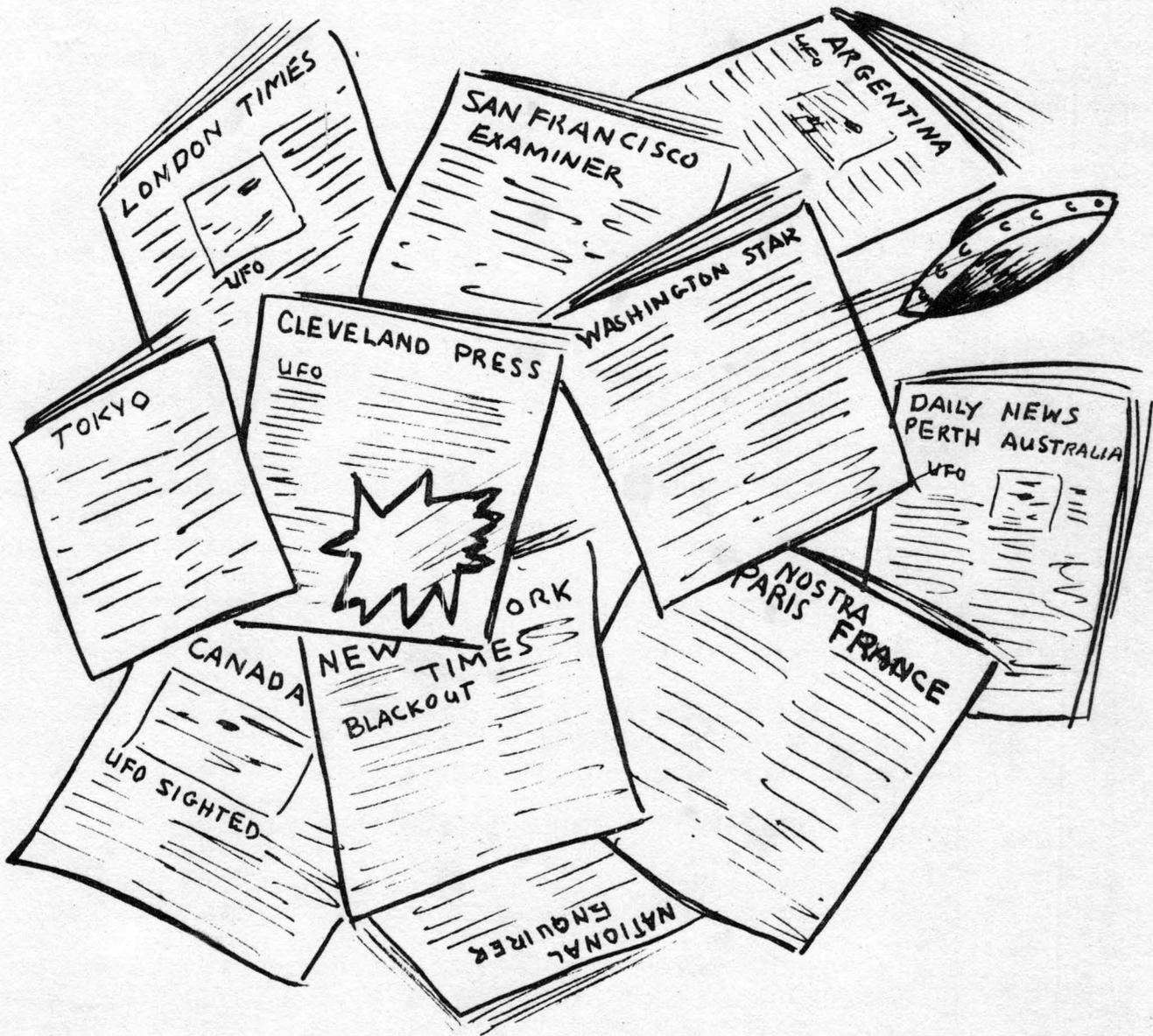


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BLOOMINGTON, ILL. - PANTAGRAPH  
\*\*\*\*\*JAN 11, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

# Close encounter: First kind, three times

By Lori Boecker

FAIRBURY—Gary Dorn came home Sunday night and told his family he'd just seen a UFO. Nobody would believe him.

Tuesday night they did.

About 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, Gary's 22-year-old brother, Randy, raced into the Dorn house in Fairbury and announced he'd seen a flying object on his way home from work.

"He told Gary to grab a pair of pants and go with him to look at it," said Ruth Dorn, their mother.

After reporting the sighting to Livingston County sheriff's police, Mrs. Dorn said she ran back to the north living room window and saw the amber glow of the object and heard a humming similar to the drone of a bee.

"It definitely was not a helicopter or plane," she said. "This didn't make a chop-chop sound."

Gary's sister, 17-year-old LuAnn Dorn, said the object appeared to shy away from other aircraft in the area.

"It would come close to an airplane light and then zoom away," Mrs. Dorn said.

Gary, 19, said his parents and about nine other persons witnessed the glow in the clear Tuesday night sky.

Randy's girlfriend's mother, who Mrs. Dorn said wished to remain anonymous, told Gary's mother that she first thought the object was a star when it was high before it started coming closer to the ground.

"She called a small airstrip near Fairbury after the sighting but they didn't report anything in the area," Mrs. Dorn said. "Aircraft never fly below the timber line at her home but this thing did. It dropped below it then zoomed up above the timber line."

Although county police said they received the report from Mrs. Dorn Tuesday night, they stated the report was unconfirmed and was not seen by any officers. No authorities were sent to the scene.

In the Sunday night sighting, Gary said he, Randy, and three others saw a similar object in the sky while traveling from Pontiac to Fairbury on U.S. 24.

Gary said it was about 10:30 p.m. when their attention was drawn to the horizon on the north edge of Fairbury where a set of lights illuminated the sky.

Their curiosity aroused, the driver, Doug Steidinger, 19, Fairbury, said he maneuvered his silver sports car down a side road and flipped his vehicle's headlights at the object that hovered over a rural cemetery.

"I flashed my lights and at first it seemed that whatever it was turned upside-down and dropped real low and started moving towards us," Doug said.

That's when Doug hightailed it back toward Fairbury.

"We went south of town then and saw it about a half mile away and about 20 feet above the ground," he said. "The lights were so bright you couldn't tell the outline of it."

"We just saw it and went up to it," Gary said, "but it just seemed to sit there until we flipped the lights. That's when it dropped and approached us."

"The whole road, whole area, was like daylight."

Deciding the object's advances were none too welcome, Doug raced the car back to town, the flying object trailing at a distance, Gary said, that could have been no more than 50 or 60 feet.

"I was going about 95 mph," Doug said and it followed us. They were looking out the back window and saw it and then it disappeared."

Gary described the lights, which he said were orange-amber in color, as bright as the lights on a police squad car and as high as a telephone pole.

Back in town, Doug stopped his car in a town cemetery and Gary got out to take a closer look at the sky.

"Gary got out of the car and it was above him," Doug said. "It was about as high as a TV tower, about 600 feet or so."

Gary said he never heard any noise emitting from the unidentifiable object, but explained that it seemed to have the ability to ascend immediately without swooping like an airplane or helicopter.

The youths said they chased the the object to a field near a T-intersection south of town, only to find the two bright lights glowing about 20 feet from the ground.

"Then we saw this other one come from the left, about a mile away," Doug said. "The second one was moving fast because it was there in no time."

Turning back to town for the third time, Doug said the object, which, he said, emitted lights brighter than a vehicle's high beams, kept pace with them, then disappeared like the time before.

When the youths returned to find the first object, they discovered a dark, quiet field.

Gary said when the glowing object finally retreated from their car, "every once in a while it would turn halfway," then continue toward the southwest.

"They came home Sunday and told us it'd followed them for several miles," said Mrs. Dorn. "They told everybody in the house but everyone laughed at them."

That's the reason Gary said he didn't report the sighting to police.

"I thought people would laugh," he said. "When I went to work Monday and told them only one guy—he reads books about UFOs—would even listen. The others laughed."

"I never believed in UFOs before and I honestly didn't have one drop to drink Sunday."

A report of the sighting of an unidentified flying object in the Cooksville area Sunday night was told to The Daily Pantagraph late Monday.

The Fairbury youths said they last saw the object heading southwest about 11:10 p.m.

The flying object was reported to be seen between 11 and 11:30 p.m. in Cooksville, a town about 20 miles southwest of Fairbury.

In UFO studies, visual sightings such as the three reported is called a close encounter of the first kind. The second kind is when physical evidence is left by the craft. Contact with an alien being or beings is considered a close encounter of the third kind.

# UFO? 'We both prickled, felt someone watching us'

By John Yang

Journal Herald Staff Writer

They saw bright lights. They saw objects shaped like balls, cigars, footballs, disks and, in one case, like a stingray.

Some heard strange noises or smelled unusual odors. A few experienced tingling or prickling sensations.

Many were skeptics before they had their close encounters with unidentified flying objects, but most now believe we are not alone.

Twenty-four people responded to *The Journal Herald's* invitation to telephone or write telling of their UFO experiences. Most related just sightings, or encounters of the "first kind."

One, however, told of an experience that produced something that might be taken as physical evidence of a UFO — a close encounter of the "second kind."

"IT OCCURRED on Nov. 8, 1958, at 8 p.m., a Saturday evening," wrote Eunice Eileen Conner of 321 Ashwood Ave. "My former husband and I had just come home from visiting friends . . . something to the right of us attracted our attention.

"Above the locust trees hung this huge orange-red ball which seemed to be undulating counter-clockwise . . ."

Through binoculars, "It appeared to be a type of grayish projectile with a vapor trail behind and a star-like point of light. A sulphuric-like odor was in the air. All of a sudden . . . we both prickled and (had the) feeling of someone watching us.

Then, "The object . . . just went out, so to speak."

Both Mrs. Conner and her former husband broke out in "itchy body rashes, which disappeared in a couple of days," she wrote.

The grass did not grow for a number of years after the sighting in a small area beneath where the object was, her letter said.

"WE CONNECTED this with the UFO and thought it was probably caused by radiation."

Mrs. Conner joined a UFO organization, but "became bored with it because so many sightings were obviously faked for some purpose or other."

Gloria Zimmerman, of 1155 Oakdale Ave., called about experiencing a sensation similar to Mrs. Conner's.

She and her mother were driving on Westbrook Road near

Brookville on a rainy night in 1973 or 1974 when they spotted "a kind of greenish light up in the sky . . ."

"There was a kind of a small clearing in some woods that it hovered over, so we stopped the car and looked. It was cigar-shaped, silver and had either red or blue lights.

"Suddenly this bright, greenish light came right in our faces and then we felt the sensation of needles pricking us. We were stunned . . ."

"NO OTHER CARS were on the road but that night a police or sheriff's officer and another woman had seen the very same thing."

A sighting in the spring of 1971 on Dean Smith's farm near West Manchester in northern Preble County disturbed his English Pointer dog, Major.

"It was a quiet night, except for Major, who was barking toward the creek bottom," Smith wrote.

"We saw a reddish-orange light moving along a plowed field next to the creek bottom. As it turned we could see a white light. It looked like a 'coon hunter with a lantern, but I couldn't hear a sound. Meanwhile the dog was shaking . . ."

"Within 400 feet of the house, the light started moving away from the creek, across the field at a high speed. As it approached the fence it stopped . . . and then climbed straight up and leveled off to a gradual incline . . ."

"A few nights later I was awakened by the dog and saw the same thing in a different location on the farm . . ."

"OUR NEIGHBORS and friends did not see what we did, but we believe what we saw. Anyway, who would believe a 'coon hunter with a lantern could fly?"

Many of those who told *The Journal Herald* of their experiences said it changed their beliefs about UFOs. Although not all think UFOs are proof of life elsewhere, most believe it does exist.

As Clarence E. Johnson, of 256 Park Ave., West Milton, wrote:

"The people of the Old World thought they were the only people alive until they sailed the ocean and found a new land, a new frontier, where they found other people, other tribes.

"That also applies to the oceans of the universe. Those are our new frontiers."

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\*\*\*\*\*JAN. 31, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

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Jack Brazinsky, an insurance agent from Whitehouse Station, tried to forget about it.

"Nobody tried to carry me away," he said. "So I didn't make a big thing about it."

Brazinsky recalled the night.

"It was about 2 a.m. My dogs had been barking, which is no big thing, but they were going at it heavier than usual."

The tall, blond-haired man climbed from his bed and peered through a window at the soybean fields behind his home, where he kept his dogs.

"This pulsating red light appeared about 550 feet away. It was radiant, not steady." He passed it off as a flare.

"Then it shot along ground level for about 150 feet and stopped. Then it moved again, and stopped, and then it disappeared."

He decided it was not a flare. When he slid back into his bed, he told his wife to wait until the morning for an explanation.

Brazinsky, who said he does not like science fiction except for some "Twilight Zone" reruns, told his story to his wife and a few neighbors.

"I never had anyone listen and look outwardly like they didn't believe me," he said. "A few people asked me if I was drinking the night before, which I wasn't."

# Investigators of UFOs Doubt Vineland Reports

By MONA MOORE  
Press Staff Writer

VINELAND — Local investigators of unidentified flying objects say they're skeptical about three area sightings, especially since the movie "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" is currently playing at a local theater.

Gary Vendetti of Florence Avenue, who's involved with the National Investigating Committee on Aerial Phenomena, said all of that organization's investigators were warned that the movie would result in an increase in sightings.

"With 'Close Encounters' here for a number of weeks and just considering the general age of the people involved at least in the second sighting, and since there's been a lot of excitement about the movie, well, I'm dubious," he said.

"Of course, it may be unjustified, but I have to take it into account," he added.

Another local UFO buff, Edward Compotaro of Oak Road, who investigates for the Center for UFO Studies of Northfield, Ill., said the object described by most of the local people did seem to resemble the one in the movie.

Both men said they have not been directly involved in investigating the three incidents outlined Thursday in The Press.

However, Vendetti said the object described by a carload of six Vineland High School students Wednesday night was similar to one he witnessed in 1974 near Harding Highway.

"I haven't talked to the kids, but it seems the objects were similar in nature," he said. "It seems that's the only link between the two (sightings), but it's a strong link."

At that time, three years ago, there was a flurry of activity involving UFO sightings, but it soon died down, he said.

Compotaro said he intends to contact all those involved in the recent sightings and ask them to fill out questionnaires, which will be sent to the Center for UFO Studies.

The first sighting reported to Vineland police was on Friday night, when Cheryl DeSanctis of Barry Drive watched two objects in the sky near her house — one with red and white blinking lights and the other shaped like a red ball.

On Tuesday night, Pat Martinelli of Maple Drive saw a triangular object with red and white lights at about 11 p.m. outside her house.

She said she was too embarrassed to report it to police, but noted that it bore a strong resemblance to the UFO in "Close Encounters."

The following night, a carload of six Vineland youths (unaware of Ms. Martinelli's experience, since it had not yet been reported in the papers) saw something that was very similar to the object she described.

They followed it for several miles until they lost track of it.

Compotaro said it could be that the movie is just making people more aware.

"Either people are looking up more and seeing things they don't understand, or it could be there really is more activity," he said.

POMPANO BEACH, FLA. - SUN  
\*\*\*\*\*JAN. 30, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

## UFOs Reportedly Seen Off Pompano

POMPANO BEACH — Was it an airplane flying from Fort Lauderdale to Nassau, as one pilot suggested?

A meteor, perhaps?

Or was it really a UFO sighting?

Whatever it was, it stirred the imaginations and emotions of a number of people who called the police and a local radio station last night reporting they had sighted a bright, fiery object in the sky off Pompano Beach.

It even brought some folks, shivering in their overcoats in a biting wind, to the beach to watch around 11 p.m.

And even the late-rising, orange moon was an object of suspicion for a few moments as it broke the horizon.

But Pompano police reported sighting nothing out of the ordinary. Said a spokesman, "We don't know any more than you do."

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## Big Orange UFO on Horizon?

Pompano Beach police received what they called an "excessive number" of telephone calls Sunday night from persons who said they saw a large, bright orange UFO off the Fort Lauderdale coast moving at high speed toward land. "There were quite a few calls," Pompano Beach Sgt. S.J. Campodonico said. He said police departments in surrounding areas reported getting calls also. Elsewhere federal authorities in New Orleans said a bright flash in the sky over a wide section of the Gulf Coast may have been a meteorite. That flash lasted about five seconds and reportedly was seen as far away as Jacksonville.

PETERBOROUGH, N.H. - TRANSCRIPT  
\*\*\*\*\*FEB 2, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

## Unusual flying object

"It was shimmering and it was not much bigger than a normal star but definitely different," was how a resident described an object seen in the sky Monday night from West Ossipee.

Observed off and on for about an hour and a half, the object remained stationary all the while shining as if it was vibrating, according to the source. When the person turned away from the viewing point for a few minutes and then returned, the object had "definitely moved", and by 1 a.m. had headed east toward Ossipee Lake.

Three other people watched the same object for 30 to 45 minutes between 11 p.m. and midnight, and described it as the size of a baseball or an orange. According to them, it made no noise, was larger than airplane lights, and moved over a field off Rt. 25 in Whittier.

The people who saw the object asked not to be identified because they thought others would think them "nuts".

The incident was reported to Ossipee Police who looked for it around the Ossipee Lake area and saw nothing. Freedom Police were notified and they reported sighting nothing. Ossipee Police said there was a small plane in the air late Monday night.

# State trooper reports sighting

By BETTY COX  
Leader correspondent

RICHMOND — A state trooper working in Estill County spotted a UFO about 9:50 p.m. Sunday which he reported was traveling east toward Beattyville.

While Trooper Jim Whitaker described his sighting to state police personnel here, a second caller, Ed Durbin, of Irvine, phoned in an identical report. The object, according to reports, moved up and down in the sky and flashed red, white and green lights.

Radio dispatcher Gary Peercy said he notified Blue Grass Field in Lexington, but personnel there saw nothing on radar except

a single engine plane, which air controllers could also see with the naked eye.

The controllers asked the plane's pilot to look for the object, but a search of the area turned up nothing, police said.

The Strategic Air Command based at Blue Grass Army Depot here reported that their radar screens were down Sunday night. The mini-SAC base uses highly sophisticated radar equipment to score aircraft during simulated bomb missions here.

State police said that about 6:30 p.m. February 9, Buddy Logue, 627 Greenroad Drive, Harrodsburg, reported seeing a UFO while driving east on highway 150 from Perry-

ville to Harrodsburg.

Logue had driven to his farm to pick up his five-year-old son Gabriel and was returning home when a sudden flash of light — like a night light — caught his eye. "It was about 10 times brighter than any star in the sky," he said. The object was round, but did not move, and in size looked like a basketball amid the stars.

Logue watched the object for about a mile when it suddenly moved to his left at a very rapid speed. "We were both scared, and my son ducked down in the seat," he said.

As he approached Harrodsburg, Logue noticed that the outer edge of the object

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# UFO over Estill County

faded away, but the middle section stayed bright until it finally disappeared too.

About four months ago, Logue said, he saw something similar in approximately the same area, except it glowed red. He told no one about that sighting. The UFO took off in a straight, level line across the horizon and "it moved so fast," he said.

Dr. Jay C. Mahr, Eastern Kentucky University physics professor, related that a Rockcastle County woman has recently reported "seeing lights with good regularity."

As soon as the weather clears he plans "to go down and hang around to see if something turns up." Dr. Mahr, who last spring taught a UFO class, said that sightings are

somewhat like rolling dice — "you read them the way you read them ...the odds are in favor of something in outer space; however, it doesn't seem likely that any one civilization would send as many things down here...unless we are a peculiar civilization."

Dr. Mahr said his only other explanation (which he doesn't like) for the UFO sightings is "some sort of mass psychosis." Meanwhile, state police here said they notified the National Center for UFO Research in Evanston, Ill., where all sightings are now to be reported, "but there is not much we can do about it (UFO's) unless we catch it," said one state police supervisor.

BOYLESTOWN, PA. - INTELLIGENCER  
\*\*\*\*\*JAN 24, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

# On the Light Side — UFO sighting

BY F.P. SCHAFFHAUSEN  
Intelligencer Staff Writer

It seemed as though there were one too many moons.

The latest UFO sighting in Bucks County was reported Monday by Mrs. Robert Grusheski, 32, of Shirley Lane, Hilltown Township.

"It was five minutes to six," she recounts. "I went down to the kitchen to let our young cat out. There is a big window in the kitchen and I thought to myself how large and bright the moon looked. It was pale yellow, large like a harvest moon.

"Then I went back upstairs to

wake my husband and turn on the radio to get news of road conditions. I mentioned to him how large the moon looked from the kitchen. He said 'The moon is on the other side of the house.' So I went to get my own portable radio, looked out of the window on the other side of the house and there was the moon, so I ran back to the kitchen to look again. Now there was no moon there, only the star I had seen before when I first saw it. I guess I don't know what I saw."

Mrs. Grusheski said she decided not to say anything more about it

but toward the end of the day mentioned it to a couple of people at her place of business.

She said they urged her to report it to see whether anyone else had made the same sighting.

A check with Robert Daley of Feasterville, who heads the eastern division of the Mutual UFO, a national group, said he had no reports of the sighting. He said his last report came last week from Chester County.

Mrs. Grusheski is still wondering. "Nothing I've ever seen in the sky looked like that," she said.

# 'Researcher' got folks 'saucer-eyed'

By Bob Dunnivant

Correspondent

ATHENS—He may only be from across the country, but a California movie producer who said he has come to North Alabama to study UFOs is from another galaxy as far as local authorities are concerned.

Roy L. Crossfield, who described himself as director of "Delta Research," appeared Sunday night at the Athens Police Department and said he had come to Alabama to "gather information" on behalf of the state troopers, the Huntsville Police Department and "the president himself" on UFO sightings in a six-county area of north Alabama.

Crossfield's appearance Sunday night occurred as persons all over Alabama reported sighting a strange blue light streaking across the sky.

The light is believed to have been a meteorite, but Crossfield speculated that it might have been linked to a recent rash of UFO sightings in North Alabama.

Crossfield, who sported a Los Angeles Dodgers' baseball cap, also theorized that the light could have been "an out of control Russian satellite aimed at the Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant."

Authorities were a bit perplexed by Crossfield, who explained that he had suspended the filming of a movie on UFOs to rush to Alabama and begin his investigation.

He told at least one Athens detective and several reporters that he had come to take charge of the investigation "upon the authority of Col. E.C. Dothard." Dothard is head of the Alabama state troopers.

When a state trooper arrived to check on that claim, however, Crossfield could only produce a letter he had written to Dothard asking for cooperation in a search for the UFOs.

"He didn't tell me he was representing the state troopers," Cpl. B.C. Faulkner said after talking with Crossfield.



Roy Crossfield

Limestone County Civil Defense Director Spencer Black was roused from his bed about midnight and came to the police department to talk with Crossfield.

After Crossfield attempted to have Black accompany him on a trip to northern Limestone County woods in search of the "crash site" of the mysterious light seen in the sky, the Civil Defense official called authorities in Gadsden.

"He told me he had been working with the Civil Defense people down there, but the police had thrown him out," Black said.

Crossfield took time to brief reporters on the finer points of UFOs.

"They travel through the air and under the water. I could tell you some things about this that you really don't want to know."

For about two hours Sunday night, Crossfield made the police department his unofficial headquarters while he interviewed police who had seen the light in the sky. He also questioned and photographed a pair of travelers from nearby Interstate 65 who had come to the station to report the strange light in the sky.

"It was terrifying," said Mrs. Atha Hazelrig of New Hampshire, who was on her way to Cullman when she spotted the object in the sky. "We thought an airliner had crashed."

Crossfield asked Mrs. Hazelrig if she was "psychic" or had experienced extra sensory perception.

