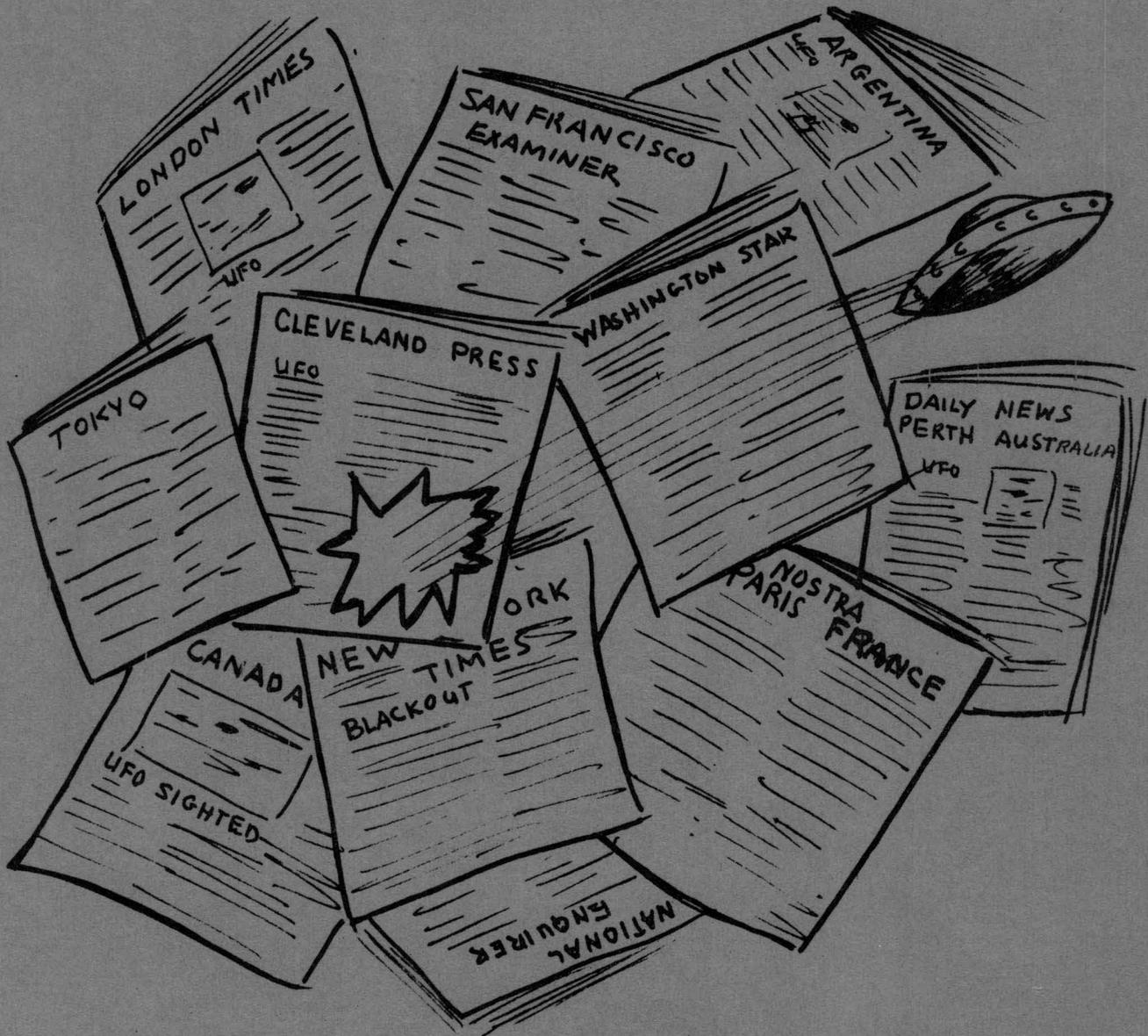


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# MR. X GIVES HIS STORY:

# UFOs under RCMP

COVER

By PETER YOUNG  
Staff Writer

A man who calls himself Mr. X and hides his regular occupation is peeved with the Mounties.

Mr. X thinks they're too secretive.

The man with the mysterious moniker will appear before a royal commission to complain the RCMP's "unwarranted secrecy" about UFO reports is making life tough for investigators such as himself.

Mr. X is Scott Foster, 25, of Kingston. He changed his name legally to Mr. X about five years ago.

Mr. X is a UFO researcher who also dabbles in investigating bizarre occurrences such as sea monster sightings.

He'll be only one of many people and groups to appear before the

commission, slated to hold special hearings in three cities this week to delve into Mountie misdeeds.

Mr. X will tell the commission 12 years of official UFO sighting reports from 1953 to 1965 have apparently vanished from government shelves.

While he's registered with the commission as Mr. X, he concedes that "calling yourself a nasty name like that can cause all sorts of financial problems."

Landlords, butchers and doctors, for example, are suspicious about accepting cheques signed simply Mr. X, he says.

So he retains his original name for such dealings though he's convinced his bank to honor cheques signed with an X.

He says he has "about 30 different

reasons" for his anonymous name.

He publishes a newsletter for UFO buffs and says using his real name "can be a real interference when you have 200 or 300 calls from curiosity seekers (following a spectacular UFO sighting)."

The Mounties say they aren't as secretive as Mr. X is.

An RCMP spokesman said last night he did not know what security measures were taken with UFO sighting reports before 1974.

Since then, however, the Mounties have not marked their reports and investigations into UFOs as classified.

"There is nothing sinister about them as far as we're concerned. We send them to the National Research Council's planetary sciences section in Ottawa."

## Skeptical Chester mayor awaits

By Merrill Perlman  
Of The Southern Illinoisan  
Chester Mayor Stanley Macieiski says he'll be happy to attend a ceremony to accept a copy of the April issue of Official UFO magazine, complete with a picture of him surrounded by flying saucers.

After all, he says, the presentation will give him a chance to debunk the idea that Chester was attacked and burned Aug. 2 by flying saucers.

Yes, the flying saucers are

in the news again. This time, Official UFO magazine publisher Myron Fass is staging a Feb. 4 presentation in Chester so Macieiski can get an early look at pictures that Fass says show the alien attack.

The pictures, supposedly taken by someone in Chester, will show buildings burning and the flying saucers, Fass said.

"They are the most exciting pictures of our time," Fass said. They have been

examined and, "as far as we can tell, they are genuine."

The magazine took a picture of Macieiski, then surrounded it with pictures of the saucers and their "attack," Fass says. That's what they want to give to the mayor.

Capt. Edwin Ferrar, a decorated World War II pilot who claims to have contacted a flying saucer during one of his missions, will fly into Chester in a helicopter to make the presentation to

Macieiski.

Although Fass says the official estimate is that 20,000 persons are expected to attend the ceremony, he confides, "I think 20,000 is a conservative estimate."

"How many?" asks a disbelieving Macieiski. "There are only 30,000 people in the whole county."

Fass says persons interested in flying saucers "from around the country" will attend the presentation.

Macieiski says that's fine

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## seeing new pictures of UFUS

with him, because, "They're silly as hell."

The mayor says he still hasn't talked to anyone who claims to have seen the attack Aug. 2, and says, "I live in the middle of town and my paint wasn't even scorched. How I could have escaped seeing it, I don't know."

Although Fass says the magazine has received reports from more than 50 persons in and around Chester who claim to have seen the

attack, Macieiski says, "I asked him to send me the name of just one. I don't want to embarrass or ridicule anyone, I just want to talk to them. I haven't heard from him yet."

Macieiski says the main thing that bothers him about the "attack" is that there are no signs of destruction, and "a fire of that size could have been seen in Murphysboro (25 miles away). Even the good Lord wouldn't try to burn the town down and put it back to-

gether and not let anyone see it."

Although Fass says the aliens may have such advanced sciences that their attack wouldn't leave any signs of destruction, he said that an investigator who visited Chester in October reported that he did see "some signs of destruction."

"They say they saw a scorched mark on the ground, in a circle," Macieiski says. "Sure, you get a pile of brush burning and it's

going to leave a scorched circle."

Macieiski says, "at first I took this thing with a carnival air. Now it's getting out of hand. We'll see what happens after this thing he's planning. We may have to take some action if it doesn't stop after this."

"As far as I'm concerned, and as far as anyone I've talked to is concerned, I can say there's no semblance of truth that Chester burned."

"It's downright silly."

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# Columbia Having Problems

By Phillip Greer and Myron Kandel  
Special to The Washington Star

The problems at Columbia Pictures Industries don't want to go away. For three months, company executives agonized over David Begelman, who admitted improperly using more than \$61,000 in company funds for his personal benefit, was suspended, then paid the money back and finally was reinstated as the head of Columbia's motion picture and television operations.

Now two more headaches have cropped up.

One is a mysterious telegram-writer, who so far has sent two wires that claimed to be news releases reporting big jumps in gross receipts for "Close Encounters of a Third Kind," Columbia's science fiction spectacular. The first telegram was sent the day after Christmas and the second about a week later.

Although Columbia won't talk about the contents of the wires, we've

learned that their "reports" were well above the actual receipts for the picture. The company was so upset after the first one was sent that it issued an official disclaimer, which read in part:

"THE TELEGRAM was presented to Western Union by an unknown individual who did not offer any identification to Western Union and was not asked for any identification by Western Union. Western Union made no attempt to verify, in any manner, the source of this telegram. Neither that telegram nor its contents originated with Columbia Pictures and Columbia has no knowledge as to who sent or initiated this telegram."

Columbia won't talk about who received either of the wires and, while we've located a lot of people who received the disclaimer, we haven't found anybody who got either of the telegrams.

The second problem is a string of reports that have begun circulating

in Wall Street, asserting that "Close Encounters" is turning into something less than the bonanza that was predicted for it. A large part of the investment community's interest in Columbia's stock stems from the expectation of a big profit from the movie — what market analysts call

## Greer/Kandel Report

an "anticipation premium." That makes the stock very sensitive to anything that's said, pro or con.

Before the film was officially released, a New York magazine writer sneaked into a sneak preview in Texas and wrote negatively about it. That article so upset Columbia — especially since the stock took a sharp drop when it appeared — that the company put out a press release attacking the New York article and contrasting it with a very favorable Time magazine piece the same week.

# With 'Close Encounters'

AT THAT POINT, however, the big question was whether the controversy would prove to be the storm before the lull or would help whet the public's interest in what some Columbia supporters were predicting would be a rival to the earlier runaway science fiction money-maker, "Star Wars."

According to the stories now circulating, "Close Encounters" is not attracting the repeaters — some of whom see a film five or six times or more — the way "Star Wars" has done, and is still doing.

Columbia people deny these reports. "We haven't been out long enough for the seven-timers, but we are getting four- and five-timers," an official told us. A week ago, Columbia announced that "Close Encounters" had already grossed \$39 million since it premiered in late November.

The company's stock market performance, which is where most of the flak is aimed, is in a ticklish state, no

doubt prompting many rumors on its own. In the month between mid-November and mid-December, for instance, the short interest in the stock almost doubled, from more than 162,000 shares to more than 326,000.

THE SHORT interest is the number of shares that have been borrowed by speculators and sold in anticipation of a price decline. Normally, a large short interest is considered a good sign, because those shares eventually must be bought and returned to their original owners, in effect putting a cushion under any sharp decline in price.

That doesn't quite hold true in Columbia's case, however, because of the "anticipation premium" that's related to the fortunes of "Close Encounters." That helps account for the company's sensitivity to such things as rumors, magazine articles and bogus telegrams.

Then, too, the Begelman affair still hangs over Columbia and its stock, giving rise to all sorts of stories about the episode's impact on the company. It is known, for example, that Begelman was kept on despite the objections of Columbia's president, Alan Hirschfield, who wanted to sever all formal connections. Company insiders don't deny that frictions have developed, but it's likely that if "Close Encounters" does wind up a big winner, a lot of the spitting will die down.

The Begelman story, incidentally, is not yet finished. The Federal Bureau of Investigation has been looking into it, the Securities and Exchange Commission is interested and some publications have reporters poking into the still-smoldering ashes. This all means that Columbia, its stock, its executives and its films are going to remain in the public eye for some time to come.

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### Did You See the UFO?

For the skeptics on the Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal [Dec. 12] who challenge the existence of UFOs. I must ask: Were they there? Did they see what I saw? Eight UFOs in three different sightings and one to five competent witnesses each time. I was a skeptic once too.

Wilson M. Baltz  
Bloomington, Ill.

U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT  
\*\*\*\*\*JAN. 9, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

Carter once reported seeing an unidentified flying object, but he is not curious enough to spend money investigating UFO's. The White House rejected funding for a new federal UFO project, calling it "wasteful and probably unproductive."

# 1978 will be 'a big year' for UFOs

By ANN HAUPRICH-NIELSEN

The head of the Northeastern UFO Organization in Toronto expects 1978 to be "a big year" for close encounters of the first, second and third kinds.

In an interview with the Journal Record yesterday, UFO expert Tom Grey said records dating back to 1947 show that "every five and a third years all hell breaks loose" and there is a heavy concentration of UFO sightings around the world.

Grey was in Oakville yesterday to investigate the sighting of a UFO in the Bronte area by four teenagers Saturday night. He said if the spacecraft landed as the boys thought it

did, there should be physical evidence on the spot. "Even a heavy snowfall wouldn't make the landing rings of a spacecraft disappear," Grey said. "The snow would just melt on the spot."

By press time he had not reported any luck in his search for burn rings, depressions in the snow or other signs of the UFO reported hovering near the west bank of the Twelve Mile Creek. A Journal Record photographer investigated the site with the four boys who reported the incident (and detailed the sighting in Monday's Journal Record), but no signs were found.

Grey said 1947 was the first "flap year" for

UFO encounters on record.

He describes 1952 as "an occupant year" because "a lot of creatures landed and came out of their spacecrafts and showed themselves to people."

"There were a lot of sightings again in 1957 and 1963 was a bonanza year for UFO encounters as was 1967," Grey said.

He said 1973 was "the top year" on record so far for UFO sightings adding "we're anticipating a lot of sightings again this year."

Grey said he's already received about a dozen reports of sightings from the Peel-Halton region this year and said this is the fourth year in a row that January has been a "heavy" month for sightings.

He said this "heavy concentration of sightings" seems to continue through until April with 50 to 60 calls being taken by the UFO centre in Toronto per month.

"Then, for some reason, things are quiet as a mouse from May to August and the calls pick up momentum again in September," Grey said. "Reports of UFO sightings during the past four years have peaked from October to December. We see a definite pattern developing."

"Of course," Grey said, "we have no way of knowing how many people who see or have encounters with UFOs fail to report them for fear

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# More encounters

By SID RODAWAY

It seems to be habit-forming. Seeing UFO's, that is. At least around the garbage dump behind Sheridan Mall.

You say seeing their friends in print last week with their story of an Unidentified Flying Object sighting had an effect on the vision of three 11-year-olds on Saturday night? Well, you wouldn't know it talking to them. In fact, their story dovetails with the experience of four Bronte teenagers earlier that evening.

One of the trio, Tim Epple, admits that it was unusual that they saw a UFO just when they wanted to see one. It was almost as if it had come on command — if it had come at all.

It was around 11 p.m. Saturday and Tim had been visiting his friend Ward McLoughlin at the Fowler Drive apartment.

They were being looked after by 16-year-old Andre Michaud of Roche Court.

"We were looking out from the apartment when we saw this big streak of light in the sky and it went down into the dump," Epple says. "It was round and had lights around the sides."

Michaud says they did see something out there. "It had a light on the bottom and a light on the top and flashing lights around the edge. The reason we thought it might be a UFO is

because it went straight down into the dump. Airplanes don't do that."

The boys had gone back to the kitchen when one of them spotted it leaving "in the direction of Toronto" about 15 minutes later.

Meanwhile, four boys, reported in last week's Times to have seen a similar UFO, have been deluged with calls and visits by other children wanting to discuss the adventure.

Both groups of boys attend the same public school, Oakwood.

One of the more predictable aspects of UFO sightings is that they increase proportionately to the alleged sightings by others.

One of the boys even described the craft as looking much like the small fighter spaceships of Darth Vader's evil forces in the movie Star Wars.

But the latest Mississauga sighting was made more plausible by the reported experiences of four Oakville teenagers tobogganing in Bronte Saturday around 8:45 p.m.

The boys said they saw a large orange-yellow light that was slightly oval-shaped. It hovered over the trees before dropping out of sight on the west bank of the Bronte Creek.

Later, they saw it rise and head toward Mississauga.

## 'Bright light' spotted in South

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (UPI) — A bright light, possibly a meteorite, flashed across the southeastern sky last night, touching off calls to police and radio stations from Arkansas to Florida.

A spokesman for the Florida Highway Patrol said the light possibly was a meteorite which may have fallen in Alabama or Georgia. The Alabama Highway Patrol said reports of a flash in the sky come from parts of Alabama and Mississippi and the Louisiana Highway Patrol reported similar sightings. There also were reports from Texas and Arkansas.

# 1978 'big year' for UFOs says researcher

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of not being believed."

"If the public would come forward immediately with information about the sightings, we (at the Northeastern UFO Organization) can get hold of the UFO Research Group and check for landing traces and take soil samples," Grey said.

Grey agrees with UFO researcher Malcolm Williams that there is a base for UFOs at the bottom of Lake Ontario, just off the Oakville-Burlington shoreline, as reported in April, 1977.

"I don't believe all spacecrafts are terrestrial," Grey said. "A UFO that was 100 feet in diameter was observed coming out of the Great Lakes not too many years ago and it caused a great tidal wave. There's definitely something going on under the water."

Grey, who has been studying UFOs for 28 of his 36 years and helps publish UFO Up-Date magazine in Toronto, also says there's "a good possibility the moon is crawling with life under the surface."

"NASA (the U.S. National Aeronautics and Space Administration) is hiding a lot of information from the public," Grey alleges. "There are all kinds of reports that photos exist of a dome-shaped building on the moon."

Grey said he "wouldn't venture to guess" where all the UFOs are coming from but said they must be from "several dozen different places — including under the surface of the planet Venus."

He noted some spacecrafts are diamond-shaped while others resemble footballs, some

are egg-shaped and others are like flattened bells. "They can't all be coming from the same place," he said.

Grey asks that people phone him immediately at 270-7714 should they have an encounter with a UFO in this area.

He discourages people from phoning the police

saying "they'll probably just laugh."

And Grey is probably right.

Halton regional police superintendent Ed Heath said no file is kept for UFO sightings in Oakville and Inspector Al Stansbury laughed: "Yes there is. They're filed under non-sense calls."

They said Oakville only

receives a few calls reporting UFO sightings a year and therefore they aren't worth a file of their own and go under 'general information'.

Staff Sgt. Ron Southgate said: "The police department gets all kinds of calls for everything under the sun. Let another agency take the UFO calls off our hands."

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## USAF Says UFO Report Groundless

By ARNI KATZ  
CN Staff Writer

A 14-year-old South Dade girl may have experienced a "close encounter" with a mysterious aerial phenomenon.

Susan Craft, a student at Richmond Heights Jr. High School, reported seeing a strange orange glow moving at a high rate of speed in the vicinity of SW 99th Ave and 152nd St., last Thursday night.

"Me and other friends were outside and we saw this orange glow in the sky," Susan exclaimed. "It was flying lower than a helicopter but we couldn't hear any sound."

Ms. Craft said she

couldn't say how large the object was or what the exact shape might be but she was quick to say that the object "scared me and my friends to death."

A spokesman for the United States Air Force said there was no other reports of Unidentified Flying Objects and no Air Force planes were flying in that area Thursday night.

"We closed our project Blue Book," the spokesman said. "We don't have much to do with flying saucers anymore."

Ms. Craft didn't agree that it might be possible Santa was must making a test run.

The glow might have been Rudolph's nose.

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## Sounds plausible

Your recent reference to mysterious "rings of stone" in Saudi Arabia suggests that new light may be shed not only on the ancient communities in the area but also on the "ancient astronaut" hypothesis.

