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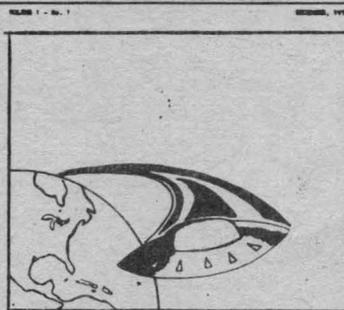


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**FORTEAN NEWS AND UFO EVENTS**

SYLVESTER, GA. - LOCAL  
\*\*\*\*\*JAN 4, 1979\*\*\*\*\*

# Who Else Saw the UFO In South Ga. Saturday?

by Bob Hunter

Did anyone in the Worth County area see a UFO Saturday? If so, it may have been the same one I saw in Brooks County.

My son Gerald and I had gone deer hunting along the Okapilco Creek swamp in northern Brooks. I put him

out on his stand and drove about a quarter mile east, and stopped at the edge of an old field. There was just a hint of light in the east. As I got out of my Scout, a great horned owl swooped quietly directly over my head. It disappeared in the darkness, and just that quick, another

came swooping over, so low I had to duck behind the vehicle door. It too sailed away, and I again turned north toward where I intended to take my stand in the woods.

At that moment a large, bright and very yellow light caught my attention. It was on an east-to-west course, about 700 feet altitude, making an estimated 200 knots. There was no green starboard running light, no red port running light, no white tail light and no flashing strobe light as required on all aircraft flights. The light passed directly over where my son was sitting, and rapidly grew fainter and disappeared. My watch said it was exactly 6:50 a.m.

The craft made no sound whatever. It was a very cold, still, frosty morning. As the object passed, I even cupped my ears toward it and left my mouth open to better catch any sound. Everything was so still you could have heard a housecat walking a block away.

I am no authority on unidentified flying objects, but I am a retired military

aviator with a specialty in nightfighting, am well experienced with all sorts of aircraft, so I know this was no illusion.

My son heard nothing as the craft passed directly over him. Two friends who were to join us later in the morning, one of them an experienced instrument flier, also saw the object, from the highway as they were driving in.

My only other experience with UFOs came some five years ago at our beach house on the Florida gulf coast. It was around 11 p.m. when my younger son Jamie came trotting into the front porch, calling us to see his UFO. At first I thought it might be a reflection; but then as we watched the object - again a large bright yellow light - move eastward, we could see its light interrupted several times by power lines which were between the craft and us.

UFOs don't alarm me, but they sure pose some interesting questions. If anyone saw the one Saturday, I'd like to know.

OCEANSIDE, CALIF. - BLADE-TRIBUNE  
\*\*\*\*\*JAN 4, 1979\*\*\*\*\*

## Is That A Saucer Or Is It Jupiter?

Editor's Note: Staff Writer Brent Procter is a native of New Zealand.

By BRENT PROCTER  
Staff Writer

OCEANSIDE — The purported UFO sightings over New Zealand, filmed by a television crew, have been greeted with both enthusiasm and skepticism by experts in North County.

CBS Evening News showed the footage on New Year's Day and The Blade-Tribune has been among those newspapers publishing international dispatches on the incident.

"I feel it is a very beautiful example of global communications," said Thomas Heiman, an associate director of the UFO Education Center at Valley Center. "Certainly, it is an important event," he said. "With that many people being involved, and their credibility, the reports have to be taken as factual."

Heiman further acclaimed the New Year's Eve sighting by saying: "This is one of the more significant and well-documented reports of any in history."

Dr. Michael A'Hearn, an astronomer from the University of Maryland on a field assignment at the Mount Palomar Observatory, said he was aware of the sighting but had not seen the television film.

"I would acknowledge there being any number of unexplained phenomena called UFOs," he said. "But there's no evidence of them being extra-terrestrial. Ninety-five percent can be explained.

"The remaining five percent do tend to defy explanation in terms of the information we have available to us. I don't attach any significance to this. UFOs have been reported for a long time. I can't imagine it (the television film) either adding to or detracting from the subject."

Australian television newsman Quentin Fogarty chartered a turboprop plane and was flying at night over the Kaikoura coast, along the eastern seaboard of New Zealand's South Island, when the alleged sighting occurred.

Fogarty said:

"I was doing a piece on-camera inside the body of the plane and was saying, 'Now we'll go upstairs to see if there's anything happening,' when the pilot yelled: 'Get up here, quick!'"

"There were bright globules of light pulsating and expanding and lighting up the foreshore and town of Kaikoura. We got frightened when Wellington radar control told us we had something on our tail.

"Then it was joined by four or five more. I thought once, maybe this is it, I was thinking of Valentich. I was scared stiff."

He was referring to Australia's most celebrated UFO case. Fredrick Valentich, 20, the pilot of a light plane that disappeared while flying over Australia's southeast coast Oct. 21 after radioing he had encountered an unidentified flying object.

**FOUR RED LIGHTS**

# UFO Sighting Reported

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What was that thing with the four red lights apparently flying over Tujunga Thursday night? Was it a UFO? Or does it have a more earthly explanation? The fact that The Record-Ledger received several calls on the sighting would certainly tend to underline the fact that something was up there.

Here is the account of the incident from Skeeter Cooke, 22, of Tujunga, one of the sighters:

He was walking home about 9 p.m. Thursday night from the vicinity of Lucky's Shopping Center to his home on Greeley Street when he saw something climb in the

description of the incident, he believes that there was about a 90 per cent chance that the object was probably an advertising plane. He explained that the long lighted tail of a small advertising plane at night can appear distorted from the ground. He also said that sightings around 9 p.m. do not interest them nearly as much as those after 11 p.m. and further on into the night. Light advertising planes such as small Cessnas make very little noise.

He said that he has averaged a total of 270 calls on UFO sightings in the past six months. Of these, perhaps one every two weeks or so he "finds interesting." This report he did not classify as such. He believes that there is a more earthly explanation.

Cooke is not satisfied with the explanation of a advertising airplane, which he believes could not in any way have performed such aerial feats as he witnessed and would not have been out in such weather. He would like to know if anyone else saw the same thing he did last Thursday evening?

sky straight upwards at a "great speed" from behind the mountains to the northeast above the Haines Canyon Debris Basin. He describes the object as a "four red lights in a square pattern." He says that it darted straight up for several hundred feet it halted momentarily, went in and out between clouds and vanished. The object made no sound. The sighting lasted about a minute.

This is also basically description from other witnesses.

However, a check with Foothill Division of the LAPD on Friday resulted in the watch commander for the day reporting no official entry was written down on the log by the night watch commander. The day watch commander also said that it had been ten years since he had received reports of UFO sightings in the area.

One of the foremost authorities on UFOs in Southern California is Alvin Lawson, a professor at Cal State Long Beach, and a resident of Garden Grove. From the

# Alto woman snaps UFOs... or maybe it was raindog

Mrs. Brenda Thomas of Alto last week took a picture of what she says was a stationary UFO near her home. The light, which she said was only visible when there was a cloud in front of it, and a similar one appeared simultaneously on both sides of the sun, and Mrs.



**BRENDA THOMAS TOOK THIS PICTURE ...of bright spot in clouds**

Thomas reported a similar appearance several weeks before.

Neighbors who saw the phenomena called them "raindogs," an apparently accurate description since Mrs. Thomas said it would rain three days after they appeared. The bright spots could have been caused by light reflecting from ice crystals in high-altitude clouds...or by alien visitors.

## OTHERS DID TOO

# In Predawn Sky She Saw Something

WATERTOWN, WIS. - TIMES  
\*\*\*\*\*JAN. 3, 1979\*\*\*\*\*

Sally Collett couldn't sleep early Thursday morning so she got out of bed and looked out the window. She wanted to know if it had snowed the night before because it was supposed to. Something had made her uneasy, though, like when her granddaughter walked in her sleep and woke Sally up. But that wasn't it.

She was looking at the ground trying to see if it had snowed and then she looked up and saw it, whatever it was. Something strange.

"It was kinda unusual," she said. "I wasn't scared or nothing; I mean, seein' somethin' like that could cause a body to take a heart attack. But I wasn't scared a bit."

She looked out the top of the window and at first she thought the bright light she saw in the sky might be an airplane in trouble. It was about 6:30 a.m. and still good and dark. So she watched.

"There was something real bright in the center, like a star only brighter, and it was, you know, kinda gold colored. But the thing, see, it was sparklin' like a fire-works. Things kind of shooting out all around it."

But that wasn't the best part. Already it didn't sound like an ordinary UFO. No cigar shape. No hovering. It was just there in the sky. It would get brighter, and dimmer. But it was what happened next that Sally was most interested in.

"It don't sound real, I know. But I know what I saw," she said. "I mean I'm 79 years old, but my eyes, they is real good. I can see anythin'. And I saw a man, just the top half of him, passin' across this thing, real slow, like he was a walkin'."

"He was movin' pretty slow, but all you could see was just his waist up and he was kind a heavy and stoop shoulder. You know — kinda bent over a little bit. And he just moved across in front a thing that was glowin and sparklin'."

"I know this don't sound right. It's so unusual. I ain't never seen nothing like it before. It's kinda unreasonable. So I hope somebody else see'd it besides me, and that's why I thought I'd call the newspaper."

Sally watched the object until dawn, but only once did the shadow of a man, his torso, a dark profile, pass in front of the glowing, sparkling light. It was so unusual she decided she should call the police and tell them about it. About 7 a.m. she made her first call.

Willie Ware, the desk sergeant who

### Street Talk

By Dan Luzadder



works the swing shift, has had all kinds of telephone calls the past 10 years. He was working when Sally called. The first thing he asked her was if this was a joke.

"It ain't a joke," she told him. So he sent an officer outside. She told him it was in the northern sky, however, and only later realized she was looking out a southeast window, she said. The officer came back and told Willie he didn't see anything. Willie told her to call back if she saw it again. She did call back.

The second time she called, Willie said he would have someone check it out. Then an even stranger thing happened.

"I got a call from another lady," he said. "She described the exact same thing to me. About the shadow of a man passing in front of this object that was kind of sparkling. That made me wonder." When Sally called back the third time, Willie went outside himself and took a look. He was still looking north. And he didn't see anything, but on the way back inside he ran into a maintenance man and was telling him what he was looking for.

"The maintenance man said he had talked to a woman in the computer department last week who had described seeing almost exactly the same thing one morning last week. He said she hadn't told anyone about it, though, because they might think she was crazy or something."

In all, Sally called Sgt. Ware four times. He didn't see anything. The control tower officials at Baer Field checked their log for the period from 6 a.m. to dawn Thursday. They had no reports of any unusual phenomena in the southeast sky, or elsewhere.

But Sally Collett knows what she saw.

"Maybe it was some kind of warnin', I don't know," Sally said. "I don't pretend to know what it was. They say there will be all kind of sights and wonders in the sky. Maybe it was one. It was way above the rooftops. But there was the make of a man walkin' like he was walkin' across the floor right there in the sky. That's what I saw."

## In Italy It's OVNI

Over the past several weeks the oggetto volante non identificato has been big in Italy. With a hole in the middle like a doughnut, yet, or maybe a bagel. Whatever, there've been dozens of sightings of an OVNI, or UFO, some by police and soldiers - on duty, and presumably as sober as judges.

Not only that, but the oggetto has been photographed in motion and stationary by a bank clerk whose camera sports a telephoto lens. That was in Palermo, where a lot of citizens observed a long, wide streak of light in the midnight sky, apparently made by some luminous thing in motion. A shot taken when it momentarily halted showed a disc of light with a hole in the middle.

In Rome dozens of people called police headquarters with reports of "an enormous beam of green light," which enthusiasts took at once to be an unidentified oggetto volante. Though there was no firm indication that it was of the doughnut-bagel type, excitement ran high all the same.

Someone has proffered the crass hypothesis that all this is just an elaborate hype for a new chain of pizzerias. We prefer to think that these OVNI maneuvers in Italy account for the recent dearth of UFO sightings here at home.

# It's a Bird...It's a Plane... It's a UFO...It's a Cabbage?

What's green, red and purple and flies high in the sky?

What do Jersey City and Jerusalem have in common?

It's a bird!

It's a plane!

It's a...UFO.

DOZENS OF SIGHTINGS have been reported since Dec. 22 in many areas of the world, including several that occurred Wednesday and Thursday along the New Jersey Coast.

Joseph Frank, an animal control officer; his father Joseph; brother Nick and wife Anna, said they saw a

"strange" object while driving in Jersey City Wednesday night.

The UFO was described as a brightly lit object that appeared similar to a blimp but was more rectangular than round. The Franks said it moved up and down very swiftly, like a helicopter.

The family observed the object from downtown Jersey City near the Hudson River for a couple of minutes between 6:30 and 7 p.m.

They decided to report their sighting on Thursday after they heard a similar report of a flying saucer Wednesday night in Brick Township.

IN THAT SIGHTING, Sgt. Charles Kelly said he received a call around 7:30 p.m. from an "excited citizen who said he saw a flying saucer.

"We didn't pay too much attention to the call until the man called back 10 minutes later and said it was still there," he said.

Kelly said the officer dispatched to the house, "saw something in the southeast sky, very high up. He observed it for about 20 minutes."

The officer didn't want his name made public, Kelly added.

The UFO "looked like a large balloon with a lot of lights. It was stationary until it disappeared," Kelly quoted the officer as saying.

Kelly said he checked with the Coast Guard, the Lakehurst Naval Station and McGuire Air Force Base but none had aircraft in the area.

He said the officer, who is a six-year veteran of the Brick Township police force, "just clammed up once the calls started coming in."

IN ALL, BRICK TOWNSHIP police said Thursday they received two anonymous calls reporting a UFO and heard a similar report from a retired police chief across

The bay in Mantoloking who observed something in the sky about the same time.

In Tennessee, more than a dozen Nashville Metro policemen reported sighting two UFOs hovering about 5,000 feet over the western part of the city early Thursday.

Officer Mike Smith said the objects were circular in shape and had red, blue, green and yellow lights circling around a large white light.

A RASH OF UFO sightings, from Israel to South Africa, were also reported only days after similar reports from Australia and New Zealand.

Israelis reported seeing lighted objects hovering, zigzagging and streaking through skies over the Holy Land from Haifa to Jerusalem. But the air force said nothing showed on the radar screens of Israel's air defense network.

THE FIRST in the series of recent "lights in the sky" reports was made Dec. 22 in New Zealand by a pilot who spotted an object shadowing his aircraft on its approach to Christchurch Airport on South Island. A second sighting in New Zealand was reported Wednesday.

A New Zealand woman Thursday offered a theory for the reported UFO sightings near her home — cabbage.

Mrs. Eru Pilcher of Kalkoura, near the Clarence River where a New Zealand television crew filmed so-called UFOs, explained, "I reckon what all these chappies are seeing is my cabbages reflecting off the clouds or something."

"I've got nearly a quarter of an acre of them — they are big beauties and their leaves shine in the moonlight."

WISCONSIN STATE JOURNAL - WISC.  
\*\*\*\*\*DEC. 18, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

## UFO sighted in Italy

BARI, Italy (UPI) — Dozens of patients and doctors in a local hospital reported sighting a vast luminous object moving silently along the Adriatic Sea horizon before dawn Sunday.

Bari police said they tried to calm patients by telling them the object was the predawn mail plane, but they admitted later that the plane was not in the vicinity of the sighting and that several officers had also seen the object.

Officials at the Bitono hospital in this small seaside town 285 miles southeast of Rome said patients and doctors alike saw the object, described as "long, metallic and emitting a bright yellow light."

The officials said the object flew at high speed over the city and then hovered silently on the horizon before picking up speed southward and disappearing into the night sky.

# DATELINE: HUDSON

BY JACK HASBROUCK

## UFO WEATHER

While driving through North Hudson Park the other day in the vicinity of 87 st., an odd thing happened which started me gazing from the window looking for little green men.

It was a radio news broadcast about seven employees of the Kuwait Oil Company who say that a flying saucer dropped in on them, stayed for seven minutes and then took off again.

It was the first report of a UFO in this case a flying saucer-visiting the Persian Gulf of Kuwait. Seven technicians for the company described the craft as a high cylindrical object bigger than a jumbo jet with a large dome and flashing red lights.

The men, including one American, said it landed and took off without a sound disrupting telecommunications and pumping activities while it was on the ground. After about seven minutes on the ground, it quickly disappeared into the sky and things returned to normal.

What did this have to do with North Hudson Park flying saucers and little alien men?

## NORTH HUDSON

### LANDING RECALLED

Well, it was about this time in 1975, that a resident of the Stonehenge apartment, and the doorman, claimed they saw a UFO land and take off from there.

The man was George O'Barski, 72 years old, who owned and managed a small liquor store in Chelsea. As was his habit, on this January morning, O'Barski, himself a teetotaler, closed the store about 2 a.m., headed home from New York on his way to an all-night restaurant in Fort Lee.

As he was taking a shortcut through the park his radio went dead, he said, he heard a droning sound, and a large, bright object flew by him over a row of trees, and was hovering about 10 feet above the ground.

O'Barski drove slowly watching the object with bewilderment. He described it as being about 30 feet in diameter, flat on the bottom with vejm-

cjgmsides and a domed top. Its maximum height was estimated at eight feet, surrounded with regularly spaced vertical windows. According to the account given, the object itself was dark but intense light shone from the windows, illuminating the earth below.

## SEES BAGMEN

The Stonehenge resident said as the object hovered, a vertical door opened and uniformed figures began to descend to the ground by what resembled some sort of a ladder. At least nine, possibly more, uniformed figures began to descend to the ground.

Wearing light colored coveralls, their faces were obscured by helmets. They were about three and a half feet tall.

They moved quickly each carrying a spoon-like object and little bag ven with a handle spooning - rt into the bags. They ascended as quickly as they had descended. The UFO then took off.

At his closest, the man said he was 60 feet away from the action. The entire incident took place in less than four minutes and the visitors paid no attention to him at any time.

O'Barski said that he went to his apartment sweating and scared and fearing to tell anyone of the incident for what they might think. Later, in the light of the day he went back to the park where the UFO had landed.

There, he said, he found about 15 little holes about five or six inches deep, he said, confirming his worst fears, and knew it was not a dream.

A subsequent investigation led to a doorman who had been on duty that night at the Stonehenge about 300 yards from the landing site. The man, William Pawlowski, had since left his job. Located a year later, he recalled the incident his story confirming O'Barski's in detail.

# UFO Sighted

Cawker City — According to a report in the Cawker City Ledger last week, a UFO was sighted by Mrs. Viola Kinche-

loe on New Year's Eve.

She described it as being "A throbbing brilliant orange light about twice as high as the tree tops and moving at a great speed toward the south." She and her husband had watched television until about midnight and decided to go to bed. A sudden bright light outside their bedroom window was the first indication that something was going on outside. Her husband looked out the back door and she looked out the south window. She said that the orange light left a smokey, steamy substance in its wake when it vanished.

Dorothy Reling, a neighbor across the street from the Kincheloe's, also was reportedly awakened by the bright light. She Kincheloe told the reporter that she was sure it wasn't a plane or a sundog or anything else, and was sure it was a UFO.

SAN FRANCISCO EXAMINER - CAL.  
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## Moon over Mount Diablo?

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# 3 UFO sightings in East Bay

Three sightings of UFOs over Mount Diablo were reported early today to the Contra Costa County sheriff's office — including one from a man who claims he was chased across the Bay Bridge by a glowing object.

Sgt. Bill Shinn said that he had not yet seen any reports on the sightings and could offer no other details.

"We think it was nothing more than a bright light over Mount Diablo," Shinn said. "It may have been a reflection from Venus."

Ranger Mary Skinner, who lives on Mount Diablo, said while she saw nothing unusual last night, she did spot something "a couple of weeks ago."

"It was like a light, foggy cloud that glowed and had a dark object in the center, shaped like Saturn with rings around it," she said. "It was very strange."

Wainut Creek police said today that they received no UFO reports during the night. "It was probably the moon," one officer said.

# UFOs sighted at missile sites

7424 UFO SIGHTINGS

## Secret Defense reports bared

*Washington Post*  
WASHINGTON — During two weeks in 1975, a string of the nation's supersensitive nuclear missile launch sites and bomber bases were visited by unidentified, low-flying and elusive objects, according to Defense Dept. reports.

The sightings, made visually and on radar by air and ground crews and sabotage-alert forces, occurred at installations in Montana, Michigan and Maine, and led to extensive but unsuccessful Air Force attempts to track and detain the objects.

Air Force and Defense Dept.

records variously describe the objects as helicopters, aircraft, unknown entities and brightly lighted, fast-moving vehicles that hovered over nuclear weapons storage areas and evaded all pursuit efforts.

In several instances, after base security had been penetrated, the Air Force sent fighter planes and airborne command planes aloft to carry on the unsuccessful pursuit.

The records do not indicate if

the fighters fired on the intruders.

The documents also give no indication that the airspace incursions provoked much more than local command concern.

But a Nov. 11, 1975, directive from the office of the secretary of the Air Force instructed public information staffers to avoid linking the scattered sightings unless specifically asked.

The Defense Dept. position, cited in that memo and reiterated

yesterday by a departmental spokesman, is that formal investigation of unidentified flying objects ended in 1969 and that there were no plans for renewed Air Force investigation.

Yet another Air Force intelligence report indicated extensive interest in a 1976 incident over Iran, when two Iranian Air Force F-4 Phantom fighter planes were scrambled to encounter a brightly lighted object in the skies near Tehran.

The object was tracked by Iranian ground radar, seen independently by the crew of a commercial airliner and pursued by the F-4s, which, according to the report, experienced a breakdown of their electronic communications devices when they neared the object.

The report, compiled by American officials, said that the electronic weapons system of one of the planes went dead when its pilot prepared to fire an AIM-9 missile at a smaller object that appeared to roar out from the larger vehicle.

PHOENIXVILLE, PA. - EVENING PHOENIX  
\*\*\*\*\*JAN. 10, 1979\*\*\*\*\*

### NO UFO

## Police Deceived By Spectacular Moonset

Two Norristown borough police officers sighted a large glowing orange ball in the sky and gave chase in their patrol car until it disappeared.

Their reports over the police radio early Tuesday triggered a rash of sightings in central Montgomery County of a bright white object moving eastward.

And in Chester County, a Schuylkill Township officer was asked to check out a number of calls about a sighting on Valley Forge Mountain.

But alas, a scientist took the mystery out of the moonlight pursuit by identifying the unidentified flying objects.

The Norristown policemen were mooned, so to speak, according to George Hamilton, director of the Fels Planetarium at the Franklin Institute.

Neither officers Walter Miller or Ronald Sereny was available for comment, but their report described the sighting of a "large, glowing, burnt-orange colored object ... approximately four times the size of a full moon" that descended rapidly toward the

ground and disappeared.

"Unless they can distinctly remember seeing the moon," said Hamilton, "this description 100 percent fits that of the setting moon."

Hamilton continued: "It's not unusual for the moon to take on an orange cast and appear greatly enlarged and distorted just before it sets." He noted the moon set at 3:58 a.m. Tuesday, 15 minutes after the Norristown officers saw the UFO, and its southwestern location coincided with the moon's.

But what about the bright white object observed by patrolmen from East Norriton, Plymouth, Montgomeryville and Conshohocken? A Whitemarsh officer reported that he was trailing the thing toward Philadelphia.

Well, the planet Venus is at its most brilliant phase at this time of year, and Tuesday, as fate would have it, Venus rose two minutes after the sighting by Miller and Sereny.

By 4 a.m., the moon had set and Venus stood aloof, the brightest object in the sky.

# Milkman Says He Saw UFO Too

By GREG VELLNER  
Today's Post Correspondent

Walter Green routinely travels the Pennsylvania Turnpike during the early morning hours, delivering milk to his many customers throughout eastern Montgomery County.

But, Tuesday morning was not routine for the 48-year-old milkman from Trevoze. It was the morning Green had a close encounter with an unidentified flying object.

It was about 3 a.m. as Green, travelling west on the turnpike, approached the Willow Grove interchange. He was preparing to exit and make deliveries to some area schools.

**SUDDENLY, HOVERING OVER**  
the Willow Grove area was a bright,

orange colored, circular object. It was at least three times the size of the moon, he recalled. Green couldn't believe his eyes.

"It caught my eye because all of a sudden there was this very, very bright orange thing. The orange color and the glow was tremendous," he said. "I looked at it and said, 'My gosh what is this?'"

Green reasoned the UFO to be a visitor from some unknown world.

"When I first saw it, a UFO was the first thing that came to my mind," Green stated.

**AS QUICKLY AS IT APPEARED,**  
the UFO vanished. "I don't know what happened to it," he said.

Green was hesitant about relating the incident to anyone, afraid that people would say he had only imagined the UFO. But, when Green read an article in Wednesday's To-

day's Spirit concerning a similar UFO sighting by policemen in the Norristown area, he felt a lot better.

"I was greatly relieved when I heard that they (the policemen) had seen it," he said. Green wanted to convey his story to help support the story given by the policemen.

The first of several sightings of UFO's was reported by two Norristown officers at 3:43 a.m. in communities from Lower Merion to Lower Gwynedd. The sightings could lead to a federal investigation.

