his car were loaded into an area that resembled the cargo bay of a large airplane. The aircraft was oval and about 100 feet in diameter.

He remembered standing in a cockpit with a being about 5 feet tall who wore a

silver suit and had two arms and two legs. He could not see the being's face because the creature wore a helmet with a dark visor.

Eudy was taken to a room with white walls and strapped around the wrists and ankles into a seat that resembled a dentist's chair. He remembered feeling intense pain in the fingers and thought that the being was taking blood and skin samples. He thought that the being communicated with him telepathically.

□ The second case Fawcett described is that of a woman in Raleigh. When she gave her report to investigators, she asked that her name not be used. She has since moved out of state, Fawcett said, and he does not know her address. She consciously recollected her experience without hypnosis.

She was a 31-year-old college graduate who was trained as a keypunch operator but was a homemaker at the time.

At 12:32 a.m. on April 24, 1979, she went out on the patio to take out the trash and throw some scraps to the hunting dogs. About 60 yards from the house, she saw a craft with a brilliant glow.

It had three or four lights on it, a transparent opening in the center, two slits for windows, some protrusions as if for gas or exhaust, railings around it and a cone-shaped top. She saw beings in the windows.

The craft moved like a falling leaf. It gave a whirring sound and extended three tripods as it neared the ground.

The woman did not recall going aboard but remembered being examined by probes and something she said was like a CAT scanner.

She recalled seeing three or four creatures and felt that one was the leader. She made a sketch to depict them — a creature with a large cranium, no facial hair and large, slanted eyes that she described as being of a color between blue and lavender and having a slit rather than a pupil. "I can still see those eyes," she told the investigator.

The creatures were 3½ to 4 feet tall, she said, had claylike complexions and wore silver suits. They communicated with her through thought. She recalled being told that no harm would come to her and that she should be calm. Her first reaction was intense fear, she said, then, later, complete serenity.

She reported that the hunting dogs howled the whole time and that the house dog was agitated. Her husband and children, in bed asleep, never awoke, she said.

An hour and fifteen minutes of her time were unaccounted for, though she did not realize it until she talked to investigators.

The investigators did not think there was any collusion between the woman and Eudy, Fawcett said, since neither account had been published, as far as the investigators knew.

North Carolina alone has had 36 reported cases of occupant encounters — that is, sightings of the space beings themselves, according to Fawcett. Close encounters of the third kind are encounters in which the per-

son sees the being outside or inside the craft, he said. Close encounters of the fourth kind are abductions, usually accompanied by physical examinations.

Fawcett knows of 600 reported abduction cases, he said.

"There are probably tens of thousands worldwide."

And 143 nations have had UFO activity, he added.

In more than half the known abduction cases, people recall their experiences consciously, he said. Others have resorted to hypnosis and other techniques.

Is hypnosis appropriate in such cases?

Dr. Richard Pinneau, a local therapist in stress management and biofeedback, said that he does not think hypnosis is valuable as a means of gathering evidence.

"Whether it is helpful therapeutically depends on the individual case and the person doing the regression work." The hypnosis, he added, should not be done by just anyone.

If the information recalled under hypnosis is different from the information recalled outside of hypnosis, Pinneau said, the information recalled under hypnosis is not necessarily more valid.

He suggested some possibilities about a person who says he has been abducted by UFO aliens: One is that the person is deeply disturbed and hallucinated or fabricated something, in which case he has serious problems. Another possibility is that he had a unique and rare experience and that he is suffering tremendous stress by being doubted, much as a rape victim suffers stress.

At any rate, Pinneau added, he should be dealt with in a professional manner.

Abductions by aliens have been reported since the 1930s, Fawcett said. The famous case of Betty and Barney Hill is supposed to have happened in 1961. The Hills' story came out in book form in 1966 — *The Interrupted Journey* by John G. Fuller (The Dial Press). The couple supposedly was abducted on a country road late at night in the White Mountains of New Hampshire on their way home from vacation.

Since the publication of the Hills' story, many other cases have surfaced.

"A lot is coming out of the closet," Fawcett said.

"Whether or not the abductions are true reports or not, at least the reports are coherent. They do agree with one another on a worldwide basis."

But the more controversial or complex a case is, he added, the more the person tends not to report it.

Fawcett called the government's secrecy on the subject "a cosmic Watergate." Through field investigation and the review of case histories and documents obtained through the Freedom of Information Act, Fawcett said, he has determined that the government has recovered 30 bodies of alien beings. He has copies of 400 government reports, he said.

A UFO organization for the Southwestern Piedmont area of the state met for the first time a month ago, he said, and will continue to hold meetings, probably in Hickory and Charlotte. The first meeting drew 80 people from 20 North Carolina cities, mostly professional people, according to Fawcett. "There's a great interest in this area."

From 1973 to 1985, he added, a UFO study group met in Winston-Salem.

Fawcett has a dream of founding a UFO museum and building it in North Carolina but has not tried to raise the money for it yet. The building itself would be shaped like the traditional image of a flying saucer.

He is now working on a mapping project with Danny Barger of Lincolnton, he said. Barger is placing pins on a map of the state — different colors of pins for different types of UFO encounters — to see whether there is a pattern.

Does he believe that the strange creatures exist?

He feels that the alien aircraft are under intelligent control, he said, and that the beings — some friendly, some hostile — give every indication of being real.

"If the taxicabs are real, why not the drivers?" he asks.

Gayle McBride of Winston-Salem, a former UFO investigator, used papier mache and modeling clay to show what an alien may look like. Thirty-six cases of encounters with such creatures have been reported in North Carolina, according to one expert.



JOURNAL PHOTO BY CHARLIE BUCHANAN

UFO spotters say Stealth looks familiar

By PAUL DELLINGER
SOUTHWEST BUREAU

WYTHEVILLE — The recently formed Southwest Virginia UFO Group thought it found out Thursday what kind of unidentified flying objects had been spotted in Wythe County skies with publication of an artist's rendering of the secret B-2 Stealth bomber.

The vaguely triangular flying wing configuration shown in the pictures fits the descriptions given by people who have reported UFOs.

"It looks like what we saw," said Patricia Aker, who said members of her family saw a similar craft close to the ground in the Fort Chiswell area.

There is only one problem: the Air Force says the Stealth bomber has never been flown over Wythe County or anywhere else.

Capt. Jay DeFrank of the Air Force Strategic Unit said Thursday that the craft will have its first test flight this fall, and that will be on the West Coast.

Meanwhile, the UFO group has submitted a list of questions to Rep. Rick Boucher, D-Abingdon, about UFOs seen in Southwest Virginia since last October and Boucher has forwarded them to Air Force Secretary Edward C. Aldridge Jr.

The UFO group will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the Wythe County Public Library.

UFO Tour Begins

By Paul Liberatore
Chronicle Staff Writer

Joseph Ostrom, a 40-year-old former advertising executive, talked in sober tones yesterday about how he was abducted by a gray-skinned extraterrestrial with a silver hood over his pointy head.

There is nothing particularly startling or unique about Ostrom's story. According to him, aliens from outer space are beaming up ordinary citizens so often that it has become something of a routine part of American life.

"There are thousands of people who have had this experience," Ostrom said, citing "hundreds of letters from housewives" to this effect. "Some day it may happen to you, too."

Ostrom appeared at a press conference at the Sheraton Hotel in Burlingame to kick off what is being billed as "the world's first UFO tour."

He and other alien "contactees" will be featured in seminars that will be held in eight cities during the next seven months.

The tour is being produced by Senzar Presents, a Foster City-based company whose purpose, in addition to making money, is "to prompt you to evaluate your current perception of reality."



BY FREDERIC LARSON/THE CHRONICLE

Joseph Ostrom held a depiction of his alien kidnaper

These reality evaluations are not cheap. This weekend's seminar at the Sheraton costs from \$160 to \$185 per person.

The seminars were inspired by Whitley Streiber's screwball book, "Communion," in which the formerly respected horror-fiction

writer tells his "true story" of being raped by spacemen.

"Right now, interest in UFOs is at a peak," said Senzar President Michele K. Fitzgerald. For this tour, she said, she purposely recruited "people who aren't space-cadet types, (but) the kind

of people you meet on the street and think they're average Joes."

Bearded and balding, Ostrom looks like an average Joe in his brown slacks and Hush Puppies, but he sounds like a commercial for Bud Light.

His abduction scenario took place while he and his fiancée were on vacation in Greece in 1979. They were lying in bed one night when the hotel room, Ostrom said, "filled with an orangeish-red light."

Ostrom's fiancée went back to sleep while he went up on the roof with the big alien in the silver suit, he said. A turquoise beam sucked him up into a dark spacecraft hovering over the hotel, and inside the mother ship, Ostrom was probed by short aliens who looked like fetuses wearing wrap-around sunglasses, he said.

"When they did their exam, I felt love and support," he said. "It was as if we knew each other."

Ostrom said he didn't remember any of this until several years later when he was put under hypnosis. The experience changed his life dramatically. He got out of the advertising business and now lives in Colorado, making a living by conducting New Age workshops and peddling his book, "You and Your Aura."

Letters Home

By William Macomber

Dear Jim,

At last report the UFO sightings in the Foreman/Ashdown area of southern Arkansas were continuing. Since then, more interesting UFO news has developed in other parts of the country.

After a series of articles on the Foreman UFO sightings ran in the Northwest Arkansas Times in early February, I learned there had been another, earlier "flap" of similar sightings in Virginia. As the Virginia encounters ended, the south Arkansas sightings commenced. Then, a couple of weeks ago, Charles Huffer, a local UFO studier and ham radio enthusiast, was listening in on the national ham UFO Net that spans the United States every Saturday morning. As he listened to his ham radio, Huffer heard interesting news about Pennsylvania. It seems folks in the Keystone State are beginning to see the same baffling objects seen in Virginia and Arkansas.

Huffer also heard on the ham network reports of a startling event in California. News had gone out that a group of people had all seen a craft land during daylight hours. One of the crowd took pictures of the ship that were close and clear enough to make out structural features. The picture hasn't been sent out on national news wires, but was aired by a television station in Pennsylvania close to where those sightings are taking place.

Meanwhile, back in Arkansas, a call last week to the Little River News in Ashdown, Arkansas, reached a receptionist at the little weekly paper. The Little River publisher who took pictures of the Arkansas UFO's and printed them in his newspaper was out, the receptionist said. Yes, Foremanites were still seeing things in the sky they couldn't explain. No, they weren't in any one spot — they were scattered all over.

Frankly, she sounded bored by the whole thing. This has happened in other places experiencing UFO infestations. After a while, there's an attitude of No Big Deal. Taking a leap into the darkness — which anything connected with UFO's by nature is — there are a couple of possibilities behind the receptionist's mundane attitude toward what many would consider to be astonishing events. She may be a member of the large percentage of Americans who simply refuse to believe something no matter how the evidence piles up. All of us have little rooms in the back of our minds marked "Impossible" and "Nuts." Into these rooms we sweep information we can't fit into the big room at the front of our minds labeled "How I Know Things Really Are."

Another theory might explain the receptionist's "old hat" reaction and support an idea held by many ufologists as to why sightings come in waves such as the ones in Virginia, Arkansas and Pennsylvania. This is the "conditioning" theory. This theory says there is an intelligence behind the craft. The purpose of the mass sightings, it says, is to condition humans to the notion that there are others in the universe. Others carry this theory much further, projecting specific purposes for why we need to be conditioned at all. None of this, of course, can be proved. At any rate, if the purpose of the south Arkansas sightings is to make those who live there say, "So what?" then they appear to have succeeded.

'UFOs' invade the Big Apple

By MARSHA KRANES
HUNDREDS of disbelieving New Yorkers watched the skies with amazement last night as an "enormous alien spacecraft" hovered overhead.

Police stations and newspaper offices were bombarded with calls from excited UFO-sighters, each of them describing the giant triangle of blinking colored lights that moved slowly through the sky in northern Manhattan and The Bronx between 9 and 10 p.m.

"It was something similar to 'Close En-

counters,'" said Sid Birman of The Bronx, who watched the freakish flying phenomenon from a Gunhill Road rooftop.

"It definitely was a UFO, there's no question in my mind. It was not a plane or a blimp," insisted Birman, one of dozens of readers who called The Post to report the eerie airborne visitor. At the Webster Ave-

nue stationhouse, Lt. Richard Gribben acknowledged that officers had been dispatched to check out the UFO reports.

"I can't tell you what they saw, but they saw something," he said. "It looked weird, but it wasn't a UFO," said a Teterboro Airport official who saw the strange object from the control tower of the New Jersey airport.

He said it was a flight of small prop planes from Westchester flying in a V-shaped formation.

Four years ago a series of similar sightings had residents of Westchester, Dutchess and Putnam County convinced alien astronauts were scouting out the area.

But the aviators turned out to be earthlings — pranksters flying small planes that were decked out with flashing colored lights and had their undersides painted black.

Belief in UFOs Has Damaged Army Career, Sergeant Says

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ROSWELL — An Army sergeant assigned to New Mexico Military Institute says he has asked for an investigation into what he believes is an attempt to drive him into forced retirement because of his belief in UFOs.

"People may think I'm a nut case because I believe in UFOs," Sgt. 1st Class Clifford Stone told the Roswell Daily Record in a story published this week. "That's fine, but I believe that members of the service should be able to exercise their First Amendment rights without fear of intimidation or reprisal."

Stone, 38, said his public acknowledgment of his belief in unidentified flying objects has put him under close scrutiny by his military supervisors at NMMI, which has both civilian staff and active duty military personnel.

Stone, a Vietnam veteran who has spent 19 years in the Army, is part of the U.S. Army Fourth ROTC Region Instructor Group stationed at NMMI, but is not part of the school's educational staff.

Stone contends his supervisors began to treat him in a different manner after a June 21, 1987, story

about Stone's interest in UFOs appeared in the Daily Record.

He said his "Enlisted Evaluation Reports," or efficiency ratings, began to deteriorate. He also said he was relieved of his duties as an administrative non-commissioned officer and assigned to filing duties.

The Daily Record reported his military superiors at NMMI also sent him to Fort Bliss, Texas, last fall for a psychological evaluation, at which time medical personnel stated: "No psychotic processes noted."

Stone said he has asked for an investigation, and in a Feb. 1, 1988, affidavit filed with the Fourth ROTC Region inspector general he alleged there was a wrongful attempt to force him to retire from the Army.

Col. Gerald Eubank, the ranking U.S. Army Fourth ROTC Region professor of military science at NMMI, said any public statements regarding Stone's case and evaluations had to come from Maj. Jim McGowan, public affairs officer for the Fourth ROTC Region office in Fort Lewis, Wash.

When contacted by the Daily Record last week, McGowan read a

prepared statement from the inspector general of the Army.

The statement, in part, said: "The inspector general of the Army neither confirms nor denies the existence of an investigation or inquiry concerning Sgt. 1st Class Stone."

But the Daily Record reported it had received a copy of a memo sent Feb. 12, 1988, from Maj. John W. Radzynski, U.S. Army inspector general for the Fourth ROTC Region, in which he informs Stone that an inquiry has begun concerning an "alleged wrongful attempt to force your retirement from the U.S. Army."

Stone told the newspaper his First Amendment rights were being abridged.

He attributed his negative evaluation reports, which he alleges were handled in violation of Army protocol, to his communication with the media and his letters to Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M., regarding UFO incidents.

He said that in the last 18 months he has seen glowing ratings on his official evaluations turn into disparaging remarks.

A True Story

Gulf Breeze UFO Photographed Again

BY DUANE COOK

It was late Sunday afternoon, January 24th. Ann was setting type, Dari was up front on the phone, Fran was in the darkroom, and I was in my office writing checks.

One of the other lines rang but I didn't notice as Ann answered it in a couple rings. My concentration was broken when Ann said, "Duane, it's Ed."

"Hi Ed, what's happening?", is my usual opening remark, although I usually don't expect anything is actually happening. Usually when he calls it's to tell me what happened the night before. Well this time was different. Ed was at first hesitant, then he started to talk and talk fast.

"It's here! I know it's here...I can hear the buzz..." Ed said, referring to the buzzing sound he had heard prior to each of several sightings he's made since his first UFO experience on November 11th.

"I can't get anybody on the radio," he said, "I don't know what to do."

The radio Ed was talking about was the walkie-talkie set up between him and the MUFON investigators that have been "staking out" the area behind the high school since the December 23rd sighting when Ed got three craft in one photo.

"You want me to come over there, or do want to come over here?" I asked, my own adrenaline now pumping me into a state of excitement.

"I think I'm gonna get in my truck and come over there," Ed said calmly. "You be waiting out front."

As I hung up the phone and jumped from my desk I shouted to Fran, "Where's my camera?"

Sensing the situation, Ann said, "Oh no, you don't mean it!...Can I go too?"

When I told Dari what was happening, she had mixed emotions about it. She didn't want to miss anything but she was afraid too many people would cause the UFO to pass up the opportunity to make contact.

So, when Ed drove up I joined him in the front seat of his pick-up and we headed East on highway 98 through the Naval Live Oaks Reservation.

Ed was real nervous about the whole thing. He was afraid for himself because he didn't know what they wanted from him. He had had enough experience with them to know they were powerful. He was also afraid for me. He didn't know how the UFO would respond to his bringing me along to photograph whatever happened.

Ed had come prepared with his Polaroid and his video camera, so I put down my 35mm and started recording the ride on video tape.

As he drove we kept looking up and around for any sight of the UFO. He felt sure they were there as the buzz lingered, sometimes louder, sometimes softer.

