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# Woman can't dismiss eerie UFO citing

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It was a shallow valley in the hills — filled mostly with brown meadow grasses from last summer and sprinkled with growths of wiry sumac and with chokecherry trees that were just now beginning to blossom. Evening was coming on, and as we came over the rise that looked down into the valley we spotted a small herd of deer making for the woods on the other side.

"It's lovely," I said. From where we stood you could see East Grand Traverse Bay shining like a silver dish in the distance. "And this is where you saw it?"

Pat nodded, pointing to the southwest where a group of low wooded hills rose up against the darkening sky. "It's hard to tell distances," she said. "But it came from that direction. It was huge, and it was absolutely silent."

She was a small, slender woman in her late thirties or early forties, dressed in blue jeans and a blue jacket. She had long reddish-brown hair, a narrow face and almondshaped eyes that gave her an oriental look even though they were blue. She had moved here with her children four years ago to find peace and quiet, she said — not to meet up with unidentified flying objects.

"I have real reservations about this thing," she said. Her 15-year-old daughter and a friend from school were with us, and they scampered down into the valley to look for traces of the strange thing they saw in the

sky on April 24. "I'd really just as soon forget about it — but I can't."

She had gone into town that night to pick up her daughter, she said. It was just before midnight, and they were driving up Five Mile Road when they spotted a pair of bright lights off to their left, just above the hills. They thought the lights belonged to a car at first, and when they realized there were no roads on the hilltop they decided it must be an airliner headed into Cherry Capital Airport. They kept driving up the road.



Mike Norton

They had just passed Prouty Road and were nearing a grove of dark pines when the lights appeared again — this time on their right, and moving rapidly toward them. Both mother and daughter were sure it was a plane now, and were afraid it was about to crash into them. In a rush of panic, Pat stepped on the brakes.

But as the car stopped, so did the lights. "It was a standoff," she said. "It sat there looking at us, and we sat there looking at it. We stayed for five minutes or so — but it seemed like eternity. We were sort of in awe."

Behind the lights, Pat and her daughter could see a pair of batlike wings curving away on either side, covered with dozens of red, green and white lights. ("Like Christmas tree lights," her daughter said.) Though the windows of their car were rolled down, they could hear no sounds from the object at all. It simply hovered there.

"It was eerie, very eerie," she said. "But the strange thing is that once we realized it wasn't going to crash we felt very calm. It was a peaceful kind of meeting."

Then, at her daughter's urging, she began driving up the hill again — but the object began to move toward them, too, swooping in front of the car and then heading suddenly northward toward the bay. As it passed, her daughter caught a glimpse of its massive underbelly: dozens of bright-colored lights and a pair of what looked like large hatchway doors.

That was the last they saw of it. They drove up to the top of the hill to see if they could get a look at it as it flew away, but there was nothing to see.

"We went home and shook," she said. "I didn't know how to handle it. I knew it happened, I knew it wasn't a plane — but how do you talk about something like that? We were sort of in awe."

She called the sheriff's department, but the dispatcher on duty wasn't particularly interested. And the more Pat thought about what had happened

the less she wanted to let anybody else know. "I really think that if I hadn't had my daughter with me I'd have been able to talk myself out of it, convince myself it didn't happen," she said. "People look at you and say, 'Oh, you mean to say you think you saw something.' But I know what I saw."

Word got out anyway — mostly through her mother and daughter — and one by one other people began to admit that they, too, had seen such things. A woman who lived near Three Mile Road said she had been chased across a field one winter evening by something that looked very much like what Pat and her daughter had seen. One of her daughter's teachers said a bright light had swooped over his boat one night when he was fishing off Old Mission Point.

"It's as if a lot of people have seen these things, but nobody wants to mention it," she said, watching the girls walk through the brush below. "It makes you wonder."

"Have you ever thought about things like this before?" I asked. "You know, UFOs, space travel, that kind of thing?"