Two Athens radio stations broadcast an appeal asking those who witnessed "the rapid-moving, fiery object that passed over the Athens area" to call a Huntsville telephone number.

The number turned out to be the emergency telephone line to the Huntsville Police Department, and Police Chief Gene Sweeton said Crossfield had not been authorized to give out the number or request such information through the police department.

ITHACA, N.Y. - JOURNAL  
\*\*\*\*\*JAN 31, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

## They're already here

Editor, The Journal:

Reports in a national newspaper recount the sighting and subsequent abduction of a man on board a UFO in a far western state. The gentleman who retells the story, a former Air Force pilot, claims that he sat and watched a meteor shower on the edge of a town for nearly an hour. At its conclusion he got in his car and was about to start up when he saw a strange light which seemed to "just appear" before his car. When one of the "gents" walked to his car door the former pilot knocked him down with the force of his door. But the pilot was "zapped" by some sort of wand before he could strike again.

He was taken on board an aircraft by "people" who had small bodies and extremely large heads with tiny eyes and tiny ears. He was told in English that we were close to reaching some of their achievements and that earth was being considered for entrance into some type of Interplanetary Federation. I do not know whether to put much stock in this tale but if it were true these fatheads may as well stay at home. There are enough of them fouling our fair planet already.

Henry C. Phillips

225 Cleveland Ave.  
Ithaca

MILWAUKEE SENTINEL - WISC.  
\*\*\*\*\*JAN. 30, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

The report of an Iranian air force jet fighter meeting up with a UFO raised the curiosity level of government agencies everywhere, including the Central Intelligence Agency, White House, Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Chief of Naval Operations and others. Official documents since declassified say there was a brief engagement.

# The weirdest thing...'

BY CHARLOTTE SANDERS  
Daily News Staff Writer

They scoffed at past reports of unidentified flying objects being sighted, but six residents of the Goody, Ky., area, now say they are at least halfway believers in UFO's since their experience Wednesday night.

The "thing" they saw had red and green flashing lights of varying intensity but it perched on a mountaintop in the Pond Creek

area for some time before disappearing, according to Joe Slone, who reported the incident to the Daily News.

In support of the brilliant sight that kept their eyes glued to the mountaintop, Rudy Compton took 20 feet of movie film in color. He believes the film, when developed, will be of great beauty.

Slone and his wife, Doris, said they sighted the UFO between 10:30 and 11:30 p.m., but are vague as to the actual time because of their excitement at the experience.

"It was on the top of a mountain south of the mouth of Forest Hills," Slone recalled. "The object had green and red flashing lights but they were not like the anti-collision lights of a regular aircraft that we see," he added.

"How do I know this? Because I was an airplane mechanic in the war in Vietnam and I saw enough craft there to know," Slone explained.

Mrs. Slone described the object as "the weirdest thing I ever saw. Never did I see anything like it. It was amazing and scary.

## sighting has Goody residents thinking of UFO's

too." She added that she sat in the living room window of her home for nearly 45 minutes, watching the phenomenon before it disappeared."

Slone said he knew that his friends and acquaintances would not believe he had seen what he was seeing, "so, to make sure people would believe me, I went to the nearby home of Pike County Deputy Sheriff Herman Stanley and his wife, Bea, and got them to join us in observing the thing."

Compton and his wife, Lora, also joined the

others in watching the UFO and Compton seized his movie camera so as to have some proof of their experience.

"It was something unusual," Compton told the Daily News. "I am not a full-fledged believer in unidentified flying objects, but I must say that seeing this one has changed my mind."

Slone said Stanley tried to explain the object as a very bright star, being reluctant to believe that it was indeed a UFO.

"Rudy and I took turns looking through a

pair of binoculars and a zoom camera lens. One reason why I discount it being a star," Slone continued, "is that the thing would emit an intense light completely around its area. It would light up and then fade away, suddenly to come back on in the same spot with the same lights."

Slone said the "thing" looked like it was a large disc and its outline was visible on the mountaintop. He estimated it was a mile or more distant from the point at which the six persons made their observations.

Saturday, December 31, Near WHHV

## Unidentified Flying Object Identified PAGE ONE

# UFO Reported In Carroll

A Flagstaff area woman told both a local radio station and sheriff's deputies she had a close encounter — of some kind — Thursday night.

Sheriff's reports indicate the woman called the radio station and the Sheriff's Department to report she had seen an unidentified flying object in the area of her home along Lake Mary Road.

The woman described the UFO as "oblong in appearance" and glowing with an "orange light."

An area UFO expert was called; Frontier Airlines was checked and its evening flight had seen nothing unusual while approaching the area.

The woman told deputies she had looked at the object through a telescope and it had green and red "roots."

A deputy went to the scene. He, too, had an encounter.

He saw the planet Mars.

by Jim Cunningham  
According to some people in the Carroll County area, we were not alone watching the new year come in two weeks

ago. Several people reported seeing an unidentified flying object (U.F.O.) on Saturday, Dec. 31.

Worth Cox, an American government teacher at Carroll County High School, said he was sitting in his den about 10:30 p.m. on New Year's Eve when he saw a large, round disc gliding downward out of the sky in the southeast.

"It appeared to be about one-fourth the size of an ordinary moon," he said. "It was a brilliant yellowish-orange color. It came in behind the trees and lit up the whole yard."

Mr. Cox said the U.F.O. came slowly downward at about a 30 or 45 degree angle. It disappeared behind a line of trees, but the intense light could still be seen. "Then all of a sudden the lights went out."

The whole episode lasted about 10 to 15 seconds, said his wife, Grace Cox. She, along

with their son and a couple from out of town, also viewed the object.

"It was nothing like we had ever seen before," she said. "We didn't settle back down for a long time. The light made it look like the whole ground was on fire; it was a penetrating kind of light." Mrs. Cox said it appeared that the craft was so low that it could have landed.

The Cox home is near radio station WHHV and in talking with part-time disc jockey, Fred Whitaker, Mr. Cox learned that the station experienced some power fluctuations on the same night of the sightings.

Fred Whitaker also heard that there were other people in the area who also made sightings of the craft. He investigated the area the next day and found nothing unusual except for a large spot on the ground where the grass had been flattened.

FLAGSTAFF, ARIZ. - SUN  
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# Residents Report Sighting Mysterious Lights in Sky

Colorado Springs police received several reports from local residents Monday claiming they sighted mysterious lights in the sky.

One woman reported that a mysterious light hovering near the intersection of Circle Drive and Monterey Road Monday afternoon caused her car to stall and her wristwatch to stop, police said.

Her call followed nearly a dozen other reports to local radio stations Monday reporting another light Sunday night, this time hovering between Pikes Peak and Cheyenne Mountain.

Officials with the North American Air Defense Command (NORAD), Peterson AFB and the Air Force Academy, however, said they did not receive similar calls.

A spokesman with the Peterson AFB control tower said his radar screen Monday was "perfectly normal as far as we're

concerned. There is nothing unusual."

Officials with the Air Force Academy Planetarium also said there was nothing out of the ordinary in the skies over Colorado Springs Monday. No UFO calls were reported by the El Paso County Sheriff's Offices.

A NORAD spokesman echoed other military officials, but pointed out that the NORAD complex inside Cheyenne Mountain is not equipped with radar to monitor local skies.

"We don't have any radar or interceptor jets in this area," the spokesman said. He said NORAD's strength is over the nation's coastal areas where jets can be scrambled at a moment's notice to intercept and investigate a questionable bleep on the radar screens.

The calls to police followed several hours of news broadcasts on local radio stations

about sightings of mysterious lights.

Rick Elliot, program manager of KYSN, said the callers reported a saucer-shaped light hovering between the mountains. Most of the callers reported roughly the same sighting, leading station officials to believe it was more than just a hoax, Elliot said.

## Aerial lights excite UFO fans; others claim merely plane

A pair of bright, slowly moving lights circling north of Fairbury shortly after 10 p.m., Tuesday, drew the attention of many residents.

Some people talked of UFO's, but other observers discounted that, contending that the source was more likely the landing lights on each wing of an aircraft some distance north of the city, especially since when the craft banked to the west, it displayed flashing red lights in the normal configuration of navigation lights on the tail and under sections of a commercial craft.

Quite often during bad weather over Chicago's O'Hare, aircraft destined for there can be seen in holding patterns in this area.

However, the ATC center at Aurora said Wednesday their log didn't indicate they had diverted anything into this area at that time Tuesday.

## UFO is spotted by three youths

What was called an unidentified flying object (UFO) was reported to Linden police by a Clark street youth last Wednesday night.

The police said that a radio car responded to Clark street and spoke to a 17-year-old youth at around 9:15 p.m.

He said that earlier that night, he and two companions, one 20 years old and the other 16, saw a bright orange disc hover over the the B&O Railroad tracks for about 30 seconds, then move along the tracks toward the Exxon Refinery when it disappeared.

## Man Reports Seeing Strange Light In Sky

Perhaps it was just his imagination, but O. M. Conkin of Sullivan Gardens claims he had a close encounter of some kind Wednesday.

Conkin, a retired insurance company investigator, said he was walking his dog on Lone Star Road about 11:05 p.m. when he saw a strange light "like the color of a flame" about 1,000 feet above him heading "right over the top of Bays Mountain towards Kingsport." "It looked like a 300 watt bulb hanging in air," he added.

Conkin first thought the object was a helicopter, but "when it was near enough for me to hear it there was no noise whatever."

Mike Chesman, director of the Bays Mountain Planetarium, could not be reached this morning to confirm or deny Conkin's sighting or explain what the reported UFO may actually have been.

Conkin said he watched the object for "at least three minutes." He added the light went from bright to dim.

Conkin is not sure whether he believes in UFOs or not, but there was "definitely something out there I can't account for."

A program on UFOs is being presented this month at the planetarium.

Evidence for and against the existence of UFOs will be discussed in the planetarium presentation, which starts at 4 p.m. weekdays and 2, 4 and 7 p.m. weekends. A 7 p.m. presentation of the program also is made Thursday night.

Admission for the UFO program is \$1 for adults and 50 cents for children from six to 12 years old. Children under six are admitted free.

## Alleged UFO Spotted

An unidentified flying object was reportedly spotted by a Rhinelander man Friday night. Oneida County authorities were told about the apparent sighting.

Richard Hazelquist of Star Rte. 2, said he saw the alleged UFO from the 1200 block of Eagle Street

around 6:30 p.m. He told deputies he was looking at the object with binoculars, but couldn't identify it. He described it as having a red top and the bottom was flashing different colors. It was stationary for a while and then flew upward, he added.

By GEORGE BUTLER  
 Times Staff Writer

More and more UFO sightings are being reported. The reports come from people in all walks of life—including airline pilots.

One of the latter is Capt. Gustavo Ferreira, a senior pilot for the Colombian airline Avianca. He has seen UFOs from other worlds on three separate occasions. And his sightings are confirmed by radar, crew members and passengers.

Even more remarkable, he says two of the strange, glowing and multi-colored craft actually responded when he blinked his landing lights.

"I have no doubt these three instances were spaceships from another planet," said Capt. Ferreira, a veteran of 22 years flying experience. He has sighted:

—An enormous, zig-zagging light glowing red, green and yellow that traveled at fantastic speed.

—A cigar-shaped UFO twice as big as his 727 jet.

—A spectacular, pulsating light that seemed to lead his jet to its destination.

The first sighting was recorded Jan. 21, 1977 on a night flight within Colombia, from Bogota to Pereira. "Our instruments had just gone haywire when I spotted this intense light in front of me," he recalled.

"It moved backward and forward at incredible speed."

Startled, Capt. Ferreira turned his landing lights on and off—and was shocked when the UFO responded.

"The UFO changed from green to red to yellow and back to green. Every time I signaled, it followed suit."

As the flight approached Pereira, the UFO vanished to the south "at an incalculable speed," he said.

But Bogota air traffic controller Jorge Jimenez, 52, who had been following the UFO across his radar screen, calculated the object's speed at 2,500 to 3,000 miles per hour.

"I was amazed at the speed; of the object compared with the speed of the plane," he said. "It zig-zagged and flew at fantastic speed. It was not an earthly flying object."

Radar Supervisor Jaime Torres said: "What we have seen is the concrete fact (of a UFO) on radar, which was borne out by the people on the plane."

The second sighting was on March 3 about 9:05 p.m. at 21,000 feet on a flight from Pereira to Bogota. Abruptly changing course to circle a glowing UFO, Capt. Ferreira couldn't believe his eyes.

"I saw a big' cigar-shaped fuselage twice as big as our plane," he said. "It was a shiny yellow color. When I turned my landing lights on and off, it responded like the first UFO."

Air Traffic Controller Pablo Roza was baffled by an unidentified blip on his screen. "The UFO was 10 times faster than the normal speed of a plane," he stressed.

The third UFO incident was reported March 10, on another night flight from the

port city of Barranquilla to the Caribbean island of San Andres.

"The UFO was green, changing color to yellow and red," Capt. Ferreira said. "It flew ahead of us all the way, moving from left to right—as if it knew our destination."

"Over San Andres, the object suddenly disappeared at a 45-degree angle straight down toward the sea."

An unusual UFO sighting took place Oct. 18, 1973 while an Army helicopter was flying at an altitude of 2,500 feet near Mansfield, Ohio.

The four-man crew saw a glowing red object that seemed to be converging on them at terrific speed. To avoid a collision, Capt. Lawrence Coyne, the pilot, went into a quick descent.

When he last observed the altimeter, it registered 1,700 feet. With the glowing object still headed for the copter, he warned his crew to "brace for impact."

Instead, as Coyne later reported, "We looked up, and there was the object—stopped—about 500 feet above us." It appeared to be a gray metallic structure, 50 to 60 feet long, trailing a green light that flooded the cockpit.

After a few seconds, it took off at high speed, without turbulence, vortex or engine noise. When he next looked at his altimeter, Coyne was shocked to discover the helicopter was at 3,500 feet and climbing, although he could not remember touching the controls.

He wondered: Had it been sucked up or drawn up magnetically by the UFO?

The radio was seemingly blacked out during the encounter, making it impossible to communicate with either the Akron or Mansfield airports.

After landing at Cleveland, the crew learned that no other aircraft had been in the area of the encounter at the time.

On Nov. 5, 1975 at 6:15 p.m. near Heber, Ariz., seven young woodcutters were returning home by truck. They spotted a large, hovering object that looked like a flying saucer.

Travis Walton, 22, jumped from the truck and ran toward it. He was knocked to the ground by an intense glowing beam from the craft. His companions drove off in panic.

They returned a short time later, but Walton had disappeared and could not be found even after days of intensive search.

On Nov. 11, the missing man called relatives from a telephone booth on the outskirts of Heber. He was reportedly in a confused mental state, babbling a story of having been abducted aboard the UFO and subjected to close examination.

Later, under hypnosis, he described his captors as looking like "well-developed fetuses" about five feet tall, domed and hairless heads, and large brown eyes.

The six young men who witnessed the event were given lie-detector tests. Five passed; results for the sixth were indecisive. Three months later, Walton himself took a lie-detector test and passed it.

BELMONT, MASS. - NEWS  
 \*\*\*\*JAN 11, 1978\*\*\*\*

Q. Is it true that President Carter has seen a flying saucer?

— O.H., Hartland, Wis.

A. It was one of President Carter's many campaign promises to unearth any unearthly secrets about unidentified flying objects (U.F.O.s). And the White House's science advisor did indeed formally ask the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) to reopen the investigation. (The Air Force's U.F.O. probe, Project Blue Book, was closed in 1969.) NASA, however, has declined and said it would be "wasteful and probably unproductive."

It is true that in 1973 Jimmy Carter, when he was Governor of Georgia, reported that he had years earlier sighted a U.F.O. Mr. Carter claimed what he saw was a "glowing light" in the sky. But then it might just have been well-lit Brother Billy a little higher than usual. — W.P.H. ■ ■

WILLIAMSPORT, PA. - GRIT  
 \*\*\*\*\*JAN. 1, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

## Another UFO Sighted in Area

Mount Carmel—A couple from this community, who wish to remain anonymous, have reported that they saw an unidentified flying object (UFO) near Frackville (Schuylkill County).

The two were stranded in their car after it ran out of gas. While they were awaiting help, they saw the object in the sky. They said the UFO was changing shapes and colors.

The couple reported that a friend and a truck driver also saw the object. Three other persons have reported the sighting of UFO's in the region within the last few weeks. |

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## 4 More Booms Heard on Coast

Charleston, S.C. — AP— Four more mysterious booms of the type heard along the East Coast in recent months echoed through the Charleston area Tuesday morning.

Frank Hunt, news director of WCIV-TV, north of Charleston, said the first boom occurred at 8 a.m. and the fourth about 15 minutes later. He said the third boom was the loudest.

# UFO puts three in 'lime light'

By DAVID W. BROWN  
Associate Managing Editor, News

Erlanger Ptl. Ron Jones and Ptl. Al Winn made their way slowly through the snow on Turfway Rd. in Florence Wednesday night.

The two men had just finished duty and were headed home. It was 9:30. White snow was everywhere. There were few cars.

Across from Rink's department store a lime-green light caught Jones' eye out the passenger window. He wasn't prepared for what he saw next.

"I looked out and up and saw the strangest thing. It was kinda the shape of an egg, real lime green in color, with sparkling white lights," Jones, 32, said later.

## ■ Made no sound.

The nine-year veteran policeman and native of Independence gaped as the lime object swung low across the sky to the right of a distant airport tower. He heard nothing.

Jones yelled to his partner to look. "But he looked the other way, by the time he looked where I pointed it was gone," Jones recounted.

That was only the beginning of Jones' exasperation.

About the same time not far away, Jones' niece and son—Melody Harris, 20, and Ron Jones II, 4—were outside Melody's apartment at 6960 Shenandoah, Florence, playing in the snow.

It was getting late. The two were tramping home. Melody would find it difficult to tell anyone later what happened next.

## ■ Two flashes.

Something that looked "like a big green lightbulb" moved about 60 feet above them, over the apartment building roof. "It was flying low and fast and within a few seconds went across the parking lot and some woods toward the airport," she said.

"It left kind of a trail behind it and seemed to fade away a little bit. When it got about to the Florence Drive-in it suddenly dropped down. The last thing I saw were two bright flashes—like from a camera, a flashbulb."

Melody and Ron II didn't hear anything. As the boy started crying, Melody carried him into the

apartment. Inside they were confronted by their grandmother, Mrs. Alma Walterman.

"Melody was white as a ghost," Mrs. Walterman said later. "Little Ron was scared and crying and saying he saw a flying saucer."

Ptl. Jones, young Ron and Melody believe they may have seen an Unidentified Flying Object. Or, in current popular language, they may have had a Close Encounter of the First Kind—a sighting.

Jones, known in northern Kentucky as a fingerprint specialist and a smart cop, used to shrug off reports of UFOs. "I won't laugh about it again," he vowed Thursday.

Jones soon found out what it can be like on the other end of a police report. He reported his sighting to Florence Police, finally persuading the skeptical dispatcher into logging the report.

## ■ "It's no aircraft."

Jones' report elicited the same response everywhere: snickers, disbelief. "I was even asked if I wanted to take a week's vacation," Jones said.

Next Jones called Cincinnati Airport tower.

"The man at the tower laughed at me. He said two aircraft landed at low altitudes at the time I saw that thing," Jones recounted. "I told him, 'Buddy, there's no aircraft I know of that can fly that fast and that low. If it was a plane we'd have another big crash on our hands.'"

Jones says he's sure he didn't see a falling star, and its flight was too erratic to be an airplane.

"If you can picture a clock," Jones said, "it started at 3 o'clock, went over to 9, shot up to 12, hit a peak, and dropped straight down to 6."

## ■ Expert interested.

Jones never believed in UFOs until now. "I don't want nobody pokin' fun at me," he said. "I know what I saw."

Jones called The Kentucky Post Thursday to find out who he could talk to who would listen to his report seriously.

On the writer's suggestion, he called Leonard Stringfield, Mariemont, O., a DuBois Chemical Co. official and expert on UFOs. Stringfield claims to have sighted a

UFO during World War II, believes the government knows more than it's saying, and has written books on the subject. He plans a talk at NKU Feb. 8.

Stringfield, who has compiled information on other reports of sightings in the northern Kentucky-Cincinnati area, took down Ptl. Jones' story, then swapped tales.

Jones wishes he had a picture of the object he saw and would like to know more about UFOs. And he can't wait to see the movie, *Close Encounters of the Third Kind*.

Not Melody

"I'm not really interested in seeing it. And I'm not calling this thing a flying saucer," she said. "I don't know what it was."

Melody was reluctant to talk about her experience but agreed to an interview Thursday night. She says she's afraid no one will believe her.

She adds she'd gladly take a lie detector test to prove "I saw what I saw."

Ptl. Jones, his son Ron and son Kris, 1, and wife Patty, live in Verona.

## State Police Have No Clues About Object

State police had no clues about an unidentified flying object (UFO) which was spotted by an Effingham resident and two friends Wednesday about 9 p.m. as they were driving on state route 37 at Hord.

One of the group told the Daily News today that first they saw two big lights in the sky. As they got closer to the craft, they found that it was triangular shaped. The craft was not moving, and as they got closer, the lights turned red and started to blink.

The Effingham resident could not judge how high above the ground the strange craft might have been, but said it was above the trees some distance. Suddenly, according to the local resident, the craft started to circle and looked like it was coming down.

As the lights changed from red back to white, the Effingham resident said, "They looked like strobe lights of some kind."

The trio admitted to being frightened, and said they came on to district 12 state police headquarters where they reported the incident.

State police said this morning they did not know what the aircraft might have been, but there were no police helicopters in the area last night.

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EFFINGHAM, ILL. - NEWS  
\*\*\*JAN. 12, 1978\*\*\*

ALLENTOWN, PA. - CALL  
\*\*\*\*\*JAN. 18, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

# UFO

## 'Close encounter' for Mahoning pair

By TOM MOYLAN  
Of The Morning Call

Despite snowy conditions yesterday, at least two persons — and possibly one dog — say they had a close encounter of the first kind: They sighted what they believe to be an unidentified flying object (UFO).

Leo and Grace Goldberg, who live in the Mahoning Valley area of Mahoning Township, saw the UFO for almost two minutes yesterday morning and managed to snap a picture of it before it was lost in the snow.

The Polaroid color snapshot shows a long, oval-shaped object above trees behind Goldberg's home. The whitish object appears almost translucent, yet has a clearly defined outline with three bright white spots near its bottom.

Goldberg and his wife were looking out a window at the falling snow around 10:05 a.m. when they noticed the object moving across the sky.

"It looked weird," Goldberg said. "It didn't look like an airplane."

Goldberg went out to his driveway to get a better look and told his wife to get the camera.

He snapped the picture before the object was obscured by snow. In all, he watched the object for around 1-1½ minutes by his estimate.

Goldberg said the object was silver and white with a bright white light and cylinder on the bottom. It didn't move too fast and appeared to be from 200-500 feet off the ground. It also made no sound.

That is, the UFO made no perceptible sound. But something, the sight of the object or perhaps a high-pitched sound, started a dog next door barking around the time of the sighting.

Mrs. Herbert Becker, the Goldberg's next door neighbor, said she heard her son's dog Ringo barking in the backyard. She looked out and saw the dog barking at something.

Mrs. Becker said she didn't go to see what the dog was barking at, but later found out about the UFO sighting.

There were unconfirmed reports that another family in the neighborhood experienced television interference about the same time the UFO passed overhead.

Goldberg said this was his first UFO sighting and by coincidence had a loaded camera handy. "I never have film in the camera," he said. The night before he picked up two cartons of the instant film that were on sale.