The specific reference to a cluster of stone rings 30 miles north of the Red Sea port of Jidda sounds a note of indication. This location is in close proximity to the Tropic of Cancer — the ideal center for the launching of vehicles from Earth to other planets in the solar system (hence the location of the Kennedy Space Center at Cape Canaveral, close to the Tropic of Cancer).

Let us hope that the archaeologists who examine the rings of stone know enough about the elements of space flight to include such considerations in their interpretations. They will be entering territory of considerable interest to students of the "ancient astronaut" hypothesis.

Stuart W. Greenwood  
College Park, Md.



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ALSO ON the sci-fi front, NBC is readying the premiere of "Project UFO," a Sunday night series about sightings of unidentified flying objects in the United States.

But don't get too excited about that show. Any life that might have been involved in the program is likely to be squeezed out by Jack Webb, the lock-jawed producer whose cop and adventure shows are strictly One-Note Sambas in which dull characters mouth wooden dialog in excruciatingly boring settings.

One additional drawback: Webb is basing "Project UFO" on Air Force files. In exchange for military cooperation, you can bet Jack will sell out the program's last strain of integrity. "Project UFO" probably will double as an Air Force recruiting poster.

Robert Penney (left), Bruce Waigh (centre) and Tim Marshall say Unidentified Flying Object looked something like the one in that picture.

# Close encounter of the fourth kind



By TOM MALONEY

While those in that celebrated movie discovered that contact with alien beings led to close encounters of the third kind, young Robert Penney of Mississauga discovered last week that escaping from an Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) could lead to a potentially more dangerous close encounter of the fourth kind.

Penney, 11, and his five friends spotted a UFO — "silver in the dark with orange flashing lights in the middle" — while tobogganing last week behind Sheridan Mall.

The first inclination of the Oakwood public school students, including Derek Morris, Colin Spencer, Rusty Loveless, Bruce Waigh and Tim Marshall, was to hide from the imminent laser rays under their Crazy Carpets.

"It scared us right out of our wits," says Marshall. "I've got a UFO book and it looked like a picture in the book. The lights were blinking on and off and it was no airplane!"

"We didn't see any men, but there was probably a green man in it from Mars."

Feeling that the Crazy Carpets had provided the camouflage to protect them from being sighted by the invaders, the boys made a dash toward freedom.

A chain-link fence had to be scaled and all but Penney successfully completed the manoeuvre.

"He caught his zipper when he was trying to climb over it," relates Marshall.

Was Penney's zipper open at the time?

"No!" affirms Marshall. "Then he would have got frost-bite."

# Just who's been taken for a ride?

RONDONOPOLIS, Brazil (AFP) — An 11-year-old boy swears he and his cousin were kidnapped by little men in a flying saucer last weekend.

The cousin is still missing. Manoel Roberto told officials that he and cousin

Paolo were taken from their home town in a "shining engine." Inside were small people dressed in red who did not speak but communicated by eye movements, he said.

At the time the spaceship was supposed to have lan-

ded, there was an electricity blackout that the power company has been unable to explain.

Some residents of the town reported seeing a strange luminous object in the sky Friday night. Other residents thought Manoel

was making up his story.

A Chilean engineer who found the boy, half-naked and dirty, said he is reserving judgment until Manoel was confronted with the kids he was playing with at the time he and his cousin were abducted.

# UFO spotted hovering in Bronte: Boys say bright light made sounds

By ANN HAUPRICH-NIELSEN

A carefree evening of tobogganing in Bronte ended on a serious note for four Oakville teenagers Saturday night after they observed what they called an unidentified flying object hovering over a grove of trees less than a quarter mile away.

Ian Robertson, 14, said he was the first to spot the UFO in the area of Optimist Park near Bronte Road when he happened to turn around and look up while pulling his toboggan at approximately 8:45 p.m.

Robertson described the UFO as being "a big round ball of orange and yellow" which he at first thought might be a small plane on fire or a gas ball from the nearby BP Oil Refinery.

"It took about 30 seconds before I realized it wasn't a plane or anything from the refinery," Robertson said, "and I called to my friends to look behind us."

His companions, Mitch Vanderwal, 14, Tim Whitnall and George Murdych, both 15, all saw the UFO. All four boys are students at T. A. Blakelock High School.

Vanderwal said he was frightened at first when he saw the object, which he described as a large orange-yellow light that was slightly oval-shaped. He described the UFO as looking "like the sun across Lake Ontario, but closer up."

Vanderwal said the UFO hovered for a short time over the woods, then dropped down behind some trees on the west bank of the Bronte Creek.

Whitnall also described the UFO as being oval-shaped but remembered it as being pure yellow.

Murdych noted there was a full moon Saturday night and one of the boys noted a Great Dane dog "went crazy barking" when the UFO appeared.

Three of the boys heard a sound coming from the area where the object was hovering, but said it was a noise "difficult to describe." All three agreed it was a high pitch, but in a bass tone and one said it was like a noise from a Big Foot movie.



Standing in the Bronte field where they claimed to see an unidentified flying object Saturday night are, from left: Ian Robertson, 14; Mitch Vanderwal, 14; Tim Whitnall, 15; and George Murdych, 15.  
Photo by PETER MARTIN

All four witnesses said the trees did not block the glow that was emitted by the UFO when it landed in the wooded area near the Bronte Creek.

None of the boys planned to tell their parents about the sighting or report it to the police because, as one of them put it: "We didn't want to feel like jerks and have people laughing at us." However, they cut their tobogganing short and returned to

their respective homes "shaken up" a few minutes after the sighting.

But on his way over a bridge walking to his West River home, Mitch Vanderwal again saw the UFO rise from the bushes and take off towards Toronto.

Mitch's parents, Paul and Petra, said they were surprised to see their son come home so early and noted he looked

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### Leave outer space alone

From Mary O. Crutchfield, 2306 McCue Rd.

In 1945 or 1946 I was returning to El Paso from Clouderoft, N.M., with three other people in the car. We were east of the mountains across from White Sands Proving Grounds and it was late enough in the afternoon that the mountains were reflecting purple hues.

We noticed objects — moving objects — near the top of the mountains. Flat and brass-looking, they bobbed up and down and forward. Though not seen, it appeared there were connections between them. They skirted along the mountain tops and we watched wonderingly. Work was in

process at White Sands and we wondered if this could be something Von Braun and the German scientists had brought with them following their surrender to the United States.

The objects were suddenly not there. Did they bob over the mountain?

We'd never heard of UFOs or saucers. We were laughed at when we told the story. I am still laughed at. But, as surely as I see this paper I saw something strange to me about 31 years ago.

I think the origin of UFOs is known and is covered up by governments hiding behind their knowledge and wishing to continue to keep the people in the dark by ordering or seeking yet another investigation.

# Sightings of Unusual Objects In Sky Cause Stir In County

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A twist of the radio dial for the past few nights found people around the country talking about sighting unusual objects in the sky. Some gave detailed descriptions,

dates, times and places, and some called talk show hosts to ask if they really thought the occurrences were real or if someone were perpetrating a hoax.

Many of the callers said they would believe the objects were real if they had just one more piece of information on which they could rely.

For at least eight Hardy County residents, that one more piece came last weekend, and it wasn't second hand.

Rollin Garrett, who lives on Trout Run about two miles from Wardensville, was returning home with his son Michael about 1:30 a.m. Saturday. The younger Garrett had a minor car accident.

As they looked up in the sky toward the west near their home, they saw an object about 70 feet wide 150 feet in the air.

The object lit the sky and appeared to have a red glow on top and a blue glow on the bottom. It traveled nearly parallel to the car until the Garretts arrived home. It then appeared to come toward the car and then stay over their house.

Once home, they woke Mrs. Garrett and daughters Jennifer, 9, and Renee, 16. They went outside and watched the object until about 3 a.m. During that time, they used field glasses and two telescopes.

At one time during their vigil, the Garretts say the object hovered at a lower height above their home.

The object was a nearly perfect oval and appeared to be metal. It did not produce any heat. Garrett said two or four beams of light came from the ends of the object. They looked like landing lights on an airplane but were larger.

Jennifer said the object made a noise like a clothes dryer. It was loud enough, they think, it would have wakened them if they were asleep.

Rollin's nephew, Brad, was returning home from work in Winchester Saturday morning, and he says he saw the same object. The light nearly blinded him as he neared his home across the road from his uncle's.

Dr. Gene Cunningham, Wardensville doctor, also saw the object over the center of Wardensville.

Eugene Dolly, an 18-year-old student at Wardensville School, also told Garrett he saw the

object. During Labor Day Week end, he says, he and his wife saw another object near their home.

At that time, he told a few friends. They seemed skeptical, so the Garretts dropped the matter. But, they said, when they saw the object Saturday, they "just couldn't let it go because we knew there was something to it."

Garrett admitted he was skeptical until the most recent sighting. "But now I know, and the sighting could have made anyone a believer."

Miss Mary Barbe of Chipley Lane, Moorefield, also said, "A sighting would make believers out of a lot of people." She said she saw a white circular object in the sky near the intersection of South Main Street and Town Run Road Saturday about 3 p.m.

Miss Barbe said she tried to stop traffic to get someone else to look at it. After she convinced a total stranger to get out of his car and look, the object disappeared before the man saw it.

"He just got in his car, and I bet he thought 'That dumb old lady is crazy.' I know it was real," she said.

Miss Barbe wasn't able to get any one else to look at the object. She said it turned redish-orange and disappeared. This object, unlike the one the Garretts saw, stayed only a few moments.

She said it acted as though it realized she was watching it and then disappeared.

Other residents in Moorefield reportedly have also seen similar objects within the past week. /

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## UFO spotted

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"petrified" and was covered with snow.

"He wasn't going to tell us what he had seen at first, but finally he did," Mrs. Vanderwal said. It was Mrs. Vanderwal who phoned Halton regional police to ask where she could report the UFO sighting.

An officer came to investigate a short time later but did not check the area for burn marks because it was too dark.

Tom Grey, 36, of the Northeastern UFO Organization of Toronto, was contacted and went to talk with the four boys at the Vanderwal residence yesterday afternoon.

Grey said there were reports of UFO activity over Florida Friday night and noted there have been other sightings in the Oakville area as recently as December, 1977.

When asked to explain why the UFO appeared oval-shaped to two of the boys and round to others, Grey said "It all depends on the angle you're looking at it from. A low altitude could make a UFO appear

egg-shaped when it could appear saucer-shaped if looking straight on."

Grey said animal reaction to UFOs is quite common, noting that animals can sense something wrong before humans. He said the sound a UFO makes depends on which type of craft it is. "One reported at Kingston Road and Eglinton Avenue (in Toronto) last year sounded like 10,000 crickets and was the size of a football field," he said.

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# Viewpoints

## UFOs may be key to the 21st century

From John F. Schuessler, P. O. Box 58485.

In reply to your question as to whether the unexplained UFOs are of earthly origin or not, it is a good possibility that some are while others are not. The mere fact that thousands of cases remain unexplained, even in the light of our current state of technology, should make us wary of any hasty, broad explanation. Well-meaning individuals claim "proof" of psychic, extraterrestrial, imaginative and other explanations, when in fact their proofs are really just opinions.

Another official UFO investigation without some very strict guidelines would be useless. However, a study delving into common aspects of the highly credible cases, conducted by a responsible organization like NASA, and done in a truly scientific and open manner could be very worthwhile.

Public interest in UFOs has remained strong over the years, because the public knows something is going on and they have never been given a straight story. The new movies are quite successful because of this high public awareness. The movie producers didn't cause the UFO interest, they are just cashing in on it.

Questions such as those dealing with whether or not UFOs have communicated, or abducted individuals, or are secret projects of some government emphasize the need for scientific study. The pseudo-science of the debunkers and the true believers has kept the subject controversial and before the public, but has done nothing about finding a real answer.

The answers to this mystery may be more than just interesting, they may be a key to the science of the 21st century. Let us use science, not ridicule, during the next year to find some answers.

### A personal experience

From Mrs. Elaine Geist, 7130 Santa Fe.

I think the unexplained UFO sightings could be some very advanced scientific development on Earth that is still being kept secret.

I do not think there is any connection between UFOs and the so far unexplained recent heavy atmospheric explosions off the East Coast.

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*These are additional letters received on the Saturday Forum question about UFOs. Next week's question is "Do farmers' problems justify their striking?"*

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I have personally experienced viewing an UFO. Here is my story:

One Sunday night in October 1966, my husband, our oldest son and myself drove to a little drive-in grocery store on Belfort. We were inside and some teen-agers came in and said to come outside and look, there was something odd looking flying above. There had just been a robbery in the grocery store before we got there, so the police were there also. We all went outside, police and all, and looked above our heads and I remember seeing this oval-shaped UFO with lights, or what seemed like lights, all around it. The thing glowed from a dim yellow to a bright orange or red. It hovered above our heads quite low for a long time. I think we were all in a trance, because I cannot remember anyone saying a thing.

Then all of a sudden it moved out to the street and turned a 90-degree angle and went right down Belfort toward Telephone Rd. When we finally realized this was something different, we got in our car and drove fast down Belfort, nothing in sight. We combed the neighborhood looking for this UFO, but could not find anything, even went to Hobby Airport and looked around. We went back home, and did some telephoning. We called Hobby Airport, Rice University and Ellington Field and asked if they had any information on a UFO sighting, if there was a weather balloon up, an airplane or any other vehicle that might explain this thing we saw; no one had any information to give us.

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### Can't debunk it all

From James E. Oberg, Route 2, Box 1813, Dickinson.

UFO reports have come in by the thousands for 30 years and there should be nothing surprising about this. The idea of space travel is a fascinating one, and there exists more than enough natural and man-made stimuli in the skies to account for all such reports. The stories are testimonials to the imagination, suggestibility and perception limitations of intelligent, rational, sane human beings. But the stories give no evidence for any extraordinary unknown phenomenon.

UFOs are popular because the public is interested in the intriguing notion, and because the news media can use such stories for either sensationalism or comic relief.

An excellent case in point is your use of the "Jimmy Carter UFO." UFO advocates made no effort to investigate or solve the report. Instead, they only flaunted it as a name-dropping gimmick. I know of no news media representative who has tried to determine if the sighting was authentic or not, but I have seen the story passed on by the news media dozens of times in the past year. In actual fact, someone else has done the news media's job: The case has been solved since last summer, and top UFO experts accept the entirely ordinary explanation — but the press has stonewalled the whole story while continuing to report the sighting as mysterious and exciting. What kind of responsible journalism is that?

Another government-funded study of the UFO question would probably be a waste of taxpayers' money, since UFO enthusiasts would reject any negative results. People should continue to report sightings, since the more data on hand the more easy it is to find the true explanation.

The question of UFOs has hitchhiked off the issue of extraterrestrial life. The existence of life elsewhere in the universe, and, in particular, intelligent life, is an open question subject to research and analysis. Anyone who claims such life is either "impossible" or "absolutely certain" is fooling themselves in our present state of ignorance. Also, the possibility of interstellar flight is an open question as well, awaiting discoveries in physics and astronomy that may not be made for hundreds or thousands of years.

Explosions such as those recently noticed off the East Coast have been reported for a century or more (see Charles Fort's books). There is no valid reason to lump all mysteries together and conjure up a single explanation. That has been the technique and the trademark for crackpot cults over the decades. But neither is there a valid reason to write off such stories entirely, since it would be arrogant to assume that modern science understands meteorology or any other natural science entirely. If there is extraterrestrial life observing the Earth, they could have many reasons for not making overt contact: philosophy, curiosity, disinterest, distaste, fear, paternalism or entirely alien reasons. This is a fascinating and legitimate subject for conjecture.

# Movies change image of reports on UFOs

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AT 7:15 ON the night of Dec. 28, the New Hampshire state police in Concord called a number that rang in an office on Michigan Avenue in Chicago.

The police were calling to report that a group of mysterious lights had been seen in the sky for 12 minutes.

At 9:39 p.m., the police in Linden, N.J., also called the number on Michigan Avenue. They reported that a bright orange disk had been sighted hovering over railroad tracks for about a minute before taking off toward a refinery.

And at 9:45 p.m., the police in American Falls, Idaho, called to report lights in the sky.

THESE CALLS and a hundred others like them a year are handled by the UFO Central Hotline of the Center for UFO Studies, headed by J. Allen Hynek, the Northwestern University professor who began researching UFOs 30 years ago.

For many of those 30 years, people who said they saw unidentified flying objects were thought of as having unidentified flying objects in their heads.

But suddenly UFOs, or space ships, or flying saucers, or images from another dimension or whatever they may be, are hot. In part because of the movies "Star Wars" and "Close Encounters of the Third Kind," people are thinking they can report a sighting without being labeled as a loon.

ONE WAY THEY can report them is by writing the International UFO Reporter put out by Hynek. The other is to report them to their local police who in turn call the hotline, a 24-hour, toll-free service with a secret number known to,

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## UFO reports increase

"It has already started," said James Cornell of the increase in reported UFO sightings coming in each day to the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics in Cambridge, Mass. "For a long time we got none," he says. "Since the movie 'Close Encounters' was released, we've been getting three or four a day. I think a lot of people are walking out of the movie theater and looking up into the sky for the first time. They see Venus, they see a star, they see the moon in the daytime. They call us with a report." The film "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" examines space creatures visiting earth in brilliantly lit flying craft.



state and local police, the FBI, air traffic controllers, and airline pilots.

"If someone sees a UFO, based on his idea of what a UFO is, he should go to his local police," said Sherm Larsen, the president of the Center for UFO Studies. "Rather than push him out as another drunk at a party, they will report it to the hotline."

Well, hopefully. I had my doubts that if I called 911 and said I had just seen a mother ship and five little ships hovering over the Lincoln Park Lagoon, and making noises like a very large pipe organ, the police would grab the phone and call the hotline.

INDEED, WHEN I called 911, they told me to call the City of Chicago number and ask for the UFO section. The city operator was very nice about it, asked if I had seen one, and gave me a number in Rantoul, Ill., to call. There was no answer at that number.

But if the police do call the hotline, the operators then call one of the people from the UFO center, at any time of the day or night.

"Based on what we are told, we get back on the WATS line and call out to where the sighting was and talk to the person and tell them to get their witnesses," Larsen said.

"If there is physical evidence, such as a burned area on the ground, then we immediately dispatch investigators, who rope off the area and get the evidence to a laboratory for research."

The investigators "have technical or scientific backgrounds," Larsen said. "If someone writes in and wants to be one, we try them out and see what they do. Sometimes you get eager beavers who lead the witnesses."

Since "Close Encounters," [the phrase "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" was originated by Hynek], "a lot more people have been calling," Larsen said. "And the mail has gotten much heavier. We are getting a lot of reports from people coming out of the woodwork who were afraid of being ridiculed before."

NOT THAT SOMEONE who comes bounding into work in the morning saying, "Hi, I saw a flying saucer last night" isn't going to be considered bonkers.

The UFO Reporter doesn't use the names of many witnesses for that reason.

After investigators talk to the witnesses and determine how credible they are, the sightings are rated by "strangeness," according to Larsen.

"The higher the strangeness, the better," he said. "I don't mean weird, I mean different from standard."

For instance, "night lights in the sky are not so good" because they could be anything from meteors to airplanes to blimps. Erratic motion doesn't mean much either, unless "it is greater than a little jumping back and forth," Larsen said.

Many times people think they see moving lights when they are really looking at a star and what is causing it to appear to move is the motion of people's eyes.

"To see if it is moving, you shouldn't look at it, but next to it," Larsen said. "Your eyes automatically go back and forth compensating for the atmosphere."

SIGHTINGS WITH a pretty good strange factor are detailed in the UFO Reporter. Most of them are also dismissed as "not really worthy of closer scrutiny," often because there was only one witness and because there were no reports from airports, radar, or traffic control centers.

However, in the December UFO Reporter, a sighting has been classified as A Close Encounter of the Second Kind, which means a UFO seen within 500 feet that left behind physical traces.

It happened near Walcott, Ia., on Oct. 9 at about 8:30 p.m.

"Holly Prunchak, 18, was working alone as a Pinkerton security guard at the main entrance of the French-Hecht plant," the case report said. "The area is rural, with Black Angus cattle grazing just across the street on farm property. She was listening to an FM station on an AC-powered radio with the lights dimmed in the guard house and the window open about three inches.

