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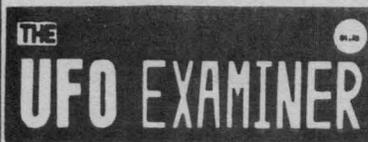
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# Something Happened in Kerman

L.A. HERALD EXAMINER - CAL.  
\*\*\*\*\*JUNE 5, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

## Report of UFO Tightens Lips in a

By STEVE COMUS

Herald Examiner Staff Writer

It was about 3:30 a.m., May 13. Lisa Harrison's husband, Greg, had taken his cement-mixer truck to an overnight job in Los Angeles, and she couldn't get to sleep.

She was watching the late movie on television, sitting next to the living room window of her duplex apartment in Kerman, on the far west side of the San Joaquin Valley, near Fresno.

Her 1½-year-old daughter, Christie, was asleep in one of the apartment's two bedrooms, and light from the television reflected family pictures on the white living-room walls. All was peaceful.

Suddenly, there was a strange noise, like none she had ever heard — and the home began to vibrate. She took three quick steps out the front door to see what was happening.

Looking up toward the northwest, she saw two lights moving southward at tree-top level.

"The noise was really loud—a loud whurr,rrr," she said last week. "There were vibrations — not like an earthquake but more like a vibrator. And then I saw this white light and behind it was a reddish light — not like the red lights on airplanes, though."

"I couldn't tell exactly how big it was, but it was big. It was going just above those trees," she added as she pointed to trees about a half-mile west of her apartment.

"It was going slow and it was just lights, but it made a real loud noise... a strong and smooth hum, much smoother even than a jet engine."

"I knew it wasn't an airplane or a helicopter," she said. "I ran back into the house after I watched it go out of sight behind those houses (to the south)."

Although the humming lights had

startled her, she didn't think much more about the incident. She didn't even mention it to her neighbors — not at first, anyway.

Mrs. Harrison's next-door neighbor, Nanette Pallesi, was also awake that night. She was due to give birth to her first child any day and had been sleepless for hours.

All the lights were out, and her husband, Mike, was asleep when suddenly: "I heard this humming noise," she said. "I thought it was the air conditioner — I thought the air conditioner was going berserk."

She went to a room she and Mike had prepared for the baby, thinking the humming noise might have been coming from there. But it wasn't.

After a minute or two, the hum stopped.

She went back to bed and woke her husband. But he only kidded her about "flying saucers." She dropped the subject and tried to fall asleep.

Downtown that night, officer Manuel Amparano was working overnight patrol. He was the only member of the nine-man force on duty.

Suddenly, he spotted a glimmering light southwest of town. He thought it might be a fire, so he drove to the corner of Del Notre and California avenues to investigate.

As he got closer in his new white Chevy Nova squad car, however, he could see that the light wasn't a fire. Whatever it was, it was hovering about 100 feet above a 60-acre cotton field just south of the Southern Pacific Railroad Tracks.

He drove closer — within 100 feet of it — and looked up, peering at the strange sight for about five minutes. It was circular, about 30 feet in diameter. At times it seemed orange; other times it turned a simmering bright white.

Suddenly, the light zipped off to the southwest, over the seemingly endless table-flat San Joaquin Valley and out of sight.

Later that afternoon, when he was off duty, Amparano checked into the emergency room at Fresno Community Hospital for treatment of first-degree burns on his face, neck and hands. The policeman told the doctors who treated him that he got the burns staring at a UFO.

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Kerman, all one-square mile of it, seemed frozen in suspended animation the day The Herald Examiner reporter arrived to investigate the officer's report.

Kerman (population 3,000) isn't much of a town. The business district along Madera Avenue is nine blocks long and there aren't any traffic lights.

City Hall, a new building on the south end of town next to a park, houses all the administrative offices and the police department.

It was 9 a.m. and the glass door to the police station was locked. A sign on the door in both English and Spanish explained what to do:

"If an officer is not in the office, go to the telephone and call the operator."

Information was only a dime away.

As it turned out, the policeman on duty was only two blocks away, sitting in his patrol car next to the Kerman News building, the city's weekly newspaper. The name tag over his right pocket read T. (for Tom) Gilpin.

Gilpin looked up.

"What's the story about the UFO?"

"It's already out," said Gilpin. "I can't say anything that's not already been reported. It was in the (Fresno) Bee last week and on television and radio."

"Which officer saw it?"

"I can't say," he replied sternly.

After reciting the dry facts — a policeman had spotted an illumination early on May 13. He thought it was a fire, but it was only a bright light. He saw it out by Del Notre and California avenues in a cotton field. And that was all there was to the story.

"Maybe it would be good for me to talk to the chief."

"You want to talk to the chief."

"Yes."

"Okay, I'll call him."

Gilpin picked up his car microphone and mumbled something.

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keeping it a secret."

Ed Burgess was hooking a travel trailer to his pickup truck at the rear of his small house, a quarter-mile south of the city limits, sipping from a can of Coors beer.

"It's very possible," Burgess said, taking another sip. "I seen one here about 10 years ago. The one I seen, it was a big red light right by the railroad tracks. It started to turn right, it went swoosh, and it was gone."

"There was seven of us that seen it. It was about 30 feet in diameter and round. The closer I got, the bigger it got. It shimmered, kind of like aluminum. Then when it took off, sparks came off it."

He took a final sip, crunched the can in his hand and tossed it into the truck's bed. Burgess went back to the trailer, turned and repeated, "Yea, it could be."

"I believe it," said Kerman Food Market clerk Ann Perez. "It was near my house, but I didn't hear anything or see anything."

"I don't believe in UFOs," said 67-year-old Raymond Hayworth, who owns the 60-acre field where the officer spotted the illumination. "We didn't hear anything, and we (he and his wife, Carolyn) were sleeping right there in the bedroom (at the opposite end of the field.)"

"The first of last week (several days after the sighting) a policeman came out and asked if we heard any planes (or) if somebody was (crop) dusting. There wasn't."

"But if that thing had burned the crop, it would have burned the field. And it didn't."

Hayworth, like other residents in town, was not frightened by the possibility that a UFO may have visited Kerman.

"It don't worry me," he said. "We sent a man to the moon and some people believe there may be life on other planets. I suppose that's possible. But I still don't believe it."

Meanwhile, at Ma's cafe near the four-way stop at the north end of Kerman, several farmers sat around a table, joking about the incident.

"I've heard of all sorts of things," one quipped, "but this is something else."

"Yea," said another, "just because there's one kook don't mean the whole town's crazy."

Many of the residents said they thought the officer who saw the "illumination" was Bill McKinney, but he denied it heatedly to a reporter — "It wasn't me!" And McKinney added: "If it would have been me, I wouldn't have said anything to anybody."

Finally, after some checking in nearby Fresno, The Herald Examiner was able to establish that officer Manuel Amparano was the one who saw the light and was later treated for the burns.

A reporter went to his home, but could only speak to his wife. No, her husband was not available for an interview. The chief had told him not to talk to anyone about the incident, least of all out-of-town reporters. Yes, she thought her husband would be willing to talk — he had nothing to hide — but only if the chief said it was all right.

But the chief was adamant. No interviews.

Recognized UFO experts say the Kerman sighting was classic. Every detail known about it is typical, including the efforts of local officials to cover up what happened.

Nuclear physicist Stanton Friedman, of Hayward, a well-known lecturer on UFOs, said that even the time of the sighting was right.

"Okay," answered a woman's voice over the car's loudspeaker.

There was the sound of the phone dialing and then a ring at the other end.

After several rings, Gilpin looked up and said: "I guess the chief's not home. He'll be here tomorrow if you want to call him."

"What about the mayor?"

"He's probably home."

"What's his name?"

"Uh, it's kind of odd," said Gilpin. "Scia . . . Scifaka, something like that."

"Thanks."

But the mayor, Lee Sciacqua, who lives in a ranch-style house a couple of blocks off the main drag, said he couldn't add much. He said he didn't want his town to look silly, but stressed that the officer who saw the UFO was highly respected. He refused to name the man, and referred all other questions to the chief, James Van Cleaf.

Van Cleaf was in his office early the next morning, a Monday, but refused to elaborate on his formal press statement which he read in a monotone:

"On 5-13-78 at 0330 hours, an officer observed what was first believed by him to be a fire. Closer observation revealed there was no fire. The cause of the illumination is unknown. He saw it for about 4 to 5 minutes. Later that day, the officer who observed the illumination received treatment at a Fresno hospital for first-degree burns and was off duty for one day. We are unable to link the cause of the burns with the illumination."

The chief added that a group in Seattle was handling the investigation.

City officials seemed to have constructed their own little cosmic cover-up. No, the chief wouldn't name the officer. No, the chief wouldn't allow the officer to answer questions anonymously by phone. "The man has a right to privacy," the chief said.

Maj. James Arthur at the Air National Guard unit at the Fresno Airport, said he had not received a report of the sighting: "There was nothing routed to me."

Paul Schultz, director of the tower at Fresno airport, said no one had called him either — there was nothing on the log.

"The group in Seattle" the chief mentioned was a privately funded UFO reporting center, headed by a man named Robert Gribble. He said the report was being handled routinely. It would be at least 30 days before the facts could be gathered and evaluated. And no, he could not name the officer either. His name had been "classified confidential" at the policeman's request.

The UFO sighting is one of the biggest stories to hit Kerman since the Southern Pacific Railroad put it on the map in 1891 by building a water tower there for its steam locomotive. Yet the local weekly, the Kerman News, did not mention the sighting in its Wednesday morning edition following the Saturday incident.

Mark O. Kilen, the editor, said he was content to go along with the town officials. "They don't want to say anything about it," Kilen said. "So, that's it."

But a number of town residents didn't share their leaders' studied disinterest in the incident. They wanted to know more — and tell what they knew. The town seemed split between those who knew the actual details, and those who wanted to know.

For the next two days, as the reporter went around town interviewing residents, a police car seemed to follow — cruising down alleys, or parking just around the corner.

Anita Davis, the barmaid at the White's Bridge bar, said there was a lot of talk about the UFO. "But we haven't been able to find out much of anything," she said. "They're

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**UFOs' Seen**

Several residents of Durham and Orange counties reported seeing strange, glowing lights in the sky last night.

A Durham woman said she watched some strange lights for a few minutes until they disappeared behind some trees on the Duke University campus.

An air controller at Raleigh-Durham Airport said a pilot reported seeing and orange lights in the sky when the pilot was 10 miles northwest of Durham.

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And an Orange County man said he got a long look at two hovering lights. He said they went down, then up and then vanished.

DURHAM, N.C., May 26, 1978

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"That's an interesting time," he said. "There are two periods when many are seen — one at about 9 p.m. and one at 3 or 4 in the morning. That time fits very much into the general pattern," he added, referring to a study of more than 1,000 reported sightings in this country and a like number in France.

What about the burns on the officer?

"There are other reports of physiological effects of UFOs," Friedman recalled. "Many of them are consistent with microwave effects — like a sunburn. It is frequently reported that there is a feeling on the skin, of heat or a tingling."

The weird sounds heard by the two housewives is also common, Friedman explained.

One of the most striking things about most close encounters is that the sounds are quite different from those normally associated with high performance aircraft.

"Some say it's a strange hum, a whurr or buzzing noise like bees. Others say it's like a generator, or a (giant) vacuum cleaner."

Friedman went on to say that the Kerman case reminded him of "one of the more famous close encounters" in Socorro, N.M., in 1964.

"Lonnie Zamora was a cop, well-known and trusted by everybody in the community including the mayor," said Friedman.

"He was chasing a speeder, when he saw something go overhead. It was about 5 o'clock in the afternoon."

Friedman said Zamora chased the object over rough terrain and spotted what looked from a distance like a car standing on end with youngsters around it.

As he approached, there was a loud noise and the object took off almost straight up and off toward nearby mountains, apparently leaving the burns and marks that were formed on the ground.

"He (Zamora) got such a hard time, especially from the outsiders, that after a while he didn't want to talk about it," Friedman said. "He just got dragged over the coals. He eventually went off the police force."

Friedman explained, "Most people think most people don't believe in UFOs when actually they do."

He also said that a recent Gallup Poll revealed that a majority of Americans believe there are flying saucers.

When asked whether they thought UFOs were real or the product of imagination, 57 percent said they were real, 27 percent said imaginary and 16 percent weren't sure.

Dr. Jacques Vallee, a computer scientist and author, recognized as a leading authority on UFOs, agreed with Friedman that the Kerman encounter was "a classic."

Vallee also added that "sometimes people try to keep it quiet (as in the Kerman sighting) because they are afraid of harassment."

"It's not uncommon."

Regardless of whether the "illumination" in Kerman was a UFO from outer space, one town resident, 16-year-old Scott Miller, believes in flying saucers and would like to ride in one.

"There has to be UFOs," he said. "In another galaxy, or somewhere, there has to be those things. If I seen it, I'd go with them. I'm ready to go anytime."

Something happened in Kerman, and the town will never be quite the same again.

WASHINGTON POST - D.C.  
\*\*\*\*\*MAY 17, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

• Unexplained lighted objects in the night sky over a remote part of Florida near Ocala were sighted and tracked on radar at a Navy electronic center. Naval personnel have confirmed that one object hovered in midair, then sped away after eluding computerized tracking gear.

BEHIDJI, MINN. - PIONEER  
\*\*\*\*\*JUNE 4, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

Carl and Gloria Swanson of Shevlin experienced two kinds of emotions after an incident the evening of May 15: awe and frustration.

Awe, because a craft, bedecked with glittering lights, sailed before their eyes; and frustration because apparently no one else saw it.

Carl, 55, saw the craft, with reddish-orange lights, "coming out of the trees" as he lay in bed at about 10:20 p.m. some two weeks ago. He told Gloria about it and they both rushed outside and watched the craft slowly and silently sail upwards. And then it was gone. All in a matter of about four minutes. Much like a scene out of "Close Encounters of the Third Kind," Only this incident was real—according to the Swansons.

Mounds of adjectives roll out of Gloria's mouth as she describes the object, which most people would call a UFO, or an unidentified flying object.

"It was a wonderful, beautiful and fantastic sight," Gloria said.

"I knew what it was right away when I saw it," she added.

Gloria said the craft looked like two large, vertical, inverted saucers. The front lights of the craft glittered like diamonds, and the lights near its top and bottom gave off a reddish-orange haze. She said she couldn't determine how far away it was.

It sailed straight up, higher and higher, until it disappeared.

Carl said it appeared the craft was radio-controlled, the way it wavered in the air.

A God-fearing woman, Gloria said she believed the craft was a sign, possibly of the second coming of Christ. She said the Bible says God promised he would show "things of the heaven and the earth." She believes the object may have been one of those things.

"Some people would be scared" seeing the object, she said. But she stood there and watched and felt "kind of humble."

After it had disappeared, Gloria and Carl undertook a small search to see if anyone else had seen it.

Gloria talked to some of her neighbors and to the Grand Forks Herald. No one reported seeing it. Several people, however, called them after the Herald ran an article about their sighting.

Telephone calls with the Bagley police and several of her neighbors confirmed that no one other than the Swansons saw the object.

Carl is frustrated by that, and so is Gloria.

"It's funny nobody else saw it," Carl said.

The time of day, 10:20 p.m., may have had something to do with others not seeing it. Several neighbors said they were already in bed.

Many UFO sighters, it has been determined, have already seen one UFO before sighting another one. Gloria is no exception. However, Carl says it was his first. Although Gloria still harbors some doubt about the validity of her first sighting, she holds none about this second.

"There is no self-doubt," she said. "When you see something like that, you know it."

What makes the apparent UFO really beautiful to Gloria is that she just recovered her sight in 1976. She said she was totally blind from 1974 to 1976. An operation to correct her vision problem was successful, a "miracle," Gloria said.

"That's why everything I look at now is so pretty," she said.

And that's why she and Carl wouldn't mind seeing another UFO with flashing, brilliant colors and lights, dancing before their eyes again.

MORRIS, ILL. - HERALD  
\*\*\*\*\*JUNE 5, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

### UFO sighting

A man who would not give his name called Morris police Sunday at 10 p.m., requesting the telephone number to call to report the sighting of a UFO (unidentified flying object).

Police said the unidentified man said he saw a UFO on the west side of Morris and wanted to report it. After Policeman Carl Bremenkamp gave the caller the telephone number he requested, the man hung up without giving police further information about the incident.

# Close encounters in EP?

## 3 UFOs reported to police

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By ANNE GISONNY

Eden Prairie residents have not seen the last of UFOs. Rhoda Haas of Pioneer Trail is the third Eden Prairie resident to report an unidentified flying object in the past two weeks.

Sally Stoddart of St. John's Wood reported seeing a UFO pass over Interstate Highway 494 April 26 as she traveled north on Baker Road. Her husband John saw it also as he followed her in another car. The pair stopped their cars to get a better look and a third car with five young men in it stopped also. The men returned to their car and chased the object without reporting it to the police.

Haas said she was reading in bed at about 10:30 p.m. May 1 when a brilliant blue-white light illuminated the room. "It filled the room with light like a flash of lightning, only much more intense," Haas said.

From her bedroom window, which faces south, Haas said she saw an oval-shaped object, traveling across her yard from east to west.

"It didn't frighten me one bit," Haas said. "My first impulse was to run to the front room to get a wider view, but it was passing at such an incredible speed I knew I would probably miss it."

Haas watched the object from her bedroom window estimating that it passed about 500 feet from the house, swooping between two groups of trees.

The object made no sound and didn't seem to disturb the geese or ducks in the yard, according to Haas. "It was about the size and shape of a mixing barrel on a large cement truck. It couldn't have been more than 150 feet off the ground."

Both her husband and son were asleep at the time and Haas did not wake them, explaining that she was quite stunned.

"I don't believe in UFO's. As far as life on other planets or galaxies goes, I don't believe in that either. And never will," Haas said.

"I do believe that what I saw was real—an experiment by the government maybe or some kind of defense project. Whatever they're doing, I think it would be kind of nice if they would tell us though," she added.

Haas considered reporting her experience to the police but was embarrassed and afraid of being treated as a crank caller.

When she read of another UFO sighting in Eden Prairie she decided to call the police. She reported her experience to Det. Les Bridger and Officer Thomas Brown who visited her home May 5.

Haas said she plans to call her pastor in order to discuss the experience. "I never saw one before and I hope I never see one again," she said.

"Within a few seconds, the object travelled in a zig-zag pattern to a point directly east of my location, at this time being much closer and brighter. The object dropped behind the trees, very low, but still visible by the flashing light."

His report also described a second object with a similar light and flight pattern which joined the first one behind the trees. At that point, the first rose above the trees and travelled low over the lake and stopped flashing, just north of where Vuchetich was standing.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. - SUN  
\*\*\*\*\*MAY 10, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

SIMI VALLEY, CAL. - SUN & NEWS  
\*\*\*\*\*JUNE 2, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

## Youth continues to spot UFOs

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Twelve-year-old David Tucker has experienced a long series of unidentified flying object sightings in Simi Valley skies — at night and during the day — throughout the past several months.

"It's scary. Whew, it was creepy," the Valley View Junior High School seventh grader said.

About a month ago, while watching the television show Project UFO, Tucker said he looked out the window of his 2014 Avenida Placida apartment and saw three red lights flying in formation.

"They had to be

UFO's," he said. The three lights were joined by three more and then by a seventh. Three came from the north, three from the south and one from the east. "It was a fleet of them. They assembled and went east. They landed, I think, in the east end of the valley, in the mountains," he recalled.

Four months ago, Tucker said, he heard a loud roar while he was playing at Verde Park. He looked up and saw a north-bound craft.

In all, Tucker said he has made 28 UFO sightings.

OSWEGO, N.Y. - TIMES  
\*\*\*\*\*APR. 28, 1978\*

### Police Sight UFO

More than 100 people were swarming the area at Breitbeck Park last night after the report of a UFO sighting was carried over the police monitor. Whatever it was was seen from several areas around the city.

Detective Robert C. Germain reported at 8:45 p.m. Thursday that he had seen an object in the sky with what seemed to be a cluster of red, green and white lights around it, in the area near Patrolman George Von Holtz's home on City Line Road. Sgt. Thomas Murray and Patrolman Peter Griffin arrived at the scene and also saw the object in the sky.

After observing these lights south of the city the officers went to Route 57 to determine if perhaps what they had seen was the Teleprompter Tower, but it was not. The officers then went back to the Von Holtz home to watch the object.

At 9:20 p.m. the object disappeared behind the hill at Oswego Speedway. It was seen again by police officers from the west of the city going north over the lake. This observation was made from Byer Road.

Officers then went to the Niagara Mohawk area on the west side and Coast Guard personnel told them that the object was not a plane.

At 10:43 p.m. the Coast Guard called the police and said that the object had come back in and that they could see it with the naked eye. The Coast Guard said a report on the incident was being made to the Rescue Coordination Center.

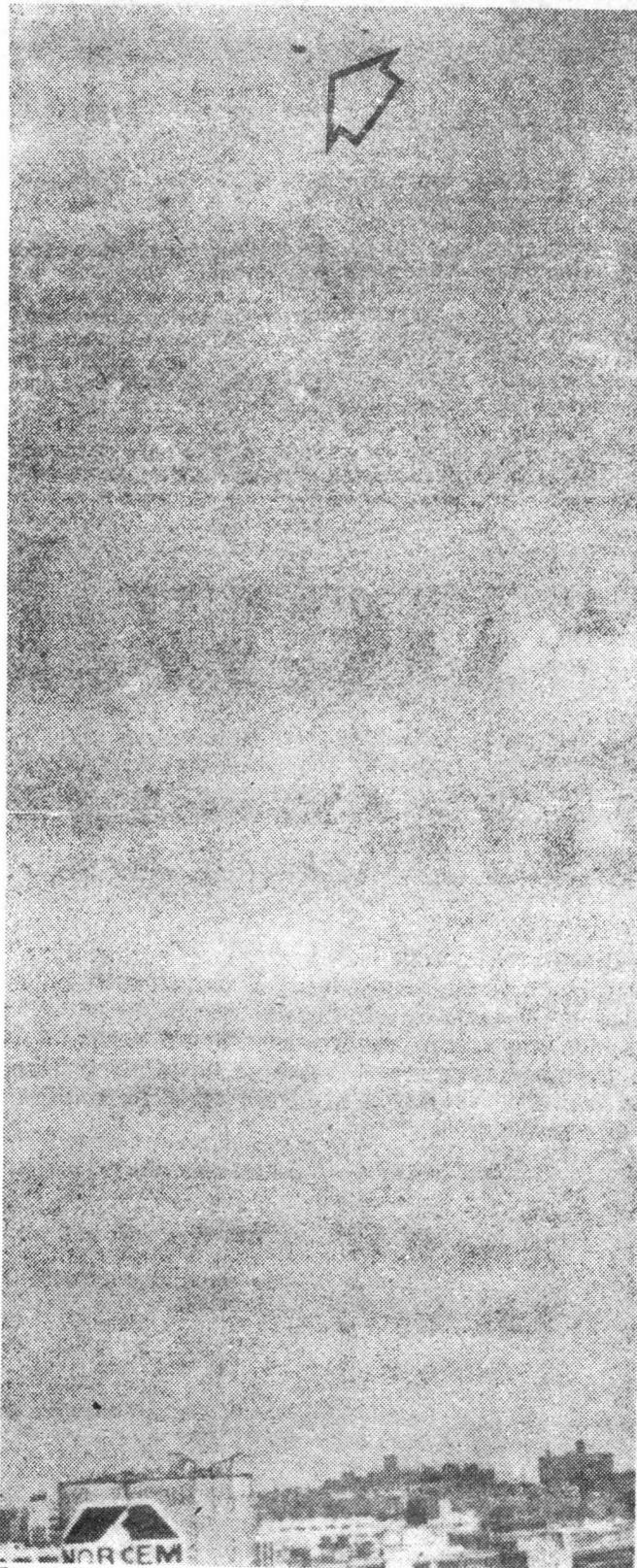
## UFO is sighted

PARK FALLS — Stephen M. Vuchetich, of Park Falls, recently sighted a UFO while fishing at the south end of Butternut Lake. It happened one night at 10:15 p.m.