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## UFO sighting backed by others

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Whatever Ron Perdue saw in the sky near Polk Community College Thursday morning, several other people saw it too.

The Winter Haven Police officer reported that he saw a round glowing object about 150 feet in diameter about 1,500 feet in the air. Perdue said he watched the object for about two and a half to three minutes before it moved straight up in the air until it appeared to be about the size of a basketball and headed away toward the southeast.

Perdue said he went back to where he had seen the object this morning and he is convinced it was not the planet Venus nor a bright star.

Perdue also said he has received about a dozen phone calls from people in the area who also saw something strange in the early morning sky Thursday.

Perdue reported his sighting about 4 a.m., which was about an hour after high school band students were greeted by local citizens when they returned from the Tournament of Roses Parade in California.

Captain Dale McDonald, head of the patrol division, said Thursday the department has no plans to forward Perdue's report to other authorities for further investigation.

hover 500-600 feet above his car on W. Germantown Pike.

Scientists at Fels Planetarium in Philadelphia reported the object could have been a celestial body, but further police reports indicated the UFO was seen on two different horizons.

The National Weather Service reported the skies were clear all through Tuesday morning, with the moon setting at 3:58 a.m., the planet Venus rose at 3:45 a.m.

Despite the scientific explanations, Green is convinced he saw a UFO not a celestial body. Prior to the incident Green didn't believe in the existence of UFO's. But, the bright, orange colored object was enough to change his mind.

"I really believe it," he said. "No one could change my mind." Green said he is now a "definite" believer in UFOs.

# UFO Sighted Near Ona

By ROGER McQUOWN

Shortly after the Monday night television news carried accounts of a UFO sighting off New Zealand, an Ona man filed what may be the first documented report of a UFO in Hardee County.

At 1:39 a.m. Tuesday, Joe Guerrero, 40, reported to the Hardee County Sheriff's office that he had seen an unidentified flying object hovering over the pasture behind his home.

A spokesman at the sheriff's office said other sightings of UFOs have been made in Hardee County, but this may be the first one to be documented.

Sgt. Gordon Stephens, who investigated the incident, says he has forwarded a report of the sighting to UFO Headquarters in Seattle, Washington, for further investigation.

The object, which Guerrero described as being "tremendous in size" was seen by him about 1:30 a.m. approximately 200 yards north of S.R. 64 in Ona.

He said he was sitting in his pickup truck when he heard something that sounded like the rushing of air similar to the sounds made by jet engines from inside an aircraft.

"All of a sudden it was just there," Guerrero told The Herald-Advocate in a telephone interview Tuesday night.

"At first I thought it was a jet or a helicopter," he said, "but when I looked up, it was something I had never seen before."

Guerrero says he watched the object for a few seconds then got out of his pickup to tell his wife and friends to come out and

see it when he could not figure out what it was.

But as he left the truck, Guerrero said the object just went straight up in the air until it was out of sight.

"He was really going quick," he said.

He could only see the three lights underneath the object as it left, which was all his wife saw, as it sped out of sight.

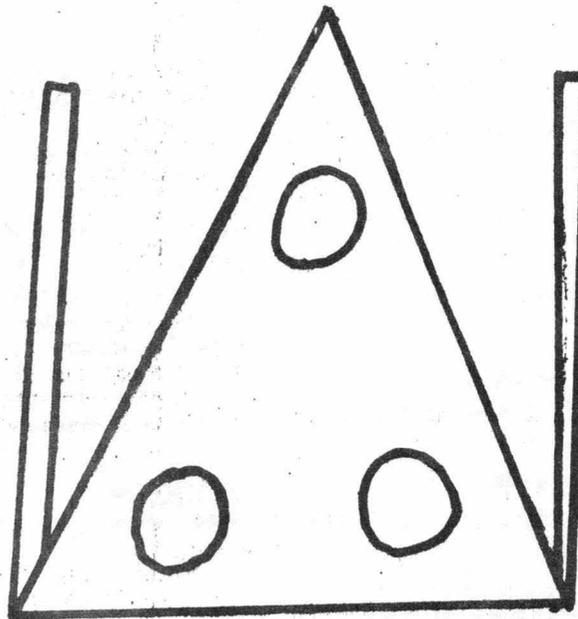
Guerrero said the object was

about a few hundred feet off the ground when he first saw it, but admitted he could not judge distances very well. It was lower than the clouds, he said.

He drew a picture of the object for Sgt. Stephens report and described it as being about the size of two city blocks. Later he said it was about the size of a large jumbo jet.

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Drawing Of UFO Sighted In Ona

The drawing above is similar to the one an Ona man drew for a sheriff's deputy to describe the bottom of a UFO he had seen behind his home early Tuesday morning. He said it was as large as two city blocks with two antenna the size of telephone poles and three holes the size of his trailer, which contained a blinking reddish colored light.

## UFO Reported

**BRICK TOWNSHIP** — A handful of township residents said they saw an unidentified flying object hover over the water behind the Waterside Apartments, off Drum Point Road here.

A patrolman who preferred to remain anonymous was dispatched to the scene and said, "It was the weirdest thing I ever saw. It looked like a balloon with lots of lights around it."

Spokesmen at the Lakehurst Naval Air Engineering Center, McGuire Air Force Base and the Coast Guard all said that no activity had been taking place from their bases.

However, a veteran airline pilot

from Point Pleasant Beach with 16,000 hours flying time, who also preferred to remain unidentified, said what residents actually had seen was two planes.

# Believe In UFOs? Police Do

By DON RUSSELL  
Of Today's Spirit Staff

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Sightings of unidentified flying objects by several police officers in the Norristown area early Tuesday morning could lead to a federal investigation.

The UFO's, the first of which was seen by two patrolling Norristown police officers at 3:43 a.m. were observed by police in communities from Lower Merion to Lower Gwynedd Township.

In Norristown, Sgt. Walter Miller and Officer Ronald W. Sereny reported they saw a bright, burnt-orange colored ob-

ject in the southwestern skies while on patrol at the Airy Street Bridge.

In East Norriton Township, Officer William Scheetz said he saw what may have been the same object hover 500-600 feet above his car near Wood's Golf Center on W. Germantown Pike.

LATE TUESDAY, scientists at Fels Planetarium in Philadelphia reported the object could have been a celestial body, but further police reports indicated the UFO was seen on two different horizons.

Tuesday afternoon, Police Chief Joseph P. Interrante said he would not allow any interviews with the two Norristown officers until federal in-

vestigators spoke with them.

"From what I know from the past," said Interrante, "the government people will want to be talking with them."

According to a report of the incident filed by Miller and Sereny, the object, described as being four times the size of a full moon, was seen in the southwestern skies for about one minute.

Then, while the two officers were in their patrol car on the Airy Street bridge, the object appeared to move "very quickly" to the right across the sky, according to the police report.

THE REPORT said that the object then descended very rapidly to an area

that appeared to be in the vicinity of the Jeffersonville Fire Co. on Main Street in West Norriton Township, about 1½ miles from the bridge.

Officer Scheetz, who was patrolling at the time in East Norriton, said he heard the Norristown officers radio ahead to West Norriton police to report that they were pursuing the object on W. Marshall Street.

Scheetz joined the chase and soon saw a similar object near W. Germantown Pike. He said he got out of his car and watched the UFO hover about 500 to 600 feet above him.

"It was as bright as a pumpkin," said Scheetz. "But then, in a matter of a se-

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cond it disappeared. It was like someone put out the lights."

Miller and Sereny reported they continued toward the Jeffersonville Fire House where they once again saw the object in the direction of W. Germantown Pike. There, the two reported, it remained stationary for about 10 minutes, descended, and then disappeared.

ACCORDING TO Craig Moser, a supervisor for Montgomery County police radio which was handling all the police reports of the UFO Tuesday, Willow Grove Naval Air Station reported the object in the sky was the planet Saturn.

Police in Plymouth Township reported they saw a red colored object about a half-hour after the initial sightings. This object, they said, was smaller than the first and remained stationary for about one hour on the eastern horizon.

Officer John Carsner of Plymouth said he sighted the object after 4 p.m. The object, described as smaller than a full moon, was orange, but turned red, he said.

George Hamilton, director of Fels Planetarium, said the object spotted by police could have been Venus, which was southeast and very low in the sky, Saturn, which was in the south, but higher.

The National Weather Service reported the skies were clear all through Tuesday morning.

"IT DEFINITELY wasn't any moon or a planet," said Scheetz. "It was too low and too big. I'm not saying I believe in UFOs, but there was definitely something there."

OIL CITY, PA. - DERRICK  
\*\*\*\*\*FEB. 13, 1979\*\*\*\*\*

## 3 Report UFO Near Grandview

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Three young men reported seeing an unidentified flying object shortly before 8 pm Sunday near Grandview Health Care on Grandview Road.

Brian Rosenkranz, Blaze Gabreski and Kim Boyle of Hasson Heights described the object as "mostly orange with a rod at the front with green and red flashing lights."

They said it had a rudder on top with a hook that spun counterclockwise. It appeared to hover over the three briefly and minutes later dropped a red, brick-shaped object.

"In a matter of seconds the UFO became very bright and quickly disappeared," they said.

## Illusion Possibly Created by Setting of Venus

# Another UFO Sighting Reported

The second sighting in as many days of an unidentified flying object was reported today to the Sun-Gazette.

Shane Rucker, 12, of 712 West Southern Avenue, South Williamsport, said he and a friend, Jim Miller, 7, of 8 West Southern Avenue, noticed a "disc-shaped, pinkish light," in the western sky about 6:15 p.m. yesterday.

Shane said they were ice skating

in the 500 block of Matthews Boulevard, South Williamsport, and he had been "teasing Jim about UFO's," when they saw the light "across the Susquehanna moving up and down like a roller coaster, then zig-zagging," before it went down and out of sight.

A staffer on duty last night at the flight control tower at the Williamsport-Lycoming County Airport, Montoursville, said he

received no calls about the phenomenon, nor did he see anything himself.

He said the sighting could have been an illusion created by the setting of the planet Venus.

According to a report published today in the Philadelphia Inquirer, a sighting about 3:45 a.m. yesterday by Norristown police officers was explained as being refracted beams from a setting moon. At that time, Venus is rising while the moon sets, making the planet the brightest light in the night sky.

According to that report, the "moon illusion," behaved much in the same manner as the light seen by the two South Williamsport boys.

The article quotes H. George Hamilton, director of the Fels Planetarium at the Franklin Institute in Philadelphia, as saying the illusion can give off a sense of motion, when light is filtered and bent through the dustier layers of the atmosphere and seen against a closer reference point, like a tree or even a mountain.

There were a number of other sightings by other policemen reported in the article. Most of those sightings also were assumed to be caused by Venus.

About 7:30 a.m. yesterday, Charles A. Mann, of Muncy RD 5, reported seeing a "big, round ball, yellow in appearance," flying overhead. He said he later saw the ball "shoot up into the sky and disappear."

NORRISTOWN, PA. - TIMES HERALD  
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### Possible UFO Sighting:

# Wasn't Moon He Saw, Says Borough Officer

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A planetarium director says two borough police officers who reported seeing a large, glowing orange ball in the sky might have been fooled by the setting moon.

But one of the officers told the Associated Press Wednesday that he wasn't fooled, and the sight he saw was no common celestial event.

"Unless they can distinctly remember seeing the moon, this description 100 percent fits that of the setting moon," said George Hamilton, director of the Fels Planetarium at the Franklin Institute in Philadelphia.

"It's not unusual for the moon to take on an orange cast and appear greatly enlarged and distorted just

before it sets," Hamilton said. He noted the moon set at 3:58 a.m. Tuesday, 15 minutes after the Norristown officers said they saw a UFO, which had a southwestern location that coincided with the moon's.

Miller said, however, that he sticks by his account, that he and Officer Ronald Sereny sighted something else.

"There was no comparison," Miller said Wednesday, declining further comment on orders from his chief until federal officials arrive to investigate. Miller would not say if he remembered seeing the moon at all Tuesday.

Sgt. Walter Miller and officer Ronald Sereny set off a rash of reported UFO sightings in central Montgomery County with their reports over the police radio.

The report by Miller and Sereny described the sighting of a "large, glowing, burnt-orange colored object . . . approximately four times the size of a full moon" that descended rapidly toward the ground. The two gave chase in their patrol car until the object disappeared.

A bright, white object in the sky also was reported by patrolmen following the thing toward Philadelphia.

Jim Simon, deputy chief of the Federal Aviation Administration in Philadelphia, said the planet Venus appears very large for a star and is frequently reported as an unidentified flying object.

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PORTLAND, TENN. - LEADER  
\*\*\*\*\*FEB . 1, 1979\*\*\*\*

## UFO SIGHTING

(Editor's note: Since most observations of UFOs are suspect, to say the least, and since we (The Portland Leader) are now running a six installment series on the subject, we have opted, with their approval, a news story written by Gary Pryor in the Gallatin Examiner. At least the scofers of UFOs will not be able to say that we wrote the story to compliment our UFO series. So read this news item then read the second installment about UFOs on page 2.)

An unidentified flying object was sighted shortly after 5 a.m. Thursday by the Portland Police Department and the Tennessee Highway Patrol.

Nancy Mitchell, dispatcher for the Portland Police Department, stated that trooper Larry Link had watched the object for 45 minutes and had directed her attention to it.

Mitchell said the object, which appeared from Portland City Hall to be over the Fountain Head area, was about the size of a softball and that it would move around and change colors and flash continuously.

Mitchell stated that the object was definitely ball shaped, and that there was no doubt in her mind that the object was not an airplane or helicopter.

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The object then simply disappeared from view.

Even more bizarre was a distress call Mitchell received from Sumner County Sheriff's Department Deputy Steve White.

White called Portland and said that he had car trouble, that the car would not start and the lights were out. When Mitchell told him of the UFO, he told her to quit the joking and send someone with jumper cables.

Shortly afterwards, following the disappearance of the UFO, White radioed the Portland dispatcher and said his car was running and to disregard the distress call.

As of presstime, no further details on the incident were available.

JEFFERSON CITY, TENN. - STANDARD BAN  
\*\*\*\*\*JAN 25, 1979\*\*\*\*\*

## Rocky Valley woman spots UFO

An unusual sighting in the sky was reported in the Rocky Valley community last week.

Mrs. Evelyn Ramsey said that she and her husband observed two flying objects, UFO's for lack of a more specific term, hovering low in the eastern sky.

"The one on the left was exceedingly bright," she said, "and the other one would change colors, al-

most like it was signaling to the other one."

The bright object stayed in one position for almost two hours while the other one kept moving higher and farther away during the same time period, she said.

"It was definitely not a plane," Ramsey said. "One of them was so low in the sky you could almost make out its form. It was sort of egg-shaped."

Two of her neighbors reported seeing UFO's on the same night. One saw the same two while another saw five. The neighbors could not be reached for comment.

This was not the first time that strange things have been seen in the sky near her home, Ramsey said. She said she had been observing UFO's for the last year and a half.

RICHMOND, CAL. - INDEPENDENT  
\*\*\*\*\*JAN 16, 1979\*\*\*\*\*

## UFO sightings on Mount Diablo

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MARTINEZ — Sheriff's deputies said they received calls from three persons early today claiming they sighted unidentified flying objects.

One of the county residents, whose name was not immediately available, claimed that between 3 and 5 a.m., a UFO chased him across the Bay Bridge.

The other two said they saw mysterious bright lights hovering over the 3,849-foot Mt. Diablo. Deputies downplayed the reports, noting the atmosphere was unusually clear after a rainstorm. Officers thought it could be the affects of an unusually bright planet Venus.

Ranger Mary Skinner from Mt. Diablo State Park said neither she nor other rangers on the mountain saw anything unusual early today. But, said Ms. Skinner, "I saw a light cloud with a dark object in the center two weeks ago. It was in the shape of Saturn. It was very strange."

QUINCY, MASS. - PATRIOT LEDGER  
\*\*\*\*\*FEB 7, 1979\*\*\*\*\*

## UFO sightings in Quincy area

QUINCY — Lights flashed on and off at the Quincy police switchboard last night as dozens of residents flooded the station with calls of sightings of those strange unidentified flying objects more commonly called UFO's.

"A Duxbury woman even got off the Southeast Expressway to call us," a police spokesman said.

"Her call came in at 11:47 and she said she saw a red, blue and green oblong object hovering over the Expressway between the Mass. Avenue and Freeport Street exits.

"She said it had a slight trail and then it suddenly disappeared," the spokesman said, adding that all the people who called in seemed rational.

A Quincy woman also called a few minutes later saying she spotted a green object over Vassall Street.

A spokesman at Logan Airport operations said he knows of no new flight patterns in which planes would be flying low, either landing or taking off.

But Merlyn Sheehan of Braintree, coordinator for the Mutual Unidentified Objects Network (MUFON) said she hadn't seen anything or heard of anything last night, but the sightings would be consistent with other sightings in this area over the past two months.

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) did not pick up anything unusual on their radar screen at Logan Airport last night.

By **BARBARA LA GANIERE**  
U.S. Forces in Germany

## Chased through the night...

"Look at this thing beside us," my husband said. "It's been following us for 15 minutes..."

My husband and I and our two sons had been driving all night, from Ft. Lauderdale to Charleston Air Force Base, SC, en route to Germany.

It was 4 a.m. on Sept. 3, 1976. The boys were asleep, and I had been dozing.

I looked where my husband pointed, and there was something like nothing I had ever seen before. It was like a stack of upside-down Vs, about 50 feet high, so intensely bright it hurt my eyes to look at it.

It flashed on and off — each time in a different spot, but staying right beside us above the trees. There was nobody else on the road.

Finally we turned off toward Savannah. I was relieved not to be on the highway any more — but when I turned around and looked, there was this UFO right behind us.

My boy Jimmy woke up, and was

afraid to look at it after the first glance. My husband was getting nervous.

He kept saying, "I hope we don't run out of gas!" He told me not to look around any more.

We had to go over a bridge into Savannah, and I couldn't help it. I looked once more. There it was over the bridge. And a fraction of a

# by a UFO

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second later it was over the center of the city.

When we got to Charleston, I bought a newspaper, but I guess it would have been too soon to expect to see something about it.

And I didn't have time to check later newspapers, because we were leaving for Germany.

But I'm sure somebody in Savannah must have seen what we saw. What was it, and why was it following us? We'll probably never know.

Yes, there's something out there, unknown to us. Something so big that we just don't have the answer...

GARDNER, MASS. - NEWS  
\*\*\*\*\*JAN. 4, 1979\*\*\*\*\*

## They Saw Something...

The weather was unseasonably warm for the next-to-last night of the year.

An overcast sky gave a forewarning of rain, which would wash away winter's snow and perhaps dampen merrymaking on the soon-to-come New Year's Eve.

A handful of Boy Scouts ending 1978 in a fashion befitting scouts — spending it at Camp Collier — decided to go for a walk about 7:30 p.m. while their comrades attended a church service.

Twenty minutes later, the four boys burst into a Collier cabin and, with eyes open wide, related a tale of glowing white spheres and flashing lights.

The U.S. Air Force, which investigates unidentified flying objects (UFOs), has yet to contact the boys' adult leader, John W. Giles, about the sighting. But fame, albeit fleeting, found the boys and their leaders through the 6 o'clock news Tuesday.

Giles, first to hear the scouts' story Saturday night, said the mother of a scout who did not participate in the sighting called Boston's Channel 5 TV station to file a report. Then she called the Air Force.

Channel 5 responded, sending a film crew to visit the Camp Collier locale of the sighting. The results aired Tuesday evening.

Giles, who did not see the UFO, said the

scouts under his charge no doubt did see something.

"They saw something," Giles said. "They can fake a story but they can't fake expression."

He said the scouts, Craig Pultorak, 13, David LeClair, 12, Edward Robbins, 11, and John Giles Jr., 11, described seeing a "big, white ball, a sphere, hovering over the girl scout camp" as they walked along the shore and on the ice at the then-frozen Lake Wampanoag.

"They said they watched it for a while, then it moved to meet up with another one and poof, they were gone," Giles said.

He said he was unsure what the scouts meant by "poof" — whether the objects flew off or simply disappeared like a snuffed-out light.

Giles said he served in the Air Force intelligence sector and UFOs were not unbelievable to him. But, he added, he has never seen one.

The scouts, Giles said, had not been discussing UFOs before they left the cabin for their walk, nor had the celebrated New Zealand sightings made headlines as of Saturday night.

Giles said the UFO reports he read about while in the Air Force were interesting, and indicated some were similar to the Camp Collier sighting.

"They read like fiction," he said, "but then again, who knows?"

# UFO sighted over Jughandle

by Tim Novoselski

A brilliant object described as "shiny with a metallic sheen" was reported hovering over Jughandle Mountain early Friday morning.

It was the day after UFO sightings were reported from Australia, New Zealand, and Israel. It was the most exciting phenomenon in McCall since the last sighting of Sharlie, the fabled prehistoric monster in Payette Lake.

Deni and I were trying to get a couple more winks of sleep before enjoying our first cup of coffee when the phone rang at about 6:20 a.m. last Friday. "Your turn," I told my wife. "I answered our last early-morning call."

She stumbled to the kitchen, picked up the phone, and I heard her say, "You're kidding! Really? . . . O.K. Thanks. Good-bye."

Deni explained that a friend said he and his wife saw a UFO floating above Jughandle -- and that it had been changing positions. Fantastic, I thought.

Since a very early age I have believed in ghosts (or at least in certain spirits that don't move on after death) and UFOs. I have had my experiences with ghosts, but not a flying saucer. This was it!

Deni and I looked out our bedroom window but couldn't see anything at first. Then, between the trees there was something. It was extremely bright. "That must be it," said Deni. "See it?"

"I don't know," I replied, hoping it was but wanting to be absolutely certain. "Could be a bright star. I'll go outside to get a better look."

I squinted at the gleaming object. Hmm, I muttered to myself while my dog, Meadows, tugged at my bathrobe. It's sure a heck of a lot brighter than anything else around. I then went to the phone and called a naturalist-biologist friend of mine in Lake Fork. He would have a great view at Jughandle from his farmhouse.

original informant.

"Are you sure it's not a star?" I asked.

"Are you kidding," he replied. "That's no star. This is bright, and bigger than any light in town except maybe the Timber Lake Condominiums across the way. From our window it's huge."

He went on to tell me that he and two other couples had been watching it for an hour and a half from their respective homes. They were all quite excited. One couple insisted it had a strange disc around it.

"We've been looking through binoculars and it's no star," he continued on the phone from his home on

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a metallic sheen to it.*

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Warren Wagon Road. "It appears to have a metallic sheen to it. Wait!" He paused. "I think it just moved up a little."

I felt a tingle at my back, hung up the phone, rushed outside to look above Jughandle once again, and was by now pumped up. I felt fluids pounding at my temples.

There! It moved! I was certain. It's going to swoop down here any moment.

Doggone it, I yelled as I slapped my right fist into my open left hand. If only I hadn't left my camera at work. What if it comes closer? I'll miss the shot of the century.

Then, during some further discussions with the Warren Wagon Road resident, the idea hit me. A freelance writer friend of mine lived just off Farm-To-Market Road and would have an excellent view of this UFO. And, more important, he always has cameras at home.

reporter you can find where the planets are located within the different constellations."

The adrenalin that was once surging through my body started to slow down. It was becoming deflation time, although the naturalist did offer some consolation.

"But if everyone is looking lower, just slightly above Jughandle, there is something I can't explain," he said. "It's kind of dim, and you can't see it very well when looking straight at it. You can see it at the corner of your eye when looking at something else. But there is a lot of ground fog this morning."

He explained that the combination of fog and smoke from the wood and oil furnaces formed various clouds 500 to 1,000 feet up. These clouds would often catch light and reflect it back.

Oh well.

"By the way," he said, wrapping up the conversation. "Did you know I was standing out there in just my pajamas and now I notice it's 20 degrees below zero?"

My goodness, I thought. I too had been out in the arctic, with just my bathrobe, but never felt uncomfortable.

"Well, too cold to go skiing," I said to a bewildered Deni as the next call came through.

"I think it's Venus," said the freelance writer.

"Naw," I said, as would any new expert on astronomy. "It's some other planet. But you're close. So much for the UFO mystery."

I put the receiver back on the wall telephone and, feeling not the least like UFO writer Frank Edwards, I started to sip my black coffee. Deni insisted I call the man who started it all about 45 minutes ago. "No way," I said. "I'm telling you, he's so convinced it's out there nothing will change his mind."

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"Hello," said the semi-coherent voice.

"Hi, how are you doing," I said, not wanting to rush into things too fast while he was still half asleep.

"You want to go skiing now?" he asked.

"Sure," I said. "Don't you? We can put flash lights at the tips of our skis."

"Yeah. I was just about to call you," he replied.

"Seriously, now I hope you don't get upset for being awakened, but there is a report of a UFO floating above Jughandle," I said quickly. "I'm just not sure. It looks to me like a big, bright star, but then, someone stepped on my glasses awhile back and I don't have my camera and telephoto lens, so I just don't know. I thought you might have the best view."

He sort of thanked me for calling, hung up, and went outside.