"SUDDENLY, flashing lights were rising straight up from the distant trees. These leveled off at a low angle above the trees and proceeded horizontally southbound toward her. It became clear that the lights were headlights that were blinding in intensity, yet flashed slowly on and off 'like a beacon'. Between flashes, Holly could see a dark oval shape that contained the headlights, as wide as the full moon's diameter.

"As it got closer, the FM radio went silent. The young guard tried to call the others in the plant on a battery-operated

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walkie-talkie, but couldn't raise anyone. It passed near a mercury vapor street light across the street from the guard house, yet no sound could be heard through the open window. Then the streetlight extinguished and remained off for 1 to 1½ minutes."

The UFO moved slowly past and then seemed to drop straight down into the trees on the farm across the street, the report said.

HOLLY WAS then able to call for help, and, when no one believed her she became "hysterical," finally going to the police who called the hotline.

An investigator was dispatched, and he discovered the streetlight had a photocell which controlled the light. "If a spotlight were shone upon it, the streetlight would go out, and would stay out for a delayed period as the photocell 'cools down,'" the report said.

The investigator also discovered that the TV set in the house on the farm went dead for about two minutes at 8:30 p.m. and that animals in the area were suddenly silent.

Now, I can just see this movie. As young Holly, it will star Carrie Fisher; as the investigator, Francois Truffaut; as the farm couple. . . .

# Area 'encounter' defies explanation

By STACEY BURLING

Dispatch Writer

She's been laughed at, harassed and ridiculed, but the 18-year-old Davenport woman knows what she saw on that crisp, clear night last October.

She declines to be identified for fear of jeopardizing future employment opportunities.

What she saw, she says, was a pair of bright "headlights" flashing from an oval object moving silently through the skies over Walcott, Iowa, where she worked as a security guard.

GLIDING TOWARD HER as she manned a watchtower at the town's French and Hecht plant, the disc obscured a flashing red beacon light on a grain elevator.

Her radio and walkie-talkie stopped working, and cows and crickets in a nearby field stood silent.

A light-sensitive mercury vapor lamp about 100 yards away from the woman went dark.

A television in a nearby farm house went blank, she learned later.

"At first I wasn't sure what it was, and I just sort of stood there and watched it," she said.

She thought it was a helicopter until she realized it made no noise. Terrified, she stood frozen outside the guardhouse and watched. Then she went in search of other witnesses. When she returned, the object was gone.

NOW, THREE MONTHS later, her sighting remains a mystery, according to Hazelton, Iowa UFO investigator Ralph DeGraw.

A celestial object — like a star or planet — would not have blocked out the flashing red light, he says.

The silent movement through the skies is unexplainable, as is the absence of any running lights, he says.

The television, relatively new, was on the same circuit as several lights in the home. The lights stayed on.

BUT THE WOMAN says few people have believed her story.

"They look at me like I'm nuts," she says. "It's like somebody telling you that they'd seen a green elephant."

Her boss told her to report the incident to police, but she says the Davenport policeman in charge and three other officers "laughed hysterically" when she told her story.

They did, however, call the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, which connected her with DeGraw.

Despite the widespread disbelief, she's still convinced the sighting was not a mistake.

"I know what I saw," she says. "I'm not blind."

THE DAVENPORT WOMAN is one of hundreds of Illinois and Iowa residents for whom "close encounters" with UFOs, as popularized in a current film, are more than fantasies.

Fifty-four percent of Americans believe in UFOs, according to a Gallup Poll, and 11 percent claim to have seen them.

During a five-year period ending April 1977 there were 4,026 U.S. sightings reported to the Center for UFO Study. Illinois residents reported 169 UFO sightings during that same period, 54 of which were unexplainable, DeGraw said.

Four of those Illinois reports contained descriptions of occupants seen with the UFOs.

Iowans reported 68 UFOs, only nine of which were unexplainable.

DeGraw says those figures, however, do not give an accurate picture of how many UFOs actually are sighted in his state.

"I really would say that Iowa is second to none as far as sightings

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## Three UFOs sighted

From Charles Keller, 5320 Auden.

Seeing your write-up on UFOs I would like to state what I have seen in past years and this goes back to 1962, and I have never written to anyone about it. This occurred three different times.

The first one occurred in 1962 in about the spring of the year. I got up about 2:30 a.m. to go to the bathroom. I looked out the window to see if the sky was clear or cloudy and lo and behold there was a UFO which was cigar-shaped and a glowing orange color and going from east to west. It was not moving fast and took about 15 minutes to cross the sky until it went out of sight.

The second one was about two years later and was in the northern sky in the late evening as I was walking my dog. At first I thought it was a satellite and didn't pay too much attention. As it approached the southern sky there was a star in the sky at that point. What amazed me was this so-called satellite made a 360-degree turn around the star and after that it just zoomed away out of sight.

The third one was around the same time and I was driving in from Baytown to Houston and looked out the car window. There in the sky was a silvery object and I thought it was a weather balloon as it was bright and round. All of a sudden it turned around and was almost flat and suddenly it just zoomed away out of sight.

I have not seen any more since that time.

# 'Close encounter'

(Continued From Page One) made," he says — but Iowans may be more reluctant to report sightings than people in other states.

DeGraw says that, for almost any state, one can estimate there are 10 unreported UFO sightings for every one reported.

According to the Evanston Center, which has the largest file of UFO sightings in the country, more people in Pennsylvania and California see UFOs than in any other states in the country. During the five-year period, Pennsylvanians reported 554 UFO sightings to the center. Eighty-eight of those were unexplainable, low-altitude sightings, and 33 people reported seeing occupants.

Californians reported 384 sightings, including 89 unexplained and 15 containing occupants.

**THE FACT THAT THESE** two states consistently have more reports than others baffles officials at another national reporting center, Phenomena Research in Seattle. Southern California does have many military establishments and offices connected with the space program, but Pennsylvania remains a mystery. "We just can't figure that out at all," a center employee said.

UFO sightings tend to be more common in the Eastern half of the country than in the West, DeGraw says, attributing the larger number of reports to the dense population.

There also seems to be a concentration of UFO sightings near large bodies of water, including the Mississippi River, he says. Hilly and desolate areas also seem to attract the UFOs.

**THE MODERN ERA OF** UFO reporting began in 1947, when private pilot Kenneth Arnold of Boise, Idaho saw nine disc-like objects while flying over Mount Ranier in

Washington, DeGraw says.

Since then hundreds of people have reported UFOs, many of the descriptions providing the basis for those seen in the movie "Close Encounters of the Third Kind."

A Seattle UFO expert said he was "very impressed" with the UFOs seen in that movie because they "duplicated" the experience of many people who had seen real UFOs.

**SCIENTISTS AND UFO** buffs are expecting a new wave of UFO reports in the wake of the movie. The Center for UFO Studies already is seeing an "enormous" increase in calls and letters about UFO sightings from all over the country and even Canada.

The Center is receiving 10 to 15 reports of UFOs a day, compared to three to five before the movie's release, center administrator Estelle Postol says. Many people are reporting old sightings, possibly because they didn't know where to report before or were afraid of ridicule.

"What the movie has done is put the subject in a more serious vein," Postol says.

The center's director, Dr. J. Allen Hynek, head of the astronomy department at Northwestern University, was a technical advisor to the movie.

Phenomena Research, however, has not seen an increase in calls, and officials there are surprised. "It's been extremely quiet over the whole country," an official there said. "We have been expecting this to happen (a rash of new reports), but we have seen no activity at all."

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## UFOs or flying jeeps?

It is about time the UFOs started zipping across the sky over Oakville! For years they have been hovering over the farm areas of the continent, snafoing the occasional farmer or odd telephone line repairman, completely ignoring the fine refined city dwellers. One began to wonder exactly how intelligent these beings are. Now we know they've got a little class because they've picked Bronte rather than New York or Toronto.

Now there are those who don't believe in UFOs, who think they are the product of over-ripe imaginations, mad scientists, or—dare we say—the defence department.

Shortly after the Second World War, a Canadian intelligence officer was dispatched to Washington D.C. to work with the Americans at the Pentagon. Two or three times during the six-month period between June and December 1945, the residents of Washington observed and reported flying saucers hopping all over town. The reports were in all the papers.

What they didn't know, however, was that the army was trying to perfect a flying jeep to hop over swamps and the pilots decided hopping over houses was more fun.

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## Policemen spot UFO?

Two Charlotte police officers, flying Tuesday night in the police helicopter, and an air traffic controller at Douglas Municipal Airport saw some unidentified flying objects — UFOs — but the officers aren't talking about them.

Ray Bader, Douglas controller who talked with the officers, said they described seeing two objects hovering above them and said one looked like a 100-watt light bulb. At the time they were cruising near the Charlotte Coliseum about 11 p.m.

Other officers said today it was Bader who said he saw some objects on his radar screen and asked Snoopy II pilot Ronald Arey and his spotter, Howard Dellinger, if they saw anything unusual.

Bader said there were two targets on his radar, close together at first, but they later appeared about a mile apart. He said the targets remained on the screen about 15 minutes.

A third target showed up near SouthPark shopping center, but all three disappeared when the officers tried to chase them.

Sgt. Richard Williams, supervisor of the helicopter officers, said the darkness prevented the officers from telling exactly what the objects were, but said usually there's a logical explanation.

Another air traffic controller, who declined to identify himself, said it isn't unusual to see targets on the radar they can't identify.

"Sometimes you do see things on the screen that you don't know what they are. It could even be a plane you're not aware of."

He said occasionally auto or truck traffic on the ground will be picked up by the radar, or it could be a group of birds.

"You just don't know," the controller said.

# Cattle Mutilations Remain a Mystery

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by Ron Franck  
Boomerang Staff Writer

The official explanation for a rash of cattle "mutilations" which occurred in the Western states during 1975 was that predators and scavengers were responsible.

Most ranchers, including some in the Laramie area, never really accepted that theory. They continue to feel that no satisfactory explanation has yet been offered.

"The reason most of them feel that way," said Arlowe Hulett, Albany County extension agent, "is that they never found signs of predators or scavengers around any of the mutilated carcasses. No tracks, droppings or feathers—no sign of a struggle."

"Besides," he said, "the nature of the mutilation appeared unnatural, as if done with a knife or even a surgical instrument."

One local rancher who seriously doubts the predator theory is Jim Jankovsky of Rock River, who coincidentally also owns ranch property near Sterling, Colo., where the majority of the 1975 incidents were reported.

During October, 1975, Jankovsky, discovered the carcass of a yearling cow lying on its side on an island in Rock Creek. There was no sign of any struggle: no disturbed grass, no marks from flailing hooves. Neither were there any tracks, other than those of the dead cow, nor any bloodstains to be found on the scattered patches of snow in the area.

Yet the entire bottom jaw of the animal had been stripped clean of flesh and hide. The tongue, lips, nostrils and windpipe were missing, as was the eyeball from the left side of the head which was turned up.

"If a predator—a coyote or a fox—did this," Jankovsky asked, "why did it pick only one head from my entire herd, and why only once in my lifetime?"

Jankovsky explained that he has lost other livestock to predators, but always the remains were scattered and ripped apart, rather than cleanly stripped of flesh. And always there were tracks, scraps of flesh and bone, and loose hair surrounding the carcass.

"I just don't think there has been a real explanation given," he said.

One who does accept the explanation—in fact, one who is responsible for issuing it—is Dr. Heman Hancock, director of the State Veterinary Laboratory at Laramie.

"I examined about a dozen carcasses," Hancock recalled, "both in the field and in the lab."

Hancock said he determined after careful examination that the "mutilations" were caused by predators and scavengers. He listed coyotes, foxes, mink, weasels, bald eagles, buzzards and even magpies as examples of animals which could be responsible.

Hancock also had explanations for the variety of seemingly odd circumstances surrounding the "mutilations."

The absence of tracks, droppings and feathers, he said, is due to the nearly constant high winds in this area. That no signs of struggle were found, he said, simply suggests that the animals died of natural causes.

The apparently clean-cut incisions around the mutilated areas, Hancock explained, are a natural characteristic caused by drying of the hide.

"Any kind of cut on a dead hide will eventually look the same way," he said, "and almost all predators and scavengers eat hair, hide and all when devouring dead flesh. This is nature's way of cleaning up."

A further indication that predators or scavengers were responsible, Hancock said, was the fact that in every case he

EAGLE RIVER - WISC. NEWS REVIEW  
\*\*\*\*\*JAN. 26, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

More than fifteen million Americans reportedly have seen UFO's. That's an awful lot of people to have neighbors who think they're a little flakey.

LARAMIE, WYO. - BOOMERANG  
\*\*\*\*\*JAN 22, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

examined, only the exposed eye had been removed. The eye toward the ground was untouched, suggesting that it simply could not be reached by predators or scavengers.

Discounting the idea that a religious cult might have perpetrated the mutilations by hovering overhead in a helicopter, Hancock said, "I would think it would be a great deal less expensive and less dangerous to simply purchase what they wanted from any slaughterhouse."

"I've talked to several old-timers around this area," he said, "and if you get them aside they will admit to having seen this kind of thing time and again. I think, however, that they tend to be reticent about it when a neighboring rancher has already declared publicly that it's a mysterious 'mutilation'."

"At any rate," Hancock concluded, "we are convinced that predators and scavengers are the culprits, and we have seen no evidence to counter that. We told the ranchers that when the heavy snows came, the mutilations would end, and they did. To my knowledge there have been no further reports, at least in Wyoming."

Hulett, however, said he had heard "rumblings" of still more mutilated animals in the region around Sterling, Colo., as late as this past fall.

During a telephone interview, Logan County Sheriff Harry "Tex" Graves, of Sterling, confirmed that mutilations have continued in that area.

"We've had a total of 86 cases since this thing began," he said, "including a goat and a horse. The last incident occurred during mid-October."

The circumstances

surrounding the incidents in the Sterling area are much more bizarre, however. Mutilation has included removal of sexual organs and rectums from the carcasses. What's more, strange lights believed to be from an aircraft or perhaps even a UFO have been reported.

"We call it 'Big Mama'," Graves said. "It's a huge light that has been observed directly over the scene of several mutilations. It just appears, hovers while one to three smaller lights descend and return, then disappears."

"It's not just a figment of someone's imagination," Graves added. "We have photos of it taken by a newsman from Greeley, Colo., to prove it."

Bill Jackson, of the Greeley Tribune, is the newsman who took the photos, but he says he still doesn't know what it was he photographed.

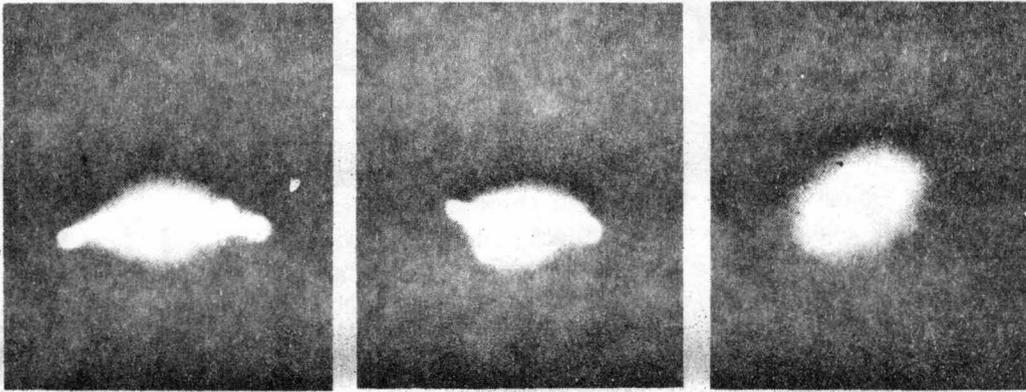
"It was a huge light," he said, "way too big to be an aircraft. There are some other things in the photos I can't explain—smaller lights and objects."

"One thing I do know," he said. "I've lived around cattle ranches all my life, and I've seen animals killed by predators and ravaged by scavengers. They never looked like what I've seen around Sterling."

When informed that the official explanation for mutilations in the Laramie area was predators and scavengers, Jackson said simply, "I've got news for them."

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LARAMIE WYO. - BOCCIERANG  
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**BIG MAMA?** This series of photos taken by Greeley (Colo.) Tribune photographer Bill Jackson shows what Sterling, Colo., ranchers have come to know as "Big Mama". The huge

light has been reported present over the scene of numerous mysterious cattle mutilations near the small Colorado ranching community. (Photo by Jackson)



**STRIPPED OF FLESH**, the entire lower jaw of this cow was picked clean. The lips, nostrils and tongue were missing. Jim Jankovsky, the

owner of the cow, said the animal had been alive and apparently healthy only two days before its carcass was discovered. (Photo by Hulett)

GOLDSBORO, N.C. - NEWS-ARGUS  
 \*\*\*\*\*JAN 10, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

## UFO Spotted Here

The sighting of a UFO in Wayne County about midnight Monday was reported by a young couple this morning.

Cynthia Nation, 17, of 200 E. Lockhaven Drive, said she and her boyfriend, 19-year-old Wayne Bowden of Worrell's Trailer Court, were stopped in his car waiting for a friend in Green Acres, just off U. S. 70 east, when a disc-shaped object appeared overhead.

"It really did look like a flying saucer," said Miss Nation. "It had red and white lights at the

top and around the circle were white and blue lights which flashed on periodically."

Miss Nation said the object would hover over the car and then rise, only to lower itself again before leaving.

"It acted as though it was observing us," she said.

Miss Nation explained that Bowden was very interested in airplanes and had put together several models as well as having books on them.

"He said it was no airplane and he was sure of it," said Miss Nation.

WAUSAU-MERRILL, WISC.  
 \*\*\*\*\*DAILY HERALD\*\*\*\*\*  
 \*\*\*\*\*JAN. 30, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

**UFO SIGHTING** - After receiving a report from Pat Walker at the Tanglewood Tavern on Highway 17 in the town of Harrison, Lincoln County sheriff's deputies also viewed a bright object in the sky early Sunday evening. The Federal Aviation Administration flight service station in Wausau told the department a weather observation balloon was reported aloft at the time, but they did not know its location.

SHENANDOAN, PA. - HERALD  
\*\*\*\*\*DEC 16, 1977\*\*\*\*\*

# UFOs buzzing borough

**MOUNT CARMEL** — A Mount Carmel couple, who wish to remain anonymous, gave their story of a Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) sighting Saturday night along Route 81, two miles from Frackville.

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"I didn't sleep since Saturday," the excited woman ended.

SOUTH BEND TRIBUNE - IND.  
\*\*\*\*\*DEC. 16, 1977\*\*\*\*\*

# Lights over lake hint of UFO

By TOM HOWELL  
Tribune Correspondent

**MICHIGAN CITY** — Strange lights glowed over the chilled waters of Lake Michigan early this morning along Lake Shore Drive, puzzling Coast Guardsmen and police and a host of onlookers.

Everybody said they saw a bright orange light, with a smaller orange light on its front — but where did it come from? At this point no one seems to know for sure.

Michigan City Police got calls from residents along Lake Shore Drive at about 6 a.m., mostly around Stop 16. The calls reported seeing a UFO. When officers arrived they said they saw the orange lights hovering over the lake several miles out.

So, the Coast Guard Station at Washington Park was notified and they sent a couple of officers into Washington Park to check the lights out. The officer on deck, Mark Hemming, says his men reported seeing no boats on the lake, but they did see an airplane flying over Washington Park. Airplanes have lights, but of course planes (other than VTOLs) can't hover. Officer Hemmings said the only explanation he can offer is that a tug and barge had left St. Joseph about 5:30 this morning en route to Chicago. Hemmings says that the tug may have had deck lights on that would fit the description, but for now that's only a guess.

Meanwhile, the residents along Lake Shore Drive aren't sure what they encountered.