In Vuchetich's own words in the report he filed with the UFO educational Center, "Out of the north (came) a flashing light, about 30 degrees above ground level, a whitish light at a great distance. The flash was not pulsating but irregular. The object travelled vertically as fast as horizontally. The flashing light of the object turned to an orange color and back to a whitish light during its flight.

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# CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OVER BROOKLYN



## Was it a bird, a plane or a UFO?

By RICHARD GOODING

Scores of people in Brooklyn and Queens think they saw a UFO last night.

An official of the Federal Aviation Administration at Kennedy Airport saw the eerie lights hanging in the southwest sky for about three minutes before they simply vanished.

"It was not a normal star sighting," he said.

### TWO HOURS

A Brooklyn mail clerk, sky gazing from his Ralph Avenue stoop, watched similarly mysterious lights—unmoving, close together, bright—for almost two hours. When he went to his roof for a clearer view, they were gone.

"I've never seen stars like that before," Steve Horvatt said. "And they didn't move like a plane or satellite."

And other calls came in from Brooklyn and Queens from people reporting otherworldly sightings.

All thought they were seeing UFOs.

### RESTAURANT AD

But Bernard Faraino thinks they were seeing him, buzzing the Brooklyn shoreline with his night-light advertisement for "Randazzo's Seafood Restaurant, Sheepshead Bay."

"You can only see that there are letters and words when you're directly below the plane," said the Brooklyn School of Aviation pilot. "From anywhere else, all you see is a stream of bright, flashing lights."

"That's when I'm over the shore. But when I circle back over the water, I cut all the lights on the billboard and plane—that explains the disappearance."

### 'CAN'T BLAME 'EM

"I can't blame the people for going out of their minds. It does look like a flying saucer, especially as I climb."

"But that's why this unit is made this way. It's supposed to attract attention."

Apparently it did. But if Faraino's Cessna 150 with its 40-foot grid of 375 bulbs is what some people saw between 9:30 and 11:30 last night, Horvatt and the FAA officer are not convinced it is what they saw.

The time period matches, but not the description.

"I would have seen the motion if that was it," said the FAA officer, who declined to give his name.

"No, these lights were stationary, about 30 degrees off the horizon, west-southwest. They gave all the appearance of being stars — but they vanished."

### SOMETHING ELSE

And then there were other sky phantoms yesterday that didn't match anything anyone else reported seeing.

Dan Noonan was taking photographs at 3 p.m. from the roof of the 14-story New York University Medical School dorm along the East River. He was alone.

"I was looking down at the FDR Drive when I saw something flying around that at first I thought was a frisbee," said the 26-year-old medical student.

"It couldn't have been bigger than three feet across. It was round and white. But it wasn't acting like a bird or something floating in the wind."

"It was flying—but it made absolutely no noise."

In the five minutes that the "unidentified flying object" stayed in Noonan's sight, he said, it rose to the level of the roof, "hovered" over the middle of the East River, then "took off" in the direction of Kennedy Airport, reflecting the sun metallically as it went.

"I thought it was a UFO at the time," he said later. "But I wasn't willing to admit it even to myself until I'd heard other people had seen something."

In another mystery sighting yesterday, medical student Dan Noonan spotted this object over the East River. It swung toward Kennedy Airport as he took this photo. "It was flying," he said, "but it made absolutely no noise."

# Eerie light reported

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An eerie bright light, which emitted gray smoke and rays like the sun, is the latest unidentified flying object reported in the county.

The Times Improve reporter, Mrs John McCain, said that five persons in her community spotted such an object Monday night about four miles south of Carson Springs Baptist Church. They observed it until it went down behind some trees and disappeared.

The object—whatever it was—was first seen behind the home of Mr. and Mrs. Glen McKenzie. The McKenzies and her parents and brother, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Thomas and Bryan, saw the bright light as the Thomases were leaving the McKenzie home.

"THE THOMASES continued to watch it as they drove along the road," Mrs. McCain said. She said that, at one point, Dan Thomas and his son, Bryan, got out of their car to get a better look at it.

"The light made no sound that they could hear, but it did emit a gray smoke," Mrs. McCain reported. She said they watched it until it disappeared behind a line of trees.

The sighting took place between eight and nine p.m. At the time, weather conditions were good—partly cloudy with a moon visible.

TWO SIMILAR sightings were reported in the same general area last year.

# Culiacan Farmers Report UFO

CULIACAN— Three farmers said Saturday they saw an unidentified flying object land in their fields near this northern Mexican city.

Ismael, Candelario and Fernando Jacobo, three brothers, said they were driving a tractor at night across their fields when they saw a round disk that gave off a green-copperish light and a roaring sound.

The farmers told reporters that when the disk came toward them they turned off the tractor's lights and hid. The brothers said the UFO landed in the field for a few minutes and took off again.

# Lawrence Countians Report Strange Sky Object

Lawrenceburg — For two nights, West Point residents have reported witnessing a strange orange object in the sky, leaving several persons wondering if they've seen a UFO.

Thomas Blair and Roger Story, both of West Point, said they saw the orange object Wednesday night, and that it moved up and down, almost touching the horizon, and sideways. They said they watched it for about 15 minutes and were impressed by its "tremendous speed."

Thursday night, Story's brother, Andy Story, and his grandmother, Gladys Story, spotted what they believed to be the same orange object.

Mrs. Story said her grandson, 21, came running into the house "all excited and saying he believed he was looking at a UFO."

He said the object flashed different colors of light beams and that for a while there were two identical objects, but one sped away, followed by the other.

Mrs. Story said when she got out on the porch all she could see was a huge beam of flashing light.

After the Storys and Blair reported seeing the unidentified flying object, Mrs. Story revealed that about a week ago she saw an orange light from her bedroom window but was hesitant to tell anyone about it.

"I've never believed in UFO's before," said Blair, "but we've definitely just seen something and we don't know what it is."

# A UFO in Argentina?

Argentine newspapers reported Monday that a long, cylindrical object fell to earth May 5 and disappeared in dense jungle near the Argentine-Bolivian border. The Buenos Aires Herald said American experts from NASA arrived Monday to investigate the sighting in Salta, a province 1,200 miles northwest of Buenos Aires. Another Buenos Aires newspaper said the Bolivian government had declared the area where the object fell a "military emergency zone."

# UFO SIGHTING IN BRUCE CROSSING?

BRUCE CROSSING — The Ontonagon County Sheriff's Department was called in early Tuesday to investigate an unidentified flying object reported in the Bruce Crossing area. A Bruce Crossing woman said she was followed by the low-flying, blinking lights for five miles in the U.S. and Two-Mile Road area.

The Negaunee Post of the Michigan State Police suggested strong northern lights created the vision.

# Navy Up In Air About UFO Sighting

News Wire Services

OCALA — "I've never seen anything like it," says Timothy Collins, a Navy radar technician who tracked an unidentified object in the Florida sky. "And I don't want to see anything like it again."

Collins, from Cambridge, Mass., was among at least a dozen personnel at the Navy's Pinecastle Electronic Warfare Range reported to have spotted the brightly lighted objects late Sunday.

The Navy people said one object seemed to hover, then turned abruptly and sped off — leaving computer-equipped radar rigs unable to follow it. "The computer wouldn't handle it," said Lt. Cmdr. John Sullivan, commander of the range.

GLENVIEW, ILL. - TIMES  
\*\*\*\*\*MAY 18, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

# Movie sparks new reports on UFO

By JAX FRIEDLANDER

- A policeman, on patrol near the Wilmette border, at 2 a.m.;
  - a 72-year-old Wilmette woman, getting up to close her window, at 1:20 a.m.;
  - two girls going out to their car in the Golf Mill movie theater parking lot;
  - a woman, driving her sportscar along Golf road, and her sister, looking out at the Forest Preserve -
- They are among the North Shore residents who saw something in the sky they couldn't explain - an unidentified flying object - and reported it to the Center for UFO Studies in downtown Evanston.

The police officer was one of the many people, all over the country, who came forward after seeing the movie "Close Encounters of the Third Kind," to report something that they saw several years ago, but were afraid to mention until now. The Center's investigative coordinator, Robert Runser of Glen Ellyn, estimated that the number of reports has doubled since the movie came out, and now is running at 20 per day.

People have been showing a heightened interest in other ways, too. Runser has been averaging one request per day, from the Glenview Volunteer Bureau and other North Suburban speakers' bureaus. The Center President, Sherman Larsen of Glenview, is even more in demand. The interest goes far beyond the long-time flying saucer fans: Runser recently spoke at Rugen school in Glenview, and Larsen, for the Business and Professional Women's Club in Northbrook.

"But I don't have time for speeches," claimed Runser, pointing at three piles of reports that have been accumulating since January "We really need volunteers to help handle these."

The reports have been coming in hand-written notes, typed letters, official report forms and even long-distance calls, with the largest numbers concentrated in Florida, California and the Great Lake States. They have also been referred from the Glenview Naval Air Station and other government agencies. The Air Force ended its own UFO investigation in 1969, leaving the field to civilian organizations.

Of 60,000 UFO reports, only 3,000 included personal contact with aliens, or "close encounters of the third kind" - a phrase coined by the Center's director, Dr. Allen Hynek, in his book, "The UFO Experience." The great majority are classified "NL," for "nocturnal lights" like the ones seen by the North Suburban residents. The Center can't investigate all these "NL" sightings, but believes that 90 per cent can be explained as airplanes, tower lights, or stars and planets - leaving 10 per cent or 6,000, that are really "unidentified."

Estelle Postol, another Glenview resident, is the Center's coordinator. She reports that many UFO's are actually advertising planes. "You have to be right underneath them to read the advertisement," she explained. "Otherwise, they

look really weird! They fly very low, they look like discs when seen from an angle, and they have rows of lights which suddenly turn off so that they seem to disappear. The first time I saw one, I was positive it was a UFO!"

She had a hard time convincing a Washington secretary, who called long distance, insisting that she had gotten a message from beyond - in the form of a Biblical passage. "I just happened to know that the ad planes in that area show Bible quotes on Sunday nights," Estelle recalled.

Several UFO's turned out to be ad planes flying over Deerfield, Northbrook and Northfield last summer, along Waukegan road. Estelle conjectures that that's also what the two girls saw above the Golf Mill parking lot on July 23, 1966, when they stared for five minutes at a string of bright lights "like a row of headlights." A Wilmette sighting this year "sounded interesting," but turned out to be a plane, after all. Golf and Waukegan roads are natural choices for ad plane companies, since they can reach so many people there - even if some of those people mistake them for something else.

Estelle adds that if you look through a telescope at the stars and planets, they are bright and clear, they show many colors, and they seem to move - just like UFO's. Most of the Center staff believes that Venus was the UFO which President Carter saw.

Whatever their origin, the "nocturnal lights" often appear as glowing discs or spheres, of red or silver. Two red "crafts" were seen by a Skokie policeman from his squad car, at 2 a.m. in the summer of 1974 - hovering one above the other, about 20 stories off the ground, one block north of Old Orchard and east of Eden's expressway, on the Wilmette-Skokie border. He later tried to tell a buddy about "the crafts" only to be greeted with a skeptical "Oh, yeah!" that kept him from mentioning them to anyone else, until January this year, when he saw "Close Encounters."

He didn't know that there had been so many sightings by policemen the previous summer, the UFO Center had devoted a special publication to them.

He didn't know that, in the same summer of 1974, a 72-year-old woman on Greenleaf road in Wilmette had reported seeing bright lights in the sky - less than one mile away from him, almost straight north, and 40 minutes earlier in the morning. It was 1:20 a.m. when she went to close her windows and saw them over the tree tops - white, red and blue lights, flashing off and on. They were still there two hours later, when she went to bed.

Besides the sightings, Wilmette has also contributed two staff members to the Center for UFO Studies: Dr. Robert Hall of the Scientific Board and Nancy Dornbos, a vice president. Other northern suburbs are involved, too.

A bright red sphere, described as "a huge orange-red ball," was seen flying into a forest preserve by a Des Plaines woman in 1955. Five years later, her sister saw a large disc hovering over her sports car, as she drove along Golf road between Greenwood and River road.

VAUGHAN VANGUARD - ONTARIO, CAN. Sightings of a cylindrical  
\*\*\*\*\*APRIL 12, 1978\*\*\*\*\* UFO over Welland last

## UFO Mystery

weekend are being studied by a team of aerial phenomena investigators.

Seven people have reported seeing the blackish-grey object moving fairly low over a residential area of the city Sunday. They say it had square, flashing red lights.

Kenneth Kroeker, director of Project SUM (Solving UFO Mysteries) in St. Catharines, says the investigators haven't been able to

come up with an explanation for the sightings yet.

"We checked with the Welland-Port Colborne airport and they say there were no balloons or low-flying airplanes or helicopters in the area when the sightings were made," says Kroeker.

Descriptions given by the seven witnesses "all sort of match" and all but one said the low-flying UFO, wider on top than the bottom, made no noise, Kroeker said.

DANBURY, CONN. - NEWS TIMES  
\*\*\*\*\* JUNE 8, 1978 \*\*\*\*\*

## Uninterested Federal Officials

# UFO report gets run-around

By Maria Romash  
News-Times staff

NEW FAIRFIELD — If you see a UFO in town, keep the news to yourself. No one will believe you.

The state police will listen, then tell you to call the military.

Federal Bureau of Investigation agents don't work nights.

The Air Force doesn't answer its toll free number in Denver.

The Army Research Center in Watertown, Mass., is staffed at night with a non-believer who laughs a lot.

Ask Mrs. Donna Vrzal, 33, of Old Bridge Road East. She plans to write a letter to her congressman.

Mrs. Vrzal says she saw a UFO early Tuesday morning, 11:44 a.m. according to her digital clock. Like a scene out of a science fiction movie, she says she abruptly sat up in bed and then saw a "big ball of light of very deep intensity" pass by her bedroom window and over the house.

"My dog was up too and she looked at me like something was wrong. What really bothers me is that

we've got a big expanse (of property) and I was afraid they'd land," she said.

Mrs. Vrzal may have thought she had problems at 1:45 a.m. when the ordeal ended but what ever they were they didn't compare with those she encountered later.

"I told my daughters and my mother about it the next day. My daughter said I was lucky," she says, adding her mother suggested she inform the military.

Prompted by television news stories about UFO sightings in New York City, Mrs. Vrzal went to the phone and dialed and dialed and dialed.

The state police at Troop A in Southbury couldn't help her. They referred her to the military. "Every once in a while we get calls about UFOs," said Trooper Joseph Hammer, who handled Mrs. Vrzal's call. "I don't think they're crank calls but there's not much we can do," he continued.

Undaunted, Mrs. Vrzal said she tried a toll free number for the Air Force in Denver. When no one answered there, she tried the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The FBI offices in Danbury are staffed by a tape recorder after 5 p.m. "No agents are in the office at this time," the monotone recording told her, "if this is an emergency please call the New Haven office."

Mrs. Vrzal called the New Haven office. No agents were there either but the clerk on duty, who asked not to be identified, suggested she call the Army in Massachusetts.

"That's the first UFO call I've had and I've been here six months. I suggested she call the military," the clerk said.

The man at the Army research center in Watertown didn't want to listen. He hung up on Mrs. Vrzal twice, she said. "You've got to realize the full moon's on the way and people are seeing things these days especially with some marijuana and a couple of beers. I've yet to see one (a UFO) land around here," he said, laughing about the entire incident.

Mrs. Vrzal wants someone to know about her experience. "I'm really upset," she says, "I had to call Boston on my expense to report something I really thought I should report."

Her phone campaign gone sour, Mrs. Vrzal says she is going to write to her congressman about the sighting.

It's not hard to listen to a letter.

MENLO PARK, CAL. - RECORDER  
\*\*\*\*\* APR. 11, 1978 \*\*\*\*\*

## UFO Seen in Atherton

An unidentified flying object was sighted over Atherton at 11:09 a.m. on Wednesday, April 5, by Atherton police Sgt. Ron Harris and PG&E electrician Dirk Koops.

Mr. Koops and Sgt. Harris were talking on Greenoaks Drive where Mr. Koops was replacing street lights. The two men spotted a dark object overhead, at about 1,000 feet, moving from south to north. At first, the men reportedly believed the object looked like a trio of balloons twisting around, but then the possible space ship began descending and appeared angular.

As it got nearer to the men, Mr. Koops reportedly thought the object resembled a "bat" kite, but was substantially larger. There was no wind at the time, and neither man thinks it was a kite.

Sgt. Harris, concerned about public safety, leaped into his patrol car and drove towards the descending craft. As he gave chase, Sgt. Harris called in the San Mateo County Sheriff's helicopter. He also summoned support units from the Menlo Park police

department to augment the entire complement of officers available from Atherton's police department.

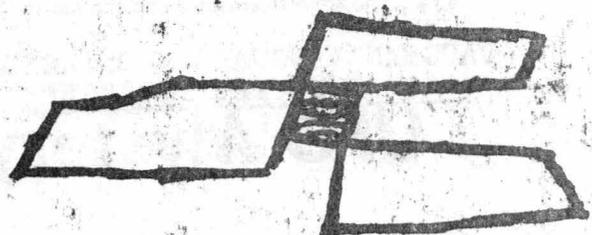
As lawmen searched and chased, the UFO eluded them. The helicopter spotted a blue kite in the area, but did not investigate it.

Sgt. Harris lost sight of the UFO as he reached James Avenue. Various reports indicate the object may have disappeared in the area of Burgess Park and SRI International in Menlo Park or in the area of Sacred Heart High School in Atherton.

Sgt. Ron Harris has been an Atherton police officer for 11 years, winning a number of awards, including the Peninsula Lions Council Policeman of the Year Award for Community Service.

A juvenile officer for seven years, Sgt. Harris initiated a number of Atherton's on-going programs in local schools.

Atherton police spokesman Terry Maloney said, "If Ron Harris says he saw something, he saw something." Sgt. Harris, 42, is said by Atherton officers to be "a very stable person."



A SPACE SHIP? This drawing of the object sighted over Atherton, drawn by police Sgt. Ron Harris, is a Recorder exclusive.

ARROYO GRANDE, CAL. - TIMES  
\*\*\*\*\*APRIL 12, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

## MAN SKETCHES UFO

# 'Like a Giant Manta Ray'

UFO  
By Dennis Baughman  
Staff Writer

ARROYO GRANDE — Ray Morales cut the car engine and lights, and there was a low hum, soft and barely loud enough to hear.

He had pulled off of U.S. 101 at the Fourth Street exit in Grover City because there was something strange in the sky. Something with lights that resembled a giant manta ray.

"If it was a plane, I don't know how it could have gone so slow," said Morales of the flying object, later identified by the U.S. Air Force as a swept-winged C5-A airplane en route to Vandenberg from Washington.

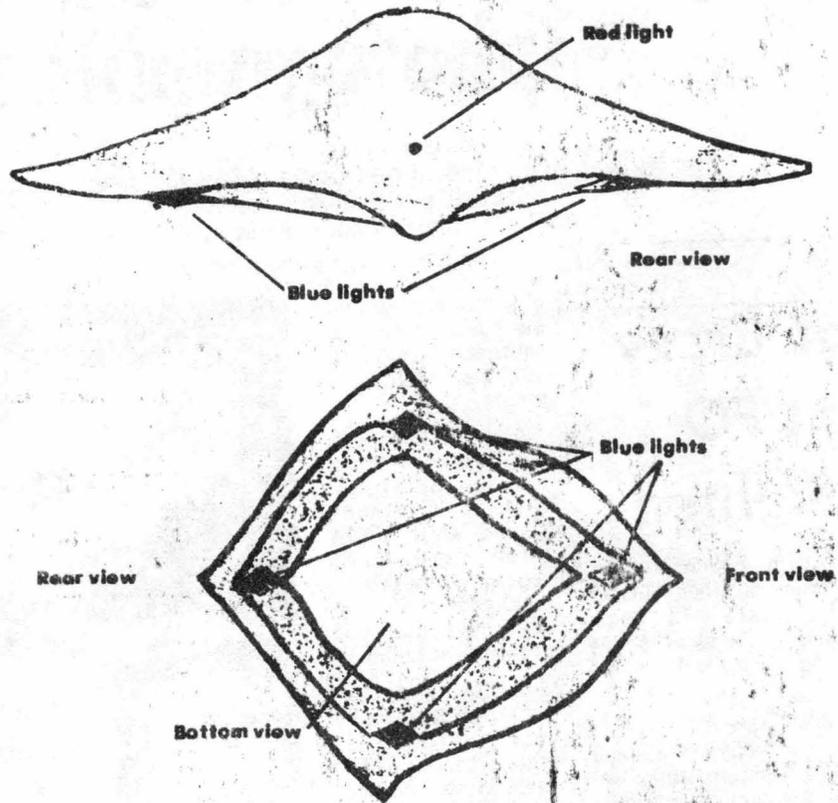
At 9:45 p.m. that Thursday, March 16 night, Morales said the object couldn't have been more than 100 yards away. "I could have hit it with a bow and arrow," he said.

Morales, who lives in Grover City, said the object had four lights on its bottom side emitting a steady, bluish-flourescent glow. In a strip connecting the lights there were "millions and millions of different lights with varying colors that kind of glowed," he added.