I looked at the object again, and, needing more assurances about this alleged flying saucer, I called back the

"Have I got a deal for you!" I said while he tried to brush the sleep away.

"Just remember who gave you this tip when you reap the Pulitzer awards."

"All right, Tim," he said. "Whatdaya got."

After I explained the situation he was immediately alert, anxious to see the UFO but a little upset that he had the cameras but no film.

Oh, well.

While I tried to determine whether the spaceship was moving, in rang the next call -- from the naturalist in Lake Fork.

"I don't know," he said. "If everyone is looking at that bright light, oh, about three to four times its size above Jughandle, I think it is a planet just outside the constellation Scorpio. At first I thought it was outside the constellation Libra. I thought it might be Venus, but I think Venus is a little over from that. Look in the library for the December or January Natural History magazine and in the section called sky

The phone rang. It was him.

"I think I've changed my mind," he said. "It's a planet."

I chuckled and we chatted a few minutes. He explained how it all began.

"Right after I woke up I looked through the frosty window with my groggy eyes, and there it was," he said.

"When I yelled to my wife she just about shot through the ceiling. I was so excited from the beginning she never had a chance to be objective. Every time we blinked our eyes it looked like the light moved a little. I could swear I saw it move. I hate to admit it is a planet. It was so intense, so big and bright. But for the last half hour it hasn't moved at all. I guess I had just wished it was a saucer."

However, there might be another reason for the morning's episode, he admitted:

"I still must be suffering from New Year's Eve."

**Editor's Note: The above story is true. Names were not used to protect the embarrassed.**



# UFO sightings stir controversy

By JODI DEMEULENAERE

Pam Houtsma never used to believe in UFOs. Nor did she give much credibility to persons who reported seeing them. But something that she and her husband have witnessed several consecutive nights within the past week have forced them to reconsider their long-standing beliefs.

They have seen them.

Mrs. Houtsma was feeding their 5½-week old son Nicholas around 3:30 Saturday morning when she walked past a kitchen window. "It was something you couldn't help but see," she said -- a constant, intense, white light similar to a glare of a spotlight, with green and red illumination on the outer edges.

**SHE THOUGHT** at first their hoghouse was on fire, as the light shone directly above that building, however, the longer she looked, the more she

realized that the light was further away than that.

It seemed to be hovering over their neighbors' house, a short distance east.

She went for her husband, Howard Jr., and the two of them watched until 8:30 in the morning.

Whatever it was they saw stayed in the same place for what seemed like hours, she said, and then began what she termed a "weaving" motion toward their house. The closer it came, however the further up it traveled; and the higher it went, the less able they were to see the colors.

But even when it was a long distance up, Mrs. Houtsma said, it was still visible -- the familiar intense, bright, white light was always there.

The speed of the craft -- or whatever it was they saw -- seemed to vary a great deal, she remembers. When it moved toward their house, it seemed to move quite slowly. But when it decided to go up, she said, it moved with great velocity.

**THE HOUSTMAS** don't recall the U.F.O. making any sound, although they said they did not leave the house for a better look at the phenomenon until it was higher in the sky; and then, she said, it was too far away to hear anything if there was something to be heard. Once outside, they also took photographs to see if they could record what they had seen on film.

And one of their biggest hopes now is that something does show up on the film, to help ease the doubt and skepticism they have encountered since the whole thing began: the biggest skeptics of whom, she says, are officials she contacted about the sighting.

The first night, they called the O'Brien county sheriff's office to inform them of what they had seen and to ask whether or not there had been any similar reports. They were greeted over the phone with enthusiasm, Mrs. Houtsma said, as the department stated it had been attempting to trace the path of the sighting through reports from different areas. It had first been spotted in Rock Rapids, she was told, with reports coming in after that from Sibley.

On the second night of its appearance, they again called the sheriff's office in Primghar. That night -- actually, early Sunday morning -- officials from the department along with members of the Sheldon Police Department came to the Houtsma farm to view it for themselves.

**"WHEN THEY CAME OUT,"** Mrs. Houtsma said, "they were kind of snickering, passing it off like nothing was really happening. It was embarrassing."

Some of them called it a star -- by the time they arrived the craft had risen to a good height, Mrs. Houtsma said -- but nevertheless, she refuses to accept that explanation. "It was bigger than any star I've ever seen."

Not all of the officials there that night bought the star theory, however, she reported. One of the deputies drew sketches of the craft. And yet since the publicity has struck, she said, she feels as though she's trying to be made a fool of.

"Nobody's backing me up from the sheriff's department," she said. "They're acting like they've never seen it." And, she continued, the department "acts like we're the only ones who have reported a sighting when there are reports all over."

**THE FAMILY** has received a number of calls since a television news story was broadcast Saturday night, all of whom are persons who also report having seen something strange. "Other people see it, but don't report it. They're afraid to contact the sheriff. They don't want to be laughed at."

The possible theory that the department may not be releasing information on the subject to avoid fear in some residents, prompted Mrs. Houtsma to state that there was more fear being created by a department that keeps proclaiming there's "nothing out there" to a number of persons who are seeing something unexplainable with their own eyes.

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The list of UFO non-believers-turned-believers keeps mounting with more and more persons claiming to have seen the phenomenon each passing night. Mrs. Houtsma stated that they had a large group of persons in their driveway Monday night, viewing a skyshow put on by three of the craft. That night, she said, it was also visible from inside the city limits of Sheldon.

**BUT THERE ARE SOME**, who, while laying claim to having seen it, don't believe it -- including Lyon county sheriff Craig Vinson. His department had received a number of calls on the sighting, and yet on his investigation, he said he never saw it move, although he did see the color with hues of red, white, blue and yellow apparent. Vinson says he's "convinced it's a star or planet of some type," and thinks the issue has become somewhat of a hype. "It's been blown up," he said, and noted that someone had come into the sheriff's office Monday reporting that a Minneapolis radio station had been carrying reports that UFOs were being spotted in this area.

Whatever it was that was sighted, it was not something that could be explained by Sioux City Weather Bureau meteorologist Howard Warren, who said that there was "nothing here that could be the basis for strange phenomenon." Weather patterns during the time of the reported sightings have been normal for this time of year, he said.

While some may pass it off as a heightened interest in UFO sightings, following a series of them in Australia and New Zealand, such a suggestion would not serve as an explanation for the Houtsmas. They don't receive a daily newspaper. And Mrs. Houtsma hadn't even heard of the sightings until after she had seen those from her own home.

Why the phenomenon continually manifests itself at their home is a question that may persist in the Houtsmas' minds for a long time. Only a few days ago, they were among the group who laughed such things off. But, concludes Pam Houtsma, "When you see it right out your window, how can you deny it?"

## National

**UFOs SWOOPED OVER U.S. BASES** — Defense Department reports covering incidents in 1975 show that several of the nation's supersensitive nuclear missile launch sites and bomber bases were visited by unidentified, low-flying and elusive objects. The sightings were made visually and on radar and occurred at installations in Montana, Michigan and Maine and led to extensive but unsuccessful Air Force efforts to track and detain the objects. The Defense Department's response is that formal investigation of unidentified flying objects ended in 1969 and that there were no plans for renewed Air Force investigation.

# Cow Mutilation Is Reported In Taos Area

## Journal Special

TAOS — A five-year-old cow was found mutilated on a ranch two miles west of here, State Police reported Sunday.

The cow was found dead Friday morning on the ranch of Frank Suazo. Its rectum and lower jaw had been removed and it had a fractured neck and a hole the size of a nickel in its left hind leg, according to State Police officer Gabe Valdez.

The cow, a Hereford, apparently was killed sometime Thursday night, because it had been seen grazing in a pasture with 150 head of cattle during the day on Thursday.

Investigators reported finding no tracks around the carcass. The incident was the first wintertime mutilation reported in northern New Mexico.

The site of the mutilation was about one-quarter mile away from the area where several persons reported a UFO sighting last July. The sighting reportedly involved a bright orange light and form seen hovering above the ground.

Following that sighting, a thin layer of powdered deposits was found on the roof of a pick-up truck in the vicinity. Upon chemical analysis, the powder was found to be similar in content to a substance found on the hides of a number of live cattle in nearby areas of northern New Mexico.

The powder was found to be largely potassium and magnesium, but investigators have been unable to say how it got onto the animals or exactly where it came from.

## UFO spotted flying over Big Creek area

A Meathouse Fork resident is the latest Mingo-Pike resident to spot an unidentified flying object, but he has a theory about its identity.

The observer (who asked to remain unidentified) said he noted a bright light in the sky, southeast of his home on Big Creek. He said the object maneuvered in the sky, until finally rising into the clouds.

The object was first noted about 6:15 a.m. today and finally rose into the clouds shortly before 8 a.m.

He described the flying object as "real bright, slightly oblong object, so bright it hurts to look at it, maneuvering slowly in the sky."

Martians? Little green men? A lost Space Trek mission?

No, according to this observer.

"I think this was a weather balloon. I am a great believer in science, and I think this was probably the Air Force or the government sending up a weather balloon," he theorized.

He said he felt the bright light was the early morning sun shining on the weather balloon and the maneuvering the result of winds.

## Bethany Students Say They Spotted a UFO

Two Bethany College students crossing campus alone within a half hour of each other Tuesday evening spotted what they think may have been a low-flying UFO. The citing was not reported to authorities.

Both students were enroute to a fraternity house, Alpha Sigma Phi, on Point Breeze Drive at the outskirts of campus. Their citings of a bright but silent round object happened within 30 minutes of one another.

Mike Kellis, a 20-year-old student from Steubenville, said he was walking along the highway by the campus gymnasium when he spotted the object to his left, close enough to distinguish its round shape. Kellis said no cars were nearby and the object was noiseless.

He checked his watch and noted the time at 8:15 p.m.

Kellis said the object had a green light on either side, a yellow light at the top, and a "very bright red backside—brighter than the other lights."

"At first I thought it was a plane," he said. "But then I noticed it didn't make any noise and the lights were glowing, not blinking. I dropped my books and stared at the sky."

When he reached the Alpha Sigma

Phi house, Kellis reported to other students that he had encountered what he believed could have been a UFO. To his astonishment, one student, Edie Crane, a senior from Maryland, backed his story.

Crane said she had been walking along a stone bridge beside a pond just below the fraternity house about 10 minutes before when she spotted through the trees a bright red round object.

She said the object was angled downward, as if dropping to earth, and flying lower than a plane normally would.

"When I saw it was going at an angle towards the earth I thought, 'that's funny—why would a plane be doing that?'" she said.

Crane said she watched as the object disappeared over a hill. "I figure she must have caught the backside of the same object I saw," Kellis remarked.

The students said they did not report the phenomenon to police nor campus authorities for fear their stories would not be believed.

Officials at the Wheeling-Ohio County Airport said they had no reports of any "sightings" in the area last night.

## Crewmen sight UFO

SEATTLE

Crewmen aboard a merchant ship say they saw a glowing object they could not identify while en route from Yokohama, Japan, to Seattle.

Four of the crew aboard the vanship President Johnson have signed a document saying the light was first considered to be from a vessel.

The time of the sighting coincided generally with reports of UFO sightings off New Zealand.

Third Mate Billie Norton, one of the four on the President Johnson, said nothing appeared on the ship's radars. He said the first appearance was only a glow, on the night of Dec. 30. The New Zealand accounts were carried Dec. 31.

Norton said that while the ship was rolling in heavy seas and high winds, the light remained stable. He said it was very bright, about one-half the size of a full moon and just above the horizon, seemingly three to five miles distant.

## UFO Sighted Here

A UFO sighting was reported to city police yesterday at 9:07 p.m. Herman Mays, 1900 S. 9th St., told police that the UFO was bright red and traveling northeast. When he first sighted the object it was above McDermott Sales and Service on Benton Road, he said.

# Those Strange Lights Reappear Over McDonald County

By CLIFF KIDDER  
Globe Staff Writer

ANDERSON, Mo. — It's happening again in McDonald County: those strange lights zipping across the skies, keeping residents in the area wondering if there is really such a thing as a UFO.

To John Andrews, UFOs are not only real, but he says he saw one earlier this week.

Andrews was outside his rural Anderson home when he witnessed a strange light that appeared in the distance. It seemed to fall to earth, he recalls.

"It was clear on Monday night when I first saw this bright light in the skies off to the south near the Arkansas border," Andrews says. It was about 6:45 p.m. when he first saw the object. At first he did not think too much about it, he relates.

"I got into my car and started to drive toward Anderson when it be-

gan to move faster toward the north," Andrews says. "The light turned bright and began to take on the shape of a pencil," he adds.

"It continued to move toward the north, keeping that shape for awhile," the Anderson man says. It passed over the city of Anderson and moved toward Goodman, where it went down, he explains.

"I saw a green flash as the thing started to go down," Andrews relates. "It veered just slightly off to the left as it went down and the area where the thing had went down turned to a reddish haze."

During the time he saw the object it made no noise; it made no noise when it "crashed". At first, Andrews says, he thought the object might be a small airplane that had crashed.

After it "crashed" he went to a truck stop where he called the Neosho Airport to ask if a plane had been reported missing in the area.

He then called the McDonald County Sheriff's Department and reported what he had seen.

Jim Bell, operator of the Neosho Airport, told Andrews that there had been no reported crashes. The Federal Aviation Agency was contacted by The Globe that evening at the Joplin Airport, but the FAA reported no planes had been reported down in the area.

The Missouri Highway Patrol and McDonald County Sheriff's Department made a search of the suspected "crash" area, but located nothing. Bell rode along with Deputy Sheriff Lee Brodie with an Emergency Locator Transmitter to aid in the search, but the hunt was called off after two hours when nothing turned up.

Bell says that whatever Andrews saw, it most certainly was not an airplane.

Brodie says he believes Andrews' story, but at this time the sheriff's

department is not sure what it was the rural Anderson man saw.

McDonald County has had its share of UFO sightings in the last two years. In April 1977 over 100 sightings of strange lights were reported in the county during a three-week period.

Several sightings were reported by the Noel marshal's office during that time. Tom Whitten, then city marshal, said he and his deputy, Doyle Shields, saw an object which emitted a bright light and traveled horizontally. Whitten said the light became brighter just before it disappeared and that it was viewed for about five seconds by Shields and himself.

The strangest sighting was reported by a McDonald County couple who reported they drove up to an object that was as big as water tank, shaped like a saucer, about 15 feet high and 30 feet in diameter. When they got close to the object,

they reported seeing two human-like figures who beckoned to them. The figures were six feet tall and wore green jumpsuits, according to the couple.

About one year ago more eerie lights were seen over the city of Pineville. This time they were viewed by five law enforcement officers and two other persons. That strange light was observed for over an hour by Pineville City Marshal Carl Armstrong. It was described as being bright white with a reddish and orange tint around its edges. It faded out, but reappeared several times before disappearing for good.

What Andrews saw Monday evening will keep him wondering for awhile. He says it is something he will not soon forget.

Likewise, the strange UFO sightings in McDonald County over the last few years have many residents scratching their heads.

## Reports

A U.F.O. was reported Wednesday 14 miles south of Hannibal on Missouri 79 by Mrs. George Mundell, New London. Mrs. Mundell told police she observed the object about 300 feet in the sky near Ashburn Hills. She described it as a bright, white light which was stationary, then disappeared.

# UFO reports in Newtown

## keep people looking up

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By W.H. WERFELMAN JR.

Several documented UFO sightings in Newtown recently are making some people speculate that visitors from outer space may be getting bolder.

Numerous sightings of bright heart and egg-shaped objects have been reported maneuvering over the Sandy Hook section of town and nearby locales. The visits were reportedly so prolonged (as long as two hours) that two observers were able to take photographs.

The excitement began last September, and according to Connecticut's chief UFO investigator, the sightings have been corroborated by a number of separate witnesses.

Philip J. Imbrogno of Greenwich sifted through about 35 separate UFO reports in the last quarter of 1978. He was able to explain 29 of them as being objects such as space "junk," stars, satellites, meteors, the planet Jupiter and assorted aircraft.

But there are six sightings, two of which were photographed, that Imbrogno says may be genuine UFOs.

The suspense started Sept. 13 when a 38-year-old Newtown resident, described by Imbrogno as a "highly reliable observer" because of his career and stand-

ing in the community, spotted a UFO while taking out the trash.

The resident, who wishes to remain anonymous, spotted a brightly colored, egg-shaped object moving in an erratic fashion. The object, according to the witness, "moved so fast it almost disappeared." But he was able to watch and photograph its antics for about 90 minutes until it moved away toward the horizon, Imbrogno said.

The witness, an amateur photographer, rushed into his house after sighting the UFO to get his camera and call his family out to view the incident. Imbrogno said the witness called several neighbors out too, all of whom corroborated the observation of the UFO as it hovered, made figure-eights, and emitted red, blue, orange and yellow lights.

The witness was able to snap off several pictures, although the brightness of the object caused some overexposure of the film.

A second photo was snapped in November when a Sandy Hook resident spotted a heart-shaped object which hovered and performed high-speed maneuvers. The man, his family and some neighbors watched the object for two hours before it shot away at great speed. He reported the object emitted reddish sparks on one occasion.

Imbrogno said that a photo "offers more value to the report. A picture can be analyzed . . . it's better than just a statement."

But the careful expert emphasized that "a UFO doesn't mean a spaceship. It is just something which hasn't been identified."

Imbrogno said, however, that the Newtown sightings show that "something strange indeed is going on up there."

Four other sightings, reported independently in November and December, seemed to verify the objects which were photographed.

On Dec. 9, a sleeping couple was awakened at 2 a.m. by bright light flooding their bedroom. The man got out of bed and went to the window, and observed a bright, heart-shaped object directly over his house. He reported the light from the object was so bright they could clearly see the features of the room. The pair didn't know about the heart-shaped object photographed in September, Imbrogno said, because it wasn't publicized.

A 37-year-old Newtown resident reportedly watched an egg-shaped object for 30 minutes on Nov. 2. The object, he said, moved in an erratic manner doing figure-eights and other maneuvers. The object also emitted reddish sparks, he said. Imbrogno said the man is a "high integrity witness."

On Nov. 10 a married couple in Sandy Hook and some youngsters reported they saw an egg-shaped object making hover-

ing maneuvers and sharp right-angle turns. It emitted a reddish glow and moved away after about five minutes, they said.

Another Newtown couple also reported in November that a strange object had hovered over their home, but they were reluctant to disclose any details for fear of ridicule, Imbrogno said. He said all of the observers in the six incidents he credited with genuine UFO sightings wished to remain anonymous.

Imbrogno, who is the Connecticut investigator for the Center for UFO Studies based in Evanston, Ill., also teaches astronomy in the Greenwich school system.

The investigator said the independent sightings "tell me that different people are seeing the same objects in the same flight patterns . . . beyond that, I don't know what it could be."

Imbrogno is sending a report on the sightings, with copies of the photos, to the UFO study center in Evanston, Ill. UFO expert J. Allen Hynek and others there will evaluate the evidence with the aid of a computer.

The computer will tell the experts if the sightings fit a pattern of past substantiated sightings, which if it fits, will increase its credibility, Imbrogno said.

He said the sightings are part of a general increase in the number of UFO reports in Connecticut.

"Connecticut, for some reason, used to be a low-report area of the eastern United States, but since last year the reports have been increasing," he said.

Meanwhile, there are a lot of Newtown area residents looking skyward, hoping for a glance at what may be a visiting spacecraft.

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## They Say They Saw A "UFO"

MILFORD — Route 44 east, 20 miles out of Tulsa, Oklahoma was the scene of a once-in-a-lifetime experience for a Milford man and a Framingham woman on New Year's night.

John Fahey and Cindy Beaudin are traveling by car from California to Boston. At 11 p.m. Monday night they were in Claremore, Oklahoma traveling on Route 44 when they saw a "big, white ball" hovering in the sky, according to Beaudin who called long-distance from Missouri to notify this paper of the sighting.

She said that a state police officer, who was traveling in back of their car, pulled to the side of the road to view the object, and later tried to pursue it.

The unidentified flying object, which "made no noise at all," hovered in the sky until the police officer approached it, then it began to move at a slow rate of speed, before it reached a speed of 50 to 75 miles per hour and disappearing, she said.

It hovered approximately 500 feet in the air, according to the observer, and had lights underneath the craft.

"I used to read about people seeing these things," she said, but she obviously didn't think it would ever happen to her.

# UFO Calls Flood Tinker

By Bill Martin  
Staff Writer

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Reports of a swirling, multi-colored unidentified flying object, which reportedly hovered over Tinker Air Force Base for several hours Saturday night, bombarded the switchboards at the base, but officials were unable to locate the UFO.

Despite repeated checks by the control tower at the base, using visual as well as radar checks of the area, Tinker officials reported they found no evidence of anything out of the ordinary.

"We've had several calls since about 7:30 p.m.," said a sergeant in the base operations office, "but we've been able to substantiate none of the sightings."

The sergeant said, "One woman called in and said she could see it clearly from her front porch (in Midwest City)."

The woman described the airborne object as having "red and white lights around the outside, with a bright, very bright white light in the center."

"But we've checked the control tower several times," the sergeant said. "Even with some cloud cover tonight, they can

see 10 miles in any direction and, of course, the radar can pick up anything around."

Each time reports coming back from the control tower confirmed that they had not sighted any strange objects.

Apparently the sighting was visible only off base, fueling some speculation that what was seen may have been lights from the General Motors plant, located adjacent to Tinker property to the southwest, as the reflection bounced off low clouds.

"We had a C5-A land a little while ago," said one operations office employee, "but I don't see how that could be confused with anything."

The C5-A, a giant cargo plane, because it is so huge sometimes appears to be hovering just before it lands at a relatively low ground speed, he said, and it is illuminated with brilliant, multi-colored landing lights.

Another possibility, as one observer of Saturday night's antics said, is that some callers had simply heard reports of an unidentified flying object circulated on some radio stations, and called to find out about it.

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## Weekend booms remain mystery

By The Associated Press

Many Kentuckians remain mystified over the cause of loud, sonic boom-type noises heard earlier this week, mostly in western Kentucky.

Authorities have reported no explosions, earth tremors or sonic booms that would account for the noises.

In the absence of any other explanation, some old-timers say the noises possibly are caused by expanding ice that breaks with a boom.

Reports of unexplained jolts accompanying the booms have been received this week in areas around Mayfield, Cadiz, Murray, Scottsville, Elizabethtown and Louisville.

In all cases, police reported no explosions to account for the noises. Military and civilian aviation authorities said no aircraft have flown over the areas at speeds faster than sound, which causes sonic booms.

The noises seem similar to those that puzzled scientists up and down the East Coast last winter, prompting President Carter to order an investigation.

## Lightning, strange glow are discovered on Venus

MOUNTAIN VIEW, Calif. (AP) — Early findings from Pioneer Venus I and II show Venus' fierce atmosphere and surface include continuing lightning above and a glow from "mysterious chemical fires" below, scientists said yesterday.

The information was released from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Ames Research Center and came about two months after the orbiter Venus I and five atmospheric probes called Venus II reached the planet.

No one has come forward with a scientific explanation that would connect the noises in Kentucky this week to weather or atmospheric conditions.

But old-timers in the Cadiz area who recall the hard winter of 1917 and 1918 say ice on the ground can expand and break with a jolt, causing a loud noise.

Much of Kentucky remains under crunchy, hard ice from a weekend storm.

Scientists said the lightning flashed as often as 100 times in five minutes. The glow was detected by two probes on the side of the planet facing away from the sun. Scientists called the glow mysterious and unexpected, and said it could come from "chemical fires" on the surface or in the very hot and dense lower atmosphere near the surface.

They said the fires could be fueled by reactions involving sulfur compounds or from the heated or electrically charged surfaces of the probe craft themselves.

# UFO here?

## Light ball startles diner patrons

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A group of patrons and employees of Sambo's Restaurant in Davis today spotted what they believe was an unidentified flying object that looked like a "intensely glowing ball of light."

Officer Don Hopkins said he has talked to six of the 10 persons who spotted the strange ball of whitish colored light in the south by southeast sky shortly before 6 a.m.

"They seemed like reliable people, so I have to believe them when they say they saw something," Hopkins said.

"But as for me, well I got to see it to believe it."

But Hopkins said the witnesses to this morning's incident seemed convinced they saw something strange.

It was described as a big bright ball of glowing light, whitish in color with reddish colored lights on the outside, he said.

The size of the ball of light would change as it remained stationary in the sky, although the intensity of the light remained very bright, Hopkins reported.

At one point an airplane reportedly passed by the object, according to the witnesses. The light then shrunk to almost a pinprick in size, enlarging only when the plane left the area, they told Hopkins.

It disappeared shortly after 6 a.m., the group told Hopkins, by just "getting smaller and smaller in size until it was nothing."

The witnesses told Hopkins the light did not appear to be a plane, helicopter or star since they were all acquainted with what those objects look like.

Hopkins also said he doubts that a report of a UFO spotted over New Zealand earlier this week had

anything to do with this morning's sighting, since at least one of the witnesses said he had not heard of the earlier case.

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# Antioch UFOs sighted

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An unexplained yellow light that hovered over Antioch Saturday before speeding out of sight in the west apparently was seen by several persons who reported U.F.O. sightings to Antioch police.