CINCINNATI, OHIO - POST  
\*\*\*\*\*DEC. 29, 1977\*\*\*\*\*

## KPC Spotlight UFO spotted in night sky over Cynthiana

From the notes of our KPC Region reporters:

**L**OOK! UP in the sky! Well it sure wasn't a bird or a plane or even the full moon. What was it? Well Mitchell Bruce Walters saw something in the night sky a couple of weeks ago as he was returning from his job in Lexington to his home in Harrison County. Walters described the UFO as round in shape with blue-green, red and amber lights spinning in a slow, counter-clockwise motion. Walters thought it might be a star at first. Lexington Airport officials said there wasn't anything in the air over Harrison County except a helicopter and a jet. Sure didn't look like either one of those.

TEXARKANA, TEXAS - GAZETTE  
\*\*\*\*\*DEC. 5, 1977\*\*\*\*\*

## Two report UFO sighting

Reports of a mysterious UFO had law enforcement officers craning their necks toward the sky Sunday evening about 8:35 p.m.

The Bowie County Sheriff's Office received a call from a man in Corley, Texas, a small community in the south part of the county. The caller said a UFO, complete with red and green lights and little green men, was headed toward Texarkana. Dispatcher Ken Nettles asked Deputy Jack Nixon to check it out.

Deputy Nixon peered skyward and reported

that it appeared to be a slow-moving airplane.

Next a lady from DeKalb, Texas, called to report a "stationary object" in the sky with red, green and yellow lights. She said it appeared to be over Hooks, Texas.

Hooks Police Patrolman James Creidler also looked to the sky and said the craft appeared to be over New Boston, Texas. Patrolman Creidler concurred with Deputy Nixon that the alleged UFO appeared to be an airplane. By 9 p.m. it had disappeared from the sky.

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# Lab Report: This Web Wasn't Left by Spider

By DIANE FREITAS

An analysis of a cobweb-like substance found last year near where an unidentified flying object was sighted states the material is not a spider web, as earlier believed.

But analysis of the "angel hair" specimen "has not resulted in anything approaching a positive identification at this time," said the report prepared by the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Ill.

The sample reportedly showed a non-dangerous level of radioactivity.

The specimen was found in October, 1976, the morning after a local doctor's wife and her teenage daughter reported sighting a UFO near their home on Sugar Loaf mountain. The woman said about 7:30 p.m. she heard a strange noise and a few minutes later spotted a light in the sky.

"It was about the size of a slightly flattened silver dollar and was pulsating bright red," she said at the time. "It moved very slowly in an arc down toward upper Yosemite.

When she went to open the gate the next morning, she discovered a piece of the white material on the second rung of the fence.

The material reportedly was similar to a substance found in 1963 by television engineer Larry Jacobson at a site he said it appeared a UFO had landed.

Last year's specimen was sent to Columbia college for analysis and was found to be spider webs.

But representatives of the local Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) sent the sample to the Illinois laboratory of UFO expert Dr. Allen Hynek.

"At first we thought it might be a spider web," the analysis states, "but a comparison was made and it is quite clear that it is not, being much too fine and fragile."

The report also ruled out any possibility of the fibers coming from a human or any backboned animal.

"They are probably not synthetic since they lack the uniformity in appearance that is so characteristic of synthetic fibers," the analysis continued.

A local physician—a member of MUFON—said he was fascinated by a section of the report stating the material was "contaminated with a low level amount of tritium."

The material was a "remarkably strange place" to

find tritium, the doctor said.

(Tritium is a radioactive isotope of hydrogen, occurring in very small amounts in nature. It is generally prepared by artificial processes. It is a component of the hydrogen bomb and is used in bio-medical research.)

For the tritium to be detectable, he said, "it has to get there by some non-natural means."

The analysis said the specimen's level of radioactivity was "far from dangerous" but it should not be handled unnecessarily.

"Barring accidental contamination somewhere along the way, this finding would indicate that the material in question may have been contaminated by fallout or exposed to some sort of nuclear fission, fusion or annihilation event."

The specimen was found to contain high levels of nitrogen and carbon, suggesting the material might be organic. It was also found to be free of bacterial growth which is unusual for organic material, according to the Sonora physician.

Several days before the woman found the "angel hair" last year, three county residents spotted a flying object near Highway 4 and Tulloch lake.

A Tuolumne woman and a woman living on Bellevue Rd. reported spotting UFOs from their homes Monday night and early Tuesday morning.

NEW CASTLE, IND. - COURIER-TIMES  
\*\*\*\*\*DEC. 5, 1977\*\*\*\*\*

## UFO Sighted By Couple Here

Editor, The Courier-Times:

I am writing about your lack of interest in reporting the UFO sightings of Nov. 26. My wife and I saw one and we were very concerned about it as were many other people in the city and county.

I know the police said they thought it could have been small aircraft of some kind and forgot about it, but the one my wife and I saw wasn't any conventional aircraft that I've ever seen.

When you see an object just hanging in the sky for a few minutes and then suddenly skip across the sky and out of sight, it isn't any kind of aircraft I've ever heard of.

I am not saying it was operated by little green men from another planet but it was something that had a lot of people wondering for about 45 minutes.

My wife and I know we saw something in the sky that was both scary and exciting at the same time.

A lot of other people wondered why you didn't report it in Monday's paper. We think any time there is a sighting, such as the one on Saturday, Nov. 26, witnessed by many people, it should be reported in the paper.

Robert S. Graham

# Strange lights reported near Lotus

By LARRY ROSS

Four mysterious red lights that reportedly seemed to float down out of the sky created quite a stir among Lotus area residents Tuesday night.

According to the El Dorado county sheriff's department, several residents along Lotus road

and highway 49 reported seeing a UFO in the vicinity of the American river east of Clark mountain shortly past 9:30 p.m. Deputies responding to the report were unable to turn up any evidence of what they thought might have been a downed airplane. A subsequent search of the area the same night by a search-light-equipped California highway patrol helicopter also proved negative.

A sheriff's department spokesman indicated that he thought the reported UFO sighting was probably a low-flying airplane. However, most of those who saw the lights tended to disagree.

D.B. Mayo, who lives across Lotus road from the Uniontown Stage Stop, reportedly told deputies that he saw a "V" or "U"-shaped object approximately 40 feet in diameter move in a westerly direction above Uniontown before disappearing behind the trees near the American river. Mayo said when he first saw the object it was 20 to 25 feet above the treetops and had four bright red lights. After seeing the lights from his living room window, Mayo said he ran outside toward a neighbor's house and heard a "whooshing" sound

overhead.

Shana Haynie, a Lotus resident, said she and her husband Dave were watching television at the time of the sighting.

"Dave had just commented on another storm blowing in and thought he heard the wind picking up outside," she said. "Right after he said that, I looked out the window and saw four red lights come down slowly out of the sky—not over the hill like an airplane, but straight down."

Haynie said she yelled to her husband, but before he could get to the window, the lights disappeared into the trees. She said a few seconds later a bright green light shot into the air and then fell back to the ground.

"The green light looked like it could have been a flare," she noted, "but I've no idea what the first ones were, the red ones."

The unexplained lights were also witnessed by Bob and Betty Coleman, Lotus residents who live on Mountain View drive.

"We were watching television when I looked out the window and saw four great big lights coming down from the sky," Betty Coleman said. "I jumped up and ran outside and a couple of seconds later a green flare went up."

Coleman described the lights as being extremely bright, and that they didn't flash but shone with a steady light. She said neither she nor her husband heard anything crash after the

lights went below the trees. However, she noted that they did hear a sound similar to an airplane going over as they ran out of the house and, at first, thought the object they saw was something that fell from a plane. "But there was no sound of anything hitting the ground," she said. "There was never any impact. It's weird. I don't feel like it was a UFO, but I can't say exactly what it was."

Jesse Herrera lives approximately one-half mile north of Lotus and saw the same lights from a slightly different angle. Like his neighbors, Herrera was watching television at the time.

"I looked out and saw these red lights coming down from the sky toward the river," Herrera recalled. "They weren't distress flares: flares leave a trail, and these lights didn't."

Herrera said the lights appeared to be coming from a southerly direction toward the river. Immediately after seeing them, he called the Haynies and learned they too had seen the lights.

"I have no idea really what they were," he said. "An airplane doesn't have lights like that. They didn't flash and the green light went up into the sky instead of down."

Lotus store-owner Harry Ragan didn't see the lights, but he said reports of the sighting were coming in from all over the Lotus area.

"I've been here 17 years and never heard of anything like this," Ragan said.

MOUNTAIN VIEW DRIVE & PINEVILLE, CALIF. JAN 20, 1978

Editor:

I am writing this letter in response to the Dec. 10, front page article, "Encounters' Could Cause UFO Sky Jam." I realize you are not responsible for the content of the article (byline New York Times) but I feel you've done a great injustice to many of your readers.

Were you aware that according to a 1974 Gallup poll nearly 15,000,000 Americans claim to have seen a UFO and that 54 percent of those surveyed believe UFO's to be real? This is quite a substantial group of people to refer to as gullible and hoaxers.

Granted, many of these sightings were of identified natural or man-made objects — but not all of them.

There are numerous documented cases of ground, plane, and radar sightings in excellent visibility and from impeccable individuals both military and civilian...

As for the "gullible" and "hoaxers," who will find themselves looking up at the heavens after watching the realistic presentation of extraterrestrial contact in "Encounters," these are people who seldom look to the sky and will undoubtedly jump to extraordinary conclusions about quite ordinary objects such as; the planet Venus, airplanes, satellites, meteors, stars, spider webs, and sun dogs. But, at least they'll be looking and there will still be a number of very real UFO sightings...

- A recent national survey indi-

cated that only 13 percent of persons who sight UFOs actually report them, due to fear of ridicule.

If the other 87 percent could be persuaded into reporting their experiences to the national UFO research groups, such as the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Ill., we would have a great deal more information to cross-reference and compile into a legitimate survey of the problem.

So, more power to "Encounters of the Third Kind" and may the ensuing flap of sightings be long and fruitful.

Larry DeVilbiss  
Davenport

DAVENPORT, IOWA - TIMES \*\*\*DEC. 20, 1977\*\*\*

KEENE SENTINEL - KEENE, NH.  
\*\*\*\*\*DEC. 29, 1977\*\*\*\*\*

# Family in Fitzwilliam Sights UFO; 'Lights Were Sparkling, Very Bright'

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By KATHLEEN OLIVER  
Sentinel Staff Writer

FITZWILLIAM — Members of a Fitzwilliam family believe they have had a "close encounter of the first kind" or have at least witnessed something very unusual in the eastern sky above their home on Hemlock Drive.

Robin Brow, 15, and a student at Monadnock Regional High School in Swanzey, spoke Wednesday night for her father, Frederick Brow, her mother and her 14-year-old brother, all of whom said they have observed a UFO on two separate occasions during the past six weeks.

The second sighting occurred last night just before 6 p.m., according to Miss Brow, who said the whole family watched a "spinning, rounded triangular shape, with red, green and white lights, for about two hours."

She said her father spotted the UFO first, and called the family out.

"It was directly east, and very far away; but the lights were very bright," Miss Brow said.

"It remained almost stationary for the first 30 minutes, except for the spinning. After that, it seemed to move up and away, a little at a time.

"When it turned just right, you could make out the shape in outline form. The lights were sparkling, very bright, much brighter than the stars."

She said she watched the object for two hours, with about a 15-minute interruption when she called two radio stations, The Sentinel and a UFO reporting center in Seattle, Wash.

"There were five or six aircraft in the area during that time, but much lower than the object," Miss Brow said.

When the family went back inside, the object could still be seen, she said.

This is the second time in six weeks the family has seen a UFO, according to Miss Brow. They are concerned because they believe the sightings merit some kind of investigation and they haven't received any response to a call made after the first sighting.

"I saw whatever it was the first time, and called my father and sister out. It was

directly east, above Scott Pond, just like this one," she said.

She said her father thought "it was the headlights of a plane.

"The lights turned blue, and then the thing shot up at a really fast rate of speed. It leveled off and passed over the top of our house. We heard a very slight whining kind of noise, and then it was gone."

She said the shape of the first object was similar to the one the family observed Wednesday night, but that the lights were blue and "reddish-white" and the shape was "more triangular."

"We aren't science fiction nuts. None of us has seen (the current science fiction movie) 'Close Encounters of the Third Kind,'" she said.

"I did a freshman term paper on UFOs two years ago, but I never expected to see one. I don't know what it is, but we all think someone ought to do something about it."

The UFO reporting center in Seattle, Wash. could not be contacted for comment this morning.

SHANOKIN, PA. - NEWS ITEM  
\*\*\*\*\*DEC. 12, 1977\*\*\*\*\*

## Area couple observes UFO near Frackville

MOUNT CARMEL — A Mount Carmel couple, who wish to remain anonymous, gave their story of a Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) sighting Saturday night along Route 81, two miles from Frackville.

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HARRISON, ARK. - HEADLIGHT  
\*\*\*\*\*DEC. 5, 1977\*\*\*\*\*

There's stories making the rounds that UFOs were sighted over Carroll County recently.

"It looked to be about the size of a football field from the distance between the four lights, which were shining brightly downward. It was about 500 feet up and we could hear a low humming after it went by. The sound was like an electric engine and not that of an aircraft."

This was the description of the unidentified object given by one witness.

"It had flashing lights on it and it was kite-shaped. There was a large headlight on each of the four points, two coming and two going," according to a caller to a Berryville radio station.

Another said, "A jet flew over and just after that I saw this thing coming slowly from the opposite direction, traveling west to east. It had two headlights with a pinkish-red flashing light in the middle. And several hundred enlisted men and officers in the Aleutian Islands saw the same thing in 1943, but everyone would have said we were crazy if we had told about it."

# M\*A\*S\*H Star: The Night My Wife & I Were

## Chased by UFO

Jamie Farr, who portrays Corporal Klinger on the hit series "M\*A\*S\*H," says he and his wife were scared by a UFO that followed them on a lonely desert road.

"I never want to see a UFO again. I was frightened," the actor admitted.

"My wife Joy and I were driving in the night through a long stretch of desert on an absolutely empty road in Arizona," Farr recalled. "We looked out toward the mountains and we saw a light above one of the mountains. At first we thought it was a light on top of a TV tower.

"Then we noticed that the light was moving. It started zigzagging along at terrific speeds and then it stopped — right in the middle of the night sky.

"It hovered for a while and then it zigzagged all the way down until it was about 50 yards away from our car on the driver's side. Then it just rode parallel to our car."

Farr said the mysterious object was dome-shaped and had a red light and blue light like a beacon swinging around underneath. "From this light we could see that a vacuum was sucking up the desert sand.

"The object stayed just above the desert floor and kept following us at our own speed. I gunned my car — an old Renault — and went up to 60 m.p.h. as the object continued to stay with us.

"Joy wanted me to try to make contact with it but there was no way I would. I was frightened."

The Farrs' close encounter with the UFO then took a bizarre twist.

"All of a sudden I thought I saw a single-engine plane coming at us and I swerved off the road," said Farr. "But it wasn't really a plane. It was as if an image of a plane had

somehow been projected in the sky.

"The dome-shaped object took off again. I couldn't believe how fast it went — from almost standing still to the next moment hovering on top of the mountain again!"

Joy will never forget that night in 1963. "It was quite an experience — and frightening," she said.

"I had read many books about UFOs and I was curious. At first I told Jamie to stop and make contact with it but then I told him to keep going. I had always thought I would like to meet one, but when I came face-to-face with that UFO, I knew I wouldn't do it.

"I'm glad we didn't stop. I don't think we were equipped (emotionally)

to make contact. However, if I saw another one today, I would stop. I believe there are other beings out there. Up until that night, Jamie had never believed in UFOs.

"We've told people about it for a long time — but they've always thought that we were crazy."

Jamie, who dresses in women's clothes on M\*A\*S\*H to try and get a discharge, said the only UFOs he wants to see now are the ones in the hit movie "Close Encounters of the Third Kind."

"However, someday we might all be seeing them for real," said Farr. "I don't believe we are the only intelligent beings in the universe. There have to be others out there. Eventually we will all be in touch."

— HAL JACQUES

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## C'mon down, UFO's, we'll roll out red carpet

They may not need it, or even care, but here's some good news for all those strange little people from outer space:

- Don't be afraid to land on Planet Earth.
- Most of us will welcome you.
- We'll even try to work out a system, if need be, to communicate with you.

News  
TelePoll

These encouraging words for UFO pilots come from

Detroit-area residents, surveyed this week by researchers for "TelePoll," a Detroit News continuing study of public opinion. They were asked their secret thoughts about Unidentified Flying Objects and the whole business of flying saucers, visitors from other galaxies and close encounters of various kinds.

More than 500 adults, 18 years and older, in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties were polled.

The majority said they would not panic if a UFO landed in their back yard, a reaction contrary to a popular belief that the general public could not cope with news that flying saucers actually existed and were headed towards earth.

Only 6 percent said they would panic and hide. Eighteen percent said they would prepare to defend themselves, another 18 percent said they weren't sure how they would react. But the greater percentage, 57 percent, said they would welcome the visitors, even going so far as trying to work towards some manner of communicating.

Detroit-area residents believe, by a large majority, that some kind of life exists in outer space. The vote was 60 percent for the possibility of life elsewhere, 20 percent against it and 20 percent saying they were uncertain.

The vote was divided as to whether UFO's have already visited earth. Thirty-eight percent of those polled said they believed space visitors have dropped in for a quick "look-see," the same percentage said they hadn't, and 24 percent were uncertain.

Most people (58 percent) told researchers they believe the government is not telling all it knows about UFO's. Four percent claim they have seen a unidentified flying object of some kind. Their reports included:

- A man who stated there are exactly 4,000 UFO's — 72 light years away.
- A minister in western Wayne County who said his congregation of 300 people saw a UFO in the sky as they were coming out of church. Their sighting, he said, was not confirmed by the Air Force.

Only 10 percent of those polled said they had seen the current hit movie, "Close Encounters of the Third Kind," a film that depicts popular reaction to the arrival of visitors from outer space. A majority, however, said they intended to see it.

# USAF PILOTS LOSING IN UFO SKIRMISHES

In his investigation of government coverups of UFO encounters, Todd Zeckel met a retired Air Force intelligence officer, a major. "He was stationed on Okinawa in early 1957 when a flight of four F-86 Delta jets were on bombing practice. On their way back to the base, passing by Ieshima island, they were flying half a mile apart. The cloud cover was low, about 2,000 feet.

"Suddenly, a large UFO dropped out of the clouds right

in front of the leading plane. They smashed into each other, and the F-86 disintegrated and fell into the sea below.

"The UFO flew back into the clouds, apparently undamaged.

"The major interrogated the other pilots, and gave his report, with their sketches of the incident, to the commanding officer, General William Hipps. Neither the downed plane nor the pilot was recovered.

"The Air Force gave me the runaround when I asked for their records of the crash. Since then, I have checked on three different cases where Air Force planes have disappeared while chasing UFOs."

Zeckel also uncovered suppressed reports of UFOs "inspecting" U.S. military sites two years ago.

"Between Oct. 28 and Nov. 12, 1975, UFOs were seen at air bases in Michigan, North Dakota, New Hampshire and

many other parts of the country, and over Canadian air bases, too.

"They would make low-level passes over the bases, sometimes hovering as low as 100 feet over areas where nuclear weapons were stored.

"When helicopters closed in on them, they would speed away. The government became so concerned that special units of pursuit planes were used throughout the country to chase them off."

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## Weird UFOs Attack Top U.S. Nuclear Site

Flying saucers are apparently snooping around top U.S. government installations in the Nevada desert, drawn there by three recent underground nuclear tests.

Two saucers played hide-and-seek with a number of Las Vegas residents and another motorist, boldly following Sandra Simms, 30, and her 12-year-old son for more than an hour.

The UFOs stayed close to the Simms car except when they neared towns along I-15 in southern Utah, northern Arizona and southern Nevada as the Simms returned home from attending a birthday party for their 90-year-old mormon grandmother in Pleasant Grove, Utah.

"It seemed like when we got closer to a community, they would go up further and almost out of sight," Mrs. Simms breathlessly relates.

Mrs. Simms felt "an eerie compulsion to watch. I don't know how big they were or how high they were. I never saw anything like that before. I never read much about flying saucers—I was never too interested," she confesses.