The center of the object was a light gray or silver color, he said, and he could tell that although the belly appeared smooth, it had been riveted or otherwise pieced together.

The front of the object was more pointed than the rear, he said, and two of the four blue lights and a steady, non-blinking red light could be seen as it slowly made its way from Grover Heights over Oak Park Acres.

Morales, a truck driver at Certified Freight Lines in Arroyo Grande who has hauled around



NEW C5 A? — Ray Morales of Grover City sketched these views of what some feel was an unidentified flying object seen recently in the area. The Air Force claims the object was a new C5-A airplane.

many 45-foot trailers, said the object was more than 200 feet from front to rear and about the same distance across. The C5-A, according to the Air Force, has a 247-foot wingspan.

Morales and co-worker Al Rodriguez of Arroyo Grande claim they saw the same object — or something closely resembling it — about 9 p.m. that night. It was heading over Loomis Heights toward Vandenberg.

"I'd almost swear to it that it

was the same thing I saw later," said Morales. It was flying low and there was no noise.

He had no idea why the object — if indeed it was a C5-A — was seen several miles up the road some 45 minutes later.

It was the first time either men had seen such an object, and they probably won't forget it. Asked if he thought it was a plane, Rodriguez responded emphatically, "That's a bunch of baloney."

MONROE, WIS. - TIMES  
\*\*\*\*\*APR. 25, 1978\*\*

## Juda man reports observing a UFO

A second unidentified flying object (UFO) has been reported in the area. The first was sighted April 11 west of Monroe.

Jake Kaderly, Rt. 1, Juda, told the sheriff's office Monday night that he saw "a flying oval, dark

red with a light red center" while driving on Wis. 11 81, a mile west of Juda at about 9:15 p.m.

Kaderly said he viewed the UFO for about two minutes before it disappeared.

SANDUSKY, OHIO - CHIEF-UNION  
\*\*\*\*\*APR. 22, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

## Woman spots UFO

A sighting of an unidentified flying object was reported to the Wyandot County Sheriff's Department by the Ohio State Patrol about 10:23 p.m. Friday evening.

According to the sheriff's department, a woman reported seeing a large very bright red object very close to the ground at 10:17 p.m. near CR 51, traveling east.

A plane was also spotted flying behind the object, the woman reported.

The sheriff's department investigated the area, but found no evidence of the UFO.

# Amazing picture of UFO not faked, says photographic expert

THE original print of this amazing picture of what appears to be an unidentified flying object has been examined closely by top English professional photographer David Spokes, who says it definitely has not been tampered with or faked in any way.

Taxi driver Terry Bishop took the picture on his Polaroid camera after he saw the strange object hovering over his house in Dorset, southern England, late one night last month.

And Bishop was not the only person who saw the object. Over a five-hour period that night there were many reports of unexplained phenomena in the sky from widespread areas of the country.

But Bishop was the only one who knew exactly what to do when he saw the mysterious glow in the sky — he dashed out into his garden and put it on film.



**'It was like nothing I had ever seen before'**

— TERRY BISHOP

BISBEE, ARIZ. - DAILY REVIEW  
\*\*\*\*\*MAY 2, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

## Residents report swirling, red UFO

SIERRA VISTA — The timing couldn't have been better.

Sunday night, after the television program "Project UFO" was seen across the nation, some persons in southern Arizona saw an instant replay — in the western sky.

Spotted above the western horizon around 8:25 p.m. was a red, swirling light. Persons who live in the Bravo housing area east of Sierra Vista reported seeing the "unidentified flying object".

Tucson switchboards were jammed about the same time from persons reporting the sight.

This object, however, was identified.

Testing missiles from the Vandenberg Air Force Base about 100 miles north of Los

Angeles, Calif. were launched at 8:15 over the Pacific Ocean.

When the atmosphere is right, they can be seen as far east as Wichita, Kan., and as far north as San Francisco, said Lt. Bev Garrett of the Davis Monthan Air Force Base public information office in Tucson.

The "Thor" missile is used to launch satellites into orbit, she said, and is usually launched in testing from Vandenberg just after sunset or just before sunrise.

"It wasn't long after the show," the lieutenant said, that switchboards were jammed in Tucson.

"There must be a lot of people who go outside after it's (Project UFO) over," she said. "The timing couldn't have been more ideal."

Bishop, 29, says of his strange encounter: "All I know is that it was like nothing I have ever seen before.

"I have no positive evidence that it was a spacecraft from another planet. But it was certainly not an aircraft, or anything else known to man.

"People have tried to suggest it was a fireball of some kind, but this had its own power source.

"I wish there was a logical explanation."

Bishop says he first noticed a brilliant yellow and orange light flashing across the sky when he was getting ready for bed about 2:45 a.m.

"For several seconds I stood motionless, looking at it through the window," he adds. "It was moving at a steady pace and giving off an incredible glow.

"Out in the garden I realized the object was about half a mile away, although it was difficult to judge distance and speed because it was dark and there were no visible landmarks.

"It was oval-shaped and about the size of a double-decker bus. The whole thing was on a horizontal plane, tilted at what seemed a rather awkward angle.

"I had two shots at the end of my film and decided to get a picture. At this stage the object was still moving, though not very quickly.

"I took one shot, went inside to wait for it to develop, and found that it hadn't been a success.

"When I went back outside, to my amazement the object was stationary — just hovering there.

"It didn't give off any direct light, but glowed bright. The top and bottom were almost red and the central area was yellow and orange.

"Across its middle was a dark line, almost like a rim, with three small dark semi-circular spots evenly spaced apart.

"I took my second shot, making sure I changed the light control on the camera. As I went indoors, the object started to move slowly upwards.

"This time the picture came out. The colors were slightly vivid because I had over-exposed it, but it was still a clear representation of what I had actually seen.

"Do I believe in flying saucers?" he says. "Well, sometimes truth is stranger than fiction.

"I do know that I have gone through a most peculiar experience ... one that I won't forget for the rest of my life.

"And I still have my picture."

MONROE, MICH - NEWS  
\*\*\*MAY 3, 1978\*\*\*

## Cat 'Crazy' As UFO Is Sighted

An Estral Beach woman, like numerous other Monroe County residents, saw something in the sky Monday night that she couldn't explain.

Unlike some others, though, she kept quiet about the UFO sighting. But when she saw the same thing again this morning, she thought she had better say something.

Mrs. Mavis McBride, 47, said her husband had gone to work this morning at 5:10. Ten minutes later her cat, which was outside, "started acting crazy again." Just before the UFO sighting Monday her cat "had tried to claw the door down."

Outside this morning, she saw the same UFO hovering silently in the dark sky.

The UFO was long, maybe a couple of car lengths, she said. "There were two big bright lights on it, and a 3-foot diameter reddish-orange light underneath," she said.

"It lingered in the air about three minutes, then disappeared real fast towards Monroe."

Mrs. McBride stops short of saying it was a spaceship from another planet, but she does believe "there must be something out there we don't know about."

It could have been an experimental aircraft, she said. But it was no ordinary plane.

# Sill Soldiers Report 'UFO' Sighting

By The Constitution Staff

FOUR Fort Sill soldiers Monday reported seeing strange lights in the sky the south of Lawton about 9:45 p.m. Sunday, post officials confirmed Monday.

Spec. 4 Freddie Mae Brown, Pvt. Ronald Benjamin, Pfc. Theodore Akins and Pfc. Carl Banks reported seeing three lights "flying" at a very high altitude at amazing speeds.

Akins said he and the other three soldiers were standing on the south side of A-Battery USAFACFS Building 475 when Brown pointed out stars in the south part of the sky moving at speeds much faster than that of jet aircraft.

Brown said the lights appeared to be about the same size and brilliance as surrounding stars, but speed of flight or movement was astonishing. All four soldiers gave the same account of the incident and all said they had not been drinking alcoholic beverages.

Akins said one light approached from the west, one from the east and one approached from the south. All three lights appeared to be flying on the same level or a collision course, he said.

But just before they met, all three lights stopped and remained stationary for just a few seconds forming a line, the lights equidistant apart.

Then, at the same instant, Akin said the lights that came from the east and west darted back from the directions

they came from and the light in the center flew north.

Akins said he watched the center light through a pair of highpowered binoculars as it sped out of sight at a spectacular speed. By the time he lost track of the center light, the other two had vanished from sight also, he said.

Benjamin said the lights did not

streak through the sky nor did they have a tail as some meteors do.

Akin said they kept watch for awhile longer but the lights did not reappear.

Capt. Zeke Swift of the Fort Sill public affairs office said the post military police unit took statements from the four soldiers and made the report an official matter of record.

SHERMAN, TEXAS - DEMOCRAT  
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# UFO Sighting Reported

By RICK HAGAR

TIOGA — An unidentified flying object was reported sighted moving across the sky about eight miles west of here Tuesday shortly after 2 a.m., according to authorities.

James Hall, a 24-year-old employee of Webber Aircraft in Gainesville, alerted authorities in Denton and Grayson County of his sighting. A spokesman for the Texoma UFO Research Club said his group will not investigate the sighting at the scene because a landing was not reported. No one but Hall reported seeing the object, authorities said.

Hall told the Sherman Democrat that he had just arrived at his house when he sighted the flying object. "I noticed it because it was so bright. There were no clouds in the sky and no noise coming from the UFO," he said.

At first, he continued, the object appeared to be hovering just above treetops more than a mile southeast of his home. Then it began moving "sideways" at a slow pace toward the northeast. Hall said he couldn't explain why he thought the object was moving sideways, but that that was his impression.

Again, he said, the object made no noise.

He added that when the object had moved about five miles toward the northeast it appeared to disappear. "It was like an eclipse," Hall said, "it seemed to be covered up by something, like it was hiding behind something."

About five minutes later, he said he heard airplane engines. He investigated and saw an airplane heading toward the direction where the UFO had disappeared.

The plane also disappeared from sight, but Hall speculated that it landed at the Denton Municipal Airport located in that direction.

However, a spokesman at the airport said the airport was closed at 2 a.m. Tuesday and that no landings had been reported. The spokesman also said the "bright light" was not a weather balloon or similar object released by the airport. The spokesman did admit that the airport is lighted all night and that an airplane could land without the knowledge of airport authorities.

Michael Martin, a Sherman police department dispatcher and president of the Texoma

UFO Research Club, said he was alerted by county authorities of the sighting about 2:30 a.m. Tuesday. He contacted Hall to confirm the sighting.

He said that the club will not investigate the sighting at the scene because Hall did not indicate that the UFO had landed. "We will put our report of the sighting in our files of local sightings," he said.

Martin added, "And there is local UFO activity."

## Was it UFO?

Denise Giddings of 268 West Main Rd. thought she saw a Unidentified Flying Object or UFO late Friday night, and reported it to city police.

Ptl. Robert Slocum responded, and observed the light from the kitchen window, giving off red, green and yellow reflections. After viewing the light through binoculars, Slocum advised Giddings that the object was probably just a northern star.

CONNEAUT, OHIO - NEWS  
\*\*\*\*\*MAY 30, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

## 'Flying Saucer' Seen Saturday

ROCKWOOD — Mrs. Marie Schmid reported seeing a large gray "flying saucer" on Saturday night, not Wednesday night as was incorrectly reported here Thursday.

Mrs. Schmidt said a large gray machine with a tail scrolled like a Viking ship moved slowly by her picture window at 20950 Woodruff Rd. Rockwood.

## Cop Claims UFO Burned Him

Kerman, Fresno county

A Kerman policeman has filed for workmen's compensation to pay for treatment of facial burns he said he suffered when he saw an unidentified flying object last Saturday night.

Police Chief James Van Cleaf said yesterday he still is investigating the case. The chief wouldn't identify the policeman who suffered the burns.

Van Cleaf said he was keeping the cop's name confidential at the officer's request.

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\*\*\*\*\*MAY 5, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

# Government agencies give no explanations for UFO sighting here

FRONT PAGE

by WIL PHINNEY  
managing editor

... southeast Green River ... size of a basketball ... egg shaped ... heavy and forward ... faster, faster ... heading into the clouds ... orange light ... gone ...

About noon Thursday, Alan Trudel, a 13-year-old eighth grader from Mountain View Junior High School, was sitting in a chair in the kitchen of his family's mobilehome.

By chance, Alan glanced out the window and through the curtain, and saw what still today is simply, an unidentified flying object (UFO).

A handful of government agencies said they didn't know of any low flying objects in the area at that time.

The weather bureau in Cheyenne said it had no information on weather balloons flying in this area Thursday. The Federal Aviation Administration in Denver didn't know of any report at all.

At Rock Springs, Joe Kruljac, flight service engineer, said radio contacts "indicated no traffic at that time." And the nation's UFO Reporting Center in Seattle, Wa., hadn't received the report by Tuesday.

Alan Trudel said he went to the door of the trailer and continued watching the mysterious object for more than a half minute.

"It was maybe 1000 feet up," Trudel said, "But it looked pretty big from where I was." He described it as "greyish blue, heading upward in a southeast direction." He even drew a picture for Green River police.

At first he said the object looked circular but changed that diagnosis to oval. There was also a "square thing" in front of the egg shaped UFO.

When he first saw it, Trudel said the UFO was moving through the air at a slow rate of speed. But as he watched, the speed grew "faster and faster, heading for the clouds." And, just before it disappeared in the clouds, Trudel said, "a little orange light came on the bottom of the object."

According to a police scan radio Thursday, two planes were preparing to land at Rock Springs airport at the approximate time. However, Kruljac said the Rock Springs service has no radar scope and the radio "indicated no traffic at that time" in this area. Besides, the airport in Rock Springs is more than 15 miles away from the reported sighting.

Police said it might have been a weather balloon but the Cheyenne weather bureau discounted that explanation. The Washington based UFO Reporting Center was very much interested in the information from Green River but had no explanation for the sighting when called Tuesday.

Trudel's encounter was less than one of the third kind and anyway, nobody knows why this UFO was so far away from Devil's Tower to begin with.

## UFO Sighting Reported Today

SHERMAN - James Hall of Tioga reported seeing a strange and fast moving light in the sky today at 2:20 a.m. when he arrived home from work.

Hall reported the sighting to the Grayson County Sheriff's office which in turn turned the report over to the president of the Sherman UFO Club, Michael Martin.

Hall said the light appeared suddenly and was bright and fast-moving from the south to southeast where it veered sharply sideways then quickly disappeared. He said it appeared again just at tree level then disappeared. Hall was not reporting the incident as a UFO but simply as something he saw that might be of importance to someone.

Martin's wife told the Herald, all reports of any nature are typed out, recorded when the person spotting them is interviewed and it is kept on file by the club.

## Just Maybe 2 UFOs Flew Over Area

Jenkins Township man thinks he may have sighted two UFOs Friday night.

Charles Jones of Main Street, Port Griffith, said he was returning home from a meeting Friday night about 10. Across the Susquehanna River between Wyoming and Exeter, he said, were two large bright lights that may have been flying saucers. "There was nothing like that over there before," he said.

The lights weren't planes, he said, and they didn't move. The sight was so unusual, Jones said, that he watched them for some time. When he checked later the objects were still in the same position, he said, and then they went away.

## Flying Saucer In R C

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A half dozen calls were received by Redwood City police Tuesday night at about 10 o'clock describing a saucer-like object with lights all around it moving slowly in the sky toward the north.

Residents in the western part of the city said the UFO had a red light on top

and a flashing light on the bottom.

One woman driver said when she stopped at Hudson Street and Woodside Road, the object, flying at a low altitude, stopped over her. Then, she said, it took off, again toward the north.

Police Lt. Robert F. Paresa of San Carlos

reported he was driving down Brittan Avenue at El Camino Real when his 14-year-old daughter, Gabriela spotted the object.

Paresa, however, said it appeared more like a blimp with writing on the sign, such as political party ganda.

# Navy Tracks Strange Objects

OCALA (AP) — Unexplained lighted objects in the night sky over a remote sector of Florida forest were sighted and tracked on radar at a Navy electronic warfare center, naval personnel have confirmed.

They say one object hovered in midair, then sped away after eluding computerized tracking gear with a hairpin turn.

"The computer wouldn't handle it," said Lt. Cmdr. John Sullivan, base commander of the Navy's Pinecastle Electronic Warfare Range in the Ocala National Forest of North-Central Florida.

Sullivan was not involved in the series of reported sightings that took place over a two-hour period Sunday night. But he permitted detailed interviews of three base personnel by the Ocala Star-Banner on Monday.

One was SK-1 Robert J. Clark of Detroit, duty officer Sunday night when a civilian called at 10:05 p.m. to ask if the base was using any flares. Pinecastle uses sophisticated electronic equipment to train pilots to evade enemy weapons in combat.

"I told her there were no flares in the area, and that the range wasn't operating at the time," Clark said.

The phone rang again, Clark said, and a man who wouldn't give his name reported that he and seven others traveling on State Road 19 near Silver Glen Springshead also saw something strange.

The man described the sighting as an object 50 or 60 feet in diameter with flashing lights, Clark said. The caller said it flew right over the top of the vehicle he was driving, close enough to get a good look before it disappeared.

Clark logged the second call and contacted the naval air station at Jacksonville for details on all known aircraft in the area.

Jacksonville reported no known aircraft currently over Pinecastle area.

"So we got out the binoculars and went up on the tower," Clark said. "We located an object due north, approximately 1,500 feet above the trees. We watched it for 15 or 20 minutes and it looked like it was pretty stationary."

Then, he said, the object was picked up on Pinecastle's radar.

"We locked in on it and then all of a sudden it was gone," Clark said.

TD-2 Timothy Collins of Cambridge, Mass., a Navy radar technician for eight years, was manning the radar scope. "I've never seen anything like it and I don't want to see anything like it again," Collins said. "First it was heading south and then it was heading north. All in the split of a second... Planes just don't have a turning radius like that."

Collins, who described himself as a confirmed skeptic about unidentified objects, said, "A blip is a blip on the scope. At the time I was too busy doing my job to think very much about what it was we were looking at. I just know I couldn't lock in. We were tracking it and at first I thought I had it. But it started moving and by the time I caught up with it, it had changed directions."

At the Jacksonville naval complex, 85 miles to the north, spokesman Nick Young said, "We didn't have any aircraft operating in that area at the time."

Collins wouldn't hazard a guess at the speed of the object, but said he had tried to figure it out mathematically. "At 500 knots we can lock up on an aircraft pretty fast," he said, suggesting the object's speed exceeded that.

## Man spies UFO over Mt. Olivet

UFO - 748  
By Jim Blair  
Kentucky Post Staff Writer

MT. OLIVET—The evening of May 9 was foggy in Robertson County and at his home on Ky. 616 Gary Staggs sat watching TV.

But at about 9, Staggs, 33, a machine operator for the Browning Co., Maysville, glanced out his window.

"There was a light over Mt. Olivet," he said. It was the color and size of a "very bright star."

Staggs said the light began to pulsate, and as it did, seemed to grow larger.

"It would get real bright (and appear) to double or triple in size," Staggs said.

He continued watching the hovering light and called his wife, Marcela, to the window to see too.

Staggs said he heard no sound coming from the light.

Staggs telephoned his brother, Robertson County Sheriff William Staggs, to see if he too could see the light.

But Bill Staggs said he couldn't get a clear view of Mt. Olivet from his home and didn't see the light.

While the brothers were talking, my wife said it was moving, Staggs recalled. "I went back to the window and all of a sudden it started moving away."

Again, there was no sound, Staggs said, but in addition to the "star light" there were now "bright red lights."

In "no more than 10 seconds," Staggs said, the light moved off to the west and vanished.

## UFO reported over Moorhead

An unidentified flying object was spotted hovering over a south Moorhead apartment building early Tuesday, according to a Moorhead police report.

Carol Sannes, 2409 4th Ave. S., told police she and three others saw the UFO about 2 a.m. She described it as a huge object with flashing lights. It reportedly moved up and down for awhile, then took off, leaving a cloud of fog settling over the apartment house.

Lt. Don Pinkney of the police said the sighting was reported to the UFO Center at Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill. He had no immediate explanation of the UFO, except to say the northern lights were bright that night.

## Unidentified Flying Objects — fact or fiction?

That's what an area man would like to know. On a recent Saturday night about 9:15 he was on his way home from the United Commercial Travelers' banquet at Chilcoat's when along the Lewistown bypass he saw it.

"It was a big bright disk that shot out shafts of light of equal length," he explained. "All of a sudden it seemed to disappear, going directly away from us."

He knows he wasn't hallucinating because his wife sitting beside him saw the very same thing. Now he'd like to know if anyone else in the area happened to see the UFO, or whatever, about that time Saturday night.

# Minnesota woman says she saw a UFO

By Michael Vadnie  
Herald Staff Writer

A Shelvin, Minn., woman says she has seen something "so strange and beautiful I just couldn't help telling someone."

She says she thinks she saw a UFO — an unidentified flying object.

Glenn Swanson, 68, said she and her husband, Carl, 57, saw the object at 10:20 p.m. Monday. She said they watched the object for six minutes.

"It seemed to come out of the earth," Mrs. Swanson said, gesturing occasionally with her arms. "It looked like two inverted saucers with lights running down the middle from front to back with a sort of reddish, orangish glow like you've never seen."

"At the ends of each row of lights was a larger light which looked like a glistening diamond."

The former Grand Forks resident said the object floated — it looked like it was out of control. She said the object made no sound whatsoever.

Mrs. Swanson and her husband lost sight of the UFO after a time. "We followed it until it just seemed to disappear," she said.

Mrs. Swanson said she regrets she is not a better judge of distance and size, but she said she believes the object was within a mile of her house in Shelvin, a town of about 150 persons east of Bagley, Minn., on U.S. Highway 2.

She said she told the Herald about her sighting because she wanted to find out if others saw the object, "and because it gave a feeling that was very supernatural and very beautiful. It was not scary."

Mrs. Swanson says she is a religious person who does not drink alcohol. "I'm sure this came here from the Almighty to show us there are other worlds and people else, where — that there are things superior to us. He's showing His handiwork," she said.

Mrs. Swanson says she is sure of what she saw. "I saw it absolutely. I'm not given to telling tales. It made me feel very humble."

"What a shame not to say so when you see something beautiful. It couldn't have been anything else," she said.

The object did not look like any kind of human-made aircraft she knows of, she said.

Mrs. Swanson said she recently read a book about UFOs, and has recovered her eyesight after being blinded by cataracts. She says she underwent two eye operations to correct vision problems, and now sees with the aid of eyeglasses.

"It was a beautifully clear night Monday. I'm sure of what I saw, and so is my husband," she said. Swanson was not available for comment.