An Antioch Police dispatcher said four or five reports of the yellow light were made Saturday evening, but no extensive written reports were kept on the calls.

Ron Perry, 3512 Shaw Circle, said he and two friends saw the light at about 7:15 p.m. while driving down A Street near the Southern Pacific Railroad tracks. He said he saw a "rectangular object" in the center of the

yellow light as he looked on with binoculars.

The numbers on a digital clock in his friend's car began mysteriously turning wildly while the yellow light hovered over homes about 100 yards away, Perry said. The light moved up and down and across the sky for about 15 minutes, before moving across the sky toward Concord, he reported.

"It started off very slowly and then took off at a very fast speed," Perry remarked. "I don't know what it was."

His friend's car would not start for about an hour after the incident, he added.

The first two persons to report the incident were Anthony J. Toledo, 19, 1111 J St., No. 131, and Jerry L. Fields, 18, 1712 Madrone Lane, who arrived at the police station shortly after 6 a.m.

Confirming the sighting reported by Toledo and Fields were Sambo's employees Denise M. Elkins, 20, and Loretta Ghebber, 26, and patrons Kim Wilkerson, 15, 1214 Aspen Place and William A. Hagen, 15, 801 J St., No. 73.

Police are still searching for at least four others who were at the restaurant at the time of the sighting.

Hopkins said he would report the incident to the UFO Central Information Agency in Chicago, Ill., a routine procedure when an UFO report is made to police.

# Patrolmen Report Sighting Winged, Finned UFO

By KURT SCHMALZ  
Banner Staff Writer

The UFOs apparently haven't left Nashville skies and there are two more Metro policemen who are willing to swear to it.

Metro Patrolmen Mike Leech and James Evans said they saw a mysterious flying object "three football fields in length" hovering over Inglewood late Monday.

"It was huge and just hovering at treetop level — about 75 feet off the ground," Leech said. "It hardly made a sound. It was just a low humming noise."

The officers said they saw the object floating in the skies in the 2600 block of Gallatin Road about 11 p.m.

The UFO sighting was the second reported by police officers in 10 days.

A group of policemen spotted "round objects that looked like the tip end of a sparkler" in the skies of

West Nashville on Jan. 5.

But Leech said the object he saw was different.

"There were two long parts joined together in the middle," said the officer, pointing to a drawing he had made. "It had shortish wings coming out of the sides of the longer parts."

Evans said the object also had "fins."

"There were fins coming out of the back," he said. "They were either lights or jets shooting out the back."

Both men discounted the possibility that the object may have been an airplane.

"There's no way. It just came out of nowhere," Leech exclaimed.

"At first we thought it was a helicopter because it was hovering. But when we got a closer look, there was no way it was something I'd ever seen in my life."

Evans said the UFO was me-

tallic in color and emitted a low humming sound as he and his partner got out of their car to get a better look at it.

"I'd never seen anything so huge stay stationary for so long," Evans said. "It was incredible."

Leech said that as the officers

neared the UFO it began to move slowly toward the south.

"It was so big, I can't believe that hundreds of people on Gallatin Road didn't see it," said Leech who appeared shaken from his close encounter. "I'm trembling all over. Look at my hands. I've never seen anything like this."

HARTLEY, IOWA - SENTINEL  
\*\*\*\*\*JAN 11, 1979\*\*\*\*\*

## Ponders procedures on UFO sightings

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O'Brien County Sheriff Mike Anderson is not quite sure what law enforcement officials can do when reports are received in his office of unidentified flying objects, commonly tagged UFOs. Early this week two such sightings were reported to him in the Sheldon area as well as in the vicinity of Boyden and Hull.

In addition one of the sheriff's deputies described an object which glowed and changed colors in the sky overhead near Moneta. There was no noise accompanying the unknown flying object. This sighting was reported on

Sunday night. No reports have been received from Hartley residents of having seen anything unusual traversing the skies.

If the reports continue Sheriff Anderson plans to contact someone "more knowledgeable on such matters. After all, this is an area in which we never before have dealt."

According to those who saw what are believed to be UFOs in Sheldon over the south edge of that city there appeared to be three of them. They were traveling at a low altitude flashing rainbow lights before disappearing.

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### Policemen chase UFO

NORRISTOWN, Pa. — Two police officers sighted a large, glowing orange ball in the sky and gave chase in their patrol car until it disappeared early Tuesday. Their reports over the police radio triggered a rash of sightings over the area, but a scientist has taken the mystery out of the "unidentified flying objects." He says it's not unusual for witnesses to mistake the moon for something else before it sets, and the time of the sighting seems to concur with the UFO occurrence.

# UFO Sighting Reported

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A Cherokee woman reported today that she had observed a "very bright orange" unidentified flying object over Cherokee Sunday night. Her report followed other sightings over the weekend in Lyon County by several residents and two sheriff's deputies.

Ruth Rasmussen told the Daily Times today that she saw a "very bright orange" object over Cherokee as she was coming toward the city from the east on Iowa 3 about 6:30 Sunday night. She said the object was directly over the city and was in line with the highway.

"I didn't think it could be a plane that big and that bright orange," Rasmussen said.

She said that the object swerved to the southwest just before she turned off onto the Iowa 3 bypass, and after that she lost sight of it. While she still had the object in sight, she said she checked to make sure

that the object was not a radio tower light or other such explainable object.

"I wondered if I was seeing things, but it was so bright," she said. "I thought it might be a radio tower light, but it was big and orange, not red and blinking."

Rasmussen said she had heard the reports of the sightings in Lyon County and that was part of the reason she paid attention to the light in the sky. "Otherwise, I wouldn't have thought anything about it," she said.

Rasmussen said she felt "kind of foolish" in reporting the incident. "I always scoffed at these flying saucer bits before, but when I heard the reports on television, I thought this might be something to check," she said.

Law enforcement officials in the county said they had not received any reports from any residents over the weekend.

At the Lyon County Sheriff's office this morning, a radio operator said that the deputies in that county who originally said they saw red, white and blue objects in the sky over two small towns in the area Friday night had now decided that they had seen a star.

The spokesman tried to play down the sightings. "It was in the same place for a long time, so now they think it was a star," the operator said. "They haven't reported it as a UFO."

A Sioux City television station reported that one couple in Lyon County had taken pictures of an object Friday night as it hovered over farm buildings near their residence. Several other residents of the county were reported to have seen objects and watched them for several minutes before they circled the area and disappeared.

GRAND FORKS, N.J. - HERALD  
\*\*\*\*\*JAN 26, 1979\*\*\*\*\*

## Strange lights UFO or meteor?

Was it an unidentified flying object or just a meteor?

That's the question many people are asking in the Hawley, Minn., area after a brilliant light flashed in the sky this week.

Speculation is that the brilliant light on Tuesday night was caused by a meteor plunging into the atmosphere, burning up and lighting the countryside. Even a tiny speck of sand

from space can result in a brilliant light.

While that theory seems the most probable, others think it was a UFO or flying saucer.

The Hawley sighting comes only a couple of weeks after sightings near Grafton, N.D. Those sightings were also based on a bright light, which some described as a long streak.

A 17-year-old Fargo youth was visiting his girlfriend near Hawley when he spotted the bright light in the sky. He said it was weird, and set a record heading for home.

Like the classic UFO stories, the youth said his car stopped running and his tape deck quit playing. About 3 seconds later, the car came back to life without the youth touching the ignition key. The oil light gauge came on.

Besides the Hawley sighting, a Moorhead man said he witnessed a mysterious light when he was near Hillsboro, N.D.

He described it as being dark blue and appearing to be on a north-south track for five to seven seconds. A trucker on the highway also confirmed the strange sighting.

Back in 1976 there were several UFO sightings, especially around Goodridge and Plummer, Minn. In the case of Goodridge, teenage girls driving just south of the Pennington County community saw a saucer-like object settle to the earth and their car and radio stopped, only to come back to life after the object lifted and sped away.

— Darrel Koehler

# Low flying UFO spotted in Barton flats

Craft had six bright red lights and flew  
at high speed, says former military aviator

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7024 By Ray Horn

From 1942 to 1944 he logged 4,000 hours as a Flying Fortress flight engineer and never saw one of them.

Years later — on the eve of Christmas 1978, Charles C. Woods of Estacada finally saw one.

A UFO. First descending, then hovering, then streaking across a pitch black sky over Barton. It was about 6:15 p.m., said Woods. He and Brenda, his 23-year-old daughter, were returning from Oregon City where they had delivered Christmas presents.

Woods was coming out of a turn when Brenda shouted "Lord, what's that? An airplane falling?" Something with six bright flashing red lights appeared to be diving toward earth. Then, suddenly the craft stopped above the tree line. Woods wasn't sure of the altitude. Maybe it was 500 feet. It might have been as many as 1,000 feet, he said.

He thought the angle of descent was 60 per cent or more. As the craft approached the earth the red lights seemed to glow brighter. There were six lights arranged in a "V" formation. Brenda counted the same number.

When the craft came to the abrupt stationary or suspended state above the trees, the lights went out, said Woods.

Then — just as suddenly as the craft had stopped in mid-air — it shot off on another course along a ridge about a half mile east of Highway 224. At a point a mile or so from the first spotting the red lights of the "V" dipped under the horizon on the west side of the ridge.

Woods and his daughter had seen the same physical phenomenon. What was it? He still isn't sure.

Maybe it was a UFO. Maybe it was a radio controlled airplane. And maybe it was someone's fireworks display, he even suggested. Later, he contacted several neighbors in the area and asked if they had seen the lights. None had, he said.

"That will really uncork you when you (see) something like that," said Woods. "I think I know the characteristics of things in the air," he said. "The G-forces in that would

string out a body. You can't go shooting through the air and stop like that," he continued. Woods doesn't believe any helicopter currently in production could achieve the estimated speed of 500 or more miles per hour that he thinks the craft flew as it sped along the ridge.

Had it not been for the hills of the ridge half a mile away, Woods said he wouldn't have been able to "get a handle" on the depth perception and speed.

Friday afternoon Woods said "I am just dead curious. I still think someone has something I don't know about. It could have been a radar or radio controlled object."

On the night of the incident, Woods called the Civil Air Patrol in Portland and asked if there were any planes down in this area. The Civil Air Patrol officials referred Woods to Dr. Hienig of Seattle, who is reportedly the man who served as chief investigator for the United States Air Force Project Blue Book during the 1950s. Project Blue Book was the government's most detailed and comprehensive investigation of UFOs.

"Never before have I seen anything I couldn't identify," said Woods. "It's weird that we're the only two people who saw it," he said.

BOSTON GLOBE - MASS.  
\*\*\*\*JAN 14, 1979\*\*\*\*

UFOs have been reported in Australia, New Zealand, Israel, South Africa — even the US has not been immune. Now come two more reports, one from Durval de Azevedo in Rio de Janeiro, who said: "I saw a triangular thing in the sky emitting orange, green and blue lights..." In Norristown, Pa., policemen Walter Miller and Ronald Sereny pursued "an orange ball" in the sky, but astronomer George Hamilton of Philadelphia said: "This description 100 percent fits that of the setting moon."

# UFO over Cookeville

## Local youth spots strange

**flying object** COOKEVILLE, TENN. - DISPATCH TODAY  
\*\*\*\*\*JAN 4, 1979\*\*\*\*\*

"It came in real fast and low, hovered over me, then went straight up."

That was the description of an UFO that 14-year-old Tony Smith of Cookeville says he saw a total of four times last night.

"It was big--just humongous--and it must have been traveling the speed of light," said Tony, a Cookeville Junior High ninth grader.

"It was a deep red, and had a fiery tail. It zoomed in low over the trees, went straight up, then curved down over behind those trees."

Tony said he had seen the UFO earlier but then it was much higher. He first

### *I know what I saw'*

sighted it just after nightfall, at about 5:30 p.m. when he went out to walk his dog Smitty, but that first sighting was from afar.

The youngster ran inside and grabbed binoculars and came back out. His mother later said Tony

stayed outside their home from about 5:30 until around 9:30.

During that time, the Smith boy reported seeing the UFO a total of four



**Tony Smith**

times, and at least twice it came across the sky at a very low altitude.

"It glowed and had a long fiery tail," Tony said.

Tony reported his sighting to the Putnam County Sheriff's Office, "but they believed it was just a plane."

"I know it wasn't a plane--it was huge and fast and like nothing I've ever seen before."

Putnam County Sheriff's Deputy Leo Watson, who was on duty Wednesday night when Smith reported what he saw flying around

in his neighborhood, went to the boy's yard to help identify the lights. Watson said the boy told him he saw two different types of lights in the sky.

"There was an airplane flying around in the sky,

time. "If you look at the tail end of a firefighter jet, it looks like a Roman Candle going away from you," he said.

This area of Tennessee is in the middle of the flight path for an Air Force base

### *'It came in fast... hovered ...went straight up.'*

Watson said. "He pointed out a light in the sky that he saw looking through binoculars. You couldn't see the plane, but you could see the beacon."

Watson has 21 years experience on military bases where there is a lot of plane traffic most of the

south of White County which has places flying between there and air force bases in Ohio, Watson said.

When told about the number of times Smith sighted the lights in the sky, Watson said it is not unusual for the military to fly planes in the same area

for several hours at a time. "The Air Force and Army will fly the same area when they navigate by instrument. They fly patterns," he added.

The second light was described by the youth as "a ball of fire with a trail of fire," according to the deputy. This second description was fairly low in the sky where the boy was standing, he said.

"I think someone in the neighborhood was shooting fire works earlier," Watson said about the Roman Candle like object. After leaving the boy's yard, Watson patrolled in the same general vicinity for about an hour.

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Sgt. Doug Johnson, a helicopter pilot, said he had never seen any aircraft like the UFOs. He said the objects hovered about 5,000 feet over the city for 45 minutes and then disappeared in the western horizon.

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"I never did see anything else," he said. People who have shot off Roman candles before in Putnam County have been known to trigger several telephone calls to the local highway patrol office, Watson said.

One particular incident about eight years ago in Monterey, where a person set off a Roman Candle

about 3:30 in the morning, caused a flood of calls to the highway patrol, he said. After the Roman Candle went off, people called saying they thought the city of Monterey was burning down, the deputy said. There were also reports that unidentified flying objects had been sighted.

When told about numerous reports of UFO's by Metro police and Nashville residents, Watson said, "the light we saw was heading toward Nashville. To me it appeared to be an aircraft."

Tony admitted to being a "UFO nut who has seen publicity on predictions that UFOs would be sited" around New Year's. He said he was also aware of sightings of UFOs recently reported around the world. But he was firm in declaring "I know what I saw—I did see it."

Tony called The Dispatch, after the Sheriff's deputy "would not

believe me," and asked the reporter to stay and help him watch.

"It's been here three times already, and I know it'll be back."

And back it was, Tony said, after the reporters left.

And this time he had a witness to his sighting of the phenomena flashing across the sky.

On that fourth and final pass by the UFO, Tony had just about given up and was feeding his dog in preparation for putting it up for the night.

"I heard him scream,

quick!," Mrs. Smith related, "and I got out there as quick as I could."

"This time I saw it. Just like Tony had told me, it was huge and it had a bright light in the middle and glowed all around. It passed right over our house—and not very high—and went on over the Interstate Hwy. 111." (The Smith's live near the junction of Hwy. 111 and Sparta Rd.)

"This time it did not have a tail," Tony said, and his mother agreed. But otherwise it was the asked that Tony's name not be used because his friends "Might think I'm some kind of nut."

But after they heard late last night of numerous UFO sightings in the Nashville area, Mrs. Smith called this morning and gave The Dispatch the okay to use her son's name and picture, bringing the latter to the newspaper office, upon request.

She agreed with Tony that "I don't care what others say, I got a good look at it that last time and that was no airplane."

PARSONS, W.VA. - ADVOCATE  
\*\*\*\*\*JAN 10, 1979\*\*\*\*\*

# UFO in Auviltown!

Auviltown residents "weathered the storm" when alerted by the sighting of an unidentified flying object (UFO)

which lurked in a wooded area between the residences of Chester (Chet) Shahan and Quentin Justice.

Gladys Justice was the first brave soul to venture into the darkened cove near a high ridgetop in the Northern portion of the Shahan farm. She did not think she would be carried away by the force that shook the tree tops, so she followed a narrow path, keeping with ground cover, so as not to be detected by her foe. Mrs. Justice reported her findings to the local State Police detachment in Parsons.

Troopers J. P. Bragg and S. W. Cogar immediately responded to the call but were unable to locate the UFO because of darkness. It was reported by Chester Shahan that the sightings were during daylight hours, only, on Sunday, Dec. 24, 1978.

Troopers Bragg and Cogar returned to the wooded area in Auviltown and were met by Mr. Shahan, Melvin Owens, Mark Owens and Paul Owens. When looking toward the ridgetop, it was said, "There it is!" Low and behold there was a large orange object descending from a treetop with a large square box attached to its lower side.

A carefully planned attack was instituted by the Troopers. The UFO was surrounded and the agile Paul Owens climbed the large tree, grabbed the UFO and fought it to the ground where it was subdued by all persons present.

The National Weather Service received a Christmas present, a weather monitoring devise!

EDITOR'S NOTE: The above was submitted by one who wishes to remain anonymous.

# Local family reports 'close encounter' with UFO

By Linda Monroe

Palladium-Item Staff Writer

An unidentified flying object with four bright lights caused a car driven by Esther Drew, 37, 818 N. 15th St., to stop a mile south of Abington the night of Saturday, Dec. 16, according to Mrs. Drew and her daughter, Pam, 17.

The two at first had been afraid to tell anyone they and the three other passengers in the car saw the object, "but if they laugh at me, I don't care," Miss Drew said.

The Wayne County family's reported sighting predated by just a few days the start of a rash of UFO sightings in other parts of the world. Groups of people in the United States, New Zealand, Italy, Israel and South Africa are among those who have reported seeing strange flying objects.

The Drews, and other passengers, George Nicholson, 43, and Robin and Bobby Nicholson, 8 and 7 respectively, were in a car headed toward Brownsville on a road the Drews believe is called Old Creek Road when the car's motor kept stopping and coming on again, Mrs. Drew said. The car had just crossed a bridge, her daughter said.

### "Something is wrong"

"Something is wrong with the car," Mrs. Drew told Nicholson. He told her it was the driver.

Then the car stopped, its radio went dead and the UFO appeared.

"It came over the top of the trees real slow" from the right side of the road, Miss Drew said, motioning with her hand. "I thought it was going to stop." It was about

**"It came over the top of the trees real slow. I thought it was going to stop."**

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**"It was nothing like we ever saw before. I got hysterical. I thought it was going to stop."**

—Miss Pam Drew

car to get a better look; the others stayed in. Mrs. Drew only glanced at it, then started trying to calm the young children in the back seat.

### Inspecting car?

Miss Drew kept looking at the object, which she said went slowly in front of the car, as if it were inspecting it.

"It was nothing like we ever saw before. I got hysterical. I thought it was going to stop," she said. It looked like it was made out of aluminum, she said.

After traveling slowly in front of the car, the UFO kept going to the left. It flew over a cornfield, then took off with a whooshing sound that both women heard, they said.

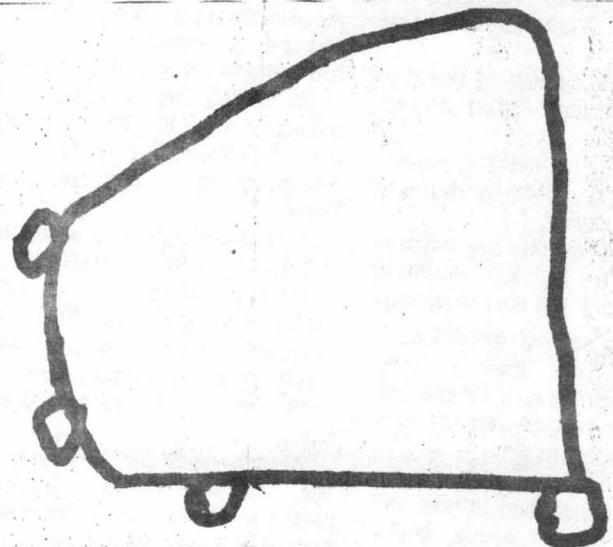
The car's motor, which had stopped, started again without her having to turn the key, Mrs. Drew said. The radio also came back on by itself.

The Drews and Nicholsons went to Brownsville without further car trouble, and Mrs. Drew again drove on the way back. But on the return trip her daughter saw three of the same type of UFO when the car was near Richmond High School.

### Didn't want to look

Nicholson took over the driving from Mrs. Drew, who said she did not want to look out the window to see if there actually were more UFOs. Miss Drew is the only one of the car's occupants to see the three UFOs on the way back. The car troubles returned during that last sighting.

Miss Drew said the objects in the sky followed the car until it got home. Miss Drew then ran into the house and was afraid to come back out, she said.



Drawing of UFO made by Miss Drew

10 feet off the ground, and about the size of a small airplane, she said.

She drew a picture of the UFO. It was almost rectangular, with its front end slightly smaller than the back and its corners rounded. It had two lights in front and two on the bottom.

When he saw the UFO, Nicholson jumped out of the

"I could swear they were actually following us," Miss Drew said. "I could have been hallucinating, but I could actually say they were following us."

But she and the others were certain they saw something in the sky going to Brownsville.

"I think non-believers are the ones who are going to see them," Miss Drew said. "I didn't used to believe in them. I do now."

RICHMOND, IND. - PALLADIUM ITEM  
 \*\*\*\*\*JAN 7, 1979\*\*\*\*\*

# Sheldon woman is now believer in UFO's

DOON, IOWA - PRESS  
\*\*\*JAN 18, 1979\*\*\*

From Sheldon Mail  
By Jodi Deheulenaere

Pam Houtsma never used to believe in UFOS. Nor did she give much credibility to persons who reported seeing them. But something that she and her husband have witnessed several consecutive nights within the past week have forced them to reconsider their long-standing beliefs.

They have seen them.

Mrs Houtsma was feeding their 5½ week old son Nicholas around 3:30 Saturday morning when she walked past a kitchen window. "It was something you couldn't help but see," she said—a constant, intense, white light similar to a glare of a spotlight, with green and red illumination on the outer edges.

She thought at first their hoghouse was on fire, as the light shone directly above that building, however, the longer she looked, the more she realized that the light was further away than that.

It seemed to be hovering over their neighbors' house, a short distance east.

She went for her husband, Howard, Jr., and the two of them watched until 8:30 in the morning.

Whatever it was they saw stayed in the same place for what seemed like hours, she said, and then began what she termed a "weaving" motion toward their house. The closer it came, however the further up it traveled; and the higher it went, the less able they were to see the colors.

But even when it was a long distance up, Mrs Houtsma said, it was still visible—the familiar intense, bright, white light was always there.

The speed of the craft—or whatever it was they saw—seemed to vary a great deal, she remembers. When it moved toward their house, it seemed to move quite slowly. But when it decided to go up, she said, it moved with great velocity.

The Houtsmas don't recall the U.F.O. making any sound, although they said they did not leave the house for a better look at the phenomenon until it was higher in the sky; and then, she said, it was too far away to hear anything if there was something to be heard. Once outside, they also took photographs to see if they could record what they had seen on film.

And one of their biggest hopes now is that something does show up on the film, to help ease the doubt and skepticism they have encountered since the whole thing began: the biggest skeptics of whom, she says, are officials she contacted about the sighting.

The first night, they called the O'Brien county sheriff's office to inform them of what they had seen and to ask whether or not there had been any similar reports. They were greeted over the phone with enthusiasm, Mrs Houtsma said, as the department stated it had been attempting to trace the path of the sighting through reports from different areas. It had first been spotted in Rock Rapids, she was told, with reports coming in after that from Sibley.

On the second night of its appearance, they again called the sheriff's office in Primghar. That night—actually, early Sunday morning—officials from the department along with members of the Sheldon Police department came to the Houtsma farm to view it for themselves.

"When they came out," Mrs Houtsma said, "they were kind of snickering, passing it off like nothing was really happening. It was embarrassing."

Some of them called it a star—by the time they arrived the craft had risen to a good height, Mrs Houtsma said—but nevertheless, she refuses to accept the explanation. "It was bigger than any star I've ever seen."

Not all of the officials there that night bought the star theory, however, she reported. One of the deputies drew sketches of the craft. And yet since the publicity has struck, she said, she feels as though she's trying to be made a fool of.

"Nobody's backing me up from the sheriff's department," she said. "They're acting like they've never seen it." And, she continued, the department "acts like we're the only ones who have reported a sighting when there are reports all over."

The family has received a number of calls since a television news story was broadcast Saturday night, all of whom are persons who also report having seen something strange. "Other people see it, but don't report it. They're afraid to contact the sheriff. They don't want to be laughed at."

The possible theory that the department may not be releasing information on the subject to avoid fear in some residents, prompted Mrs Houtsma to state that there was more fear being created by a department that keeps proclaiming there's "nothing out there" to a number of persons who are seeing something unexplainable with their own eyes.