Goldberg said the UFO he saw resembled pictures of one he saw printed in newspapers.

WEST BEND, WIS. - NEWS  
\*\*\*\*\*JAN 19, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

## Rare sight for early risers

By JACK ANDERSON  
News Staff Writer

A number of early risers in southeastern Wisconsin saw an awesome display in the northern skies today.

Charles Tillou of West Bend had a front row seat for a view of the suspected meteorite. What he saw, he said, "made a chill go up my spine and my eyes got the size of a teacup."

Tillou had just dropped his wife off at 6:30 a.m. for the early shift at the West Bend Company east plant and was headed north to Barton on Schmidt Road. Then he saw it — "a light, quite large, coming from the left."

Whatever it was he saw, he recalls it having "a white flame in front and blue up over the top and orange kind of behind it. It was kind of a shocker. I stopped and backed up and thought, 'What the heck is that?'"

Tillou estimates that he watched for

FRONT PAGE eight to ten seconds from the first appearance "quite high" until it disappeared "gradually towards the east."

Was the light a falling star? "No, no. Uh, uh," Tillou told a reporter. During his 66 years, he said, he's seen falling stars. "And I've seen a jet at night," he added.

Does Tillou believe in flying saucers?

"By gosh, I don't know what to believe any more," he admitted early this morning. "I do and I don't, to tell you the truth."

Tillou knows that what he saw was bigger than things he's seen in the sky before. And he had a question about both meteorites and UFOs: "Where do they go when they come down?"

At noon today, Tillou said he was "still kinda thinking about" his experience. He said, "I'm still kind of curious to know if there is such a thing as a flying saucer."

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# 'Reliable' Sources Link UFO Reports to Tremors

William Hayes, Ocean County civil defense coordinator, has a dilemma.

He has received about 14 reports of UFO sightings that correspond to the dates the county was shaken by mysterious tremors.

"So what?" you say.

The civil defense coordinator would have been inclined to agree with this assessment, except that one of the reports was made by a Dover Township policeman.

Because the policeman is a "reliable" source, Hayes' basic distrust of UFO theories has been shaken.

He is "hanging on" to a couple of the reports, while others have been tossed aside as the ravings of "quacks."

"They said they saw bright lights in the sky that looked like UFOs," he recalled. "One said he tracked it down."

That report is the kind of thing that makes Hayes confident that the little green men cannot be blamed for the elusive phenomena.

Among others, Long Beach Sgt. Robert Snyder doesn't know what to think. On Dec. 13, the date of another set of booms, he spotted bright lights flickering in the sky over Long Beach Island.

"They were probably normal shooting stars," he said, "but that night there seemed to be more than usual. Cops usually notice them more because they do a lot of driving at night."

"I definitely believe in UFOs," he said.

A story in The National Enquirer quotes people in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and South Carolina who say they saw UFOs on days when the rumblings were heard and felt.

Hogwash, said Dr. William Donn of Columbia University's Lamont-Doherty Geological Observatory in Palisades, N.Y. "The UFOs I've heard about never made any noise," said Donn, who is investigating the phenomena.

The object was tracked by radar, according to local law enforcement officials.

No official explanation has been offered, although the unofficial consensus of opinion is that the object was a meteorite.

## UFO is Reported Across Southeast

A "big ball of fire in the sky" was reported to law enforcement officials throughout the South Sunday night.

The aerial phenomenon was apparently seen by thousands of people as it streaked across the nighttime sky about 9:30.

One witness said she heard a loud explosion and looked up to see a "big ball of fire."

HUNTSVILLE, ALA. - NEWS  
\*\*\*\*\*JAN. 30, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

FORT LAUDERDALE NEWS - FLA.  
\*\*\*\*\*JAN. 30, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

# ...Meanwhile, Back On Earth, UFOs Sighted Over Pompano

By R.B. Plunkett Jr.  
Staff Writer

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Prompted by a radio show which carried the message "We are not alone," hundreds of Pompano Beach residents crowded onto the beach at last night, searching the skies for UFOs.

Many say they saw them.

And many called radio station WFTL-AM to tell of how they saw flying saucers closing in on the Fort Lauderdale area.

The more they called, the more people left their homes for the search.

One man reported seeing a bright white light surrounded by a ring of colored lights. He said it almost landed at Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport.

"There is no record of anything being seen," said Chief

# UFOs Sighted Over Pompano

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Sutherland of the airport police. "But there were crowds of people around this place looking for it."

The radio show had been a week-long special on UFOs. Throughout the week, program director Mike Harvey had said he wished he could see one.

He says he got his wish last night.

"I went out in the news truck to see what was going on," he said this morning. "I saw something that was a very bright yellow-white light, not moving. I used binoculars and saw a halo of blue-green lights around it. Then it moved and disappeared over the ocean.

"When I got to Pompano, people had already claimed to have seen the same thing and had called the police."

Pompano police said they received a number of reports of sightings.

"Some people saw it in the southwest over the Plantation area," said Lt. Terry Sullivan. "And some say over the ocean."

Police officers went to the beach, but said they didn't see any UFOs.

Harvey had mixed emotions about

his sighting.

"It's probably the worst timing for the show," he said. "It might look like a gimmick, but it wasn't."

A spokesman for the UFO Reporting Center in Seattle said there were sightings throughout the Southeast from Texas to Georgia last night.

"We think that a large meteorite exploded and disintegrated somewhere over the Gulf," he said. "It was spotted all over.

"That would explain sightings to the west. But if something was seen over the Atlantic, then that's something else entirely. And if people say it maneuvered, then that leaves out a meteorite.

"We would like to know about that," he said.

So here is your chance Mike Harvey, and all the people of Pompano who shivered on the beach watching the blink of lights in the night sky.

The number at the reporting center is (206) 722-3000. Operators are standing by now.

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# No Answer Found For E. Aurora Sky Ball

By TIMOTHY J. BAKER  
Courier-Express Staff Reporter

A loud boom and a ball of red light in the sky over East Aurora probably cannot be explained by astronomical events or aircraft in the area, officials said Saturday.

The weather, however, could be to blame.

The ball of light and the loud boom were reported about 9 Friday night by several residents in the East Aurora area and one Elma resident.

The event was reported to East Aurora police and the Erie County Sheriff's Department. The callers were referred to the Center for Unidentified Flying Objects at Northwestern University in Chicago.  
**Not Aircraft**

Donald Schultz, a supervisor with the Federal Aviation Administration stationed at Greater Buffalo International Airport, Saturday said there were no aircraft in the East Aurora area at the time the boom was reported.

Schultz said the FAA receives numerous reports of UFOs, but most often in the summer. He doubted that any aircraft could have been responsible for the reports of Friday night.

Schultz did however, offer a "guess" as

to what might have occurred. He said that occasionally falling snow "builds up a lot of static and causes thunder." And he said the static can discharge as lightning.

**Red Ball**

But, the reports telephoned to the police said that the bright ball of red light was visible in the sky for about three minutes.

And, a spokesman for the National Weather Service, also stationed at the airport in Cheektowaga, said "not that I can think of" when asked if there was a way the weather could have been responsible.

The weather spokesman said there were no reports of thunder in the area Friday night.

Ernst Both, curator of astronomy at the Buffalo Museum of Science, also could not offer any explanation as to what might have caused a red ball of light.

"I doubt whether it was anything astronomical. It was cloudy and snowing," Both said. The clouds and snow would prevent sighting astronomical events such as meteors.

An East Aurora police officer said no new reports were received Saturday. The officer verified the reports of a loud boom. "There was a hell of a boom out here," he commented.

EVENING TRIBUNE - SAN DIEGO, CA.  
\*\*\*\*\*JAN. 4, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

Q. "I drove by myself to San Felipe, late at night. I was alone, far out on the desert. Suddenly a blue-green light appeared around my car. About 200 feet above me I could see a large, bright circular object. It stayed there, silently. My dog looked up just once. He howled and ran under my car to hide.

"I started to join him. Then the bright lights went off. The object swished up and away. I believe it was a UFO. My wife says I must have had too much tequilla. She thinks UFO's are baloney. You believe me, don't you."

A. Yes, I believe you. About 15,000,000 Americans have reported seeing UFO's. There have been thousands and thousands of sightings. No one can tell what UFO's represent. But it is safe to conclude that they do exist. You must have seen one.

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Clyde Griffin



I read the National Enquirer is offering a one-million dollar reward for proof that UFO's come from outer space.

Man's nature, be it what time and the elements have made it, will urge him to try and "win" the million dollars through many devious and other wise un-kosher means.

Others will come through the mails to the Enquirer telling tales of UFO related incidents; tales as yet untold, some of value in this survey and many of little value.

And we doubt that any solidly acceptable proof will be offered, no million dollar reward paid — just a lot of good material for hot-selling paper backs written by you and I and credited to the publishers.

Oh well, it's fun telling your own version of how you saw some lights in the sky, one time, which you felt might have been some UFO's.

Unexplainable phenomena grow more common place, at least the incidents have been recorded more often, of late.

We had a "strange encounter" (of sorts) last year in the town of Milford, about 45 miles south of Dallas. Milford played a big part in our Italy News-Herald/Ellis County Drummer effort to serve our end of the county. Ladell, my better half and I were taking photographs of a church.

For some reason my first polaroid photo wasn't quite

right and I tossed on the dashboard of my Comet and made the second shot.

This time the contrast was acceptable for reproduction, but for some unexplained reason there were the images of three dark halos in the sky above the church.

The halos were symmetrically positioned above the church steeple; the center halo image appeared noticeably higher than the halos on either side and with the Holy Trinity in mind we both puzzled over the odd photograph.

I tried to dismiss the matter with the logical explanation that I might have pressed too hard on the polaroid in the process of pulling out the frame.

On the short ride back to our Italy office the first photo I had snapped blew off the dash and onto the floor. When Ladell retrieved the rejected photo, she compared it to the second one and, to our amazement the same configuration of halos appeared in the exact same positions in both photos!

Naturally we printed the story and photos and the larger area papers did rewrite on the story. The pastor of the church was "astounded" and, as I did a lot of people scratched their heads in wonderment.

To date I'm not sure what caused the images to appear — I've used the camera quite a bit and have never noticed anything like that appearing on any other photos I've ever taken.

Mystery shrouds the area after three persons sighted a large ball hovering just over a hill in the Homer area last Thursday evening.

Leford King, his son, Ruvan, and Tony Nieman went out to do a little coon hunting in the Homer hills and had a hair hacking experience.

They were proceeding up an incline when they spotted this ball about six to seven feet in diameter. It seemed to hover and raise and lower itself as if it had been interrupted from its intended landing by the pickup and didn't care for the interruption.

At first the men thought it was the lights of a car. When it didn't fit that definition it was more comfortable to think it was an airplane about to crash. None of them wanted to admit that it was what they all knew it was, an unidentifiable flying object.

After they got nearer they discovered it was a ball lit to the intensity and coloring of the flame you would see looking into a wood stove fire. The only trouble with that is that all the light was contained in the object and none projected out of it nor made any shadow.

It lurked near the trees so Mr. King backed up a bit to get a better view of the object. As if anticipating their desires the thing slowly circled a low hill, out of their sight.

There was no impression of great speed. Rather each man got the impression of languid movement and that somehow it didn't care for their presence there. They could see no outlines, no shadows of anything within the ball yet each had the impression of movement and that it contained something or someone.

The coon dogs they had with them, too, showed an awed, frightened attitude and refused to leave the pickup then or later when Mrs. King and the boys decided to revisit the location later that same night.

Mrs. King called Channel 9 to see if anyone else had noted its appearance. No one had.

Channel 9 in the person of Don Keeler came down on Friday to interview Mr. and the boys. He brought with him a Sioux City expert on UFO's, haunted houses and visitations along with him to help with the interview. The expert Dr. Gottenberg, after the interview, told Mr. Keeler that it was unlike any other conventional sighting but the replies of the men definitely jibed and that they saw something other than the natural as we know it. He left several forms for them to fill out to help with the research on UFO's.

In revisiting the scene with Mr. Keeler and Dr. Gottberg the boys (Leford refused to go back again) found no disturbance to the grass and trees.

Each of them reported that he wouldn't have mentioned the occurrence had he not had the others who saw it too to back up the telling. It was as if it hadn't been there at all ----

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## UFO sighting in Lee

To the Editor of THE EAGLE —

With the evidence of UFOs increasing, based on reports, perhaps it is time for any who have experienced such occurrences to report them.

About four weeks ago, I closed the bedroom window about 3 a.m. because of the extreme cold. Looking at the sky, neither stars nor moon was visible. However, high overhead, my eyes caught an object fluctuating in color from yellow to orange. Matching it against the stationary window frame, I could determine that the object was moving, although seemingly a long distance away.

I would like to know if any Berkshire Eagle readers either saw this object or heard of it. If so, I would be glad to compare notes.

KENNETH P. SHELDON  
Devon Road  
Lee

# UFOs Light Up Skies From

By JOE SWICKARD  
Sun-Sentinel Writer

Giant, brightly colored fireballs sporting tails of sparks and fire streaked across Southern skies Sunday, prompting reports of UFOs and meteors from Missouri to Pompano Beach and Margate.

As Pompano Beach police scanned the skies over the Atlantic after receiving reports of bright lights with colored rings, law enforcement officials and U.S. Air Force personnel in the Panhandle region sighted what they believed to be meteorites or airplanes crashing into earth.

The UFO Reporting Center in Seattle fielded calls from all over the South Sunday night, with most of the sightings coming from the Gulf states.

"We took about 13 calls in all," a center spokesman said. "A large fireball is how people described it. We don't have anything confirmed yet, but we think it may have been a large meteor."

The spokesman said the volume of calls was not as large as the center expected. He said the popularity of the movie "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" had been expected to spark more calls and sightings.

"It was a spectacular display over several states," he said. "We expected more calls. But maybe the bad weather has kept the number of people going outside at night down."

The spokesman said most of the reports told of seeing an orange or red-orange ball streaking across the night. The bright ball had a "large fiery tail or trail

## Missouri To Margate

of sparks," according to those reporting to the center.

The descriptions at the center tally with other reports from around the country Saturday and Sunday night. Two separate reports from north Florida said the fireballs crashed with bright explosions.

An Air Force captain, identified only as Capt. McDougal, stationed at Tyndall Air Force Base near Panama City, said he made his sighting about 10 p.m.

"It was the brightest, lowest meteorite I've ever seen. There's no doubt that it was a meteorite. I saw it fall into the sea with a bright flash of an explosion but it was too far off to hear," he said.

Meanwhile, in Bristol, both tax collector Lester Summers and a deputy sheriff saw a ball of fire over Liberty County.

"I saw it go down and explode when it hit," Summers said.

Sheriff H.W. Rebell said, "I took an airplane and flew all over that area, but we couldn't find anything. These people that saw it, they're all reliable sources — this wasn't any prank stuff."

Rebell said the initial reports told of blue flames racing toward a large swampy area outside town. Some thought a plane had crashed in the swamps.

Other reports throughout the South came from similarly reliable sources, such as pilots and police officers. Two patrolmen in Jackson, Miss., saw a blue-green ball of fire with an orange tail falling at a 45-degree angle.

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## Share 'Close Encounters'

UFO sightings have been pouring into Newsline since publication last week of the Piperata sighting.

A Phillipsburg man, who was watching a road work crew at about 6:15 a.m. Jan. 26 said he saw a flashing light overhead. He said he also heard a "fizzing" sound and the light left a trail of bluish-green dust. He said he tried to report the incident to several agencies, but people just laughed at him.

Two highway workers — one from

Easton and the other from Hellertown — said they saw green lights that looked like "lightning streaks" in the sky about midnight Jan. 19 or 20. One of the workers' wives said the incident "scared the wits out of them." They didn't say anything until they saw the article in Newsline. They still don't want their names used.

Francis Corcoran said he and his wife were coming home from work at 12:45 a.m. at the end of November when he saw a huge, bright or-

ange light come down toward Memorial Parkway.

The message we're getting from many of you is that you have seen strange things in the skies but you're afraid to talk to friends about it because you're afraid they'll think you're nuts. Don't be. Newsline hopes to be a clearing house for area UFO sightings. If you've had a "close encounter" why not share it with our readers. Send your comments to UFO Report, Newsline, Box 391, Easton, Pa. 18042.

# Catskill Residents See UFO Near Country Club

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## Planes, Cold Blamed for Odd Booms

Hampton, Va. —AP— Mysterious booms heard in coastal areas recently are produced by a combination of shock waves from high speed aircraft in unusual weather conditions, two government scientists said Tuesday.

Researchers Harvey Hubbard and Domenic Maglieri presented their findings after a study at NASA's Langley Research Center.

The booms, which some people have ascribed to unearthly origins, have been heard frequently in recent weeks up and down the East, West and Gulf Coasts.

But Hubbard, who has researched sonic booms for more than 20 years, said planes were responsible.

"Besides the typical sonic boom that moves downward from the aircraft, there are other shock waves emanating from the top of the plane when it flies at transonic speeds," he said.

Yet another variety of shock wave is created when a combat plane goes through air battle maneuvers, Hubbard said.

Hubbard said that under normal atmospheric conditions, "topside" shock waves dissipate as they head skyward.

But unusual weather conditions in most of the country could force the waves back to Earth, he said, creating noise sometimes heard as far as 300 miles from the point of origin.

Hubbard said colder air masses in the South this winter might be responsible for the frequency of the booms.

"We think we have an explanation for every one of those sounds," Hubbard said. Maglieri, who heads the Langley center's noise control branch, agreed.

light seemed to be at the bottom and a rectangular or oblong form was visible attached and above it. Both stated that it suddenly disappeared and agreed that the sighting lasted a total of five minutes.

"We were not really afraid, but rather startled and puzzled," the adult said. The youngster added that she just felt "weird."

They had been hesitant to talk about it at first, but since they were known to this reporter and willing to share their experience.

Four other Catskill residents also reported seeing what they termed "a falling star." The four adults were driving on Route 9G toward the Rip Van

Winkle Bridge and placed the phenomena in the general direction of the Elks' Club on Jefferson Avenue. They stated that the "falling star" moved rapidly and then disappeared. The approximate time of the sighting was given as "sometime after six o'clock" Saturday evening.

Dr. Gary Levine, a UFO expert and faculty member at Columbia-Greene Community College, was very excited about the sighting. He will study the matter further and hopes to interview those who witnessed the phenomena. Dr. Levine told The Daily Mail that local sightings have become more frequent. Another Catskill sighting occurred last December.

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RHINELANDER NEWS - MADISON, WISC.  
\*\*\*\*\*FEB. 20, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

## UFO Sighting Makes City Woman Believer

Before Friday night, Harold and Shirley Peters never believed in UFO's. Now they do.

Their conversion happened at 10:30 p.m. Friday while the couple was driving to Hodag Lanes with their six-year-old grandson. Suddenly, the Peters spotted a bright orange object just west of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, speeding across the treetops.

"The thing was going so fast, it was hard to say how high it was," reported Mrs. Peters today. "We could see it quite well. It was bright orange and round. It couldn't have been a helicopter or a plane."

She estimated that the object was about 10 feet in diameter and eight feet high. After spotting the alleged UFO, the Peters watched its path to

Cirilli's Super Valu where it hovered for 10 seconds and then took off into the sky, she said.

"I've never seen anything like it," she said. "Our six-year-old grandson, Bobby, was really excited. He'll have something to tell his classmates today."

The entire incident lasted about 1 1/2 minutes, she added. After seeing the object, the Peters, of 629 Margaret St., contacted the Oneida County Sheriff's Department. The couple was told to call a UFO committee at Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill.

Mrs. Peters said, "I never believed in them before, but we believe now. I hope I don't see one again."

by JON KUIPER  
CATSKILL - Four Catskill residents were startled early Saturday evening by what they believe to be a UFO sighting. The sighting was confirmed later by other residents.

Two of the four, whose names are being withheld at their request were interviewed separately by The Daily Mail. They were asked to write down what they saw, or heard, giving a full description.

The written accounts matched perfectly and they agreed to share their experiences with this reporter.

The four people, one adult and three teenagers were together in a car travelling in the Jefferson Heights area at approximately 6 p.m. They noticed a bright orange colored object in the area over the Catskill Country Club's golf course. It was in the south eastern part of the sky.

The object was described by both subjects as "almost perfectly round, with pulsating light on opposite sides of the circle." Its color resembled "a harvest moon" the adult stated and it seemed to move in a southwesterly direction. One of the youngsters in the car remarked, "They can't tell me I am crazy for eight eyes are seeing it."

The driver of the car stopped the vehicle and opened the window to listen for any noise such as made by either a plane or helicopter. But there was no sound. Both witnesses also stated that the orange colored subject had stopped moving at that point.

"It then seemed to swing back and forth for a short while in a pendulum motion," the adult said, "and then proceeded in the southwesterly direction."

The foursome drove on attempting to follow it. Both witnesses stated separately that they became aware that there was a definite shape now visible. The orange circle of

ANOKA, MINN. - HERALD  
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## UFO reported

Coon Rapids police received an anonymous report of an unidentified flying object (UFO) flying toward Xeon Street from 121st Avenue NW.

The call described the UFO as saucer like and with lights. Police could not verify the report.

## Policemen spot UFO over Rink's

BY DAVID W. BROWN  
and ERIC SCHMITZ

Kentucky Post Staff Writers

The call to the Florence Police dispatcher was from Rink's department store. A mysterious white light had been seen in the sky by customers.

Sgt. Jack Sturgeon, Ptl. Garry Lynn and Ptl. Jim Booher were sent to have a look.

It was 9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 2.

When the three policemen arrived they too could see the object. They watched it from the Rink's parking lot for 15 minutes.

"It looked like a big white pencil," Booher said later. "It was way up there."

The policemen joined a growing list of people reporting sightings of Unidentified Flying Objects in the night skies of northern Kentucky the past three weeks.

Most of the sightings have been in the Florence and surrounding areas. At least four people say they saw UFOs about the same time the policemen were peering into the sky above Rink's.

But Warren Bass, 39, 10 Kentaboo, Florence, a night watchman, says he's been watching something through his binoculars every night for two weeks in southern Kenton County.

"I still don't know what it is," he said.

Bass works from 1 to 4 a.m. each night at Southern Woods Village, an apartment complex near Richardson and Turkeyfoot Rds.

# UFO sighting

Felix and Emma McCollom had a view of a UFO last July on a very hot day. At 4:30 p.m. they were traveling west, right on the bridge going out of Malta. The sky was very blue except for one triangular-shaped, well defined, white cloud. Because of its strange appearance they looked for others and saw eight or ten clouds above five or six miles off in the distance. They were also white and fairly uniform in size.

The triangular shaped cloud was about the size of a two and a half story house approximately one mile west of them. It began to fade and soon all that was visible was a "triangle just like three long corral poles with each end at the corners sticking out five or six feet." They reported that "It suddenly began moving west swiftly into what looked like a fog and when it was

completely consumed in the fog there was nothing left but blue skies."

The reason why this was not reported sooner stated McCollom was that "We see very prominent scientists look right down the tube and tell us we are seeing things that are not there. The United Nations are recently beginning an investigation which prompted us to make this report."

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## UFO Test Not Even Close

Agence France-Presse

ure here Friday night.

Tokyo, Japan — An attempt to lure unidentified flying objects from outer space through the use of red, white and blue spotlights and the soundtrack from the American science fiction movie "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" ended in fail-

The attempt was made by Nihon Shortwave Broadcasting Co. on the eve of the Japanese premiere of the movie.

Company officials said that flashing three lights had proved successful in drawing UFOs in the United States.

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### ■ Turning colors.

"I see this thing every night like clockwork," Bass said.

"It's bigger'n a star, turns from red to blue to white and back again. One night I saw a smaller light sorta fly into it. Around 2:30 or 3 every morning it disappears."