Several law enforcement officers in Clearwater County and the surrounding area said they had heard nothing of other UFO sightings last week. Area newspaper offices did not receive any reports, either.

But Mrs. Swanson's UFO spotting is not the first in the rural area heavily covered with pine tree forests.

Franklin Vikan, editor of The Thirteen Towns, a weekly paper published at Foston, Minn., said he has monitored UFO sightings for more than 10 years.

He became involved when he followed up numerous UFO reports in the area years ago and wrote stories about the phenomenon.

"I recall getting four reports from people within 10 miles of each other who did not know each other. I think there had to be something," he said.

Vikan said in recent years he has kind of forgotten about UFO-chasing, "but I'm still positive these people saw something here."

Vikan said he has not heard any recent reports that would correspond with Mrs. Swanson's sighting in Shelvin.

Robert Gribble, a staffer with the National UFO Reporting Center at Seattle, Wash., said Friday there were no UFO reports from Minnesota last week.

After checking the logbook of the private organization that attempts to monitor and investigate UFO reports, Gribble said, "The closest thing we have is in Colorado."

Two years ago, numerous UFO reports were received from Goodridge and Plummer, Minn., 40 to 50 miles from Shelvin.

Asked whether she minded if some persons thought she was a crackpot for reporting a UFO, Mrs. Swanson said, "Not at all, I know what I saw."

"I'll be glad to give the word to the wise. Rather than fake uncertainty, I'd prefer to believe what the Bible says — that God will show signs."

# UFO reported in Clarksdale

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Not to be outdone by her sister cities, Clarksdale has had its first reported UFO sighting of the year.

Charles P. McClure, 1416 Rose Circle, and a friend, D.C. Jennings of Helena, reported something unusual in the Friday night sky over West Clarksdale.

McClure and Jennings were standing outside the Cat Cave, on Riverside, about 8:45 Friday night "taking a break" from the square dancing activity inside.

The two men said that they both saw what appeared to be a, "two foot (wide) white light with an orange glow around it."

The men reported that the object which they viewed for, "about a minute or a minute and a half," was, "coming from the south at lower than tree-top level."

McClure said today that the object appeared to, "float in there" in the area between the 100 blocks of Cherry and Spruce.

McClure said that he and Jennings then lost sight of the object "behind some trees."

The two men then said that they drove into the area where they believed that the "thing set down," but were unable to locate it. They then reported the incident to Clarksdale Police officer Paul Boyd, whose subsequent search also revealed no sign of the "object."

McClure said that the light made no sound and that, "it landed the way an airplane would land."

A check with local authorities revealed that there were no known aircraft in the area at the time.

McClure said that some youngsters enroute to a ballgame, said that they had also seen the object at about the same time that he and Jennings sighted it. He did not know the names of the youths.

When asked what he thought he saw, McClure said, "We saw something, but I still don't know what it was."

CLARKSDALE, MISS. - PRESS  
\*\*\*\*\*MAY 8, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

HASTINGS, MICH. - BANNER  
\*\*\*\*\*APR. 19, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

# Report UFO In Barry Sky

Did you see it? UFO  
Pam Sprague of 8238 North Martin Road Thursday reported that she had seen a lighted object in the sky, just south of her home.

She told Deputy Sheriff Nevens that the object appeared to have four lights on it and that it was making a loud noise.

The Sheriff's Department had three other calls on a sighting.

# More UFO sightings,

By CATHERINE HAWKINS

Three new sightings of unidentified flying objects have recently taken place in Oakville, all of them within one week, and two of them corresponding to other sightings.

Mrs. E. Thomas of Queen Mary Drive says she saw an elliptical-shaped object, completely illuminated, and the "color of the harvest moon" a week ago Saturday at about 10:30 p.m.

The object, which she estimates was about 25 feet long, passed by the level of the seventh floor of two apartment buildings located on Queen Mary Drive. Thomas says a neighbor also saw the object, which later passed behind a building and out of view.

"At first I thought it was a balloon," she says. "I didn't see how it could be illuminated that color. The only reason I report it is to see if anyone else saw it."

Tom Grey, vice-president of the Mississauga-based northeastern UFO organization in Canada, told the Journal Record other sightings of UFOs occurred the same night in Scarborough.

The first was at 9:17 p.m. by two teenagers

who reported seeing a yellowish-blue, egg-shaped object near Scarborough Heather Heights Junior High School.

At 11:45 p.m., an object "swooshed over an apartment building and just blinked out" over Woburn Collegiate near Ellesmere and Markham Roads in Scarborough, Grey reports. He says the objects were observed "quite close to the ground."

## SECOND SIGHTINGS TUESDAY

The second sightings occurred Tuesday night after 8:27. Denise Vogel of Grand Boulevard in Oakville says she and about 10 other people, including children in the area on bicycles, saw two disc-shaped objects north of the Queen Elizabeth Way west of Trafalgar Road.

At 9:10 p.m., two more of the same objects were spotted, and these were followed by two more pairs — eight altogether.

Vogel says she is sure the objects, which were red, green, blue and orange, were not connected with Tuesday's major fire at Oakville Storage and Forwarders Ltd.

WINNIPEG TRIBUNE, MAN. - CANADA  
\*\*\*\*\*MAY 16, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

# Did UFO hit jungle?

BUENOS AIRES (AP) — A long, cylindrical object fell to earth May 6 and disappeared in dense jungle near the Argentine-Bolivian border, Argentine newspapers reported Monday.

The English-language Buenos Aires Herald, in a report from the border province of Salta, 1,900 kilometres northwest of here, said U.S. experts from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) arrived in the area to investigate the sighting.

There was no immediate confirmation from NASA headquarters in the United States.

Witnesses in the sparsely-populated border region, inhabited mostly by Indians, reported hearing an explosion as the object hit the ground, the newspaper said.

# one by a Journal reporter

Grey says it was also Tuesday night that an egg-shaped UFO, approximately 200 feet in diameter, yellow-blue, with three landing gear struts emerging from it, was reported from mid-Toronto. The time of the occurrence was 10 p.m.

Robert Moore, a flying instructor with Central Airways, which operates planes from Toronto Island airport, said there were a number of cross-country flights that night, but couldn't link them to the sightings.

## 'HARD TO EXPLAIN'

Grey commented that the activities in two different areas on the same night was "hard to explain."

In the third incident, Oakville Journal Record reporter Ann Hauprich-Nielsen was driving west on Derry Road between Trafalgar Road and Highway 25 about 8:30 p.m. Thursday when she noticed "a thing in the sky ahead. It was big, bright and flashing. At first I thought it was a plane crashing . . .

"It was really bright, I couldn't take my eyes off it. It seemed white or silver, and was maybe 25 feet off the ground." The object was

described as being football-shaped with yellow, orange and red lights across its middle.

Grey said he had not had any reports of sightings anywhere else on Thursday, although Wednesday and yesterday a UFO was reported seen in the fields around Woodbridge. He also said many other sightings were reported the night of Monday March 6 when unidentified flying objects were reported in "every little town from the Oakville area to Manitoulin Island, all at 8 p.m."

Sightings have also been reported from the Bronte area March 2 and Jan. 21 of this year.

## IN UNUSUAL NUMBERS

Grey says it is most unusual so many sightings have occurred in April which is normally "a dead month" as far as UFOs are concerned. Usually, they are reported in the fall and winter.

Grey also reports that since the first of March, 95 per cent of UFO sightings in Canada have been made in Ontario.

According to Grey, the football-shaped object is "very hostile to humans."

# NBC to air local man's UFO incident

By CINDY LEATHERMAN  
Times staff writer

Carl Higdon, a long-time resident of Rawlins, will be making his television debut this season in a segment of "In Search Of," a documentary that will re-enact his account of being abducted by a UFO in 1974.

Allan Landsburg Productions, a company out of Los Angeles, Calif. that deals primarily with shows on UFO and outer space, discovered Higdon and his story through a research company out of Tucson, Ariz., called the Ariel Phenomenon Research Association. APRA refers to Higdon's account as an encounter of the "fourth kind."

In an October 1974 interview with the Daily Times, Higdon described his experience that occurred while he was on a hunting trip in the Medicine Bow Mountains.

"I walked down over this hill

and saw five elk," Higdon said. "I raised my rifle and fired, but the bullet only went about 50 feet and dropped. I looked over to my right and there in the shadows was this sort of man standing there."

HIGDON SAID THE "man" was about six-foot-two and weighed approximately 180 pounds. He was dressed in a black suit with black shoes and wore a belt with a star in the middle of a yellow emblem. He was quite bowlegged and had a slanted head. His forehead and facial features were similar to humans, but he had no chin. His hair was thin and stood straight up on his head, Higdon remembered.

"He asked me if I was hungry and I said yes," Higdon said, "so he tossed me some pills and I took one. I don't know why I did it — I never take pills of any kind unless a doctor prescribes them, not

even aspirin."

Higdon said the men (another appeared) asked him if he wanted to go with them, and he said he did. The men then placed a helmet on him with a strap around his neck. The men then told him that they were going "home," which was 163,000 miles away.

The next thing Higdon remembered was talking to a friend on a CB radio. After Higdon was rescued by Carbon County Sheriff officers, he was taken to Memorial Hospital for observation. His doctor reported him to be in good physical health.

Deborah Blum, who is writer and producer of "In Search Of," noted that the purpose of the show is to give people a chance to tell their story. She stated that she and her crew try to keep a detached view; their purpose isn't to judge but to present that person's point of view.

SINCE THE TELEVISION show is a documentary, neither Higdon nor any of the other actors in the show (mostly locals) will receive any payment for their efforts.

The show will be shown in a 15-minute segment and took approximately four days to complete. All filming was done on location in the Medicine Bow National Forest, as near as possible to the exact location of where the incident took place four years ago.

Although it has been four years since Higdon claims to have been abducted, neither he nor his wife, Marge, foresee an end to the telephone calls, letters and inquiries about his trip.

He said he is confident that "In Search Of" will portray his story exactly as he told it. He noted that the crew took special care in handling every detail, and is sure that the end result will be a very credible story.

THUNDER BAY, ONTARIO - CANADA  
\*\*\*\*\*MAY 5, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

## Star light... W 1356

THUNDER BAY — An object in the western sky late Thursday night described as "disk-shaped with hundred and hundreds of lights on the bottom" was probably just a bright star.

Rosemary Borgo, of Churchill Drive, called The Times-News Thursday night to say she and four relatives had been observing the object for about an hour. She said they first saw it at about 10:15 p.m. and reported it was still in the same general vicinity after 11 p.m., "but it had moved a little."

Borgo said she and the others had watched the object through a telescope borrowed from a neighbor.

"It was mostly a bright, white flashing light," she said, adding that it was saucer-shaped and had "shot a ball of light — glowing green light."

However, a spokesman at the air traffic control tower of Thunder Bay Airport reported nothing unusual on his radar screens. He said the tower had received no calls reporting UFOs, adding that he could see at the time,

ST. PAUL, MINN. - PRESS  
\*\*\*\*\*APR. 28, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

## UFOs spotted over West Side

A group of unidentified flying objects was spotted from the West Side Friday by several citizens and three police officers.

One officer said a formation of 13 small, "black, round objects" was seen from East George Street and Livingston Avenue about 3:20 p.m.

The officer said he viewed the objects with the naked eye and with binoculars until they disappeared after about five minutes.

The objects definitely were not birds or helicopters, he said, and they made no sound.

It was not known whether there were any military flights in the area. A member of a St. Paul ballooning family, Denise Wiederkehr, said she knew of no balloon events in the area Friday.

FREDERICTON CLEANER, N.B. - CANADA  
\*\*\*\*\*MAY 3, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

## No UFO

A late night caller from Lincoln telephoned the Fredericton detachment of the RCMP Tuesday night to report an unidentified flying object.

The airport tower was contacted and advised authorities a small plane was operating in the area of the reported sighting.

The plane's owner said he was flying in a strange pattern because he was practising a few manoeuvres. The incident was reported at 11:25 p.m.

LISTOWEL BANNER ONTARIO - CANADA  
\*\*\*\*\*MAY 3, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

## UFO

The Warton Echo notes that the object seen in the sky, Monday April 24 was a star changing colors due to air turbulence and cloud movement. This mysterious object was observed by residents between 8:30 and 9:00 p.m. at night.

GILARDEAU, I.O. - MISSOURIA  
\*\*\*\*\*APR. 26, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

# Girardeans report PALE ON! 'orange balls' in sky

Logically, we earthlings knew the moon couldn't be a big hunk of slightly green swiss cheese, but until Neil Armstrong set foot on the far-away planet it was at least something to think about.

And today, there are four Cape Girardeau residents who aren't quite sure what to think about the sighting of two bright orange, rotating balls high in the sky Tuesday night — except that they certainly weren't basketballs sent into a wild dribble.

The objects that Karen Chapman, a senior at Central High School, spotted when she looked out the window of her family's home at 2451 Janet could be classified as an unidentified flying object, according to Dr. Harley Rutledge, head of the SEMO State University physics department and one of the leading field researchers in the U.S. in sky phenomena.

Dr. Rutledge said that the sighting, witnessed by three other persons, was reported to him and is not the first of its kind. "There have been a flurry of reports about this kind of thing. One report was identical to Miss Chapman's."

The sighting was described as "two orange balls seen from a distance and appearing to be coming from the northwest," Dr. Rutledge said. "I don't think it could have been the sun reflecting off the clouds, because witnesses said after about five minutes, the balls began to

move and spin. Then the lights moved to the left and all at once took off straight up into the clouds."

The UFO was also observed by Karen's father, Calvin Chapman; her brother, Chris, 14, and a friend, Greg Crenshaw, 14. The sighting took place at 6:25 p.m., Dr. Rutledge said.

Mr. Chapman said when his attention was first called to the lights, he thought it was an optical effect produced by heavy cloud cover and the setting sun.

"Then I realized that wasn't the explanation," he said. Mr. Chapman described the object as disc in shape, bright orange to amber in color and rotating to the left. He estimated it was about a mile up.

"Motion is what puts this sighting into the realm of UFOs," Dr. Rutledge explained. He said on various occasions he, too, has sighted orange lights with no apparent structure to them.

Dr. Rutledge has for several years actively pursued reports of UFOs from throughout a wide area. Some sightings, he said, have logical scientific explanations, but numerous others have none and must therefore be regarded as a UFO.

IRONWOOD, MICH. - GLOBE  
\*\*\*\*\*MAY 2, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

# Claim UFO Sighted in This Area

BRUCE CROSSING — The Ontonagon County Sheriff's Department was called early today to investigate an unidentified flying object reported in the Bruce Crossing area.

The department received the call from the Wakefield State Police Post at 11:15 a.m. saying Gail Brady, Bruce Crossing, had reported she had been followed by a UFO. Police went to the scene and deputy Tim Streeter reported, "there was definitely something up there."

Brady told officers she had been followed by the low-flying, blinking lights for five miles in the U.S. and Two-Mile Rd. area of Bruce Crossing and went to a nearby home to report it.

Streeter said the object appeared to be cylindrical in shape and flew low in a two-mile radius. The department contacted K.I. Sawyer Air Force Base, near Marquette, to ask if it had any aircraft in the area, but received no reply.

The Negaunee Post of the Michigan State Police suggested that possibly the strong northern lights were creating the vision.

Streeter told fellow officers, "I don't know what it is, but it sure was something up there."

The Ontonagon County Sheriff's Department will contact the airbase again today to request information, a department spokesman said.

CAMPBELL, MO. - CITIZEN  
\*\*\*\*\*MAY 4, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

## UFO Sighting Reported

Lancaster Police dispatchers reportedly received three telephone calls about 9 last night about an unidentified flying object sighted over the area.

The unidentified object was described as having green and red, flashing lights.

Patrolmen were unable to locate the unidentified object.

NATIONAL ENQUIRER  
\*\*\*\*\*MAY 16, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

## ALIENS WAIT IN NEARBY MILKY WAY— EXPERTS FIND LIFE SIGNS IN THE STARS

The solution to the Unidentified Flying Object phenomenon may be much nearer than we think. Right in our own galaxy, the Milky Way, in fact.

Astronomers at Kitt Peak National Observatory in Arizona have reported that the number of habitable planets in the Milky Way is much greater than previously believed.

The astronomers, Dr. Helmut Abt and Saul Levy, said that of the approximately 100 billion stars in the Milky Way, probably 10 billion could have planets orbiting them, far more

than was ever thought before.

"We don't know what fraction of these are habitable," said Dr. Abt, "but it could mean that there is life similar to that of Earth among nearby stars."

Meanwhile, UFO researchers in the U.S. are predicting that 1978 will be a "great year" for UFO sightings.

"There have been many UFO reports in the past few weeks from the southwest of the country," Bill Spaulding, of the Ground Saucer Watch in Phoenix, AZ, told GLOBE. "We're hoping to get some good photos this year."

WILLIAMSPORT, PA. - GRIT  
\*\*\*\*\*MAY 14, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

## Man Sees Bright Object Flying Toward Moon

Milton—Cyrus Moyer, of this community, saw something unusual recently when he went outside his home early in the morning to close a garage door.

He said he had gone to close the door, which he had forgotten to do earlier, at about 3 a.m. When returning to his house, he spotted a bright object flying toward the moon.

He reported that the object appeared to be about one-sixth the size of the moon and made no noise at all.

He said he had seen meteors and rockets but never anything like the bright object, which he believes was an unidentified flying object.

# Oval object reported in sky

The UFOs over the Auburn area just aren't going away.

Two 13-year-old Auburn girls reported a close encounter with an oval object in the sky Thursday night near Alco Power Co. on N. Division St.

The girls, who asked not to be identified, said they were on the N. Division Street bridge north of the arterial on their way home from one girl's dancing lessons, when they saw the object flying across the sky from north to south toward Alco.

They described an oval object "with little notches at the top and bottom" and with red, green, blue and white lights. They estimated the object was about 500 feet away and flying "a little higher" than the top of the factory building.

The object was east of the bridge when they first saw it at about 8:20 p.m. "It was weird. There was no sound at all," one girl said.

The object was "so low it looked like it was going to land," she said. "If it wanted to it could have landed on Alco."

From its apparent distance and height, the girl said "it must have been really big."

The girls said they watched the object for about three minutes after they first saw the "colors" or lights. Because it appeared so large, they said "we just took off," heading

north.

They said they turned around to look back, and the UFO "looked like it was starting to turn around and coming after us."

They ran and when they looked back again, it appeared to be "going in a straight line" in the same direction as when they first saw it.

The girls said they gave city police a full description and showed an officer the drawing one had made, a copy of which appears with this story.

The girl who drew the picture said: "The colors of red green and blue were changing. At

times, (we) would see the red first, then green, then blue. It looked like the colors were rotating on the object.

"At the bottom was a glow of white. It was night time and all we could see of the shape was the outline, colors and the glow."

The girl said it was a clear night.

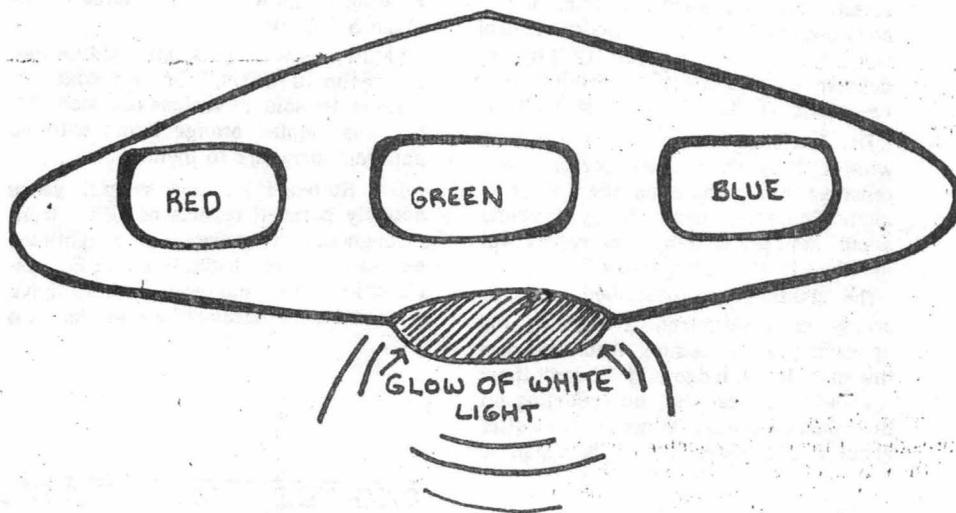
One girl said she and neighbors have had sightings of stationary lights in the sky from the N. Division and Seymour Street area.

One man reported seeing a light hover and "zip" away, on

Tuesday also in the N. Division Street area. Other sightings have been reported in that area since last Friday.

UFOs also have continued to make almost nightly appearances in Sennett. One woman on Jericho Road said she saw a triangle of red lights in the sky after 11 p.m. Friday. On Saturday night, a group of Jericho Road skywatchers saw a red ball moving in the western sky.

The lights also reportedly have been observed from Skaneateles.



Oval object in sky

This is a drawing of an object two girls report they saw in the evening sky over Auburn on Thursday. The girls reported to police they were in

the North Division Street area of the arterial when they saw the object with lights on over Alco Power Inc.

AUBURN, N.Y. - CITIZEN  
\*\*\*\*\*APR. 28, 1978\*\*

## UFO fleet sighted in Argentina

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AFP)—The police chief of Catamarca reported seeing a flotilla of Unidentified Flying Objects pass over that small town in northwestern Argentina early Thursday.

This was only the latest in a growing pile of testimonies indicating that in the past week, the western fringe of Argentina in the foothills of the Andes has turned into a playground of UFOs.

It all began last Thursday in the small town of Villa Mercedes in San Luis province, when several inhabitants watched some 30 brightly shining UFOs carry out maneuvers in the night sky.

Since then, the town talks of nothing else. At home, in the street or at the cafe, each person gives his version, and with each passing day, the eye-witnesses seem to grow more numerous. Even the Soccer World Cup seems to have been forgotten.

Just as the excitement was dying down, a similar formation was spotted Thursday at Mendoza by a group of laborers. The true believers resumed their conversion of the infidels with renewed fervor.

The witnesses said they had seen 30 flying saucers pass over the city in perfect formation and disappear out of sight over the Andes.

Now the Catamarca police chief, an

Argentine Army major, has added his official voice to the chorus. Just before dawn on Thursday, his men saw about 30 brightly shining Unidentified Flying Objects cross the night sky and disappear westward.

As the news of the phenomena has crossed the Andes, Chileans have also begun reporting UFO-spottings. Already last year, a Chilean army patrol in Arica reported making contact with the crew of a flying saucer.