She realized she wasn't dreaming when another motorist pulled off the road to watch the UFOs.

"There was a pulsating light, sometimes white, then red or green," Mrs. Simms describes.

"They moved up or down rapidly. One would vanish, and we would think it was gone, then it would reappear from an entirely different direction.

"It was no plane, no helicopter.

"As we traveled down I-15, we might lose sight of one for maybe two minutes, but the other was always visible.

"I rolled down the window of the car but didn't hear a sound. They circled around and started coming down toward the car! They were close enough for us to look and see it was saucer-shaped and spinning in the direction of a top. The whole thing was spinning. There were two of them!

"It went on for about an hour as we drove down through Zion's National Park on I-15. At one point my son and I pulled over to watch. They were clearly visible.

"When we stopped to watch, they seemed to come down. My son and I were out of the car, and I yelled for him to get back inside. At that time he said, 'Look how it's spinning around!'

"It was exactly 6 p.m. when we first saw them," Mrs. Simms notes. "We had just passed a freeway sign which said 'Snowfield,' and we could still see them as we drove through Arizona."

Another witness, Ed Dula,

30, of Las Vegas, backed up the Simms story. He sighted the two eerie objects hovering on the horizon near the interstate.

"They were round and saucer-shaped, but we never got close enough to make out more than that," Dula reports. He was returning home from camping with his wife, Cheryl, 31, and twins Debbie and Deron, 12.

The sighting occurred shortly after the family left St. George, Utah.

Dula continues, "We saw them when we first left St. George and headed back toward Las Vegas about 6 p.m. They were on the horizon above the mountains. I knew they couldn't be airplanes because they were hovering.

"Sometimes they dropped so low you could see the mountains behind them. We could see red and white lights. We could make out the image. It was round and saucer-shaped."

Zion's National Park is straight east of the U.S. Nevada test site where the underground nuclear test program is conducted.

The northwest corner of the site is top secret—the area where the U-2 spy plane was once tested.

Three nuclear tests have been conducted there recently, and they were apparently what the saucers were interested in.

# The UFO that ate Chester, Illinois

CHESTER, Ill. (AP) — Nobody could remember just when the alien creatures in 10 to 20 flying saucers strafed Chester and left it in a pile of rubble, but just the same townsfolk accepted an award from Official UFO, the magazine that swears it really happened.

About 75 of Chester's 5,300 citizens turned out Saturday at City Hall to receive the magazine's "Letter of Appreciation" for their cooperation in the investigation of the village's "destruction" last year.

Official UFO said the reason no one could recall the incident was because after the disaster Chester was "mysteriously, frighteningly .. somehow resurrected and the memory of the event was erased from all but a select group of minds."

The crowd was somewhat below Official UFO's projection. It had promised "an immense crowd, numbering 20,000 to 30,000 people" to greet "famed war hero Ed Ferrar and his team of UFO investigators."

Ferrar said he was a World War II flying ace and now is a tennis professional in New York. After his speech, Ferrar collapsed, and said later he had succumbed to forces from outer space.

"I have an idea they (the forces) didn't want any more said," he explained.

A helicopter also arrived for the festivities, much to the delight of the crowd that consisted mainly of children.

Police Chief Harold Howie was given a sealed envelope that the magazine, based in New York, said contained the names of 50 people who witnessed the attack on Aug. 2, 1977. "I'll give it to the mayor," Howie said.

Mayor Stanley Macieski did not attend but was said to have grave doubts about the incident.

One resident suggested the mayor was probably upset that the aliens rebuilt Chester exactly as it had been, passing by a good opportunity for urban renewal.

On that bleak day in August, the magazine said in its January issue, saucers swooped down on the town on the banks of the Mississippi river, about 75 miles southeast of St. Louis, "and burned it to the ground, disrupting normal communications and causing mass panic."

However, a statue of "Popeye the Sailor Man," erected in honor of Elzie Segar, the cartoon strip's creator and a native son of Chester, either escaped the destruction or was rebuilt in a park.

Official UFO printed a series of pictures in the magazine purporting to show the saucer attack. Unfortunately, those showing evidence of the extraterrestrial phenomena were blurred.

Flying saucers, nonetheless, were in evidence, and one could make out a fuzzy building leaning to one side. "Could this be an alien on the rooftop of a burning building?" the magazine queried. Another showed squiggly objects labeled "vaguely humanoid in shape."

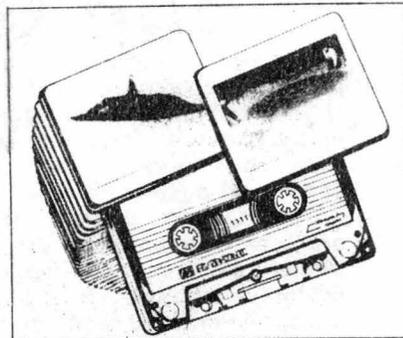
Other photos were clear. One, of a modern globular water tower, was captioned: "This weird object near the entrance of the Chester Mental Health Center has been giving off a weird glow" since August.

## Space oddities

Behind every cloud there's a silver UFO. This may be the philosophy of Edmund Scientific Co., which has recently released four 35-mm slide/tape cassette sets. The titles for this series are: "UFO/IFO," "The UFO Phenomenon," and "Close Encounters." The first is about unidentified and identified flying objects. The second provides some historical perspective. The third is about sightings near witnesses. All the materials are selected under the direction of Dr. J. Allen Hynek who narrates. These are \$14.95 apiece and \$39.95 for the whole lot of them.

The fourth Edmund UFO slide/cassette package is prepared and narrated by Adrian Vance. His material shows close-up photographs of UFOs that he states are authentic.

When asked who might want any of these, an Edmund employee said, "I guess it's a new product for people who are all strung out on 'Star Wars' and the UFO controversy that's going on." Edmund Scientific Co. is located at 7782 Edscorp Bldg., Barrington, N.J. 08007.



'STAY CALM, DR. CONDON—JUST TELL THEM YOU DON'T BELIEVE IN THEM!'

# If UFOs are real, why do we never find a piece of one?

[In this second of two articles, Peter Reich, member of The Tribune's national desk, offers the arguments against the existence of UFOs.]

One of the most interesting things about Unidentified Flying Objects [UFOs] is that such a good case can be made for their nonexistence.

The next time somebody talks UFOs to you, try asking these questions:

- Why have the alleged occupants of UFOs never made contact with any responsible Earthlings? [I should think that if the UFO people are smart enough to make it all the way to our planet, they'd also be smart enough to say, "Take me to your leader."]

- Why have there been no really good, clear photographs of UFOs up to now—only fuzzy images or fakes?

- Why have the Air Force and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration [NASA]—who have some very

sophisticated sensing and tracking equipment capable of following spacecraft to Jupiter and beyond—been unable to "lock on" to any UFO [though, admittedly, some UFOs have shown up on radar screens]?

- Why do UFOs exhibit no "heat signature" as do jets or rockets?

- Why do UFOs, which frequently are described as flying faster than any airplane, make no sonic boom?

- Why, in the more than 30 years that we have been concerned with UFOs [Private pilot Kenneth Arnold first saw those "flying saucers" near Mount Rainier in the state of Washington on June 24, 1947], have we not recovered a single tangible piece of UFO hardware—a strut, antenna, or other appendage? [NASA Administrator Robert Frosch cited this absence of "bona fide physical evidence" in his rejection of a recent White House request to reopen a government investigation into UFOs.]

## Mysterious UFO Aliens Abduct Defenseless Cats

UFO aliens, apparently satisfied with their supply of cattle parts, have begun abducting house cats for their weird experiments.

At least 31 defenseless cats, ranging in age from newborn kittens to full-grown toms, have been reported missing from homes in Palmer Lake, Colo., not far from the area where recent cattle mutilations have taken place.

No remains have been found, which rules out the possibility that coyotes or dogs are the culprits. "Besides," reports Peggy Woodward, Palmer Lake animal officer, "the coyotes in this area raid garbage cans and are the best fed I've ever seen."

During the periods when most families notice their cats missing, numerous UFO sightings have been reported. Weird, flashing lights were seen in the sky, and numerous people have sighted "flying saucers."

Other possibilities, Miss Woodward explains, are the

cats were picked up and taken to a laboratory for research purposes or simply murdered by someone who doesn't like cats.

"This is only a small possibility, however, because the cats have disappeared from too large an area for this to happen," she adds.

Miss Woodward has cautioned cat owners to keep their pets indoors until the mystery is solved.

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- Where do UFOs come from? From other planets in our solar system? [Unlikely, on the basis of what is known.] From other worlds in space? [Those are at least 4.3 light years off, in the case of our nearest known star neighbor, Proxima Centauri.] From orifices in our Earth at the North and South Poles? [Scientists scoff at such a "hollow Earth" theory.]

- How come the Air Force, which from 1947 through 1967 investigated UFOs for its Project Blue Book, found no evidence for the existence of UFOs?

Having written all this, I hasten to add that, as a newspaperman who has been concerned with UFOs for a quarter of a century, I can make a pretty good case for the other side of the question—the existence of UFOs—as well.

I have talked to several people who claim to have had close contact with UFOs, and who have passed lie tests to back their stories.

One is an Army helicopter pilot, Maj. Lawrence Coyne, who on Oct. 18, 1973, saw a UFO with "a gray, metallic-looking hull about 60 feet long" approaching his Bell UH-1 helicopter in the skies over Ohio. Three other crewmen aboard the chopper also saw it, as did a woman motorist on the ground.

Another is a young Arizonian, a forestry worker who, with several companions, saw a saucer-like UFO on the ground in a clearing. The mysterious whatzit emitted an intensely bright beam that knocked one of the group down as he approached the object. All the observers later passed lie tests.

A third is a policeman who encountered—and photographed!—a mysterious man-like creature clad in a metallic space suit and helmet, but fled as the policeman approached.

So what is the explanation?  
I wish I knew. It would make a heck of a story.

# Pleasanton UFO seen by several couple add north of Golden UFO sighting

Sightings of unidentified flying objects hovering over Northern California picked up at the end of last month according to reports from the UFO Reporting Center in Seattle.

Robert Gribble, spokesman for the UFO center, told The Times Monday there was a "surge" in UFO activity in California on Nov. 30. Gribble said his office received three reports of unidentified flying objects for that date including one in the Walnut Creek area. A sighting near Salinas and a flying object seen from an aircraft south of Sacramento accounted for the other two reports.

Pleasanton residents Richard Crismon, 46, and his wife Terry Lynn, claim they saw a UFO from their house Saturday at 4:25 p.m.

Crismon, who is an ex military pilot, said he was standing outside his home at 2401 Heatherlark Circle when "something in the distance like a bird" came flying toward him. "It looked like an inner tube with a metallic hub on top," he said. "When I first saw it, it was coming down from the south east sky then it flew straight up and in a crossing pattern to the west. As it moved into the southwest, the thing planed out and then climbed above the hill out of sight."

Crismon, whose wife is studying for her commercial pilots license, said he was getting a lot of laughs at Hayward Airport yesterday. "But I remember when I used to do that too," he added.

The Crismons claim the UFO was visible for about two minutes — long enough for them to look at it with binoculars but not enough time to snap a picture with a handy camera.

When Crismon asked a mail man passing by whether he noticed any UFO activity, the mail man remarked that he did see someone "a couple streets over" looking at the sky with binoculars but could not distinguish what they were looking at.

"There's no doubt in my mind I saw it," Crismon contends. "It wasn't a balloon. It wasn't an illusion. I really saw it."

Pleasanton police did not receive any phone calls regarding UFO's over the weekend. Nor did anyone report any sightings to the Federal Aviation Agency in Fremont or the surrounding Air Force bases. A spokesman for Vandenberg Air Force Base at Lompoc noted that there were not any missile launchings either on Saturday.

The last reported UFO sightings in this area happened in March when a former Air Force weatherman, Robert Coffey filed with the UFO Reporting Center regarding an object he saw over Pleasanton.

— By Keith Rogers

An unidentified flying object was seen early this morning in the vicinity of Coal Creek Canyon, according to the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department.

Many calls were received by the dispatcher with the first coming in about 3:43 a.m. from a person at Regis College in North Denver.

Sheriff Harold Bray said three officers were given the call to investigate and each saw the brilliantly lit object but could not distinguish what it was, even with binoculars.

While Sgt. Jim Saunders watched the object from the intersection of Hwy. 93 and Colo. 72, the other two officers drove up to the top of Blue Mountain in the Canyon but were unable to see it, he said.

A train from the Denver Rio Grande Railroad was moving along the foothills at the time and as it approached the area of the object, the light disappeared.

The Sheriff's Department contacted the railroad's dispatcher and reported that the train's engineer saw two large amber glowing light

which disappeared as he approached.

Glen Turton, 6004 Cody St., said he saw the light when he was driving along Kipling Street about 3:30 a.m. It was like the movie "Close Encounter of the Third Kind," he said.

Turton described the object as a big ball of light resembling the sun coming up over the mountain.

"It was very brilliant and intense and I felt it was going to light up Denver," he said.

The brilliance lasted for about seven to 10 minutes before it began to subside, he said describing it as extremely large, perhaps 40 feet wide and a goldish red color.

Another eyewitness, Mickey Mawhirter, 6242 Pierson Court, said she saw a light in the west about 2:45 a.m. from Regis College. The light remained along the horizon northwest of Golden until around 5 a.m.

"It looked like the sun was coming up in the west," she said. The light appeared to be behind the mountains and didn't move, she added.

The Arvada Police Department also reported receiving calls about the object but turned the information over to the sheriff's department.

Sheriff Bray said the incident was listed as suspicious and in his opinion may have been odd reflections from the train due to atmospheric conditions.

He also said that there is a person in the area who hunts coyotes at night and uses an amber light.

The incident is not being investigated further at this time.

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**FILM FALLUP:** The films "Star Wars" and "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" have set off a flurry of UFO sightings, according to the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP) in Kensington, Md. Jack Acuff, committee president, says his group has received a surge of sightings reports since the appearance of these movies. The group has been in the UFO business since 1957 and now has around 4,000 members nationwide. It has worked with NASA in compiling lists of people around the country who have reported unusual sightings in the sky. —The Trib staff

# UFOs Linked to Blasts That Rocked East Coast

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The mysterious atmospheric blasts that have rocked much of the East Coast have been linked to a series of amazing UFO sightings that occurred about the same time.

"The link between these mystery explosions and UFOs is the most exciting new development in this field," declared noted UFO researcher Robert Creegan, a professor of philosophy at the State University of New York at Albany and a former member of The ENQUIRER's Blue Ribbon Panel of UFO investigators.

And Dr. James Harder, professor of engineering at the University of California at Berkeley, commented: "I think it's entirely possible that UFOs are connected (to the blasts)."

The high-altitude explosions — which were heard or felt in parts of Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina — have baffled defense officials and scientists.

But The ENQUIRER has learned that during the same period the explosions were occurring at least the following five UFOs appeared directly over or near the blast sites:

- A giant "arrowhead"-shaped object which hovered above a village in New York state and startled residents.
- A large silvery sphere seen suspended in midair above a high tension tower in Charleston, S.C. — at the exact moment of one of the blasts.
- A slow-moving UFO that flew above a northeastern Pennsylvania town, glowed with bright white and blue lights — then, amazingly, split in half and zoomed off in different directions.

- A mind-boggling UFO — sighted above the same Pennsylvania town — that had "two flashing red lights in front" and a cabin with 3 windows.

• A series of spectacular reddish-orange lights that whisked along the New Jersey coast and appeared to be shooting flames.

At least seven mysterious high-altitude blasts occurred in December and were picked up by the super-sensitive microphones and recording devices at Columbia University's Lamont-Doherty Geological Observatory in Palisades, N.Y.

By **BOB PRATT**

Dr. William Donn, head of the atmospheric sciences program at the observatory, said the noises were not from nuclear blasts or from the supersonic Concorde jet.

"They're explosions of some kind, but not meteorites. I don't know the cause of them yet," said Dr. Donn, adding that the blasts were the loudest ever recorded by his instruments.

As early as November 23, a mystery bang shook the upstate New York town of Plymouth — and several residents watched in stunned amazement as a UFO flew overhead during the tremendous din.

Tom Colledge, a farmer, had just gone to bed about 12:45 a.m. when he was jolted by the noise and ran to the window. Near his barn, only 150 feet above the ground, he saw a startling UFO. "I never saw anything like it before," he said. "You could actually hear the atmosphere around it cracking from the tremendous noise. It wasn't like a jet noise, but more like a rocket.



**UFO RESEARCHER**  
Robert Creegan

"It looked like an arrowhead design. And it looked like it had four engines in the back because you could see the orange fire that was in them."

He said the craft measured about 75 feet across and 75 to 80 feet long. "And it had these oscillating lights, like the lights on a police car, about four or six red ones turning around

and these tremendously bright white lights that were shining down."

Colledge and his wife watched as the incredible craft moved across a valley that runs flat for about 200 yards from their house. Then it disappeared beyond a hill that rises out of the valley.

Just a few minutes later, about 1 a.m., and about three miles away, Bob Travers, his wife Margaret and son Tom, 16, also heard a thunderous noise.

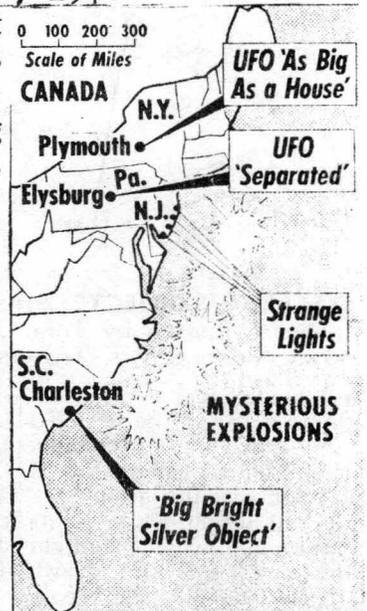
Travers ran to a window — and saw an amazing UFO about 500 feet off the ground. "I'd say it was darned near as big as a house. The shape was more or less like an arrowhead," said Travers, an oil burner repairman. "It had probably two or three rows of square windows on it."

Mrs. Travers — who opened the patio door to look at the UFO — added: "It had red and green lights on it and bright white lights that lit up the whole ground."

No military or commercial aircraft were in the Plymouth area at the time of those sightings, according to a spokesman for Hancock Air Force Base, which is 50 miles to the northwest of Plymouth.

The Plymouth blast was not detected by the Lamont-Doherty Geological Observatory, but Dr. Donn said his instruments pick up explosions only when the sound is carried on winds blowing in the general direction of the Observatory.

However, during the time of



**MAP** of East Coast shows where the series of UFO sightings occurred, about the very same time that the mysterious explosions were heard.

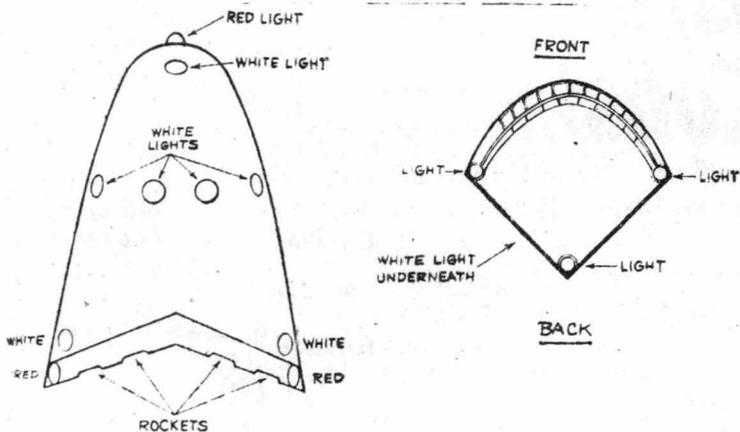
the Plymouth UFO sightings, many residents reported being disturbed by the loud, rumbling noise, and their descriptions were identical to those of the later recorded blasts.

On December 2 — the day blasts were felt in Charleston, and along the New Jersey coast — mechanic William James Herrmann, 25, was jolted out of a sound sleep in his Charleston trailer home about 9:30 a.m.