What Booher and his fellow officers saw in Florence wasn't a star either, said Booher.

"... and it wasn't the moon," he said, adding he's seen the Northern Lights and it didn't look like them. (This is the wrong time of year, too.) Booher said he saw something similar years ago, when he was in the Army in Vietnam.

### ■ Wave of UFOs.

"I didn't know what it was then either," he said. "Maybe it's doggin' my heels."

Booher won't call what he saw a UFO. He doesn't know what to call it. "There could be some life out there in the universe somewhere," he said.

The wave of UFO sightings don't surprise Leonard Stringfield, DuBois Chemical Co. executive and area UFO expert. He said in a lecture at Northern Kentucky University Wednesday the strange discs have been spotted by dozens of people who have called him in recent weeks.

But Stringfield said the sky sightings aren't critical UFO encounters. He said he's more interested in close encounters—within 500 feet of the object—which offer a bigger chance for scientific study.

Stringfield said the recent sightings are beginning to approach the scope of UFO reports in northern Kentucky in 1973.

"Back then we weren't equipped to handle these sightings," he said. "All I could do was take down notes over the phone. My phone rang for three months."

Stringfield says he has the ability to probe close encounters with UFOs now and encourages people who have seen anything strange to call him.

He promises confidentiality.

## Encounter Therapy

The Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Ill., normally gets 50 letters a day about sightings of "glowing lights" and such in the sky, but since mid-December the average has been nearly 800. At the Harvard Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics in Cambridge, Mass., calls from UFO sighters increased from fewer than half a dozen to as many as 18 a day during the past month. The obvious cause: fallout from the sci-fi smash *Close Encounters of the Third Kind*.

In the Northeast many of the reports have been triggered by glowing appearances of Jupiter, the largest and brightest planet in the region's night sky. Another spur to UFO sightings may have been the news that the Administration tried, unsuccessfully, to get NASA to open a UFO investigation. Had Jimmy Carter fallen under the *Close Encounters* spell? Not at all. The White House, weary of having to deal with its own heavy load of UFO mail, was just trying to pass the buck.

# Couple sees green UFO in the woods

By DAVID W. BROWN  
Associate Managing Editor, News

Mrs. Judy Gibson says she saw a bright green UFO outside her bedroom window one night a month ago and she'd gladly submit to a polygraph test to prove it.

Mrs. Gibson and her husband Rick were watching the late show on TV. It was about midnight, she recalled Tuesday.

"Suddenly this bright light flashed into the room from outside," she said. "I said, 'Rick, what the hell is that light?' and he looked and said 'Wow!'"

Mrs. Gibson, 24, and her husband, 25, watched the object as it lifted straight up then moved across the top of the house and out of sight. It made no noise.

Mrs. Gibson said there is only woodland behind their home at 410 Lakeview, Ft. Wright, near 3L Hwy.

The description volunteered by Mrs. Gibson is similar to that offered by Erlanger Ptl. Ron Jones and his niece, 20-year-old Melody Harris, of an Unidentified Flying Object they separately spotted in the skies above Florence last Thursday.

They too saw a bright green object which flew low to the ground and was utterly quiet.

But Mrs. Gibson said Tuesday she didn't read Kentucky Post stories about those incidents.

"This was a month ago," she said. "My husband and I both saw it and we had no idea what it could be, but we both decided it couldn't be an airplane. We were afraid to tell anyone about it because, you know, people would think we were crazy."

Mrs. Gibson was visiting her sister, Barbara Meeks, in Florence Tuesday. Mrs. Meeks, of 6809 Seebree, lives near where the object was spotted last week.

"It was really odd," Mrs. Meeks said. "We started talking about UFOs and I mentioned the one last week, but my sister hadn't heard about it. So I went and hunted up the paper and when she read it she couldn't believe it. That's when she told me about what she saw."

The UFO Judy and Rick Gibson saw was round in shape. Ptl. Jones described the one he saw from a distance as egg-shaped. Miss Harris, who spotted the object directly above her, said it seemed to be the shape of a household lightbulb.

Mrs. Gibson said she first saw the bright object through sheer green curtains at her bedroom window, but "this thing was definitely green."

Rick Gibson works at Sweco in Florence. The Gibsons have one son, Rickey, 6.

Cincinnati UFO watcher Leonard Springfield has labeled the reports of Ptl. Jones and his niece "credible." Melody Harris, like Judy Gibson, offered to take a lie detector test to prove she didn't make up her story.

## UFO seen near Port Wing

WASHBURN — Report of a green unidentified flying object traveling southward at terrific speed at 6:30 p.m. Saturday was reported to the Bayfield County sheriff's office yesterday by Michael Evans, a dairy farmer on County Highway two miles south of Port Wing.

Evans said he was standing by the barn on his farm when this strange light green colored object went flashing toward the south and disappeared. He said he might have thought it was a falling star except that it traveled horizontally and was colored green.

The next day the six-year-old child of a neighbor reported seeing the same object.

Evans said that a few years ago, when he was living at Drummond, he also saw a flying object of a similar kind, also light green in color.

Bayfield County officers were checking to see if others had spotted the UFO. At intervals during the last few years, UFO's have been reported in several north Wisconsin counties, and in one case Bayfield County deputies followed one along several town roads by car until it suddenly disappeared.

## Meteor Sighted

Law enforcement agencies throughout east central Wisconsin were flooded on January 19 with reports of fiery objects falling in the western sky.

Was it a UFO?

The evidence says no, that these bright objects in the early morning sky were remnants of a meteor disintegrating as it fell to earth.

Joe Schneider, Route 2, Elkhart Lake, reported seeing a bright object six inches in diameter while driving south of New Holstein early that Thursday morning.

"I got a real good look at it," Schneider reported. "It had a blue and yellow color, and a long trail behind it."

The fiery object passed about 15 feet in front of his car, and passed by three feet higher than his car roof, he said.

Schneider said he would have watched it go down, but there was a car in the oncoming lane of traffic.

He said the object was marked by little holes.

"I figured it was a meteor when I saw it," Schneider said.

"It was getting a little too close," he added. "I'm glad it passed over the car or I might not be here to tell about it."

# Parsippany Girls Report Two 'Close Encounters'

By SUSAN KELLY

PARSIPPANY — Two local girls reported close encounters of a first kind to the police last night.

Ptl. Charles Harris said a 14-year-old girl on Westminister Drive told him she looked out her living room window at about 7:30 p.m. to see a "very large round object" hovering over a house across the street.

She described the object as having a large light on top and numerous red and white lights on the bottom, Harris said.

The object hovered over the house for about three minutes before it flew off in a northerly direction, its bottom lights revolving as it took flight, the young witness said.

More than an hour later, Harris was dispatched to a second Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) sighting on Smith Road. He said a 16-year-old friend of the Westminister Drive girl was talking to her friend and reported seeing the same aircraft.

She gave the same description of the object as the first girl had and said it hovered over Smith Road for awhile before flying away, Harris said.

The four policemen who searched the area did not come to "the inescapable conclusion that we are not alone." But they did report seeing several low-flying planes.

Ernest Jahn, of the National Investigation Committee on Aerial Phenomenon was notified of the sightings. Jahn has investigated a number of UFO sightings in the township and surrounding municipalities.

He investigated a July 1975 sighting in which a young couple reported seeing an oval-shaped flying object.

Jahn returned to the township in February 1976 when two Lake Hiawatha men reported seeing an oval craft — perhaps 50 feet long — with three or four white lights and one red light flashing underneath.

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# 'Close Encounter' A Helicopter, Say Cops; Teens Say No

2424 By ROBERT MOYNIHAN  
JI Staff Writer

SOUTH WINDSOR — Awed and frightened, two teenagers Sunday night fled from what they claim was a huge, round saucer hovering just above the treetops on Lawrence Road.

Linda Maillet, 18, of Lawrence Road, and Ellen Reynolds, 18, of Cliffwood Drive both claim to have seen a flying saucer, but police dismissed the sighting, identifying the objects seen as helicopters.

The investigating officer himself reported seeing helicopter lights, and police dispatchers confirmed that helicopters were being used by Hartford police in a search on the west side of the Connecticut River.

But Lawrence Road is about as far from the river — seven miles — as one can get in South Windsor, and both girls question the identification.

According to Linda, she and Ellen were driving in Ellen's car on Lawrence Road when she saw a falling star. She looked for another — and noticed two bright lights.

"They were like two big, bright spotlights," she said Monday. "I know the end of my road and there are no lights there."

She told her girlfriend to stop driving, she said, and the two stared at the objects — and then saw them begin to move.

"I said, 'Ellen, we've got to get out of here,' and we turned around — but the lights followed us down the road," Linda said.

"We pulled in her driveway. We saw the two lights move together. They were above the field right in front of her house. The lights dimmed, and I could see the rim of the saucer. It was curved. It was just floating there . . ."

With the dimming of the bright lights, Linda said, a row of little lights was visible about the saucer's rim.

The two tried desperately to get someone else to see the objects, but as they ran into Ellen's house the two objects moved away, Linda said.

She said that one car came down the road while the objects were visible, stopped to look, then turned and sped up the hill away from the sight.

"I know I'm not mistaken. I know what I saw," Linda said. She admitted that she had seen "Close Encounters" and had just been watching a television show on UFOs that night, but said, "That has nothing to do with it."

She said she went to the window as the objects moved away and heard no sound.

"The officer who came to investigate called them helicopters. He said he'd seen them too. But we didn't see helicopters, I know that," she said.

"Myself, I feel satisfied with the explanation it was a helicopter," a police spokesman said Monday. "They think it's a man from Mars or something."

"She's a sensible girl," Jeanne Maillet, Linda's mother, said today. "They both really seemed surprised."

"It was scary," Linda said Monday. "I couldn't even sleep last night. If only someone else had seen it, everyone wouldn't be saying we're crazy."

LEXINGTON, KY. - HERALD-LEADER  
\*\*\*\*\*JAN 29, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

Odd UFO spotted over Pennsylvania.

Cigar shaped, strangely lit and going in tight circles, it was seen by police and many residents in Mill-creek Township.

ALBANY, GA. - HERALD  
\*\*\*JAN. 30, 1978\*\*\*

# 'It Was Like a Missile'

By Herald Staff Writer  
CAIRO, Ga. — "Look, Look, Look!", James E. Folsom of Cairo shouted to his wife as they were driving on a back road in Grady County on their way home from church Sunday night.  
Folsom, 44, a maintenance supervisor at Grady County Mills, said he saw around 9:30 p.m. "an object with fire — with

a greenish-blue base — sort of like a long tail. I'd never seen anything like it. I didn't know what it was. It was like a missile."  
However, Folsom learned later on a New Orleans, La., radio station that the object (sighted from New Orleans to Jacksonville, Fla.) could have been a meteorite. He said today it was "a peculiar experience."

Asked if he believed in UFOs, Folsom said, "I'm not too sure myself." He added that he has not seen the movie, "Close Encounters."  
UFO sightings were reported elsewhere in Southwest Georgia.  
A Camilla Police Department spokesman said her sister and three friends at Baconton called her at home just after 11

p.m. Sunday. They reported seeing a green-colored object which looked like a fireball hovering in the sky as they were pulling onto U.S. Highway 19 in Mitchell County between 10 and 10:30 p.m.  
"It looked like it was fixing to hit in Camilla," she said.  
"They said it was probably a falling star," she said, "They don't believe in flying saucers." She said there were no calls to Camilla about the sightings and said no calls had been made to the department during the past years about UFOs.

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### Balls of light sighted in skies over the South

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Eerie bright balls of light raced across the skies from Missouri and Texas to Florida Saturday and Sunday nights, prompting hundreds of reports of UFOs, falling planes and meteors. Sheriff H. W. Rebell of Liberty County in North Florida flew over dense pine woods Monday trying to find where a ball of fire was reported to have fallen with a loud explosion. An Air Force captain stationed near Panama City, Fla. said he saw a meteorite fall into the Gulf of Mexico with a flash. Sightings were also reported in Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Georgia.

Of the movie "Close Encounters" the spokesman said, "I know more people who saw it than didn't go. When they see a falling star they think it's a UFO."  
A spokesman for the Mitchell County Sheriff's Department said no calls concerning UFOs were received there Sunday night.

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# Two UFOs Reported

## County Center Appeals for More Witnesses

By ARTHUR R. VINSEL  
Of the Daily Pilot Staff

Reported sightings of two unidentified flying objects over the weekend has prompted Dr. Al Lawson, head of the UFO Report Center of Orange County, to issue an appeal today for any other witness information.  
He said that the sightings occurred Friday and Saturday in the Fullerton and Orange area, but did not come to his attention until Monday, when he began checking into them.

One incident was reportedly witnessed by Mrs. Claire Semaza and her entire family, who say they were awakened in their home in Orange about 3:30 a.m. Saturday by a loud, bizarre humming noise.

"I can't explain it. It was an extremely loud humming. All of a sudden our dog Susi began to set up a howl. I was kind of

afraid to look out the window," Mrs. Semaza said today.  
The family gathered and looked skyward, claiming they spotted and watched a round, dish-like UFO which hovered at high altitude, emitting revolving beams of light.  
A neighbor also heard the noise.  
"It looked like a flat, round dish and it was surrounded by a gray cloud of smoke. There was a reddish glow in the sky around it that lasted for awhile after it disappeared," says Mrs. Semaza.

She said during the object's presence, their whining, whimpering dog finally picked up her fresh litter of puppies out of their bed, one by one, and hid them elsewhere in the house.

The Semazas called the Orange Police Department which referred them directly to

Dr. Lawson's UFO Report Center based in Garden Grove.  
A professor of English at Cal State University, Long Beach, Dr. Lawson runs a clearing house for sighting information, sifting data for accuracy, plausibility or natural explanations.  
He said the Semaza family's sighting of whatever it was shortly before dawn Saturday followed by about six hours a report of a UFO filed by two Fullerton youths.  
Jeff Jones and his companion claimed they saw an odd, box-shaped object hovering in the vicinity of Chapman and Raymond avenues in Fullerton.  
During the past four years, Dr. Lawson has interviewed several hundred persons who reported seeing UFOs and is convinced there is something to the phenomena, based on his findings and studies.

# A close encounter with alien

An elderly Redding couple got so angry at being zapped unconscious by a UFO that descended uninvited on their mining claim that they tried to set a dynamite trap in case it reappeared.

But sheriff's deputies persuaded them to abandon their lethal plan.

Paul Cerny, a 46-year-old Bay Area electronics engineer who is western director for the Mutual UFO Network, has just completed a report on the incident, which occurred a year ago.

Ordinarily he would be tempted to dismiss such a story as imagination or a hoax, but he regards it as one of the most exciting events in his 20 years of investigating UFO reports.

What is so unusual about the story is what the UFO supposedly left behind -- a small metal blob about half the size of a child's fist and a pile of glassy, green sand.

Cerny has had the objects analyzed by reputable metallurgists with what he claims are amazing results.

The metal blob, gun-metal colored on the outside with a brass-like interior, is not a meteorite, yet laboratory tests showed it must have been formed in a vacuum or in space.

He says electron-microscope analysis seemed to show the lump was made up of seven metals fused together by great heat, selectively applied.

The pale green glassy objects, furthermore, turned out to be the purest silicone the laboratory had ever seen, unlikely to have been

## claim jumpers: A dynamite tale

formed naturally in the earth's interior.

Cerny told the story at this weekend's UFO convention in Oakland. He said the elderly couple, Clint and Jane Chapin, first saw a UFO on their claim in 1969 but did not talk about it for fear of ridicule.

"For some reason, we have had a lot of reports of UFOs being spotted near old mines," Cerny said.

The Chapins, whom he described as a nice, sincere couple

who had been working their small placer gold mine about 40 years, saw an egg-shaped object the size of a small car about 70 feet away in the bushes.

After the UFO had zoomed off down the canyon, the startled couple found a circular depression about two inches deep in the ground.

They also found the lump of metal and the sand, which they swore were not there before.

"We feel they might have been

dropped by the UFO," Cerny said.

In December 1976, the Chapins saw a similar UFO squatting on their claim.

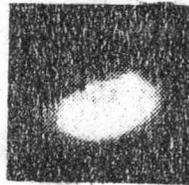
"Get the gun. It's here again," Clint shouted to his wife.

But the strange, domed object rose into the air about 100 feet, Cerny related, and the Chapins were knocked unconscious by some invisible force.

Now they are hopping mad, Cerny added, and Mrs. Chapin says the UFO has made her ill.

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## Sighting by police real, UFOers say



Did two Charlotte police helicopter operators have a genuine UFO encounter last year?

Mutual UFO Network says they did.

On Dec. 27 two parachute-shaped UFOs with "bright lights" on the bottom were reportedly seen by Charlotte police pilot Ronald Arey, his spotter Howard Dellinger, Douglas Airport radar trackers Ray Bader and Tom Carmody and WRPL radio announcer Eric Moore.

The UFOs were first thought to be plastic laundry bags with birthday candles used in a WAYS radio promotion of the science fiction movie "Close Encounters of the Third Kind."

George Fawcett of Lincolnton, state director for the worldwide UFO organization, said after an investigation "multiple witnesses and simultaneous radar-visual trackings" convinced a team of four investiga-

tors this was no earthly invention.

Fawcett said no plastic bags move 230 miles an hour, hover and play "cat and mouse games," move against the wind or resist being sucked up by the helicopter's propellers.

The UFO finding is no surprise to Snoopy pilot Arey. "I know it wasn't any plastic bag or anything I'd ever seen before. It outran me and I was doing 140 m.p.h.

"I've been flying this city since 1971. I see airplanes and helicopters every day," he said.

Arey said the object had one light in the front. "When I got behind it, I could see the light just as good as I could in the front." He said you couldn't see from behind if it was an airplane.

Although he's seen an apparent UFO, Arey said, "I don't go for science fiction. If a space walk comes on television, I turn the channel."

## UFO sighting

Reports of UFO sightings are still coming in. **FRONT PAGE**

The latest comes from two 10-year-old Simi Valley boys, Craig Davis and John Preston. The pair observed a basketball-sized light streak across the sky between 8 and 10 p.m. Friday.

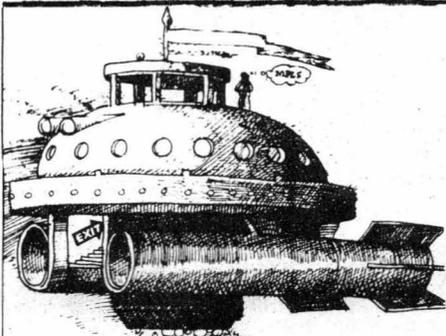
"It made no sound and was too fast for an airplane," Craig said. "We watched it for a couple of minutes."

The sight was described as a red light that would "die down then light up again."

Following the illumination came a puff of grayish-white smoke.

After the experience, the boys rushed inside to tell their families.

"Our parents didn't believe us."



# Five Persons Say They've Seen UFO

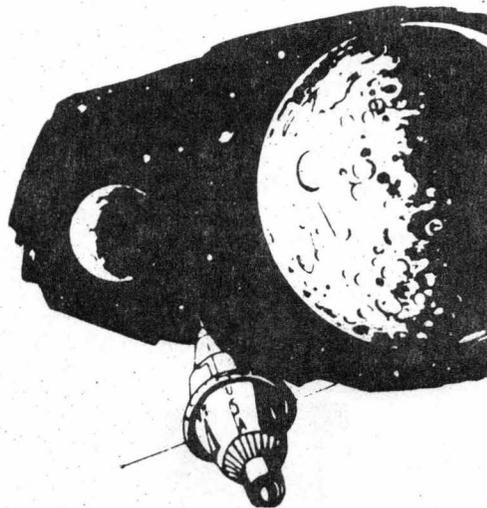
## Unidentified Flying Objects Seen and Classified Most Recently In and Near The Twin Cities \*

Although there have been several UFO sightings in the Parsippany area lately, most area residents haven't seen the light yet.

Only five persons out of 166 surveyed — less than 3 percent — said they had seen an Unidentified Flying Object, according to a Daily Record Instapoll.

Instapoll is an electronic device used to randomly survey residents on topics of general interest.

"I saw mine in California," said Jeff Gardner of Rockaway. "We saw three of them come over a hill. You could just tell they were UFO's. Then all of a sud-



1. Nov. 19, 1976, at 8 p.m. in St. Peter. Classified as a "nocturnal light." Seven witnesses reported seeing a large, brilliant yellow-orange light source meandering in the sky over a church, perhaps 150 feet above the ground. Three women, one a pilot, and four police officers reported observing the light, visible for about 20 minutes as it moved from west to east and continued toward the eastern horizon in silence with a bobbing motion in a straight line.

2. Oct. 19, 1976, at 9:35 p.m. in Minneapolis at the southwest end of Lake Harriet. Classified as a "nocturnal light." Two witnesses, aged 18 and 19, reported that they and several others observed a yellow cone of light with a row of windows at the bottom just under the cloud cover, which was at 4,200 feet that night, according to the National Weather Service. The light, witnesses reported, was visible for a total of about two minutes, disappearing four or five times and then reappearing in and out of the clouds, finally disappearing into the clouds.

3. Sept. 22, 1976, at 10:30 p.m. in Regal, Minnesota. Classified as a "close encounter of the third kind." One witness, a 10-year-old boy, reported that he looked out of his bedroom window and saw a 3½-foot-tall creature with a large, bald head, large, red eyes and green skin, floating outside for about two minutes. The creature then was reported to approach a craft about five feet, six inches tall with red lights, which it entered. The craft then rose slowly into the air, the witness reported.

\*According to the Center for UFO Studies, Evanston, Illinois. **Mpls**

## UFO spotted Saturday night in midwest

Several residents in the Cherokee area have reported the unidentified flying object which was sighted in several midwestern states early Saturday evening.

Those in the Cherokee area who saw the object described it as resembling a jet plane going across the sky, and that it sped over the lower horizon in a wide arc.

Michael Urban who lives 2 miles north of Cherokee, saw the object through the picture window at his home, and described it as having a white light surrounded by streaks of bluish-tinted "sparks."

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## Phenomena over Crystal

To the Editor: Inasmuch as it was I who reported on the UFO sighted in Crystal, I would like to comment on the letter of meteorologist Bruce Watson.

With all respect to Watson, what I saw was not lights reflected. These were separate units, one very brilliant that divided, and another that kept changing color as it stood stationary. This was witnessed by others besides myself. There were seven by 6 a.m.

I don't pretend to have the solution as to what they were and obviously what we saw was not the same thing Watson had his pat answer for. The government study of UFOs turned up no answers, either.

—Tom Spizale.

Crystal.

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## CLOSE ENCOUNTERS IN NEW YORK

"...Muhammad Ali was jogging in Central Park when he spotted an object in the sky glowing 'like a huge electric light bulb'..."



Here is irrefutable evidence that creatures from outer space are trying to contact us. Why they should want to is anyone's guess.

### Encounters of the First Kind (Sightings)

1. Just fifteen minutes before the blackout of 1977 struck the city, Susie and Michael Lawrence were walking along 17th Street, looked up, and saw a UFO near the World Trade Towers. It was fat at one end, thin at the other, and had bright multicolored lights which were blinking off and on as it moved back and forth. It eventually made its way along the West Side, moving faster. It blinked. It dipped. "Then it zapped uptown and disappeared," says Michael.

2. That same night Robert Kerman, an actor, reported a similar sighting on Fire Island. He saw "flashing lights moving in unsteady patterns making their way west toward the city."

3. On a bitterly cold January night in 1975, Laura Miller was walking down 62nd Street in Brooklyn. She looked up and saw a silent, low-flying object. Its enormously bright lights were moving in a rotary pattern, blinking on and off, changing from blue to yellow to red.