However, the Center for Study of Unusual Air Phenomena said yesterday that the spectacle reported was nothing more nor less than the showers of meteorites which occur every year in the first days of May.

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# 7 calls report sighting

FRONT PAGE

Silently, with engines softly humming and red lights flashing, the flat pointed object skirted South Bay skies, slowly moving from the east and toward the coast.

It hovered for 5 to 10 minutes behind the dairy near the Chula Vista Harbor Drive-In, seeming to rotate 90 degrees in every direction, when suddenly it sped off, going east over the central part of the sleepy town.

**THAT'S WHAT** Chula Vista police were told in seven calls describing an unidentified flying object (UFO) from approximately 8:44-9:30 p.m. Sunday.

Even police Sgt. Ted Simons saw it as he stood outside the 4th Ave. police station.

"He said it was an odd-shaped object," said dispatcher Billy Cox Jr., "otherwise he didn't seem too alarmed."

But other Chula Vistans were moved by curiosity and fear when, not believing their eyes, they sighted the strange craft.

"My 8-year-old boy was the first one to see it," said a Chula Vista woman who wishes not to be named, for fear neighbors would think she was a bit unsound.

"He said, 'Hey what's that?' My husband said it was only a jet, but I knew it looked funny."

The family stepped out of their truck parked at the drive-in and stood staring in awe of the machine.

"I know it sounds really strange saying this," the woman said. "But my husband doesn't believe in anything, and he said it wasn't a plane, helicopter, blimp or anything we've ever seen before."

**SHE DESCRIBED** the craft as bigger than a big jet, flat on the bottom and "almost diamond shaped with two sets of lights on each point."

"It seemed to move," she said, "and as it moved it seemed to be turning, but it didn't seem to be turning all the way around."

## of red-lighted UFO

"It was so strange watching this. What I felt was a mixture of feeling really scared and really curious.

"My son was frightened. He said it was like watching 'Close Encounters.'"

**THE WOMAN** also said her parents, who live in Bonita, heard a loud engine hovering over their home only minutes before her sighting, at about 8:30 p.m.

"My mother couldn't understand why it was so loud and so low," she said. "My father thought it was a helicopter."

Cox said the other calls he received gave a similar description of the craft. Callers told him it was triangular with lights around the outside and that no propulsion noises were audible.

He said the police took no action because "it doesn't come under the realm of our duties unless it creates a hazard to the safety of our city."

He said there was no "logical explanation" for the craft, but "frequently the Navy sends up weather

balloons in the area.

"Last weekend's Brown Field air show had a great variety of planes in it. It makes sense that it could have been a plane from the air show, especially since (the craft) was last seen in Otay."

**POLICE** Capt. Earl Clark said it may have been Jupiter and Mars, since both stars were shining brightly last week. He also said that he heard there were a couple of "sightings" reported in San Diego.

According to Cox, who checked with other area law enforcement agencies, the Border Patrol, sheriff's department and San Diego police department received no similar calls.

He said residents from various sections of the city last saw the craft moving south from 3rd Ave. The last caller reported that at 9:30 p.m. it was moving near the I-805 overpass at Main St. in Otay, heading into the adjacent canyon area.

BURLINGTON, COL. - RECORD  
\*\*\*\*\*MAY 18, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

YUMA — "It's something like we've never seen before."

That's how Mrs. David Bradley of south of Eckley described a mysterious red light that has been seen repeatedly by farm families south of the communities of Eckley, Yuma and Otis.

"It's lights are just too intense to be a plane. We see military planes out here all the time. There's no way this is a helicopter or plane," she firmly continued. "We've seen it at least three times since April 22. Last night the officer tried to chase it," she said referring to an incident that occurred Monday night. According to Mrs. Bradley, the light appeared again as it had on Sunday night and she called the police in Wray. She said that an officer Brad had responded to the call. When the officer arrived, the light was still visible, so Brad apparently gave chase in a car, but the light quickly disappeared.

Mrs. Bradley's account of the light has been substantiated by several other witnesses including Edna Clawson who first contacted the Pioneer Sunday night when she observed the light. She said, "It was a red ball like affair. I couldn't really tell what it was. It would kind of fade in and out. I mean the light would get real bright, and then it would sort of fade back again. Actually, I would call it more of an orange color than red."

"It seemed to be moving toward the southwest at about 10:00" Clawson said her neighborhood had a kind of communications system they used when the light is spotted. "We kiddingly call it our UFO Network. Most of us have seen these lights before this. They've come around about every year since I can remember, always in the spring. We've just started talking about it because it used to be they'd think about hauling you away if you mentioned anything like this." — Pioneer

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# Strange happenings in Southeast Missouri

by Jerry Tate

Everyone has heard something about UFO's or ships or airplanes disappearing or ghosts in a haunted house.

Perhaps you have wondered if there have been any such sightings or stories of that nature in our area of Southeast Missouri? The answer is yes.

One such story is that of a strange light in the area around Senath, which is commonly known as the Senath Light. The light is said to have been spotted by several people but the descriptions all seem to vary. Even so, the main substance of the story seems to be the same. "The light is in the form of a ball and it glows brightly." This statement was made by a gentleman who wishes to remain anonymous, but he said that we may use his story if we did not use his name. This is also the most responsible story we have heard about this subject.

I had heard about the light from some friends and thought that it was just a tall tale. But I became curious, so one Tuesday night I took my dog and parked my car on the gravel road where the light was supposed to be. We had sat there for about forty-five minutes and seen nothing. Just as I was getting ready

to start my car, my dog started barking. Then suddenly a bright light appeared from the side of the road. The moment the light started, my dog hid under the seat. The light moved to the middle of the road and moved straight towards my car. I tried to start my car but it seemed as if everything was dead. The light was orange and red and it moved slowly toward my car but it seemed to pass right through it. While it was passing through I could feel a presence. I can't describe the feeling that I did feel that it was intelligent. When it was there I felt peaceful even though the car had suddenly turned cold. The light passed through the car and disappeared. It was about five minutes later before my car would start and my dog stayed under the seat until we had reached home. And I don't mind telling you it was the scariest experience of my life and I hope it never happens again.

So as you have read there are strange happenings right here in our area.

If you happen to know of any stories of the strange type and do not care to talk about it, feel free to write to the journalism class at Campbell High School, Campbell, Mo. 63933, and we will try to set up an interview.

MONROE, MICH. - NEWS  
\*\*\*\*\*MAY 2, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

# They Saw Lights In Sky - a UFO?

Janet Laming never thought too much about unidentified flying objects (UFO's), but Monday night she and a friend had what they believe was a close encounter of the first kind.

Mrs. Laming, 24, of Monroe, married and the mother of three children, and a friend from Ypsilanti, Denise Allen, 21, were riding in their car north on Exeter Rd. toward Carleton when they noticed "what we thought was a street light."

As they approached the light, though, it became apparent it was not a street lamp.

"I don't know what it was," Mrs. Laming said. "It was just sitting there. It was too low to be an airplane."

The women stopped their car and examined the object, which she said was hovering silently above the tree tops.

"Denise got out of the car, but I wouldn't," Mrs. Laming said.

She described the object as "boomerang in shape, with holes underneath. There were

three bright lights in front and a red and a green light in the rear."

After a few moments, the object flew toward Carleton and the women lost sight of it.

"We turned around and drove toward Monroe for gas," Mrs. Laming said. "At Telegraph Rd. north of Stewart Rd. we saw it again."

Mrs. Laming and Mrs. Allen were not the only ones who saw something in the sky Monday night.

Sheriff's deputies were called to Blue Bush Rd. near Stadler Rd. by several citizens who reported seeing something in the sky.

The Northern Lights were exceptionally bright, reported two deputies who went out to look, and it appeared that the lights were coming from the sky.

Looking north, the deputies said the Enrico Fermi Atomic Power Plant cooling tower lights appeared to be much nearer than they actually were because the night was so clear.

Mrs. Laming said what she saw was not lights on the cooling towers nor the Northern Lights.

But she stops short of saying it was a UFO from outer space.

It might have been an aircraft on military training, she speculated. She said she knows it was not an airplane or helicopter because she watches them fly into Detroit Metropolitan Airport all the time.

"I saw something," she said, "but I don't know what."

# UFO sighted from village

Stars and the moon were not the only celestial objects observed in Kenmore's skies last night, according to Patrolman Ronald Sardina, who spotted two green and red lights in the northwest portion of the sky.

"About 12:45 a.m., I received a call for an 'unidentified flying object.' I looked up in the sky and there it was," Patrolman Sardina said. "The object was there for about three hours."

When queried for further details of the object, Patrolman Sardina said, "It was too far up to distinguish any shape."

According to Mrs. Doris Warner, 16 Allegany Ave., whose son, Jeffrey, originally reported the "unidentified flying object," it was blinking on and off in the sky.

"My son was really excited about spotting the object and he took out a pair of binoculars to get a closer look. It looked like it was over Niagara Falls," Mrs. Warner said.

Michael Basile, public information officer at Niagara Falls Air Force Base, said there were no official sightings of flying saucers last night.

SANTA CRUZ, CA. - SENTINEL  
\*\*\*\*\*MAY 27, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

# Strange Sight Shows In Sky

Four persons from the Santa Cruz area reported seeing an unusual aircraft or UFO Wednesday night near San Jose.

Blanche Greenberg of Santa Cruz said she and three companions observed an object "spinning like a top" for about 15 minutes as they drove south on Highway 280 in the Palo Alto - San Jose area. Some aircraft use lights for advertising, but she reported no letter pattern.

She said the round shape of the object could be seen as well as its lights before it drifted away from view. The sighting took place about 8:30 p.m.

BUFFALO, N.Y. - NEWS  
\*\*\*\*\*APR. 25, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

# UFO story 'no fake'

By SID RODAWAY  
Times Staff Writer

Two Mississauga residents claim to have been treated to an amazing aerial display by one of more UFOs over their Bloor Street apartment building last month.

What sets it apart from so many other "unusual lights in the sky" reports is their relatively close encounter with the craft, which they insist flew down and hovered over a neighboring apartment building for 30 seconds or more before moving off to the east.

"I interviewed them for more than an hour and they were genuinely excited about this," said David Haisell, a Meadowvale West resident and Humber College computer studies teacher who pursues a sideline of investigating UFO sightings. "I don't believe they are faking their story."

## UNLIKE AIRPLANES

Wendy Hamblin told Haisell her attention April 30 was first drawn to a series of lights in the sky "which were behaving completely unlike airplanes," she said she was familiar with the appearance of planes landing and taking off at nearby Toronto International Airport.

She called her friend, Ron Hamblin, out to the apartment balcony and they both proceeded to watch a lengthy display of red, green and white lights hovering and moving about in the Sunday night sky.

Finally, one of the objects "began to descend slowly, moving towards them, becoming a bright yellow in color, until it was immediately over the 11-storey apartment building across the road from them," Haisell said. That building is on the south side of Bloor Street east of Fieldgate Drive.

## INTENSE GOLDEN COLOR

"By this time it was a huge circular shaped object, glowing all over with an intense golden color. Wendy estimated it was at least 50 feet in diameter as it covered about half of the roof of the building and barely cleared the TV antenna mast on the roof.

It appeared as two discs, one inverted over the other, the bottom one flatter than the top. The top also had a small protrusion which Wendy likened to a dome. Between the two discs was another golden glowing section with a series of vertical bars through it.

According to the couple's report the object hovered over the

building for 30 seconds or more, then moved east at about 15 miles per hour toward the next apartment building before it disappeared from their line of sight.

## PROTRUSION

As it was drifting eastwards, they noticed a long narrow protrusion extending from the object in the direction it was moving.

Although Miss Hamblin called a friend in the building towards which the object was apparently headed, the friend could see nothing.

Employed as a graphic artist, Miss Hamblin sketched a picture of the UFO immediately after it had left their view.

"I don't really have a theory about what they or thousands of others have seen," Haisell said. "I have an open mind on the subject of UFOs."

He is not convinced that UFOs are necessarily extra-terrestrial in origin and has spent some time researching the frequent link between UFO sightings and psychic phenomenon. He is the author of a book on the subject, *The Missing Seven Hours*, that will be published this fall by Paperjacks, a division of General Publishing in Toronto.

## A GENUINE SIGHTING

The couple called Haisell because they had listened to an interview with him on the Radio Noon program on CBLT radio.

"I believe this to be a genuine sighting of a UFO," Haisell said. "The couple were not jokers. They were very articulate and not eager for publicity."

Following the report, Haisell left letters in the apartment building asking if any of the tenants had experienced any television reception or electrical problems. Two called back but their poor TV reception had lasted most of the evening.

## ONE IN A SERIES

The sighting here in Mississauga coincides with a series of sightings that same week in neighboring Oakville including a close-up encounter by Oakville Journal Record reporter Ann Hauprich-Nielson. She claimed that a craft buzzed her car on April 27 on Derry Road near Trafalgar Road.

Haisell shares his sighting reports with other amateurs through the Canada UFO Report Exchange Network. Despite his interest in the subject, he insists he is no flying saucer nut.

To him the jury is still out on the subject of UFOs.

WACO, TEXAS - TRIBUNE-HERALD  
\*\*\*\*\*APR. 15, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

## Noiseless UFO Witnessed By Officers, Man in Temple

TEMPLE - What is like an airplane in size but not in shape, makes no noise, and has two pulsating lights - one red, the other green?

Well, if you ask a Temple man and six Temple police officers, it was the unidentified flying object they saw early Friday morning.

Gary Castleberry, in his 20s, of 1001 South Thirteenth, Apt. B, told police he saw a UFO at 1:11 a.m. near the city's sewerage plant.

The object had two lights, made no noise and moved from east to west, Castleberry told police. Castleberry

reported the object was not a helicopter and did not move like an airplane, police said.

Less than an hour later, about 2 a.m., six police officers in various locations in the city reported seeing the same object, police said.

The policemen said the object was like a plane in size but not in shape.

"It was really weird," said officer Pat Caswell, who received first-hand reports of the sightings but did not see the object himself.

Police are carrying the case as a UFO.

N.Y. TIMES - NEW YORK  
\*\*\*\*\*MAY 14, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

## U.N. Is Being Asked For a U.F.O. Agency

Special to The New York Times

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., May 12—Prime Minister Eric M. Gairy of Grenada will offer the United Nations a second chance to take up his proposal to create an international agency for the study of unidentified flying objects and related phenomena.

The Prime Minister, here from his home in the Windward Islands of the Caribbean for a private meeting with Secretary General Kurt Waldheim, said that he was not dismayed by the General Assembly's not having accepted his proposal last fall and that he would introduce it again in September.

"People are more susceptible these days, more open-minded, and besides, there are sightings of U.F.O.'s reported every day," Mr. Gairy said.

CALIFORNIA, FLA. - TIMES  
\*\*\*\*\* MAY 25, 1978 \*\*\*\*\*

# Couple spots UFO

By MIKE ARCHER

Terror swept over Mrs. Helen Knapp as she spotted a bright circular object flying an erratic path in skies north of State Road 70 last Thursday night.

"It was a terrible fright," she said. "My stomach hasn't settled down yet."

The sighting by Mrs. Knapp and her husband Ted came four days after Navy Radar technician Timothy Collins was reported to have tracked a UFO over skies 150 miles north of here near Ocala before it eluded radar. Collins, and other workers at Pinecastle Electronic Warfare Range, said they spotted several UFOs with binoculars and on radar.

Mrs. Knapp told the News this week the object she and her husband saw appeared to be round, glowed brightly and bobbed up and down in the sky.

AT THE CLOSEST point, it looked like a big balloon," she said. "But it was so bright that it projected light onto the clouds."

On the way home to Treasure Island after a shopping trip to Fort Pierce, the couple first thought the object to be a

star, but became curious when it seemed to move closer and get brighter.

"The radio began picking up a lot of static, as if we were near a transformer," said Mr. Knapp. "But it acted up way too long - I'd say more than one and a half miles - for it to have been a transformer."

Mrs. Knapp said she first spotted the object just outside of Fort Pierce, and noticed it getting closer as the couple traveled west toward home.

BEFORE IT vanished near the intersection of State Road 70 and Highway 710, the object flew toward the car and then up at an angle, then back down again, she said.

"It was a bright circle, putting light on the clouds, coming right at us," she said. "I did not know what it was going to do."

The object never came close enough for Mrs. Knapp to see details of its construction. At its closest point, bright light obscured a clear view of it, she said.

Law enforcement agencies in Okeechobee and Fort Pierce said they did not receive reports of UFO sightings Thursday. A surge of fighter jet activity in the sky following the Knapps' sighting was probably F-4 training flights from Homestead Air Force Base en route to the Avon Park bombing range, Captain Frank Cimo said Tuesday.

"WE DID HAVE aircraft in the area that evening," he said. "But it was just a routine training mission. To my knowledge no aircraft were dispatched to investigate a UFO sighting."

Mrs. Knapp, who moved here with her husband two years ago from Connecticut, said the couple did not contact any law enforcement agency after the sighting.

"We just sat here," she said. "When you see something like this it gives you a strange feeling. It was almost unreal, the kind of feeling like maybe you should examine yourself. You think... maybe I didn't really see it. But I did see it. It was there."

GAINESVILLE, TEXAS - REGISTER  
\*\*\*\*\*MAY 12, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

## UFO Spotted in Area

An unidentified flying object was reported near the Cooke-Denton-Grayson county line shortly after 2 a.m. Tuesday.

The light was sighted about eight miles west of Tioga, which would have put it in the southeast part of Cooke County, and was reported traveling west.

James Hall, 24, an employee of Weber Aircraft in Gainesville, alerted authorities in Denton and Grayson counties of his sightings.

According to a story in the Sherman Democrat, Hall said he had just arrived at his house when he sighted the flying object.

"I noticed it because it was so bright. There were no clouds in the sky and no noise coming from the UFO," he said.

At first the object appeared to be hovering just above the treeline about a mile southeast of his home, Hall said. Then it began moving "sideways" at a slow pace toward the northeast.

He said he couldn't explain why he thought the object was moving sideways, but that it was his impression.

When the object moved to about five miles toward the northeast it disappeared.

"It was like an eclipse. It seemed to be covered up by something, like it was hiding behind something," Hall said.

About five minutes later, he heard an airplane's engines. The plane was heading toward the direction of Denton and Hall speculated it landed at the Denton Municipal Airport located in that direction.

An airport spokesman reported there were no known landings at the airport. Also that the airport had not released a weather balloon or similar object which could account for the bright light.

The Texoma UFO Research Club has announced that it will not investigate the sighting at the scene because a landing was not reported.

PALO ALTO, CALIF. - TIMES  
\*\*\*\*\*APRIL 11, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

## UFO explanation 'hogwash,' cop says

A report that the unidentified flying object seen over Atherton and Menlo Park last week was just paper lofted by wind is "a bunch of hogwash," according to Atherton police Sgt. Ron Harris.

"When we first saw the thing it was nowhere near SRI. It was directly overhead, over Greenoaks' Drive in Atherton, Harris said, explaining that it then moved toward the foothills before turning back and descending.

Harris and PG&E electrician Dirk Koops said they saw the baffling object at 11:09 a.m. last Wednesday. Harris tried to track it in his patrol car, but lost sight of it as the object descended. The San Mateo County Sheriff's helicopter was called in, but reported it saw nothing.

Harris said the object appeared to come down in the area of SRI International or Burgess Park in Menlo Park.

Pete Cano, an SRI maintenance worker, read a news account of the incident and then reported that at about 11 a.m. that Wednesday he and some plumbers at SRI saw papers, possibly from a nearby recycling center, apparently caught in an updraft over the research center.

Still later, other SRI employees said the papers were the discarded wrapping from a large instrument that had been delivered to the site. They said the wrapping got caught in a whirlwind.

SIERRA VISTA, APIL - DISPATCH  
\*\*\*\*\*MAY 2, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

# Residents see UFOs

SIERRA VISTA — The timing couldn't have been better. Sunday night, after the television program "Project UFO" was seen across the nation, some persons in southern Arizona saw an instant replay — in the western sky.

Spotted above the western horizon around 8:25 p.m. was a red, swirling light. Persons who live in the Bravo housing area east of Sierra Vista reported seeing the "unidentified flying object".

Tucson switchboards were jammed about the same time from persons reporting the sight.

This object, however, was identified.

Testing missiles from the Vandenberg Air Force Base about 100 miles north of Los Angeles, Calif. were launched at 8:15 over the Pacific Ocean.

When the atmosphere is right, they can be seen as far east as Wichita, Kan., and as far north as San Francisco, said Lt. Bev Garrett of the Davis Monthan Air Force Base public information office in Tucson.

The "Thor" missile is used to launch satellites into orbit, she said, and is usually launched in testing from Vandenberg just after sunset or just before sunrise.

"It wasn't long after the show," the lieutenant said, that switchboards were jammed in Tucson.

"There must be a lot of people who go outside after it's (Project UFO) over," she said. "The timing couldn't have been more ideal."

McMINNVILLE, ORE. - NEWS REGISTER  
\*\*\*\*\*MAY 1, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

# Man admits seeing UFO while fishing

By TOM BALLARD  
N-R Staff Writer

The last day of fishing season at Diamond Lake last October started out with a bang -- or rather with a bright light -- for Vurl Sartain and two of his friends.

The three fishermen, all from McMinnville, were getting an early start on an overcast October morning when something happened which has kept them wondering ever since. "We had just left the dock (about 7 a.m.)", Sartain said, "when I turned around and saw it. I yelled 'Hey, look!' and grabbed my camera (a Kodak 126 Instamatic) and took two shots before the object went behind a distant hill.

"It moved in a straight line," Sartain continued, "but it was so overcast it was impossible to discern any detail in the ob-

ject." He said it had to be extremely bright to shine through the fog like it did. "It couldn't have been reflecting sun or moonlight because the overcast was too heavy."

"Everything happened so quick," he said, "The object was only in sight for two or three seconds at the most. We didn't hear any noise from it, but the boat motor was running and it was windy, so that could have covered any noise from the object." Sartain guesses the object was 2-3,000 feet distant and maybe 1,000 feet high.

The majority of people to whom he has showed the pictures have been quite skeptical, and as a result he has waited until now to say anything publicly. He plans to send the negatives to the UFO Reporting Center in Seattle, Wash., for analysis.

CINCINNATI, OHIO - POST  
\*\*\*\*\*MAY 27, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

# If UFO lands they'll be ready

Don't be alarmed today if you see a group of investigators gathered around a burned spot on the ground at Big Bone State Park.

It's just the Ohio UFO Investigators League boning up on what they should do if a UFO lands in the area.

"The chance of a landing is remote, but we would have to know what to do," said Charles Wilhelm of Cincinnati.

"We have to take soil samples for analysis and know what to photograph."