"I saw a big, bright roundish silver object," he told The ENQUIRER. "It looked like it was hovering above an electrical power tower about 500 feet away. It was shimmering and looked like it was sitting in midair right above the tower."

And only 8 hours after Herrmann saw a UFO — and just 90 minutes after another mysterious blast rocked New Jersey — a housewife in Elysburg, Pa.; Mrs. Phyllis Crowl, and

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**MYSTERIOUS OBJECTS:** Artist's conception of the UFOs that were spotted by Tom Colledge (drawing on left) and by Mr. and Mrs. Travers (drawing on right).

her daughter had a close encounter with an eerie UFO moving slowly across the highway in front of her car about 200 feet above the ground.

"It had bright white lights in front and a bright blue light in the back," said Mrs. Crowl, 34. Then suddenly, she recalled, "It separated! It separated!" The blue light zoomed off in one direction, and the white one in another.

Just two nights later on December 4, near the same location, a farmer and his wife also saw something strange. "It was about 5:30 p.m.," said George W. Richard, 59. "I saw a real bright light above the tree tops across the valley. It just looked like three windows in a cabin, with a separation between each one. The windows were rather square and were one on top of another. There were two flashing red lights in the front, one above the other." Soon it disappeared beyond a hill.

On the evening of December 13, just two nights before another series of blasts thundered along the East Coast, two teenagers called Harvey Cedars patrolman John Scott and reported seeing unusual lights near the New Jersey coast.

And both Scott and police Sgt. Robert Snyder of Long Beach, N.J., say they themselves spotted strange lights in the sky that night.

"I saw them off and on for at least three quarters of an hour while I was patrolling," Scott said. "I had a pilot's license at one time, and I wouldn't describe it as a plane, definitely not."

Sgt. Snyder saw lights in the

sky that were a bright yellowish color and would appear then vanish in a few seconds. "During that night, there were a lot of what seemed like shooting stars," he said. "I don't know what they were. They lasted 4 or 5 seconds."

William Hayes, Civil Defense coordinator for Ocean County, N.J., told The ENQUIRER that a total of nine blasts were felt along the New Jersey coast between December 2 and December 21 — and during that time many people called his office to report UFO sightings.

"People were reporting these things at the same time as the blasts," said Hayes.

A Pentagon spokesman told The ENQUIRER that the Defense Dept. does not know what caused any of the mysterious atmospheric blasts and that the military had nothing to do with them.

Professor Creegan, who lectures extensively on UFOs, declared:

"Here we have the possibility of the breakthrough in UFO research that we've been looking for and expecting. So far UFOs have given us only sightings with a minimum of information about them."

And Dr. George Agogino, chairman of the department of anthropology at Eastern New Mexico University and a member of the scientific advisory board for the Society for the Investigation of the Unexplained, told The ENQUIRER:

"If these strange noises are associated with UFO sightings, it makes them all the more fascinating. The possibility exists there may be a correlation here."

# UFO Vanishes Before Police Officers' Eyes

Two English police constables were astounded recently when they saw a giant yellow and orange, mushroom-shaped object hovering in the clear morning sky over the town of Salisbury, England.

The Unidentified Flying Object emitted a vapor trail from the bottom and vanished before their astonished eyes, the officers reported, adding that they were unable to explain the weird sighting.

Constables Chris Bazire, 20, and Vivienne White, 22, were on patrol at 6:18 a.m. last October 27 when they rounded a corner in their car and spotted the strange object. It was hovering at 500 to 700 feet about two miles away, they said.

"It was shaped like a mushroom without a stalk, rounded on top and flat on the bottom," Bazire said. "It was a yellow-orange mottled color with well-defined dark oblong shapes on it. We observed it for about 30 seconds.

"There were no projections, no engine noise and no lights. The sky was cloudless, a very pale gray. It was light enough to drive a car without headlights and you could see quite clearly.

"It finally decreased in size and vanished, leaving a line of vapor, which came from the bottom. The vapor remained in the sky for about 15 seconds, gradually dispersing from the top down.

"We've no idea where it came from," the mystified officer said. "We weren't frightened by it, but we thought: 'What the hell is it?' My eyes weren't deceiving me — it was definitely a UFO." Policewoman White added: "It was very bright and appeared to be solid and metallic. And it was quite big, about as big as a large truck."

Police Superintendent Harry Schorah said: "It's most unusual for two police officers to make this kind of sighting. They were convinced they saw something that could not be explained by a trick of light or whatever . . . they believe they have seen something very odd."



**UFO:** Constable Chris Bazire's impression of the strange craft.

Spokesmen for both the British Army base on Salisbury Plain, and for the nearby Ministry of Defense's Aeroplane and Armaments Experimental Establishment both denied any knowledge of the strange craft.

"We have no idea what it was," one spokesman said.

In the same area three months earlier, a family of four were out for a drive when they saw a similar "golden, glowing" UFO hovering over the ancient site of Stonehenge on Salisbury Plain for three minutes.

"We all saw this circular, metallic object, which seemed to have an inner light of its own," recalled Joseph Mitchell, 37, of Amesbury, about 10 miles from Salisbury.

His wife Marlene added: "I know it was no aircraft."

A month later, a Ministry of Defense policeman, Ronald Huntley, 49, reported spotting a large UFO in the sky near Salisbury for three minutes.

"It was like a big dinner plate turned upside down," he said. "It was very solid and about two miles from where I was standing."

— CHARLES PARMITER

# 'I Go To The Movie And Miss The Real Thing'

By ALAN BAVLEY

PARSIPPANY — Several sightings of Unidentified Flying Objects here Tuesday bear a strong resemblance to the UFO reported to police by two teen-age girls the same night.

ParsIPPANY police received five reports Tuesday of UFO sightings. Although most sightings were in ParsIPPANY, some were also reported in Hanover Township.

Deanna Harwin, 14, and her friends never saw "Close Encounters of the Third Kind." After what she experienced Tuesday, Deanna says she never wants to see the movie. A report of her experience first appeared in the Daily Record yesterday.

Deanna said that on Tuesday evening she saw a blinding light hovering in front of her house above Westminster Drive. The light dimmed after a few minutes to reveal what she says was a domed metallic object with two lighted windows.

The object passed silently over her house, she said, and she saw red lights on the bottom of the object. When it was behind the house, she called the police. They found her in hysterics, but found no UFO.

When it reappeared after the police left, she called a friend, Maureen MacDonald, 16, and told her to look outside. Deanna said she heard a scream on the telephone as Maureen apparently saw the object.

The police were called a second time by Maureen's mother. Deanna said the police arrived on her street in time to see the UFO as a bright light in the distance.

Later that night, Deanna called neighbor Donna Koernig, 16, to tell her of the UFO. Donna said she was skeptical at first, but later saw what resembled a floodlight with red blinking lights hovering behind her house.

By coincidence, Deanna's parents had seen "Close Encounters" that night.

"I go to see the movie and miss the real thing," said Mrs. Harwin, Deanna's mother. She said she stayed up late that night looking for the object and said she eventually saw a bright but distant light similar to what her daughter described.

Sightings were made throughout the evening hours. At about 6 p.m., Theresa O'Brien, Old Chester Drive, was about to take her sons, Michael and John, to basketball practice. As they were leaving through the front door of their house, they saw something in the sky out beyond Route 46.

"It was very large," larger than an airplane, Mrs. O'Brien said. It was the largest object in the sky they had seen from their home.

The object was oval-shaped with many red and white lights, she said. It was moving in a westerly direction, losing altitude. Mrs. O'Brien and her sons watched it for about one minute. She said it looked as though it was going to land before it passed from view.

Mrs. Phyllis Palermo, Hancock Street, was visiting a friend across the street Tuesday. She was admiring their Christmas decorations when she looked out a back window to see what she described as a craft that was big, round and shaped like a balloon.

"The whole thing looked like it was aglow," she said, adding she "didn't pay too much attention to it," until she saw yesterday's newspapers and recognized descriptions of the object.

Later that night at Morristown Airport in Hanover Township, Mark Marconi was fueling a plane when he said he "saw something in the sky that looked strange."

It appeared to be a bright light, he said, but no details were visible and he could not identify it. It moved faster than anything he had seen at the airport and made no noise, Marconi said.

"You get used to what you see flying," at the airport, he said. The light moved quickly behind a cloud, Marconi said, adding he put the incident out of his mind until he saw the newspaper account the next day.

Morristown Airport meteorologist Frank Lombardo said that the Tuesday night sky was clear and that he knew of no unusual weather conditions that could have caused the sightings. The airport tower reported no unusual sightings by pilots.

## It's Not That We Don't Believe You...

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"I think a lot of people are walking out of the movie theater and looking up into the sky for the first time. They see Venus, they see a star, they see the moon in the daytime. They call us with a report."

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"We had a meteor shower," he said. "We knew about it and we expected the calls."

The center was set up by Harvard University and the Smithsonian Institute observatories. Cornell said the center does not focus on unidentified flying objects, "but we end up getting calls on many of the sightings."

DAILY RECORD - MORRISTOWN, N.J.  
\*\*\*\*\*JAN. 5, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

# Object seen here not Columbia County meteor

A meteor which reportedly fell to earth Thursday in Columbia County was not the same falling object seen in Winnebago County, according to a spokesman for the physics department at University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh.

Merlin Passow, chairman of the UW-O physics-astronomy department, said meteor sightings around 6:30 a.m. Thursday indicated the falling object seen from Oshkosh: Omro and Menasha

was traveling in a northwest to southeast direction.

That trajectory would make it impossible for the local sighting to be connected with meteor reports in Columbia County, which is west of Oshkosh and north of Madison.

Passow said that from reports he heard Thursday, the meteor seen from Oshkosh got near the horizon on Lake Winnebago and then seemed to "break up and fizzle out. Whether or not it landed is

hard to say."

Even if the meteor remained intact and slammed into the earth (becoming, by definition, a meteorite) it would still be extremely difficult to find, Passow said. All of the Winnebago County sightings viewed the meteor from a western vantage, but no sightings were reported directly east across Lake Winnebago. Thus, the missing sightings prevent any narrowing of an area to be searched, Passow said.

Town of Black Wolf constable Gordon Wacholz, 3776 Elm Lane, told the *Northwestern* Thursday that he thought he saw the object fall onto Lake Winnebago, perhaps one to three miles east of Candlish Harbor. A brief search of the area, however, produced no evidence of a meteorite.

Allen Utke, from the UW-O chemistry department, said Thursday that it's difficult to pin down a location with eye-sightings. Utke said he felt the object probably did not land in the Winnebago County area because nobody reported hearing a loud, smashing sound.

Another report of the object falling to the ground was in Columbia County, where Barbara Rowinski said she saw a meteorite landing in a neighboring farm field, between Portage and Merrimac. But a search of the field produced nothing.

Across the state, the falling object was described as a glowing red and green with a brilliant blue tail.

Aside from Winnebago and Columbia counties, the falling object was seen in Waupaca, Outagamie, Calumet, Fond du Lac, Dane, Milwaukee, Sheboygan, Brown, Dodge and Rock counties.

ELYRIA, OHIO - CHRONICLE TELEGRAM  
\*\*\*\*\*JAN. 4, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

## Lighted objected reported

# UFO at Perry Monument?

By LEON RUBIN

It's begun already

"Close Encounters of the Third Kind," the new movie about life "out there" visiting down here, has been showing only a few weeks, and already the Chronicle-Telegram has been told of a possible sighting of an unidentified flying object (UFO) in the area.

A Coast Guardsman at the Marblehead Coast Guard Station, on Lake Erie north of Sandusky, reportedly saw an object with red and white flashing lights hovering above Perry's Monument on South Bass Island about 1 a.m. yesterday.

PETTY OFFICER Roger Higbee said today the object was described to him as having red flashing lights with one white light on each side. It was reported hover-

ing to the right of Perry's Monument for about five minutes, then moved abruptly and hovered two more minutes in another position, then moved away

No size could be estimated for the object, Higbee said. The object was first spotted with the naked eye, then observed through binoculars, he said. South Bass Island is about nine miles from the Coast Guard Station.

Higbee said their station reported the sighting to the Federal Aviation Administration's Oberlin air traffic control tower, but was told there were no aircraft in that area at that time.

A spokesman at the Oberlin tower this morning said there were no records of any aircraft near South Bass island at the time of the sighting, but that planes may fly at altitudes lower than 18,000 feet without being in radio contact with the Oberlin tower.

MILWAUKEE JOURNAL - WISC.  
\*\*\*\*\*FEB. 9, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

## US Spy Plane Tied to 2 Sonic Booms

Port Lavaca, Tex. —AP— Air Force officials say they believe a high flying supersonic SR-71 spy plane caused the two powerful, mysterious booms that rocked four counties along the Texas coast last week.

An Air Force spokesman at Bergstrom Air Force Base in Austin said a Strategic Air Command SR-71, which travels more than three times the speed of sound, was on a training mission in the area at the time of the booms.

MILWAUKEE JOURNAL - WISC.  
\*\*\*\*\*FEB. 7, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

## Strange Booms Heard in Texas

Port Lavaca, Tex. —AP— Atmospheric booms similar to the ones that have plagued the East Coast since late last year have been heard along the Texas Gulf Coast recently, and experts are baffled.

BLOOMINGTON, ILL. - PANTHER  
\*\*\*JAN 10, 1978\*\*\*

# Close encounter of the

By Lori Boecker

COOKSVILLE—The pair of headlights beamed distantly in the sky ahead of the car driven by Mark Smith as he and his sister, Mindy, headed east along the rural blacktop one mile southeast of Cookeville about 11 p.m. Sunday.

Smith, 25, said lights approached so he flashed the headbeams on his brown sedan, only to find the object gliding closer to his car.

At the urging of his 18-year-old sister, Smith, of Cookeville, pulled into a rural lane and halted the car, the motor still running.

The object, which Smith described as "kinda like a rectangle with one of the

longer sides missing," angled from the clear, starry sky, and hovered about 50 to 60 feet above the standing vehicle.

"The humming wasn't like a helicopter, it wasn't that loud," Smith said Monday night. "We never turned the engine off, but we rolled down the windows and stuck our heads out to listen. With the windows up we couldn't hear anything."

Smith said he couldn't tell what color the flying object was but described it as about 15 feet by 12 feet in the front and 15 feet by 15 feet in the rear with a pair of headlights embedded in the front portion.

After swooping over his car, Smith

## Cookeville kind?

said, the object ascended to its original altitude of about 100 feet, then accelerated toward the southwest.

Keeping visual contact with the object for about 30 minutes, Smith said the UFO responded each time he'd flash his car's lights.

"We came back out of the lane...and when I flashed my lights, it turned around, it was about three or four miles away, but we could tell it was moving towards us," Smith said.

Smith continued to blink his headlights as the object, which was zig-zagging through the sky around Illinois 9, would temporarily turn toward the car then

resume its erratic movements. The object was last seen northeast of Normal.

Smith, who hasn't seen the science fiction movie, "Close Encounters of the Third Kind," admitted his apprehension when the object was sighted.

"After it started coming towards us I just wanted to turn around and go back but my sister wanted to find out what it was."

After playing the almost "cat-and-mouse" game with the unidentified object, Smith said he drove his sister to her home. Smith was taking her home following a basketball game at Octavia High School in Colfax.

Smith confessed he'd never seen anything like the flying object before, and his sister said she was scared the most when the flying object approached their car and hovered overhead.

Neither he nor Mindy reported the sighting to police because "I figured they'd think I was crazy," Smith said.

Aviation and radar centers in Central and northern Illinois said they received no reports of UFOs Sunday or Monday.

Although no connection could be drawn to the Smith sighting Sunday night, at least five persons in the 800 block of Douglas Street said they heard explosions and saw flashing lights about 2:30 a.m. Monday.

NEW CASTLE NEWS - PA.  
\*\*\*FEB 9, 1978\*\*\*

### These phenomena mistaken as UFOs

**Ball Lightning.** A mass of moving light about the size of a coconut. It gives off a sulphurous odor and frequently explodes in midair. Scientists theorize ball lightning is formed by electrically ionized gases.

**Bolides.** Colorful meteors that leave a luminous trail as they fall through the atmosphere. Some bolides burn brightly enough to be seen in daylight. Visible over large areas, they usually give the impression of close proximity to widely scattered observers.

**Swamp Gas.** Glowing gases rising up from marshes that sometimes appear as globes of light. Swamp gas is also called "will o' the wisp" or "witch's light."

**Moon Dogs and Sun Dogs.** Light reflected from atmospheric ice crystals. As seen from earth, these reflections resemble strange shapes in the sky.

HOUSTON CHRONICLE - TEXAS  
\*\*\*DEC. 31, 1977\*\*\*

### U.S. a mere fledgling

From Arthur Gawell, 7983 South Loop East.

Insofar as the existence of ships from an intelligent life form in space are concerned, some six former neighbors of mine and myself, while in Springdale, Ohio, some years ago, saw a cigar-shaped ship that hovered some time above my house, and when leaving left a trail that stayed in place for some 26 minutes.

There was at that time no ship built on Earth that could hover like that without the use of some vertical take-off propulsion, and this had no wings, no helicopter-type blades and no jet streams coming downward to create lift. We saw bright lights coming from windows, but no heads looking out, or faces or what have you. The ship was not over 3,000 feet in the air, but when leaving, left a trail that stayed in place for some 26 minutes, as stated. I was hoping some small airplane would go through the trail to see if the plane would

be covered with angel's hair, which is a typical reaction of a trail left by cigar-shaped ships from space.

In your editorial the statement was made that distance is the principal drawback to intelligent life visiting the Earth from space. Well, that argument is based solely upon the ridiculous assumption that mankind here on Earth is an advanced form of intelligent life, who has devised the most advanced forms of propulsion possible, and is stupid. We have been flying through the air for less than 100 years, and have visited the Moon within the last 15 years. Can any logical scientist be stupid enough to consider we know enough to state no form of life could travel through space at faster velocities than can we? Only if he is deliberately blinding himself to rationality.

# Many Observe Shining Object In State Skies

An object believed to have been a meteor flashed across the skies over about half a dozen east central Wisconsin counties early Thursday, triggering a flood of phone calls to law enforcement agencies.

Most of the sightings were reported about 6:30 a.m. in Columbia, Fond du Lac and Winnebago Counties. The object was reported moving west to east across the horizon.

Other sightings were reported in Brown, Sheboygan, Dodge and Dane Counties and as far south as Rock and Milwaukee Counties.

"We're not getting excited," said Columbia County Sheriff William Monthey, who explained that his department received about 18 phone reports, some as far apart as 18 miles. It reportedly touched down, but no impact area was found, he said.

### Vivid Account

One of the most descriptive accounts was offered by Mrs. Barbara Rowinski, who lives on a farm between Portage and Merrimac in Columbia County.

She said she was walking from behind a barn about 6:35 a.m. when she spotted a "round, baseball sized, yellow and orange object with a very brilliant blue tail." Mrs. Rowinski said it was about 800 feet north of her at a height of 30 to 35 feet and was headed toward the ground at a fairly steep angle.

"I lost sight of it about five feet from the ground because of some brush, but it appeared to land in a cornfield on an adjacent farm," she said. There was no explosion or flash of light.

Wasn't Afraid  
Was she frightened?  
"It was too beautiful."

A neighbor checked the area on horseback but found nothing, she said.

Fond du Lac County Deputy Sheriff Ralph Martin said he was just leaving his home on Fond du Lac's East Side when he saw "either a meteor or piece of space junk burning up in the atmosphere."

Martin said it was bright green at first, then yellow-green. After a few seconds, a small piece appeared to break off and disintegrate, he said.

"I certainly believe in UFOs, but that wasn't one of them," he said.

### Fell Into Lake

In Winnebago County, Gordon Wachholz, constable in the Town of Black Wolf, said he saw a bright "cigar shaped object, 18 to 24 inches long" in the northwest sky at 6:34 a.m. while at his home on Candler Harbor along Lake Winnebago.

It was "glowing red at the front, green at the rear, with a tail 10 to 20 feet long and bluish in color." He said it fell into the lake about two or three miles off shore.

In Rock County, the sheriff's department in Janesville received a large number of phone calls about a ball of fire being seen in the sky moving toward the east.