"They spoke to me!!", Ed screamed. "They said, 'In sleep you'll know...I heard it in my mind.'"

"My right eye is moving!!", he screamed. "Look at my eye. Is it ok?"

I studied his eye through the lens of the video cam and assured him his eye looked fine.

He wasn't too reassured though and was feeling stabs of pain in various parts of his body, too sharp and too random to be anything natural. He was sure they were hurting him on purpose, but why? That's what he had to find out.

"We've gotta get off this highway...We've got to get some place where it's not so busy...They'll never show themselves with this many people around," Ed said.

"How about Soundside Drive," I suggested.

"No way!!," said Ed. He had already had one confrontation with the UFO when he was alone on Soundside Drive earlier in the month and wasn't prepared to relive that experience. That was just a little too remote. He was looking for a big space, but where there were some houses around.

"There are some pretty undeveloped roads off to the right beyond Tiger Point," I suggested.

After we turned off into Tiger Point East Ed became more nervous about my safety.

"I think you're in trouble...maybe I ought to take you back," he worried out loud.

I told him I wanted to stay and record what ever happened, and that there wasn't any history of people being hurt or killed by UFOs, but if he wanted I would get out of the truck and watch from a distance.

We turned East and stopped in the road beside a large cleared area on the right. By now it was dark and I didn't hold out a lot of hope that the video tape was going to work, but I left it on for the sound track and in case the UFO showed up.

Ed took his Polaroid and got out and walked about forty feet up the road calling out to the UFO to do something...Either beam him up and get it over with or take their buzz and get out of his life.

Suddenly Ed screamed with pain. He said his left hand felt like it was in a vice. I told him to drop the camera and see if the pain went away since he had already confided in me how he had been told during an earlier confrontation that "photographs are prohibited."

It started to rain again and I knew it was too dark for the video camera so I got back in the truck.

He knelt over in pain while constantly searching the sky for the craft to show up. He knew they were close as the buzz was a virtual roar in his head.

Then, slowly, it all seemed to subside. Ed stood up and walked back to the truck. He hollered toward the sky that if they wanted him, they missed their chance because he wasn't going through this again. He wasn't going to give them another opportunity like this again.

Then, just as he went to get in, he looked up and shouted There it is!!, aimed his camera and snapped the picture.

I scrambled to get out my side so I could see it too but the two seconds it took me to get out were too long. It was already gone!

"Did you see it? Did you see it?", Ed cried to me hopefully.

I apologized for being so slow. I was, of course, sorry I had missed it for both of our sakes.

Then it dawned on me that if he got it in that photograph, and I watched him take the photo out of the camera, and if I watched as he separated the negative from the positive, that would be as good as having seen it myself!

Meanwhile, Ed was back out in the field beside the truck, shaking his fist at them and chastising them for being so elusive, camera still in hand.

I called to him, "Let's see what you've got in that picture. Bring the camera over here."

He came over to my door, pulled the photo from the camera and handed to me. I waited for the longest sixty seconds I can remember and carefully peeled the film apart to reveal the now familiar round object with a brightly lit ring on the bottom and small "portholes" around its midsection.

This photo was different from the others Ed had taken in that the craft started up just as the picture was snapped giving the streaks of

light on the film. You can imagine how fast it took off when the light streaks show it went from standstill to completely out of view in the span of time the shutter was open!

With this evidence in hand we decided it was time to go home. As we started to move it occurred to us to mark the spot, as the MUFON investigators would want to put the exact location in their report. Turns out we were right in front of The Players Club. We wondered aloud what they would have to say about a UFO sighting in their front yard.

On the way back we theorized about why the UFO remains so elusive. Surely they are not afraid of us, even if there are some among us who would shoot first and ask questions later. They certainly appear to have the technology to avoid or counter any aggressive action...

Oh well, at least we got a picture and I witnessed the picture being made. For my purposes at the Sentinel, that's better than seeing it and not getting any picture.



Mark Turner and Scott Zepp scan the sky where they spotted a UFO

UFO Spotted Over Polynesian Isles

BY DIANA K. HANSEN

On Friday, January 22, at approximately 8:00 p.m., a U.F.O. was spotted over the Polynesian Isles subdivision off of Hwy. 98 east of Gulf Breeze.

Three local youths were playing basketball at the canal front home of Scott Zepp on Mauna Kea Court. His friends, Mark Turner, and Clark Allen had come over to spend the night. The boys were watching the time closely since they were supposed to call some girls at exactly 8:15 p.m.

Fourteen year old Scott was the first to notice a "strange" craft hovering about 100 yards away just a few feet above the tree line northeast of the house toward the bay.

He alerted the other boys, who all turned to see the same thing. "First we saw red lights moving around in a circular motion," Scott reported, "then they changed to white lights."

They all stood mesmerized for what seemed like a couple of minutes. Then one of the boys pointed out a "ball" on top of the craft. There was no sound from the craft itself. Mark and Scott estimate the size to be "a little larger than a helicopter."

In a smooth and swift motion the craft moved closer to the boys and hovered at a distance of about "50

or 60 yards for about four seconds." Just as quickly it moved back out to its original position.

At about that time, the craft began to emit a white beam of light. The intensity of the light grew steadily until, as Mark remembers it, "It looked like the headlights of a car shining right at us...it almost looked like daytime around us." The blinding light obstructed their view of the UFO.

The fear finally started to set in and the boys rushed in to get Scott's mother, Beverly Zepp. By the time she got outside, the craft had moved out over the bay. However, Mrs. Zepp was able to see that there were circulating lights around the bottom.

"We watched it until it started to move out over the bay," said Mrs. Zepp, "then I got them all in the car and we drove over to the road that runs along the bay in Whisper Bay." They continued to watch until the UFO disappeared from sight.

The boys feel certain that what they saw was not an airplane or helicopter. But the thought of a UFO does not really frighten them. Mark wonders, "With all the other stars and planets in the universe, doesn't it seem like there would be somebody besides us?"



By RICK MURRAY

Seeing UFO Can Cause Alienation

If you publicly acknowledge spotting a UFO, a skeptical society is liable to doodle happy-faces all over your credibility.

Judie Woolcott of Neenah, Wis., knows the feeling. She is now so thoroughly immersed in UFOs, she has inadvertently become part of the reason that nobody else wants to admit to having seen one.

A devout Catholic and grandmother of 10, she's now among the leadership of the Fox Valley UFO Discussion and Support Group, all of whose members claim to have had encounters of the third kind.

Woolcott explains that her soul now leaves her body about three times a week and soars to a mother ship shared by several dozen extraterrestrial cultures, including one race possessing reptilian features, another resembling friendly Big Foot-like beings, and another of

humanoids with elongated arms. On the upside, the spacemen all seem to defer to a benevolent deity and eat a lot of health food.

Once on the huge mother ship, she links up with a male alien she calls Commander Boeupen. Her husband doesn't mind her meetings with the commander, but at 51, Woolcott is feeling the strain. "It's like having a part-time job," she says with a sigh.

Although agreeing to help the aliens learn about earthlings, Woolcott and her friends were "too dumb, I guess" to extract the same commitment from the aliens.

Consequently, the mother ship can render Fox Valley folks unconscious and beam them up any old time for use in varied examinations and experiments. Though no one is ever harmed, participants' recollections of such experiences were initially prompted only through hypnosis, she says.

But Woolcott says that a member of the group has since learned to exchange messages with the aliens through a kind of spiritual telepathy. And lately, she adds, she herself has been able to recall certain particulars on her own when abruptly roused from her astral flight/dream state.

One such independent recollection has the commander leading her to a small room aboard the mother ship, there to solve various arcane puzzles on a computer. "It reminds me of the Jetsons," says Woolcott.

Another involves the implants. "They put them in to keep track of me," she explains. "There's one behind each ear but they said not to bother trying to find them because they won't show up on an X-ray. They're

made of special material."

Right about here you have to wonder how much moonshine it takes to catapult a grandmother of 10 to the mother ship.

But according to Tom Richards, a reporter for the Appleton Post-Crescent, a newspaper that circulates up around Neenah, Wis., Judie Woolcott has a reputation in her hometown as a normal, law-abiding person.

"She has run afoul of neither the law nor the loony bin," said Richards. "A lot of normal people buy into that UFO stuff. I'm just not one of them."

Neither is Mary Burckmyer, rookie reporter for WCMC-AM radio in Wildwood. "I have no fascination with UFOs," she says in an indignant huff, expressing her desire to be taken seriously as a credible journalist.

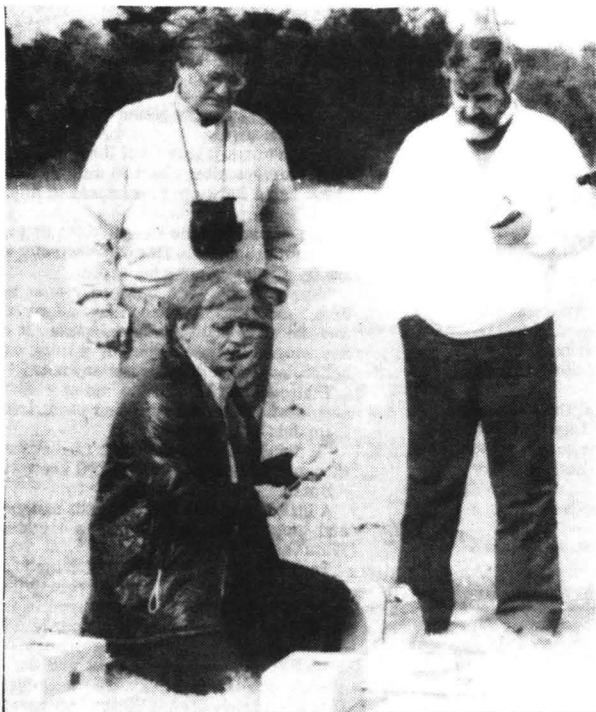
Yet on the morning of March 2, an emotional Burckmyer reported observing a huge, soundless, metallic, elliptical object flying slowly just outside Wildwood.

Since then, she's been so harassed by scoffers, UFO buffs and reporters that she refuses to discuss the subject anymore. All she'll say is that, while she doesn't know what the object was, she's pretty sure of what it wasn't. And it wasn't a plane, helicopter or any other conventional form of aircraft.

"I stand by my story," she said. "I saw what I saw."

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Bob Boyd(kneeling) L-R Charles Flannigan & Duane Cook

Dried out Circle of Grass Stumps Investigators

Since December 23rd, when three UFOs were photographed over the lot behind Gulf Breeze High School, Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) investigators have maintained a UFO watch or "stakeout" in the vicinity.

One result of their efforts was the discovery of a circular patch of grass that has been completely dried out without any known explanation.

The investigators notified Tom Roche, Santa Rosa County Civil Defense Director, who checked the area for radio-activity. Mr. Roche reported that no radio-activity was detected at the site.

Over the weekend MUFON's Director of the Center for UFO Studies, Bob Boyd, tested the sight for various other abnormal characteristics. His summary was as follows:

"Basically, we just looked over

the area and there wasn't anything out of the ordinary but the coloration change of the grass. It appears to be dryer with hardly any green grass, as opposed to outside of the circled area where the grass seems to be a little bit greener..."

"But as far as salinity meter readings, moisture content of the soil directly underneath the grass, abnormal magnetic readings, none of that is there. There is no deviation in the PH factor which gives you an indication of whether there is any excess alkalinity in the soil, which is a strong indication of anything abnormal."

Mr. Boyd also took samples of the grass and soil from within and outside of the circle. "Just in case we later learn of anything unusual or anyone offers to look at further, but, from what we can see here, there is no reason to"

craft and the red and white lights that seemed to be spinning around. They drove into the bank parking and rolled down their windows to watch the craft.

The craft seemed to be about 100 yards off the ground, possibly over the bay. (There are woods and a few houses between the highway and the bay.) It appeared that the whole craft was spinning around while at the same time hovering steadily and silently.

At this time they were beginning to believe it was a space craft of some kind. Then they saw a "red ball of light" drop out of the craft straight toward the ground, make an abrupt 90 degree turn, then another 90 degree turn toward the sky, straight up until it disappeared into the stars.

Several minutes had passed when they decided to rush home and get binoculars. By the time they were able to get back outside the craft was gone.

The 15 year old immediately drew a picture of the craft to show to his father, a retired Air Force officer. The woman described the craft as looking like the Space Needle in Seattle, Washington.

On Friday, February 12, at 6:15 p.m., the same family along with another 13 year old boy were leaving Villa Venyce for Gulf Breeze when they spotted the same craft moving west along the Highway over the bay. Again it was about 100 yards high and they had a "perfect view".

The UFO seemed to move along the highway at about the same rate of speed as the car. There were the same red and white lights. The craft appeared to be spinning.

Twice, the UFO lurched forward leaving a "streak of white light."

As they neared Shoreline Drive, the UFO veered off and disappeared over the bay.

Linda Wilson woke up early, at about 5:00 a.m., on the morning of Saturday, February 6, expecting to find the snow that had been predicted the night before. She went to her back door to look outside and noticed a very bright very large, oval shaped light above the street beside her house.

The first thought that came to her mind was the moon, "...but I knew it shouldn't be that low in the sky," Linda reported. "I noticed the street light at the top of our telephone pole, this light was maybe about another 100 feet high."

Linda describes the light as being a "bright white, florescent looking light." She described a "wavy look, exactly like looking through the heat waves coming off the hood of a hot car engine."

The light did not move and Linda heard no noise as she stood on her deck watching for two or three minutes. In her groggy state, she tried to rationalize what she was seeing.

"I just couldn't believe that I was actually seeing what I had been hearing about," Linda said, "I thought there had to be some explanation."

She went back to bed without seeing any movement and didn't

really think about what she had seen until she woke up later in the morning.

After checking the lunar position in the newspaper, she realized that there was no possibility that she had seen the moon.

Back in October of 1987, Pam Strickland and her son Yancey Spencer IV were driving west on Hwy. 98 toward Gulf Breeze. As they neared Breeze Plaza, they spotted an oval shaped craft in the distance where the sun was setting. The UFO hovered for a moment, then seemed to "turn on an axis" and disappear from sight. They were both startled by what they saw, but since there had not been any reports of sightings at the time, they dismissed the incidence.

A 12 year old Midway girl was visiting an Aunt in Gulf Breeze when she noticed a copy of the Sentinel with a picture of a UFO. She told her Aunt, "I've seen this thing at my house." She claims that the craft hovered above her Midway home making a slight humming sound.

Eleven year old Christina Holscher is a fifth grade student at Oriole Beach Elementary. She has seen a UFO twice since December. The first sighting was two weeks before Christmas. She was with two other girls who all reported seeing a round craft engulfed in a bright white light that moved smoothly and silently then disappeared behind trees.

Christina wrote her version of the second, more recent sighting: "On a dark night 3 weeks ago, I walked home from my friend's house. She lives on another street. I use a trail to get to and from her house. That night when I got out of the trail I got a surprise. There was a street light where it shouldn't have been. (Christina saw the light at the end of a long straight road.) I thought it was nothing. Then, just as I was going to turn around to walk to my house, the sungenoid 'street light' moved! Shocked, I turned around again. Now the wheels in my head began to click. What was that thing? I decided it must be a UFO. I was not afraid though. I simply followed it until it silently cruised behind the trees and houses and I saw the strong, unblinking, sunny golden light no more. Then a bomb of fear exploded in me. I ran down the street as fast as I could until I got to my house. I look into the night sky more than ever now. But I try not to be afraid of what I don't know. There is something here I believe. But I don't think it wants to see us in our world."

As we receive reports, we will continue to print them in order to inform the community. If you have information about UFO sightings, please contact the Sentinel.

Watch for special news report on the Gulf Breeze UFO photographs at 6 p.m. Wed., Thur., and Friday, Feb. 24, 25 and 26th on WEAR Channel 3.

UFO Update Gulf Breeze Sightings Continue To Be Reported

BY DIANA K. HANSEN

Recently, the Sentinel has received an increased number of calls regarding UFO sightings. As a believer in the possibility of Extraterrestrials, and as one who has developed a fascination with Gulf Breeze sightings, I requested the follow-up interviews.

As with many others, I had begun to wonder if this was all a hoax of some kind. Even though my own 7 year old daughter saw something very unusual back in November, logic told me that this was all just too strange.

The people whom I have interviewed have spoken very candidly about their experiences. I have talked with both children and adults. A look into their eyes reveals sincerity. They believe that they have seen something from another world.

But why would Aliens choose to hang around Gulf Breeze? And why haven't we all seen them? And where is concrete proof of their existence? Could these crafts be experimental military vehicles? I don't know the answers. But I can pass on what little information I have gathered from members of the community. Some have asked that their names not be published.

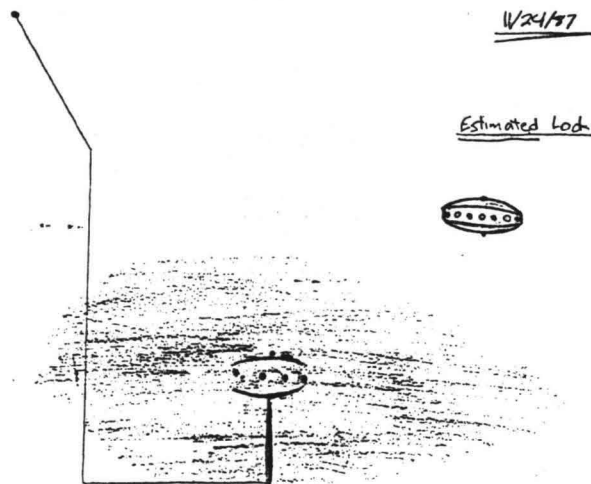
On November 24, of 1987, around 7:30 p.m., a Villa Venyce woman was returning from Pensacola with her 11 year old daughter and 15 year old son. As they



Christina Holscher

drove down Highway 98 through the Naval Live Oaks area, the woman spotted a lighted craft in the air across from the Santa Rosa State Bank. She teased her teenage son, saying, "Look, it's a UFO!"