Wilhelm said that the outing will be primarily for new investigators.

MONTREAL GAZETTE - QUEBEC, CANADA  
\*\*\*\*\*MAY 16, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

# 'UFO' falls to earth in Argentine jungle

BUENOS AIRES — (AP) — A long, cylindrical object fell to earth May 6 and disappeared in dense jungle near the Argentine-Bolivian border, Argentine newspapers reported yesterday.

The English-language 'Buenos Aires Herald', in a report from the border province of Salta, 1,900 kilometres (about 1,000 miles) northwest of here, said U.S. experts from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) arrived in the area yesterday to investigate the sighting.

Witnesses in the sparsely-populated border region, inhabited mostly by Indians, reported hearing an explosion as the object hit the ground.

The paper 'La Nacion', which usually shuns reports of unidentified flying objects (UFOs) that appear frequently in the Argentine press, carried an account of the sighting and said the Bolivian military government has declared the area where the object fell a "military emergency zone."

In January, a nuclear-powered Soviet Cosmos satellite fell from orbit over Canada's Northwest Territories and spewed radioactive debris over a wide area of the wilderness region.

EVENING TRIBUNE - WELLS, ONT. CANADA  
\*\*\*\*\*MAY 1, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

# Another UFO this week

A Clare Avenue woman has reported sighting an unidentified flying object near her residence.

Mrs. Debra Gairns, 579 Clare Ave., said she, and her husband, and a friend saw the object Wednesday evening about 11 p.m.

She said the object hovered above their car for a few moments, moved away and then hovered above some trees near the intersection of Clare Avenue and Thorold Road. TRIANGULAR

She said it was triangular in shape, with red, white and blue blinking lights. The object made no sounds, she said.

Mrs. Gairns, frightened, ran to the apartment building but her husband and his friend started to pursue the object. They told her it picked up speed, and disappeared over the city.

# 'Something' seen in sky over Upper Michigan

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SALTEM, ARK. - HEADLIGHT  
 \*\*\*\*\*MAY 4, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

BY SUSAN WILLOUGHBY

Of the News-Tribune staff

BRUCE CROSSING, Mich. —

Patrick Brady saw it while driving home from work about halfway between Watersmeet and Paulding on U.S. 45.

It followed Gail Brady home, hovering over her car for five miles to her parent's house. Later, it hovered over the Brady home for the benefit of Ontonagon County Deputy Sheriff Tim Streeter and other family members.

"It" was two UFOs, according to Gail's sister, Linda Maki. One had flashing red and white lights and seemed to be "the leader," Linda said. The second appeared yellow and blue to Patrick. Streeter said he heard no noise, but Linda said the "leader" sounded like a muffled vacuum cleaner.

The stories differ slightly on details, but either several persons mass-hallucinated, or there was something strange in the skies over Upper Michigan Monday night.

"I'll have to say there's just no definite way I can tell you exactly what I saw," Streeter said. "It could easily have been jets (from K.I. Sawyer Air Force Base near Marquette) except there wasn't any noise. I called Sawyer, and they told me it was the northern lights, but I know it wasn't."

Streeter said he expected to see

jet fighters "playing tag, trying to sneak in under the radar at 500 feet" when he was called to the Brady home about 1:15 a.m. Tuesday. But jets normally have more than one or two lights, and he didn't hear any engines. The Air Force base brushed the report aside casually, he said, saying there had been several reports that could be blamed on northern lights.

"But these weren't northern lights," Streeter said. "They (northern lights) don't have oscillating red lights like the strobe on top a police car. And they don't fly that way; close and then far apart."

"I'd like to think Sawyer was testing something they just don't want us to know about," he said.

Patrick said he and two friends, Ronnie Coss and Kevin Larson, stopped on the side of the road to watch the lights when they "swooped out of the east." They were "a tiny bit" scared when they saw it, "but we're not chicken!" he added. "You never know what those crazy things (UFOs) might do."

Patrick said what he saw was different from a strange light that can be seen at night near Watersmeet. No one knows what causes that light either, he said.

"It sounds kinda weird; you hear about UFOs all the time but you never see them," Linda said. "It scared me half to death."

She said the Marquette television station reported the story but "made Gail sound like she was nuts! Well six of us saw the thing." Linda said her husband, Leonard, and her sister and brother-in-law, Jennifer and Norman Maki, also saw the phenomenon.

"It wasn't like an airplane; it sounded like a vacuum cleaner but muffled. I'll never forget that sound until the day I die."

She said Streeter is afraid to call it a UFO "so people won't think the cops are crazy."

"A jet would have busted your ear drums at 500 feet," she added. "He (Streeter) followed that bugger for about a quarter-mile. He saw it."

The official word from Ontonagon County Sheriff Gerald Kitzman is guarded. He said he hasn't had a chance to talk to Streeter about the incident "But I really hope this isn't just a joke."

The sighting is being investigated, and if he feels the lights could be a UFO, Kitzman said he'll pass the report on to the Michigan State Police in Wakefield.

"But you know these people out here — they keep seeing blinking lights and the calls are usually just the television tower at Marenisco," he said.

"I don't know what it is," Streeter said. "One side tells me it's little green men and the other side says it's northern lights. And I know it's not northern lights."

HOUGHTON, MICH. - MINING GAZETTE  
 \*\*\*\*\*MAY 2, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

## UFO sighting is explained

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BRUCE CROSSING — UFO buffs will be a little disappointed but it appears that a sighting early this morning here might be traced to maneuvers conducted by the Air Force.

Ontonagon County Sheriff's deputies were called to investigate an Unidentified Flying Object report this morning at 1:15. Gail Brady of Bruce Crossing told police that a low flying object with blinking lights followed her for about five miles along the US-45 and Two Mile Road area.

Deputy Tim Streeter said that he saw a cylindrical shaped object near the area where Brady

police.

Spokesman at K.I. Sawyer AFB told the Gazette there was "considerable amount of flying," in the general area of the sighting.

"It was part of a training maneuver last night. It's not likely a plane would have been in the exact area but it could have happened," a spokesman said. He said all planes have blinking lights and do fly low during some training flights.

The Air Force no longer investigates UFO sightings, having given up the practice in 1969 with the completion of its Blue Book Project. Such sightings are looked into by a

MONESSEN, PA. - INDEPENDENT  
 \*\*\*\*\*MAY 17, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

### Look, up in the sky...!

THERE ARE those who swear it is true, even though they don't want to be identified. There was a unidentified flying object (UFO) sighted hovering over the Super 71 drive in last Friday night about 10 p.m. "I saw it very plainly," a caller told The Valley Independent, "but I didn't want to report it to anyone because you know how they laugh at such reports. I wasn't the only one who saw it either because there was a crowd of people at the snack bar when it went over."

## Diyarbakır' da uzay adamı görüldüğü iddiası heyecan yarattı

**D**İYARBAKIR (hha) - TRT Diyarbakır Radyosu verici istasyonu bahçesinde önceki gece saat 21.05' de görüldüğü öne sürülen uzay adamına benzeyen garip bir yaratık, Diyarbakır'da halkın paniğe kapılmasına yol açtı.

TRT Diyarbakır Radyosu Verici İstasyonu Yayın ve Bakım Şefi Teoman Falay, atölye teknisyeni Musa Öner, montajcı Tevfik Özbugdaycı ile Nezir Eroğlu, eş ve çocukları ile bahçede otururken etrafa ışık saçan, sırtında bir tüp, ayağında plâstik bot bulunan boşlukta yavaş ama uzun adımlarla yürüyen uzay filmlerindeki gibi garip bir yaratık görünce paniğe kapıldılar. İddiaya göre garip yaratık, TRT ana verici istasyonu lojmanlarından birinden ötekinin üzerine uçarak konduktan 20-30 saniye sonra Cinar yönüne doğru havada bir süre dolaştı ve kayboldu.

## THE ALLEGATION THAT A SPACE-BEING HAS BEEN SEEN IN DIYARBAKIR HAS CAUSED EXCITEMENT.

Diyarbakır (hha) - A strange creature, looking like a space-being who is alleged to have been seen last night at 9:05 pm in the garden of the TRT Diyarbakır Radio Broadcasting Station caused panic among people. The Broadcasting and Maintenance Director Teoman Falay, workshop technician Musa Öner, editors Tevfik Özbugdaycı and Nezir Eroğlu, and their wives and children, while sitting in the garden had panicked when they saw a strange creature radiating light all around, with a cylinder on its back and wearing plastic boots, walking in space slowly but in long strides just as in space films. It is claimed that after flying from one of the TRT Main Broadcasting Station Personnel Houses and landing on top of another for 20-30 seconds, the strange creature had walked around in space in the direction of Cinar for a while and then had vanished.

*Foreign  
Clippings*

## O.V.N.I. A MILAN

"LE PARISIEN" - PARIS, FRANCE 5/4/78

MILAN. - Un Objet Volant Non Identifié (OVNI) a été observé par la tour de contrôle de l'aéroport de Milan (Italie) et vu par de nombreux témoins.

L'objet lumineux volait horizontalement. Il a été aperçu d'abord par un policier puis signalé par la tour de contrôle de l'aéroport de Milan vers laquelle l'OVNI se dirigeait rapidement, sans apparaître pourtant sur les écrans radar.

A la tour de contrôle on a cru à un avion, phares allumés, prêt à atterrir. Mais l'OVNI a subitement changé de cap et s'est dirigé vers le centre de Milan où il a fait un « point fixe » à la verticale du gratte-ciel « Pirelli » avant de repartir en direction du Nord et disparaître.

L'OVNI a été vu par plusieurs dizaines de personnes dignes de foi, indiquent les enquêteurs.

## UFO OVER MILANO (ITALY)

MILANO-A UFO, has been sighted by control-tower of Milano airport, Italy, and has been seen by numerous witnesses.

The bright object was flying in horizontal line when it was sighted, in first, by a policeman, then pointed out by control-tower of Milano airport towards of which the UFO traveled very quickly, but it did not appear on the radar screens!

At control-tower, staff-members thought that it was a plane, with headlights lighted, like a plane on the point of landing. But, suddenly, the UFO changed its direction and moved toward Milano centre where it remained stationary over "Pirelli sky-scraper", before to go away again towards the north where it disappeared!

\* UN « OBJET volant non identifié » a été aperçu vers 22 h par plusieurs personnes dans la région de Saint-Chaptes, près d'Uzès (Gard).

La gendarmerie a pu établir, après enquête auprès des bases aériennes de la région, qu'aucun hélicoptère ne volait au moment où le phénomène a été observé.

"LE PARISIEN: - PARIS, FRANCE - APRIL 29, 1978

A UFO has been sighted about 10:00 p.m. by several witnesses in Saint-Chaptes area, near UZES (Gard dept.). The Gendarmes could establish, after an inquiry in airbases of the country, that no helicopter was flying when the phenomenon was sighted.

● OVNI DANS LE CIEL DU GARD UFO IN SKY OF GARD DEPARTMENT

NIMES. — Des habitants d'Alès, Salindres et Bessèges, trois localités gardoises, viennent d'observer un étrange phénomène : dans un ciel très pur, un objet de forme ovoïde duquel se détachait un faisceau lumineux. L'objet était lumineux à l'avant et orange à l'arrière ou se détachait le faisceau.

De part et d'autre de ce dernier, rangés comme en position de vol, se trouvaient sept disques de couleur bleutée laissant une traînée lumineuse. La trajectoire de l'ensemble était rectiligne, leur vitesse comparable à celle d'avions à réaction. Le phénomène observé à assez haute altitude n'émettait aucun bruit.

Est-ce une nouvelle forme d'ovni ?

NIMES: Some residents from Ales, Salindres and Bessèges, three little town of Gard department, have sighted a strange phenomenon: In a sky entirely unclouded, an object oval-shaped, giving off a bright beam of light. The object was luminous before and orange coloured on the spot where it gave off the beam.

On every side of this beam, there were a row of 7 discs, like a formation in flight, blue coloured, and leaving a bright trail. Their trajectory was in a straight line, and their speed was like the one of a jet. No noise heard and this phenomenon was sighted in a high altitude. Is it a new kind of UFO?

**AU-DESSUS DE LA MONTAGNE NOIRE**

**Un ovni aurait explosé**

"LA MONTAGNE" - Clermont-Ferrand 2/24/78

OVER THE BLACK MOUNTAIN: A UFO WOULD HAVE EXPLODED!

TOULOUSE: According to statements done by several persons in following departments; Haute-Garonne, Tarn-et-Garonne, Ariège, and Aude, some UFOs have flown over the district area during the last nights.

According to these testimonies, there was sometimes a big ball, at one time blue, at another time green, sometimes an object shaped like a triangle, or a luminous funnel. The most astonishing, it is certainly what claim several witnesses: a strange green orange object would have exploded in beginning of night from Tuesday to Wednesday, about 9:15 p.m. in Black Mountain, Aude department, in an area located between the villages of Cuxax, Laparde and Les Martyrs. The Gengarme, who have begun an inquiry, have ruled out a plane crash. With an helicopter, has made researches all the day, in order to find some possible tracks of this queer explosion.

DAILY EXPRESS - London, ENG.  
\*\*\*\*\*APRIL 8, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

**COLOURED UFO PROBE BEGINS**

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THAT mystery glowing object was back in the skies last night. And just like the sighting 24 hours earlier, this chameleon style UFO kept changing colour. There have been so many reports of the multi-coloured object over Hampshire, Surrey and Sussex, that the British UFO Society is investigating. They include Peter Inwood who says he saw it for the second night running from his home at Ash near Aldershot.

He watched with Police Constable Alan Craggs on Thursday as the object changed from blue to white to green. Last night Mr Inwood, aged 50, a former member of the Observer Corps, said the UFO behaved similarly while he studied it for two hours. Following its first sightings, forest fires were reported in Sussex. Police with geiger counters checked the area, but no clues turned up.

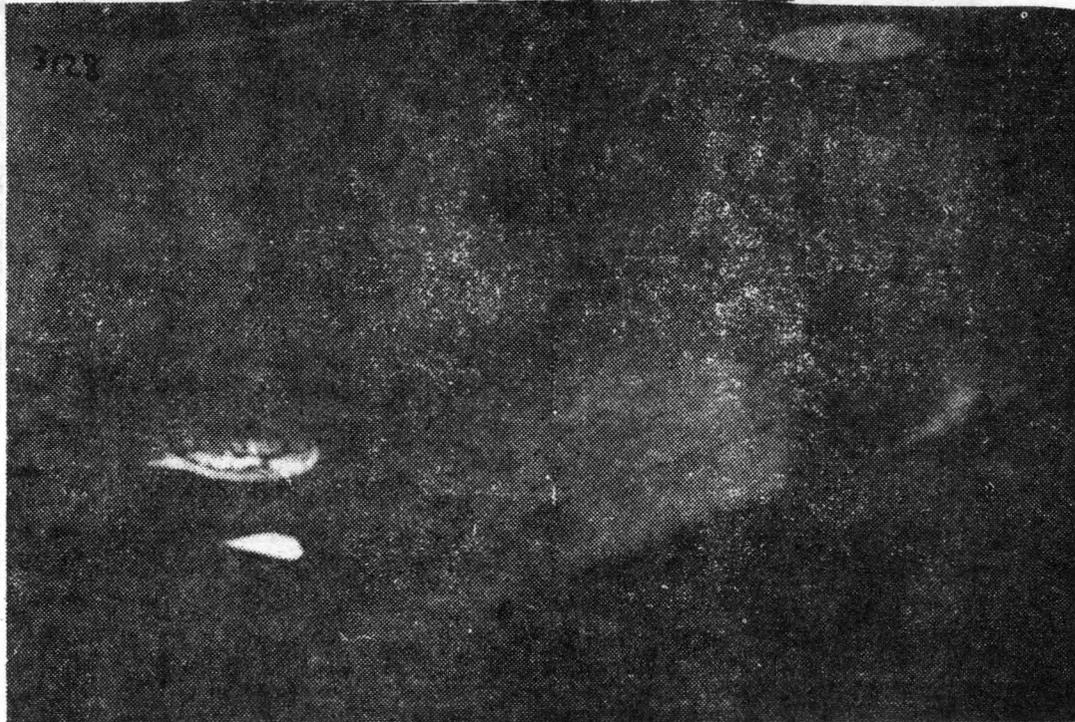
WESTERN MAIL - CARDIFF, ENG  
\*\*\*\*\*APR. 20, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

**My encounter of the first kind 3128**

SIR.—After reading your report on UFO sightings, I am writing to tell you what I saw myself. I was walking home at 1.10 a.m. on April 16 when a light in the sky caught my eye. I looked up and saw a bright red circular object moving across the sky. At first I thought it was an aeroplane crashing, because of the speed with which it was travelling. But there was no noise. As it moved pieces appeared to be breaking off it. Finally, it broke into small pieces and disappeared, rather like a disintegrating sky rocket. I hope this letter will help you with your inquiries. G. J. TUCK.  
Dinas Powis, South Glam.

**Géométrie variable**  
Selon ces affirmations, il s'agirait soit d'une grosse boule tantôt bleue, tantôt verte, soit d'un objet en forme de triangle ou d'entonnoir lumineux. Le plus étonnant, c'est certainement ce qu'affirment plusieurs témoins : l'explosion mystérieuse d'un étrange objet de couleur vert-orange au début de la nuit de mardi à mercredi, vers 21 h. 15, dans le secteur audois de la Montagne Noire compris entre les communes de Cuxac, Laprade et Les Martyrs.

**Un bruit de tonnerre**  
L'un d'eux, M. Gasc, hôtelier, a entendu « comme un bruit de tonnerre » et deux aviateurs qui survolaient à cette heure-là la région de Carcassonne, MM. Maurice Messager, contrôleur à l'aérodrome de Salvaza, et Marc Giraud, ingénieur de l'armement, sont formels, ils ont aperçu un engin de couleur bleu-vert, avec une queue orange. Les gendarmes qui ont commencé leur enquête écartent l'hypothèse d'un accident d'avion. Les recherches devaient s'intensifier dans la journée, avec l'appui d'un hélicoptère, afin de déceler les traces éventuelles de la mystérieuse explosion.



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MAIDENHEAD ADVERTISER  
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\*\*\*\*\*MAY 23, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

# 'I SAW A UFO'

A close encounter of the first kind — the sighting of an unidentified flying object — was reported in Maidenhead on Friday.

Mr. Philip Harper of Shirley Rd said he was standing on the balcony of Beecham's factory at 3.20 p.m. when he saw a plane making its approach to Heathrow, with a round black object clearly visible travelling just beneath the plane.

As the plane banked to begin its run into the airport, the black object turned and sped off in the opposite direction.

It was an unsettling experience for Mr. Harper, who had never seen a UFO and not taken reports of them too seriously.

The British Airports Authority, the Civil Aviation Authority, and the Royal Air Force say they have received no reports concerning the sighting.

"ECHO" photographer Gordon Jones took pictures of mystery lights in the night sky . . . and got more than he bargained for.

When he printed his pictures, he found he had photographed not only the lights, but also the strange shape of something much larger behind them.

"I had no idea it was there until I developed the negative," says Gordon.

The objects to the left were the lights at which Gordon was aiming, and he reckoned they were at about the height of the average light aircraft.

He took his pictures of the sky above his home in Highcliffe at about 10.30 at night.

"I had been clearing out the garage and I was carrying a box out into the garden when I saw two pairs of piercing white lights in the sky, moving towards me at a tremendous speed."

"They seemed to be flashing alternately.

He raced to his car to get a camera, and ran off about nine shots of the lights, which seemed then to take up a hovering position above him.

Gordon called out his wife, and also a solicitor who is a neighbour, and the three of them watched as the lights began to move slowly across the sky. "My wife said that she was able to make out the shape of something behind the lights," says Gordon.

As it moved off towards the sea, he chased the object in his car, but it disappeared.

Since he took the pictures, Gordon has checked — from his position at the time — that he did not accidentally photograph the edge of a roof or any other object nearby which could account for the curious shape partly visible in his pictures.

The photographs were taken with a 135mm lens at a thousandth of a second at f2.8. Even at that rapid shutter speed, the two objects on the left of the picture seem to give an impression of movement from left to right.

Gordon says he has not been "tricked" by aircraft landing lights — there was silence in the sky as he took the pictures, he recalls.

EVENING COURIER - HALIFAX, ENG  
\*\*\*\*\*APRIL 22, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

# 'Bright light' UFO mystery

A THIRD "close encounter" sighting of a mysterious bright light has been reported in Calderdale within a week.

The young man who saw the "thing" hovering in a clear night sky may have photographic proof of a UFO. A colour film, which is being processed may reveal what the object was.

Mr Stephen Wilde, aged 23, saw a bright light hovering above Halifax as he drove through Rastrick on Thursday night. He first spotted the object from Toothill Bank, Rastrick.

Mr Wilde, who lives at 8, Scholey Avenue, Rastrick, said: "It was glowing like a light bulb. I could not tell how far away it was or how big it was but it seemed to be over Halifax. One side was glowing more brightly

than the other. It did not move and there was no sound."

"Someone at work said he had seen a bright light from where he was in Mount Tabor. It was about the same time — between 9.30 and 10 pm — only he thought it was hovering over Bradshaw."

Last Friday six Calderdale policemen saw another mysterious bright light over Brighouse.

A police pocket radio was affected by odd signals and crackling before the object, which hovered for about 50 minutes, moved away.

Three women in Luddenden Foot reported a mysterious silver cigar shaped object over Luddenden Lane, only hours later. The object moved erratically before disappearing.

WHITBY GAZETTE, YORKSHIRE, ENG.  
\*\*\*\*\*MAR. 31, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

## UFO spotter

SPOTTED a UFO at 3 a.m. on the morning of March 8, over the Falkirk area. It was a round, bright object. It stopped for a couple of minutes before moving on towards Glasgow. —D. Harkness, Edward Place, Swinflats, Falkirk.

DAILY TELEGRAPH, LONDON, ENG.  
\*\*\*\*\*APRIL 5, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

## UFO OVER BOMBAY

By Our Bombay Correspondent

An unidentified saucer-shaped object was seen over Bombay skies last night. The Control tower at Santa Cruz airport also reported signing the object.