The list of UFO non-believers-turned-believers keeps mounting with more and more persons claiming to have seen the phenomenon each passing night. Mrs Houtsma stated that they had a large group of persons in their driveway Monday night, viewing a skyshow put on by three of the craft. That night, she said, it was also visible from inside the city limits of Sheldon.

But there are some, who, while laying claim to having seen it, don't believe it—including Lyon county sheriff Craig Vinson. His department had received a number of calls on the sighting, and yet on his investigation, he said he never saw it move, although he did see the color with hues of red, white, blue and yellow apparent. Vinson says he's "convinced it's a star or planet of some type," and thinks the issue has become somewhat of a hype. "It's been blown up," he said, and noted that someone had come into the sheriff's office Monday reporting that a Minneapolis radio station had been carrying reports that

UFOs were being spotted in this area.

Whatever it was that was sighted, it was not something that could be explained by Sioux City Weather Bureau meteorologist Howard Warren, who said that there was "nothing here that could be the basis for strange phenomenon." Weather patterns during the time of the reported sightings have been normal for this time of year, he said.

While some may pass it off as a heightened interest in UFO sightings, following a series of them in Australia and New Zealand, such a suggestion would not serve as an explanation for the Houtsmas. They don't receive a daily newspaper. And Mrs Houtsma hand't even heard of the sightings until after she had seen those from her own home.

Why the phenomenon continually manifests itself at their home is a question that may persist in the Houtsmas' minds for a long time. Only a few days ago, they were among the group who laughed such things off. But, concludes Pam Houtsma, "When you see it right out your window, how can you deny it?"

## UFO sighters asked to let J.J. know

By MARLENE NORDMAN  
Tribune Staff Writer

"Crazy," "seeing things," "nutty,"  
"lunatic," "weird," "spaced out . . ."

These are just a few of the derogatory terms a person who claims to have seen a UFO or alien being may encounter after relating the experience to others. In an attempt to overcome this reaction, J. J. Williams of Great Bend is coordinating a UFO information center.

Williams knows from personal experience of having three positive encounters with UFOs — experiences involving other witnesses, and from talking to other individuals that people who see UFOs tend to keep the information to themselves because no one will believe them.

"About five different people have told me within the last month or two that have seen a UFO and didn't have anywhere to go with information," she said.

One of Williams experiences was in the mid-60s. One evening Williams, her brother and two friends were outside and listening to the radio — KOMA in Oklahoma City, Okal. There were reports on the radio, she said, of a formation of UFPs flying over Oklahoma and headed toward Wichita — in less than half an hour's time.

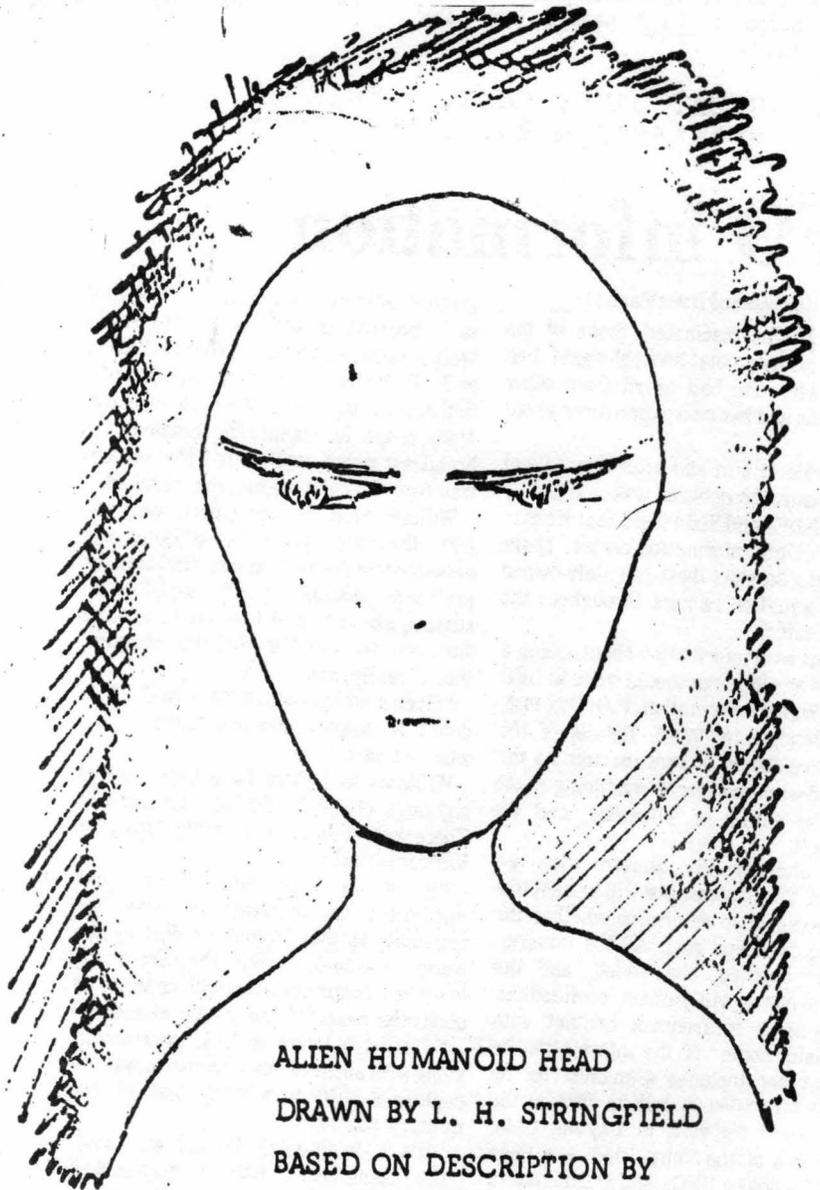
Radar was tracking the UFOs, she said, so reports were given every few minutes of their location. The UFOs changed course

and headed toward Great Bend, she said. Although the four weren't expecting to see them they did see them fly by. The tail end UFO, however, stopped abruptly and suddenly zipped off in a different direction.

"It scared us half to death," she said. "We went into a car and locked the doors."

She doesn't remember if they reported the incident to the police or not. They had assumed the police wouldn't take the information seriously, she said, and didn't expect the police to come out to talk to them about the incident.

One recent experience that convinced Williams that persons seeing a UFO have no where to go with this information concerns an individual Williams knows in western Kansas. He lives on a farm and told Williams that some strange things had been happening. He would see strange lights and his dog would be scared to death. One time he was "buzzed" by a metal disc that flew very low over his head.



ALIEN HUMANOID HEAD  
DRAWN BY L. H. STRINGFIELD  
BASED ON DESCRIPTION BY  
WITNESSES. — JULY, 1978

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Evidence was discovered when he was taking some photos of his farm. After developing them he was surprised to discover a UFO hovering over his pond. The angle would change slightly in all the photos — indicating it was probably moving.

Williams read the 1977 copyrighted book "Situation Red," by Leonard H. Stringfield of Cincinnati, Ohio, about

# UFO sighted in Charles City

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PRESSNEWS — A number of local citizens had their curiosity aroused at about 6:45 last night when what could be considered a UFO passed over the community.

The orange object, which was round-shaped and had a trail of smoke behind it, travelled at a rapid pace across the southwestern skies early last evening.

According to the Charles City Police Department, there were 18 calls last night after alarmed citizens had sighted the strange object. Floyd County Sheriff L.L. Lane reported that he received a call also.

According to the UPI, there were no other reports of the object being sighted elsewhere in the state. Area authorities also said that there had been no other sightings in the Charles City area.

There have been a number of guesses made as to what the unidentified object could have been. One suggestion was that it could have been a 4th of July skyrocket.

CON \* T GREAT BEND, KANS. - TRIBUNE  
\*\*\*\*\*JAN 29, 1979\*\*\*\*\*

## UFO information

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UFOs and was fascinated. Some of the things reported in that book, she said, tied in with what she had heard from other individuals and her own experiences about UFOs.

She wrote to him and after they talked by telephone, the decision was reached by both Williams and Stringfield that Kansas needed a UFO information center. There are about a dozen of these privately-owned UFO information centers throughout the United States.

Persons with information about seeing a UFO and any inquires should write to UFO Ground Watch Information, P.O. Box 1436, Great Bend, Kan. 67530. Details of the experience should be sent in, such as the date and what the person was doing at the time, the names of witnesses, and the location.

Any photographs should also be enclosed. The photographs will be sent to a UFO specialist to determine whether the object is solid and real. All the material will be returned, she added, and the person's name will remain confidential.

Williams is in frequent contact with Stringfield. Some of the information he has sent her includes a manuscript he verbally presented on July 29, 1978, at the Mutual UFO Network in Dayton, Ohio. "Retrievals of the Third Kind — a Case Study of Alleged UFOs and Occupants in Military Custody," tells of cases related by former military men who told Stringfield of cases while in the military of UFOs that crashed and the craft and its occupants were taken by the military to be studied.

Based on these reportings, the alien humanoid is described as being 3½ to 4½ feet tall, a large head in comparison to the torso and limbs; eyes described as large, sunken or deeply set, far apart, and slightly slanted like Oriental eyes; hole for ears but no ear lobes; a slight nose; there is a small slit for the mouth but no lips; little or no hair on their heads; four fingers but no thumb and a few have described the hand as webbed; and the skin color varies from beige to brown to tannish or pinkish gray.

The government has covered up many of these UFO sightings as being a hoax or has

given a scientific explanation, Williams said, because of the reaction to Orson Welles' famous 1938 radio broadcast based on H. G. Wells' "War of the Worlds" of a fictional account of a Maritian invasion. Many people tuning into the middle of the broadcast didn't realize that the account was fictional, and mass panic resulted.

Williams said that her experience of the UFO that she saw in Great Bend was explained by the Air Force as "lights in the sky" or as possible tests. The one UFO that stopped abruptly and took off in another direction confirmed for Williams, she said, that it really was a UFO.

"Even a jet has to turn," she said. "This didn't. It couldn't have been anything but what we saw."

Williams said there have been several sightings of UFOs during war periods. There were sightings constantly during the Vietnam conflict.

"It seems they (the UFOs) are monitoring us because we have the capability to split atoms and destroy the world," she said. "I think they are trying to set up a communication with us to tell us about the peaceful use of our weapons."

Williams believes to U.S. government along with about 10 other countries want to capture a UFO in perfect condition for military purposes.

"It's a frightening thing," she said. "They come here to help us, maybe, and we try to take their higher intelligence to use it for our own advantages and for war. That's a pitiful thing."

Some people claim that UFOs are really vehicles made by the Air Force rather than some aliens, Williams said. Maybe some of them may have been developed by the government, she said, but there hasn't always been an Air Force at the time of some of these sightings.

"They have sightings on record since the time of the Bible, and you know there was no Air Force around back then," she said.

Williams said she wants to remain objective in hearing about other people's experiences involving UFOs.

"I don't care if people believe in UFOs," she said. "I only care that people have a place to go to tell about their experiences without being laughed at."

MONTREAL, CANADA - GAZETTE  
\*\*\*\*\*JAN 9, 1979\*\*\*\*\*

## Of course there are UFOs

This paper believes in unidentified flying objects — UFOs as they are called.

It also believes in unidentified flying non-objects (UFNOs), unidentified non-flying objects (UNFOs), and unidentified non-flying non-objects (UNFNOs).

Unfortunately we cannot give examples of what these things we believe in are. To do so would be a breach of unidentifiability.

Of course we also believe in a few identified objects, like mice, and identified non-objects, like freedom of belief, even the freedom to believe in the confusion of identification and unidentification.

Consider the case of a North York couple, the Balfours, who early Sunday sighted what appeared to be an oddly behaving light in the sky. Excited UFO aficionados said they believed the Balfours had spotted the real thing. Real thing? Of course it was. A real, apparently oddly behaving light.

We would fail to conclude, however, that the light had just flown in from an unidentified planet. It could simply have been, as an Australian woman suggested last week, that "what all these chappies are seeing is my cabbages reflecting in the clouds."

Space ships or cabbages — one unidentification is as good as another.

# UFO's

## Hamlin Man Now A Believer

BY JACK WELLS  
STAFF WRITER

"We are not alone."

That was the theme of a recent movie directed by Steven Spielberg and that is the conclusion that former Lincoln County resident David White has reached following his work on a UFO story for the Beckley Post-Herald and the national magazine, UFO Report. David's mother, Nancy White, is a teacher at Hamlin Elementary School.

"We got a call in the office from a Mr. Daniels. He said that he and a co-worker at a strip mine site in Raleigh County had observed an unidentified flying object. I talked to him and did the story," David said.

Mr. Daniel tells a story like millions of other people who have witnessed the flying phenomena. A frightening, almost unbelievable story of an unidentified flying object which dropped several pieces of matter from the air to the ground around the strip mining sight.

In the story for UFO Report, David immediately established the credibility of the witnesses. "Others who have known these men all their lives say both are truthful and sane. They go to church and are what is known as 'saved Christians'. These men work hard and care for their families," David wrote.

The sighting occurred on August 17, 1978. ". . . I saw something that I at first thought was a jet airplane." An object seemed to near the ground with what appeared to be a parachute. "I thought somebody flying may have had engine trouble and bailed out. I've never seen anything like it in my life. It was a big white object...pearly white in the shape of a parachute,"

quoting Daniel from the White story.

"Then after it got to a certain height, I guess about 2,000 feet, it started moving out over Workmen's Creek. It was moving in a northeasterly direction. As it started moving slowly upward, six pieces separated from it and it looked like one of them went back to the main object and the other five fell to the ground."

David White and four other newspaper employees went out to the site to search for the objects which fell to the ground. From David's description of the strip mining site in his story, the exploration was no easy chore. Finally reaching the mouth of the hollow designated by the men in their stories, David and his partners looked back to see just how far they had traveled.

"When we had walked nearly half a mile around the rim of the hollow the two witnesses had designated, we look far below to see a gnat-sized Maynor standing atop the roller pointing directions to a now-disheartened crew. Looking down

from the ridge made us realize the deceptively vast distance involved...whatever the two men had saw, it had to be of considerable size for them to have noticed it from the fill site they worked at," David wrote.

The area that the men pointed out to them appeared unreachable as they neared the site. "There was no way that we could get up there. While we had searched the rim, we realized that the two men meant the slope which was a vertical drop-off of several hundred feet, uninviting to untrained explorers like ourselves," David wrote in the story.

David was contacted by Tom Styers, the managing editor of Saga Magazine, which publishes UFO Report. Mr. Styers wanted David to write a story for their magazine about the UFO sighting he had investigated. Writing the story has left David with some firm conclusions about the UFO phenomenon.

WILLIAMSPORT, PA. - SUN-GAZETTE  
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## Sighting of UFO Reported in Area

The sighting of an unidentified flying object in local skies this morning by a Muncy area man, has been reported to the Sun-Gazette by his mother.

Mrs. Charlotte Campbell, of Muncy, said her son, Charles A. Mann, of Muncy RD 5, told her he was driving his brother to work between 7:30 and 8 a.m. today when he spotted a "big, round ball, yellow in appearance" flying overhead. The

"craft" left no vapor trail, Mrs. Campbell said.

On his way back home, she said her son told her he saw the object "shoot up into the sky and disappear."

No reports of the UFO were filed with personnel at either the flight control tower or the National Weather Service at the Williamsport-Lycoming County Airport at Montoursville or with county communications dispatchers.

## UFO Sighted

A Clinton Township family claim they saw an unidentified flying object over the St. Clair Shores Police Department last Friday about 8 p.m.

Traveling on eastbound 11 Mile west of Harper, David Bathurst, his wife Veronica, and their nine-year old daughter Julie saw a pair of white lights facing southwest.

Mr. Bathurst told police the lights were just above the station and below the clouds although the exact height was unknown.

Police told him the lights may have been a jet on its way to Metropolitan Airport in Detroit.

## UFO's in Ignace?

7412  
A reported UFO (unidentified flying object) sighting in the Ignace area Sunday evening has raised a number of questions in the minds of local residents.

However, local authorities are not convinced that the bright, shooting object seen in the sky was a UFO. "I wouldn't call it a UFO because it sounds more like it was a meteorite," said Capt. G. W. Roberts of CFS Sioux Lookout. "Somebody saw what appears to have been a meteorite or a bright shooting star in the sky and that's about it."

Capt. Roberts noted that more than one person had seen the phenomenon. He stated that UFO sightings are reported to the National Research Council in Ottawa for further investigation.

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# Unidentified flying objects reported over Barnegat Bay

7424  
by Susan Weiss  
BRICK TWP. — This municipality made national news last week when residents reported seeing an unidentified flying object over Barnegat Bay on Wednesday night.

Police received calls that something was hovering in the air over the Waterside Apartments off Drum Point Rd. around 7:40 p.m. The patrolman responding to the call, who preferred not to be identified because he was afraid of ridicule, confirmed the sighting.

That prompted Lieutenant Joseph DeAngelo to go down and look for himself. By the time he arrived at the scene, the object had moved out over the bay. He described it as a round white light with two small flashing blue lights on either side of it. Lt. DeAngelo told one paper he thought it might have been a helicopter.

When asked if it looked

like the lights of a helicopter, he said, "No, I don't know what it was, but I don't believe in UFO's."

Other officers at the station referred to the patrolman who confirmed the sighting as "one of the most level headed guys on patrol". He claimed to be familiar with different kinds of aircraft and said that the object he saw was unlike anything he had seen before. "If he says he saw something, he saw something," one of the other officers said.

But a pilot who was dining at a restaurant in Point Pleasant Beach that night said he saw some strange lights in the sky, too. It was two cargo planes flying close together, he maintained.

Joseph Petillo, a resident of Silverton, disagreed. He called the Brick Twp. police on Friday after reading in the papers that other people had seen what he saw Wednesday night.

Petillo, who is maintenance supervisor at Christ Hospital in Jersey City, said he was in his car at 10:45 at the intersection of Hooper Ave. and Fisher Blvd. in Seaside Heights with a friend, John Maurano, owner of a dry cleaning store. The men saw a large round white object in the sky and they stopped the car. It hovered for about a minute just over the tree tops, he said, no more than a few hundred feet up.

According to Petillo, the object suddenly lit up with blue and white flames shooting out, and took off rapidly. It went straight and then dipped down into the

tree tops in the distance.

"I'm a former marine," Petillo said, "and I know aircraft. It was nothing like a jet, no way could it have been a jet. And cargo planes aren't that big."

He added that he would love to have someone prove to him that it was not a UFO. "If it was cargo planes, I'd like to have them come back and do the same thing so they could show me how they did it," he said. He pointed out that cargo planes can't hover in mid-air and then take off rapidly from a stationary position. It moved faster than a helicopter, he said.

Petillo didn't mention it to anyone until Friday because he couldn't figure out what it was and he was afraid people would think he was crazy.

Late Friday afternoon police responded to another call from Waterside Apartments. Two women discovered tracks in the sand they thought might be related to the sighting. The "strange footprints" turned out to be horse's hoof prints, distorted in some areas where the soft sand caved in so that some of the prints appeared to have three toes.

Well, you never know.

TORONTO, ONT. - CANADA  
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## UFO put on a good show

Seeing is believing for some people and Frank Ilavsky became a believer about 5 a.m. yesterday:

Ilavsky, 35, says he looked east from his Forest Manor Road apartment and saw a big white object he thought at first was a star.

"It was beautiful, but it wasn't a star. It was three or four times bigger than a star."

It was cloudy also and Ilavsky says he couldn't see other stars.

Ilavsky, a tennis pro, says it's very hard to describe in detail the flashing lights he saw over the Don Valley Parkway.

"If it was behind the

clouds it was very bright. Or if it was under the clouds it was very low," he explains.

"It was moving up and down, never side to side. I was enjoying watching it. It was growing very big then very small."

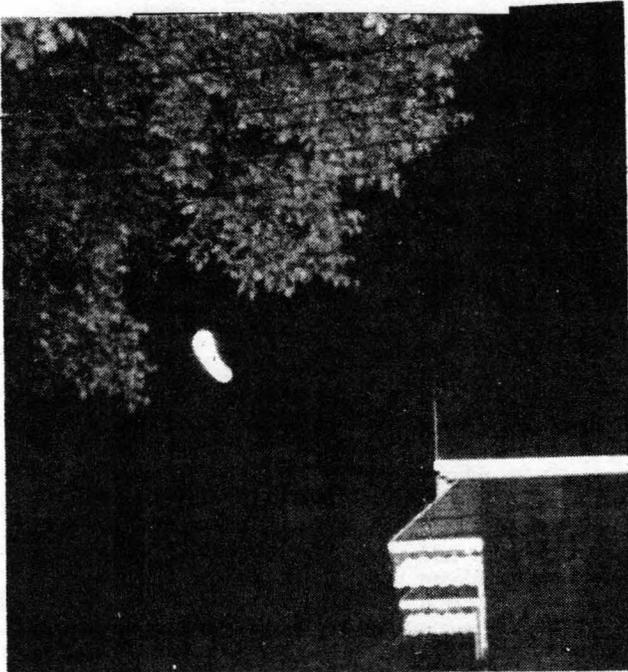
Whatever it was, Ilavsky says it moved away around 5:20 a.m. "It just kept going straight up. It grew smaller. Then, suddenly I didn't see anything."

He says he didn't want to report the sighting because, "some people believe us, some people say we're crazy."

"Before I didn't believe. Now I believe there are objects in the air."

# 20 UFO sightings near curling rink

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BRIGHT OBJECT was photographed by Cliff Crocker.

## UFO stayed long enough for photo

What was it that Cliff Crocker saw through the lens of his camera one warm night last June?

Whatever it was, the Kimberley Street man has color photographs of the very bright light and has submitted them to the Sun's public UFO forum.

"I personally feel this was a UFO," Crocker says of the object, visible between a tree and a house before it disappeared into the night sky.

"I base my opinion on the speed at which this object accelerated and further on the unusual psychic feeling I experienced prior to seeing this object."

Meanwhile, Allan Smith of Mississauga, writes:

"Investigators such as Dr. Allen Hynek of the Cen-

tre for UFO Studies and Walter Andrus of the Mutual UFO Network are now offering credibility to the UFO mystery.

"Hopefully, the weather balloon, marsh gas and moving planet cop-outs of the past are finished."

Says Tom Groves of Mississauga: "In reality, we are just one of many hundreds of thousands of life forms in existence.

"We are on the threshold of finding out just how little and insignificant we really are in comparison to size and wealth of knowledge in existence in the depths of space."

What are your views on UFOs? Write to Saucer Sightings, Toronto Sun, 333 King Street East, Toronto, M5A 3X5

PORT HARDY - Nearly 20 people gathered outside the curling club here Saturday night around 10:00 p.m. to stare at an unusually bright object in the sky they could not identify.

Al Purslow of the Canada Manpower Centre, spending his time running the bar and running outside to join the skyward gazing audience, said the bright object was "quite a while just stationary and then moved off to the south."

He said whatever it was made no noise and was "certainly closer than a star, for instance."

He added he was a poor judge of distances so could give no indication of just how far away it was.

"I don't think anybody took it really seriously," Purslow went on. "We stopped paying attention to it around midnight."

Also at the curling rink

was airport manager Ray Jones.

"It looked like a star," Jones said, "but gave off flashes of red, green and some blue.

"It was so bright if somebody was looking at the sky, he was bound to see it."

Roy Koch, a weatherman at the airport, said he saw the bright light and "it looked like a star to me."

Jones said another weatherman, George Reynolds, told him he was "not positive, but felt it was Venus."

He said Reynolds explained to the airport manager the sighting was in the "location Venus should be in" and the planet "was lower than it was for some time."

The brightness and changing lights could have been caused, he added, by the extremely cold weather and atmospheric pressure.

Reynolds, Jones added, "doesn't believe in UFOs."

## Burning UFO report confirmed

AFO A local Federal Aviation Administration official has confirmed the sighting of a large, burning object that crashed into the desert northwest of Tucson yesterday.

R.C. Curit, an air traffic controller at the Tucson International Airport control tower, said he saw "a bright, white light west and a little northwest of the tower" disappear above the horizon line yesterday morning.

Curit said that he received a call from someone living at the west end of the Santa Catalina Mountains. The caller said he saw the object drop out of a curved path in the sky and hit in the desert south of his home.

Curit speculated that the unusual sight was either a meteorite or a piece of space junk that caught fire as it entered the Earth's atmosphere.

## UFO sighted

MT.VERNON--A UFO sighting was reported to city police in Mt. Vernon on the 25th at 9:07 p.m.

Herman Mays, 1900 S. 9th St., told police that the UFO was bright red and traveling northeast.

When he first sighted the object it was above McDermott Sales and Service on Benton Road, he said.

## West Of Eden

With RIC DOLPHIN



COPENHAGEN — Wanted: someone else who saw the unidentified flying object to the east of here on Jan. 3.

At 5:30 a.m. that day, Stephen Balazs, an executive at Clark Equipment of Canada Ltd., in St. Thomas, was out milking his cow at his home on Highway 73, half a kilometre south of Copenhagen, when he saw a bright pulsating light in the southeastern sky.

The object was somewhat triangular in shape, brighter than any star he'd ever seen and it seemed to be hovering over Lake Erie.