As they got closer they were surprised by the strange shape of the



Drawing made by Villa Venyce 15 year old boy after his November 24th UFO sighting.

UFO sightings in Johnston County are all in the family

SMITHFIELD — There was something in the sky that night, something large that had flashing lights and moved soundlessly over Wilma Creech's mobile home.

"I don't know what it was, but it scared me to death," she said. "I couldn't move my arms or legs. I just stood there and looked at it."

What are we to make of unidentified flying objects and the people who see them? Are we to assume that all of the reports that come in each year are fanciful tales? Are all of the people who report them lying? Or is there something really there?

Wilma Creech is 45. She lives up a dirt path behind an auto parts store in a rural area between Smithfield and Princeton. It was a summer night in 1984 when whatever it was came to visit.

"I was in my bedroom when I saw a bright light in the woods," she said. "I walked to the window to look out. I thought it was some people spotlighting deer."

"I went into the yard and watched it come over my house. It was oval-shaped and looked to be about the size of a trailer from a tractor-trailer truck except it was tapered at each end."

"It hovered over the cornfield next to my trailer. It was about 25 feet in the air, just hovering there and making a humming sound. It was about 25 feet up and 25 feet away from me."



Dennis Rogers

"There was a bright light coming out of the bottom, like a spotlight. The spotlight was moving around in a circle and then it shined right in my eyes. It was the brightest light I've ever seen."

"I could see a row of colored lights down the side of the thing. It was so close that I could see what looked like little window panes, the kind you have in old houses. The lights shining through those windows were red, green and blue."

"It hovered there for a little bit and then moved over a row of pine trees, across a pasture and then landed beyond some trees. It scared the horses in the pasture to death and they started running. They broke out of the pasture that night."

"I went along a path back in the woods as far as I could go, but I didn't see anything else."

"It was going toward my daughter's house, so I went back inside and tried to call her to see if she'd

seen anything, but the phone was dead. And all of the lights were off."

"I didn't hear it leave, but the lights came back on by themselves after about 30 minutes, and later the phone came back on. I never called anybody to fix them."

That is what Wilma Creech says happened to her on a summer night in 1984. No, she says, it was not a low-flying airplane or a helicopter.

"Airplanes and helicopters fly over here all the time," she said. "I've seen them all my life, and this was not a helicopter or an airplane. It didn't have any wings like an airplane or a thing on top like a helicopter. And it didn't make any noise."

That could have been the end of it. She told a few people what she had seen and predictably, most of them didn't believe her.

"It didn't matter if they didn't believe me or if they thought I was crazy," she said. "I knew what I saw."

But there was more to come. A little more than three months ago, her daughter and niece came to her with a frightening story, Wilma said.

They told her they had been driving to a store near Princeton, about eight miles from Wilma's house, when a large oval object appeared in the sky near their car. It hovered over a nearby cornfield and shone a large spotlight on the ground. They watched, terrified, as the light went out and the craft lifted silently into the night sky. The description of what they saw matched what Wilma had seen three years earlier.

"I don't have any idea what it was," she said. "I was so stunned when I saw it that I couldn't move. It was like my mind was clear but my body was paralyzed."

"People tell me I didn't see anything, that there is no such thing as UFOs, but I did see it. If you don't believe me, that's all right. But lying won't get me nowhere. I have nothing to gain by making it up. But I know I'm not crazy. I know what I saw."

I don't know what she saw, but I have one suspicion.

The military apparently has developed secret and incredibly quiet helicopters that are used for covert operations. They have been used in the Persian Gulf area as recently as last month. A co-worker says he has seen them on maneuvers in the Franklin County area and says they are very quiet and very spooky. They don't make the traditional "whomp-whomp" sound associated with helicopters. He says the sound is more of a quiet hum and that the running lights are not the ones normally seen on helicopters.

Could that have been what Wilma saw?



Paul and Fran Fredrickson.

UFO's-Seeing Is Believing For Local Resident

Early in October 1977, Paul Fredrickson was driving home with his son near Elmwood, Wisconsin. Traveling up Tuttle Hill, his son Mark pointed to the southeast and asked, "Is that the way the moon comes up dad?"

Paul, a North Bend native, who was working as a nursing home administrator in Elmwood at the time, related what followed next: "I took one look at the speed it was approaching, and knew it couldn't be the moon. It was round and a bright orange, but as it came close, it turned out to be crescent shaped. The light was coming from the front end. As it hovered near us, we could see the underside very clearly. It was round, nearly saucer shaped, dark gray, and about 50 feet in diameter. Before it came over us it made no sound, but when it passed about 1,000 feet up from us, it made a whoosh as it passed over. It disappeared so fast, it was gone with a snap of your fingers."

This was one of three UFO sightings Paul Fredrickson had while living in Elmwood. (Paul and his wife Fran are now retired and living between Melrose and North Bend.) As he and his wife discovered after living in Elmwood for 12 years, seeing a UFO around the town of about 1,000 was not uncommon. In fact, he says,

everybody looks for them in Elmwood. They even began UFO days in 1978, as the town's yearly celebration. (Elmwood is 93 miles north west of North Bend.) To the best of Paul's knowledge, there have been over 40 UFO sightings in and around the small community.

So it didn't come as a surprise for him to hear that Elmwood was being considered as a likely location to build a multimillion dollar facility to provide a safe landing for alien spacecraft. A newly formed UFO Site Center Corporation (a non-profit organization founded by Tom Weber), based in Chippewa Falls, is responsible for considering the site. The two month old organization, which has received international attention, recently held an informative meeting in Elmwood High School gym on February 13th. Paul and Fran attended the meeting, along with nearly 300 other people. Paul, along with other people in the community who had seen UFO's, was later interviewed by a variety of media on his UFO experiences after the meeting.

He showed reporters the location of his first and second UFO sighting. The first sighting was also on Tuttle Hill near his home. It was April 22, 1976, and Paul was at home with his family. Around 11:00 p.m., he re-

ceived a phone call from the police dispatcher, Gail Miley. The dispatcher asked Paul to look out his window toward the quarry that was located about 1 1/2 miles away, and report back what he saw. The dispatcher was concerned, because shortly before, George Wheeler, a former police chief of Elmwood and at that time on duty as a relief officer, had radioed in to the Pierce County Sheriff's Office, that he had seen a glow at the top of Tuttle Hill, where the quarry is located. Wheeler was concerned about a possible fire, and said he was going to investigate. The next time the dispatcher heard from Wheeler, he had reached the top of the hill, and reported he saw a UFO above the quarry. He started to describe the object when the radio went dead. That's when the dispatcher called Paul. From his window, Paul said he saw "a bright orange glow. It resembled a bright orange half-moon. I went back to the phone and by the time I returned to the window, it was gone." At about the same time, a neighbor, south of Tuttle Hill, saw something shaped like the moon above the quarry, but it was much brighter and colored differently.

Moments after these sightings occurred, a passing motorist came upon Wheeler's police car, parked with no lights on. The motorist, noticed Wheeler with his car door open, and apparently dazed. Wheeler told the motorist he had been hit by a UFO. After recovering, Wheeler reported

to local papers that he had seen a huge object, as high as a two story house, and about 250 feet across. It was silver colored, with an extremely bright orange light at the top. When the craft rose he said, a blue flash of light shot out. That's the last thing he remembered until the motorist found him. "I don't know what I saw," Wheeler reported, "but all I know is that I don't want that experience repeated ever again." Police Chief Homer, later said, "I've seen Wheeler under all kinds of conditions relating to police work, and I've never seen him shaken up like he was that night." Wheeler was later reported to have suffered severe headaches for several days after the sighting. He was hospitalized for tests. Paul recalls that Wheeler was once interviewed about that night by a professor. The professor offered to put Wheeler under hypnosis to see if he could remember any more about that night. Paul says Wheeler adamantly refused, saying he never wanted to go through that night again. Wheeler died about a year later.

The last UFO sighting for Paul was that same year in June of 1976. He was driving home with another couple from River Falls where they were taking an Emergency Medical Technician Course. Traveling on Highway 29 through Spring Valley before arriving to Highway 163, they saw an orange glow in the sky that seemed to be moving very slowly. Two other EMT trainees, were driving ahead of them, and both cars stopped to look at the object. Although they couldn't be positive what it was, Paul says the object seemed to operate differently than an aircraft.

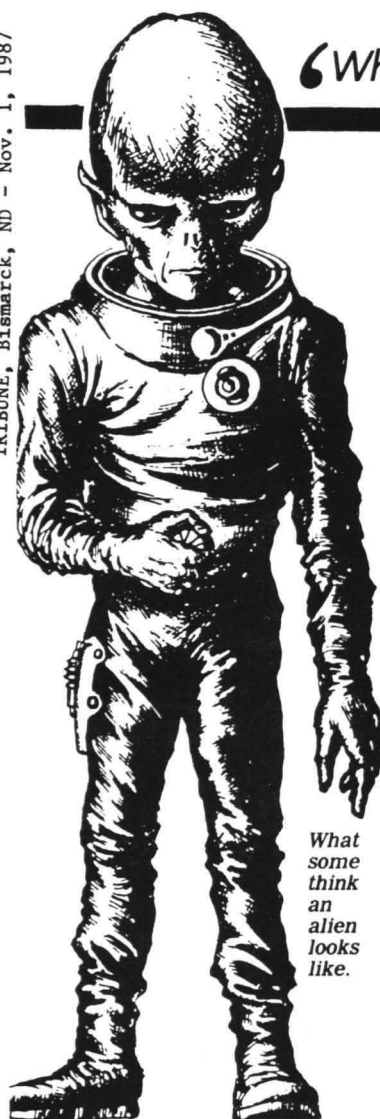
Paul says that after each of his sightings, "I felt elated and I felt frustrated. I wish I had a piece of the ship so I could have concrete evidence of what I say. It's no fun walking down the street and having people look at each

other and say, he's really crazy, isn't he. I don't want to be made fun of." At the age of 70, he says he doesn't believe he should keep what he saw to himself just because of what other people might think.

Even at his age, he would like to be open minded in order to learn more about UFO's. He says until now, people have by in large taken it as a joke. At Elmwood he knows of many reputable people who have actually seen these objects. "There's something out there," he says with conviction. "If they're human or humanlike, we don't know, but I think the country is ripe for learning more about them. Creating the landing site for UFO's seems for him to be a good place to start."

There's no question people in the country are curious about UFO's. Paul was asked to join several people from Elmwood who have seen UFO's, along with the widow of George Wheeler, the Elmwood Village President Larry Feller, and Tom Weber, President of the UFO Site Center Corporation, when they flew to New York to appear on the "Gerald" show, hosted by Gerald Revera. Unfortunately, Paul was not feeling well at the time. The show is scheduled to be shown in the next couple of weeks.

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What some think an alien looks like.

‘What if they’re watching me?’ — Rose Strand

Bismarck investigator seeks truth about UFOs

By STACY HERRON
Tribune Staff Writer

To this day Rose Strand of Regan doesn't like to drive alone. The eerie memory of a strange flying object 10 years ago is still too vivid.

"When I drive home at night or when I drive by myself I look up into the sky to see anything unusual. I always look back behind me. It scares me. What if they're watching me?"

"It's frightening."

To some, unidentified flying objects (UFOs) are just swamp gas, planets, airplane lights and imagination.

Strand doesn't know just what it was that chilled her with terror.

All she knows is that a bright yellowish light followed her and her daughter while they were driving home from a snowmobile race. At the time she thought it was a UFO. Nothing since then has changed her mind.

UFO investigator Don Johnson of Bismarck says Strand — and all of us — are not alone.

There have been many reports of UFOs in North Dakota — not as many as in more populated states, but some that in his opinion may include abductions.

People abducted usually recall a blackout of some kind

but little else, unless put under hypnosis, Johnson said.

He said North Dakotans in small towns, farmers and ranchers who work in fields at night, are most likely to spot UFOs.

Strand recalls her experience vividly.

"In my view it has to be an object investigating us or watching us. Why would a light like that just pick and follow us? It scared us to death. It came up from behind and then came up beside us ... It followed us home. I told my daughter to get out of the pickup and run inside. We drew the drapes. The thing just hovered in the yard like it was watching us. I didn't want to call in case the phone was tapped or they were listening. We were so frantic. I watched it with the binoculars.

"Everybody said, 'Oh, you're crazy, it was just a yard light.' I know it wasn't. I hope I never have to go through something like that again. I can't say it haunts us. But I think about it. When I'm driving alone."

Since Strand's first encounter with the UFO her husband has seen a similar light, and she has seen what she calls other strange lights in the skies.

North Dakota's most recent UFO sighting was in March near Devils Lake when several



By DOUGLAS VAN TASSEL of the Tribune
Johnson got hooked on UFOs at 9.

residents, including two off-duty police officers, saw a diamond-shaped, multi-colored object hover about 500 feet above the ground.

Although most UFOs are reported in rural areas, sometimes they are seen in large cities.

Bismarck police officer Mark Buschena said he and fellow officer Mark Thompson spotted a flying object about a

year ago near the Holiday Inn.

"It wasn't aircraft or a weather balloon," Buschena says. "It was a grey mass. It was moving slowly across the sky and all of sudden, BANG, it was gone."

Buschena never reported the case. "We figured people wouldn't believe us anyway." He still doesn't know what to think of UFOs, whether they represent extra-terrestrial life.

"I don't know if you could say that. But I think it would be pretty self-centered of us to think that out of the whole cosmos we're the only life form. Look how many different planets there are, how many different universes."

About 10 calls every day come to the National UFO Reporting Center in Seattle, a spokesman said. Most come from California.

North Dakota's meager population is thought to be the reason for its few reports. "You don't have the people to see them," the spokesman said.

About one in 10 of the calls are classified as actual UFOs. The others can be explained as aircraft, weather balloons, satellites, planets, meteors or stars.

Bismarck police and sheriff departments tell people to call the center's hotline number 1-206-722-3000 if a UFO has been spotted.

Another group that tracks UFOs is the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) out of Seguin, Texas.

MUFON, with some 1,500 members worldwide, sends investigators like Bismarck's Johnson to interview people who think they've seen UFOs.

Armed with a heavy dose of skepticism, MUFON investigators interview, take soil samples if a UFO has landed and trace UFO reportings.

"You can waste a lot of time on a UFO report," Johnson says, because so many come up empty.

Johnson has never seen a UFO for himself, but he thinks they are for real. The thousands and thousands of unexplainable reports are enough to convince him there is life out there. Maybe not E.T., but some kind of life.

A native of northern Minnesota, Johnson, 32, has worked at the Amoco Refinery since 1979 when he moved to Bismarck. He's a reserve officer with the Bismarck police department and has been interested in UFOs since he was about 9 and heard about cattle mutilations.

He remembers news reports of "mysterious" butcherings of cattle. At the time, it was speculated aliens aboard UFOs had done the work, Johnson says.

His brother and sister also saw what was believed to be a UFO at their farm in Fertile, Minn.

Johnson was hooked.

This summer he finally became an investigator, after being approved by the MUFON board of directors.

Friends and others laugh and make jokes, but to Johnson UFOs are serious.

"A lot of people don't want to believe," Johnson said.

Two books that hit the market this past year, "Communion," and "Intruders," maintain that scores of people have been abducted and experimented upon by aliens.

The most common type of entity people claim to have seen is a dwarf with a balloon-shaped head, large round eyes and disproportionately long arms.

There are four kinds of encounters with UFOs, Johnson said. They are:

■ Close encounter of the first kind. This is where something unidentified is seen from a distance of 500 to 1,000 feet.

■ Close encounter of the second kind. The object hovers or lands or damages vegetation. A distance of 500 feet.

■ Close encounter of the third kind. Entities are seen from a distance of 500 to 1,000 feet.

■ Close encounter of the fourth kind. A person is abducted by an entity.

Does Johnson want a close encounter of any kind?

"I believe there will be a time when I see one. It's like I'm after something out there. And I have to get it. I'm not interested in where they come from. I'm interested in finding out what they do. I want to see what is there."

Ohio fireball likely a meteor, but what was the other one?

By Lee Stratton
Dispatch Staff Reporter

The fireball in the sky Sunday night was probably a meteor, the Scientific Event Alert Network in Washington, D.C., said yesterday.

But there is no ready explanation for what lighted up the lives of many Kentucky and Tennessee folks about 11 p.m. Saturday.

Marge Summers, a geologist with the network, said descriptions of the fireball, spotted at 8:10 p.m. in Ohio and Michigan, indicate it was probably a meteor.

"That's what it sounds like to me," she said. "They get so hot they explode."

THE NORTH American Air Defense Command has yet to confirm that no spacecraft burned up in the Earth's atmosphere at that time, she said.

Summers said the reported angle of travel and its duration indicate it was more likely a meteor than a burning satellite.

The network, a part of the Smithsonian Institution, keeps

track of various unusual occurrences and tries to determine their causes. According to reports from observers in Ohio and Michigan, the fireball didn't last long and traveled about 20 to 25 degrees above the horizon.

"It was bright enough to cast shadows. Its color was from bright white and yellow to orange or reddish orange," she said. "It had a tail that trailed sparks."