"Then out of nowhere a second one appeared, and they started changing posi-

tions in a waving, bobbing motion," says Ms. Miller. Maneuvers complete, they darted off.

4. Two people on Staten Island reported seeing flying saucers on a summer night in 1952. The UFO's—five altogether—were silvery, tinged with red on the rims, and were flying in a V formation. Josephine Hetzel, who saw them, said, "I almost fainted when I looked up at the sky and saw what looked like five large dinner plates."

5. Albert Roger reported a sighting in the summer of 1974. He was standing on 135th Street looking west at the sunset when he saw a "perfect pink triangle floating on the clouds." As the sun went down, the triangle drifted northward and disappeared. "I knew it wasn't normal," says Roger.

6. The Champ, the Greatest, Mr. Muhammad Ali was jogging in Central Park at 5:15 A.M. on December 1, 1971, when he spotted a bright light glowing in the sky. It was, he said, "like a huge electric light bulb."

7. During the evening of June 28, 1973, about a dozen people witnessed a pair of lights pulsating for over an hour. They were red and moved in a circular pattern.

8. A Brooklynite, Claudia Monteleone, had stopped for a traffic light in January 1975 when she saw a UFO from

her car window. It was "swaying back and forth over an apartment building, a reddish glowing ship with a circular band of rotating multicolored lights around its edges."

### Encounters of the Second Kind (Physical Evidence)

9. On St. Valentine's night in 1975, two fifteen-year-old Staten Island high school students, Mike Kileen and Chuck Damore, stopped at a local pond, ventured tentatively onto the ice, and looked up. Hanging 300 feet above the trees was a strange object. "It didn't budge and there was no sound of engines or propellers," says Mike. It glowed a brilliant shade of orange, had the shape of a football, and was about 25 feet in diameter. Then its shape changed to a sphere and it flew off to the northwest.

The boys went back the following day and found that the tops of several trees had been shorn off and that bark on other trees had been scorched as though by a tremendous blast of heat.

10. Warren Siegmond was taking photos of his lady friend at Union Square in May 1955 when they sighted "an enormous, fiery, circular object" above them. He photographed the phenomenon and the pictures indicated a large "doughnut-shaped unknown."

### Encounters of the Third Kind (Contact)

11. At 3 A.M. on January 12, 1975, George Obariski was driving into North Hudson Park on his way home to North Bergen, New Jersey. A 35-foot-wide ship with vertical panels of light landed 50 feet from his car. About ten creatures three and a half feet tall emerged carrying bags and shovels. They dug pouches of Greater New York dirt, got back into the ship, and it lifted silently off the ground. Researchers later found traces of the holes.

12. On an August night in 1952, Alexander McNeill was walking through a swampy area of Oceanside, Long Island. He saw the landing of a UFO craft that "looked like a big, bright egg and carried a crew of three three-foot-high beings with large heads and pointed ears." They wore green ski-type uniforms and blue caps. "One came down a ladder and walked through the swamp; another walked back and forth; and another pointed a rod at me from the ship." McNeill also reported a rotten-egg odor.

Details on some of these and other sightings are in *UFO Exist!* (Putnam), by Paris Flammonde. Or to report a sighting, call the UFO hot line, MU 5-4080, manned by Timothy Beckley, New York's "Mr. UFO."

# 'They zipped away at

By DAVID W. BROWN  
 Associate Managing Editor, News

A Boone County woman says she and her husband saw a "landed UFO" on a hillside along Gunpowder Creek Rd. a year ago.

Two 13-year-old St. Pius X students report they saw two red lights from the windows of their Edgewood homes Wednesday night that were at first stationary, then "zipped away at a tremendous speed."

A Ft. Thomas caller has reported a "very loud oscillating hum above our house, but when we looked in the sky we didn't see anything," a few nights ago.

And the bizarre story of a Kenton County couple that claims to have encountered an Unidentified

Flying Object two mornings in a row that affected their car's brakes "is an above-average report," says Leonard Stringfield.

## ■ Not crackpots.

Those developments added to a string of UFO incidents which have been reported in northern Kentucky in the past month. They have ranged from lights seen high in the sky to alleged "close encounters" with the objects.

And Stringfield has found several of the reports "credible by creditable folks."

Stringfield, a DuBois Chemical Co. official and area UFO expert, said Wednesday he has talked to the man who gave his UFO report to The Kentucky Post this week

after being assured his identity would be kept secret.

"These people aren't crackpots by any means," said Stringfield, who has just finished a radio rap show, has a television show to soon tape and scores of telephone reports to investigate and letters to answer.

"First, we have the psychological effects to consider on this family, which apparently are considerable and may be more far-reaching than we know now.

"Second, we have the electromagnetic effect they reported on their car."

The man and wife said she drove under the lights of the UFO, that it may have caused the car's

# tremendous speed'

brakes to go bad, made a sonar-like sound in her car, and that strangely, they didn't talk about the incident with each other for two days.

## ■ A few hoaxes.

Stringfield says he has been getting many reports from Kentucky people, most of whom request anonymity!

"Most of these people seem legitimate," he said. "I'd say the bulk have seen something for sure. We do get a few hoaxes. But I get people who have no reason to lie. Some even break down while telling me their stories over the phone."

Glen Comstock, of 3106 Lawrence, Edgewood, wasn't afraid to

identify himself Wednesday.

Glen, son of Ted and Evelyn Comstock, said he was called by a friend, Paul Carl, across the street, and told to look out his window at two strange red lights.

"I saw 'em too," said Glen. They kind of came together, then they zipped off at a tremendous speed."

He said the lights were about 1000 feet above his house.

## ■ The landing.

Stringfield was extremely interested in a report from a woman who says she saw a UFO on the ground a year ago in Boone County.

The woman, who asked not to be identified, and her husband, a

sales representative, were on their way home at 1 a.m. from a party.

"We didn't have much to drink," she said. "It was nothing like that."

She said as they headed home they saw an object about 300-400 feet away in a pasture on a knoll. They stopped the car, backed up and watched about 15 minutes.

"It was the shape of a football," she said. "It was putting out a cream-colored light. It had windows around it and we could see movement behind the windows. I would say it was about the size of a car. And it was on legs."

When the couple reached home she tried to talk her husband into calling the Boone County Police. Instead they talked to neighbors.

"He is a truckdriver and had just gotten home. He said he saw it too. My husband and he jumped in the car and went back there but it was gone," she said.

The woman, 37, says she didn't believe in UFOs before. "I know they exist now," she said with a nervous laugh.

## BROWNWOOD, TEXAS - BULLETIN \*\*\*\*\*FEB. 12, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

UFOs are in the news again. A Southside resident became more than concerned when he spotted something unusual in the sky. The description of the object was given to the Brownwood Police Department who reported the same description to the Brown County Sheriff's Department.

## SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE \*\*\*\*\*FEB. 12, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

People are finally beginning to realize that there is a vast universe out there and that some of the people who have seen UFOs — military pilots and engineers, for instance — are not just crackpots. (But) this idea that UFOs come from outer space is putting the cart before the horse. We can't say that yet. We still have a lot of data to gather.

DR. J. ALLEN HYNEK, Northwestern University  
 astronomy professor

# Vineland Is Beset by UFO Sitings

By MONA MOORE  
 Press Staff Writer

WINELAND — Some local residents have had close encounters of the weird kind in the last week, with at least three separate sightings of unidentified flying objects reported in this city.

The most recent one was Wednesday night when six local youths told police they saw a triangular object with lights in each corner as they were driving north on Hance Bridge Road.

One of the boys, Donald Bennett, 16, of 292 Sheridan Ave., said the object appeared when they stopped the car at the intersection of Sherman Avenue and Hance Bridge Road.

He said it was first spotted by Thomas Sharp, 16, who looked out the window and saw four lights a little larger than headlights low in the sky and coming toward the car.

"It didn't stop, but kind of swerved at a tight angle," Bennett said. "When it was sideways, we all saw it. It looked like a triangle shape, with a light in each corner, and it went back the way it came."

He said they attempted to follow it for about six or seven miles and wound up on a narrow dirt road, where they decided to go no further. They pulled over and shut off the lights, he said, and the UFO's lights also went off. When they turned the car lights back on, the UFO's lights also went on.

At that point, the object was "a long way up," according to Bennett, who said when first spotted it appeared to be about a mile away and 500 or 600 feet in the air.

Asked what he thought it might have been, Bennett said, "I have no idea. I've never seen anything like it before. It wasn't a plane; we didn't hear a sound. The police said it might have been a helicopter, but it would have had to make a noise."

The first sighting reported to the police was Friday night when Cheryl DeSanctis of 2410 Barry Drive spotted a red and white blinking light in the sky.

According to police reports, she said the light

was about a quarter of a mile away hovering above the trees. It stayed stationary for about five minutes, then a red ball moved slowly from behind it getting lower as it went until it was passing a few feet above the rooftops, and throwing light upon the houses as it went, according to the police report.

She said as the red ball moved north, the original object moved in the opposite direction. She said she watched it for about 10 minutes.

Still another sighting was made Tuesday night by Pat Martinelli of N. Maple Drive, although it was not reported to the police.

Ms. Martinelli said she was outside her house at about 11 p.m. Tuesday when she looked up and saw an object above the trees.

"It was not as low flying as a small airplane, but it was lower than most airplanes," she said. "It was a triangle with the point at the back and a lot of red and white lights, more than planes usually have."

"Besides, you can usually tell the humming sound of a plane," she said, adding that there was no sound that she could hear.

"It bore a strong resemblance to the thing in 'Close Encounters,'" she said. "That's what surprised me at first. But in the movie, it rolls and tumbles. This one stayed straight ahead."

Bennett said he had not seen the film, "Close Encounters," but laughingly added, "A lot of people have asked me that."

Ms. Martinelli said she went in and called her parents to look, but by the time they got to the windows, it was too far away.

Asked why she didn't report it, she said she was embarrassed and didn't feel there was anything the police could do anyway.

"It might have been a low-flying satellite or some kind of airplane, but to me it didn't look like an airplane," she said. "You can usually tell the cross-lines of an airplane, but this was broad and flat and triangular."

Although Ms. Martinelli felt the police might not take her seriously, Police Chief Joseph Cassisi said all such reports are checked out.

He said the investigating officers do try to question any other possible witnesses to corroborate the sightings and the information is passed on to agencies which investigate UFO's.

"I feel they're airplanes with flashing lights," he said. "They use strobe lights now, and at certain angles, it does look weird."

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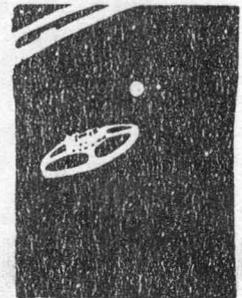
It's All Very Hush-Hush...

## Ho-Hum... <sup>PAGE ONE</sup> Another UFO in the Area

Nobody's talking about what a night crew at the Conquista Power Plant might have seen one night last week.

Rumor is rife that several members of the crew working the graveyard shift at the plant, located on Highway 791 between Campbellton and Falls City, saw what could only be called a UFO...perhaps more than one...over the plant. Reportedly, appearance of the UFO interfered with the plant's operational source.

Rumor also has it that members of the crew supposedly were closely questioned about the incident by a governmental agency but plant officials, when asked about both rumors, flatly denied any knowledge of either the incident or that any investigation was in



progress. Neither did a spokesman at the Karnes County Sheriff's Department.

This alleged sighting follows hot on the heels of recent reports of sightings in the Leming area perhaps ten days ago. At that time both local residents and persons driving on Highway 281 reported their sightings to Pleasanton night police dispatcher Mae McFadden.

## Close Encounters Increase Area UFO Sightings Numerous

By SAM SMITH

Register Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — On a bright, summer night in 1956, a West Haven man told the Air Force he saw "a white object, the size of a quarter. It rose slowly and got brighter and brighter."

The Air Force said it was "probably a Capella (giant, bright star)," and closed its file on that particular unidentified flying object (UFO) sighting.

That same day the Air Force recorded the report of a man in Tangier, Morocco. He said he saw an object rise slowly in the sky and get brighter. It was the size of a small disc, he said. There was no connection to the Connecticut sighting.

These were just two of the more than 20,000 UFO reports the government received in its formal investigation of UFO's, lasting from 1947 to 1968, with about 100 from Connecticut. After considerable expense, the Air Force, which was conducting "Project Blue Book," concluded that in the absence of significant findings or connections, continuation of the project was unwarranted.

The files were opened to the public in 1976, and UFO's have created more interest now with the opening of two science fiction movies, "Star Wars," and "Close Encounters of the Third Kind." NASA recently rejected a White House request to reopen its investigation into unexplained booms being reported with increasing frequency.

The Register's Washington Bureau examined the Air Force Project Blue Book documents and found 102 recorded sightings in Connecticut during the 22-year period, and nearly 10 percent of those in the New Haven area.

Summer, traditionally was the best time for seeing strange objects, according to the files, now housed in the National Archives.

On Aug. 12, 1957, a New Haven resident (the Air Force deleted names in its reports) reported seeing a "cigar-shaped, grey object about the size of a jet." The Air Force said it was "probably an aircraft." Case closed.

Five years later, in June, a North Branford man spotted an "oval balloon." He said it moved back and forth suspiciously. The Air Force noted in its

report that the man had recently read three books on UFO's and seen a science fiction movie.

Certainly, many of the reports were developed after a similar process of suggestion.

A spokesman for the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics said since "Close Encounters" opened, the institute has been receiving three or four sighting reports daily. "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 spokesman said.

Those kinds of reports are likely to increase as planetariums around the country continue to schedule UFO shows and Jack Webb of *Dragnet* fame is producing a new series called "Project UFO," based on the Air Force reports.

In August, 1963, the Air Force received a letter from a West Haven resident:

"I would like to report a UFO. It was a bright light shaped like a saucer. Please answer because I am very worried."

The Air Force responded that the report reminded it of "the characteristics of an aircraft."

In the spring of 1964, the Air Force got a report from a class at the Race Brook School in Orange.

"We have a book that shows and tells about flying saucers. One of the saucers in the book is exactly like what we saw. The Yale Observatory saw it, too," the class said in a letter.

Two children in the class said they saw a flying saucer — like object flying low and making buzzing sounds. When they got to school the next day they told the teacher, who asked the class and five more children said they saw the identical object.

A public information officer for the Air Force wrote back, assuring the pupils that of over 8,000 cases investigated during the past 16 years, "there is no evidence of UFO's." He told the children to read an Air Force fact sheet on flying objects.

About the same time, in Shelton, a man wrote the Air Force on his experience, one of the most bizarre among the sightings:

"It was a clear sky and I saw a round disc that was zinc-aluminum in color and about one-half mile across. There was no sound and no vapor trail," the Shelton resident said.

"When he realized what he had seen, he attempted to flee. After going only a short distance, he appeared to be stopped by a force of some kind. His craft halted and made several dozen of close right hand turns in a circular pattern as if a bottle top caught in a whirlpool. He suddenly broke away and went in the opposite direction toward Canada."

The Air Force could not explain the report. No physical evidence exists, it said.

In July, 1966, a 15-year-old New Haven boy spotted a silver-colored object that disappeared six times behind a two-story building. "It was round, like a large aluminum sphere and five to six feet across," the boy reported.

The youth said he called his grandmother and sister, both of whom also observed the phenomenon.

"The description is consistent with that of a balloon observation," the Air Force said.

And back a decade, there was another New Haven report, this time in a letter when a man described "a small red disc like a fireball. It pierced a metal signboard. The object then continued its horizontal flight before disappearing vertically. The object left traces of copper, which ruled out a meteorite," the man added, as if to thwart one Air Force explanation. The Air Force offered no explanation.

But there were sightings all over Connecticut during that 22-year period in which the Air Force charted reports from young and old, rich and poor.

The sightings read like a state map. Hartford and Newtown in the summer of '48, Norwalk and Bridgeport in 1954, Winsted and East Hartford in 1955, then as the years went on Meriden, Middlebury, Hartford, several times, Stamford, Danbury, Waterbury, Naugatuck, Fairfield, Wolcott, Norwich, Torrington, Windsor and Uncasville, among many others.

But don't scoff. In 1969, a man spotted a moving object in the western sky for about 10 minutes as it changed color and shape. It then departed silently. That man now is President of the United States. (CNS) /

# Authorities close eyes to

By CHRIS GOLEMBIEWSKI

Was it a plane?

Was it a secret military aircraft?

Was it a close encounter of the first kind

— visual sightings (without physical evidence)?

Thousands of mysterious sightings have been reported across the country over many years. Prominent people, including President Jimmy Carter, are said to have seen unidentified flying objects (UFOs) — an accurate term, to be sure.

They are "objects." They seem to fly. That's about all authorities will concede.

Add to this list last week's Livingston County encounters.

Let's say you were one of those who saw One of Those Things in Green Oak Township last Thursday night (February 9). You've got it straight in your own mind. You're withstanding the jibes of disbelieving friends and relatives.

Where do you go from here?

Trying to report a UFO or attempting to find a local explanation for what you saw, if it was indeed of this world, is perhaps more frustrating than suspending disbelief in the first place.

Based on detailed descriptions of incidents, including those provided by Island Lake area residents, The Argus attempted to trace stories making the local rounds and to

contact aviation experts and law enforcement authorities for explanations.

It was a dead end.

Many rumors could be easily dispelled. One circulated at Brighton High School about a state police roadblock Wednesday evening (February 8) on Spencer Road near Spencer School. Three objects were said to be hovering over the school.

Two troopers did answer a "complaint" or call by two young boys about a UFO in that area, the police reported but no roadblock was put up. The "roadblock" was attributed by police to an overturned trailer truck accident.

According to another story, a power outage occurred at the Mt. Brighton ski area at the same time UFOs were announced on the public address system. Co-owner Bill Risky said that no power failure occurred. He added that, upon hearing a radio report, a Mt. Brighton employee jokingly told skiers to "look up in the sky, if you want to see a UFO."

Tom Beauchamp, an Island Lake resident who wanted to report vivid details to some higher authority, found no one who wanted to listen.

He said he called the Brighton state police post several times and was told that the objects were experimental aircraft from Selfridge Air Base in Macomb County. State police later told him that that informatio:

## strange objects

came from Green Oak Township police.

When contacted, Green Oak police said they received that information from state police. There appears to be no substantiation for this statement. Both The Argus and Beauchamp contacted Base Operations at Selfridge. A man who would not give his name said he knew of no experimental craft on the base.

Beauchamp, who worked there as an aviation mechanic, said the base is a reserve facility not equipped for research.

Green Oak police last week provided state police with the explanation that strange sightings were attributable to planes. Yet Chief John Shosey told a reporter that another individual — a township ordinance enforcement officer — had seen something in the sky near American Aggregates company Thursday.

But the officer was afraid to report it, Shosey said, because he feared people would think he was crazy.

Shosey also said he attempted to report previous incidents to Detroit Metropolitan Airport and was merely told to contact Dr. J. Allen Hynek.

The Selfridge Base source said the U.S. Air Force no longer "has no provisions" for collecting UFO data. "We just listen and sympathize." Names and descriptions are not recorded, he said.

The Brighton state police said it is not a practice to make out detailed police reports on UFO sightings. Police apparently feel it is not their responsibility, since such things do not involve breaking of laws.

Tom Beauchamp said he also has telephoned CIA and FBI offices in Detroit to no avail.

As has been the complaint nationally, the "authorities" seem to be official disbelievers. No one is seriously collecting data from citizens except private research teams.

Dr. J. Allen Hynek is a professor of astronomy at Northwestern University and director of the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Illinois, who is gaining publicity as a UFO expert.

Previously an "official doubter" for the Air Force, Hynek now has reversed his stand and is collecting data from citizen reports.

So, were these recent local incidents merely sightings of joy-riding amateur pilots or commercial jets on a new traffic pattern or some military craft?

And if last Wednesday and Thursday were such beautiful nights for flying, why did no such reports deluge local police on Friday and Saturday nights? Those, too, were "very, very clear" nights for flying, according to a source at Livingston County Airport.

Who do you believe?

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A mantle of snow covered the ground, trees and rooftops at Green Valley Lake, when we visited there recently. Located in the San Bernardino mountains, it resembled a Swiss village.

We managed to travel up and back home between rainstorms, which is becoming harder to do here in "sunny" Southern California. Snow chains were not required until we came within a block of my sister's cabin where we stayed.

Confession is good for the soul: One reason we wanted to go up there and stay overnight is the fact that my sister and a neighbor up the hill (unbeknownst to each other) have had the awesome experience of seeing a UFO. That's right. Not once, but twice.

It appeared about 3:30 a.m. The light was so bright it woke my sister whose room is a glass enclosed porch. She said it hovered in the sky approximately a half hour, dimming its light frequently. It was not exactly round. Before it left it veered off at an angle and stayed about 10 minutes longer.

Don't believe us, huh? Well, the night we were there it didn't appear, sorry to say. Now stop snickering. It was a phenomenon of some kind.

# 'Life Never the Same Again'

By Michael Bauer  
A Member of the Staff

**V**ANEA Richards of Columbia walked nonchalantly from the living room of her mobile home to the kitchen to put a baby bottle in the refrigerator. Over the rhythmic beat of the record player, she heard a loud thrashing near the wooded area north of the house.

She went to the window but couldn't see anything. As she listened quietly, the 16-year-old girl became more frightened. She called to her father, James Richards, to come quickly, then she ran and locked the door.

As Richards and his 3-year-old son, Jamie, entered the kitchen they saw two inverted cones of silver-white light outside the window. Suddenly the light disappeared and a bright oval shape 12 to 15 feet in diameter appeared. The surrounding trees were aglow and the dark July night was lighted like day. The thrashing continued and the trees swayed back and forth. One tree was pulled toward the ground and a crashing sound reverberated through the room.

Richards ran to a side window and peered out, only to see the hot, windless night. Running into the bedroom he got two firearms, loaded them and reappeared in the kitchen. He went back to the window and looked at the object, stationed 40 or 50 feet from the trailer.

He had no idea what he was seeing, but he knew he needed help. He lunged toward the phone while Vanea stood helplessly in a corner. Richards dialed 113 and after several attempts, reached the operator. As he talked the house lights dimmed twice. After describing what was happening Richards hung up so the operator could call the proper authorities. She assured him she would call back. By this time the bright light had moved to the edge of the field. The object had a silver-white center with a blue band of light and an orange glow extending around the outer edge.

Suddenly the object started moving toward the house again. Richards and the children were speechless. His skin became cold and he was sure death was near. When he tried the operator again the phone was dead. (The operator said later that she had called the Flight Service Station at the Columbia airport and when she tried to call Richards back the phone was dead.) She finally got through as the object moved away from the house and toward the field. Noiselessly it backed off in a smooth motion. The glow seemed to shrink and the 35-minute ordeal was over.

**N**O one has to convince Richards what he saw—it was a flying saucer from outer space. "I don't have to prove that to anybody, I know what I saw," he said recently in a telephone interview.

It has been more than four years since the ordeal but forgetting it is not easy. Rarely a day goes by when Richards doesn't think of the trees moving and the impressions left by the bright, glowing object. Even Jamie, the 3-year-old, mentions the night the trees glowed and thrashed.

Since the incident the family has moved into the Columbia city limits. However, they still own the trailer and rent the land where the sighting occurred. Vanea is now 21 years old and married.

Her parents have tried to talk her into going back to the farm; they even offered to buy her and her husband a new trailer. But she refuses. Her mother, who was working the night of the sighting, said it is as if Vanea wanted to forget about it. She won't discuss it and refuses to go near the farm.

After the sighting even Richards felt frightened. He wouldn't go out alone after dark and every night before going to bed he put a towel at the north window of his bedroom.