He said he had seen the same light a few days before Christmas, but it had not been quite as bright on that occasion and he decided not to wake his wife and children then.

But on Jan. 3, it was too bright to ignore and like nothing Mr. Balazs had ever seen, so he called his wife, Barbara, and children, Yvonne, 16, and Russell, 14, out to witness the light.

Mrs. Balazs, a part-time piano teacher and a former resident of Los Angeles, shared her husband's excitement when she saw the light.

She described it as about the size of a street lamp if one was looking up at one from the ground and she said the brightness of it could be compared to a Coleman lamp being put in front of one's eyes on a dark night.

"It was just brilliant," she said. "No one could tell me that it wasn't unusual."

None of the Balazs' had ever

seen a UFO before and Mrs. Balazs said the whole family was running around in excitement.

The object, whatever it was, remained in sight for an hour and a quarter until the dawn light rendered it invisible.

They took pictures of it with a Polaroid-type camera, but, said Mrs. Balazs, "They all turned out black."

A call was made to the St. Thomas OPP, but the detachment said they didn't have a car in the area and couldn't check out the UFO, which Mrs. Balazs said "was quite frustrating."

In the time since this sighting, no one has been able to provide a reasonable explanation for the occurrence.

"I don't think I'm some kind of a kook," Mrs. Balazs said. "... I can assure you, my husband and myself aren't given to hysteria."

"I won't kid you: we were excited," Mr. Balazs added. "This was beautiful, really." He is hoping it will come again.

Mrs. Balazs said she and the children also saw two, white, star-sized lights to the west. Mr. Balazs was too busy watching the brighter light to worry about these, but his wife said that the westerly lights seemed to dart around in the sky and catch up with one another, as if attached by elastic. She and the children saw these through the glass of a bedroom window.

Unfortunately, there have been no other reports of these occurrences on Jan. 3, which

made this somewhat skeptical reporter go looking for a logical explanation.

Tillsonburg OPP, whose area of coverage would be underneath where the UFO was sighted, said there had been no such reports made on Jan. 3. Port Burwell OPP said the same.

Spokesmen for the various area airports — London, St. Thomas and Tillsonburg — said there were definitely no planes landing or departing from their runways at that time of the morning on Jan. 3.

A supervisor at the Toronto Airport control tower also said none of their planes were over that part of Lake Erie at the time.

At the Canadian Armed Forces Air base in Trenton, Ont., Captain Robert Mazey, a duty operations officer, said that no Canadian military flights had occurred in this area on that date.

UFO reports, theoretically, are reported to OPP or RCMP detachments before being sent to the Trenton base, Cpt. Mazey said. The base sends them on to Ottawa.

There had been 10 reports of UFOs received in Trenton last year, he said, but so far none for 1979.

Sufficiently satisfied that there had been no aircraft activity from Canada in the area, we decided to try a different route.

Chris Rogers, a graduate astronomy student at the University of Toronto was contracted.

After looking in his book on

## UFO sighting goes unexplained

specific heavenly happenings for Jan. 3, Mr. Rogers reported that "nothing wiered" was scheduled for that morning.

When told about the position of the sighting, however, he pointed out that Venus was in that position of the sky at that time of the morning and was at its brightest at this time of the year. In addition, he said, the planet would be fairly close, when observed with the naked eye, to Mercury and the star Antares (the Red Star).

But there was no way the three heavenly bodies could be confused as one light, he said, unless the observer's glasses were badly steamed.

Since none of the Balazs' were wearing steamed glasses, another explanation had to be found. Mr. Rogers pointed out that the recent UFO sightings in New Zealand have been blamed on a peculiar atmospheric condition (temperature inversion) which causes water droplets in cold air to act as a prism and project far-away objects in different locations — somewhat like a mirage.

Mr. Balazs, when told of this hypothesis, said it could be the case — he didn't know.

All he knew was that it wasn't like any Venus he had ever seen before (and "I usually scan the skies in the morning.") Whatever it was, he said, "it was most unusual."

If there is anyone else out there to whom this sounds familiar, the Balazs' would be happy to learn that they are not alone.

# Strange Light Hovering Over Barn

On Wednesday, January 3, the Balazs family of RR 2, Aylmer had a morning they will never forget.

It all started at about 5:55 a.m. when Stephen Balazs left his house in Copenhagen, just south of Aylmer, to milk their one cow in the barn.

He came running back to the house excited, waking up his wife Barb and children, Yvonne, 16 and Russell, 14, trying to describe what was happening outside.

When Mrs. Balazs looked out their window she saw a sight she says she will never forget; a very strong light was coming from the east over the barn, hovering there and pulsating.

Mrs. Balazs said her husband returned outside to try and awaken neighbors, the Carter's, while she and her two children ran up and down the stairs trying to find a better window to watch the light from.

She said the light looked triangular in shape like a "boomerang".

"It's the strangest thing I've ever seen," she said. "You could see from the reflection the shape of it," describing it as a triangle with a light that faded and then pulsated brighter like a "lantern being flashed in your face."

She said the triangular points coming from the light sometimes flashed blue and green lights.

In the meantime, Mr. Balazs could not wake up his neighbors and he ran back to their home to watch.

At this point, quite by accident, said Mrs. Balazs, she looked toward the right and there were three other lights, two keeping abreast of each other and the other, which, she said, seemed larger, crossing their proper-

"At first they looked like stars," she said. "But I've never seen anything that looked quite like that."

Mrs. Balazs telephoned St. Thomas OPP and requested that someone investigate the lights.

"They told me they are interested in this sort of thing," she said, but since no car was in the immediate area, Mrs. Balazs assumed no one was sent out to check into it.

She talked to the OPP twice and was curious if there were any other people in this area seeing these lights.

The morning was still dark while the lights hovered. They all eventually moved east over the barn then south down Highway 73, she said, until they hovered over Lake Erie. When the sky grew lighter, said Mrs. Balazs, the lights disappeared.

They were gone at about 6:45 a.m., she reported.

"I can't really say what they were," she said on Thursday, still excited. "They were pretty high up and the light was unusual for an air craft—especially with the blue and green emanating from the peaks at certain times."

Mrs. Balazs said her children were amazed.

When asked if she believes in 'unidentified flying objects' she said, "I'd have to say I believe in UFO's and I classify that to myself by saying it is something I haven't ever seen. As far as we are concerned, it isn't a usual thing."

Mrs. Balazs said it was "quite irritating" to her that no one else was up and about during the incident and no one else has reported seeing the lights.

She telephoned the London radio station CJBK with her story later Wednesday morning, but so far, no one has confirmed their story.

Mrs. Balazs said she is trying to determine if anyone else saw the lights.

"I really didn't know who to phone," she said.

She said the lights may have been something used by the military but "it's not like any aircraft or anything else I've ever seen."

## UFO sighted at Wilkie?

On Saturday night, January 13, Will Ziegler saw what he believes to be an Unidentified Flying Object in the skies over Wilkie. The sighting occurred at about 11:00 p.m., appearing from the south and moving northward high in the sky. Mr. Ziegler, who has sighted UFO's on other occasions, said this particular object was shaped similar to a light bulb with a partial tail which he estimated to measure about 100 feet across and 200 feet in length. It appeared to be moving slowly, when suddenly it descended to the horizon and disappeared. Mr. Ziegler would like to know if anyone else saw the object.

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# UFO SIGHTING IS REPORTED OVER GW PLANT AND MILLIKEN

By CHRIS STOLLEY

Bob Roberts, a security guard at Great Western Sugar Co., Johnstown, was the first to spot the bright lights last Wednesday night.

Roberts, seeing something unusual in the position of the lights contacted his son, Bill Roberts. After contacting Bill, he contacted Trellis Mitchell, another employee of Great Western. Roberts also contacted Dick Wulf, an off-duty employee of Great Western.

Roberts gave the following report of what he saw:

"I was watching a television program that lasted from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the security shack. The program was 'The Chariot of the Gods.' After the program was over, I

walked outside, it was close to three minutes after nine. I saw a large round pulsating white light. I said to myself, 'Jesus Christ, what is that.' I thought it was a space craft or a UFO. It came from the north or northwest. It was brighter than a vapor light. As I watched it, it moved toward the nuclear plant going southeast. I called my son, Bill, on the phone to look. After I called him, I contacted Mr. Mitchell in the lab. The light moved to the entrance of the sugar factory. I watched. There were two lights, red and orange, diagonally across from each other. I called Dick Wulf. He lives south of Milliken. The diagonal lights went back into one. The light hesitated two or three minutes over

Milliken. The lights headed southeast again, east of the nuclear plant.

"The light was north of Denver. It slowly disappeared when it went southwest over the Rockies. It was fantastic and eerie in a way. It was three times the size of a train light and the two lights were about the size of a stop sign. It was in the locality for about 20 minutes."

Roberts estimated the light's speed at under 100 miles an hour. He said it was gliding in its direction and made no sound.

Trellis Mitchell, another observer of the lights said, "I saw two big bright lights above Milliken. Maybe it was an airplane, I don't know. I'm not really a believer in UFO's."

This is not the first strange light Roberts has seen. In 1954, while stationed at Lowry Air Force Base in Aurora, Roberts spotted a strange light. According to Roberts, three other people saw that light besides himself. Roberts was in the Air Force 21 years before retiring from the service, and said what he saw last Wednesday night was not a plane, helicopter, weather balloon or other familiar type of aircraft.

According to Roberts, at least five other people besides himself, saw the light Wednesday night over Milliken. They are Bill Roberts, Kim Christian-son, Mitchell, Wulf and Wade Reed, Great Western night watchman. |

A Chicago hospital worker, named by "a voice from the grave" as the killer of a co-worker, pleaded guilty to the 1977 crime in a surprise move Thursday. Allan Showery, 32, pleaded guilty to stabbing and strangling Teresita Basa, as well as to armed robbery and arson. He was sentenced to 14 years in prison in the slaying and concurrent terms of 4 to 12 years on the other charges. Showery came under investigation when another co-worker told police that the victim's "spirit" spoke through her and named Showery as the killer.

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## Brilliant Sky Object Seen Here Sunday

An unexplained object was sighted in the sky about 6:30 Sunday evening by west side Bloomer residents who watched the phenomenon through binoculars.

The sight of the object brought neighbors from their houses and caused much speculation as to what it was. The object was described as beautiful with brilliant lights and at times exhibited a comet-like streak of bright light.

Residents said it hung motionless in the southeast sky for about two hours and then disappeared.

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ONLY INTERESTING FOR AWHILE

# Arroyo Resident Spots UFO

ARROYO GRANDE — A UFO only interesting to a certain point?

That's the claim of Armand Carpentier, of 531 Ide St. in this city.

Carpentier, 54, reluctantly told this newspaper he saw an unidentified flying object in the sky off Arroyo Grande. The sighting was New Year's Eve (Dec. 31) morning about 5:30 a.m., he reported recently.

Carpentier said he was awakened by his dog, but can't remember whether the dog nudged him, barked, or what. All he knows is he went outside the house to water the dog and stayed out 10 or 15 minutes.

During that time he spotted something that looked like a large street light. The object, light, or whatever it was, was about 11 o'clock high to the southeast.

"There wasn't a cloud in the sky," Carpentier

recalled, describing the perfect circle of light as larger than his neighbor's spotlight.

"I have no idea just how big it was, because I don't know how far out it was," Carpentier related.

"There was no sound or anything," he said, indicating the object was like a bright clock face without hands, with the edge clearly defined.

"It was identical to the thing they show on TV," he said, saying he had seen reflections from airplanes before and this was not that.

"This was definitely very strange. Still, again, it was nothing but a light."

He didn't report it to anybody, he said. "I didn't think it was that important."

It sounds goofy, he said, but one reason he went inside was a mild terror — an irrational fear that he might disappear like the

people on television do.

"It was kind of crazy. I wasn't afraid but who in the hell really knows."

He said his wife was mad that he didn't tell her until later.

The next day, Carpentier watched the Rose Parade and on the news later a report was issued about a flying saucer reportedly spotted in New Zealand.

There were pictures with the news report and "it was exactly like I saw it," Carpentier claimed.

A remodeling contractor, Carpentier said the object he saw didn't move and was "only interesting to a certain point."

Vandenberg Air Force Base reported no missile launchings, weather balloons or even any sightings of any objects, according to a check by this newspaper. A center for UFO research in Santa Rosa could not be reached

for comment.

Grover City Police Department did, however, receive a report of a sighting, but at 5:50 a.m. Jan. 1. A clerk said everybody rushed outside to look, but "we couldn't find it."



Armand Carpentier

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# What? A UFO? Over Lalor Street?

By W.L. HAACKER  
Staff Writer

Did someone say UFO? A Hamilton Township woman did. She told township police Thursday night that she saw an Unidentified Flying Object.

The woman, a 27-year-old housewife who asked not to be identified for fear of ridicule, told The Trentonian that she and her friend were returning from playing racquetball when they saw a craft "about 1,500 feet up" over the Stokely Van Camp factory on Lalor Street about 10 p.m. Thursday night.

"I wasn't drunk or anything," she said.

She described the craft as being the size of a "football field, rectangular in shape with six bright lights and several other lights outlining the craft."

She said the craft ran a parallel course with them up Lalor Street. She said she and her friend pulled the car over on the side and watched it, when it abruptly stopped and reversed its direction without turning.

She said it made no noise.

"It kept getting bigger and bigger and I said to my girlfriend 'look at that airplane, it's going to crash,' but it didn't," she said. "It just sat there."

"It was too huge and too low to be an airplane," she said, "and the lights were too bright to see any definite shape."

"The lights were in a cross-like pattern and they had no color," she said. "They weren't blinking or anything, just bright."

She called the Hamilton police, who investigated by calling Trenton-Robbinsville and Mercer Airports.

Both airports reported "no air traffic at that time because of high winds," police said.

The Hamilton police said that the 27-year-old housewife sounded "rational and reasonable" so they investigated the matter.

Trenton police reported no calls about UFO sightings that evening, and Hamilton reported no other calls.

# Flood of local UFO sightings still unexplained

By JOHN SCHNEIDER  
Staff Writer

There is, no doubt, a logical explanation for the strange reports of October, 1978. In the realm of unidentified flying objects, however, one person's logic is another's fantasy.

Fertile imaginations or visitors from another corner of the universe? It would be convenient to say that the truth lies somewhere in between. But when dealing with tales of shoebox-shaped aircraft, rotating discs and giant boomerangs in the sky, there doesn't seem to be much middle ground.

**A FEW THINGS**, however, are certain.

— Between Oct. 7 and Oct. 30, Lansing-area people, on at least 14 different occasions, saw — or, at least, claimed to have seen — unusual objects in the sky.

— The "sightings" involved 32 adults and children. Some called the police. Others reported their experiences to a private organization called the Mutual UFO Network.

— **THE RADAR** screens at Capital City Airport recorded nothing unusual during the period and helicopters, as well as one oddly-shaped advertising plane, were known to be in this area at the time.

That, pretty much, is where the 'facts' end and the personal accounts begin.

At about 9:45 on the night of Saturday, Oct. 21, Roxy Ryder had just left the Michigan Theater in downtown Lansing.

**ACCOMPANIED** by her two children, 12 and 16, and two of their friends, the 35-year-old Lansing woman was driving south on Washington Avenue, approaching Mt. Hope, when one of the kids pointed out a mass of red and white lights which appeared to be hovering over the Dana Corp. building at 209 Mt. Hope

Mrs. Ryder, a Michigan State University employee, pulled her car into a nearby parking lot, where she and the youngsters sat and watched what they later described as a rotating, rocking disc-shaped object illuminated by a ring of red lights, a large white light and a row of square yellow-white lights which resembled windows.

They claimed to have watched the object for several minutes before it "streaked across the sky."

"I DON'T know what it was," Mrs. Ryder said this week. "All I know is that I saw something very weird."

That same night, about an hour earlier, a Lansing teen-ager and three of his friends were on Rockway Drive, near the Mt. Hope-Logan area, when they reportedly saw what appeared to be "an airplane with very short wings and a transparent bottom." The underside of the object, they said, was outlined by red and blue lights and on its top was a large white spotlight.

The boys claimed the object hovered overhead, a few hundred feet aloft, before it moved slowly out of sight.

**THE NIGHT** before that, 20-year-old Colleen Decker, was traveling west on Interstate-496, near Creyts Road, when she allegedly spotted a grouping of two red and two green lights in the sky, accompanied by "darting" red and green lights.

She said she reached her apartment in Grand Ledge and called her roommate outside to observe the continuing display. Miss Decker said that as she and her roommate watched, an object shaped like a boomerang and large as a house moved silently westward, accompanied by the red and green lights.

The young woman, who works for a

Lansing law firm, said she was "scared" by what she saw. "I know it wasn't a helicopter," she said. "I guess it could have been a plane, but I don't think so. I don't know what it was — only that it looked really strange."

**THESE ACCOUNTS** and 11 others like them — including several reports of a flying hamburger-shaped object — found their way to Dan Wright, a 31-year-old Grand Ledge man who is the local tri-county section director for the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON), a private, non-profit international organization dedicated to investigation of aerial phenomena.

According to Wright, MUFON's 800 investigators — the great majority of whom are in the U.S. — fill the gap left by the government's decision to not pay serious attention to UFO reports. The group's five top chiefs draw part-time salaries, but the rest of the investigators work on a voluntary basis.

They are provided with an investigator's manual which, among other things, instructs them on how to tell the difference between an honest-to-goodness UFO and, say, a weather balloon or a satellite.

**THE INVESTIGATORS** also receive a monthly newsletter and may attend an annual symposium at their own expense.

As far as Wright knows, the only qualifications an investigator needs is a willingness to investigate UFO sightings and the patience to fill out detailed reports for "legitimate" sightings. The best of these are forwarded to Chicago, where they are computerized at the Center for UFO Studies at Northwestern University.

He said the investigators represent "all walks of life," but include an "inordinate share" of physical scientists. The state director for MUFON is a public school administrator from South Lyon.

**WRIGHT HAS** been a member of MUFON for about one year. He earns his living as an analyst for the Michigan Department of Social Services. He has a wife and three children and holds a bachelor's and master's degree in political science.

Wright said his first duty as a MUFON investigator was to visit local police departments, radio stations and other agencies that frequently receive UFO reports "just to let them know I'm out here."

Lansing policemen, who contacted Wright in reference to some of the Oc-

tober reports, admit they have no place to go with UFO reports. "Since the government closed its investigation," said officer Dennis O'Brien, "we really have no place to report (UFO sightings)."

**BUSINESS STARTED** off slow for Wright. "Then came October," he said, "and all of a sudden I didn't have time for a private life."

Some of the October sighting reports were relayed to Wright by the police. Others came directly to him. He took a look at the weather plane that was in the area at the time and checked out the light configurations on local police and National Guard helicopters.

Of the 32 people involved in the 14 "sightings," Wright interviewed 25 of them and became convinced they were being honest about what they saw. "They were just ordinary people with extraordinary stories," he said.

## More UFO reports

# Outer-space invasion? There's no panic yet!

If all the recent UFO sightings panned out, it would be time to call out the troops to defend Edmonton against an invasion from outer space.

But city officials aren't planning that kind of action.

Reports of UFO sightings in the city have been coming in fast and furious since Monday's alleged sighting by a Sherwood Park bus driver.

The driver said he spotted a cigar-shaped object followed by three smaller "aircraft" flying in close formation.

Two women say they saw a UFO Friday afternoon and a third city woman claims to have spotted a "tower of fire in the sky" Sunday afternoon.

Local astronomer John Hope, director of the Queen Elizabeth Planetarium, says he's not surprised by the rash of sightings.

He says it is common for one sighting to set off a rash of reports. The planetarium gets about a dozen reports per week.

"Almost every case involves a perfectly natural phenomena, but it is a bit unsettling for people who have never

noticed a thing like a contrail."

A contrail is a condensed vapor trail and exhaust gas from a jet aircraft which sometimes forms a ball and reflects sunlight. Hope says they are quite common.

City bylaw inspector Doub Murray, who took photographs of Monday's "UFO", is not insisting we were visited by extraterrestrial beings.

"I don't know what the heck it was," Murray said yesterday. His picture shows a small glowing object on the horizon just before sunrise.

## UFO makes another local appearance

By SCOTT LEBAR  
Staff Writer

Yesterday appearance of a bright, white spherical object may have failed to convince skeptics there was something strange hovering in the skies over Annapolis, but the unidentified flying object reportedly made another appearance this morning.

This time, however, some police officers said they saw the UFO zipping about the southeast sky early this morning.

Their admission gave some credence to the residents' reports that they saw something at about 5 a.m. yesterday. The problem is, they don't know what that something is.

One resident, Bette Malamphy of 114 Conley Drive in Eastport, saw the object for the second time this morning. This time, the object, which she described yesterday as resembling a large woman's ring, was spotted at roof-top level, rapidly moving up and

down and side to side.

She was awakened by her dog yesterday before 5 a.m. when it began growling at something outside. That was when she first saw the bright light about the size of a grapefruit.

"It happened again this morning," she said. "She (her dog) began growling and her hair on her back stood up."

When she peered outside at 5:30 a.m., she saw the object again. Some police officers reported seeing it at the same time.

Yesterday, a National Weather Service spokesman at Baltimore-Washington International Airport explained that the light might be a reflection off "snow aloft," or snow falling at a high altitude.

A spokesman said today that there was no snow aloft this morning.

A spokesman for Andrews Air Force Base said no UFOs were reported last night or this morning.

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## N. Bay?

An unidentified flying object in North Bay's night sky looked amazingly the same to an observer as the objects sighted 9,000 miles down under the globe.

A North Bay man, who wished to be anonymous for fear of ridicule, today called The Nugget about his sighting at 2.30 a.m. Tuesday.

"When I saw the picture in Tuesday's Nugget, I thought it was a real coincidence because it looked the same as the one I saw in the west going towards Sturgeon Falls," said the observer.

The North Bay sighting took place the same time but half way around the world from the Australian UFOs reported. While the locations lie in different hemispheres, the North Bay UFO was northwesterly from the Australian ones.

The photograph of the alleged UFO was taken on Saturday night by an Australian television crew in the skies over the New Zealand's South Island.

Another UFO sighting was reported early Tuesday morning by four police officers watching from the eastern coastline of Australia.

The North Bay sighting was a light-green round ball going in a constant movement westerly towards Sturgeon Falls. The object was seen for several minutes from a vantage point of Airport Hill on North Bay's Escarpment.

"I was sitting up at 2.30 a.m. having a cup of coffee when I saw this thing in the sky. It was larger than a full moon so I went out to look at it," said the observer.

"It was moving steadily to the west and it seemed to be about a mile off the ground," he said. "It just disappeared over the western horizon."

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# Aliens said visiting here

By Jim Withers  
Staff Writer

People who know Henry McKay find it strange that he has never seen a UFO.

How, they ask, can someone have such an intense interest in something that he has never seen.

In addition to years of UFO study, the 51-year-old Agincourt electrician is Canadian director of Mutual UFO Network (MUFON), a US-based investigation group.

He has attended several

conferences on the subject, and for the past few years has conducted classes on UFOs. McKay has had to rely on other people's testimony, like that of Jim and Kathy Balfour of North York, who saw several strange lights

hover over Earl Bales Park Sunday morning.

"These sightings are downgraded by authorities, but they can't all be explained as natural phenomena," he says.

He claims that his "working hypothesis" is that earth is being visited by extraterrestrial beings.

For the past seven years, McKay has conducted classes, and shared people's experiences.

"Out of a class of about 25, we might have one really good sighting," he says.

"The others are usually explainable, things that people aren't familiar with, such as weather inversion and balls of lightning."

The courses are designed to inspire individual study and research.

"We make brief forays into many related disciplines, such as astronomy, aeronautics and atmospheric conditions."

McKay begins a new 10-week course at Albert Campbell Collegiate, next Wednesday.

Meanwhile, the Canadian co-ordinator of another UFO group (Northeastern UFO Organization and Research) claims that there is a conspiracy of silence on the subject.

Tom Gray, who also saw the lights over Earl Bales Park Sunday, says that government officials are trying to suppress all data on UFOs.

Gray adds that he has seen many unidentified flying objects over the past two decades, but the most spectacular occurred above the Scarboro Town Centre, Feb. 6, 1975. "It was egg-shaped," he said, "and it was a solid, physical object."

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## U.F.O.'s 7412

Sure there's something to this UFO business. Back in the early sixties walking in a field — as a shortcut to Lawrence Avenue East — one dark late summer night I suddenly noticed a low-flying object, circular, with round brightly-lit portholes and making no sound overhead — I'd say less than 500 feet. It was an object like nothing I had ever seen before and it soon disappeared. That same week there were other sightings elsewhere in Ontario but descriptions varied and so did the explanations. I was cold sober and in a good position without distractions to be sure of what I saw in perhaps three to four seconds.

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CAMBRIDGE, ONT. - REPORTER  
\*\*\*\*\*JAN 17, 1979\*\*\*\*\*

## Two UFOs unknown

Mysterious objects in the sky have prompted 25 calls to the Cambridge UFO Research Group this month but according to Bonnie Wheeler, many "UFO" sightings were of the planet Venus.

Two separate sightings have Mrs. Wheeler baffled and cannot be classified as anything astronomical or man-made.