DALLAS MORNING NEWS - TEXAS - JAN. 5, 1978

# Movie blamed for UFO calls

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The current film "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" examines space creatures visiting Earth in brilliantly lighted craft.

"People call, and when I try to explain what they might have seen, they think I am part of some kind of conspiracy," Cornell said. "They will take no other explanation."

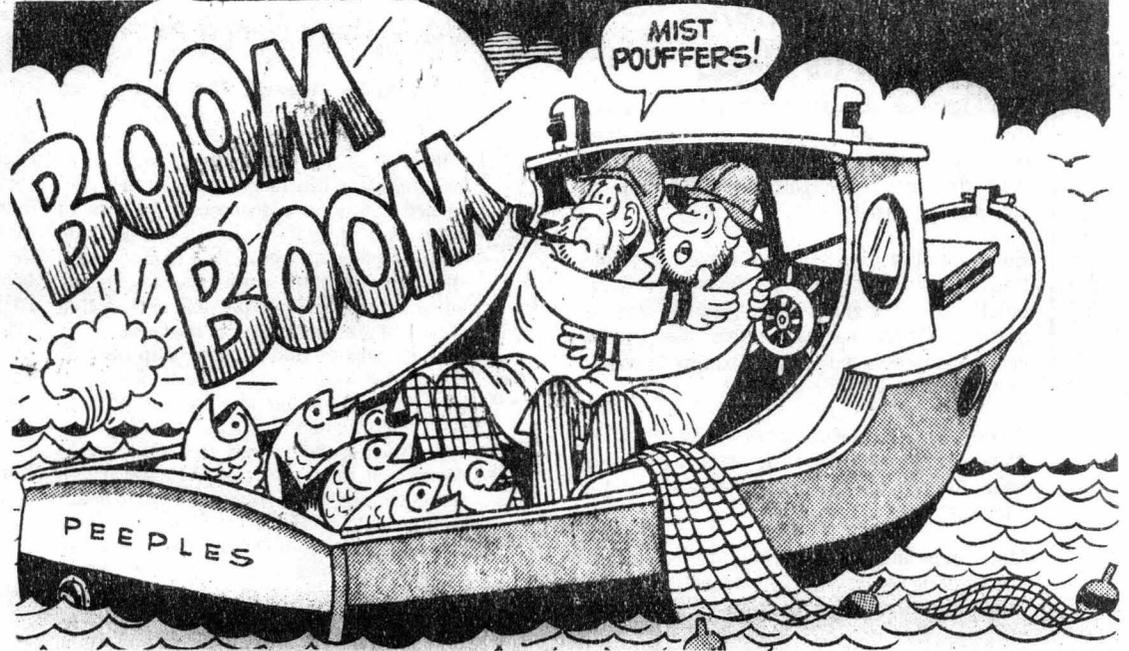
CLEVE. PRESS - OHIO - FEB 16, 1978

# Bay's big boom

One mysterious boom startled Bay Village residents several years ago. Unlike the repeated booms reported elsewhere, this was a one-boom deal. Still, no explanation was ever found.

It happened on a tranquil Sunday afternoon. Out of nowhere, a thunderous blast rocked the city. The blast was seemingly centered near the west end of Wolf Rd.

Firemen, reporters and curious citizens came rushing, only to find an empty field and an echo.



# UFO report sets Paul on another search

Retired engineer Paul Norman has forged himself a second career — as an international UFO investigator.

His latest cases include a possible UFO landing at Leitchville in central Victoria and a reported sighting by three campers in western NSW.

"I don't bother chasing lights in the sky or anything like that," he said from his Melbourne home this week.

"I've worn out three cars doing that . . . it's got to be something more substantial.

"And I don't go chasing little green men from Mars, either. The only little green men in my business are the sceptics right here on earth with mental blocks."

## Reports

He estimates about half the reports he investigates turn out to be true.

And the 61-year-old space sleuth has devoted most of the past 18 years to investigating hundreds of flying object sightings in Australia and the United States.

Since he left the U.S. to settle in the Melbourne suburb of Brighton 14 years ago he has filed hundreds of reports to the American National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena and to the Centre for UFO Studies in Chicago.

His reports are based on interviews with witnesses, photographs and laboratory analyses of landing sites.

"The Leitchville case is a good one," he said.

"I don't think it'll turn out to be a hoax."

On December 13 a farmer and his wife reported seeing a large cigar-shaped object in

From PHIL ACKMAN

the sky when they were returning home late at night.

As they watched three smaller objects detached themselves from the cigar and sped across the horizon.

The farmer, his wife and four friends watched the objects for about four hours until they disappeared just before dawn.

"This is the sort of thing that's happening thousands of times a year," Mr Norman said.

"We don't know where they're coming from and we don't know why they're here.

"But every space probe we've launched has filed at least one report of a UFO.

"Officialdom would like you to think that people who see UFOs are nuts, but it's starting to come out.

"So many reports have been swept under the carpet it's bulging — it won't hold any more.

"There's plenty of evidence for UFOs but it depends what you mean by proof.

"For instance, in 1976 the crews of three jumbo jets flying to Portugal reported seeing a UFO.

"At the same time the flight controllers at Lisbon Airport warned the pilots there was an unidentified aircraft in the region.

"And in 1954 three planeloads of astronomers saw a UFO on their way to observe an eclipse of the sun in Norway.

## Panic

"In 1967 the Russians tracked an unidentified flying object they later determined to be 300 yards in diameter, at an altitude of 60 miles and flying at a speed of 10,000 miles per hour.

"The unfortunate part is that only about one sighting in 10 is ever

reported.

"People who see them think they're nonsense.

"They think they're seeing something that doesn't exist. They become panicky.

"I'm investigating a case in NSW on the Niemur River, north-west of Deniliquin, where two fellows and a young boy went camping.

"During the day they saw a shadow in the river and after dark they saw a series of lights in the sky.

"They challenged them and then shot at them.

"It's a typical reaction. Lots of hunters and duckshooters fire at UFOs."

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"REPUBLICAIN LORRAIN - FRANCE - Nov. 19, 1977

UFO OVER AIR BASE OF DIJON

Numerous peoples, of whom several aviators from Air-base Nr. 102, have sighted, Tuesday, a queer light in Dijon sky. This phenomenon, an oblong light remained visible for five minutes, and was followed by another luminous source which was smaller than the first.

● DE NOMBREUSES PERSONNES, dont plusieurs aviateurs de la base aérienne 102, ont observé, mardi, un mystérieux phénomène dans le ciel de Dijon. Pendant cinq minutes est apparue une lumière de forme allongée, suivie d'une autre source lumineuse de dimension plus petite.

# FOCUS ON BRISK BUSINESS AT THE U.S. NATIONAL ARCHIVES

## Suddenly, it's a UFO

**REPORTS** of fresh sightings of unidentified flying objects are pouring into government offices in Washington.

The avalanche began this summer when the film "Star Wars" was released, starting a whole new science-fiction cult.

Then came another movie—"Close Encounters Of The Third Kind."

Unlike "Star Wars," "Close Encounters" deals with fictional visits to Earth by spaceships from elsewhere.

Then there is President Jimmy Carter. He says he saw a UFO in Georgia in 1973.

To add fuel to the UFO business, a special political committee of the General Assembly of the United Nations decided to debate a proposal that a special U.N. agency be set up to study UFO reports and "establish contact with any alien creatures in spacecraft that might be encountered."

**T**HE proposal originated with Prime Minister Eric Gairy, who rules the 19km by 33km island of Grenada in the Caribbean.

Mr Gairy says he saw a UFO 2½ years ago when he was driving home early one morning.

He described it as "a big object, a brilliant light, golden bright moving at tremendous speed."

As UFO reports began to surge into Washington again a few weeks ago as a result of these various stimuli, the White House decided to ask the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to take on the job of answering letters about UFOs from concerned citizens.

Dr Frank Press, the White House science adviser to the President, asked NASA's administrator, Robert A. Frosch, to consider reopening a government investigation into the "validity and significance of UFO reports."

**T**HE U.S. Federal Government has not concerned itself with UFOs since 1969.

It was then that Edward U. Condon, of the University of Colorado, issued a federally-sponsored report based on more than 30 years of files gathered by the U.S. Air Force as Project Bluebook.

The Condon report concluded that there was no hard evidence that UFOs were anything but "misunderstood" conventional phenomena.

The massive Project Bluebook files are stored in the National Archives in Washington and now all have been declassified.



A report from John Hamilton in Washington

There are some 12,000 boxes of records containing 15,000 separate sightings of UFOs reported to the Air Force and about 2000 pictures of UFOs sent in by citizens.

One box in the archives contains about 30 bits and pieces—ranging from a bit of bumper bar to a glass insulator—sent in by people who were convinced that the objects were bits off flying saucers.

**T**HE fresh interest in UFOs has spurred the National Archives to start selling copies of its UFO records—including cassettes of interviews with people who claim to have seen UFOs, and reels of home movies showing UFOs.

The Archives say that business is brisk.

Americans are now remembering a vague campaign pledge by President Carter that he would order a new investigation of UFOs.

A White House spokesman said he vaguely remembered Mr Carter making the pledge, but could not pinpoint the time or place.

But the President is quite definite about his UFO sighting.

It was when he was Governor of Georgia and he saw the object near the town of Griffin in Georgia.

He described it as "bluish at first,

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then reddish, then luminous but not solid.

"I don't laugh at people anymore when they say they have seen UFOs, because I have seen one myself," Mr Carter said at the time.

With a believing President backing a new UFO inquiry, space experts at NASA are bracing themselves for the deluge.

● THESE THREE previously-unpublished pictures of UFOs are from the 2000 pictures stored in the National Archives in Washington.

All the pictures were closely examined by U.S. Air Force experts during the 30 years Project Bluebook was in operation.

● **Picture 1** (top left) taken on April 15, 1965 in Davenport, Iowa, was dismissed as being a chemical fault on a negative.

● **Picture 2** (top right) taken in 1963 in New Mexico, was dismissed as a hoax. Purporting to show a flying saucer 21 metres in diameter, it was really two china saucers glued together and thrown in front of a camera.

● **Picture 3** (at right) was regarded as a joke. A gentleman from Brooklyn, New York, in 1954 carefully superimposed a picture of an object, thought to be a gas cylinder, over a picture of Washington and sent it in to the Air Force as a genuine UFO.

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## OGGETTO MISTERIOSO IN CIELO SOPRA SAN MAURO

# "Ho visto una luce accecante,,

Quasi quasi non volevo nemmeno raccontarlo per non passare per scemo: ma quando sono tornato al giornale ero pallido come uno straccio e i colleghi mi hanno chiesto cosa avevo e allora l'ho detto».

Angelo Cusimano, 43 anni, da otto anni alla Stampa. L'altra notte ha avuto lo shock più forte della sua vita: una «cosa» di luce accecante gli è stata sopra mentre scaricava un pacco di giornali. E' andata avanti e indietro poi è sparita senza un rumore. L'oggetto è apparso alle quattro del mattino sulla strada San Mauro-Gassino al bivio per Rivodora.

Sul posto l'illuminazione è fornita da una

fila di lampioni a vapori di mercurio posti sulla destra della carreggiata (venendo verso Torino). I giornali come sempre vengono depositati davanti al giornalaio (che a quell'ora è ancora chiuso) che sta in una bottega in una casa di tre piani.

«Ero sceso dal furgone e stavo chinato a controllare il pacco, quando ho visto per terra illuminarsi come se stesse bruciando qualcosa. Ho guardato in aria e sono rimasto lì: a un'altezza di venti-trenta metri c'era una luce piena, fortissima, grande come la ruota di un camion che stava ferma, senza nessun rumore, neanche un soffio. Ero perfino abbagliato; l'ho guar-

data per circa 30 secondi poi si è spostata di colpo verso San Mauro ed è sparita.

«Son salito sul predellino del '238' per guardare ancora. Stavo per andare via quando è ritornata dov'era in silenzio assoluto. Io stavo impalato e non sapevo cosa fare. Dopo poco e di nuovo partita stavolta verso Gassino ed è sparita dietro la collina. Prima era rotonda, poi mi sembrava un po' ovale. E' tornata indietro ancora una volta, si è fermata ancora qualche secondo ed è sparita sopra di me, sulla collina. Ho aspettato ancora cinque minuti e son tornato al giornale: per strada guidando mi tremavano le gambe.



STAMPA SERA, TURNIN, ITALY - DECEMBER 22, 1977

### MYSTERY OBJECT IN THE SKY OVER SAN MAURO - "I SAW A BLINDING LIGHT"

"I didn't want to tell it to anyone, as I was afraid to be thought a fool. But when I came back to the newspaper offices and colleagues asked me what I felt, as I was as white as a shirt, then I told it."

Angelo Cusimano, 43, since eight years driver here at "La Stampa", had the strongest shock of his life last night: a "thing" made of blinding light was above him as he was unloading a newspaper-package. It went to and fro, then disappeared noiselessly. The object appeared at 4 A.M. on the San Mauro - Gassino road, near the Rivodora crossroad (Prov. Turin).

On the spot light comes from a row of quicksilver vapours-lamps on the right of the road. Newspapers, as usual, are left in front of the newstand owner's house because at 4 newstands are still closed.

"I had got off the van and was bent controlling the package when I saw the ground enlightened as though something was burning. I looked up and saw it: at 20-30 meters from the ground there was a full, strong light as big as a truck wheel, motionless, noiseless. I was dazzled: I looked at it for 30 seconds, then it suddenly went towards San Mauro and disappeared.

"I get onto my 'Fiat 238' van footboard, trying to see it again. I was just going to leave when it came back without any sound. I was standing there and didn't know what to do. Soon after it went away, again, towards Gassino, and disappeared behind the hill. The first time it looked like round, the second it was more like oval-shaped. Once again it came back, stopped a few seconds and disappeared above me, on the hill. I waited for five minutes then drove back, with my legs trembling for fear.

# 'Strange shape' is seen in sky

A COUPLE from the Wickham Market area told on Monday how they saw an unidentified flying object hovering in the sky over the weekend.

The girl, 19, said, "We were driving on the A12 to Marlesford having just gone to the pub at Glemham when we saw this red light. We hadn't been drinking — we had just gone to buy some cigarettes."

Her boyfriend, who doesn't

wish to be named, was driving when the couple saw a red light about 200 yards up in the sky. "It seemed about a mile away and was about the size of a small barrage balloon. It was a strange shape with a circle that was wider at the bottom than at the top," she said.

"It hovered for a while and then it started to fall and went behind some trees and we couldn't see it. We tried to find it afterwards and searched expecting to see something but couldn't find anything. It was very puzzling."

The Marlesford girl said that when they got home they tried to think of a logical explanation of the light.

"The more we thought about it the more we couldn't find a reasonable explanation, so we rang the base at Bentwaters to see if any aircraft were flying or anything."

On Monday the base said that no aircraft were flying from 7 a.m. on Friday until early this morning.

BOURNEMOUTH EVENING ECHO, ENG.  
\*\*\*\*\*JAN. 30, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

## Stoborough sighting

SIR — I am writing to report a UFO sighting. It was at about 8.40 am on January 25. I was at a friend's house in Stoborough when I saw a bright light in the sky.

Two girls who were with me, Janet Westlake and Catherine Farrow, couldn't see it at first, but when they did it seemed to be moving towards us. As the light was so bright it was difficult to make out what it was but I think it was spinning. It moved to the right and to the left, up and down.

It disappeared for a couple of seconds and then reappeared. It moved about a lot, back and forth, and eventually disappeared altogether. It was there for only about two minutes at the most.

We have other witnesses. My brother on his school coach saw it at about the same time. The coach driver also saw it, as did other children on the coach. — LESLEY MORGAN (16), Thorn Cottage, Barnhill Road, Ridge, Wareham.

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## Mystery light

SIR — Further to the story in the Echo of January 19, I am writing to say that I also saw a mystery light near Hengistbury Head on the evening of the 17th at about 5.30 pm.

The reddish light was moving very rapidly from west to east. It was very high up and at first I thought it was a bright red star. There was no noise at all and after a minute or so it sped into the distance and began to diminish in brightness. Just before it completely disappeared, however, it suddenly grew much brighter, orange-red, and then vanished.

I was very puzzled as to what it was, but thinking I might have been the only observer never bothered to inform anyone. — MISS J. A. BUCKLEY, Tree Tops, Hengist Park, Wick Lane, Southbourne.

# UFO invasion could be near Frome

IF THERE is an invasion from outer space it will almost certainly be centred around the Frome and Warminster area, but it is unlikely that anyone would be harmed, according to UFO expert Arthur Shuttlewood.

Mr Shuttlewood, who lives at the Portway, Warminster, is currently completing another book on the subject of Flying Saucers, and this will be available in October.

And tomorrow (Saturday) he will be at a special exhibition on Unidentified Flying Objects being staged throughout the day at the Portway Hotel, Frome.

The exhibition will include pictures supplied by the UFO Info Exchange at Trowbridge, and there will be the first showing of colour slides of UFOs taken by the Apollo astronauts.

The exhibition is the latest in a series of events to support Frome's tourist brochure called Frome is Flying Saucer Land, which has already been distributed nationwide.

Interest in outer space has increased over the past two years, with more people accepting the fact that there may be another intelligence near our own world. But, according to Mr Shuttlewood, the beings whatever or whoever they are — have actually landed in the area, and their craft and the occupants have been seen by local people.

The most dramatic of the latest close-up views happened last summer, when a coneshaped craft, glistening and gold coloured, flew over troops on exercises on Salisbury Plain. According to Mr Shuttlewood the incident happened three times, and was filmed by the War

Office, who have refused to release the film.

On another occasion a soldier parked his car in a laybay near Upton Scudamore, where he intended spending the night. But during the night he was awakened by a humming noise.

Mr Shuttlewood said: "He got up and saw a figure coming towards him. The figure was over seven and a half feet tall and had a kind face. From the centre of his chest there was a strange orange glow."

"The soldier moved towards him and felt an electric shock. The figure then disappeared, and then he noticed a triangular shape object as big as a house which was burning. The soldier then scarppered."

Of one thing Mr Shuttlewood is certain, the fact that his belief in unidentified flying objects has made him and his family the subject of ridicule.

He said: "People have laughed at me behind my back, and my child has been abused at school by other children. You have to see one these things to believe in them, and I have seen. I started believing in 1964 when I was convinced beyond all reasonable doubt that other beings do exist."

"More and more people are seeing these things for themselves, and Jimmy Carter is on record as having seen one."

It's difficult for the average person to believe in UFOs, but it is equally difficult to disbelieve someone like Arthur Shuttlewood who travels the world giving talks on the subject.

The exhibition at the Portway Hotel will give the whole subject the first real airing in this part of the world, and may at least throw some light on the question — "Is there anyone out there?"

# avalanche



**VERDICT ON THESE PICTURES?**

## Isla Gran Canaria Sería una Base de Platillos Voladores

**LAS PALMAS (España), 28 (EFE).** — La repetida aparición de objetos voladores no identificados (OVNI) en la cumbre de la isla de Gran Canaria, ha dado origen a la hipótesis sobre la existencia en ese lugar de una base en la que operan esos extraños aparatos.

Así lo aseguran vecinos del sector que comprende la presa de Las Ninas, en la zona de Pajonales. Dos de esos testigos, Pedro Trujillo y Francisco Hernández, afirman que un OVNI iluminó casi toda la zona de la cumbre. Trujillo y Hernández, guardias forestales, coinciden en señalar que el objeto tenía forma esférica e irradiaba una luz amarillenta que permitía ver claramente en la noche las montañas y los pinos de los alrededores.

Agrega uno de los testigos que pudo acercarse a veinte metros del aparato, que éste se alejó a gran velocidad perdiéndose en el espacio.

CRONICA - Buenos Aires, Arg. Dec. 29, 1977

### THE GRAN CANARIA ISLAND COULD BE A FS BASE

The repeated apparition of unidentified flying objects (UFO) at the top of the Gran Canaria Is. has originated the hypothesis about the existence in the place, of a base of those strange crafts.