The family also became somewhat famous after the sighting. Townspeople were curious but friendly. Since the sighting hundreds of people have visited the Richardses and they have been interviewed twice on network television.

Now things are quiet. Richards works where he has for 15 years—the University of Missouri-Columbia. But his life has been different since that July evening. He wants to forget about the experience but it pops up regularly. And there is a feeling that the object will be back.

That same feeling is expressed by Erma and Durel Johnson of Delphos, Kan., who have experienced problems far greater than the Richardses since a sighting on their farm in 1971.

The Johnsons' son, Ronald, who was 16 at the time, heard a rumbling and saw a large glowing light hovering near the sheep pens on the family farm. He could see no details, simply an object domed at the top and base with a slight center bulge. He watched it for three to five minutes before the object brightened at the base and began to ascend with considerable speed. As it was taking off he ran and got his parents and together they watched it disappear. A few minutes later they discovered a glowing ring

where the UFO hovered. Mrs. Johnson touched the ring and her fingers became numb. She brushed soil against her leg and it also numbed.

Since the sighting all three Johnsons have been on nerve pills, the elder Johnson said in a telephone interview. Ronald has experienced health problems, including a nervous stomach and eye difficulties.

He is almost haunted by the experience, his father said. Ronald won't talk about the incident but he continually hears the same buzzing sound he heard that day. He has told his father many times that the UFO is coming back.

In fact, the Johnsons believe the UFO did reappear, in 1974. They saw the bright glow outside and the house lights flickered several times before going out. The transformer then blew out and had to be replaced. Shortly after that the family moved into Delphos, although Johnson still farms and Ronald, now married, lives in the farmhouse.

Since the incident Mrs. Johnson, now 58 years old, has been in ill health. She has eye trouble and her leg still is numb. She has asked the doctor repeatedly if it is because of what happened and he says, "I don't know because I don't know what you saw."

Johnson often gets the urge to take long strolls... he walks and walks and walks until he's exhausted and he then has to resort to the nerve pills, which he never took before 1971.

Johnson always considered himself a loner, but after the sighting he found that he was happier in crowds. Friends are very important to him now, he said. They give him a feeling of security.

The family also has become more religious. "It seems like it brings you closer to God," Johnson said. "It sure did to me. I don't know if that's it or not but it's a feeling I can't express."

It doesn't really matter if the objects people like the Johnsons or Richardses see are extraterrestrial. Psychologically the sightings can be devastating. There is no explanation for what is seen and there always is a fear that peers will ridicule them or think them "crazy." A sighting usually changes a person's life.

Stan Fouch of Leawood, who is trained in computer technology and has worked for IBM 22 years, often interviews people after sightings. He is a consultant for the Mutual UFO Network and has interviewed about 150 people in the 10 years he has been studying UFOs. He has

found that most people need to talk about the experience, to be reassured that they are not crazy and to know someone believes them.

Fouch said he has seen a UFO. He was interested in UFOs years before his 1973 sighting but after seeing the glowing light in the sky he became consumed by the interest. He readily admits his life has changed. UFOs now are his major hobby and a corner of his basement is devoted to UFO material.

A similar consuming interest struck Thomas Nicholl after he spotted a UFO from the patio of his Leawood home. He and several family members and guests saw a bright, disk-shaped object moving through the sky. Nicholl got his binoculars and called his wife, Mrs. Grace Nicholl, and the group watched the flying saucer follow along State Line until it seemed to disintegrate over an open field.

Although UFOs are a major interest, Nicholl has other hobbies including photography, sailing, backpacking, almost any type of mechanical work and his company. He is president of Nicholl Brothers Inc., a firm that makes flashlights. He designed and secured the patents for the products he manufactures.

He voiced his belief in UFOs after the sighting about 10 years ago, and many friends thought at the time that he had committed financial suicide. People would take him for a quack, they thought, not a respected member of the business community. But that doesn't seem to have happened. Some friends seem to have trouble understanding the Nicholls. They don't think the Nicholls are nutty, but they just don't believe in UFOs. Therefore the subject is not discussed in their presence.

Mrs. Nicholl said the experience changed her life but the changes can't be pinpointed. However, she said she has not suffered any psychological or nervous effects.

The main result of the Nicholls' sighting was that the couple's mutual interest in UFOs increased. Many couples experience marriage difficulties after a sighting and Mrs. Nicholl is grateful she also saw the object so she can understand his interest.

"If he would have seen it alone, and became as interested as he did, I would have had trouble understanding Tom," she said. 1

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# Terrifies Townspeople For Three Days

## Pulsating UFO Shocks Texans

A terrifying rash of UFO sightings have been reported near Porter, Texas and police and officials of the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena are baffled.

In the early morning hours of a partly cloudy night recently, Officer John Bruner, a deputy sheriff, noticed a bright, pulsating object in the sky

about a mile away.

He was afraid but curiously got out of his squad car and tried to get a better look at the UFO by shining his spotlight on it. It appeared to be about the size of a grapefruit.

The object moved menacingly toward the deputy, who flicked off the light. He was shocked that the UFO made such a response. The UFO then moved back to its original location.

The weird object appeared to have six portholes, surrounding a type of metal body framework.

Meanwhile, Kenneth Dean Biggs, manager of a Porter restaurant, observed the same mysterious object hovering over the woods, a mile away.

He reports the lights in his restaurant went dim, and his radio went haywire becoming "just a lot of scrambled noise."

Officer Bruner radioed to have a police helicopter dispatched to the scene for investigation. But by the time it arrived, the UFO had disappeared from view, either by dimming its lights or by hiding behind the slight cloud cover.

Officer Bruner watched in amazement as the UFO reappeared. It was visible for a full 45 minutes. Bruner watched as the object appeared to stand still in midair, then travelled at incredible speeds, pulsated and flew with amazing and complicated mobility.

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STRANGER THAN SCIENCE - PART I -  
Some people call them UFOs or flying saucers. Skeptics say they're nothing more than low-flying aircraft.

Whatever they are, there are things that move brightly in the sky, and there are people who believe those things to be UFOs.

Some of those things and some of those people crossed paths earlier this week in Fairbury and Cooksville.

The first "close encounter," or UFO sighting, was at about 10:30 p.m. Sunday at Fairbury. Witnesses reported seeing a set of lights illuminate the sky north of the town.

After several close encounters in and around Fairbury, the object headed southwest about 11 p.m., those who claim to have seen it said.

The Cooksville UFO was seen between 11 and 11:30 p.m. Sunday by a Cooksville man and his sister as they were driving on a rural blacktop southeast of Cooksville. The description of their close encounter was similar to the description of the Fairbury encounter.

Two nights later a lot of other Fairbury people saw what some thought was a UFO and others thought was a plane illuminating the sky with its landing lights.

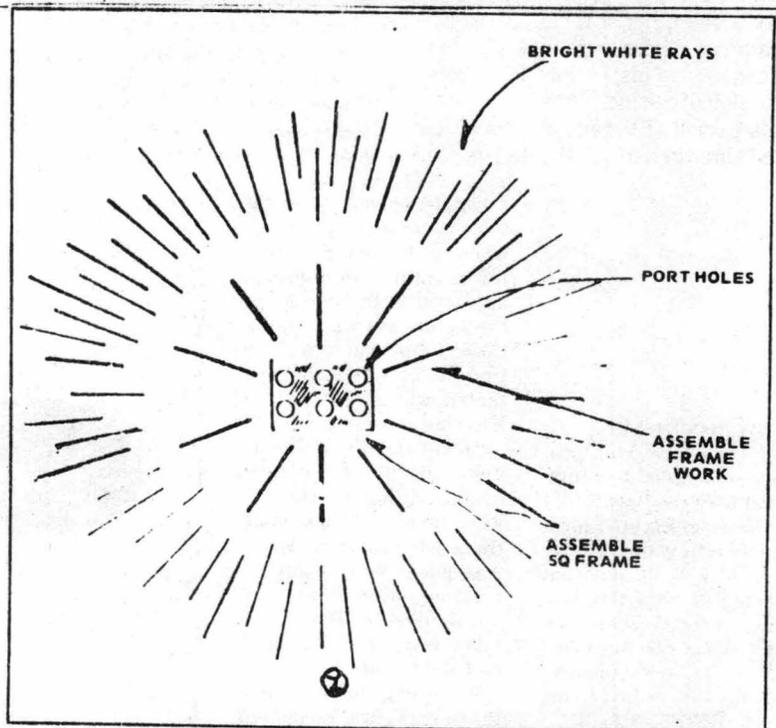
The Fairbury and Cooksville people probably will never know what they actually saw. They won't be alone.

After investigating 12,618 reported UFO sightings between 1947 and 1969, the U.S. Air Force closed its investigation of UFOs. The service concluded that continuing the project was not warranted because there had been no significant findings.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration also won't investigate reported UFO sightings, according to an Associated Press story that ran last Saturday in The Daily Leader.

In a letter to President Jimmy Carter's science advisor, NASA administrator Robert Frosch said "no measurable UFO evidence such as a piece of metal, flesh or cloth" ever has been turned in to the government.

"Give me one little green man - not a theory or memory of one - and we can have a multimillion-dollar program" for UFO study, Frosch said.



An artist's conception of the eerie UFO that stalked Porter, Texas, for three days.

# It came out of sky, at ship

To the Editor:

I am writing to you to agree with Tom Beauchamp of Brighton that UFO's are real and that there is definitely a government coverup.

I was stationed on the aircraft carrier Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1958-59 between Florida and Cuba out at sea on a shakedown cruise. No aircraft was aboard at the time of the UFO sighting, which was hovering within 100 feet of the ship.

It came out of the sky and came right at the ship, hovered two to five minutes. Before it took off, it changed colors from red to orange and then shot right out of sight.

When this happened, they were screaming for the officers of the deck and the bridge to get there on the double.

After that incident, we had a lot of high-ranking Navy brass and the Chief of Naval Operations. Air Force brass and Marine Corps brass and captains from the other aircraft carriers. They came aboard a little at a time to avoid suspicion of inspection of pictures or discussion of the incident.

After a period of time I went AWOL from the ship then after a while I made

up brig time and was assigned to a new duty station. About a year after the incident, I was in Portsmouth Naval Hospital having the tendon sewed up in my left hand. Sometime after the surgery, a Navy shrink found out what ship I was on and wanted to know what happened on the Franklin D. Roosevelt ship.

He asked if I had seen anything unusual aboard ship while we were out at sea or anything I couldn't comprehend at the time. I didn't say anything about the UFO because I didn't want him to think I wasn't in my right mind.

I have been writing to different aerial phenomena groups to help me get more information on this. Mr. Liebeck, a freelance reporter, is going to do my story in the Enquirer about what happened on the ship Roosevelt. He has been trying to get review rights from the National Archives on the ship's log.

An aerial phenomena group (APRO) in Tuscon, Arizona is trying to do the same thing with the ship's log or some proof on the sighting. Also, I contacted Mr. Gersten, with a New York firm who is preparing a suit against the CIA regarding to the UFO business.

He has 500 pages of questions involving incidents of UFO's that they want the CIA to answer. I phoned him and he wanted a letter from me, which I have written, But I haven't heard from him yet.

RED Chester C. Gusinski  
Detroit

tails because it was spinning and while it was spinning it rocked kind of like a top does." Williams said. "There was one thing I wasn't really sure of. I thought it had an antenna coming out of the top of it, but it didn't show up on the photograph."

Although the entire incident lasted less than a minute there is one distinct feature that Williams remembers — the noise the UFO made.

"It was humming. A kind of computer-like hum," Williams said. "The girl said it took off straight up. I was looking through the camera and didn't see it take off. Before it took off the humming started get-

ting louder and the dog that was out there with us started going crazy. He was fine after the thing was out of sight but the humming really bothered him.

"I called the airport to see if anyone else had reported anything but they hadn't had any other calls," Williams said. As big as it was and as much noise as it was making I don't see how somebody else could have kept from seeing it."

"My parents don't believe in this kind of thing but after they saw the photograph they're not so sure," Williams said. "I'm not saying it came from outer space. It could be some kind of military object or something. All I know is that I saw what I saw."

Williams also denied the possibility that the photograph was faked.

"I've only been in this photography business about two years," Williams said. "I don't know anything about trick photography. I just take pictures."

No one else reported the incident, but that doesn't make any difference to Williams. He is convinced he saw something.

"I saw it. It was real," Williams said. "I wish we could find somebody else who saw it. That would make it better."

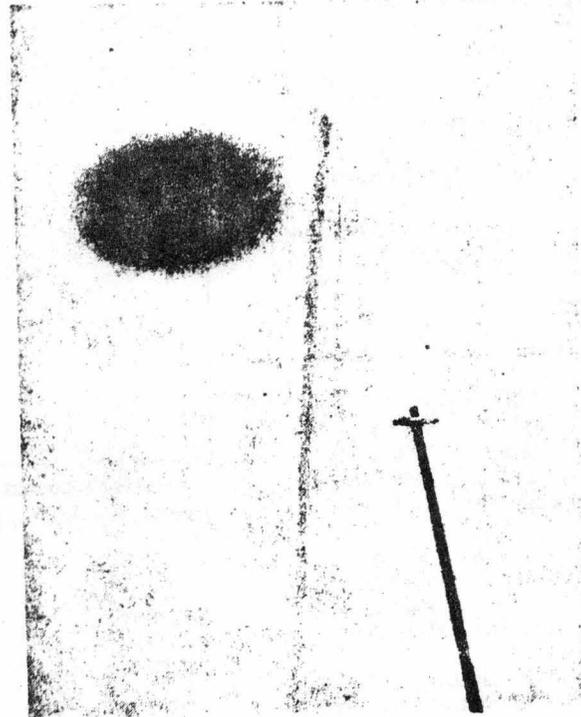
"We were photographing scenery for a vo-ag project when it happened," Williams said. "Something appeared in the corner of the picture as I was looking through the camera. The first thing I thought was that it was a spot on the lens, but it wasn't."

"I saw this thing. It was very unreal — supernatural," Williams said. "It was the most frightening thing I have ever seen. It was huge. We thought at first we were seeing an optical illusion. That's why I didn't say anything until I had the picture."

According to Williams, the object first appeared over a water tower about 300 yards from where he and the girl were standing and was between 50 and 100 feet in diameter.

"It was about 100 to 200 feet in the air," Williams said. "It was above the power lines. It started moving across the field and at first we thought it was coming after us. It passed behind a power pole and then came back."

Williams said the object was "coal black — the deepest black I had ever



RAY WILLIAMS snapped this photo of a UFO. seen," but could not give any more details about the surface of the UFO. \*\*\*JAN. 28, 1978\*\*\*

"We couldn't see any de-

## By RON REAVES

Ray Williams will probably remember the time period between 3:30 and 4 p.m. on Dec. 29, 1977, for a long time to come.

For it was during that half hour that day that Williams, 14, of Worland, not only saw but photographed what he believes to have been an unidentified flying object (UFO).

Williams and a female friend (who did not wish to be identified) were taking pictures behind Blaney Transfer on U.S. 20 north of Worland when the incident occurred.

# Creating a new series about UFOs, Webb keeps it factual

By JAY SHARBUTT

HOLLYWOOD (AP) — Jack Webb started in radio in 1945, at KGO in San Francisco. He learned much from the chief announcer, who began each day with a shot of rye and the cry: "My boy, life at best is a task."

Webb went on to fame and a few millions as Sgt. Joe Friday in "Dragnet." He's been at a new task this year — starting "Project U.F.O.," an hour-long series beginning Sunday at 7 on Channel 15.

Starring William Jordan and Casey Swaim, it dramatizes files of the Air Force's now-defunct Project Blue Book, which investigated reported sightings of unidentified flying objects for nearly 23 years.

Replete with costly special effects, with music by Nelson Riddle, it'll cost about \$500,000 a show, Webb estimates.

It's a bit more than the tab for his first series in early 1946, "One Out of Seven," a radio effort in San Francisco that dramatized news reports of wire services. It cost maybe \$200 a week.

"And that included the staff organizer," observed Webb, who narrated and acted in that series. He does neither in "Project U.F.O." He hasn't emoted since 1970, says he has no real desire to try it again.

Now 57, his black hair flecked with gray, Webb in the flesh is anything but the terse, grim Joe Friday he played on radio from 1949 to 1956 and in two TV eras, 1952-59 and 1967-70.

An intense man, he walks quickly, laughs easily and talks rapidly. About the new show: he says he didn't make it to ride the success of "Star Wars" or "Close Encounters of the Third Kind."

Webb, who says he's seen neither



Jack Webb

film, said his show occurred because (a) a long fascination with UFOs, and (b) he learned last year the once-secret Blue Book files were being made public.

"I didn't want to do an outerspace Western, it isn't really my bag," he said. "If I was going to deal in any kind of phenomena, I wanted to be involved in something that was factual, because it's more satisfying."

The show carries the Air Force seal. Webb was asked why.

"I want it to be authentic," he replied, adding: "As long as we base the material on their investigations, they confirm . . . that we're reporting it pretty close to the way it was."

The Air Force, he said, "wants at its end to make sure we're not getting into the old Orson Welles arena where you panic people with these things, and rightfully so. I don't object to that."

Oddly, despite his fascination with UFOs and his World War II experiences as a student pilot, Webb says he's never seen anything he ever suspected of being a flying machine not of this Earth.

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# Pentagon Agrees on Boom Cause

AP and UPI

Washington, D.C. — The mysterious booms that rattled windows up and down the East Coast this winter apparently were caused by military aircraft whose sonic booms were focused more than 100 miles away by peculiar weather conditions, the Pentagon agreed Friday.

Two NASA researchers had reported similar findings Tuesday in a study conducted at the Langley Research Center in Virginia.

The key clue that the phenomena were man made surfaced when a study of 183 such events showed all occurred during working hours on weekdays.

"If it is a truly natural process, you either have to conclude that God works civil service hours and takes holidays off or you've got to invoke some sort of natural process that only occurs during daylight hours and has multiple peaks," said Alan Berman, director of research for the Naval Research Laboratory, which investigated the booms at the request of President Carter.

A computer survey showed that military aircraft were operating at supersonic speeds in air defense zones off the coast each time a boom was reported.

# Cosmos Hit, Russia Says

Moscow, USSR — UPI— The Soviet Union said Saturday that the nuclear powered satellite Cosmos 954 apparently hit another object in space, causing it to crash in Canada.

Soviet scientist Leonid Sedov told the news agency Tass that the satellite posed no danger to human life and accused the Western press of spreading "absurd rumors" about the Cosmos.

"It may be assumed that the satellite collided in flight with some other object of natural or artificial origin," Sedov said.

Some fragments of the missile have been found, and one highly radioactive piece is being shipped to a laboratory for tests.

# 'Project UFO' called trashy, inaccurate, misleading

By HERB STRENTZ

**"PROJECT UFO,"** the new Jack Webb production on NBC television, doesn't exactly turn history on its head. What it does is put the history of the Air Force involvement with Unidentified Flying Objects into a mixmaster which runs amuck. The result is an inaccurate, misleading, confusing and convoluted story.

"Project UFO" is troubling because it makes use of the "multiple misrepresentation" rather than the "big lie."

The biggest problem with the program — which destroys a boy's faith in Webb's earlier production, "Dragnet" — is that it suggests that the U.S. Air Force and Project Blue Book investigated reports of UFOs. Not true. What the Air Force and Project Blue Book did was to explain reports of UFOs. The difference between those two words helps one understand why the flying saucer phenomenon has taken the shape it has over the past 30 years.

Consider some of the episodes from the "Project UFO" premiere last Sunday. A UFO was reported over Washington, D.C., and the Air Force responded crisply: The head of Project Blue Book was shown being chauffeured around town as he carried out his investigation.

But an air traffic controller with the Civil Aeronautics Administration and the head of Project Blue Book told quite different stories about what really happened to them when UFOs were reported over Washington, D.C., in 1952.

The air traffic controller wrote of confusion encountered when he tried to get the U.S. Air Force to respond to reports of UFOs over the nation's capital. Writing of his difficulty in a letter to Project Blue Book, he noted:

Herb Strentz, dean of the School of Journalism at Drake University, wrote his doctoral dissertation on press coverage of Unidentified Flying Objects and was a part-time staff member of the University of Colorado, Department of Defense UFO Project, in the late 1960s.



Jack Webb

"...I asked if it were possible for something like this to happen, even though we gave them all this information, without anything being done about it. The man who was supposed to be in charge ... said he guessed so. ... It would be very difficult to write this so that it is in a logical sequence due to the confusion that seems to have existed throughout the whole affair. ..."

The depiction of the head of Project Blue Book being driven around in a military limousine passed up a chance at some military slapstick. What really happened was explained by Capt. Edward J. Ruppelt, head of Project Blue Book, in his book, "The Report on Unidentified Flying Objects."

What happened was that when Ruppelt was in Washington at the time of the saucer reports (a) he couldn't get a Pentagon car because he was only a captain; (b) it was suggested he might take a cab or a city bus to conduct his investigation; (c) it was noted that his travel orders only called for a visit to the Pentagon and that he had better get back to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio, or he might be AWOL. Fed up with it all, Ruppelt caught the next plane back to Dayton.

Not satisfied with their revision of the UFOs reported over Washington, the producers of "Project UFO," for

good measure, tossed in the death of an Air Force pilot, linking that with the D.C. saucers.

There was such a death, but it was a few years earlier, in 1948. A National Guard pilot, Thomas Mantell, was killed in Kentucky when he apparently blacked out from lack of oxygen while trying to reach what he thought was a huge metallic object. He pushed his F-51 up to 20,000 feet in pursuit of what later was believed to be a Skyhook balloon; he blacked out and apparently suffocated. But that had no relation to the D.C. reports and the depiction of Mantell's death on "Project UFO" bore little semblance to the records upon which the show supposedly is based.

Do I protest too much? What's wrong with a television program taking some poetic license with a topic as open to interpretation as flying saucers?

For one thing, we seem to be on a UFO kick again with the film "Close Encounters," and if we're going to have information about UFOs and saucers, maybe it would be nice to have some accurate information.

For another thing, the involvement of the Air Force with UFOs is difficult enough to understand without the laughable material presented so soberly by Jack Webb and his group.

Generally, it can be said that there is no evidence the Air Force conspired (or is conspiring) to hide the truth about UFOs from the population. But from the early 1950s forward, the mission of the Air Force was to explain away UFO reports — assuring taxpayers that the world's mightiest Air Force knew what was in the skies. While that mission may have served the Air Force's purposes, it created a good degree of heat and not much light for those seeking to understand the saucer phenomenon.

The television program "Project UFO" — which isn't even saved by good writing and production — belongs in the trash along with the other pulp exposes and documentaries purporting to tell the "real" truth about flying saucers.

# UFO Spotted In Pike County; Movie Films Taken Of Lights

By GEORGE WOLFFORD  
 Regional Editor

GOODY—This time last year, during the cold snap, the Independent was carrying reports of unidentified flying objects—bright lights—in the neighborhood ranging between Willard and Charley, in Northeastern Kentucky.

This winter it's a different playing field for the strange lights, and they have apparently been coming back again and again in the Goody neighborhood of Pike County, near Williamson, W. Va.

The most significant sighting of the lights came Jan. 4 to six people at Goody, including a deputy sheriff and a man who took movies of them.

The lights have been back three times, including night before last.

All six had scoffed at similar reports before, but now say they are at least halfway believers in UFOs.

The object they saw had red and green flashing lights of varying intensity as it perched on a mountaintop in the Pond Creek section before disappearing, according to Joe Slone, one of the first to spot them.

Rudy Compton, his neighbor, took about 20 feet of movie film of the lights, a strip of film shown last week on WSAZ-TV in Huntington.

Slone said he and his wife, Doris, sighted the UFO Jan. 4 between 10:30 and 11:30 p.m., but are vague about the time because of the excitement.