Both sightings were made on Jan. 12 and Mrs. Wheeler said it is possible the same object was seen at different times of the day.

Ludwig Sandjy of Cambridge and two other men were driving to work at Budd Automotive Co. Ltd. along Highway 97, at 6 a.m.

The object was seen in the northwestern section of the sky over Kitchener-Waterloo. It was described as being 1½ times bigger than the moon and extremely bright.

One observer, who did not want his name mentioned, said he has never seen the moon as bright and it was lower than an airplane in the sky but just above the horizon.

The object did not flash or move and disappeared from sight when the car he was travelling in drove into a dip in the road.

A young girl saw a bright, round object in the sky at 4:30 p.m. Friday in Preston. Her parents also saw the object.

The object was near the Preston water tower and was described as 1½ times bigger than the tower and completely round. It was described as just about being in the backyard.

The object had jagged protrudences with a pointed protrudence on top.

It was described as bright, "bright as a welder's torch". The object moved into the southwest sky and for 15 minutes it moved back and forth and stopping for periods of time. When it moved away, it was described as being completely round, the protrudences could not be seen.

It eventually disappeared behind a cloud.

Mrs. Wheeler said anything is possible and the two sightings could have been of the same object.

Early Jan. 22, Mrs. Wheeler received 15 telephone calls regarding a bright object in the sky around 8:30 a.m. She said the object was seen in the southern sky and it was the planet Venus.

She said the object disappeared as the sun rose, another reason to believe it was Venus.

Venus is now at its maximum brilliance for 1979 and can be seen several hours before sunrise.

Two other sightings are presently being investigated, Mrs. Wheeler said.

# Flora Policeman Wants Answers

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By DAVID HAMPTON  
Daily News Staff Writer

Flora Police Chief Herbert Roberts says he has observed unidentified flying objects on two occasions, and he wants to know what he's seeing.

Roberts and representatives from two UFO research groups Thursday asked a Mississippi House Rules subcommittee to urge a federal investigation of UFOs. He said he also wants the government to release information to the public.

State Rep. Horace Buckley of Jackson and several other Hinds County lawmakers are sponsoring a House resolution calling on the U.S. Senate and President Carter to authorize a "complete investigation" of UFOs.

"We have a number of citizens in our state who, in good faith, report UFOs," Buckley said. "The citizens of this state should know where we are at this point."

Roberts told the subcommittee that he saw an object near Flora in March, 1974 and again in February,

He said a man from Greenville walked into his office in 1974 and reported that a bright object had passed over his car, causing the engine to die. The police chief said he went to investigate and found a "big, huge, bright light" hovering about 300 yards above a field.

Again in 1977, Roberts said, an object was reported by other law enforcement officers, who summoned him to a location north of Flora.

"It was the same bright light," he said. "It drowned the car out and the radio out. It could light up the whole field."

The police chief said the object attracted so much attention that about 200 cars crowded the small rural road. He reported the incident and was interviewed by a government intelligence agent.

Todd Zeckel, representing a Washington-based group called Citizens Against UFO Secrecy, told the subcommittee that Roberts' experience was not uncommon, and described several incidents reported

in Air Force documents.

Zeckel, a freelance writer, said he has been gaining release of military documents describing UFO reports through the Freedom of Information Act.

He said as soon as a sighting is classified as a UFO, it is "dismissed" by the government. The government, he said, "has decided on a policy of debunking," which brings ridicule to persons who report UFOs.

"It has ruined people's lives, they get run out of town," said Zeckel.

Allan Hendry, an investigator for a citizens group called the Center of UFO Studies, said the organization receives from 1,000 to 2,000 UFO reports annually in the United States.

Although 9 out of 10 of the reports can be explained, he said, the serious UFO sightings are not

treated seriously by the government or the news media.

"They turn them into jokes about little green men," Hendry said.

The UFO researcher said the federal government should turn investigation of UFOs over to the scientific community or provide funding for private organizations to seriously study UFOs.

Rep. Ed Perry of Oxford, chairman of the subcommittee, asked if a resolution from the Mississippi Legislature would have any effect on government UFO policy.

"It would be tremendously courageous for the state to ask the government to disclose information," said Zeckel. "From state to state there are people who want to see this happen."

However, he said no other state has taken similar action.

"The public is tremendously interested in UFOs," he said. "More people believe in UFOs than angels."

Reps. H.L. "Sonny" Merideth of Greenville and Jim Morrow of Brandon said they were concerned about meddling in government secrets.

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## Society Studies Sighting in Sky

LITTLE SILVER — The Society for the Investigation of the Unexplained is looking into reported sightings Saturday night of an unusual and silent aircraft over sections of Brick Township and Point Pleasant, society President Robert C. Warth said.

(The Press received several phone calls early this morning reporting a "strange orange object" in the sky over the same general area).

"Enough information was given to conclude that the craft that was seen was not conventional," Warth said last night, after talking with several persons who reported seeing the object.

It is unlikely the craft was an airplane or helicopter, said Warth, who characterized it as an "unidentified flying object."

"This object gave off no sound, hovered in some cases, and had a configuration entirely different than any aircraft that the public is familiar with," he said.

Warth described the object as lenticular in shape, like a double-convex lens. Witnesses said the craft was generally slow moving, at times hovering and flashing red or blue lights.

"There were indications that it was in the process of measuring or observing a particular area for reasons unknown to us," he added.

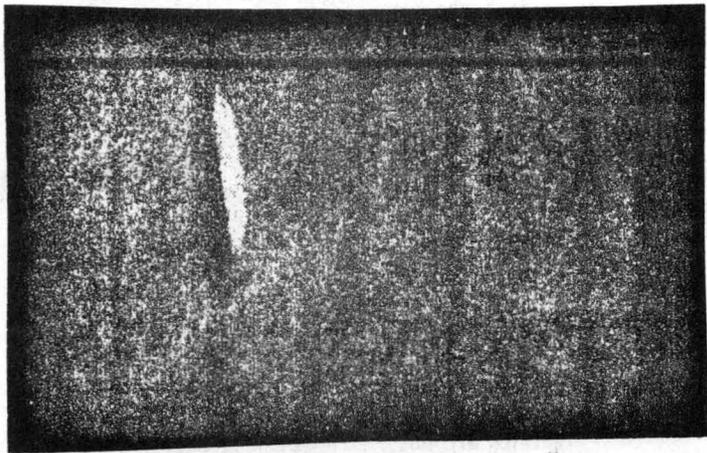
Referring to last Tuesday's earthquake, Warth said "it is observed that UFO's are seen prior to and after earthquake occurrences." There is no evidence, however, that the two phenomena are related, he said.

(Two women who would not identify themselves reported the latest sighting while they were driving home from work in Brick Township about 2 a.m. today, describing it as bright orange, in a fuzzy half circle with blue flits. They said it was the size of a Zep. 4in and was just above the trees. They said they followed it toward the Lakewood airport but lost it when they were stopped by a train at a crossing. They added that it seemed to hover over a lake near the airport and over the airport itself).

The airport is unmanned but the runway lights are left on for emergency landings. Police had no reports of sightings in the area, but several other calls to The Press described the same type object.

# Hovering UFO photographed here

## *Sightings continue in Eagle Creek area*



Ira McBain of Estacada says he took this photo of a brightly illuminated UFO as it quickly ascended above a high voltage transmission line. His color photo shows several colors of light ranging from white and yellow to orange. The photo above was taken about six months ago, he said.

By Ray Horn

In recent weeks numerous Estacada and Eagle Creek residents have described their encounters with UFOs and now it appears that one resident has recorded a UFO on film.

A polaroid photo taken by Ira McBain of Estacada appears on today's front page. McBain took the photo from his yard in Eagle Creek about six months ago. Like most of the sightings reported in Eagle Creek, he saw a low flying craft late at night. McBain said he was returning home shortly after midnight when he saw a brightly illuminated object hovering over the high voltage power lines which cross Highway 224. White lights flickered on and off, he said. Turning into his driveway, he made a quick dash for his house, grabbed a camera that was lying near the door, and returned to take the photo. The craft ascended at high speed as he snapped the shutter.

Judging from the size of the image on the photo, which was taken with a normal length lens, the object may have been as close as 120 to 150 yards.

McBain's photo was acquired by The Clackamas County News indirectly. When Estacada pharmacist Ron Kiggins told the newspaper that Pat and Darlene Adamson of Eagle Creek have also seen a number of UFOs, Adamson was contacted and interviewed. He

presented the photo and said McBain had taken it some time ago.

McBain has lived in Eagle Creek off and on for six years. He says he and Adamson both saw three UFOs flying in a low formation in 1972. On that occasion "the dogs and horses went crazy," he said. "I knew what they must be the first time I saw them," said McBain. "But it still raised up the back of my hair," he added.

If most of the UFOs seen in the Eagle Creek area have been spotted in an area extending roughly from the Barton Store to the intersection of Highways 224 and 211, McBain believes it may be because the craft are

tapping into the high voltage power lines to recharge their batteries or whatever it takes to keep them in flight.

McBain's former neighbor, Pat Adamson, who still lives within a block of the power lines, Saturday said "We've seen some strange things around here." On several occasions Adamson says he's watched as two stationary craft have seemed to flash beams of white light back and forth. The craft would vary their positions and altitude as they continued to aim beams of light at each other.

"I know there's two machines up there," said Adamson. "I guess anything is possible in this universe," he added.

Editor's note: We're just beginning to realize something that is apparently a fact: The fact is that a sizable percentage of the population has, at one time or another, seen a UFO. Most of the people who've seen UFOs don't bother to talk about them or to contact the media, possibly because they fear ridicule. During the past three weeks, we noted that not a single person who saw a UFO contacted us. In each instance a friend or relative told us that so-and-so had seen one and that we might talk to the person. While we haven't read the great body of available UFO literature, we tend to believe there is indeed something out there. We don't honestly believe there is a world wide conspiracy of practical jokers working on this one. Maybe it's a hopeful sign. The Americans, Russians and all the rest of the nations may be centuries away from building a peaceful world. The intervention of a foreign power six million light years away may be what it'll take.

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## Feds Probe

# UFO Sighted In Bryn Mawr

By CHARLES MONTGOMERY

Mary McFadden was a non-believer.

All the talk about UFO's was just so much bunk she thought.

Then came last Thursday morning. Mary McFadden couldn't sleep so she got up and made herself a cup of tea and was sitting next to her window in the Mayflower Apartments on Montgomery Ave. in Bryn Mawr.

It was 5 a.m. when Mary McFadden saw the light.

"A big light . . . a ball of light . . . real bright not moving . . . just sitting there above the Mermont Apartments up the street.

"I didn't know what to think. I just kept staring and it stayed

there," Mary McFadden told the Chronicle.

"Every once in a while it seemed to move . . . turn to the right and a brighter light would shine from the ball of light. It would stay like that for awhile and then turn again.

"It was there until about 5:45 a.m. and then suddenly it just climbed straight up in the sky and disappeared.

"After seeing that I believe in UFO's. I'd believe anything now," Mary McFadden said.

As strange as the story seems the Federal Aviation Administration is interested in the Mary McFadden UFO story.

James Graham, an FAA inspector, told the Chronicle that a similar sighting was reported in

recent weeks in Georgia and was witnessed by at least a dozen persons, including FAA personnel, radar tracking specialists, who had the object on their screen for a period of time, and state police.

Graham then read several reports of sightings and commented, "you got to believe they are there. Eventually one will land and we'll get to talk and maybe answer a lot of questions."

Yesterday, six police departments in Montgomery County reported "strange, orange-glowing objects" in the pre-dawn skies above Norristown, Conshohocken, Upper Merion, West Norriton, Lower Providence and Limerick.

SECAUCUS, N.J. - HOME NEWS  
\*\*\*\*\*JAN 25, 1979\*\*\*\*\*

## Woman reports seeing UFO

Ever since the Home News reported sightings of UFO's in Secaucus, other people have been admitting seeing something in the sky which they are sure was not a plane.

One local resident reports that she was on her way home at about 8 p.m. Monday, going in the direction of 4th Street, when she looked out of her car window. In the sky, she saw oblong windows, lit up brightly with yellow light. Although she could not determine an outline, she is sure it was not a plane.

Was there any noise? It was hard to tell, she said, because planes were flying low that night and they make a humming sound.

At home she debated whether or not to call someone, but the story in the Home News prompted her to call the paper.

"I never believed this could happen," said the Clarendon section resident, "but there it was. I wish I could have followed it in my car." The lighted windows were in a straight line, and the object reportedly moved off at an angle towards 5th Street. ^

The same resident tells of an incident which took place in Vermont, which she describes as "very weird." A young friend was at a lake with some pals on a "foggy, crummy day," when he heard a hum and a roar. He looked up and there was "this big thing" hovering close to the water. He could see windows.

The boy, "a pretty reliable kid," according to the Secaucus resident, didn't want to report it, but the next day a similar sighting was recounted in the newspapers.

Like many who have sighted there "things" the young woman did not want her name used. She had one parting comment, "I wonder what in the hell is going on!"

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## Observers Report Unusual Aircraft Flying Noiseless

Several residents in sections of Brick Township and Point Pleasant reported seeing an unusual and silent aircraft last night.

The craft was spotted by at least six persons between 6:30 and 8:10 p.m. over Beaver Dam Creek, Wilson Avenue, Littlehill Road in Point Pleasant and Cedarbridge Road in Brick Township.

Several tenants in the Plaza Terrace Apartment on Cedarbridge Road told police the craft "hovered" over the building's parking lot for several minutes at about 6:30.

Mrs. Teresa Blair said she saw the craft through her front window at about 6:55 p.m.

"It was fairly big, bigger than a small airplane and was all aglow with bluish lights. It was shaped like a football cut in half lengthwise. There was no noise," she said.

Mrs. Blair said she spotted it a second time shortly after 8 o'clock.

"This time the blue lights were off and red lights were flashing at the center and on the tail. It was skimming just about 20 feet over my house. It was again heading north, but then made a sudden move toward the east," she related.

Ed Longano, a Point Pleasant policeman, said he saw the craft flying over his house at about 8:15 p.m.

# UFO's here?

## Residents baffled by early morning sighting

By SCOTT LEBAR  
Staff Writer

The trouble with most UFO sightings is that they usually turn out to be no more than snow jobs, but even the weather service couldn't convince several Annapolis residents of that this morning.

City police received at least three reports of sightings of unidentified flying objects sparkling and hovering over the city at about 5 a.m. But with the coming of daylight the UFOs and the hopes of a close encounter of any kind disappeared.

Coincidentally, the military police at Fort George G. Meade received a UFO sighting report at about 2:30 a.m. Radar at Andrews Air Force Base confirmed neither sighting.

City police though were so confounded by the reports that a call was made to the National Weather Service at Baltimore-Washington International Airport for a possible, quick weather-related explanation.

A spokesman for the weather service said that there "were 100 different

possibilities," but speculated that the sighting was more likely "snow aloft," or snow falling at a high altitude and evaporating before it hit the ground.

"Nobody here saw it," he added.

But Bette Malamphy of 114 Conley Drive saw it. Mrs. Malamphy, who describes herself as a "down-to-earth" person not used to seeing spherical objects hovering near her home, called police at 5 a.m. after watching the UFO for about an hour.

Not only did she see it, she said, but her dog and her mother saw it as well. Apparently others saw it and called the police. In fact, enough saw it to cause Police Chief Bernard Kalnoske to take a look.

What they saw was a white light moving about the sky. "It looked like a woman's beautiful dinner ring," Mrs. Malamphy said. "It was white and spherical, like a ring, with many facets. It was really quite pretty."

She and her mother watched it until 7:30 when it disappeared. But it was there when the street lights had gone off, disproving,

in their minds, the weather service's theory that the lights were reflecting on the snow.

"How dumb are we," she asked rhetorically.

Mrs. Malamphy said she was asleep when her Doberman pinscher on her bed began growling. "The hair on his back stood up," she said. "He jumped up and was growling at the window."

She walked over to the window suspecting that someone was tampering with her car. "Then I saw it," she said. "I said to myself, 'What a gorgeous star.' Then I realized it was not a star."

She said it was too large to be a star. "I know it was something," she said. "It was way, way up in the sky."

In the county, Ft. Meade officials checked for radar reports of an object reported in the Severn area. A Ft. Meade spokesman said that an "airborne aircraft with red, white and blue lights" was reported spotted in the Severn area.

"It was negative," the spokesman said.

CONCORD, CALIF. - TRANSCRIPT  
\*\*\*\*\*JAN 16, 1979\*\*\*\*\*

# Reports of UFOs over Contra Costa

FRONT PAGE

The Contra Costa County Sheriff Department received three calls last night from persons who reported sighting "unidentified flying objects."

One man said the UFO appeared to be a strange shining object. Even more bizarre, the man said the object chased him across the Bay Bridge.

Although such a chase would have led across Alameda County, deputies in Alameda said they had no reports of UFO's in their area.

One other caller to Contra Costa deputies said he saw the object over Mt. Diablo.

However, rangers said today they had seen no strange objects last night and had no calls from anyone about UFO's.

Concord police also reported no calls on UFO's.

The same was true of Oakland police and communications officials at Oakland International Airport who would have been in good position to see any bright objects in the area approaching the Bay Bridge.

One possible explanation for the sightings was given Tom Hatch, a graduate astronomy student at the University of California, Berkeley, who also saw a bright object in the eastern sky last night at about 9 p.m. on an airline flight from Los Angeles.

Hatch speculates that the object could be either a planet or a star

which rose shortly after sunset last night.

He said Sirius, the night's brightest star, rose last evening in the southeast while Jupiter, which is twice as big as Sirius, appeared in the northeast.

Turbulent weather conditions, such as those that existed yesterday, could cause optical distortions which would make those bodies appear to shift in position or change in color, he said.

Hatch added that the majority of UFO sightings turn out to be planets upon further investigation.

# MYSTERY OF A CLOSE ENCOUNTER WITH MEN IN A GREEN MIST

By JOHN CLARE

**JOHN DAY is convinced his family has had a close encounter with creatures from another planet after driving through a green mist.**

He says the strange beings were 7ft tall, pink-eyed and communicated by telepathy. His amazing story emerged under hypnosis after John, a 33-year-old student and his wife Sue had nightmares about their experience.

He says: "I had never really believed in UFOs before this happened. Now I'm convinced aliens are here and only show themselves when they want to."

The couple's close encounter happened on a moonlight night as they drove to their Essex home.

They had been visiting Sue's parents in Harold Hill and the journey home normally takes 30 minutes.

But after driving through the mist, John and Sue arrived to find three hours had mysteriously passed.

The clock on their mantelpiece showed it was 12.45 a.m.—yet they had set out at 9.20 p.m. the previous evening.

Then the couple began to have the same bizarre dream that they were on an operating table being examined by aliens.

The dreams became so vivid the couple were afraid to go to bed. Finally John contacted a group which researches UFOs, in the hope of finding out what really happened that night.

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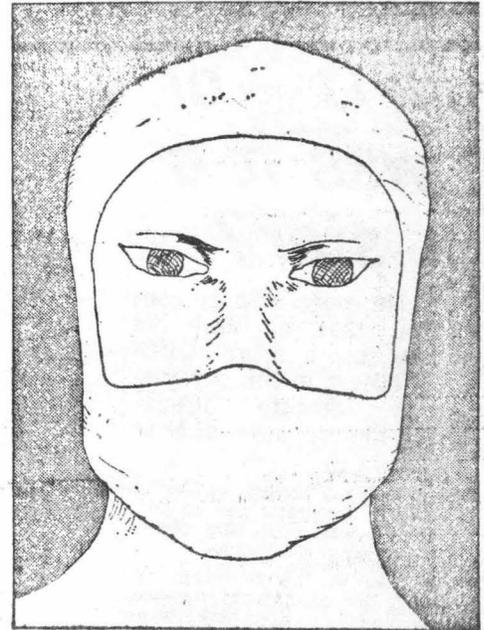
He was taken to one of Britain's leading hypnotists, dentist Leonard Wilder.

Under hypnosis John recalled how a white light followed and finally zoomed across in front of his car on a lonely road.

Then a beam of light transported the couple and their car aboard an alien spacecraft parked in a nearby field. John, a father of three, told me:

We found ourselves in a giant room. I was standing next to two or three beings. They were about seven feet tall, and all dressed in a one-piece costume.

**I went on  
a spaceship  
and met the  
7ft aliens**



THE ALIEN: John's sketch

It was like a silver-grey stocking, with a balaclava-type hood which came half-way up their faces.

The most startling thing about them was their eyes. They were bright pink, and they had no eyelids.

I found I knew what they wanted me to do. I think they communicated with me by telepathy. I knew they wanted me to walk across the room, so I did.

There was a doorway leading to another room. We all went through it.

This was obviously an examining room, and they asked me to lie on what looked like an operating table. I did so and a metal arm swung over me.

## MAGNETS

I got the impression it was scanning me. Then some smaller beings appeared. They were very squat and ugly, almost dwarflike.

Only one seemed concerned with me. He kept prodding me with a pen-shaped object.

After a while, he seemed to have finished and I asked if I could see around the ship. They agreed.

On a table, which was moulded into the wall, like the rest of the furniture, I saw a game.

It was a pile of cubes, which had magnets on every side. The idea of the game was to build the small cubes into a big one.

Towards the end of the tour the aliens left me alone in a room and suddenly an incredibly beauti-

ful woman walked in. She looked just like an earth woman.

She had bright gold hair, and all around her there was a grey mist. She really was beautiful. She walked towards me, and I took one step towards her. Then suddenly she vanished.

Soon after the visit was over, and the next I knew I was driving down the road again.

The beings kept telling me they were friendly and I enjoyed it immensely.

Sue, a 29-year-old nursing nurse, refused to be hypnotised because she did not want to relive the experience.

But she told me: "When I lay on the operating table they painted me with

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a mauve liquid. Then they washed it off.

"They prodded me all over with a pen-like object, and didn't spare my blushes. Then I screamed.

"One of the tall beings came over and put his hand on my forehead. I went out likt a light.

**VANISH**

"Later they took me on a tour around the ship. They showed me a screen and said, 'That is Earth.'

"They pointed out England on it. Then we seemed to zoom in, and they showed me where I lived.

"I told the beings I didn't want to go back. I asked if I could stay on the craft, and they agreed.

"I saw John climb into

the car, and it started to vanish. As it disappeared, I said I had changed my mind, and wanted to go back. Then I found myself sitting in the car."

Hypnotist Mr Wilder, said: "I have no doubt that Mr Day is telling the truth.

"I say this because when I first hypnotised him I conditioned him to tell only the truth.

Mr Barry King, member of the UFO Investigators Network, said: "We've made exhaustive inquiries and are convinced this couple had a close encounter."

"Certain aspects of it are similar to other abductions, like the design and furnishing of the rooms. We can find no reason to doubt its authenticity."

**UFO — or  
was it a  
star?**

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A Newport man is convinced that he and his family saw a bright UFO-style object in the sky yesterday, despite official police identification of it as a star.

Mr. Malcolm Powell, of Tennyson Road, Newport, was so convinced it was a moving object that he rang the police.

At 7.40 in the morning Mr. Powell's two daughters, one aged seven and one aged five, went into the back bedroom. When they pulled back the curtains they ran into their mother and said, "Come quickly the Star of Bethlehem has come out early this year."

Mr. Powell saw in the sky what he thought was a ball of light which came very fast from over the RTB area. It hovered, then stopped.

With his binoculars he saw that this object "looked like a craft—it was a square object with a round front."

He rang the police twice, and one of the officers said he had seen it as well — though he thought it was a star.

The object accelerated straight up into the sky, and seemed to get smaller and smaller and smaller. He says his wife saw this as well.

● Maindee Police, confirming the call from Mr. Powell, said two officers saw "something" but, when they lined it up with a tree, they could see that it was quite definitely NOT moving and in their opinion it was a star.

**'Lights in the sky'  
that made them go  
all 'hot and cold'**

3128

**TRAFFIC LIGHTS** in the sky with an offshoot like a Jaffa orange . . . that's the intriguing description of UFOs that a young housewife says she and a friend spotted over the sea off Bournemouth.

And she claimed that not only could they not take their eyes off the objects but suddenly felt an unusual warmth lasting 10 to 15 minutes.

"We hadn't been drinking or anything — the strongest thing we had had was a cup of coffee," said mother-of-three Mrs. Rita Griffiths of Woodside Road, Southbourne.

She said they made the sighting as she was about to return home after a brief call next door to her friend Mrs. Wendy Wilkinson at about 10.30 on Thursday night.

Explained 30-year-old Mrs. Griffiths: "I was saying goodnight to my friend and said look at that bright star . . ."

But she added that when they looked closer the object, which was just above the sea, appeared to have a cylinder shaped underside with different coloured lights like traffic lights above.

"It was a sort of object which had a long undercarriage underneath revolving, and there was a blue light in the middle.

"It was there for about an

hour just hovering and coming down and going up very slowly.

"There was a light dot — I couldn't say how far away it was—next to this thing and out of it came an orange ball like a Jaffa orange and it shot out and flew across over the sea towards the Isle of Wight.