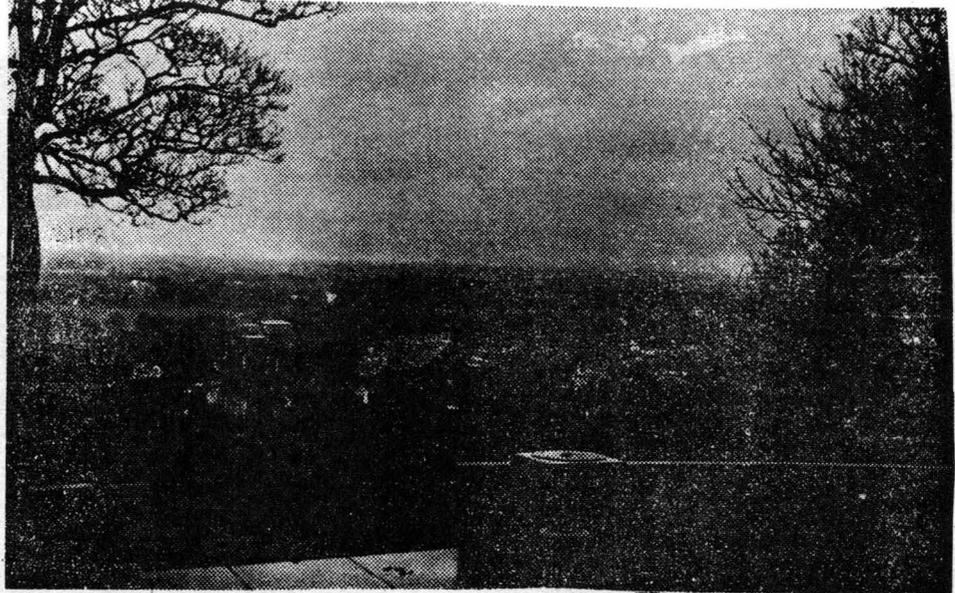
# Frightening

**FOLLOWING** reports over the last few weeks of UFO sightings in the Tonbridge area, a young teenage boy from **HAWKENBURY**, Tunbridge Wells, claims that he saw an object "quite high in the sky and glowing on and off" while on his way home from a friend's house.

Terry Worthington of 40 Napier Road, Hawkenbury was in the Napier Road area on Wednesday, April 5 at about 8.35pm, when he saw the object, which he said seemed to change shape twice, and made "millions of high pitched whistling noises all put together."

He ran back home "very frightened" and told his mother, and when he went outside again a minute later to show his sister, it had disappeared.

If possible, anyone who sees unfamiliar objects in the sky should try to get a compass bearing and give an approximate height.



DAILY RECORD - GLASGOW, ENG.  
\*\*\*\*\*APRIL 3, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

**LOCAL UFOlogists** who decided to laze in bed on the morning of April 1, will, I am sure, be kicking themselves for not making a more enthusiastic attempt to rise from their slumbers.

A local photographer, more dedicated than most to UFO sightings, made his way up to King Henry VIII Mound at Pembroke Lodge, Richmond Park, for an arranged sighting session.

The dedication of his dawn vigil was more than adequately rewarded as can be seen from the above photograph.

Our informant, who prefers to remain anonymous, describes here exactly what he saw: "Out of the overcast dawn sky a central ball of light became visible. As this light gradually intensified, three long narrow protrusions were distinguishable.

During the intervals when this object was at its least brilliant our informant, due to his photographic knowledge, was able to take some very successful pictures

# Pc ALAN'S BOBBY

**THE display of flashing lights** astonished policeman Alan Craggs.

For they were coming from a mystery object hovering high in the night sky.

Alan gazed at the multi-coloured dazzler for

# DAZZLER

twenty-five minutes. And his reaction yesterday was: "I didn't believe in unidentified flying objects before this—but now I have an open mind."

The 26-year-old constable's close encounter with the "flying traffic lights" began with an emergency call on Wednesday from school caretaker Peter Inwood.

He reported that something distinctly odd was happening above his home near Farnham, Surrey.

Alan was sent to investigate. He said yesterday:

"I must admit I didn't know what the thing was. It was moving erratically in a small cross shape. The colours kept

changing in quick flashes from white to red, to blue, to green, then back to white.

I was in the RAF for two years, and from my experience I don't think it was a plane or a balloon.

Meanwhile, there was another UFO call to police at nearby Farnborough.

Housewife Maureen Slater told how she and her eleven-year-old son had watched a golden cigar-shaped object hovering at 200 ft. close to their home in Hindle Close.

It was flashing blue, green and red lights.

Later, a woman reported that "a ball of light" had crashed and split in two in Ashdown Forest, near East Grinstead, Sussex.

DAILY MIRROR, LONDON, ENG.  
\*\*\*\*\*APRIL 7, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

IRISH TIMES, DUBLIN, IRELAND  
\*\*\*\*\*MAR. 17, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

## UFO encounter claimed

Two Canadians claim they photographed an unidentified flying object that glowed as it hovered over a lake in La Verendrye Park, about 200 miles northwest of Montreal. They said they were camping when a brilliant object hurtled out of the sky and sent them fleeing through the snow in terror. When they came back they found it "hovering silently over the water" of the lake. They said they photographed the object with a 35-millimetre camera. The coarse-grain prints show a blurred, oval-shaped white object in a sea of black.—(AP)

DAILY RECORD - GLASGOW, ENG.  
\*\*\*\*\*MAR. 16, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

## UFO sighting

**LIKE** John Cochrane, I also sighted a UFO on March 1 and 2. At first I thought it was an aeroplane, but it was not getting any higher and the light was not flashing out and in.

I was standing at Fernhill Road looking towards Cranhill when I saw it and lots of my friends also saw it.—A. Burns (12), Morar Drive, Fernhill, Glasgow.

## UFO SIGHTINGS

WITH reference to the recent spate of UFO sightings as reported in the Echo, the British UFO Society are responsible for investigating all such reports and we would be very interested to hear from readers who had sightings or are interested in the subject.

While many sightings have mundane explanations, there remains a proportion that cannot be adequately explained.

Readers can either write to us in confidence or telephone our UFO hotline.

**KEN ROGERS**  
(Chairman)  
British UFO Society,  
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London, NW3.

# SPOTTERS SEE UFO EXPLODE

By SARAH PEPPER

AN UNIDENTIFIED flying object moving from Bristol towards Radstock was seen by at least ten people. Now the Ministry of Defence is investigating the incident.

Among people who saw the object was Wessex Newspapers librarian Mr Geoff Tarling.

He and his wife Cathy spotted it when they arrived home at Freshford after a dance at about 1.5 am yesterday.

"It was like a huge rocket with a tail. We watched it move across the sky and then the tail broke off into three pieces and it disappeared," said Mr Tarling.

"It looked as big as a fairly high flying aircraft. It was not moving fast enough to be a meteorite or a shooting star."

Mr Chris Tye and his wife saw the UFO as they were driving home to Buckland Dinham. "We had been talking about UFOs that even-

ing. Suddenly my wife pulled my arm, and pointed to the sky. We almost went off the road.

"It was extremely large, brilliant white, and travelling parallel to the ground. At first I thought it was a shooting star, but I've never seen one that big before.

"It looked as though it were about half a mile up. As we were watching, it broke up and completely disappeared."

Other people in the Bristol area said they saw the object explode.

But Filton Met Office did not have a report of the object in the area.

A Defence Ministry spokesman said, "We are looking into it, as we always do when an object is seen near military establishments. Otherwise we don't bother about UFO's."

## Four see UFO horror

Housewife Brenda Pavelin was walking an elderly relative home the other night when something unexpected happened.

They only live a few doors apart in Hertford Road, Clare, but there, moving towards them from a distance was a red light in the sky.

"It came nearer and nearer, and we didn't stop to wait because we were so scared," said Mrs Pavelin.

Mrs Pavelin, a secretary, said she didn't mention it to any of her family. Then the following night her son Timothy (16) came dashing into the house breathless and scared and said an orange light had been following him.

She added, "His friend David Peddar was almost rooted to the ground with fright.

A police spokesman was not aware of any reports of flying objects, and an RAF Wattisham spokesman was equally mystified.

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## A UFO, no doubt, say the Thomases

THE DOUBTING Thomases are no longer in doubt. U.F.O.s do exist. They have seen one.

It appeared when the Thomases - Richard and Margaret - were driving down an unlit country lane near Coleshill, West Midlands.

A bright whitish light headed straight for them from the sky. Then they saw the outline of a strange cigar-shaped craft.

"It began to hover," said Richard, 34, a foundry worker of Bilston, "but it can't have been a plane or a helicopter."

He wanted to stop his van for a closer look but his wife was "petrified." "Suddenly, it just shot up into the sky like lightning and disappeared," he said.

It happened last weekend but they did not report it because "people would think it a joke."

BRISTOL EVENING POST - ENGLAND  
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## UFO first after fifty years of stargazing

THE sighting of an unidentified flying object at the weekend was a close encounter of a unique kind for a retired Gwent astronomer.

Mr. Roy Jevons, who has spent fifty years studying the skies, said: "I have never seen anything like it."

Mr Jevons, of Llansoy, Usk, says the UFO may have been a satellite or a comet. And he believes that whatever it was it would have burned up before reaching the ground.

He scotched theories that it could have been any kind of flying saucer. "I don't believe in them," he said.

Mr. Jevons was studying something else in the sky when the bright object flashed over Raglan.

He has reported the sighting to the Astronomical Association in London, who investigate such cases.

Many other people in South Wales saw the object, which has been described as being a white ball with an orange tail travelling about 5,000 feet up.

KENT COURIER - ENGLAND  
\*\*\*\*\*APR. 21, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

## WATCHER SEES UFO BREAK UP

AN UNIDENTIFIED flying object seen over Southborough has been reported by Mr Denis Hewitt, of 6 Saunders Way, Tunbridge Wells.

He says he saw the object just after 1 am on Sunday while on night duty as a senior railman at Tunbridge Wells West station.

"At first I thought it was an airliner," he said "because it was at about the same height as planes going into land at Gatwick. There were lights at the front. Then the rear part suddenly disintegrated while the front section carried on."

Mr Hewitt, who is 58, has never believed reports about "things" in the sky but he is convinced that what he saw was not an ordinary aeroplane.

"I thought about telephoning the police, but I doubted if they would believe me," he said, "My mates at work are not very convinced either. But I know what I saw. And I hadn't had a drink."

# 'Saucers' film is girls' cup of tea...

TWO YOUNG Elgin girls have a very special interest in this year's Royal Command film, the science fiction thriller "Close Encounters of the Third Kind", which deals with flying saucers.

For Karen McLennan, 27 Robertson Drive, New Elgin, and her chum, Fiona Morrison, 31 Robertson Drive—both 10-year-old pupils of New Elgin Primary School—claim they saw a flying saucer and a man dressed in a silver uniform in the wooded area near their Thornhill housing estate on the evening of May 18 last year.

Their UFO sighting has been recorded in an article in the current issue of "TV Times" and a more detailed account of the girls' experience is outlined in the magazine UFOIN, the "bible" of UFO enthusiasts.

The girls say they were playing in the wooded area to the south of the Cottar Hoose pub when they heard a strange humming noise. They investigated and saw a long cylindrical object, about 30ft. in length, with a dome on top and with a red, rotating band around it.

Standing beside the object was what appeared to be a man dressed all in silver.

The girls ran off — and when they turned round they saw the object taking off in jerky movements to the left before shooting skywards at a tremendous speed.

Karen's mother, Mrs Caroline McLennan, is convinced that the girls were telling the truth. "I do not suppose I would have believed them had it not been for the fact that I also heard a strange humming noise — just like a vacuum cleaner — at the same time as they were out playing," said Mrs McLennan.

"Several of our neighbours also said that they had heard the strange noise coming from the woods."

The following day Mrs McLennan said she and the children visited the spot where the object had been and found a circular area of around 100yd. where there had obviously been damage to trees — and where some of the smaller trees appeared to have single marks.

The matter was reported to the police, but after an investigation they were unable to come up with any solution to the problem.

NORTHERN DESPATCH, DARL. ENC  
\*\*\*\*\* MAR. 31, 1978 \*\*\*\*\*

# Look out there's a UFO about!

We're not quite sure what it is about the Brinkburn Road area of Darlington, especially around tea-time, that seems to attract UFOs... but a 10-year-old Darlington boy is sure he's seen two hovering above there in the past few weeks.

Peter Haygarth, who lives at 86 Auckland Avenue, told us he saw the first one in January, at about 4.30 p.m.

"Some of my friends were with me and they saw it too," said Peter, who goes to Holy Family School.

"It was about 400 feet up moving slowly towards the north east and it was orange and rectangular shaped.

"It was sort of glowing and we watched it for about five minutes then it went behind some houses."

He saw the second one, in almost the same place, only two days ago, at about 6 p.m.

"It was the same shape as the other but this one was bright yellow with a silver bit where it dipped in the middle. I saw it for two or three minutes then it disappeared. It looked about 300 feet high and was moving faster than the first one."

"I believe in UFOs," said Peter. "I'm sure that's what they were."

We'd be interested in knowing if any other Young Despatchers have seen anything similar. You never know — they just might be coming for a closer look at Star Wars!

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# UFO sightings

With reference to the recent sighting of a UFO reported in the Potters Bar Press, the British UFO Society are currently investigating all sightings.

Although many sightings have perfectly mundane explanations, there does remain a high percentage of unexplained reports.

We feel that many people may have made sightings, but have not come forward for fear of looking silly. We would therefore like to appeal to readers who may have had sightings or who may be interested in the subject to come forward in confidence and tell us their experiences

# UFO sighting confirmed—twice

A SOUTHBOURNE taxi driver's description of a UFO spotted over Bourne-mouth on Sunday has been confirmed by decorator John Stevens, of Brackendale Road, Queens Park.

Taxi-driver Mr. George Hunt was driving in Ashley Road, Parkstone, around 1 am when he saw an object "quite low in the sky, letting red sparks."

Mr. Stevens confirms: "I was standing in my drive at about 1 am when I saw the object. It was exactly as the other gentleman described it."

The sighting was also confirmed by another witness. Mrs. Jean Pyper was arriving back home at Westbourne at about 1.15 am with her husband when both saw a bright light in the sky.

BOURNEMOUTH EVENING ECHO - ENG  
\*\*\*\*\* APR. 19, 1978 \*\*\*\*\*

EDINBURGH EVENING NEWS - ENGLAND  
\*\*\*\*\* MAR. 22, 1978 \*\*\*\*\*

# Close encounters of the Scottish kind...

Scotland's close encounters of the third kind are to be outlined in a talk at Edinburgh University. Subject: UFOs (unidentified flying objects).

The investigation co-ordinator for the British UFO Research Association in Scotland, Mr S. Campbell, is to give the talk, organised by the association's Edinburgh branch and Edinburgh University UFO Society.

An association official said: "The United States and France have both set up new committees to investigate the UFO phenomenon and the matter has been referred to the United Nations for the first time."

"These moves are encouraging to those who want the phenomenon solved and not swept under the carpet."

The session is being held in the David Hume Tower, George Square, at 3 p.m. on Saturday.

# Spaceship riddle down on the farm

A FARMER believes he may have had visitors from outer space.

His story of a "close encounter" gets some backing from two Stewarton, Ayrshire, policemen who saw an "inexplicable" red light around Dunlop.

Willie McNair and his son Billy, 15, were returning home to their farm when a bright red light engulfed their car.

Mr. McNair said yesterday: "It was very frightening."

"The light was coming from about 100 yards away and lighting up a whole field."

"When we approached, it went out."

Back at the farm half-an-hour later the air was filled with high-pitched whirring noises.

Mr. McNair added: "There was something large and mechanical in my field."

"It couldn't have been from this earth."

\*\*\*\*\* MAR 1, 1978 \*\*\*\*\*

WESTERN DAILY PRESS - BRISTOL, ENG  
\*\*\*\*\*APRIL 13, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

# UFO in West seen by seven

By Hazel Williams

REPORTS of an unidentified flying object seen over North Bristol early yesterday will be investigated by the Defence Ministry.

At least seven people saw a brilliant white object move North-east over Bristol before disappearing.

Among them were an Automobile Association patrolman and a driver on the M5 near Cribbs Causeway. A woman saw it as she drove towards Winterbourne, just before 1am.

Council worker Chris White, aged 18, of Clare Road, Kingswood, Bristol, and his friend, Nigel Fudge, 20, a baker, of Charlton Road, Kingswood, saw the object explode in the sky.

## Sparks

"It started as a very little light," said Chris.

"Then it suddenly started to explode and gave off sparks of all kinds of colours. It really frightened me."

Mr Peter Taylor, 41, of Cedar Close, Patchway, Bristol, pulled off the M5 when he saw the object.

"It was just incredible. It couldn't have been an aeroplane or a shooting star."

Mr Malcolm Pumford, 21, saw the UFO from his bed at home in Badminton Road, Coalpit Heath.

"It was about five times bigger than an ordinary star," he said.

Filton Met Office did not have a report of an object in the area.

And there were no aircraft due in or out of Bristol's Lulsgate airport.

# THE 'SAUCERS' OVER BRADFORD

Young Michelle Kedzierski saw a "flying saucer" over Bradford one night this week. And she wasn't the only one.

Police received three separate phone calls about unidentified flying objects over the city within four minutes.

And they were strikingly similar observations.

Michelle, 12, of Saltburn Place, was looking in a shop window at about eight o'clock on Monday night, when she glanced up. She was astonished to see a strange object in the sky.

"It was a bright, white light, egg-shaped and with little red lights round it," she said.

"It kept hovering and then moving and then hovering again. I'm sure it wasn't an aeroplane because it was too big and bright, almost as bright as the moon."

Thomas Hanley, 16, and his friend, Jonathon Fennelly, both of Duchy Crescent, at roughly the same time, reported an object over Hanson School.

It was white and spherical, and appeared about the size of the moon. It, too, hovered, before fading away. Afterwards they saw small lights behind it.

Brothers Brendan and Aidan Harrison, of Scotchman Road, also reported a bright white object, of the same size, at about the same time, over Leylands Lane.

They said it moved away fast, and they, too, reported lights following it.

Those sightings can't be coincidental. The five people involved obviously saw SOMETHING — space craft or not.

Argus is an agnostic, as, I believe, are most people. Unless, and until, there is an encounter

"of the third kind" — actual contact with extra-terrestrials — Argus won't be convinced. Neither will he poo-poo the possibility that the objects people keep on seeing are not from Earth.

One man who does believe is Neil Scarlett, of 6 Spring Holes Lane, Thornton, Bradford.

He and business colleague Allan Preece saw two saucer-like objects over their shop in Great Horton Road a month ago and, since then, Neil has been collating information on UFOs.

If you think you have seen one, Neil wants you to contact him.

## UFOs shot down in flames ...

A SPRINGFIELD ufologist believes he has solved the mystery of the recent UFO sightings on Bletchley's Lakes Estate . . . they were aircraft.

Mr Ken Phillips, the local investigations co-ordinator for the British UFO Research Association, has made painstaking studies of reports following this year's spate of sightings.

Now he is convinced he has the answer.

"I'm 99 per cent certain they are aircraft heading for Luton Airport," he said, "Everything I have observed over the Lakes Estate matches all the reports I have read."

The Lakes Estate has become a hive of UFO activity since Christmas.

Not all the sightings can be put down to aircraft though — as Ken, who lives in Falcon Avenue, found out when he received a phone call at 12.15 one night in March.

"A woman phoned me up saying she could see a UFO from her house. I got out of bed and went up to the Lakes armed with my camera, binoculars and star charts.

"But it didn't take long to identify the intruder though. It was the dog star Sirius, very low in the sky.

"The star was flashing and changing colour from white, to orange and green.

Ken, 37, is a laboratory technician and his work with the UFO Association is both voluntary and unpaid.

His job is to investigate all sightings and submit reports to the organisation's archives in Staffordshire.

But before the cynics read Ken's aircraft theory and say "I told you so," he stresses that the Netherfield sightings in January are still "inexplicable."

MILTON KEYNES GAZETTE, ENGLAND  
\*\*\*\*\*APRIL 7, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

WESTERN INDEPENDENT, PLYMOUTH, ENG.  
\*\*\*\*\*APRIL 12, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

## WE DON'T BELIEVE IN UFOs!

MR. and MRS. R. HORWELL, Beechwood Avenue, Mutley, Plymouth.

YOUR article on UFOs (some editions, March 19) prompts us to refer to an incident we witnessed on Wednesday evening last week.

We were driving home from Launceston after putting on a film show at the Town Hall, and just after we passed the sign for Milton Abbot we heard a sound in the sky, which was, incidentally, quite clear.

We looked up and saw a very bright, circular red light, travelling from right to left at a terrific speed. The sound was just a sort of swoosh. Was this a UFO?

We don't drink. We don't believe in UFOs. But we are left wondering . . .

EVENING POST - LEEDS, ENG.  
\*\*\*\*\*MAR. 25, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

## U.F.O.s puzzle for residents

Residents in Dewsbury Road, Leeds, were puzzled today by two objects seen in the sky.

A 59-year-old woman said she was looking out of a window when she saw an orange-coloured ball in the sky.

"A few yards behind it was a dash with aball on the end which could have been the vapour trail of an aircraft, but the object was not moving very fast," she added.

DORLING LEATHBRIDGE - SUDBURY, ENGLAND  
\*\*\*\*\*APRIL 21, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

# COUPLE SEE 'COLUMN IN SKY'

IS someone up there watching us down here in Dorking? Last week we reported a sighting by an elderly woman of a "strange object" over the Nower. Now we have the case of Frank and Vera Pearce and what they saw while driving home on the evening of Tuesday, April 11. Said Mr Pearce who, with his wife, runs an antique shop in South Street. "We had just come through Leigh when we saw this long silvery object right up in the sky. It was on its end and had a kind of red glow on top. Also, it was completely immobile - just like a great silver column in the sky."

## Disappeared

Mrs Pearce added: "We both saw it very clearly and we looked at it for a good 15 minutes. Then it got taken over by the clouds and disappeared." Mr Pearce continued: "It definitely was not an aeroplane - it was much bigger. And it wasn't a balloon or an airship - I've seen all those in the war" The couple have lived in Dorking for seven years and have never seen an object of this kind before. Mr Michaw Mercer of the Surrey Investigation Group, who researches such unexplained phenomena, said there had been no sighting of this kind reported in this country but there had been similar sightings abroad.

DAILY EXPRESS - LONDON, ENGLAND  
\*\*\*\*\*APRIL 4, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

# SILVER MEN AND THE RAY THAT BURNED

By Jack Hill

ETHEL FIELD'S husband laughed when she told him she had seen a flying saucer. It's not so funny now. Her hands are red and raw and the skin is scaling off her palms. Mrs Field, a 63-year-old grandmother is convinced her hands were burnt when she shielded her eyes from the blinding white light of an "unidentified flying object." She swears she saw the oval-shaped object approach from the sea as she was walking up the garden path of her home at Seaview Road, Parkstone, near Bournemouth. The lower half was enveloped in a bluish glow and two men in close-fitting silver suits with helmets like swimming caps were inside a dome at the top. "The light from the dome was terribly bright," she said. "I held up my hands to shield my eyes and watched from between my fingers. "I saw one of the occupants pointing down and I thought for a horrible moment it was going to land." Bournemouth coastguard believe her. They saw it too.