Reports are not precise enough to say for certain it was a meteor, she said. For instance, some people said it traveled from northeast to southwest, but others said it traveled from northwest to the north.

Knowledgeable observers note the angle of entry, the precise direction of travel, the duration and what constellations it fell between, she said.

Summers said the bright, white light that swept across south-central Indiana, central Kentucky and northern Tennessee skies Saturday night "was definitely a different event." Reports

of that event were so varied that she had no guess as to what it was.

SOME PEOPLE said the light appeared to be the size of a car headlight. Others said it was bigger than three football fields. Some folks reported loud crashing noises; others said it was silent. The light lasted about 35 to 45 seconds.

Air Defense Command officials said it was not caused by space debris such as the Soviet spacecraft that burned and brightened skies over Texas late Friday.

The descriptions, including the sounds of explosions in Kentucky, were similar to those reported by hundreds of people across the eastern United States in August 1986.

At that time, officials said they were not caused by a spacecraft launch. Local and national weather experts and observers believed the 1986 event was a cloud of barium gas released from a satellite or military spacecraft.

'Specialist' reports he saw UFO

By DOUG MYERS
Of the Gazette Staff

FOREMAN, Ark. — Unidentified flying object specialist Paul Rutherford says he saw on Friday what some area residents have been talking about since Tuesday — a UFO.

The Bowie County director of the Mutual UFO Network, a nationwide group of UFO aficionados, said Saturday he has "no idea" what residents actually are seeing.

"Myself, I saw one last night (Friday)," Rutherford said. "It wasn't a conventional airplane."

Rutherford estimated the object's speed at around 200 miles per hour, and its altitude at 5,000 feet. He said the object did not make any noise.

He described the sighting as "amazing." When the object appeared in the sky Friday night, Rutherford said he focused his binoculars in its direction.

"Looking at it through binoculars, it was a solid object," he said. Later, Rutherford said the object moved over the Idabel, Okla., area.

Rutherford said he had checked with officials at Barksdale Air Force Base in Bossier City, and Red River Army Depot

since area residents started reported unusual lights and other objects in the sky. Officials at both installations are investigating the reports, Rutherford said.

"Barksdale informed me they have no helicopters stationed there, and Red River told me they have helicopters in from time to time, but they didn't feel there would be any need for them to be in this (Southwest Arkansas) area," he said.

Dwanna Paul, a Dallas-based member of the Mutual UFO Network, said Rutherford came to Foreman to investigate after receiving telephone inquiries from two Hope, Ark., area residents.

Ms. Paul said one woman that phoned her was doing laundry when she spotted a craft she described as a UFO.

Experts Believe UFOs May Have Visited Norristown Area

By JUDY BACA
OF THE TIMES HERALD

It arrived in 1976. But Kathleen Teti remembers the spaceship which hovered over her front lawn in the northeastern end of Norristown as if it were yesterday.

"I couldn't believe what I was seeing," she recalls. "My husband had just pulled his car out of the driveway and I looked down, thinking about doing my laundry. Then I looked up again and it was there, just hovering at the edge of the drive."

Teti says what she saw on that early spring evening appeared to be a vehicle, "...one whole piece with bubbled out windows from floor to ceiling. From one side, the ship appeared to be cigar-shaped but I think, if I could have seen all the way around, it would have been round. It just hovered and never landed but, if I had had a six-foot ladder, I think I would have been able to climb on board. There was no sound and it had blue and white lights."

Although she watched the craft and its inhabitants for 15 minutes and heard reports of at least two other people in the area seeing a similar sight, she didn't report the incident at the time because her family feared the publicity would bring on "weird phone calls."

Then, about three years ago, Teti read an article written by Philadelphia writer Tom Cleary on unidentified flying objects

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KATHLEEN TETI
UFO Witness

(UFOs) and she decided to get in touch with Cleary to tell him her story.

Cleary visited Teti and brought along Dr. David Jacobs, Temple University instructor and UFO expert. The two tape recorded Teti's recollection of the event and asked her if she could make drawings of anything she saw.

"I told them I couldn't draw but I would describe everything," she says. "Then they asked me to look at a book of pictures to see if anything looked familiar. I was so amazed, when I got to about the fourth page and saw the pictures they had in the book because the creatures were what I had seen."

Through the craft's large windows, Teti says she could see two aliens and two earth people occupying the ship's three compartments.

"There were two aliens," she says. "They were about four feet tall with large heads and big round saucer eyes that were dark brown. They had two holes for their noses. They didn't have all the rest of the nose we have

They had a slit for the mouth but no lips."

Teti says the aliens were wearing silver metallic gowns with rolled collar and cuffs, that both were bald and looked the same so she couldn't tell "if they were he's or she's."

Continuing, she adds, "They had very long fingers, five on each hand, but the third and fourth on each hand were longer than ours. And, they had pointy ears."

Teti did not recognize the earth people on board but remembers that the woman "looked like she was in a trance and kept looking in front of her. She had on a printed dress with no sleeves, had auburn hair and was very light-complected. The man had glasses, a mustache and a cigar. He wore a jacket with tiny checks, a white shirt and tie."

Placing her hand over her eyebrows in a position of searching, Teti says the man was peering through the window in that fashion.

As the ship hovered, tilting from side to side, she says she could clearly see into two of the ship's compartments.

"The first one consisted of white formica-like counter tops with buttons on top," she says. "Each button had hieroglyphics and the buttons were all different colors. They were about 3 inches by two inches in size and were red, blue, purple, orange, green and pink. There were two leather-back chairs with very high backs and there was a red shag rug on the floor and on the wall behind the chairs. (The compartment) had an elevator door that opened to the side and had an arrow on it."

In the second compartment, Teti saw four more chairs placed on a platform, as they are in a van. The woman was sitting, mesmerized, in one of the chairs close to the window and the man was looking out of the windows. The two aliens entered the compartment through another elevator-type door.

"I could see no feet," recalls Teti, "but (the creatures) floated and each had the woman under the arms to lift her up. The man still proceeded to look out the window and the lights were on in all three compartments inside."

It was when she called to her then 9-year-old son, Paul, who was lying on the living room floor, to come and look, that Teti says the UFO suddenly rose in a jerking motion and soared over the water tower which sits back of her family's property.

"I think the sound of my voice did it," she says. "It just went whoop, whoop, whoop. I ran to

the back of the house but it was gone."

Teti concedes that the story is hard to believe. But, she says, "It's a part of history. It's here and it happened. I don't feel that it was a bad thing. I told Dr. Jacobs if he wanted to give me a lie detector test or some other kind of test, I would be willing."

Jacobs teaches the only regularly scheduled university course on the UFO phenomena, "UFOs in American Society," at Temple University. He is also the author of "The UFO Controversy in America," published in 1975 by Indiana Press, and has been called in to verify numerous UFO sightings.

"The key thing," he says, "is to see, does the report fit into the pattern of other reports? Another issue is the credibility of the witness. (Teti) is not a lunatic or practical joker type. This is not part of her personality. This is something that happened once in her life. It's not a pattern of events that she sees nightly."

Noting that 99 percent of all hoaxes fit into two categories: those perpetrated for money or told in a bar and passed along, growing as it moves, Jacobs continues, "She did not embellish or elaborate. She is a good, solid, upstanding citizen, not a person who is trying to make a buck off it. She's not telling it to gain fame or fortune. So, you have to ask why in the world someone would bother to tell the story if it wasn't true? The only patterns this fits are what we consider legitimate."

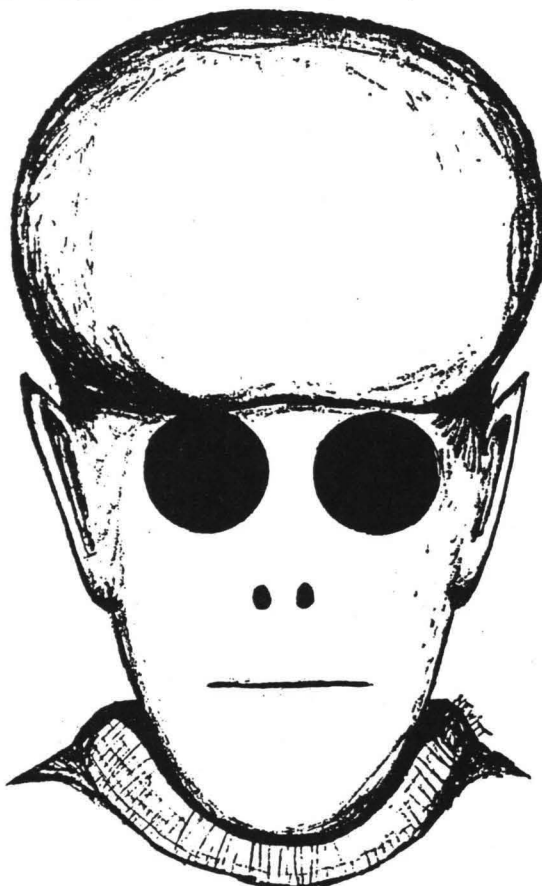
At the time, Teti notes, her oldest son told her a teenager in his crowd of friends had reported seeing something similar and the daughter of another woman in the area told Teti's son her mother had seen the same thing at the same time. But she has never talked to either of them.

Adding that she did not have any fear during the incident and would welcome the opportunity to have another such experience, she laughs and says, "Next time I'll have a camera ready."



Times Herald Photo by Robert Martin

Kathleen Teti shows how she stood in her front doorway in 1976 and watched as a UFO hovered over her front yard.



An artist's rendition of Kathleen Teti's description of the creatures she saw within the craft which visited her front lawn.

Zap man puzzled by big night glow

By NORMA DUPPLER
Tribune Correspondent

ZAP — What's the color of a sodium vapor light that is 40 feet wide, glows like a fire but doesn't have tongues of flame, and is shaped like the back end of a quonset?

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Victor Walker of rural Zap would sure like to know, because he saw one Feb. 26 at 3:30 a.m., and he's been scratching his head over it ever since.

"I don't believe in UFOs," said Walker, who spied the object about three miles north of his farm on the way back to his house from checking his cows.

He can't explain what he saw.

Mercer County Sheriff Ron Kessler said no one else made a report, and he can't explain what Walker

saw either.

Walker said horizontal zig-zag lines of light were moving across the glowing surface of the object, which sat on top of, or partly behind, a hill.

At first he thought the glow might be a fire at a neighbor's farm. Walker watched for about 20 seconds, then went to his house to get binoculars. When he returned, nothing was left but a plume of dim light, which faded to black in about 5 seconds.

Walker knows what's what in North Dakota skies so he knows what it wasn't. He said it wasn't shooting stars, northern lights or the moon.

And he said the glow was not a reflection in the clouds of flaring gas from the Great Plains Coal Gasification Plant, because the plant lies in the opposite direction.

Walker said the only other lights he has ever seen in that area are from neighbors driving out to pick up hay in the fall.

The morning after his sighting, Walker went to the yard of a neighbor's house on the Fort Bert-hold Reservation — the house has been empty lately — but everything was fine.

"I'll probably have egg on my face when someone can come up with an explanation for this one," Walker said, but for now he is puzzled. So puzzled he considered renting a plane to fly over the spot to look for evidence, but that was too expensive.

"I don't believe in UFOs," he said. "But if there is such a thing, I wish they'd give me a ride."



UFO Sightings from the Semiahmoo Peninsula

by Eileen Tuomaala

Yes, Virginia, Unidentified Flying Objects really have been sighted from the Semiahmoo Peninsula.

Last year it was Malabar Avenue resident Sam Braithwaite who stepped out onto the south porch of his home early one afternoon and, happening to look up, saw four, somewhat footprint-shaped ovals standing on end in a square formation above Mt. Baker. As he watched, a fifth joined the others from the vicinity of Blaine and then all moved off rapidly, disappearing behind Mt. Baker to the east.

"They were so white, I couldn't help but see them," he said, and it was probably the bright white light also that drew his attention to the fifth object coming from the south.

Then in 1978 or 1979, a couple living on the north side of Prospect Avenue woke at about 6 a.m. one winter day to find their bedroom flooded with light and a great roar in their ears.

One of them went to the window and "saw it coming," seemingly headed straight for their house.

The two raced to the front porch, grabbing binoculars on the way, and were just in time to see a cigar-shaped craft flying at about 500 feet over Semiahmoo Bay "coming over from Pt. Roberts and heading for White

Rock."

It had two bright, white lights, one shining down and one ahead, plus two little lights "at the nose," and "at the back, a huge, burning exhaust—fire coming out like a rocket."

There were no wings or a tail, one of the residents informed the police the next day when he reported the incident and the local constabulary drew a picture of a bomber.

He said the police surmised the craft was dropping life rafts in the bay.

"We saw it passing over the pier and then it disappeared behind the hill," he recalled. "I've never seen anything like it before in my life."

Another witness was a policeman in Blaine who was driving on the highway and got out of his car for a better look.

Many years before that, Newton resident Lloyd Van Buren was walking along the railway track near 24th Avenue when he heard

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"As I watched it, it started moving slowly to the north," Nelson recalled. "It finally disappeared behind a small cloud."

Nelson was old enough to know the whitish object was not a star or the sun or moon, but was too young to realize he was seeing something extraordinary.

Asked the reaction of his parents when he told them of the

sighting, Nelson said: "Nobody would have taken it seriously. The words 'flying saucer' didn't even exist at that time."

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moving in the sky. It was "too big for an airplane" and there was no sound.

"We'd been talking about UFOs and we saw this colored light coming right towards us. It seemed to disappear, then we were looking to the north and we saw some colored lights behind the trees moving."

Seconds later, and he alone saw this, there were two or three brilliant flashes of colored light, green to red to cream, at the foot of the trees, "right opposite where we were camping, no more than 25 feet away." The colors were very bright, then duller and then they disappeared, all in the space of a few seconds, and all the time there was "no noise."

A great deal longer ago, Nelson remembered seeing a UFO when he was living on Parker Street in White Rock and he and his first wife were entertaining her sister and brother-in-law, visiting from the east.

The two men were talking about flying saucers when the brother-in-law got up and walked out on the sundeck.

Presently he said: "Come over here and see this light, it seems it's moving."

At the beginning, Nelson related, "it was to the south of us

over across the American side at the horizon. Then we realized it was moving and coming towards us. The closer it got, the brighter. There was no sound. It stopped straight east of us and we immediately called the ladies out and they confirmed the light was hanging there. It slowly oscillated for a few minutes as if to say 'we know you're there and you know we're here.' Then it started moving slowly north and gradually picked up speed. It was still a big ball of light when it disappeared over the mountains."

Skeptical before that UFOs existed, the brother-in-law became a believer.

Some books on UFOs suggest people are seeing weather phenomena, aircraft or experiments.

But when I went to Peregrine Press and announced I was going to write about UFO sightings, graphic artist Bob Plouffe's eyes lighted up with interest.

In 1954 or 1955, just outside Thunder Bay, Ont., he and two others (one a pilot), traveling in a car, saw a glowing, elliptical shape hovering over one of the little mountains to the east.

"We were convinced it was not a sunspot or freak of nature. It was too perfect in symmetrical appearance to be natural. It just hovered there and then disappeared behind the mountain."

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'We saw flying saucer' say boys

Close encounter with UFO while jogging

By Liz Ashworth

A CLOSE encounter of the Sychnant Pass kind interrupted the evening jog of three schoolboys last week.

Nigel Harris, Craig Roberts and Justin Everley, all third year pupils at Aberconwy School, claim they saw a flying saucer hovering over the Pass as they dropped down into Dwygyfylchi on their run.

It is the second sighting in the area in a month after a policeman reported seeing a UFO in Penmaen-mawr.

Craig, of 3 Bryn Benarth, Conwy, said: "Nigel stopped because he had a stitch, but Justin and I kept on running, and as we were jogging along Justin looked up and said: 'Oh, God, a flying saucer!'"

"It was level with the mountain-top, travelling between 50-60 m.p.h. In about 10 seconds it had disappeared over the mountain."

The boys say the saucer was about the size of a car, with green, red, yellow and blue lights around the edge, and a bright red light underneath.

A previously sceptical Justin, of Gracelands, Maes-y-Llan, Conwy said he is now interested in UFOs: "I'm thinking about it all the time, wondering what was in it."

The lads, who took up running about 3 months ago, usually go to Llandudno Junction or Deganwy, but went to the Sychnant Pass "for a change".

After sighting the saucer, they ran home to tell their parents and report the incident to the police.

Mrs R Harris, Nigel's mother, of 35 Llanrwst Road, Gyffin asked the boys if they were sure it hadn't been a helicopter that they'd seen, but they said it had made a whooshing noise, she said.

"The sighting hasn't put us off running," said Craig, "but it did make us feel a bit shivery at the time."



Craig Roberts, Justin Everley and Nigel Harris ask where has the UFO gone?

UFO tales take off

A SPATE of unidentified flying objects have been reported in the skies in and around Stevenage over the last few weeks.

Several Stevenage residents have reported seeing unusual shaped craft which they feel were definitely not normal aircraft traffic.

One woman said: "People think you have gone mad if you say you have seen an unidentified flying object, but I am certain that what I saw wasn't an aeroplane."

"It was saucer shaped and remained stationary for quite a while before shooting across the sky at a terrific speed."

The Ministry of Defence admits there have been several reports of sightings during the last few weeks but says unless spacecraft are sighted over a military installation or airfield they are not really interested.

A spokesman said: "There have been an awful lot of sightings lately, but there is usually a perfectly logical explanation."

"My wife and I saw what could well have been called an unidentified flying object when we were driving along the M25, but it was only a helicopter."