So claim the neighbors of the sector that includes the dam of Las Ninas, in the zone of Pajonales. Two of the witnesses, Pedro Trujillo and Francisco Hernandez, claim that a UFO illuminated all of the top of the hill. Trujillo and Hernandez, who are foresters, told the press that the object was oval in shape and that it radiated a yellow lights that allowed to see, clearly in the night, the hills and the pines of the neighborhood. One of the witnesses said that he could approach at twenty meters of the craft and then it took off and moved away at a high speed.

A verbale dai carabinieri di Latina le tracce sospette dell'equipaggio di un

# Gli extraterrestri hanno piedi enormi

## NOSTRO SERVIZIO

LATINA. 30. — Gli UFO si sono rifatti vivi. Questa volta sono atterrati alla periferia di Latina, dove mai fino ad oggi si era avuta notizia di una loro comparsa. E per surgellare l'avvenimento hanno lasciato prove inconfutabili, come se sono convinti di stessi carabinieri del nucleo investigativo del capoluogo pontino, che sono riusciti a catturarle con la macchina fotografica: decine di orme di tacchi e suole di dimensioni leggermente superiori alle calzature che generalmente calziamo noi esseri umani impresse sul tetto di un'abitazione alla periferia di Latina.

Devono avere una corporatura talmente robusta gli extraterrestri sbarcati a La-

tina nella notte tra venerdì e sabato scorso, tanto che le loro orme sono incise per un paio di centimetri nel tetto in asfalto. Devono inoltre calzare scarpe diverse dalle nostre. I disegni delle orme sono stranissimi: numerosi cerchi dal diametro di un paio di centimetri, triangolini, quadrifogli, mentre la foggia delle suole sembra terminare quasi a punta.

« Sembravano turbine a pieno regime — ha detto Franco Fanfani, camionista di una ditta di mobili del capoluogo pontino, 40 anni, che fino a che il tetto della sua abitazione non è stato visitato dagli extraterrestri, molto probabilmente non sapeva neppure cosa significasse il termine UFO. Le ho sentite nettamente sulla mia testa. Il

tetto ha tremato per circa quattro minuti, mi sono alzato di peso e sono rimasto impie- trito e stordito sino alle 4.30 del mattino. All'improvviso, contemporaneamente al sibilo, ho distinto dei passi sul tetto della mia casa ancora in costruzione. Ho creduto per un istante che l'abitazione mi crollasse addosso da un momento all'altro. Ho avuto paura di affacciarmi alla finestra per paura di essere investito o sequestrato. C'è stata anche una luce intensissima ».

Franco Fanfani, originario di Cori, un paese della provincia di Latina, abita a Latina, e guarda fatalità del caso, in via degli Astronauti quartiere Pantanaccio, all'estrema periferia.



G. P. La traccia degli UFO fotografata dai carabinieri



PAESE SIERA, ROME, ITALY - NOVEMBER 30, 1977

SPACEMEN HAVE HUGE FEETS - In Carabinieri's minutes the alleged footprints of UFO crewmen at Latina.

Latina (prov. Latina), 30. UFOs are here again. This time they have landed in Latina outskirts, whence no such report ever had come before now. And just to seal this event they have left irrefutable evidence, of which even the Carabinieri (Italian Gendarmerie) of the town are persuaded, as they succeeded in catching it with their cameras: tens of footprints, heels and soles slightly larger than usual human shoeprints impressed onto a building roof just outside Latina.

They must have such a strong build (the Spacemen landed in the night between Friday and Saturday) that their tracks are two centimeters deep in the asphalt roof. And they have to use shoes very different from ours. Footprints designs are very odd: several circles (two cts in diameter), little triangles and squares, and they look like pointed shoes.

"it sounded like fully operating whirls - told lorry-driver Franco Fanfani, 40, who didn't even know what the very word "UFO" is meaning till his home-roof has been shaking for about four minutes, I woke up and remained petrified and stunned until 4:30 am. Suddenly, and contemporarily to the hissing sound, I noticed steps on my home roof. For a moment I believed the building was falling down onto me. I was afraid and didn't look out of the window, thinking something could fall on me. And there was a very bright light".

**Les extra-terrestres existent affirme un théologien jésuite**

Certaines planètes seraient habitées, selon le théologien jésuite Domenico Grasso, professeur à l'université grégorienne à Rome.

Le R.P. Grasso a avancé, hier, dans « La Stampa », l'hypothèse que des « extra-terrestres » éventuels soient « restés fidèles à Dieu », sans commettre le péché originel. « Dans ce cas, estime-t-il, ils n'ont pas besoin de rédemption. Le Christ serait alors leur « chef », non en tant que rédempteur mais simplement en tant que créateur. »

Le théologien souhaite que la science puisse un jour confirmer l'existence des « extra-terrestres ». « J'aimerais vraiment beaucoup apprendre que Dieu est glorifié par des myriades de mondes, peut-être plus parfaits que le nôtre, et que le Christ a des « frères » sans avoir dû les racheter à un prix si dur comme il l'a fait pour nous », a-t-il conclu.

Le R.P. Grasso est considéré comme un spécialiste de ces problèmes qu'il étudie depuis 30 ans.

**Inchiesta sull'UFO inseguitore**

ROMA — Il ministero della Difesa ha reso noto che sono in corso accertamenti sulla presenza di un aeromobile non identificato nel cielo della Sardegna meridionale, giovedì 27 ottobre alle ore 17,35 locali. Un rapporto sull'avvistamento è stato compilato, come d'uso, dal personale della torre di controllo di Elmas (Cagliari) e dai piloti di due elicotteri dell'esercito, in volo.

L'episodio, che ora si può definire « ufficializzato » dalla comunicazione diramata dal ministero della Difesa, accadde come si è detto, nel pomeriggio di giovedì scorso.

La segnalazione specificava, in particolare, che l'oggetto misterioso, subito battezzato UFO, ma che il comunicato ministeriale definisce « aeromobile non identificato », aveva inseguito, o seguito, per almeno cinque minuti i due elicotteri militari in volo, dopo di che era all'improvviso scomparso. Si specificava inoltre che l'oggetto « emetteva una intensa luce arancione e volava a una quota di 300 metri. Giorni or sono un episodio simile venne segnalato da Napoli.

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"REPUBLICAIN LORRAIN" - DEC. 12, 1977 - FRANCE

A JESUIT THEOLOGIAN: THE EXTRATERRESTRIALS EXISTS!!

According to the Jesuit theologian Domenico GRASSO, Professor at the Gregorian University of Roma, some planets would be inhabited.

The Father GRASSO has stated, yesterday, in the newspaper "La Stampa", that it was very possible that some eventual "extraterrestrial peoples" be "remained faithful with God" without to commit the original sin. "In this case," he says, "they need not receive the redemption. Christ would be their chief, no as a redeemer but only as creator." The theologian would want that science be able to confirm existence of these "extraterrestrials:." "I would like sincerely to come to know, a day, that God is glorified by some myriads of worlds, maybe more perfect than ours, and that Christ has some "brothers" without to have been obliged to buy back them with a hard price like he did it for us", he brings to a conclusion.

The Father GRASSO is considered as an expert about these problems that he studies since a thirty years.

CORRIERE DELLA SERA, MILAN, ITALY - OCT. 30, 1977

ENQUIRY ABOUT THE FOLLOWER UFO

Rome - The Ministry of Defense made it known that checks are being made about the presence of an unidentified aircraft in southern Sardinia's skies on Thursday, October 27, at 17:35 (local hrs.) A report on the sighting was compiled, as usual, by the Elmas (prov. Cagliari) control tower men and by the pilots of two military helicopters flying during the sighting.

The event, now "officialized" by the communication spread by the Ministry, took place as already told in the afternoon of last thursday.

The report told that the mysterious object, soon called a UFO but called a "unidentified aircraft" in the ministry communication, had followed or pursued for at least 5 minutes two military helicopters in flight, and then had disappeared suddenly. It was also told that the "object" was emitting a bright orange light and was flying at about 300 meters of altitude. A few days ago a similar event was reported from Naples.

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"O DIA" - SAC PAOLO, BRAZIL  
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"O DIA" - SAO PAOLO - BRAZIL - September, 2, 1977

UFO PHOTOGRAPHED BY A POLICEMAN!

# Fotografado pelo policial o disco voador

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SÃO PAULO (O DIA) — Um disco voador apareceu entre os morros que circundam a represa de Santo André e foi fotografado por um dos componentes do Tático Móvel que patrulhavam a região. Um relatório acompanhado das fotografias chegou ontem ao Quartel-General da PM e o material já está sendo examinado por diversos técnicos.

do — é que aquele comando enviou um relatório e as fotos ao Quartel-General, que estão sendo, no momento, devidamente estudados por técnicos especializados.

Sao Paolo: - A flying saucer which had appeared between hillocks surrounding the tide-gate of Santo-Andre, has been photographed by one of the member of Police patrol, who watched the district area.

A report with the photographs has been sent yesterday to headquarters of Home Police and a part of these materials have yet been investigated by different experts.

**O DISCO**  
Tudo aconteceu no último dia 25, pela manhã, quando um Tático Móvel do Batalhão de Policiamento Metropolitano trafegava pela Estrada da Capa Preta, conduzindo o cabo Nascimento e o PM PoCIDONIO. De repente, um dos patrulheiros notou que, entre os morros que circundam a Represa de Santo André, pairava a pouca altura um objeto que tinha a forma de um disco voador. Como havia uma máquina fotográfica no veículo, o cabo tratou de fazer o flagrante e, depois de observar atentamente o objeto, que emitia luzes de várias cores enquanto subia vertiginosamente, comunicou o fato aos seus superiores.

That happened on August, 25, 1977, in the morning, when a police patrol from the Battalion of Home Police, and composed with corporal NASCIMENTO and Policeman POCIDONIO, was driving on the road going towards CAPA PRETA.

Suddenly, one of the members of patrol sighted that, between hillocks surrounding the tide-gate of Santo-Andre, an object shaped like a flying saucer, was hovering to a low altitude.

**TECNICOS**  
Somente ontem — depois de revelados os filmes e constatado que efetivamente se tratava de um objeto voador não identifica-

As there was a camera in the patrol car, the corporal took a few pictures, then could sight attentively this object which gave off some lights of different colours, while it rose up with a very high speed. Finally the corporal reported this sighting to his superiors.

It is only yesterday, when the film was developed that technicians saw that effectively it was a UFO, and it was decided to send all photos and the report to the headquarters, in order that experts can study them.

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"REPUBLICAIN LORRAIN"- FRANCE 12/2/77

UFO: a second testimony to BRETTNACH

## OVNI : un second témoignage à Brettnach

FORBACH. - Dans notre précédente édition nous relations une apparition d'O.V.N.I. à Behren-lès-Forbach. Un second témoignage nous a été apporté par un habitant de Falck qui circulait à Brett-nach.

« Il était environ 17 h 15 lorsque je circulais en véhicule à Brett-nach. J'ai vu deux phares lumineux en l'air. L'objet était immobile. Arrêtant ma voiture, je remarquai que l'objet avait évolué, s'étant légèrement déplacé dans le sens S.E.-N.O. Là, je vis un troisième phare et l'objet m'apparut comme un triangle équilatéral avec une lumière rouge au milieu. Il ne faisait pas de bruit. Brusquement l'O.V.N.I. disparut alors qu'aucun obstacle naturel ne le cachait. »

Ce témoignage troublant coïncide parfaitement avec celui relaté dans notre précédente édition...

In our preceding issue, we had reported a UFO-sighting to Berhen-les-Forbach. A second testimony has been reported by an inhabitant from FALCK who was driving to BRETTNACH. "It was about 5:15 p.m., when I was driving in my car to Brett-nach. I have seen two luminous head-lights in the sky. The object was motionless. Stopping my vehicle, I saw that this object had progressed, having faintly traveled in a direction S.E.-N.W. There, I saw a third head-light and the object appeared like an triangle with a red light in the middle. I didn't hear any noise. Abruptly, the UFO disappeared while it was not marked by the least obstacle."

## O.V.N.I. AU PENSIONNAT (BOGOTA)

UN OVNI est apparu, le 6 mars dernier, dans le ciel de Bogota. Contrairement à tant d'autres il n'a pas été vu par quelques rares témoins mais par un millier de personnes : les jeunes filles d'un même lycée de la ville.

Elles ont parlé d'une véritable panique qui s'était emparée d'elles au moment de l'extraordinaire apparition. Mais, précisèrent-elles (avec un peu de déception dans la voix) il n'y a eu aucun enlèvement dans nos cours de récréation.

"NOSTRA" - PARIS, FRANCE - DECEMBER 21, 1977

### UFO OVER A BOARDING SCHOOL!

BOGOTA: A UFO has been sighted, on March 6, 1977, in the sky of BOGOTA. Contrary to other times, it didn't seen by a few rare witnesses, but by one thousand of persons!: the young girls from the same college of town. They have stated that a veritable panic spreaded into the college when everybody saw the UFO. Bit, even anyone of them was abducted, says a young girl, with a little of disappoinment in his voice!

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"DIARIO DA REGIAC" - SAO PAULO, BRAZIL  
OCT. 3, 1977

### UFO SEEN ALSO BY ROAD POLICE!

The queer object very luminous, with great size and like to a flying saucer, has been seen also, the day before yesterday in the evening, by a road-policeman: Edson Pereira who is posted at Monte Aprizivel. And what he told tallies with reports made by ADIMAR Paulo Senaguedes and JABORAN Antonio Tridico, from T.V. of Rio Preto.

According to the policeman, he was coming back towards Rio Preto, about 6:10pm, the day before yesterday, when he saw a strange object flying over the area and giving off an intense sliver light, of which outlines recalled the shape of a flying saucer. The engine was doing manoeuvres very swift and disappeared going towards MIRASSOL.

"It wasn't a plane, nor an helicopter. The light was very strong, and even strange. I have never seen a such thing", stated the policeman. He went to the airport of MIRASSOL where somebody said to him: "No engine has landed here!"

Yesterday, reading his newspaper, he saw the report of the two T.V. workers of Rio Preto, and he said: "Details are coinciding. Let us recall that ADIMAR and JABORAN saw a strange bright object, while they were going back towards BARRETOS, and were 40kms from Sao-Jose-do-Rio-Preto, doing manoeuvres in the sky with a tremendous speed.

## Policial Rodoviário também viu «disco voador»

O estranho objeto luminoso — de grandes proporções e assemelhando-se a um disco voador — também foi visto, anteontem à tarde, pelo policial rodoviário estadual Edson Pereira, que exerce suas funções em Monte Aprizivel. E o que ele narrou corresponde ao relato feito por Adimar Paulo Senaguedes e Antonio Tridico (Jaboran), da Televisão Rio Preto.

Segundo o policial rodoviário, ele retornava a Rio Preto por volta das 18.10 horas de anteontem e percebeu um estranho objeto sobrevoando a região e emitia uma forte luz prateada e seus contornos pare iam com os chamados «discos voadores». O aparelho fazia evoluções muito rápidas e desapareceu, tomando o rumo de Mirassol.

— «Não podia ser avião, helicóptero. A luz era muito forte, estranha mesmo. Jamais vi coisa igual — afirmou o policial rodoviário. Ele foi ao aeroporto de Mirassol e indagou se algum aparelho havia descido e a resposta foi: «Nenhum avião pousou aqui».

Ontem, ao ler o relato dos funcionários da Tere Rio Preto, o policial rodoviário declarou: «Os detalhes coincidem».

Como se recorda, Adimar e Jaboran viram o estranho objeto luminoso quando retornavam de Barretos e estavam a uns 40 km de São José do Rio Preto quando viram a estranha luz fazendo evoluções no céu, desenvolvendo velocidade incrível.

## O.V.N.I. DANS LE CIEL DU GARD

NIMES Deux jeunes filles circulant à cyclomoteur ont aperçu un O.V.N.I., dans le ciel, entre Uzès et Saint-Question-la Poterie (Gard).

Le président du Club des objets volants non identifiés de Nîmes, qui signale ce fait, précise que, selon les deux cyclomotoristes, il s'agissait d'un objet sphérique de quatre mètres de diamètre entouré d'un anneau de petites sphères orangées clignotantes. L'O.V.N.I. se trouvait à environ vingt mètres de hauteur. Selon les témoignages des deux jeunes filles qui l'ont aperçu, sa présence a fait baisser le régime des moteurs de leurs cyclomoteurs, puis les même fait stopper.

Le Club des O.V.N.I. de Nîmes, indique que, depuis un mois et demi environ, chaque semaine, des passages d'O.V.N.I. sont signalés dans la région d'Uzès.

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"LE PARISIEN" - FRANCE - DEC. 27, 1977

### UFO IN SKY OF GARD DEPARTMENT

NIMES: Two young girls running in moped have sighted a UFO in sky, between UZES and SAINT QUESTION-LA-POTERIE (Gard Dept.)

The director of UFO Club of NIMES, who reports this fact, states that, according to the witnesses, it was a spheric object, 4 metres in diameter, rounded with a ring of small orange spheres which were twinkling.

The UFO was about 20 metres in altitude. According to the two young girls who saw the object, its presence did lessen the rated speed of engines of their moped and even did stop them.

UFO Club of NIMES states that, since one and a half months, every week, some passages of UFO are sighted in UZES district area.

"LA MONTAGNE" - CLERMONT-FERAND, FRANCE - Oct. 6, 1977

### BRAZILIAN STORY: ABDUCTED BY "SPACE MEN"!!

Rio de Janeiro: - One Carioca has remained for one hour, into a "flying saucer" and since this moment, his temperature which is medically checked has reached up to 42°, according to the Brazilian press!

On Sept. 30, 1977, about 3:00 a.m., Antonio LaRubia, a bus-driver, 33 yrs. old, came out from his home, to Patience, (outskirts of Rio), when he saw a "flying saucer" landed on a public-square of the town. "Two little men", very broad shouldered, went out," says the witness, "and pushed me into the saucer;" on board of which were about fifty "ufonauts"!

An unexplainable fever: The bus-driver states that, after, he awoke on the same spot where he had seen the "saucer".

"I had an awful fits of giddiness and it seemed to me that I was burnt to death", says Antonio, "I have been led away in a garage where I "was sprinkled with cold water"!

Since this terrifying experience, the medical-men are very perplexed about his health. "I have personally sighted that his temperature reached sometimes up to 42°", says his nurse, Estelita Ferreira, His physician, Dr. NELLY DAVID, states that she had never seen a "case like that one", and envisages to call together several experts.

## ENLEVÉ PAR « LES HOMMES DE L'ESPACE »

**R**IO DE JANEIRO. — Un Carioca est resté pendant une heure, vendredi, à l'intérieur d'une « soucoupe volante » et, depuis, sa température, contrôlée médicalement, est montée à 42 degrés, affirme la presse brésilienne.

Le 30 septembre, à 3 heures du matin, Antonio Larrubia, un chauffeur d'autobus de trente-trois ans, sortait de chez lui, à Paciencia (banlieue de Rio), lorsqu'il vit une « soucoupe volante » stationnée sur la place de la ville. « Deux petits hommes larges d'épaules sont sortis, explique-t-il, et m'ont poussé à l'intérieur de la soucoupe, à bord de laquelle se trouvaient une cinquantaine de leurs congénères.

» J'avais la sensation de flotter, se souvient M. Larrubia. Apeuré, j'ai crié et un éclair m'a frappé. Mon corps tout entier parut s'embraser... »

## Une fièvre inexplicable

Le chauffeur de bus affirme ensuite qu'il s'est réveillé à l'endroit même où il avait vu la soucoupe. « J'étais en proie à un terrible vertige et j'avais l'impression d'avoir été brûlé vif, raconte-t-il. Je me suis fait conduire dans un garage où on m'a aspergé d'eau froide. »

Depuis cette aventure, l'état de santé de M. Larrubia laisse les médecins perplexes. « J'ai constaté personnellement que sa température atteint parfois 42 degrés », affirme son infirmière, Estelita Ferreira. Son médecin, le docteur Nelly David, déclare pour sa part n'avoir jamais rencontré de « cas semblable » et envisage de convoquer plusieurs spécialistes.