ASHTON & HAYDOCK REPRINTERS - ENGLAND  
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# More reports on that UFO sighting

MORE and more people are coming forward, in the Newton area, to admit seeing a UFO on the night of April 4-5, after the Reporter printed the story last week.

Among them are Mr. Ray Edwards and his wife Nell, of Wargrave Road, Newton. Mr. Edwards said he held back the news of his sighting for he thought no-one would believe him, but when he realised he didn't stand alone he was prepared to explain the details of his "first encounter". In the early hours of Wednesday morning April 5, Ray woke up sensing an unfamiliarity around his bedroom. It seemed unusually light, as if something bright were outside the window. Getting out of bed to see exactly what it was Ray was confronted by something he had never thought existed before... a flying saucer. Waking his wife, Nell, in order to confirm his story they both stood there to witness the craft move from a completely stationary position to an extremely high speed within a relatively short space of time. This description of the craft's agility is something which this sighting has in common with others of the same evening in virtually the same area. Ray explained even further: "It was circular and well lit up. It looked

quite big. I was on the docks in Southampton during the war and I've seen all kinds of planes, in the moonlight and in spotlights, but I've never seen anything like this. It was totally different." Ray's house backs onto houses in Park Avenue South, which runs parallel with Wargrave Road, and it is over these houses that the UFO appeared to be. Nell said: "It was stationary, and then it moved off and went like mad down towards the Vulcan Village." Something Ray can't quite fathom, however, is the fact that the machine was completely silent: "It was dead quiet," he said. "There was no sound of an engine, no noise whatsoever." "It is fascinating. I don't really know what it is, but I don't think it is a man-made affair." Ray concluded: "I used to scoff at the idea. Well, after seeing something like that, I'm convinced!" On the same evening, night shift workers at Simon-Vicars also witnessed what they claimed to be some form of space craft, and several other Newton residents have recently sighted a UFO too, of the same description at around the same time.

# Flashing UFO is spotted again

THE MULTI-COLOURED UFO which appeared in the night sky over Surrey and Hampshire has been spotted for the second time by caretaker Peter Inwood. Fifty-year-old Mr Inwood saw what he said was the same

object from his home at the village of Ash, Surrey, which he and Pc Alan Craggs observed the previous night. "It was there again last night. It was like a bright, flashing light going through various colours, white, yellow,

green, but not in any sequence. I watched it on and off for two hours. It was high and moving erratically. I still don't know what it can be," said Mr Inwood, a member of the Observer Corps during the Second World War.

Mr Inwood has called in the Surrey Investigation Group on Aerial Phenomena. And the Unidentified Flying Object Research Association are investigating. Said their co-ordinator, Mr Ken Phillips: "We will try to get together reports of the sightings, then co-ordinate the information and try to build up a picture."

The Ministry of Defence have ruled out that the sighting was an aircraft or a satellite.

SOUTH LONDON PRESS - ENGLAND  
\*\*\*\*\*APRIL 4, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

## Spy in the sky

AN UNIDENTIFIED flying object was spotted over Bath city centre this afternoon.

Advertising agency boss Mr R. W. Trowbridge said, "It looked like a miniature of a hot air balloon, it changed direction suddenly, as if it was being controlled. Then it disappeared into a heavy cloud." "It might have been a weather balloon," he added.

## Spaceman sighting 'not first'

A NINVESTIGATOR from a flying saucer research group revealed that the sighting of a 7ft "spaceman" at Risey, near Warrington, at the weekend was one of several in the same area.

Mr Stephen Balon of the Manchester-based Direct Investigation Group on aerial phenomena said AFTER INTERVIEWING Mr Ken Edwards, who claimed to have seen the spaceman: "I'm quite convinced he is genuine."

"He has seen something very unusual and quite possibly not of this earth. His description tallies with one or two others that have been given in the same area."

Mr Edwards, aged 39, of Barnes Avenue, Fearnhead, Warrington, claims he saw the spaceman as he was driving home from a meeting in Manchester in the early hours.

Said Mr Edwards: "I've always had an open mind about UFOs but now I definitely believe they exist."

MANCHESTER NEWS - ENGLAND  
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EVING STANDARD, LONDON, ENG.  
\*\*\*\*\*APRIL 6, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

# Down in the forest—a UFO

By Ian Morton

POLICE were searching part of Ashdown Forest in Sussex and carrying out radioactivity checks today after a UFO incident in which gorse was set on fire.

In a separate incident two men watched a multi-coloured UFO for more than an hour near Aldershot and a Farnborough woman reported that her young son had been frightened by a UFO.

The sightings are the latest in a series of UFO reports in the Surrey and Sussex areas, some of them by people with experience of aeronautical matters.

In the Kingstanding area of Ashdown Forest a 10-strong police squad searched the ground for a UFO said to have set fire to gorse at about 10.30 last night.

A resident at a nearby

farm reported a mystery object which fell from the sky and broke in two as it hit the ground, causing the fire, said Inspector Pat Regan, of East Grinstead.

Firemen put out the blaze. Police were checking for possible radioactivity as well as evidence of the falling object.

### Red white, blue

A policeman at Ash, Surrey, who was formerly in the RAF, said he watched a multi-coloured UFO for more than 20 minutes.

P-c Alan Craggs was called to Ash Walsh School by the caretaker who had been watching the object for more than an hour.

Both men saw the UFO change colour from red to blue to white and finally to green. It moved erratically in the sky over Twesledown, Aldershot, travelling north.

P-c Craggs, a one-time

corporal at RAF West Drayton, rang his old base, where it was confirmed that the RAF had no knowledge of the object.

At the same time a woman at Farnborough rang police to say her young son had been frightened by an object in the sky which gave out bright golden flashes as it hovered over playing fields.

● LOS ANGELES: What appeared to be a meteor flashed across the sky above Los Angeles leaving a trail of brilliant light and prompting hundreds of telephone calls (UPI).

PORTSMOUTH NEWS - HANTS., ENG.  
\*\*\*\*\*APRIL 4, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

# UFO's CLOSE ENCOUNTER WITH A GLC ESTATE

A MASSIVE housing estate in Walworth has been the unlikely setting for a close encounter of the first kind—sighting of an unidentified flying object.

About 20 people from the Brandon estate have been comparing their accounts of how the flats were "buzzed" by a UFO in the early hours of Good Friday morning.

Mrs. Mary Sutton, of 33 Crewdean House, was woken by her son Michael at 4.45 a.m. after he spotted a white light hovering between two blocks of flats on the estate.

Mrs. Sutton and 20-year-old Michael, who had just come in from work, spent

five minutes on the balcony of their 11th floor flat watching the UFO.

She says that the UFO, "a chandelier of brilliant white light in the shape of a diamond" criss-crossed and circled the estate without making a sound before slowly moving away, revealing a light blue fan like arrangement on its underside.

"The UFO was about 100 yards away from us and it must have been as big as a double decker bus. It didn't seem to have any wings but just hung there without making a sound" explained Mrs. Sutton.

"I know all the flight paths over the estate and it wasn't on one of those."

A further 19 tenants on the estate claim to have seen the UFO.

DAILY MIRROR, LONDON, ENG.  
\*\*\*\*\*APR. 28, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

# Bobbies hit the UFO trail

BRITAIN'S country bobbies are being lined up for an off-beat mission.

They're wanted for a flying saucer squad to monitor the movements of unidentified flying objects.

The idea for the patrol comes from America.

Devon and Cornwall police have been proposed for the experiment because of a number of recent close encounters with UFOs on Dartmoor.

By GEOFFREY LAKEMAN

Chief Constable John Alderson said yesterday that he had not yet received a formal request for help.

But he added: "I shall be interested to see what the American scientists have in mind."

"We have an open mind on the subject of UFOs and we are ready to help science."

The man who is linking up with American investigators is amateur UFO watcher David Kimberley, of Torquay.

He said one possible aid to UFO detection could be a device which measures vapour fall-out.

LICHFIELD MERCURY, ENGLAND  
\*\*\*\*\*APR. 21, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

# Kay sees UFO

YOUNG Kay Jeffries thought she was seeing things as she lay in her bed, looking out at the sky. And she was.

For just days after seeing strange flashing lights in the night sky, 10-year-old Kay, who lives at Ryhall Road, Great Casterton, read about UFOs in a national newspaper — exactly the same as the ones she had spotted.

But the mystery deepened when Kay, a pupil at Casterton Primary School, read that the lights had been seen in Surrey.

Bedtime became really

interesting when the sightings began.

"I saw one star which was blue and it was twinkling and flashing."

"I called mum and dad, and we watched it for about an hour, with binoculars."

"It flashed red and yellow and green and moved slowly across and down the sky."

"I know it wasn't an aeroplane, but at the time we thought it might have been a satellite."

"But now that we have read the story in the newspaper, we think it may have been a UFO," she said.

# MORE CLOSE ENCOUNTERS

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 TWO further UFO sightings have been reported by a mother and daughter living in Decoy Drive.

The mother, Mrs Nellie Evans, told the Gazette, 'We first saw the object on March 14 and then a week later on the 21st. It was over by the Downs—a very bright light. We watched it for about 10 minutes and then it suddenly whooshed off and was gone.'

Mrs Evans's daughter, Mrs Jeannette Villa Buil, saw the object again later on the evening of the 14th. Then it appeared to change colour and go down behind some trees.

by Robert Wells

'We are both very interested in UFOs,' said Mrs Evans. 'About 10 years ago my brother, who was a lorry driver, had one of the best ever sightings of an object while he was driving.'

'Since then my daughter and I have been on the lookout for anything unusual and now we keep the binoculars ready.'

'The objects we saw were definitely not planes. I am convinced there is something in all this.'

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Another unidentified flying object was sighted in the Eastbourne area by a Hampden Park man.

The sighting came shortly after 7 p.m. last Thursday week. Brodrick Road resident Mr George Webb was out in his back garden getting in some coal when he saw a bright light in the sky.

'It seemed to be some-

where over Willingdon Golf Course,' he told the Gazette. 'It looked like a star at first, but then got brighter.'

'I also heard a low humming or whining noise. I watched it for two or three minutes, and then it had gone.'

'I had a similar experience near Stonehenge back in 1940. A brilliant light was coming from a flying object and it gave off a similar humming noise, like a spinning top.'

The same night, Thursday, residents in Green Way, Old Town, reported seeing a bright flying object in the sky in the area of Jevington.

PORTSMOUTH NEWS, HANTS., ENG.  
 \*\*\*\*\*MAR. 31, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

## A flying saucer with a halo!

TEN-YEAR-OLD Susan Harris laughed when her brother said he had seen a flying saucer - but she's not so sceptical now because she believes she has seen a UFO herself...

And if she was having hallucinations, they were shared by two companions who saw the same mysterious object shining in the sky over Windlesham.

The date: March 20.

Susan was travelling along Church Road to her home in Heath Park Drive in a car with Mrs Margo Kenealy and her daughter, Paula (11), when they all noticed a strange bright light in the sky.

They described the object as roughly egg-shaped, silvery

white in colour, with a bright light flickering like a halo around one end.

They were certain it was not a trick of the moonlight.

Said Mrs. Kenealy (32), of Darby Green Road, Blackwater: 'At first, I thought it was a plane, but then I realised there was another plane nearby at the time, much smaller - and I could see coloured lights on it.'

'There were no coloured lights on the other thing. It was just a weird silvery mass.'

'None of us has seen 'Star Wars' so that hasn't put any fancy thoughts in our minds.'

Mrs Kenealy added that she

had not really believed in UFOs before - but now she had begun to wonder...

Susan said she had mentioned the incident at her school, Connaught School in Bagshot, the next day and another pupil claimed to have seen something similar a few weeks ago over Lightwater.

When her brother thought he had seen a flying saucer some time ago, she laughed because she did not believe him, she said. But seeing is believing - and she believes in them now.

Police say they have not received any reports of UFO sightings in the area recently.

## UFO's over Torbay

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 TORBAY citizens have definitely had close encounters of all kinds with UFOs.

This is the message of Mr. Richard Lawrence, of the Aetherius Society which records all UFO sightings, who will be speaking at the Tudor Cafe, St. Marychurch Road, Torquay, at 8 p.m. tomorrow evening.

In his speech, Mr. Lawrence, an ex-teacher who now spends all his time on UFOs will try to show Torbay that there is definite evidence that close encounters have taken place, and to persuade local people to start investigating.

SOUTHERN ECHO - ENGLAND  
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Andover: Five school children have said they saw a UFO near the town. Ray Booly of Tintagel Close King Arthur's Way told police it was round, and going across the sky near Charlton. Then it turned towards Enham. Four other pupils in the classroom say they also saw an object. 3128

## UFO with 'bright lights'

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 THE sighting of a UFO has been reported from Baglan, Port Talbot. Mrs. Hilda Lewis, who is staying with her daughter at Ty'm-y-Tawr, Baglan, reported having seen a UFO in the small hours of Sunday morning over the top of Blaen Baglan.

She said it was 1.10 a.m. and I noted the time carefully. This great bright thing with lights all round it and with a bright, white, tail flashed right over the top. It went very quickly. As quickly as a falling star. It seemed only a short distance away and about the size of an aeroplane but there was no noise.

'There were no coloured lights. Just a bunch of bright lights clustered around the main object and seemingly suspended from the tail.'

Mrs. Lewis said she had heard of other sightings at about the same time at Cowbridge and Cardiff but added: 'I called my daughter at the time but it was all over in a flash.'

# LA BOULE DE FEU DANS LE CIEL :

## Trois nouveaux témoins

**GUERET.** — Dans une précédente édition nous avons relaté les constatations faites par des habitants de la Creuse et du Puy-de-Dôme, mercredi matin, aux environs de 6 h. 50 et 7 heures. Voici que trois autres témoignages viennent s'ajouter aux précédents : trois habitants du lieu dit « Fourneaux », commune de Saint-Médard-la-Rochette, près d'Aubusson (Creuse). Ces témoins ont fait leurs déclarations aux gendarmes de la brigade d'Aubusson, donnant les mêmes descriptions : objet de forme circulaire, de couleur rouge, laissant une traînée orange et se déplaçant lentement et à basse altitude.

"LA MONTAGNE" - Clermont-Ferrand, France 2/18/78

### THE FIRE-BALL IN SKY: THREE NEW WITNESSES

**GUERET:** In another issue, we have related sightings done by some inhabitants from Creuse department and Puy-de-Dôme Department, Wednesday in the morning, about 6:30 a.m. Now, three other testimonies have been done and come in addition of previous statements: three inhabitants of "Fourneaux", hamlet of Saint-Médard-la-Rochete, close to AUBUSSON.

These witnesses have stated to the Gendarmes of Aubusson that: objects were shaped like a circle, red coloured, and leaving an orange trail behind them, and traveling slowly.

## Afirman que Explotó un OVNI en el Límite de Argentina y Chile

**SANTIAGO, Chile (ANSA)** — Un campesino de la zona austral de Chile denunció a la prensa local que vio un Objeto Volador No Identificado (OVNI), el que luego explotó en el sector fronterizo con la Argentina. La información fue suministrada por Sigifredo Subiabre, ex carabineero, quien dijo a los periodistas que, junto con otros pobladores lo vieron.

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### PEOPLE AFIRM THAT AN "UFO" EXPLODED IN THE LIMIT BETWEEN ARGENTINA AND CHILE.

A farmer of the south of Chile told to the local press that he had seen an unidentified flying object, that later exploded near the Argentine.

The information was given by Sigifredo Subiabre, who was an ex-carabineer. He also said that this event has been seen by another villagers.

## O.V.N.I. SUR BILBAO (BILBAO)

**E**ST-CE l'amorce d'une nouvelle vague d'O.V.N.I. en terre hispanique?

Si l'on en croit une dépêche provenant de Bilbao plusieurs centaines de témoins ont pu observer tout à loisir, la semaine dernière, les évolutions d'un engin en forme de cigare au-dessus de l'entrée du grand port espagnol.

Cet O.V.N.I. de grande taille, d'une couleur jaune vif, après être resté une vingtaine de minutes en sustentation à basse altitude s'est évanoui vers le large à très grande vitesse et dans un silence impressionnant.

"NOSTRA" - PARIS, FRANCE - MAY 3, 1978

### UFO OVER BILBAC

Is it the beginning of another UFO - flap in Spain? According to a wire from Bilbao, several hundreds of witnesses could see, very easily, in last week, manoeuvres of an engine cigarshaped over much of the great spanish harbor.

This very big UFO, vivid yellow coloured, after an hovering which lasted twenty minutes in a low altitude, vaished towards the sea with a very high speed an an impressive noiseless.

GLoucester CITIZEN - ENGLAND  
\*\*\*\*\*APR. 10, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

# Motorist, passengers saw UFO

**PASSENGERS** in a car travelling along the old Gloucester to Cheltenham road last night have reported a close encounter of the first kind with an unidentified flying object.

But whatever the orange and black oval-shaped object was, it wasn't seen on local radar scans.

They weren't working. For Staverton aircraft control had shut down, as had RAF Brize Norton and RAF Pershore.

Only RAF Lyneham was

operating, and had no trace of the object in the sky over Staverton.

The object was seen by welder Ted Powell, of Green Meadow Caravan Site, Staverton, and his friends as they were going for a drink.

"It was orange and black, and kept disappearing and re-appearing in another part of the sky. When we could see it, it was moving at a

terrific speed, and it kept changing direction."

Mr. Powell and three others in the car watched the UFO for about 15 minutes as it dodged across the sky.

"I have seen similar objects, but none so clear," he said, adding that he felt there could well be other beings 'out there.'

• A close encounter of the first kind is a near sighting, the second kind is visible evidence such as scorched earth, and the third kind is a sight or a meeting with the occupants of the UFO.

# Mystery objects seen in West sky

PLYMOUTHANS reported an encounter of the first kind at the week-end when mysterious objects were seen in the sky.

Eye-witnesses said they saw a long, metallic object, a thin and long white light, a round object bigger than a star, and a cigar-shaped object with a dome and flashing light between Saturday and yesterday morning.

The RAF are sending a file on the matter to the Ministry of Defence in London.

An RAF duty controller at Plymouth's Rescue Co-ordination Centre said yesterday: "It is the first time in my experience we have had so many sightings so quickly."

## Denial

He added that the reports did not correspond with aircraft movements in the area and denied that aircraft activity over South Dartmoor on Saturday was connected with the sightings.

Television and radio programmes about UFOs were broadcast over the week-end, and the film "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" is now showing in Plymouth.

The sightings were made by people at Leigham and Lee Mill in the early hours of Saturday morning and St. Budeaux and Mainstone yesterday morning.

# UFO that baffles expert opinions

ANOTHER UFO has been sighted over Surrey — and this visitor has the experts well and truly baffled.

Mrs Joan Farmer, of Avery Road, Pyrford, was walking home from Pyrford Church when she saw and heard something on the horizon.

"It was a bright, white light spreading across the sky, with red and blue lights appearing above it," said Mrs Farmer. "Just before the lights started, I heard a sort of crump-crump noise."

"It was like nothing I'd ever seen or heard before," she said. "The sound was like guns in the distance, but I know it wasn't guns because the noise was not sharp enough."

SURREY HERALD - CHERTSEY, ENG.  
\*\*\*\*\*APR 27, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

Mrs Farmer can well remember the sound of guns. She used to hear them during the bombing raids in the last war.

UFO buffs from two top aerial phenomena research organisations are puzzled by Pyrford's noisy visitors.

## Confirmed

"That type of noise is certainly not common in reported sightings," said Mr Norman Oliver, editor of the British Unidentified Flying Object Research Association journal. "Generally we find that the objects hum or buzz — some sort of continuous noise associated with movement."

Mr Omar Fowler, chairman of Surrey's research group, the Surrey Investigation Group for Aerial Phenomena, confirmed BUFORA's view.

"We have had a lot of sightings in Surrey during the last few weeks, and the lights Mrs Farmer saw fit into their pattern. But those noises are very unusual — in fact I think they're unique."

EAST GRINSTEAD COURIER, ENGLAND  
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# GIRL SEES UFO

THE MYSTERIOUS UFO which recently landed on Ashdown Forest and set fire to an area of gorse and bracken, was seen by Miss Sheila Larkin, 14, as she was being driven towards her home, Shepherds Gate Bungalow, along the Wych Cross to Colemans Hatch road.

Like Mrs Heather Nutting, who reported seeing the ball of fire descend, she is convinced it was not a military flare.

"Flares light up the sky and this was only glowing red. I kept seeing it through the trees as we drove along. It did not look like a dying flare. It was about four feet across, had a short incandescent tail. I reckon it was a fireball," she said.

Mr Ralph Loader, of Brenchley, Kent, his wife, Vivien, and their daughter, while visiting Tunbridge Wells, saw two objects manoeuvring in the sky in the direction of Ashdown Forest at about 8 pm the same night — Wednesday, April 5.

"We watched them for at least 15 minutes," said Mrs Loader. "At first they were a long way off and appeared to be upright and rocket shaped. Then they moved long ways towards Tunbridge Wells and passed overhead and out of sight from the room we were in. Flame was coming from the rear. They made no sound, had a long orange tailback and a very bright white light in front. It was this that attracted our attention to them. They were certainly not aircraft. My son is a pilot and he said planes could not manoeuvre in the way these objects did."

RICHMOND & TWICKENHAM TIMES - ENG.  
\*\*\*\*\*APR. 21, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

# Saw a mystery object in sky

A GROUP of children from Whitton school were among hundreds of mystified onlookers who observed a UFO earlier this month.

The sightings of the object, which kept changing colour, were made by six school-boys from the school while they were on a trip up the Thames at Cookham. Stephen Drake, aged 10, who was in the group, described the object as being like a shooting star in the night sky.

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"It was about 10 p.m. when we all saw this light, first one and then two. They went very fast across the sky and then vanished," he added.

The group of boys, which included David Laws, Richard Harris, Michael Gray, Patrick Doherty and Andrew Harn, all saw the UFO then ran back to their teacher, Mr. Peter Lymer.

"I could tell that they were being genuine," said Mr. Lymer, "they were really afraid of what they had seen—which was not surprising as it followed a series of odd occurrences on the trip."

Mr. Lymer also described how each of the boys had at one stage fallen overboard and also how the boat had broken down for no apparent reason.

One of the 11 children who made the round trip with two teachers from Runnymede to Abingdon, logged the voyage stating: "There were some strange coincidences on the trip and the flying saucer sighting capped it all."