Only one part-time member of staff is employed at the MOD to check reported sightings in addition to their regular work and the spokesman said: "If we thought there was a threat to national security, we would employ more staff."

Close encounter a Whitehall man wanted kept secret

THE two teenage girls burst into the house panting, blurring out their words... "We've seen this object!"

"It were some flying thing! It landed right near us! It weren't a helicopter, and it weren't an aeroplane!"

Still breathless and incoherent, the two 14-year-olds, Lynsey Tebbs and Susan Pearson, tried to explain.

The grown-up trying to make sense of it all was Jean Passmore, Lynsey's aunt. She thought the girls were fooling around, having her on.

Mrs Passmore ran her own art class, and her reaction was swift: Separate the two girls, give them pencil and paper, and get them to draw what they'd seen. Unable to put their heads together, they would be sure to give themselves away.

Their adventure had begun at half-past six that icy evening, Thursday November 22, 1978. Lynsey had been called on by Susan to go sledging on the Woodhouse Ridge on the outskirts of Leeds.

LIGHTS

Up on the lonely ridge, suddenly they were conscious of a bright luminosity and saw a cluster of lights that appeared to be little more than a hundred feet up.

A closer look disclosed three green lights in a line, shining directly downwards, with a much larger crimson one underneath; the colours strangely fluorescent and metallic.

Half-blinded by the lights, the girls could just discern an oval shape, with fins at either extremity. It was making no sound at all and was quite unlike any aircraft they'd seen. For the first time they began to feel fear.

Suddenly the object emitted a shrill whine and began spiralling down like a leaf. It seemed to have sensed their presence and they were too frightened to move or speak. Then it slowed down, straightened, the high-pitched whine gave way to a hum, and the object settled itself on the ground only 30 feet away.

About the size of a small car, it still seemed to be watching them. Without a word they began edging along the ridge



Sketch impression of the sighting at the time

in the shadow of a wall before breaking into a run.

Fifty yards along the ridge towards home curiosity overcame fear and they stopped to look back. Suddenly the object rose, slowly and uncertainly, lights flickering, as though undecided what to do next.

Humming softly, it again seemed to be approaching the girls, aware of their movement, seeking them out.

Then at about 100 feet it banked sharply round and descended, disappearing behind the trees down the slope. Emboldened, the two girls retraced their steps to get a clear view.

The object was perched awkwardly on a steep incline some 30 yards down the slope. Still apprehensive, but tingling with excitement, the girls felt irresistibly drawn to the scene.

PATH

They watched for what seemed about two minutes, and then the object began to wobble before ascending smoothly, as though under much firmer control. Eventually it narrowed into a single speck of light before finding invisibility in the sky.

Not until then did they resume their scamper for the nearest safety: Mrs Passmore's house.

When Jean Passmore examined the drawings made by the girls, she was impressed by their similarity.

She hadn't believed them at first, but she was changing her mind. They must have seen something.

"Show me where it happened," she said.

She walked along the top path with the girls and a neighbour, but there was nothing to be seen. Someone told the Press, and the incident was reported in a Leeds newspaper on the Saturday, with the girls' drawings as illustrations.

This attracted the attention of two experienced Yorkshire ufologists, the brothers Graham and Mark Birdsall of Leeds. They called on the Tebbs family that evening and met the two girls.

For the girls the initial excitement was over, and they were getting bored with answering the same questions—but they talked openly enough and accompanied the Birdsalls on Sunday morning, the first chance the investigators had had of examining the area in daylight.

The girls led them to what they believed was the exact position astride the path where the object had first alighted.

The cold weather had preserved the snow on the slopes but the path had been trampled. All the Birdsalls found was a half-circular depression in the hard ice on

the edge of the path which might have been anything.

Below them lay the area, about 30 feet square, which the girls had indicated as the site of the second landing.

They began to notice cavities in the snow. And as they sketched them on their notepads, these became recognisable as E-shaped depressions, with a circular hole in the middle.

A few inches from one of these depressions they spotted a conical piece of ice. When they placed it in the circular hole it fitted exactly.

Embedded in this lump of ice were a number of black particles or stones, and they remembered seeing something similar on the first landing site. They retraced their steps

SIMPLE

Just off the path, unnoticed on their first inspection, was the top half of a distinct E-shape, the bottom half presumably trampled into oblivion. The circular piece of ice was missing, perhaps kicked away, but there were black particles nearby.

Could these shaped depressions have been made by the object seen by the girls, or was there a simple explanation? Surely if so, or if they resulted from a natural thawing, they would occur elsewhere on the slope?

The brothers spent the next two hours scouring the area, but nowhere else did they find

anything resembling these E-shaped depressions.

Meanwhile two ambulance men in the Pontefract area saw the report of the sighting—and the drawings—in the Yorkshire paper and wrote in to say that later that night they too had seen an object and reported it; only to be met with ridicule by their mates.

They were struck by the similarity—oval-shaped, with fins either end—between their object and that seen by the girls.

It remained for the Birdsalls to deliver their samples to the Department of Agricultural Science at Leeds University for analysis, and await results.

On the Monday the Tebbs family had another visitor: he was, he announced, a Government official. He wanted to question the girls.

Lynsey's father Tony is sure he checked the man's identity, but it's eight years ago and he remembers little of him. What he does recall is the conversation he had with him.

Tebbs was surprised to learn that there was a Government department which looked into reports of U.F.O. sightings. "Have other people seen these things, then?" he asked. "Oh yes," said the

visitor. "I can assure you they have."

"Do you believe what the girls say?" asked Tebbs.

"I can assure you they've seen something."

"What makes you so sure?"

"I can tell by their answers to the questions I asked. I'd have found out if they weren't speaking the truth."

"What did they see?"

"I can't say at this stage what it was, but it'll be best if you and the girls don't discuss it further. We won't be bothering you again."

RADAR

What was it that the girls saw? Why was officialdom so secretive? Was it some remote-controlled experimental machine that went wrong?

Was it the rumoured "stealth" aircraft, silent in flight and with reduced radar image, in some sort of trouble?

Was it a space craft? Analysis of the samples proved nothing. No explanation was ever forthcoming.

Lynsey and Susan are 22 now. Both are married and Lynsey has an eight-week-old baby.

Neither girl has ever wavered from her story.

Sightings in night sky

Sir - I am a Sheffield University student and a local investigator for the Independent UFO Network. I have recently collected a large number of reports from members of the public throughout the north of Sheffield and other parts of South Yorkshire who have observed unusual flying objects in the night sky.

On February 2 a large number of people, including police officers, reported seeing a V-shaped object carrying a number of coloured lights flying at low level from Rotherham over Ecclesfield, Shiregreen and Grenoside just before 8pm.

CR: T. Good

A week later, on Wednesday, February 10, a large triangular or diamond-shaped UFO carrying a number of red and white lights was observed at very low level by a group of witnesses at Hoyland, near Barnsley, and later the same night by a car full of people travelling on the Woodhead Road near Penistone.

I would very much like to hear from anyone who may have observed these particular flying objects on the nights in question, or indeed who has observed any unusual lights or objects in the night sky recently. All reports will be treated in the strictest confidence.

I can be contacted on Sheffield 694537, or you can report your sighting to our 24-hour UFO hotline service number, which is Batley (0924) 444049.

David Clarke, 6 Old Retford Road, Handsworth, Sheffield, S13 9QZ.

Air controllers spotted UFO

An unidentified flying object was spotted over the Medellin airport, Bogota, Colombia, on February 9 by several pilots and flight control operators, the daily El Colombiano reported yesterday.

At one stage, the international Jose Maria Cordova airport control tower, believing it was a private plane, gave landing instructions, the newspaper reported.

The crew of a Boeing 727 of the Colombian airline Avianca coming from Miami and Barranquilla radioed the control tower: "It is following us."

The tower ordered the plane to circle instead of landing to avoid a collision.

An aeronautical board imposed a news blackout on the events. But a journalist who later won permission from the regional prosecutor to listen to tapes of the air traffic conversations reported that the object looked like a fast-moving giant star.

The crews of five different planes, including a military plane carrying army chief General Oscar Botero, reported seeing the object, which stayed in the area for half an hour.

Eerie light lit up the park

With reference to the two ladies who had a strange encounter with a UFO on Wednesday morning last week.

I was in the bathroom at 5.35am. I looked out of the window, which was only half open, and saw a brilliant blue-white light which illuminated all of the park field between Chinnbrook Road and Glas-tonbury Road, plus all the roofs and gardens surrounding.

By the time I could get the window wide open the light had gone.

I heard no sound at all, and I saw no object, only the brilliant light.

The sky was perfectly clear. It was as if someone had switched a searchlight on and off in the space of about two seconds. The silence made it more eerie.

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Yardley Wood.

● I, too, saw this light from my bedroom window.

At first I thought it was moonlight but then was amazed to see

this block of light descending.

As it appeared to get level with the rooftops of houses in a direct line with my house, on the 62 bus route, the light went out.

I sat on the edge of the bed waiting for an explosion, but nothing happened.

I was quite excited at having seen it.

(Mrs) M. Shaw

Lickey Road, Rednal.

Close encounter was it a 'saucer' or one of ours?

THE light seemed to come out of the sea.

Or so it looked to the man on the hill. Eric Spanner could see other twinkles appearing in the deepening dusk from his perch on Rew Down, but none like this.

The Down, towering up from the Isle of Wight coast, had magnificent views over Upper and Lower Ventnor and the great sweep of the Channel beyond.

Spanner knew the scene well. Six foot and still athletic at 43, he loved to take to the hills after a day working as a packer in the plastics factory down in the valley.

Today was a Sunday—May 19 1985—but he had spent it indoors and craved fresh air. Pausing on his climb, he surveyed the fading day.

At around 9 p.m., there was now an almost airless tranquillity and sea and sky had gelled into an unbroken grey. Unbroken except for that light. Brighter than anything else, low on the horizon. A star maybe? More like a flare. But he could see no ship that could have fired it.

COURSE

He judged it to be half a mile out to sea. The light was too constant, he thought, for a flare. Soon he realised it was moving gently north-west, roughly towards him, approaching the shore.

Ascending to follow the contours of the rising ground from Lower to Upper Ventnor, it climbed inland at about 60 feet above ground level on a steady course at the speed, it seemed to Spanner, of perhaps 30 mph.

But after a minute or so it came down in slow motion, and hovered at gutter height over a small terrace of red-bricked houses in Down Road.

Although it had stopped nearer to the far side of the valley than to him, Spanner began to discern the object as disc-shaped, about the size of



RALPH BARKER

concludes his report on the baffling sightings of U.F.O.s

a tractor wheel, eight feet or so in diameter. It had two diffused fluorescent lights on top and an aura or halo of brightness round its rim. It seemed about to land. What was it? What was it up to?

Suddenly, as though it decided where it wanted to go, it soared vertically before continuing up the valley. And as it progressed it began curving more west than north-west, tilting towards him so that he could see the blurred top-lights more clearly. The aura, too, was brighter, yet transparent. The object itself was a dark colour, probably black, and as it veered in his direction, to within perhaps 200 feet, he heard for the first time a faint whining.

He thought the thing was rotating but he couldn't be sure. Suddenly it seemed to swerve towards him. "My God!" he thought. "It's seen me! It's coming towards me!"

He was relieved when the object passed within a hundred feet of him and disappeared behind a boundary hedge, about 12 feet high, that cut off his view to the west.

Running downhill, hoping to resume his surveillance, he finally crawled through the hedge to the next field. But the object had vanished and, subsequently, he could trace no one locally who had shared his uncanny experience.

A month later he wrote to

the British Unidentified Flying Objects Research Association (Bufo).

Bufo investigator Paul Fuller, of Romsey, appealed in the Isle of Wight County Press for witnesses, but the only fruitful response came from the secretary of the local Astronomical Association, Mrs Kathleen Smith.

From her Fuller learnt that no astronomical objects or phenomena had been visible that evening to account for the sighting, while other possibilities excluded were hang gliders, model aircraft, or kites. The local airport, too, gave a negative.

Kathleen Smith also established that there was no Coastguard exercise that evening, and that no vessels were reported firing distress rockets or flares.

RADAR

But a letter from Ventnor Police, in answer to Fuller's enquiry, opened up a fresh avenue of research. In it they said:

"Nothing unusual was reported during May 1985. However, during this time the Royal Navy were engaged with special radar tests on St Boniface Down, Ventnor."

"This involved a Naval helicopter at times flying from the sea to St Boniface Down, sometimes at night."

These tests must, indeed, have been unusual for the police to have been warned of them.

But from Eric Spanner's description the object could hardly have been a helicopter, nor could it have hovered a few feet above a residential area without causing annoyance.

How reliable a witness is Spanner? His story, and his manner of telling it, certainly carries conviction. And it is significant that those parts of his account which can be checked seem accurate.

His estimate of the object's speed, 30-40 miles an hour, agrees very well (but not too precisely) with his estimated duration of the sighting—about three minutes—and the progress it made.

KEY

Equally persuasive is his description of the weather. It agrees exactly with that recorded by H.M. Coastguard at The Needles for that period of the evening: sky overcast, cloud-base high, visibility good, calm and windless.

Spanner himself does not believe that what he saw was a spacecraft, but ventures no alternative theory. Like other chance witnesses of credibility, he simply maintains that he saw what he saw.

But ufologist Paul Fuller believes that the object, like over 90 per cent of so-called U.F.O.s may eventually prove to have a rational explanation.

The key could well lie in the police report of special radar



Eye-witness Spanner... puzzled by a 'saucer'

tests around St Boniface Down during that month, in which the two Ministry of Defence radar stations on that part of the island—both within two miles of the sighting—would have been closely involved.

On November 13, 1985, Fuller wrote to H.M. Naval Base at Portsmouth posing a number of questions.

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The Secretary to the C-in-C Naval Home Command at Portsmouth replied by return regretting he could not answer Fuller's questions "because the activities you enquired about are not the responsibility of this command." He did not deny knowledge of them, nor that they existed. He suggested that Fuller write to the Head of the Naval Staff Secretariat at Whitehall.

Fuller immediately did so.

Today, more than two years later, he has received neither acknowledgement nor reply.

Our own queries had no better luck. "The department concerned," we were told, "has no record of any of these sightings in its files."

Fuller believes that what Spanner saw was a Remotely-Piloted Vehicle (RPV) or "drone," possibly launched earlier by one of the helicopters of which the police were warned, or by a submarine.

Such devices are known to be manufactured—and presumably tested—in the south of England. Low-flying and virtually noiseless, they are constructed of substances designed to give the faintest of radar echoes.

The secrecy that shrouds these experiments would account for the reticence of the authorities.

It could even be that the U.F.O. cult sometimes provides welcome cover for this clandestine work.

HAVE YOU HAD A SERIOUS ENCOUNTER OF THE UNEXPLAINED KIND?
LETTERS TO: SUNDAY EXPRESS, FLEET STREET, LONDON EC4P 4JT

By GEORGE LANGLEY

I NEVER intended to tell anyone this. I was not keen to be thought of as crazy and there was no way I could have avoided that by claiming to have had an encounter of "that kind".

However, now that the Knowles have made their encounter public and others claiming to have had similar experiences have come out of the woodwork, I might as well get in on the act.

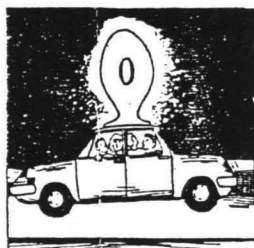
Was it really a UFO that my companion and I saw on the Eyre Highway in Western Australia all those years ago?

It happened when I was working in Kalgoorlie. At that time we received regular reports of motorists on the highway seeing strange lights. We ran the stories, but always had a little chuckle about another sighting of little green men on the Nullarbor.

In those days, sighting UFOs was not as acceptable as it has become today. Such reports were treated with glee and greeted with comments like: "Where did you see it? In the car park at the pub?"

Well, there was no way I was going to cop that sort of flak. Besides, it could have been embarrassing to both my companion and myself.

Anyway, I was on an assignment out past Balladonia on the highway and was returning to Kalgoorlie. It was dark so we had the lights on.



An artist's sketch of the scene the Knowles family described.

Suddenly this big, bright light appeared on the horizon in front of us. We thought it was a truck, so moved over because he seemed to be hogging the middle of the road.

The light approached at about the speed a truck would. As he got closer I cursed him for not dipping his lights and gave him a blast of full beam just to remind him.

It had no affect. He just kept on coming with that light blinding

us. I slowed right down and waited for him to pass.

When the light came to within about 100 metres of us everything zapped out. The car lights and radio went off and the engine stopped.

The light slowed and made a couple of slow passes over us. In no time at all we were perspiring profusely and the metal of the car was hot to touch. It was like an oven in there.

We could not get out because this was in the days before the highway was sealed. There was dust and dirt swirling around like a storm; we would have choked to death on it.

We could do nothing but just sit and watch the light make the passes over us. We could see nothing but the light and we could hear nothing but a sound like a vacuum cleaner.

My companion grabbed at my arm. "What's going on, what's happening?" she asked.

"What is that thing and what's

it doing to us?" she asked again, a tremor in her voice.

I was too curious to be scared, but I was rattled by the experience. It was weird.

The whole incident lasted only a few minutes and then the light turned and took off at a great rate of knots in the direction in which it had been headed.

When the dust settled we got out, legs trembling. We sat in the middle of the road while we recovered. There was no sign of the mysterious light. It had been a nerve-racking experience.

When the "thing" disappeared, the lights and radio in our car came back on and I was able to start the engine again with no problems. The car cooled quickly. So there it is.