"It was on the top of a mountain south

of the mouth of Forest Hills," he recalled. "The object had green and red flashing lights but they were not like the anti-collision lights of regular aircraft we see.

"How do I know this? Because I was an airplane mechanic in the war in Vietnam and I saw enough craft there to know," Slone explained.

Mrs. Slone described the object as "the wierdest thing I ever saw. Never did I see anything like it. It was amazing and scary, too." She said she watched it from her living room window nearly 45 minutes before it disappeared.

Slone said he knew his friends and acquaintances would not believe he had seen what he said he was seeing, "so to make sure people believed me, I went to the home of Pike County Deputy Sheriff Herman Stanley and his wife, Bea, and got them to join me in observing the thing."

Compton and his wife, Lora, joined the others in watching the UFO and Compton seized his movie camera to record proof of their experience.

"It was something unusual," Compton told the Williamson Daily News. "I am not a full-fledged believer in unidentified flying objects, but I must say seeing this one has changed my mind."

Slone said Stanley tried to explain the object as a very bright star, being reluctant to believe it was indeed a UFO. "Rudy and I took turns looking through a pair of binoculars and a zoom camera

lens. One reason I discount it being a star is that the thing would emit an intense light completely around its area. It would light up and then fade away, suddenly to come back on in the same spot with the same lights."

He described the UFO as a large disc with its outline visible on the mountaintop and estimated it was more than a mile from him at the point of observation.

Mrs. Slone said Tuesday morning the UFO appeared again on Monday night of this week. "We have seen it a couple of times before, but it was so high up we couldn't get a look at it." Monday's sighting was much higher than the earlier one, she said, "We live off KY 119, and to see it you had to look straight up. It looked higher than the stars. But the first night we saw it it looked like it was touching the treetops.

Her description of the phenomenon: "A great old big light will come out, then fade away completely, and then come back."

"Joe Ronnie tried to get someone to go up there on the hill where that thing was. I know if you did you'd find something, but it was too cold and no one would go with him so he didn't go."

Compton was in school, taking college classes, Monday night and didn't get to see the appearance. "But I'm going right now to buy another roll of film so I'll be ready if it comes back again."

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## They Saw A U.F.O.'

By EDWARD H. MOORE

Everytime I think I'm going crazy. I meet someone who's slightly crazier and makes me feel a whole lot better.

Last weekend, for instance, was ideal for staying indoors. A warm, crackling fire, steamy mug of hot chocolate and a good book was all you needed to pass the frigid time away.

Indeed, it seemed that no one who didn't have to would risk venturing out into the frosty February air.

But a number of hardy boy scouts spent the weekend camping, in tents, at Camp Hollybrook.

The event was their annual Klondike Derby and, although there was no snow, other wise they certainly had the weather for it.

And although some of the scouts, some might say the "chicken ones" while others might

say the "intelligent ones," went home, a number of the scouts stayed through the entire weekend.

Several of those that stayed came back with a terrific tale. A handful of the Jersey Eskimos claimed they saw a U.F.O.

The alleged sighting took place late Saturday night, while the temperature bobbed in the teens and your breath froze and fell to the ground as soon as you exhaled.

With four bright lights glowing in the night sky, the object was first thought to be a helicopter. But it quickly moved overhead where it remained briefly, stationary and silently. Then, like

most U.F.O.'s usually do, it left as quickly and quietly as it had appeared.

At least four people saw the thing in two separate groups. And all of those talked to expressed a sincere conviction of having seen it, though none wished to be quoted by name.

When asked if the reason he didn't want his name used was because he was afraid that people would think him crazy for having seen a U.F.O. or crazy for spending the weekend outside camping, one scout leader said, "It's a combination of both."

U.F.O. appearances have been creeping into the news again locally. Coupled with the still unexplained off-shore "booms" of the past couple months, the U.F.O. buffs are bound to gain some increased credibility.

But if the Air Force decides to

investigate these latest incidents they'll probably be written off faster than swamp gas. After all, skepticism will start mounting as soon as these fellows begin by explaining that they were out there, at that time of night, in that kind of weather, on a camping trip.

More seriously, though, must be the possibility that there was in fact a U.F.O. that just happened to drop by to take a peek at our civilization.

After spotting a few men crammed around a fire and shivering, the space creatures most likely zoomed off, deciding to return in a few thousand years when our planet might be more further developed. /

By TONI NAST  
 Correspondent

**CRYSTAL RIVER** — After several hours of monitoring the sun's activities from a screen in his mobile home, Oscar Carter logged another unidentified object on his calendar.

The most recent sighting of a fast moving object was added to an extensive list the amateur astronomer has maintained over years of observing the heavenly bodies.

Carter claims that the objects silhouetted against the sun and moon are frequently sighted in his daily monitoring and move at amazing speeds.

"They may be satellites," he said, "but I can't understand why some go from bottom to top and others travel across the heavenly bodies, even changing directions."

The retired baker from St. Petersburg, who moved to Crystal River recently to continue his luminary observations theorizes that space ships from other planets may use the moon for a base station while in space travel. He reasons that the activity he observes may be the result of a lunar station.

The extensive logs are a result of a unique telescopic system, designed and constructed by Carter.

"They said I couldn't do it," Carter said, breaking briefly from his space watch. "They said I can't observe the sun for hours each day without damaging my eyes — and look at these photographs taken with a polaroid camera," he said pointing out a sunspot on one print.

Carter claims his method of monitoring the sun and unidentified objects passing its surface is the result of a secret development process in his eyepiece which works in conjunction with a mirror, which was painstakingly ground to perfection. He then reflects the light from the sun to a screen hung on a wall or the ceiling of his mobile home.

The enlarged image on his wall allows the astronomer to observe the grand star while sitting in his favorite reclining chair with all the comforts of his home.

"The sun and moon have always fascinated me," Carter said pointing to his telescope. "That is my first telescope and I bought it sixteen years ago for a dime."

He said the limitations of the traditional method of watching the sun's reflection from a plate attached to a telescope created a challenge to design his system.

The small image of the sun on the plate was unsatisfactory to Carter who wanted to photograph the star, but wound up with a stiff neck after looking down at the plate.

"It was a challenge," Carter said, "and I like challenges. So, I began working on the eyepiece and now I watch the sun about five hours a day and the moon over three hours each night."

He explained that in the early development of his eyepiece, the sun's image was projected upside down, however, he has since discovered a method to reverse the action, allowing him to observe the star in its correct position.

He believes his method of watching the sun would be of great interest to children and elderly persons.

"It sometimes gets boring looking through a telescope," he explained, "but, if you can see an object whizz by—wow, it gets exciting."

He further says that older people, who can't get outside or find standing over a telescope tiring, would enjoy watching the sun, from the comfort of their homes.

"It's even fun to watch the clouds go by or see the sun pulsating," he said.

Although Carter believes that a system like his has never been marketed, he has not been able to interest manufacturers with his idea.

"I haven't patented my method," he said, "because I don't want to divulge my secret. Large companies, capable of development may alter the procedure slightly and make their own telescope."

He said he has contacted the Navy Observatory, Sears and Roebuck and Argus, all of which have expressed an interest, but have never seen his system. However, he did say Rep. Bill Young of St. Petersburg has taken several of his photographs to Washington.

Carter is presently constructing an eight-inch telescope which he hopes will reflect enough light to project the moon on his screen.

His ultimate aim is to be able to see the American flag and debris left by astronauts on the lunar surface.

"They say I can't do it," Carter said with a grin, "but its a challenge."

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## Sharon man spots UFOs over field

**SHARON TWP.** — Arland Rininger had a "close encounter" Friday night.

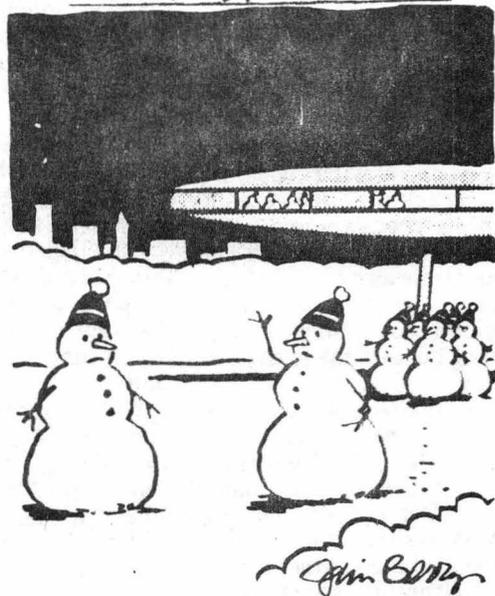
Rininger, of 275 Hatch Rd., reported the sighting of an unidentified flying object (UFO) north of Freedom Field at 6:10 p.m. Friday to the Sheriff's Department.

Rininger was hunting in a field north of Freedom Field when he sighted two gray, round objects that were both about 20 feet in diameter, according to the Sheriff's report.

THE TWO UFO's were spinning and circling one another in the air, Rininger told the Sheriff's Department.

Rininger said the objects were connected by a cable and gave off a buzzing sound, but did not have any windows or emit light, the report said.

The Sheriff's Department said it will report the sighting to the proper authorities.



"Take me to Steven Spielberg!"

## Pasajes para OVNIS

ARMENIA, Colombia, 4 (EFE). — Tres dominicanos, que se hacían pasar por astrólogos y adivinadores para vender pasajes en ovnis a los campesinos, fueron capturados por miembros de la policía secreta colombiana.

Los sujetos, identificados como Agustín y Fabio Santos Ascencio y Plácido Valdez, estafaban a los labriegos con historias de otros planetas y con los números de la suerte.

"Nosotros nos comunicamos con los objetos voladores no identificados y podemos vender tickets para viajar en ellos", decían los dominicanos a sus víctimas.

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### TICKETS FOR UFOs

Armenia, Colombia, 4 (EFE) - Three dominicans who passed as astrologists and fortunetellers in order to sell tickets for trips on UFOs to the peasants, were arrested by members of the Colombian secret police. The detainees Agustín and Fabio Santos Ascencio and Plácido Valdez, swindled peasants with stories on other worlds and lucky numbers. "We can communicate with UFOs and can sell tickets to travel on them" the dominicans used to tell their victims.

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### CRONICA IN THE WORLD

MONTEVIDEO, 7 (ANSA). — Un adolescente uruguayo, atemorizado al verse perseguido por el rayo de luz que emanaba de un presunto "objeto volador no identificado" (OVNI), buscó refugio en la primera casa que encontró a su paso, pero el ocupante de ésta al suponer que se trataba de un asaltante, le disparó un balazo que fue a herirlo en un brazo.

El insólito episodio se registró anoche en la tranquila localidad de San Antonio, cuyos habitantes no salieron de su asombro ante el coherente relato del herido, un jovencito que goza de general estima.

Montevideo, 7 (ANSA) - A Uruguayan youngster, terrified by a light beam emanating from an alleged "UFO", sought for refuge in a nearby house, whose occupant took him for a thief and shot him in the arm. This unusual event took place in the city of San Antonio last night. Its population can find no explanation for the wounded youngster's consistent story, for the boy is appreciated by all.

### Dicen Haber Visto Muy Cerca a Dos OVNI, en el Uruguay

ROCHA, Uruguay (UP) — El conductor de un taxi y sus cuatro pasajeros vieron claramente dos objetos voladores no identificados cerca de esta ciudad. La observación se produjo en la madrugada del primero de enero, pero ahora trascendió, ya que el taxista, Ismael Blachet, no se había decidido a hacerlo público. El mayor de los objetos descendió a unos pocos metros de donde estaba el taxi. El chofer dijo que le hizo señales con las luces del auto y para gran sorpresa de todos, los OVNI respondieron en la misma forma. Blachet se acercó pero los OVNI huyeron.

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### TWO UFOs WERE SEEN AT CLOSE RANGE AT URUGUAY

Rocha, Uruguay (UP) - A taxi driver and his 4 passengers clearly saw two unidentified flying objects near this city. The observation took place on Jan. 1st at dawn but was only now known because of taxi driver Ismael Blachet's decision of revealing it. The biggest of the objects descended a few meters away from the taxi. The driver signalled with the car's lights and watched, with great surprise, that the UFO answered in a similar way. As Blachet got nearer, the UFOs left.

## Habríase visto un OVNI cerca de San Luis

SAN LUIS. — Un OVNI tripulado, de casi 20 metros diámetro, fue avistado en los cercanías del dique La Florida, por un grupo de pescadores deportivos, a unos 40 kilómetros de esta capital.

Manuel Alvarez, auxiliar de Aerolíneas Argentinas, que no se recupera aún del impacto que le produjo el suceso, relata que el artefacto tenía la forma de un plato sopero invertido y que despedía un brillante halo de luz semejante a la de los tubos fluorescentes.

Añade que surgió súbitamente sobre el embalse volando a poca altura. Al acercarse a ellos se detuvo bruscamente en el aire y luego descendió lentamente sin ruidos ni zumbidos y volvió a detenerse a unos tres metros del suelo y 25 de distancia.

"Después —prosigue Alvarez— se abrió una escotilla se apeó por una escalerilla una figura con apariencia humana de 1,80 de talla, vestida con una malla entera del cuello hasta los pies, de color plateado, como con escamas. El sujeto portaba una escafandra de cristal y llevaba las manos enfundadas en mitones.

Según los testigos, el tripulante caminó unos pasos hacia el grupo, luego se detuvo y extendió los brazos a guisa de saludo y regresó a la nave, la cual partió enseguida velozmente.

Alvarez insiste en que vio al OVNI y al tripulante, y pone por testigos del alucinante episodio a los tres compañeros de pesca: el taximetrista Perroni; el agente estatal Pedro Sosa y a un hermano suyo.

former about 20 mts. in diameter, were sighted near the "La Florida" dam, 40 kms. away from here, by a party of fishermen.

Manuel Alvarez, an employee of Aerolíneas Argentinas who has not recovered from his surprise, says the object looked like an upside-down soup plate and emitted a light similar to that of fluorescent tubes.

He added that it appeared suddenly, flying at a low altitude towards them. It suddenly stopped and began descending noiselessly, remaining at a height of 3 mts. and a distance of 25 mts. from the witnesses.

"Afterwards", says Alvarez, "a hatch opened and down a small ladder came a humanoid figure, 1.80 mts., tall, dressed up in a one piece silver-coloured suit which covered him from neck to feet and seemed to have scales on it. The being also carried a scaphander and wore mitts on his hands."

According to the witnesses, the being walked a few steps towards them, extended his hands as if saluting and returned to his spaceship, which took off immediately.

Alvarez maintains he saw a UFO and its occupant. Other witnesses were his 3 fishing companions: taxi driver Perroni, state employee Pedro Sosa and a brother of his.

## Habría dejado huellas el OVNI visto en San Luis

SAN LUIS. — La policía aportó nuevos y curiosos datos acerca del OVNI tripulado que el sábado último habría descendido en las márgenes del dique La Florida, a unos 40 kilómetros de esta capital, y se detuvo a tres metros del suelo durante pocos minutos, mientras irradiaba visísimamente luz fluorescente.

Apenas conocido el episodio, el organismo de seguridad indagó por separado a los pescadores aficionados que protagonizaron la extraña aventura.

Tanto Manuel Alvarez, empleado de Aerolíneas Argentinas, como Pedro Sosa y Regino Ferroni, ambos bancarios, insistieron —según trascendió— en las versiones originales.

Por ello las autoridades resolvieron destacar a una comisión que investigara sobre el

terreno la existencia de rastros o vestigios relacionados con la nave y el misterioso ocupante del que se había hablado.

El informe producido por la comisión de la División Criminalística no se dio a conocer. Sin embargo, trascendió que se habrían encontrado huellas muy marcadas de 30 centímetros de largo, por 17 de ancho y 6 de profundidad, hechas por un cuerpo de excesivo peso, algo así como cuatro veces superior a lo normal.

En un escueto parte policial entregado ayer a los medios de difusión, la policía da cuenta que la marca de los pasos está separada 1,60 metros una de otra, y que la hierba aparece aplastada en

cada punto de apoyo. En contraposición, aclara que la distancia en el paso de los seres humanos es, por lo general, de 75 centímetros.

El excesivo peso y el exagerado tamaño del tranco hacen pensar, al margen del informe, en un ser extraterrestre "que hundía los talones al caminar", según una fuente policial.

La policía recogió trozos de roca, para investigar si hay o no radiactividad. Informaciones de último momento, señalan que el análisis efectuado arrojó resultado negativo.

No obstante, en el laboratorio policial se continuaba trabajando para determinar si los materiales recogidos "han sufrido la influencia de un campo magnético".

decided to name a special commission to investigate the remains related to the UFO or its mysterious occupant.

The report produced by the Criminalistic Section remains undisclosed. Nevertheless it was known that notorious traces were found. They were 30 cms. long, 17 in width and 6 deep, probably caused by an extremely heavy body, about 4 times heavier than normal.

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Manuel Alvarez, as well

as Pedro Sosa and Regino

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on the original story.

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By JAN WERNER-HENTE

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★ The Leitchville Incident will go down in the records as one of the best-documented mass UFO sightings ever in Australia. For four hours, witnesses stood open-mouthed as they observed a space spectacular. UFO expert Paul Norman and POST have now compiled the full story, with graphic first-hand accounts and sketches. And, for the first time, we reconstruct a series of weird happenings that have made northern Victoria the "hot spot" for UFO activity . . .

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dairy farmer Mr Tom Church.

# \*The UFO show!

★ UNIDENTIFIED flying object activity has increased dramatically in Northern Victoria over recent months.

More than 26 people, mostly dairy farmers, have given first-hand accounts of what appears to UFO-watchers to be a "mini-invasion".

The frenzied activity reached a peak at Christmas. At first people were reluctant to tell about what they saw for fear of ridicule. But the first few who came forward were besieged with callers relating similar sightings.

*Excited UFO researcher, Mr Paul Norman, of Melbourne, has been flat out talking to witnesses, getting signed testimonials, tapes, photographs, soil samples — then rushing all the evidence off to the U.S. to be examined by experts.*

Sixty-one-year-old Mr Norman, a retired engineer from the U.S., says this part of Australia is the "hot" area for UFO reports.

The most graphic and best documented report on UFOs comes from the Victorian dairy town of Leitchville, in the Murray Irrigation area, just inside the Victoria-NSW border.

In the "Leitchville incident", not one but FOUR UFOs were sighted by a group of at least 12 people.

*On the night of December 13-14, the group watched spellbound as a mothership and three smaller objects gave a spectacular four-hour performance.*

Just 10 days earlier, one of the witnesses, Mr Tom Church, had found a mysterious circular patch in a paddock — possibly a UFO landing nest.

The burnt ring was 38cm wide

and eight metres in diameter, and only about one kilometre from his farmhouse.

Then, about 11.30 p.m. on December 13, Tom Church and his wife were driving home after visiting friends, when they saw what looked like a mothership slowly descending.

It was orange-red, about the (apparent) size of the moon, but cigar-shaped.

From home, Mrs Church rang a friend nearby, who came running with a group of other people. They took up a vantage point near their cow shed — and watched in disbelief.

After the UFO stopped, three smaller objects detached themselves.

OBJECT No. 1 travelled south, followed Bullock Creek, then stopped between Pyramid Hill and Mt. Hope. It travelled about 25 km in two minutes, the observers estimated.

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OBJECT No. 2 flew south, then zig-zagged and appeared to be "hedge-hopping" at about ground level. At one stage lights brightened, it shot into the air, then plummeted back again.

OBJECT No. 3 went south, then stopped halfway between the "parent" and object No. 2.

All three were launched within about five minutes.

*When the four were positioned, they all started to change color rapidly — from orange to bright red, to bluish green, whitish blue — as if they were signalling to one another.*

Then, to add to the spectacular space show, the watchers saw a "meteor shower" with about 12 to 15 fantastically bright meteors in an hour.

They resembled orange lights which burned up after three to five seconds. Some curved upwards before burning out.

*In an eerie incident, another Leitchville couple, Mr Douglas Fehring and his wife Helen, were awakened by "an explosion" about 2 a.m. last September 30.*

Mr Fehring at first suspected fire — a bluish light was shining from the kitchen. But it vanished and he went back to bed, puzzled.

*Later, his brother Rod told him he'd seen a light travelling west to east between nearby Pyramid Hill and Mt. Hope about 5 a.m. that day.*

Then Doug overheard two men talking about a blue light which appeared to have landed near Doug's home.

Now Doug is convinced all saw the same light, emanating from a UFO.

*Several days later he was flabbergasted when he found a "perfect circle" in a nearby paddock.*

At least two other farmers have found "circles" on their properties during the past three months.

One, 12 metres wide, was spotted by Mr Lloyd Naylor on his property about a kilometre away from Tom Church's. Another, five metres in diameter, was found 16 km away on Gill Pickering's farm.

*Says Mr Pickering: "There was no ash, but the grass was dry, withered and discolored — yet the grass around it was green."*

Another Leitchville man, Mr Ian Bartels, also has a UFO story to tell — but he didn't see any space-ships or meteor showers.

In November in the district's Mologa Forest, he was talking to friends on CB radio, when someone saw a strange white light over Pyramid Hill.

## 'I was wiped off the air and couldn't make contact'

**Mr Bartels couldn't see it, but suddenly his CB transceiver howled like a dog, and cut out.**

"It wasn't the first time weird things have happened to my CB set," said Mr Bartels, an electrical mechanic. Several times before he'd received "funny inexplicable hissing noises" when out in his car at night.

"Later, driving to Pyramid Hill on the night of December 4, my CB radio picked up a hissing sound, which rose to a crescendo, then suddenly I lost all transmission."

*That, of course, was the day Tom Church found the circular landing nest on his farm.*

"I was wiped off the air and couldn't make contact with CBers only 400 metres away. By the time the others arrived at the spot, everything was normal. Then I drove off alone, and the same thing happened again."

According to UFO researchers, electro-magnetic interference is "a common characteristic of UFOs".

**Another CB enthusiast, Trevor McIntosh, and a friend saw a UFO over Pyramid Hill on August 27.**

"We could see it start, then accelerate to a speed where we couldn't follow it any more," said Trevor. He says it was about the size of the moon, green, and brightened as it accelerated.

John Chick, a farmer of nearby Cohuna, was awakened by dogs howling.

**Opening a door he saw an orange object in the sky. It came from another object which buzzed over his house, then sped north.**

At Kow Swamp, Mr Max Andrews saw what looked like "falling stars" coming down, then level off. Most were orange and usually about "half the size of the moon."

Paul Norman has compiled reports from all these witnesses — and he's baffled for an explanation which non-believers might consider feasible.

**He has devoted most of the past 18 years to investigating hundreds of object sightings and reporting back to the American National Investigations Committee of Aerial Phenomena and to the Centre of UFO Studies in Chicago.**

"The Leitchville case and the others in the area warrant full investigation," he says.

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## A 'flying saucer'?

TWO ten-year-old children joined the growing band of Pendle people who believe they have seen a flying saucer when they saw a "silver cigar shaped" object on Tuesday morning.

Julian Jordan and his friend Darren Nicholas, both of Waids House Close, Nelson, are convinced that they saw a flying saucer at 10-30 a.m. while out walking in the Marsden Heights area overlooking Nelson.

"Darren saw it first and pointed it out to me. We first saw it over Briercliffe but it came towards us, seemed to come lower, hovered overhead and then set off again at great speed before appearing to land near Pendle Hill," said Julian.

"When it came overhead we were quite frightened but it was all over in a matter of seconds. It was very fast," he added.

Julian is a pupil of St Paul's Primary School, Nelson, and Darren is a pupil at Marsden County Junior School, Nelson.