"Then the other thing we saw with the lights just went back up and disappeared.

"It wasn't a plane or a helicopter. The orange thing frightened us as it flew so fast.

"As we were watching this thing we were both so cold and couldn't keep our eyes off it and all of a sudden we were burning hot and didn't feel the cold at all for 10 to 15 minutes."

Added Mrs. Griffiths "We are not a couple of nutters —far from it I have seen things that can't be explained before. I truly believe in this sort of thing and it doesn't worry me."

SOUTH WALES WEEKLY ARGUS - ENGLAND  
\*\*\*\*\*DEC. 21, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

**UFO SPOTTED  
IN KITCHENER**

An unidentified flying object was spotted by motorists driving down Weber Street in Kitchener about 7 a.m. today.

One caller described the object as having bluish-yellow lights in the shape of a cross with two red tail lights that later separated.

It was visible for about 25 minutes.

# 3128 Heavenly bodies in the Lords

By Nicholas de Jongh

The Earl of Clancarty launched a full-scale debate in the House of Lords last night to call attention to the "increasing number of sightings and landings on a world-wide scale of UFOs."

"Suppose," said the Earl in a chamber which was suddenly thronged with peers who had been absent for such mandane matters as the committee stage of the arbitration Bill, there was "a mass landing" of UFOs in Britain." He thought that there might well be panic because the people were not prepared.

Despite centuries of prior warnings and thousands of sightings, with fleets of flying saucers sighted as early as in ancient Egypt BC, we were still suspicious, he said. In World War II the British and German pilots alike kept on seeing "strange circular lights" outside their fighting crafts, and thought them secret weapons. Since then the world over thousands of people have had

the encounters.

His Lordship conceded that there might be the odd crank or "hoaxer" among them but the majority were sincere people — policemen, radar operators, pilots and, of course, Earl Clancarty himself. He has a picture of one in his study.

His Lordship had the courage not to conceal from the House and the packed gallery the unacceptable faces of flying saucers—their lights were often so powerful that witnesses' faces and hands were burned. They stopped cars, tractors, and aeroplanes. They lurked in the vicinity of power lines in America and seemed to cause blackouts, they even loitered close to arsenals where nuclear weapons were stored.

This was no reason for fear. Lord Clancarty reminded the House that in spite of all this we had not been invaded from outer space. It was we "earthlings" who had tended to be "hard" on the saucers. Was it not time, the Earl appeared to

be saying that we gave saucers their due and prepared ourselves and reversing the attitudes of international governments operating a cover-up? The House of Lords should set up a study group he suggested.

BELFAST NEWS-LETTER - ENGLAND  
\*\*\*\*\*JAN 16, 1979\*\*\*\*\*

## UFO theory 3128 faces knock

HUNDREDS of people reported seeing a UFO over Belfast yesterday.

There were reports of the strange object being seen about lunchtime over a wide area from Lisburn to Knock and as far afield as Larne.

The majority described it as a pinkish-orange ball but others saw it as a white flash. Radar operators did not detect anything unusual on their screens.

Mr Terence Murtagh, director of the Armagh Planetarium, offered two possible explanations — a meteorite which travelled low enough to penetrate the cloud cover, or an Army helicopter hovering so high that only its lights were visible.

Later there was a report that the object was a weather balloon.

EDINBURGH EVENING NEWS - ENGLAND  
\*\*\*\*\*JAN 17, 1979\*\*\*\*\*

# If you see a mystery 3128 object in the sky...

BY A co-incidence, in the same post have come a letter from the British UFO Society and another from an Edinburgh reader who has spotted strange objects in the sky on three occasions this month.

On January 8, he says, he reported to Edinburgh Airport three objects flying from east to west which appeared to be right in the path of a passenger plane. "I was told by control," he writes, "that the plane had left the airport only a few minutes beforehand and that my phone message had been passed on to the military."

He saw the objects again on January 12 and 13 — but this time they were heading in the opposite direction.

I am passing the letter on to the

British UFO Society whose chairman, Mr Ken Rodgers, tells me: "Thousands of people from all walks of life have reported seeing strange objects in the sky. Since no official agency exists to investigate UFOs, the Society has taken on this task.

"Whilst some 80 per cent of sightings can be explained in mundane terms — aeroplanes, satellites, balloons, etc. — there still remains a high proportion of sightings that are classified unidentified."

The Society are very interested in hearing from any readers who may have had UFO sightings, either by writing to them at 47 Belsize Square, London, NW3, or ringing their "UFO Hotline" on 01-794-3093.

ISLE OF THANET GAZETTE - KENT, ENG.  
\*\*\*\*\*JAN. 5, 1979\*\*\*\*\*

## Police 3128 report objects in sky

TWO Margate policemen spotted a pair of mysterious spherical lights in the sky over Thanet on Wednesday evening. They were seen at about 7.15 p.m. and lasted for about five minutes.

They were reported to R.A.F. Manston, which co-ordinates U.F.O. sightings for the area and forwards them to the Ministry of Defence.

The officers saw the objects almost due north of Margate at an angle of 60 degrees.

Both objects were travelling to the west. One then returned to the east for three to four minutes and then both disappeared.

The cloud base was about 15,000ft., otherwise it was a clear night.

A spokesman at R.A.F. Manston said there was no Manston aircraft in the vicinity at that time, but the lights could have been in an airway.

"It could have been a couple of aircraft, but we can't say."

# UFO:

# 'I SAW WEIRD

# GLOW'

# -SHOCK

# CLAIM

TIMES OF MALTA - VALETTA, ENG.  
\*\*\*\*\*OCT. 30, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

## TOURIST SNAPS U.F.O.



By A Staff Reporter

Mr. John Lyons, a British tourist, claimed he photographed an unidentified flying object (U.F.O.) over St. Paul's Bay and Mellieha, while on a visit to Malta last month.

Mr. Lyons, who is married to a Maltese, was on the Island during September, to visit his wife's relatives at Mosta. On September 11, between 5.30 and 6 a.m. Mr. Lyons saw a flying object hovering towards Mellieha and having the photographic camera handy he took the

The UFO (extreme right, top) which Mr. Lyons claims he photographed from the Mellieha hilltop overlooking St. Paul's Bay.

picture of the object which he succeeded to snap despite its velocity, he claimed.

Mr. Lyons said that the object, which looked like a circular flying saucer, was very bright in colour.

By PETE KELLEY

DOZENS of people must have seen a UFO hovering over Gallows Corner, claims a Ford worker.

The early morning visitation on Sunday lasted for 45 minutes and bathed surrounding gardens in a weird red glow, according to Steve Barnett, who was staying at his girlfriend's house in Launceston Close, Harold Hill.

"I looked out of the window at about 6.15 and saw a big red hovering light. It was indistinct as though you were looking at it through fog, but there was no fog.

"I could see all the back gardens lit up red by the glow. I watched it for five or ten minutes. I woke the family and they all saw it.

"There was a milk float going around Gallows Corner and a bus and I'm sure a lot of people must have seen it."

Mr. Barnett, who lives in Dagenham Road, Rush Green, said the apparition was like three lights in a triangular pattern which kept separating from one another "like a small aircraft bursting into flames" and then converging back into a single light.

The whole pattern was pulsating, and moving jerkily and "did not seem to be in a definite place," he said. The colour gradually changed to orange.

A police spokesman said they had received no reports of the incident.

Another sighting came from a Collier Row resident on Tuesday night.

"It was a big, pinky-red light. It was there for about a minute and then changed to green," she said. "I noticed a smaller light come down as if it dropped from it. And then it suddenly disappeared."

The witness, who did not wish to be named, was on her way home by car when she saw the light, at about 9.45 p.m.

"It was a lot bigger than an ordinary aeroplane. It is the first time I have ever seen anything like it," she claimed.

WATFORD OBSERVER - ENGLAND  
\*\*\*\*\*JAN 12, 1979\*\*\*\*\*

# UFOs AND OVNIs

RECENT UFO sightings, including Mr F. Collins' Majorcan experience, recall my brief glimpse of an OVNI, some time ago near the French-Spanish border.

It appeared as a small bright light above the mountains, travelling at an altitude at which one might expect to see aircraft but very much faster. Suddenly it vanished, having moved in a straight line for about ten seconds.

This was no hallucination, nor the effect of vin ordinaire. About 30 English people nearby all saw the object. Others must have seen it too, since next day there was a short report of the event in a respected regional newspaper, Le Sud-Ouest.

An "OVNI"? Just an "objet volant non identifié," the French equivalent of a UFO. But the nature and origin remain a mystery — on both sides of the Channel! — R. W. C. Cockledge, 28 Bishops Avenue, Northwood.

SWANAGE TIMES - DORSET, ENGLAND  
\*\*\*\*\*JAN 11, 1979\*\*\*\*\*

## UFO's dawn call

THE freezing early morning temperatures brought more than a cold shudder to two Wareham pensioners last week.

Rose and Reg Hoskins, of Trent Drive, both aged 70, are not very much into star gazing, and the only name they can give to a UFO they watched in the sky is: "One of those things."

It took the form of a glittering ball, about the size of a tenpenny piece and it stood very still 200 yards above nearby rooftops. Not satisfied with what she could see with her naked eye, Rose Hoskins resorted to field

She called her husband, a retired chef, who confirmed what she had seen.

A puzzled Mrs. Hoskins said she noticed the object because there was a terrific light in the sky which made her look up. "I watched it on and off until eight o'clock. It

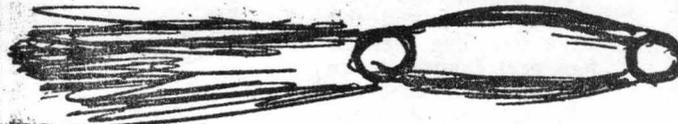
gradually went smaller and trickled down to nothing."

That was the last the Hoskins saw the UFO. A long vigil by the window next day proved fruitless.

HARROGATE HERALD, N. YORKS, ENGLAND  
\*\*\*\*\*JAN 10, 1979\*\*\*\*\*

## Now local man draws U.F.O.

A HARROGATE man has drawn a sketch of a U.F.O. Mr. John Tindall, of 13, Knox Close, Harrogate, spotted the U.F.O. at about 7.05 p.m. on New Year's Eve.



He drew this sketch after failing to get a shot with his camera. Mr. Tindall described the object as long, with lights at both ends and with a yellow vapour trail. Small pieces of burning material were dropping from its vapour trail.

Mr. Tindall said that the object appeared to be travelling horizontally towards a point between Nidd and Knaresborough.

There were five other sightings of U.F.O.'s around this time on New Year's Eve.

Mrs. Patsy Waite and her family at Princess Mount, Knaresborough, saw what they thought was an aircraft

on fire at 7 p.m. on New Year's Eve. As they drove home their car turned off the York Road onto Chain Lane and it was here that they stopped their car, as did the people in front of them, to get out and have a closer look.

The "bright yellow object" with a tail was travelling in a North-South direction over the A1. According to Mrs. Waite it seemed to be descending.

Mr. Tony Brookes, of 5, Norwood Close, Knaresborough, spotted the U.F.O. as he was driving along the A59 towards the A1 "just east of Flaxby." He saw "a round object, about the size of a full moon but extremely bright with a separate tail of Flash Gordon-style spaceship sparks." The length of the U.F.O., was about 300 feet and it was travelling in a North-

West direction at about 200 feet above the ground on a "slightly downward trajectory."

Miss Susan Wilkinson, of 11, Heath Grove, Harrogate, saw the U.F.O. at about the same time as Mrs. Waite. "It had a bright golden head and a long golden tail and as it leapt across the sky the tail did not leave the head of the object."

She believes the U.F.O. to be "a Russian launch rocket breaking up in the Earth's atmosphere."

Mr. Chris Barker, of 12, Jesmond Road, Harrogate, was travelling on the A61 from Leeds to Harrogate, when just after 7 p.m. he saw what he thought was a landing aircraft. Along with three friends he realised that the strange object was a U.F.O. The long "orangy transparent" object had a tail "like a tube of light."

Ten minutes later Mr. Peter Davies, of 50, Greenfields Road, Harrogate, saw an elongated silvery object as he was getting into his car outside the Broadacres pub in Knaresborough Road. Along with several other people Mr. Davies saw a "cigar-shaped" object travelling on "the same curve as the earth." The tail did not appear to be part of the object but was apparently made up of light. The U.F.O. was flying lower than a jet at about the level of an airliner.

The final encounter of the strange kind happened to Mr. Cyril Corkerton, of 2, Hilltop Grove, Harrogate, on Tuesday at about 5.15 p.m. As he was walking past the fire station on Skipton Road he looked up and saw a long object with a basin-shaped bottom. The U.F.O. appeared to be surrounded by brilliant flashing lights and moving towards Boroughbridge.

By way of official support for the sightings, Harrogate police say they have had one unsubstantiated report.

R.A.F. Leeming said they had seen nothing.

Any further sightings of U.F.O.'s can be reported to The Editorial Director, Ackrill Newspapers, Herald Buildings, Montpellier Parade, Harrogate. Telephone 64321.

MANCHESTER DAILY TELEGRAPH - ENG.  
\*\*\*\*\*DEC 27, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

### 'WHINING' UFO

An unidentified flying object "with flashing lights" has been reported to police at Kidsgrove, Staffs. Several people reported hearing it making a whining noise.

EXETER EXPRESS & ECHO - DEVON, ENG.  
\*\*\*\*\*JAN 13, 1979\*\*\*\*\*

# THE SKY AT NIGHT PUTS ON A DEVON SHOW

TWO EXETER men are convinced that strange lights in the sky over the city last night were from U.F.O.s. <sup>3128</sup>

One of the men, 22-year-old Mr. Leonard Chamberlain, of King Arthur's Road, Beacon Heath, saw them as he walked past the Devon County Show Ground towards Whipton, about 6.30 p.m.

The other man, whose name Mr. Chamberlain does not know, was walking in the opposite direction. Both stopped for about 15 minutes watching the lights.

Mr. Chamberlain, who takes a keen interest in aircraft, said he was convinced that the lights were not from a conventional source.

"We saw a bright red light going remarkably fast, faster than a plane," he said.

## Second light

"It hovered motionless for a while and then the light turned to bright blue. Then it went back the other way and vanished.

Moments later, another bright red light appeared from the direction of the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital, Wotton. It veered and vanished.

"At no time could we hear any aircraft engines."

Exeter Airport said that no passenger flights were about at that time, but Exeter Flying Club members were on night flying training.

# Giles spots a flaming UFO

AN unidentified flying object was sighted this week travelling over the fens near Bourne, by an 11-year-old schoolboy.

The sighting, confirmed by police and RAF radar, came just days after world interest in UFOs was re-awakened by filmed incidents in New Zealand.

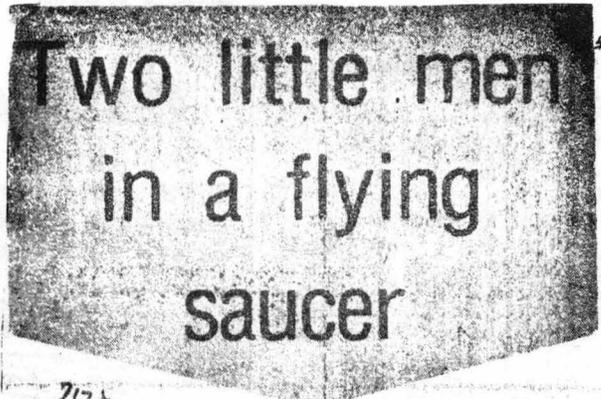
The sighting was made on New Year's Day by Giles Rawlinson of 28 Woodside East, Northorpe, as he was playing with his sister Jane (5) in the garden.

## Flame

Said Giles: "It was not very high up and it had a red flame behind it which stretched a very long way. It was bright yellow and had a lot of rays coming out of it."

Giles called his father, Mr Derrick Rawlinson, who said the object was like nothing he had seen before. "It was about the size of a jumbo jet and was travelling from north to south quite slowly."

Mr Rawlinson contacted Stamford police about the object. They told him that its sighting had been confirmed by Cambridgeshire headquarters and by RAF radar, although the RAF would not comment on what the object was.



DEAR Earthlings. We got our green colour through envy because when we heard your marvellous chorus of Peace on Earth, Good will to all men, we thought we would visit this great Earth and see for ourselves.

But fear not our intrusion in our cigar-shaped or saucer-shaped U.F.O.s. We took one look at the great Earthmen and, behold, we saw whites against blacks, Catholics and Protestants killing each other without mercy, old people being mugged and murdered, babies being battered by parents, animals being tortured and killed for laughs, strikes, greed, hate — where was the great peace on earth they sang about?

We scurried back to our U.F.O.s as fast as our little green legs would carry us in a great white light departed.

Don't fear us, Earthlings. You have nothing to offer or be proud of. We are glad of our green colour now as we would be deeply ashamed to be classed as Earthlings or humans. Laugh all you want at us on your TV adverts — as we laugh at you, poor ignorant fools.

**Fact or Fiction**  
Hylton Castle,  
Sunderland.

# UFO flew above my garden—Denise

DENISE KENNY is convinced she's had a close encounter of the first kind. While hanging out washing in the back garden of her home in Highfield Road, Great Barr, yesterday morning, her eight-year-old daughter, Elaine, shouted

and pointed at the sky. Mrs. Kenny said "I turned round and saw a long thin object slowly rotating in the sky. It moved very slowly and was very bright orange. "Suddenly it stopped moving and just hung in the sky for about three minutes.

The light coming from it was so bright it hurt my eyes. "I am so sure it was a U.F.O." After 10 minutes, she said, the object sped off and vanished into the haze. Air-Traffic Control at Birmingham Airport say they

have no reports of any unusual objects in the sky at that time. "But a spokesman added: "Venus is very bright to the east in the morning sky at the moment and some aircraft approach the airport over Great Barr."

3128 UFO sighting

**H**AVING read your article last week on the sighting of the UFO being described as a cloud of gas or something from Barrington Cement Works, I was delighted to read (Jan 8) of the boy who saw exactly what myself and several other people saw on New Year's Eve at approximately 7 o'clock.

I can only describe it as a huge headlight gradually spreading out into a long cigar shape, heading in an easterly direction. It looked like a plane heading towards Marshall's Airport, but I doubt anything would have contemplated landing on a treacherous night as that was.

I am now one of many people who can claim to have seen a UFO, be it a comet or burnt-out rocket etc, but I still don't believe in little green men!

(Miss) D. M. JOHNSON  
59 Alex Wood Road,  
Cambridge.

**I**N view of the recent publicity, I feel obliged to make a few general comments on the subject of UFOs.

What most people are ignorant of, despite all the enlightening discussion which came out of the film "Close Encounters" last year, is that the existence of intelligently controlled, unidentified flying objects in our skies has been established.

We have definitive photographic evidence, an endless file of reliable eye-witness accounts, confirmation from radar, effects on the environment caused by UFO's which have been examined after the sighting (as with the soil depressions left by an egg-shaped craft seen by a policeman in America—a celebrated case) and really it is difficult to see how anyone could possibly justify a position of scepticism in these times, and yet they do.

Perhaps it would be relevant to point out that the US Air Force has been aware of the problem for years, although its official attitude has only recently been disclosed in "Project Blue Book" which contains detailed reports on sightings, photos and instructions to pilots on how to deal with UFOs.

The French Government has officially recognised UFO's for a number of years and our Ministry of Defence, the only official body to look into UFOs in this country, maintains that, although there is no evidence of the extra-terrestrial origin of UFOs, they cannot deny the objective reality of mysterious objects.

Although a more intelligent approach by the media has been apparent over the last few years, there are still regrettable lapses of standard.

The BBC, who are obliged, we suppose, to take the safe, establishment view, insist on interviewing "authorities" who know less about the subject as a whole and even of the particular case under discussion than the next man, simply in order for them to air idiotic pre-judgements and fob us off with jaded "explanations" such as "the planet Venus" and "flocks of geese" which, if looked into properly, would be seen to be patently inadequate.

I think it is high time to take a more responsible attitude in all aspects of reporting UFOs and I would strongly advise readers who have been witness to something unusual to by-pass the police and Ministry of Defence, who are likely to give no feedback if they look into your case at all, and send details to the British UFO Research Association, which will assess them in context and ask all the relevant questions.

I would be happy to pass on any such details, and answer any inquiries about the local manifestation of the phenomenon, which I have been studying.

RAY KHAN  
127 Cherryhinton Road,  
Cambridge.

# Humming U.F.O. over 3128 Pallion

WITH reference to the report (Echo, January 10) concerning the reported U.F.O. sightings on January 5, my fiancée, Janice, and I were sitting in my car at 6.15 p.m. in Peacock Street West, Pallion, where she brought my attention to a large white light in the North sky.

We got out of the car to study it closely. The light was heading due south at quite a fast speed. The U.F.O. as we had then decided it was, started to head South East and then started to climb.

Janice's mother and father came from their nearby house and observed the object through binoculars. As it was nearly overhead, a humming noise could clearly be heard, then the object started to move very fast and disappeared.

William Wilson.  
Runnymede Way,  
Sunderland.

of Bathoney of St Eiteinne came to this club, an extra 10,000 on the gate, some badly-needed national publicity or the added bonus of knowing that win or lose you'll be well entertained.

Tom Luhd may not be world famous but he has international class and that is certainly a start. Well done Mr Elliott, you have restored my faith in our club and perhaps convinced the regular critics who moan when they have nothing to moan about that you mean business.

Ignore the cynics, ignore the moaners and get on with the job of putting Sunderland back in the top flight. I for one am right behind you.

G. Anderson  
Watford Close  
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## Boys say they 3128 saw a UFO -three times

Three youngsters called at the Leicester Mercury office to tell us they had seen a mystery object in the sky over Leicester on three mornings recently.

Jason Boyes, aged ten, and his brother, Mitchell, aged eight, of 43, Bassett Street, and their friend, Malcolm Smart, aged ten, of 55, Bembridge Road, first saw it at school last Thursday morning. Then on Friday and again on Saturday.

They say it was like a metal disc in the sky which moved up and down, from side to side and diagonally. It did not have lights. Can any reader explain?

### 3128 Was UFO a shooting star?

Kingswood Police made inquiries after receiving a call from Little Stoke that an unidentified flying object had been seen in the night sky. The caller said it was very bright and appeared to "explode". The official solution? That it was almost certainly a shooting star.

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# More UFO's are seen

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More U.F.O.s have startled watchers in the North Staffordshire area. Twice in the last three days Mrs. Christine Evans, of 36 Leamington-gardens, May Bank, has seen a cigar-shaped, brightly lit orange object—and this has also been reported by Mr. Ron Clarke, a miner, of 7 Droitwich-close, Silverdale.

Mrs. Evans saw the object while collecting her five-year-old son from school, each time with a neighbour who also watched.

On the first occasion it moved slowly in a figure of eight pattern.

On the second, it travelled from the direction of the D-road towards Wolstanton Colliery, returned and eventually went off in the direction of May Bank.

It was preceded by a barely visible object, a bright white small ball.

## Cigar shape

Mr. Clarke was at Leycett Colliery at 4.20 last night when he saw the cigar shape flying toward Mow Cop—and, he said, he does not believe in U.F.O.s.

Schoolboy Ian Haycock, of 37, Shemilt-crescent, Bradeley, saw a large white ball in the sky flying towards Ball Green. It went out of sight, returned, stopped and was joined by a similar object and they then flew in circles. His 12-year-old brother also watched their antics.

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# UFOs SPY ON WAR BASES

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From CHRISTOPHER BUCKLAND in New York

## MISSILE sites have been buzzed by UFOs too fast for American fighter planes to catch.

The UFOs were spotted over a two-week period at sensitive US defence installations in Montana, Michigan and Maine.

The unidentified objects were tracked by radar, it was revealed yesterday in US Defence Department records made public for the first time.

Reports described them as brightly lit, fast moving vehicles that evaded pursuit.

Another newly released intelligence report mentions a UFO sighting over Iran two years ago.

The object was tracked by radar, seen by the crew of a commercial airliner and chased by two jet fighters.

The warplanes had a mysterious breakdown of electronics.

It knocked out their weapons system as they prepared to fire missiles.

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## Another U.F.O. sighting

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Just for the record I would like to inform you of what to me was a flying object (unidentified).

Time — approx 7.45 p.m., Friday, January 5th.

Appearance — a round white light, similar to Venus but at least twice as big.

Direction of travel — N.W. (uniform).

Height — There was full cloud cover and the object was in full view from one horizon to the other, passing almost overhead, (probably not more than 3,000 feet).

Speed — very difficult to judge, but in view of the height probably at least 500 mph (constant). The first impression was that it was much faster than a jet aircraft, but they usually fly higher than 3,000 feet.

Noise — none, two of us listened carefully.

I feel that many people must have seen this object which, while looking very ordinary in some ways, certainly has me baffled.

"Skywatchers"

## Curious

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I READ and heard with interest in the Press and on television about UFOs.

With all the billions of stars in this universe, countless of which must be very much older than earth, if we think man is so unique as to believe he is the only intelligence in the galaxy, then he is very naive.

What disgusts me most is that UFOs should be regarded as invaders of this earth, instead of just visitors who would be just as curious of us as we are of them . . .

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