However, before you go calling the men in the white coats I must say that, no, we had not been drinking — nor were we hallucinating.

My natural journalistic scepticism would tend to discount the experience as a lot of rubbish. Ex-

cept that I was there and I know it happened.

So what did happen? What were those little green men up to? Why did they pick on us?

Were they just checking us out or were they looking for some intelligent life form to take away with them for study? Perhaps we were unsuitable candidates.

What an experience that would have been. To be whisked away into space. What a story! Any time you want me folks, just come and get me.

DAILY MAIL, Hull, England - Feb. 26, 1988 CR: T. Good

U.F.O. alert in Hull's night sky

A STARTLED Hull taxi driver alerted police, saying he had spotted a UFO in the city sky early today.

His close encounter came near the Leads Road roundabout 4am when the driver, who has not been named, saw a reddish-orange spinning-top-shaped object.

He told police it was about the same size as a hot air balloon and made several changes of direction

ROTHERHAM & SOUTH YORKSHIRE ADVERTISER, England - March 4, 1988

Encounter of the first kind

A Herringthorpe couple who saw a mysterious ball of orange light in the sky believe it was a UFO.

The couple do not want to be identified for fear of being labelled cranks. But they are convinced that they saw a flying saucer.

The sighting took place at 7.28pm on Sunday as the couple were walking back to their Goldsmith Drive home after visiting a relative.

"My wife first saw it flying across Browning Road," said the man, "it was moving quite slowly from west to east. There was a glow around it like a halo.

"It then shot across the sky, climbed and suddenly disappeared. It was amazing," said the man.

He added: "I have seen enough planes to know that this wasn't one. You can tell aircraft lights, but this was a lot larger and brighter."

DAILY MIRROR, London, England - Jan. 23, 1988

Flying saucers are a good bet

SO MANY people around the globe have reported seeing flying saucers recently that bookies yesterday cut the odds against their existence from 250-1 to 200-1.

William Hill will pay out if a Government minister confirms that there are Unidentified Flying Objects from anywhere other than Earth.



The Knowles's sketch of the Nullarbor object.

Now, Tassie has seen 'The Light'

MELBOURNE — Victorian UFO researchers have revealed a Tasmanian incident they believe is related to the bright egg-shaped Nullarbor light which terrorised the Knowles family.

Victorian UFO Research Society field officer Mr Pat Gildea said yesterday that in both cases "the object described is exactly the same".

Details of the Tasmanian sighting — made by a prominent Launceston businessman on December 14 — only came to light after the Nullarbor sighting.

His description of the light and a carbon-like sooty substance left on his car are similar to details given by the Knowles family.

"It's strange to have very similar incidents in such a short time. They are both definitely genuine cases," Mr Gildea said.

The businessman, who preferred not to be identified, claimed he saw a colored egg-shaped object while driving his white Mercedes-Benz on a deserted country road about 10.30 p.m.

He thought the "bright white light" hovering above him was only a helicopter. But as he drove on he noticed the light appeared to be following him.

Then the light landed on the road in front of him. The man stopped the car and put on the handbrake. But the engine stopped and the lights went out.

"He panicked and ran back down the road but then stopped to look back," Mr Gildea said.

"He noticed the car was being dragged towards the light. All he could make out of it was an oval-shaped object."

Mr Gildea said another man had arrived at the scene just in time to see the object take off on an angle and "disappear into the night sky".

When the owner came back to his Mercedes it was covered in a sooty type of carbon. The car's electrical system had also been damaged.

The car on the road had melted where the light had landed and skid marks were left on the road where the car had been dragged.

Mr Gildea said the Launceston man was stunned when details of the Knowles family's experience were described to him.

"He was amazed — it sounds exactly like the same object. Before this, he did not think UFOs existed," Mr Gildea said.

Mum and daughter 'caught in UFO beam'

The recent spate of UFO sightings in the Midlands has taken an unusual turn with a mother and daughter on their way to work in Birmingham having a "strange encounter".

Mrs Carol Thomas and her 18-year-old daughter Helen were walking to their cleaning job at 5.30am yesterday when they were caught up in a "torch-like beam" shining down from something in the sky.

The matter is being taken seriously by Mr John Hurley, secretary of UFO Studies Investigations, the local organisation specialising in UFOs, who has no doubt the story is true.

Mrs Thomas, of Dyce Close, Castle Vale, said she and her daughter were walking through an alley near their home when they were suddenly caught in the beam.

She added: "It was like a huge torch shining down from what looked like a round object with a flat top."

"I felt dizzy and very confused and we just held on to each other."

Helen Thomas said said the object made a humming noise.

SUN, London, England April 12, 1988 CR: T. Good

Missing UFO girl is back

SECRETARY Jackie Smith—who went missing after telling how she was captured by aliens in a UFO—turned up safe yesterday.

Divorcee Jackie, 39, of Warrington, Cheshire, vanished two weeks ago.

But she rang boss Andy Egan after reading reports of her disappearance and said she had suffered a blackout.

DORKING & LEATHERHEAD ADVERTISER, Surrey, England March 24, 1988 CR: T. Good

NOT CELESTIAL

Sir, I, too, saw the UFO or UFOs come from the north, move across Box Hill, over Dorking Station proceeding southerly. They or it turned left and entering a fuzzy cloud disappeared.

The globes were of a deep rose colour, soundless and quite large; time; approximately 6-7pm Monday, March 7.

Venus and Jupiter had nothing to do with this sighting, they were hanging westward, extremely bright and certainly had nothing to do with my sighting as I observed them as well.

I was a member of Contact International for many years and take sightings seriously. Audrey Enright (Mrs) Lincoln Road, Dorking.

SUN-HERALD, Sydney, Australia - Jan. 24, 1988 CR: P. Norman

Nullarbor is a black hole for tracking UFOs

By FRANK WALKER

SCIENCE may be able to give us satellites which can read a newspaper in Red Square from outer space, but the Nullarbor Plain is a veritable black hole for bright, shiny UFOs.

Not one of the sophisticated satellites or radars which dot Australia is pointed at the poor old empty Nullarbor.

● The RAAF air defence radar tracking stations at Williamtown near Darwin and at Brisbane did not pick up anything unusual last week, but the Nullarbor is way beyond their range. The new over-the-horizon Jindalee tracking system is not yet in operation, but it looks north anyway.

● The civil air traffic controls at Adelaide and Perth airports have a range of 150 nautical miles and do not stretch to the Nullarbor. They would pick up a flying metal object within their range, but do not have the capacity to identify non-metal flying objects.

● Willem Bouma of the CSIRO Division of Atmospheric Research said its satellite pictures of Australia had a resolution of one square kilometre so a UFO would have to be very big to be seen.

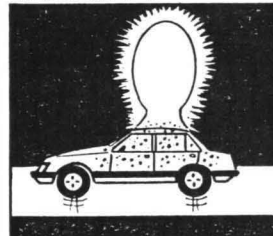
● Telecom monitors lightning strikes through directional antennae in most areas of Australia. Unfortunately it does not monitor the Nullarbor Plain.

● Spokesman Ian Prime at the hush-hush top secret Pine Gap joint defence facility near Alice Springs said the first they heard of the UFO was when they read about it in the papers. Asked if Pine Gap were capable of picking up UFOs on the Nullarbor, Mr Prime said he could not comment.

● Tidbinbilla deep space communications complex near Canberra tracks orbiting satellites and looks into deep space, but it couldn't spot a UFO if it was hovering over Sydney Opera House.

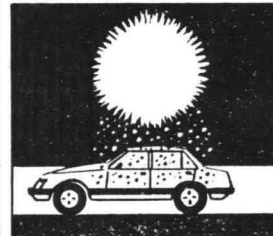
● Mt Stromlo observatory can see thousands of millions of miles into space, but astronomers saw nothing unusual on Wednesday. Astronomer Paul Hardy has been looking into space for 32 years and says he has never seen a UFO.

THEORY 1



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THEORY 2



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THEORY 3



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THEORY 4



METEORITE

★ **THEORY 1:** THE crew of a tuna boat off Port Lincoln also reported seeing a strange light, but it is not clear whether they reported this before or after the Knowles' story was reported on radio. The case is peculiar for the number of witnesses — four in the car, and reported sightings by other people on the road and the fishermen off Port Lincoln, who also reported seeing strange lights. Evidence includes the black dust on the car and dents on the roof, where the Knowles family claim the UFO picked up their car. But sceptics note the shape of UFOs has changed. Twenty years ago, they had portholes and usually rotated. Funnily enough, they looked just like the saucers Hollywood was churning out in its cheap special effects science fiction films. These days people report seeing bright shiny lights that move around in the air, indistinct things that hover and zip around. Funnily enough, they look just like the UFOs Hollywood is churning out with its expensive special effects science fiction films.

★ **THEORY 2:** THE Knowles family was driving towards the early morning sun. It is possible in certain conditions for light to be refracted vast distances so the sun or car

headlights appear to be hovering spaceships. The dust, the banging on the roof and the feeling they were being lifted off the ground could have been the car tipping over, out of control, and landing back on its wheels as the driver tried to out-race the mirage. In their panic, the family confused the events. It is understood they had been driving all night from Perth and were tired.

★ **THEORY 3:** IT IS possible for a small, highly-charged pocket of air to turn into a mini-electrical storm. The air becomes an electrical field and the effects can be startling — engines cutting out, strange lights, shaking of the car and even the ash could be explained by such natural phenomena. Ball lightning, bright electrical balls that race around, are a recognised natural phenomena, but little understood.

★ **THEORY 4:** IT MIGHT have been a meteorite which broke up above them. A piece of it hit their car along with a shock wave which forced the car hard down on the road. This would explain the sighting reported by the fishermen and the strange dust. Strange smells could have been caused by the burning up of the meteorite.

JAPAN TIMES, Tokyo, Japan - April 21, 1988

UFO spotted in China was fireball of gas: Xinhua

BEIJING (AP) Chinese scientists believe that an unidentified flying object spotted over northwest China last month was a "plasma fireball spinning at high speed in the atmosphere," the official Xinhua news agency said Wednesday.

It said the scientists at the Institute of Atmospheric Physics of the Chinese Academy of Sciences described the basketball-sized UFO as an ionized ball of gas resulting from the electric discharge of lightning and seismic rock and the violent oscillation of electromagnetism in the air.

The news agency quoted researcher Zou Yousuo as saying the existence of plasmas in the ionized stratum of the atmosphere is common.

Passengers on a flight from

Beijing to Urumqi, the capital of Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region in northwest China, reported sighting the UFO at 9:35 p.m. on March 18.

They said the object, which was sending out a beam like a searchlight, changed directions and then split into two, with a smaller ball above a bean-shaped object. They were spinning at high speeds and gave off a ring of green light, the passengers said.

Thirty minutes later, passengers on a plane from Guangzhou to Urumqi also spotted the UFO in the same area.

The scientists said the green ring was probably the result of electric discharges of a high-frequency magnetic field.

CR: Y. Matsumura

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Priest puzzled by UFO

A MYSTERIOUS sighting over the night sky in Wickhambrook is puzzling a church minister and healer.

The rapidly moving object was spotted by the Rev Dr Scrivener at about 7.30 pm on Sunday and he has appealed to anyone else who may have seen it.

He said the white light went in a south to north direction and disappeared within less than two seconds.

"It seemed to move so fast

compared with anything else I have seen," said Dr Scrivener, who is a minister in the Anglican Church and a natural healing consultant.

Dr Scrivener said he phoned up the local military bases at RAF Honington and Wattisham and USAF Mildenhall and Lakenheath but they could not throw any light on the object. He also phoned Stanstead and Cambridge Airports but they too were unable to help.

He said the object consisted of a small white light with a tail and

appeared to pass under a light aircraft which was in the sky at the time.

Dr Scrivener saw the object from his garden at Tile Hall, Wickhambrook, and would like to hear from anyone else in the area who might have seen it.

He said it was nothing like an aircraft and could only assume it was some sort of alien craft.

If you have spotted any similar unusual objects over the local skies, write to the Free Press, Kings Road, Bury St Edmunds.



'Nessie' really down there, scientist says

By JILL HAND
Press Staff Writer

THERE ARE so many objects in Isaac Blonder's office that it's easy to overlook two grainy black-and-white photographs hanging on the walls.

Aesthetically, they're nothing to write home about. Murky and indistinct, they look as if they were taken underwater in particularly unpromising conditions (which they were).

To Blonder, 71, a small man with close-cropped gray hair and mild brown eyes who resembles chicken maven Frank Perdue, the Rorschach-like blobs are beautiful.

"See here? This is the head," he said, pointing to a lumpy gray and white object in the larger of the two photographs.

The blob could be just about anything. Sensing the visitor is unconvinced, Blonder traces its outline with an outstretched index finger. It's obvious he has done this many times before.

"They say it's a waterlogged tree stump. Well, look at this side and look at this side," he said, finger sliding back and forth. "That's bilateral symmetry. A tree stump wouldn't have that. This is obviously a head. This bony ridge is the skull and these dark areas are horns."

Horns?
"Yes," Blonder said, nodding confidently. "I think it's safe to say the monster has horns."

Monster hunting has gone out of vogue since the Middle Ages. People who believe in unicorns and sea serpents are likely to wear all their clothes at the same time and sleep in doorways.

Blonder doesn't fit the profile. He is chairman of Blonder-Tongue Laboratories Inc., an Old Bridge Township company which produces master antennae and equipment for cable television. He also chairs the Boston-based Academy of Applied Science, has a master's degree in physics from Cornell University and holds more than 30 patents. He and his wife, Lois, a professional artist, live in the Morganville section of Marlboro Township.

Why, then, did he devote 12 years, from 1970 to 1982, to the search for the Loch Ness monster?

Because he's convinced it really exists and he wants to make sure it's protected from being trapped or killed.

True, he's never seen Nessie, as the monster is affectionately called, but he's sure he came within 500 feet of it on at least three occasions.

The first of those encounters took place on a moonless night. Blonder was traveling across Urquhart Bay (part of Loch Ness) in a small boat equipped with sonar. The readings were normal until the equipment recorded a "large, large echo" about 50 feet from the bottom.

"It was much too big to be a sunken boat," he said.

He found the echo in the same spot on two subsequent nights, but equipment failures prevented underwater photographs from being taken. On the fourth night, the echo was gone. The following day, Blonder and his party had to return home.

That turned out to be a fairly productive monster hunt. Some years, the results weren't even that encouraging, he said.

A three-day expedition earlier this month by Adrian Shine, an avowed Nessie skeptic, turned up some strong sonar contacts with large objects but no monster.

Shine believes the monster is an overgrown fish or eel, a theory which Blonder dismisses with an impatient wave of his hand.

He scornfully calls Shine and other adventurers who have stalked the monster over the years "gentleman hunters."

"They go out in the daytime. I think the best time to go out is around 2 a.m., when nobody else is on the loch," he said.

While the echo and the photographs (taken in 1972 and 1975 using a motor-drive underwater camera and

strobe light) are enough to convince him that Nessie exists, he understands why others have doubts.

"You need a piece of flesh, a hunk of hair, something to prove its existence," he said.

That kind of hard evidence hasn't been available. Blonder believes generations of prehistoric reptiles have bred and died in the loch since the 23-mile-long body of water became sealed off from the sea during the ice age, but if that is the case, why hasn't anyone found a skeleton or a carcass?

"When you walk through the woods, do you see a lot of dead animals? That's because most of the organic material gets eaten up very quickly," he said.

He thinks the same holds true with the loch, which is teeming with aquatic life. The water is so cold (generally about 42 degrees Fahrenheit) that anything that died in it sinks to the bottom, instead of floating to the surface as is normal in warm water.

Accounts of a humped, serpentine creature living in the loch have circulated for more than 1,000 years. The first reported sighting came from St. Columba, abbot of Iona, in the year 565. His biography relates that he was crossing the lake in a boat one day when he came upon some local people who were about to bury a man they said had been bitten by a water monster. Incensed, the saint undressed and dove into the water to teach the beast a lesson. Nessie obligingly surfaced and let loose a terrifying roar, only to submerge when Columba made the sign of the cross.

Sightings continued sporadically over the years, rising sharply since 1934, when a new road was built along the northern shore of the loch. All told, more than 3,000 people have claimed to have seen a scaly creature rising from the depths, flicking a snakelike head and rippling a row of humps.

Blonder said he has spoken with eyewitnesses, including a local cab driver and a priest, and he believes they are telling the truth.

"Their descriptions are almost invariably the same," he said.

Skeptics say Nessie is anything from a waterlogged log to a hallucination brought on by the potent local whiskey.

After investing more than \$10,000 of his own money in the search, Blonder reluctantly decided five years ago it was time to call it quits. After all, he wasn't getting any younger. For the past three years, he has concentrated on a target closer to home — Champ, the monster said to inhabit the depths of Lake Champlain.

"It's a giant snake, 50 feet long and as big around as a barrel," he said.

To Blonder, it's a beautiful thought.



Physicist Isaac Blonder, Marlboro Township, with part of his Loch Ness monster collection.

Expert: 'Yowies' may still exist

A recent "Yowie" sighting was nothing more than a case of mistaken identity, but New South Wales archaeologist Rex Gilroy said they still could be found in Central Australia.

But if amateur "Yowie" spotters are abundant, they will have to be quick because Gilroy said they were slowly becoming extinct.

Gilroy, who has been on the trail of the unexplained for 25 years since seeing something unexplained himself, said the "Yowie" demise was due to the change in the environment.

"We have recorded 'Yowie' sightings in Australia which date back to the 1800s," he said.

"In those days they were taken for granted."