While the children remain convinced about what they saw, there have been comments this week that with fields outside the town covered in snow and occasional bursts of sunshine making the light even more brilliant, reflections on aircraft passing overhead sometimes assume an unusual appearance; a change of course can also give a false impression of reduced speed. Nelson is directly beneath a major airway used by aircraft from Ringway and the south making for Prestwick, and then heading out over the North Atlantic, or carrying on over the North Pole towards Anchorage and the Far East.

# Everybody's spotting

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IT SEEMS as though everybody is spotting UFOs.

Certainly the Lancaster district has had its fair share of reported sightings over the past few months.

The latest is by Suzanne Stewart, a clerical officer at a local hospital, who has twice seen something strange in the sky.

The first time was about a month ago while she was off work because of illness. She was looking out of a window at her home in Greaves Drive, Lancaster, when she saw what looked

like a star.

"The difference was that it moved horizontally across the sky, flashing red and green alternately, and appeared to have something travelling around it very quickly," she said.

The object which also flashed blue occasionally, was also seen by Suzanne's mother, Mrs Hannah Stewart and a neighbour, Mr Barry Lister. They were able to watch it for some time and are convinced it was not an aircraft or a helicopter.

Suzanne, who has a keen interest in UFOs, saw

## DAVE GUDGEON investigates a crop of mystery sightings in the Lancaster district.

something similar only last week, and she says it remained in the sky all evening, giving a chance for more of her neighbours to have a look at it.

The object which they saw resembles closely one seen by a Lancaster man and his girlfriend over Kirkby Lonsdale just over a fortnight ago. That was

also seen by a Carnforth woman and a man from Bay Horse.

Around Christmas a Lancaster nurse and a young man saw UFOs in the sky over Bowerham on separate occasions. But both sightings were made early in the morning, and again the spotters were convinced that what they saw were

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## Beings made of smoke

SALLY PIKE and her husband, Neil, believe they have come face to face with figures from another world.

It happened when they were in a group of eight sky watchers on Starr Hill, Warminster.

Sally, 33, says: "We had seen two high-flying UFOs, when there was a change in the atmosphere. The air became warmer.

"Then these two figures appeared. They were about 7ft tall and it was as if they were made out of smoke."

### Fade

"We could see their outlines down to their waists, and then they gradually started to fade away."

Neil, a bank security officer, approached the figures.

Sally says: "He just blended in with them. He couldn't see them when he got close to them.

"But we watched as he walked straight through the figures and out the other side.

"The figures remained in the same place for half an hour, then disappeared."

Sally and Neil saw similar figures when sky watching on their own one night.

# UFOs

not aircraft of any kind.

The most widespread sighting was that of a "flying saucer" which was seen by over twenty people in Warton during a short period last October. Several people were able to draw it and one man recorded the sound which it made.

So either there are more UFOs about or are people becoming more interested in them, and therefore spending more time looking up at the sky in the hope of seeing something — and

Mr Geraint Day is a research student in the Lunar being lucky?

and Planetary Department at Lancaster University. He has a degree in Astronomy and a keen interest in unidentified flying objects.

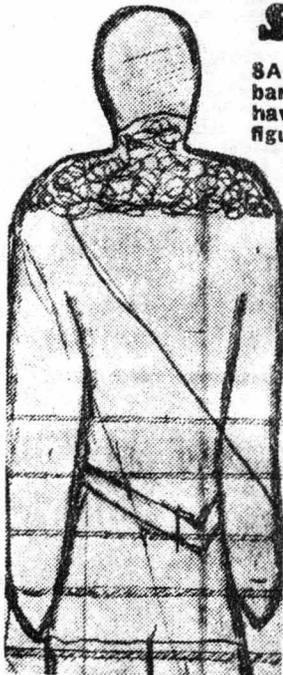
He thinks that although some sightings are reported by cranks, the vast majority are from people who genuinely believe they have seen something which cannot be explained in conventional terms.

"The problem is that people tend to see what they want to see and it is easy to be deceived by lights in the sky at night which have a perfectly rational explanation," he said.

The majority of UFOs turn out to be either low flying aircraft, satellites, meteorological balloons, meteorites, stars or planets. But Mr Day admits that some have not been explained.

"As an astronomer I have to remain sceptical about extra-terrestrial beings until there is more evidence to suggest they exist. But there must be a fair chance of there being intelligent life on some other planet in the universe," he added.

So the message seems to be: Keep your eyes on the sky.



The strange aliens, as seen by Sally Pike, (below)



# SAUCER SQUAD

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By Peter Hardy and Robert McGowan

EERIE sights in the sky have convinced even trained observers that unidentified flying objects exist. The Daily Express UFO Bureau was swamped with letters and calls yesterday from people all over Britain claiming to have seen them.

One sighting was by 27-year-old policewoman Louise Lee.

It happened when she was on routine foot patrol with a colleague in Sale, Greater Manchester.

"The first thing we were aware of was a strange light in the sky," said Louise.

"It was too bright and too low for a plane. It moved without noise across the sky at much greater speed than any aircraft.

## Illusion

"It was like a large round star. We were terrified. As policewomen we were trained observers. It was not an illusion. We reported it to our station and to Jodrell Bank."

Landscape gardener Tom Hughes, of Cemaes Bay, Anglesey, reported: "I saw a bright ball in the sky over Wylfa atomic power station which is near my home.

"It was absolutely motionless. As I and my two sons watched, it simply vanished."

Mrs Helen Cooper, 40, from Bunbury-on-Thames: "Just

## POLICE GIRL TELLS OF TERROR IN THE SKY

two weeks ago in the early hours of the morning, I saw this cigar shape high in the sky.

"It was about 40ft long and seemed to be rotating. It was only about 200 yards from our house.

"My daughter and I watched it for about half an hour. Then suddenly what looked like a shooting star seemed to drop from above right down into it. Then the

UFO was hidden by cloud and we lost sight of it."

Mrs Margaret Bulman, of Burnley, Lancs, and two neighbours also saw a UFO. "A bright light, cigar shape moved towards us very slowly and stopped over nearby houses," said Mrs Bulman.

"A beam of light came from under it. Then the object took off upwards and disappeared."

More news about flying saucers was reported by the Central Electricity Generating Board in its staff newspaper.

Two Stourport, Worcestershire, power workers are convinced they saw a UFO.

Assistant stores supervisor Mrs Billie York said: "At about 8.10 in the morning as I was driving to work I saw a cigar-shaped silver cylinder, tapered at each end, stationary directly over the power station chimneys.

"I decided I would say nothing, but when Frank Burrows, the stores supervisor, came in he said he'd just seen something strange over the power station chimneys. I admitted I had, too."

"LE PARISIEN" JAN. 13, 1978 - FRANCE

## UNE STATION SPATIALE PERTURBÉE PAR DES O.V.N.I.

**PALMA DE MAJORQUE.** - Selon le « Diario de Mallorca », « Tout s'est détraqué » à la station spatiale de repérage américano-espagnole de Puigmajor, à Majorque, alors que de nombreux objets volants non identifiés étaient détectés.

Le journal, qui cite des techniciens de la station, affirme que les récepteurs radio ont été brouillés et certains se sont même mis en marche tout seuls. Les radars n'auraient jamais détecté autant d'O.V.N.I. à la fois. Ceux-ci se déplaçaient à une vitesse supersonique.

Les techniciens écartent l'hypothèse de météorites, car les radars n'auraient sans doute pas pu les détecter.

## A SPACE STATION PERTURBED BY UFOs!

**Plma de Majorc:** - According to the newspaper "Diario de Mallorca", all instruments have been perturbed in the Americano-Spanish Space station of Puigmajor to Majorca, while numerous UFOs were detected.

The Newspaper, which quotes some experts of the station, says that receiving sets have been jammed and some started off themselves. Radars would never have detected so much UFOs in the same time. These ones moved with a supersonic speed.

Experts have ruled out the meteoerites hypothesis, beacuse radars wouldn't have been certainly able to detect them.

# 'I was grabbed by a UFO' says wife

A terrified housewife who believes she was kidnapped by creatures from outer space made her amazing story public for the first time yesterday.

She claims she was snatched from her back garden by the crew of an alien craft and was later returned shaken but unharmed.

The woman, who wants to keep her identity secret, revealed her experience through Contact UK, an organisation which investigates reports of unidentified flying objects.

A senior member of the group, publisher Bernard Delair explained: "She is so frightened of not being taken seriously that we may name her only as Mrs. G.

"At the time she lived in Ermington, near Plymouth. A month earlier she had given birth to her first child.

## 'LOOKED LIKE MEN'

This is Mrs. G.'s graphic, frightening story.

I was in my garden hanging out washing. I became aware of

a blue light whirling towards me from the north.

The light hovered over the garden. I was petrified. I dropped the washing.

Then I was completely enveloped in bubbles of light. I saw three beings which looked like men. They did not speak.

They were about five feet tall, wearing bluish metallic-like clothing.

They grasped me by the arms and we were lifted up a beam of light into a kind of

room. There were more of the men there.

I was given the impression. I don't know how, that I would come to no harm.

A little later, I found myself back on my lawn. I felt a sharp blow on the back of my neck. I was stunned but not hurt.

When I looked round the thing set off at great speed and disappeared."

## MANY REPORTS

Mr. Delair said: "To many, that would sound incredible. But there have been many reports of experience, similar in almost every detail, from many countries in recent years.

"Alone, such reports mean little, but more and more totally unrelated accounts come up with the same detail.

"These people are representative of all walks of life from dustmen to policemen to architects to scientists.

"It is just not possible that all these people—none of whom have ever met and whose accounts have rarely been published—could agree on so much and at the same time be making it all up."

SEVENOAKS CHRONICLE, ENGLAND  
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## UFO left vapour

TWO MORE Sevenoaks people have come forward with sightings of the bright light in the sky recently, which they believe could have been a satellite.

Last week we reported that Mr and Mrs Keith Jennings, of 3 The Rise, Sevenoaks, spotted a bright light in the sky while walking in Knole Park and were worried in case it was a satellite that could have landed in Britain.

The couple said they didn't want to report it to the police in case they laughed at them.

Now another couple, Mr and Mrs Joseph Connor, of 42 Hillingdon Avenue, Sevenoaks, say they saw a light too, the same evening.

"I was looking out of the kitchen window," said Mr Connor. "It was a brilliant light and was quite stationary, then it just faded out, leaving what looked like a vapour behind it."

He added that he had not reported the sighting to the police either.

A police spokesman said they were always interested to hear of such sightings, and could even offer an explanation in some cases.

# More UFO's spotted over Port

MORE unidentified flying objects have been sighted in the night skies above Port Glasgow, less than three weeks after similar reports from the area.

Mr Edward Steel of Auchendores Avenue, Port Glasgow said today: "I was leaving the house just after 6.30 p.m. on Saturday when my attention was drawn to

three bright objects in the sky.

"They were flying in a triangular formation, and as I watched, a fourth joined. They were so high I could not make any clear identification of shape — but they shone very brightly and at first I thought they were stars.

"I watched for more than

five minutes as they headed east at a fairly slow pace, then they disappeared out of sight behind clouds.

"My first reaction was not to tell anybody about what I saw in case they thought I was trying to be funny — but the next day my nine-year-old son Edward told me that he and his pals had also witnessed the UFO's.

"They had been playing around Arran Avenue when they saw the objects. My wife persuaded me to get in touch with the Telegraph in case somebody else had seen them too."

Mr Steel's information was passed to the Air Traffic Department at Glasgow Airport where details of sightings are recorded.

# Crystals poser after hailstorm

UNUSUAL CRYSTALS that appeared in Haverfordwest during a recent hailstorm are being sent for analysis by the British UFO research association.

The mysterious, brown quartz-like crystals, some of them a quarter-of-an-inch long, were found by 28-year-old Mr. Henry Evans, of Hawthorn Rise, Haverfordwest, on his footpath and windowsill, but the possibility that they could be rock salt from gritting operations has been ruled out because they were found some 20 feet from the roadway.

Mr. Evans, who discovered that the reddish-brown crystals changed to a lighter colour and appeared to generate heat in his hand, passed them on to the British UFO research association's South Wales coordinator, Mr. Randall Jones Pugh, of Roch, near Haverfordwest, who is sending them for detailed analysis.

But Mr. Jones Pugh does not believe there is anything abnormal about the crystals and describes them as "just a meteorological quirk" as has happened throughout the world.

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**UFO's 'are landing top spotters in hospital'**

CLOSE encounters with flying saucers should be avoided at all costs, an expert warned yesterday.

He claimed that 10 top spotters — including himself — landed in hospital with nervous breakdowns after sighting UFOs

And the expert, writer Ken Rogers, aged 38, blamed the alien spacecraft.

Mr Rogers, of Belsize Square, Hampstead, North London, has quit the chairmanship of the British UFO Society and burned all his files since his illness last year.

### Stress

He said yesterday: "I even know of people who had no previous interest in the subject but suffered mental stress after sighting UFOs."

He added: "None of the people involved in the big investigations during the 1960s is around today."

"Frankly, that frightens the life out of me."

SWANAGE TIMES, ENGLAND  
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# Spinning in the sky — a UFO

SIGHTINGS of an unidentified flying object over the Isle of Purbeck have been reported by several residents.

One was 16-year-old Leslie Morgan, of Thorn Cottage, Barnhill Road, Ridge, who was at a friend's house in Stoborough when he saw a bright light in the sky one morning.

"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.

### TWO MINUTES

"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," he said.

"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."

# Seen any saucers?

I am writing to you to see if you can please help me. For the past two years now I have been carrying out a scientific research programme into the ever-familiar subject of unidentified flying objects. I am working with an organisation, British UFO Research Association, which is a national body. Also, I have my own research contacts spread around the world. But the ever-increasing problem of storage of research material is making my programme go at a slower rate than could be achieved if I had the right material to work with.

This is why I am writing to you, to see if your readers can let me have any material they may have on unidentified flying objects.

For more than ten years now I have been confined to a wheelchair and housebound and over this time my interest in UFOs has grown. Two years ago I decided to devote my full time to research into this phenomenon. I would appreciate any help whatsoever.

**BRYAN M. HARTLEY**  
"Westdene,"  
23, Hastings Road,  
Thornton-le-Fylde, Lancs.

GLASGOW HERALD - ENGLAND  
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# Mystery of 'mushroom in the sky'

Gamekeeper Mr William Matheson and his wife, Catherine, of Inverbroom, near Ullapool, got a shock when they saw a strange object in the sky as they motored home at midnight.

It was, they say, bright red, mushroom-shaped and travelling in a north-westerly direction.

Mr Matheson was travelling downhill when he saw it and he watched it for about two minutes before it disappeared over the brow of the hill.

A few months ago, another strange object was seen in the sky over Ullapool by holidaymakers.

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# Mystery of the black hexagon

SEVERAL READERS telephoned the Echo at about 1.15 this afternoon to report seeing a "black or dark hexagonal shape" floating through the sky in the Leckhampton-road area.

One man said: "I know my aeroplanes, and it wasn't anything like that. It was a lot smaller than an aeroplane, for one thing."

Hang-gliding was one theory, but police say no activity of that sort had been noticed in the area, and eyewitnesses of the object were not prone to accept that as an explanation.

According to a report from the police to the press, footprints separated by 1.60 cms each were found. Under them the grass was completely flattened. The report also makes a note of the fact that human being's steps are generally separated by 75 cms.

Nevertheless, work in the police laboratories continue in order to determine if the samples collected "had been exposed to a magnetic field."

(FUTURE ARTICLES TOLD OF A "COMMUNIQUE" ISSUED BY THE CHIEF OF POLICE. THEIR FINDINGS "REVEALED THAT NO TRACES OF RADIO-ACTIVITY OR MAGNETISM EXISTED IN THE SAMPLES. NEITHER WERE ANY SIGNS OF ALTERATIONS INDUCED BY ALIEN AGENTS FOUND".)

## Un OVNI belicoso

RIO DE JANEIRO, 14 (ANSA). — El matutino Última Hora afirma en un reportaje que el 16 de julio de 1975 un plato volador apareció sobre un cuartel en Alegrete, en el sur del país, y un soldado que le disparó un tiro fue alcanzado con un proyectil que obligó a amputarle una pierna.

Según el matutino carioca el hecho fue revelado por el joven Paulo Roberto Pacheco, que vive en Alegrete y que en la oportunidad prestaba servicio militar en la unidad.

La ciudad de Alegrete está ubicada a 100 kilómetros de la frontera con la Argentina y el Uruguay, en el Estado de Río Grande Do Sul, y el hecho habría ocurrido a las 13.45, próximo al cuartel del Sexto Regimiento de Caballería Blindada.

Según la versión, el soldado disparó varias veces su fusil automático hacia el plato volador, que habría respondido con dos minúsculos proyectiles que alcanzaron al militar en su pierna izquierda, luego amputada.

Después de que el soldado cayera tanto su arma como su cinturón, reloj y objetos metálicos fueron arrojados a distancia por la extraña fuerza de la luz que surgía del objeto volador no identificado.

The city of Alegrete is 100 kms. away from the frontier with Argentina and Uruguay, in the state of Rio Grande Do Sul. The point at issue took place at 13:45 hs., near the barracks of the Sixth Regiment of Armoured Cavalry. According to the story, the soldier fired his automatic rifle several times in the direction of the flying saucer, which answered by firing diminutive projectiles which the soldier received in his left leg. As a consequence of this the leg was later amputated. After the soldier fell his weapon as well as his watch, belt and other metallic objects, were thrown at a distance by a strange light beam which came from the Unidentified Flying Object.

## Un ovni à Behren

FORBACH. - Un ovni (objet volant non identifié) a été aperçu dernièrement à Behren-Village.

Il était environ 17 h 20 lorsque M. J.-M. G., 20 ans, vit de sa fenêtre « deux boules lumineuses qui se tenaient immobiles dans le ciel. Au bout de 30 secondes, l'objet s'est déplacé et la luminosité a brusquement baissé ».

C'est à ce moment que le témoin aurait vu l'objet qui passait au-dessus de sa maison: « Les lumières avaient changé de position et j'ai cru deviner la forme d'un losange. Je n'ai entendu aucun bruit et l'objet a décrit une courbe devant ma fenêtre à environ 150 m d'altitude ».

Il s'agit du deuxième témoignage enregistré à Behren-lès-Forbach en l'espace de deux mois.

brightness lessened abruptly.

It is at this moment that the witness would have seen the object which traveled above his home. "The lights had changed their position and I "think that it was diamond-shaped. I didn't hear the least noise and the object has described a curved line before my window and was 150 metres in altitude.

This is the second testimony reported to Berhen-les-Forbach since two months.

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## A BELLICOSE UFO

Rio de Janeiro, 14 (ANSA) - The morning newspaper "Ultima Hora" states in an article that on July 16, 1975 a flying saucer appeared over the Alegrete military barracks, in southern Brazil, and that a soldier who fired on it was "shot" in the leg which later had to be amputated.

This story was told by youngster Paulo Roberto Pacheco, a resident of the town of Alegrete who at that time was doing his military Service.

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UFO to BEHREN (Alsace Province)

FORBACH: A UFO has been sighted, latterly, to Behren-village.

It was about 5:30 p.m. when Mr. J.M.G., 20 yrs old, saw from his window "two bright balls" which were motionless in sky. After 30 seconds, the object moved and his

# 7 SCIENTIFIQUES FRANÇAIS ANONYMES S'INTERESSENT AUX O.V.N.I.

"LE PARISIEN" - Jan. 28, 1978 - FRANCE

## SEVEN FRENCH ANONYMOUS SCIENTISTS ARE FEELING AN INTEREST TO UFOs

Sept personnalités scientifiques françaises viennent de se prononcer en faveur de la poursuite des recherches, menées au sein du Centre National d'Etudes Spatiales (C.N.E.S.), sur les O.V.N.I. (Objets Volants Non-Identifiés), apprend-on à la direction de cet organisme.

Ces scientifiques, pour l'essentiel des physiciens, dont le nom ne sera pas révélé, « pour ne pas gêner leurs recherches », ont constitué, à l'automne dernier, à la demande du C.N.E.S., un conseil scientifique indépendant, chargé de donner un premier avis sur les travaux du Groupement d'Etude des Phénomènes Aérospatiaux Non-Identifiés (G.E.P.A.N), créé en mai dernier, par le C.N.E.S. Au terme de sa première réunion, le conseil estime qu'il ne peut « se prononcer sur l'intérêt scientifique de ces faits ». Il recommande, toutefois, d'étudier scientifiquement certains phénomènes physiques inexplicables, dont certaines personnes apportent le témoignage.

A cette fin, il suggère que soit améliorée la collecte des données, notamment en raccourcissant les délais entre les observations et l'information du G.E.P.A.N. Il recommande que soit étudiée la constitution éventuelle d'une équipe d'intervention multidisciplinaire, et demande que soient dégagés les moyens nécessaires pour remplir l'ensemble de ces missions. Enfin, le conseil estime nécessaire de garder une grande discrétion, quant à la diffusion des études et des résultats.

Seven important french scientists have pronounced in favour of pursuit of researches into UFOs problem, in the bosom of C.N.E.S. (National Center of Space Studies), according to the managing of this organism.

In order to be not hindered in their working, the name of these scientists will not be disclosed. They are almost all physicists. In last autumn, on the request of C.N.E.S., they have formed a free scientific council, charged to give a first advice about proceedings of the G.E.P.A.N. (Official UFO Research Group Financed by French Government.)

After this first session, the council

thinks that it cannot "pronounce about scientific interest of these facts". nevertheless, he calls the attention of government, about necessity to study with scientific manner, the unexplained phenomena, which some persons bring testimony.

consequently, he thinks that collecting of data must be improved, particularly, reducing the length of time allowed between sightings and inquiries of the G.E.P.A.N. He pointed out the attention about a possible institution of a multi-disciplinarian intervening gang. He required that necessary means be provided to accomplish all this working. Finally, the council said that it is necessary to keep a great discretion about broadcasting of studies and results.

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## Lights scared my dog

ANOTHER witness of the strange happenings in the Broad Haven Triangle was Louise Bassett.

But it was Jasper, her pet springer spaniel, who suffered the greatest after-effects.

The dog's character was totally changed the night Mrs Bassett, 31, saw flashing blue lights in the sky near her home at Ferryside, Carmarthen.

Mrs Bassett, mother of two, says: "I was driving home when I saw these lights. I thought there must have been a serious accident, so I took a detour.

"Two miles further up

the road I saw the lights again. At the same time, my car radio cut out."

When she got home, Mrs Bassett, a caterer, let Jasper out for his nightly visit to the garden.

He returned half an hour later, and shot into the house, his hackles up, shaking and growling.

He did not leave his basket the next day.

Mrs Bassett says: "He behaved in the most peculiar way.

"For weeks he seemed completely terrified."

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Mrs Fry, who is an official UFO investigator for North Kent Contact (UK) and previously a member of the British UFO Research Association, reported a UFO in the Bexleyheath area last November.

While Mrs Fry and her husband were driving from Erith Road to Gravel Hill, on November 20, she saw in the clear night sky what she first believed to be an aircraft moving towards Bexley. However, she became excited when the light made a sharp-angled turn back on itself, an impossible manoeuvre for an aircraft.

### BLUE BEAM

This object, she describes as "a big reddish-yellow ball of light which glowed steadily" as it remained stationary over Bexleyheath Civic Offices. During the sighting, which lasted for about 20 minutes, she saw a smaller orange object appear from the large one which projected a long blue beam downwards. Eventually all objects disappeared.

In November, 1976, a similar sighting was made over Gravesend in which a brightly lit object was reported to give out "a bluish flash, like a beam" witnessed by a cement worker and four police officers.

Anyone who is interested in the UFO phenomenon is invited to contact Mrs Fry, Erith 41758, or Mr L. Dale (BUPORA) 887 0725.