"They were very frequent with the pioneers."

"But thier numbers are now dropping."

Gilroy said the "Yowie" had to be identified before it became extinct.

Hair

He said all scientists needed was one hair and the creature would be known.

"The gorilla was not identified until it was accidentally shot last century," he said.

"The same incident could happen with the 'Yowie'."

Gilroy has collected large stone tools as well as huge footprints to support his theories that these creatures exist.

"Aborigines claim some of these giants still survive in a region situated 200 km west of Alice Springs," he said.

"Aborigines say at least several small groups have been seen over the years and they make fire and use large stone tools."

Gilroy said Aborigines depicted the

"Yowie" in ancient cave paintings.

"I've seen cave paintings which illustrate a man's body with an emu or kangaroo's head."

Gilroy said the "Yowie" was the giant Java Man (Meganthropus) which crossed the former ice-age land bridge from Asia into Australia about 500,000 years ago.

"The Meganthropus stood over twice the height of modern man and this is the height claimed for a number of giant races which Aboriginal tradition state roamed Australia in the Dreamtime," he said.

"It's an early form of homo-erectus."

"It could also be an offshoot of the Gigantopithecus, a mountain forest primate that has been extinct for half a million years."

Mr Gilroy said he had heard stories from the rugged mountain ranges of northern NSW about such creatures.

"Some farmers claim to have sighted man-like creatures at least twice the height of a normal human," he said.

"In another incident, a man camped by a waterhole one night only to find huge man-like footprints leading down to the water's edge when he went to wash the next morning."

Gilroy said the reason these creatures had escaped notice for so long was due to the isolated regions inhabited by them, areas seldom visited by man.

But Gilroy does receive the odd hoax or two.

"Some people think I'm a nut case and the media find me as a comical relief," he said.

"Once I was misquoted as saying that to catch a 'Yowie' you need a semi-trailer to



●An artist's impression of what a "Yowie" could look like.

carry it, an Elephant gun and several strong men with nets.

"I get all sorts of reports."

"One person said it looked like the Wookiee out of Star Wars."

"Another person said he was wrestled to the ground by a small monkey-like creature while he was sleeping."

"He said when he tried to fight back he couldn't get a grip on it because it was as slippery as a pig."

"I'm soon going to launch a campaign against the hoaxes."

"Australians will watch a program like In Search Of and say to themselves 'Gee, these things must exist'."

"Yet they are too ignorant to look in their own backyards."

"Australians need to be more open-minded."

"I don't travel long distances anymore if I think it's a hoax."

"Once someone reported a sighting to me, so I travelled a great distance to his house."

"When I got there I learned he had shot through because he didn't think I'd follow

up his false claim."

He said the "Yowie" was a shy creature and would only harm a human if it had to fight for its survival.

Gilroy hopes to visit the Territory soon.

He said these creatures would have been in large numbers when the Territory was a lush, green forest.

"I'm in the middle of founding a museum, so I'll visit as soon as the piggy-bank allows it," he said.

Gilroy said he had also received reports of "Yowies" roaming around Arnhem Land.

"These creatures have been seen in China, North America, Russia and Papua New Guinea, so why can't they exist here?"

"When the first stuffed specimens of the platypus were shown to scientists they didn't believe it and claimed the beak had been sewn on."

Books

Out of This World

A face on Mars gazes toward a new mystery

BY ROBERT BARROW

The Face on Mars: Evidence for a Lost Civilization? By Randolph Rafael Pozos Ph.D. Chicago Review Press, 155 pages. \$12.95.

The Face on Mars: The Evidence of a Lost Martian Civilization. By Brian Crowley and James J. Hurtak. Macmillan Co. of Australia, 118 pages. \$9.95.

The Monuments of Mars: A City on the Edge of Forever. By Richard C. Hoagland. North Atlantic Books, 348 pages. \$14.95.

Planetary Mysteries: Megaliths, Glaciers, The Face on Mars and Aboriginal Dreamtime. Edited by Richard Grossinger. North Atlantic Books, 155 pages. \$9.95.

If it appears NASA has a penchant for flubbing up various space projects, wait until you read about "the one that got away" in 1976: the discovery on Mars of what could be a human face sculpted in stone.

This bizarre, far from settled, adventure begins in 1976, when NASA's Viking I Mars probe transmitted a wealth of surface photos during an over-flight of the planet. Among these is a series of pictures of the Cydonia area that depict what looks incredibly like a human face—a mile-long countenance cast boldly in Martian desert, jutting high and gazing skyward. In close proximity, depending on one's impression, may be at least one more face and strange, conceivably pyramid-shaped objects of gigantic proportions.

Prematurely convinced in the best tradition of non-science that evidence of such advanced intelligence simply should not, and therefore could not, exist on the red planet, NASA officials dismissed the Face pictures and filed them away to gather dust. So negative were project scientists, in fact, that a chance to have Viking take follow-up photographs for comparison was refused.

Three years later, however, a most fortunate demonstration of real science occurred.

Two inquiring computer imaging specialists who had worked at Maryland's Goddard Space Flight Center salvaged the photos and subjected them to their own copyrighted high-resolution computer analysis. Their disturbing conclusion: that a vivid, face-like object does indeed exist, with evidence of other possibly artificial structures within a several-mile area.

For the moment, the controversy simmers in anticipation of definitive proof, and the four books described here cover the major findings. Richard C. Hoagland's *The Monuments of Mars: A City on the Edge of Forever* is the first book to consult, as he's the most intimately identified with the Face and a quest for a solution. Science writer Hoagland boasts an abundance of credentials: He served as Walter Cronkite's science advisor for several years.

Even more impressive, though, is that he co-created the Pioneer 10 spacecraft plaque showing human figures and other essential information about us that may one day be discovered by beings elsewhere in the cosmos. Also of significance is that he knows Dr. Carl Sagan well enough to take the astronomer-turned-everythingologist to task for his thundering negative attitude regarding the Face.

But know Hoagland for his caution: He doesn't believe the Face necessarily lends credence to the former existence of a Mars-based culture. Instead, he entertains that it may have been constructed by aliens from someplace else who tried to communicate some yet undeciphered message.

Richard Grossinger's *Planetary Mysteries* includes a lengthy interview with Hoagland, plus an outrageously up-front piece by Jeff Greenwald entitled "Of Mars and Men." Greenwald's personal encounters with well-known scientists regarding the Face show that, all too frequently, the higher one's degree, the more closed the mind. Editor Grossinger relates in his forward to Hoagland's book (it is frightening to note) that one editor, ignorant of our space program, originally rejected *The Monuments of*

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Mountaineer hunts for legendary Yeti

Reuter

LONDON — British mountaineer Chris Bonington has set off for Tibet to scale an unclimbed Himalayan peak and hunt for the legendary Yeti.

Previous sightings suggest that the Abominable Snowman is half-man and half-ape, is a little less than two metres tall and is covered in reddish-brown hair.

"There's been many sightings of a creature that could be the Yeti, but nobody ever brought back remains — bones, hair or anything like that," Bonington said at London's Heathrow airport on Wednesday.

"So we'll be looking at a likely habitat for the Yeti."

London's Natural History Museum is backing the hunt, and zoologist Iain Bishop said he hopes Bonington will return with a tooth or

bone rather than a photograph.

The 53-year-old mountaineer has climbed Everest and achieved half a dozen first ascents in the Himalayas and Kongur in China.

He said he became interested in the Yeti after seeing large footprints last spring while attempting to climb Menlungtse, a 7,190-metre unconquered peak that is drawing him back to Tibet this year.

The prints — 17 centimetres by 10 centimetres — were too small for the Yeti. But Bonington said local Tibetans believe two kinds of creature exist: the Yeti and a smaller species called the Tuti or Chuti.

"We've got two objectives in the expedition. One is actually to scale Menlungtse, which is a beautiful, unclimbed peak. At the same time we are going to have a serious search for the Yeti."

CR: G. Conway

Mars because, "in her words, we had already sent men to Mars, and if there were a face there, our astronauts would have reported it."

Another of Hoagland's colleagues deeply involved with research into the Face is Dr. Randolph Pozos. As an author-anthropologist, however, Pozos' *The Face on Mars: Evidence for a Lost Civilization?* suggests that Mars indeed may have hosted an ancient, long-extinct civilization. Along with some interesting conjecture, a major attraction of Pozos' book is transcripts of a 1983-'84 symposium via computers in which several U.S. scientists and scholars participated in a discussion of the Face and Mars science as we know it to date.

Journalist Brian Crowley and Dr. James Hurtak's volume from Australia titled *The Face on Mars: The Evidence of a Lost Martian Civilization* stretches the enigma a bit further and, in a well-illustrated, handsomely ar-

ranged report, describes similarities of the Face and its surrounding objects to ancient structures on Earth.

Although some readers might find all this reminiscent of the problematic megalith discovered in the film-story, *2001: A Space Odyssey*, it must be realized that there are no second guesses here. The "damned" thing on Mars is either a face or it isn't. What currently occupies the thoughts of Hoagland and his fellows, however, is more Soviet than Mars in origin. The Soviets are going to Mars in the near future, and they plan to explore the Face. They have said so and have written about it in their public magazines.

In the meantime, the rest of us will probably be sitting on our hands or in our space shuttles, pondering whether a mile-long stone face might also possess a quarter-mile tongue waiting to flick out, grab and devour any unsuspecting fly-by from Earth. Were this fiction, Hollywood would call it *Aliens*. The trouble is, dear reader...this is not fiction. □

ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT, Little Rock, AR - April 3, 1988

Scientist's clues back theory on water comets

The Associated Press

PASADENA, Calif. — Two years after an Iowa physicist nearly ruined his reputation by suggesting that 10 million small, speedy comets hit Earth's atmosphere annually, a NASA scientist has found evidence supporting Louis Frank's theory.

"I'm happy, but it's been a long two years," Frank said Friday, adding that he was met with "total disbelief" and "lost a lot of friends" after proposing that billions of water-bearing comets could have provided enough water to fill the seas during Earth's early history.

Other scientists said they remained skeptical of the new evidence, which came from telescope observations by Clayne Yeates, a physicist at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Jet Propulsion Laboratory here.

"I'm very convinced that what I'm seeing is real," said Yeates, who is deputy project scientist for the planned 1989 launch of the Galileo space probe to Jupiter. "These objects would not have been seen inadvertently during other searches. They're small, they're dark and they're moving fast."

The theory by Frank, a physicist at the University of Iowa, is "one of the decade's most controversial astronomical theories," a NASA news release said.

Frank proposed the theory after ultraviolet photographs of Earth taken by NASA's Dynamics Explorer 1 spacecraft

between 1981 and 1986 revealed countless dark spots that appeared to be tiny holes in Earth's atmosphere.

He theorized that about 10 million comets, essentially 30-foot-diameter fluffy snowballs with a dark coating, plunge into the atmosphere each year, forming holes, then breaking up and vaporizing.

Yeates said his observations on the 36-inch Spacewatch Telescope at Kitt Peak National Observatory in Arizona make him believe that at least a million such comets hit the atmosphere annually at a speed of 22,000 mph.

In a telephone interview from Iowa City, Frank said a soon-to-be-published study, in which atmospheric holes were recently observed by Sweden's Viking spacecraft, also supports his theory.

"I'm a little skeptical," said astronomer Anita Cochran of the University of Texas at Austin. "He (Yeates) may be seeing something, but to leap to 10-meter comets is a fairly large leap of imagination."

Cochran voiced the most common objection to Frank's theory: If so many icy comets hit Earth's atmosphere, they also should strike the moon, creating a lot of water vapor. Yet the moon has very little water vapor.

University of Michigan physicist and planetary scientist Thomas Donahue said that until he examines Yeates' findings, "I'm not going to say this sounds like confirmation of Frank's comets or not. But it certainly is exciting."

ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT, Little Rock, AR - April 18, 1988

The unorthodox chronicled by little-known magazine

The Associated Press

LONDON — In a world fascinated by computers and semiconductors, there's still a place for the serious consideration of abominable snowmen, frog showers and reincarnation.

It can be found in a little-known magazine named for an American journalist who researched the inexplicable "just to knock holes in the smug orthodoxy of the scientists of his age," said Paul Seiveking, a co-editor.

Fortean Times, published in London, caters to readers who think there just might be something to the hollow Earth theory, crying statues and close encounters of any kind.

The odd little periodical keeps its subscribers up to date with the latest on human horns, winged cats, giant squids and, of course, UFOs and the Loch Ness Monster.

Fortean Times is "a bulletin about what is peculiar in the world," Seiveking says.

Its name and philosophy come from Charles Fort, an iconoclastic American journalist who died in 1932. He spent his later years at the British Museum Library in London and the New York Public Library, researching the inexplicable.

Being a Fortean means believing "there's a continuum between subjective and objective experience, between dream and hard fact," Seiveking said.

More importantly, however, it means "conditional acceptance" of things that "orthodox explanation can't account for" — at least until further evidence comes along.

Seiveking and co-editor Bob Rickard, who founded *Fortean Times* 15 years ago, put the magazine together at home in their spare time, and try their best to publish it quarterly.

'We're trying to broaden people's horizons. We see ourselves as chroniclers, as sort of scientists as well as being entertainers.'

Their material comes from a dedicated Fortean cadre of about 60 correspondents, mostly unpaid, who scour the world's newspapers and other media for weird and wonderful tales to fill the magazine's 80 or so pages.

Every month, the editors meet to classify the material their correspondents have gathered into about 35 main categories, "like phantom smells, strange sounds, lights, stuff falling from the sky," Seiveking said.

"There's a lot of laughter in what we do," he admitted during a break from his regular job as an editor for a London reference book publisher.

But he said the job also has a serious side.

"We're trying to broaden people's horizons. We see ourselves as chroniclers, as sort of scientists as well as being entertainers."

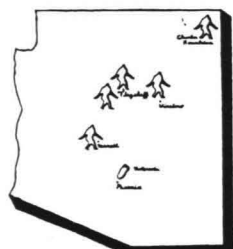
A recent issue featured purportedly new photographs of the Yeti, the mysterious abominable snowman of the Himalayas, as well as items about giant whirlpools in the seas off Norway and fireballs in Jerusalem, and a "reincarnation round-up."

Finding a *Fortean Times* subscriber may be only a little easier than tracking down the Yeti. Just 2,500 of them are scattered in 36 countries, including 500 in the United States. At \$3 a copy, the magazine just about breaks even.

Regular readers, said Seiveking, include "little old ladies who are spiritualists, people in the United Nations, professors, science fiction writers, journalists in obscure little countries who like to keep up with this kind of thing."

They're a small, but faithful band who don't let a few facts get in the way of a good time.

"While the real nature of the 'Cottingly Fairy' photographs is now apparent," one Australian reader recently wrote in a letter to the editor, "surely the Fortean reaction will be that they are only relative fakes. For, in the spectrum of bogus-genuine, there must somewhere (in this or another world) exist photographs of real fairies."



Bigfoot in Arizona and the UFO connection

by Stan Morrison

While the bewildered young mother and daughter watched, the strange creature, already holding an armload of corn, bent down over the garden and proceeded to pull up the turnips one by one. According to the mother, the thing "was seven feet tall, heavy and covered with light-colored hair". After it collected (or should we say stole) a fair amount of the tasty roots, and as the two continued their observation, the tall, hairy biped raced off through the wheatfield, hurdled a fence, and made for a nearby pine forest.

The above account sounds like another recent Bigfoot/Sasquatch sighting from northern California, or perhaps one of the other Pacific Northwest regions. However, the incident is said to have occurred in 1924 at a ranch at the base of the San Francisco Peaks, just outside of Flagstaff.

A number of readers will undoubtedly be surprised to learn that there have been half a dozen such sightings in Arizona. It's a popular misconception that these creatures are strictly a phenomenon of the Northwest, where they received their somewhat famous titles of "Sasquatch" (western Canada/Indian) and "Bigfoot" (northern California). The fact is that these creatures are a continental occurrence, having been reported in every state, and practically every Canadian province.

Based on the general aspects of the sasquatch (such as their physical appearance, and the fact that they tend to be seen most often in or near wooded wildernesses), a few North American scientists, specifically Dr. Grover Krantz of Washington State University and Canadian anthropologist Dr. John Napier, believe what people may be seeing is a living species of prehistoric ape, known in the fossil record as "Gigantopithecus". It is partly by sheer chance, they admit, that the creatures have remained hidden from mainstream science, and the public at large.

For that portion of the population which has had the very rare life-time experience of encountering a sasquatch, and for many sasquatch investigators, the published conclusions of these scientists (who are widely respected in their fields of biology and anthropology) are much welcomed and applauded. Their opinions surely must represent the most positive point yet reached concerning the study of the sasquatch mystery. Has the nature of bigfoot creatures, in the beginning of the New Age, now been determined? If a specimen is obtained, will the creature really be a gigantopithecus? Or will these hairy entities turn out to be of a completely different order, perhaps stranger than merely an undiscovered species, and more far-reaching in scientific importance than even the astute pros could imagine?

Anyone who takes the time and thoroughly examines the data, will find that there will be a large fraction of left-over evidence/information that can't be applied to the gigantopithecus theory. As this reporter once did, they may seriously consider the more esoteric conclusions that the entire sasquatch/bigfoot phenomenon is psychic or supernatural, or that the creature is a UFO pilot. Of course, the basic, initial evidence - suggesting they are living mammals - would have to be disregarded if these theories were completely correct.

In northeastern Oklahoma in 1983, I looked into some sasquatch incidents. The four-day investigation was partly successful, in that I did see, for the first and only time, sasquatch footprints. In was from these five footprints that I became personally assured that the sasquatch was a real and fixed phenomenon, i.e., that they really do live here, on Earth, and probably never dematerialize like a ghost and some UFOs.

The sasquatch, alas, is not merely an undiscovered member of nature's fauna, though it is a living thing. And, yes, there is indeed an overall UFO connection.

Upon returning home, I phoned Hayden Hewes, who was a well-known researcher who had investigated similar encounters in this region of Oklahoma. I asked him simply, "What in the world are these creatures?"

He replied that it had all been answered in a book entitled "The Tenth Planet", and mentioned the phenomenon has an ancient "genetic-manipulation" connection. His solution differs slightly from my own view.

When he mentioned "genetic-manipulation", the information that came to mind was a theory expressed by Eric Von Daniken in one of his more recent books. He claimed that - through genetic engineering - extraterrestrials had created us, Homo Sapiens, from a variety of creatures. He points out the odd types of beings/animals that exist in our myths and legends, and explains that they were actually prototypes - early manufactured designs of modern man. As examples, he cites winged humanoids, cyclopes, giants, elves, minotaurs, etc. He maintains that these beings really lived in the dark and distant past, and that UFOs release them again on occasion, and are even sighted periodically by the populace.

"The Tenth Planet" states that the today's hairy bipeds are living evidence of this ancient alien designing through an advanced knowledge of genetics. The sasquatch represents, the book tells us, one of the stages developed by the ETs, while on the road to the final Homo Sapien form. These extraterrestrials, our overlords, still keep a check on their creations, who see them in the skies today as UFOs. Some fortunate and enlightened people get to meet their true creator(s), and we call these persons contactees and abductees. Of course, there is much more to this and I have not given it all the credit it deserves here.

While viewing those footprints in northeastern Oklahoma, a land of flat geography, that I surmised that the creatures were far too elusive for any normal animal, or human. They seem to have free run of the area at night, simply because of their physical and mental makeup. I cannot think of a better biological tool to exist undetected on land completely on its own for so long. As far as what exact purpose the hairy bipeds serve, perhaps it is a function no longer active. Maybe they were once used, and sometimes still are, in a similar capacity as we are using dolphins in underwater tasks. Just think of how useful dolphins would be if they possessed hands...

The creatures we see today freely feed and breed in areas where man seldom visits, deep woods, swamps, mountains, etc. Occasionally we see them and sometimes, for various reasons, they venture close to the population and are seen there. The creatures never worry, though, for they are patterned to elude capture.

Early Homo Sapiens, gorillas, apes, monkeys and even the early hominids could have been the animals corrupted genetically to produce the sasquatch and its original sub-types. Three-toed sasquatches could have been one intended design, or an earlier imperfect model. Glowing eyes perhaps was a later addition, enhancing the creature. It could now see astonishingly well at night, being able to peer into the infra-red and ultra-violet.

Just as the UFO, the sasquatch effectively does not submit to capture. Moreover, they share the same reason for remaining unidentified. Once this reason is realized - that elusiveness is inbred in the sasquatch in order to hide their cosmic nature, a nature which explains their connection to UFOs - researchers could devote their entire efforts to the obtaining of a hair biped, which would lead to cracking the UFO phenomenon at the same time.

Genetic tampering could be determined, and it would be much easier, naturally to catch a sasquatch on the ground than a UFO in the air.

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One frequently mentioned aspect of the sasquatch is extremely long arms. One such creature was sighted twice on two consecutive days by a resident of Yarnell, Arizona, in 1975. The witness first noticed it in his rear-view mirror, loping along behind his car and, when he stopped and got out, the thing ran off. The next day, he observed it up on the mountainside. According to John Green's "Sasquatch: The Apes Among Us", it was "lumbering along, its arms swinging and extending below its knees."

Kentucky man believes in legendary Bigfoot

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — Mention the name Bigfoot and some people will laugh, but Bob Gardiner isn't among them. He believes the legendary creature exists.

He says there are probably about 250 of them in North America, mostly in the Pacific Northwest, but he has never seen one.

Gardiner says, however, that some members of his research team have spotted the creature — also called the yeti, the Abominable Snowman or Sasquatch.

"It is not folklore. It is a fact," said Gardiner, a Scott County native who moved to Pulaski County last year from Columbus, Ohio. "There is something out there."

Gardiner investigates reports of Bigfoot sightings and leads expeditions into the woods to look for Bigfoot.

He has taken several plaster casts of large, five-toed footprints, some 15 inches long and 9 inches across, which he thinks were made by Bigfoot.

He said he has seen the footprints in Ohio, Arkansas, southern Illinois, northern California and British Columbia.

Gardiner also said he has heard the creature's startling, high-pitched scream and has been close enough to smell its "foul, penetrating odor" more than once.

Gardiner started the North American Sasquatch Research Team 10 years ago. The organization — 27 people, many of them Vietnam veterans and hunters like Gardiner — has an office in Columbus with a computer to keep track of reported sightings of Bigfoot, Gardiner said.

His experiences, and the fear in

the eyes of people who told him they had seen the creature, made a believer of Gardiner.

"It's not the fact that you find footprints, or hair or blood. It's the people," Gardiner said. "They know what they saw."

He has never looked into an alleged sighting in Kentucky, but has been researching and hunting Bigfoot since the early 1960s.

He does not want to shoot Bigfoot but does want to capture the creature on film. "It has a right to live just like me and you."

But because animals are unpredictable, Gardiner and members of his Bigfoot hunting parties carry weapons, including large-caliber elephant guns and riot shotguns with shells packed with steel ball bearings.

His hunts occupy nearly all his time and are financed with savings from past jobs.

He is planning hunts this summer in the Experimental Forest in Vinton County, Ohio, and in Brazil.

The Experimental Forest, where the U.S. Forest Service does research, is about 50 miles north of the Ohio River.

Gardiner said Bigfoot sightings had been reported regularly in Vinton County.

Vinton County Sheriff Delno McClure said that there had been such reports in the county, but that he wasn't aware of any in several years.

STAR, Auckland, New Zealand June 15, 1987 CR: R. Collins —X-ray vision— follows 'death'

MOSCOW. — A former woman crane driver at a mine who was pronounced dead after receiving a 380-volt charge has recovered with the gift of X-ray sight and can diagnose ailments in a few seconds, the Soviet government newspaper reports.

The woman, Julia Vorobyev, was 37 when the accident happened in March 1978 at the mine near Donetsk in the Ukraine.

She was taken to the local morgue, where two days later a doctor and his students arrived to perform an autopsy.

As the operation began, blood spurted from her body and she stirred.

After a six-month recuperation, Mrs Vorobyev realised one day while heading for the bus stop that she could see the insides of a woman "like a picture on a television screen."

She was able to see the sun's ultra-violet rays, holes in the ground under the tarmac surface "and many, many other things," the paper said.

Mrs Vorobyev now uses her gift to make diagnoses which doctors admit to be complicated, such as pancreatic ailments. One doctor said she had "not made a single mistake." — NZPA-AP.

Oxford Street emptied by smell

A FUNNY smell brought about one of the biggest peace-time evacuations in Britain yesterday.

Thousands of shoppers, office workers and tourists were rushed out of part of Oxford Street in central London after a gas-like smell was reported.

Large stores including Selfridges lost two hours and thousands of pounds worth of trade while firemen, gasmen, police and sewer workers tried to trace the smell.

Half a square mile around Oxford Street between New Bond Street to Marble Arch was sealed off and jams built up as traffic was diverted from the area.

After three hours, everyone was able to agree that the mysterious smell was not dangerous and the streets were reopened.

DAILY POST, London (?) , England - April 14, 1988

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Loch Ness and other monsters among us

By George W. Early

BLOOMFIELD
LOCH NESS monster buffs were dealt twin blows this fall. "Operation Deepscan," an attempt by a fleet of sonar-equipped motor boats to map the water of Loch Ness turned up a few anomalous 'blips' on the sonar, but failed to locate the fabled monster.

They did, however, locate a rotting tree stump which Deepscan organizer Adrian Shine told the Associated Press was "identical" to the photograph of Nessie's head taken by the 1975 Academy of Applied Sciences (AAS) expedition.

Now, ignoring the fact that Shine's assertions about that stump are questionable — more on that later — did Deepscan prove the non-existence of Nessie?

In a word — no.

As Shine himself admitted, rough water — the Loch, nearly 25 miles long by about 1 mile wide, is

seldom mirror smooth — made it impossible for the fleet of 24 little boats to maintain an unbroken electronic 'net' as they moved over the Loch.

Over the years, the Ness beasts — there needs to be a breeding herd, not just one Methuselah of a monster — have demonstrated their timidity and dislike of untoward sounds. What worse than a fleet of noisy motor boats chuffing about one's lake? Given the surface turbulence and resulting holes in Shine's sonar net, those 'anomalous' sonar readings could have been a few Nessies slipping through his techno-trap.

As for that rotting stump, questions do arise. Shine says the stump found in October 1987 in 22 feet of water is 'identical' with the object the AAS filmed in 1975. If he really means that, he's saying that 'rotting' stump stopped rotting once its picture was taken over 12

years ago. Seems unlikely.

It also seems unlikely that no one in the intervening 12 years found that stump. Searches have gone on every year and the area where the AAS photo was taken has been a popular spot for monster sightings. It seems a bit too coincidental that it wasn't found until Shine-the-Skeptic and his well-publicized search party appeared this year.

But the larger question is — could there still be animals of great size here and there in the world? Animals not officially listed in the biology books, resident in zoos or stuffed in museums?

In a word — YES.

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On Nov. 15, 1976, the U.S. Navy caught a shark totally unknown to the scientific community. Measuring 14.5 feet long and weighing over 1600 pounds, it was, if not a monster, a sizeable critter to be an

unknown. It was eight years before another one was caught off the California coast. None have been taken since but as Dr. Leighton Taylor of the Waikiki Aquarium put it, the capture "reaffirms science's suspicion that there are still all kinds of things — very large things — living in our oceans that we still don't know about."

David Stead agrees with Dr. Taylor. Stead has seen shark teeth — fresh ones, mind you, not fossils — brought up from the sea floor off Australia that were 5 inches long. "A sharp possessing such teeth would be from 80 to 90 feet long," Stead wrote in his book "Sharks and Rays of Australia Seas."

But what of lake "monsters?" For years fishermen frequenting Seattle's Lake Washington were laughed at for claiming a "duck-eating monster" lived in the lake. The laughing stopped on Nov. 5, 1987, when the 1,000 pound body of

an 11-foot long sturgeon was pulled from the lake.

Could sturgeon, known to grow even larger than the Lake Washington specimen, account for lake monster reports? In some cases, yes. But not in cases, such as at Loch Ness, Lake Champlain in New England or Canada's Lake Okanagan, where witnesses describe a creature whose head was seen well above the water at the end of a long and flexible neck.

White men first became aware of Lake Champlain's monster following the 1609 sightings by French explorer Samuel de Champlain. Sighting reports persist to this day. The Ness and Okanagan creatures, as well as others elsewhere in the world, have also been reported for hundreds of years.

In 1812, Baron Cuvier, the French scientist called the "Father of Paleontology," told his colleagues that all the world's large animals had been found: "There is little hope of discovering a new species of large quadrupeds."

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But in the years since then, science has added to its roster a wide variety of zebras, deer, gazelles, a wild horse, the mountain gorillas, pygmy hippopotamus, and the giant panda.

Reports of Yeti in the Himalayas, Bigfoot in our own Pacific Northwest, 30-foot lizards in the Australian outback and relic dinosaurs in Africa, are, if not common, sufficiently frequent to warrant serious study and field expeditions.

So the next time someone tells you a monster story, don't scoff. You may, like Baron Cuvier, live to see the unknown become the known.

IDAHO STATESMAN, Boise, ID - March 8, 1988 CR: S. Ireton/W. Thompson

Professor bashed for Sasquatch plan

The Associated Press

SEATTLE — A professor says he's had "more grief than you can imagine" since a story about his plans to hunt and kill a Sasquatch, the legendary Bigfoot of the Northwest.

In the two weeks since an Associated Press story about his plan to kill a Sasquatch to prove it exists, Washington State University anthropology professor Grover Krantz says he's had 100 letters and 50 irate phone calls.

The story generated numerous letters to editors, and Krantz says he also has been attacked in editorials. Some parents have threat-

ened to withdraw their children from the university.

"It's been chaos around here. This has been two weeks out of my professional career," Krantz said in a recent telephone interview from Pullman.

"This has been more grief than you can imagine," said Krantz, who added that way too much attention has been focused on plans to kill a specimen.

"My central focus is to get one without killing," Krantz said. "The talk of killing was speculation."

He said he has not tested a home-made ultralight helicopter

he plans to fly. The helicopter is equipped with an infrared heat-detecting device, which he hopes will detect the heat from the carcass of a Sasquatch that died naturally.

He acknowledged this would be like looking for a needle in a haystack. The most likely way a Sasquatch will be taken is by hunting, he said.

The professor said tranquilizers would not work because it takes a number of tests to find the correct dosage for an animal, and animals would be killed by overdoses. He said shooting one animal would be more humane.

The idea of killing an animal touched many people.

"Do we need to establish their existence by killing them?" asked Wayne Johnson of the Northwest Animal Rights Network.

"I'm embarrassed ... that whenever WSU gets in the paper, it has to be an off-the-wall sort of thing. I'm outraged," said Richard Taylor, a WSU graduate now living in the Seattle area.

University spokesman Al Ruddy says Krantz has talked about killing a Sasquatch before and received national coverage in stories in "Sports Illustrated" and "Newsweek."

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Blue Mountain Ramblings

BIGFOOT SERENADE — Two Walla Wallans who claim to have seen Bigfoot over the years, Paul Freeman and Wes Sumerlin, and another, Bernice Brassard, who was raised in the mountains as a child, share something about Bigfoot that has been confirmed.

We speak of the experience the past weekend of a couple of Bigfoot enthusiasts from Ellensburg who were up at the top of Tiger Canyon on outing designed to combine cross-country skiing and a Bigfoot search.

Kevin Lindley has long held a belief in the Bigfoot/Sasquatch phenomenon and his friend Keith Hartley last year claims to have seen one in Bellevue, Wash. They were up in the area where Freeman claims to have seen one June, 1982, and were attempting a theory: Seeing if they could "call in" one of the animals.

Their efforts at calling seemed to be excitingly successful!

"Pretty soon there was a response down over the side of the hill," Lindley told me on the phone the other day. "And, soon, we had more calls coming from three others from as many directions. They sounded like human voices, except with far more volume."

"The voices seemed to be in imitation of ours but with that greater volume."

"When we stepped out from under the trees we were in, the voices suddenly stopped and weren't repeated."

To which the old packer/trailsman, Sumerlin, nodded and remarked, "I told you ... stay under cover, under the trees and you'll have more of a chance at seeing one."

Brassard, too, has said as much. "Just get out of sight and sit down, maybe even play your radio or something ... I think that would bring one around."

COLUMBIAN, Vancouver, WA - Feb. 23, 1988

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By DAVE JEWETT
The Columbian

IF THE SASQUATCH isn't a protected species, it certainly should be, says W.B. McCluskey of Hazel Dell, who called to voice his anger over an Associated Press story about a hunt being planned for the legendary, apelike creature frequently referred to as Big Foot.

The story said a Washington State University professor is planning such a hunt in the Northwest this summer, using an ultralight helicopter and an infrared device that can detect body heat from a large animal.

What particularly angered McCluskey was a quote from anthropology professor Grover Krantz about plans for the hunt. "If at all possible we will kill it and bring back as much of it as we can," Krantz said in Pullman last week.

McCluskey said such a "kill it" attitude is outrageous. He said he called the state Wildlife Department office here and was told Big Foot would be a protected species. But when he called the Wildlife Department's administrative offices in Olympia, "They just laughed

DAILY NEWS, Pullman, WA - March 28, 1988

BIGFOOT THEORY

Your recent article about a WSU professor's hunt for Bigfoot is an example of the faith that occasionally exists in the scientific world.

Current evidence does not definitively establish that Bigfoot is real. If it did, then a hunt to prove its existence would not be necessary. But this professor uses the meager evidence to affirm the reality (truth) of an animal that has yet to be verified.

This professor believes so strongly in his conclusions that he is willing to back up his convictions with action. In other words, he has a working faith in his opinions.

The work that confirms his faith is the infrared scanner and helicopter-assisted hunts planned for this summer.

This endeavor is a scientific investigation because this man's speculation (hypothesis) is testable by direct observation. If he collects a specimen of the beast, then his hypothesis will be accepted as fact. But if extensive searching does not produce a repeatable observation, the speculation will continue to be rejected.

at me." He said he next called the governor's office and told them his feelings.

McCluskey said he is a former criminal investigator turned

Others in the scientific community also offer opinions based on faith, and in the case of evolution, speculation is often portrayed as scientific fact.

Evolutionists observe similarity between living and fossil organisms. They conclude that these similarities exist because of evolution. Their opinions are only tentative, unprovable hypotheses (at best). Current methods of scientific inquiry can not validate or disprove their speculations.

Some evidence validating whether a species evolved from some previous species should show that the two groups are actually separate types (incapable of producing fertile offspring). But it is impossible to make this test with extinct ancestor species.

The evolutionist's speculations about the origin of species is beyond the limits of verifiable scientific observation or experimentation. Their opinions are expressions of their faith in an assumption that living species originated from previously existing species.

F.E. Northam, Moscow

Sasquatch hunter. He said he has conducted searches for the creature over a period of many years and is convinced that Big Foot exists.