She nodded. "Sure, I've thought about them, maybe. I can't believe we're the only life in the universe. But it isn't something I dwell on, if that's what you mean. I've really never been interested in this stuff."

The sun was beginning to set, gently, over toward Traverse City. The girls were returning — they had found

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## UFO Reported In Tewksbury

### Power Interruption Coincides With Sighting

By Liz Fuerst

A Tewksbury Township family notified the state police headquarters at Flemington last Tuesday night that it witnessed a UFO glide noiselessly over its Felmley Road home.

Pat and Earl Richards, Tewksbury residents for the past 21 years, said lights in the neighborhood flickered as the object passed slowly overhead and some houses had their electricity go off for as much as two hours.

According to Mrs. Richards, a social worker in the Ewing Township public schools, repair crews from the Jersey Central Power and Light Company said a transformer had burnt out for no apparent reason.

The Richards and their two sons, Earl Jr., 28, and Wayne, 22, were attracted to lights outside their home at about 9:30 p.m. last Tuesday after their electricity dimmed and the television went off.

Earl Jr., who works for Herr's potato chips, said he looked overhead and saw dozens of green, blue and red lights "buzzing" in the southern sky. According to the younger Richards, they appeared to hover around a huge airborne vehicle, itself covered with hundreds of lights.

"The big ship was simply enormous," said Richards, who estimated it to be larger than four or five Boeing 747 planes put together. "It wasn't round," he went on. "It was kind of elongated and had an

outline of wings. To tell you the truth, it looked just like the Battlestar Galactica that you see on the television show."

Mrs. Richards said she saw the headlights of the larger vehicle heading toward Hunterdon County from the Somerville area soon after she walked out on her front lawn. "At first, I thought it was just a star," she said. "But the lights got closer and closer. The thing was flying at the same level as a small aircraft would fly — not as high up as a jet."

All four family members watched the object glide overhead without making a noise. They estimated it to be going very slowly — at about the same speed as a plane is going when it is ready to land.

"If it was a plane," said the younger Richards, "and it was getting ready to land, I don't know where it would have landed around here."

Mrs. Richards, who once worked as the nurse at Tewksbury's Saw Mill School, said she called the state police at Flemington to report the incident. She doesn't know if there were other sightings that evening.

Later in the week, she reported the sighting to the United States Air Force's center for UFO information. "I'm not saying that what we saw was a space ship," said Mrs. Richards.

"We just don't know what it was. We know what it wasn't, though — not a hot air balloon or a low flying plane. It was just an unidentified object. And I'll tell you things around here haven't been the same since last Tuesday."

There have been other reputed UFO sightings in Tewksbury Township in recent years. In 1975, a string of homeowners on Hell Mountain, about five miles from the Richards home, thought they saw an object hovering at treetop height, but they were unable to identify the craft. Property owners on Bissell Road near the Clinton Township line have also reported seeing UFOs in the area. Campers and fishermen have witnessed purported UFOs at Round Valley Reservoir, too.

a big fluffy dog that obviously wanted to play with them. From far away you could hear the sound of other dogs barking.

"I wish I could handle it the way my daughter does," said Pat. "Maybe I still can't accept it. But for her it's just as normal as . . . as normal as anything. But her daughter had cried a few nights ago when she tried to talk about the experience, and hadn't been able to sleep that night.

She hadn't asked me whether or not I believed her story. For that, I was grateful.

They must have seen something, I thought. But what was it? We walked back the way we had come, down to where the car was parked at the side of the road.

"I'd give a lot to have been there with the two of you that night," I said.

She laughed. "You're not the only one. If everybody who said that had actually been here, I'd have had to have driven a bus." She looked up and down the road, deserted and quiet now in the fading light.

"When I think of all the times I've driven up Five Mile Road," she said with a sigh. "Now it's all different. Whether I come here in the daytime or at night, it all feels different." She leaned against the car. "It's there, you know. When something like this happens to you, it's always with you afterward. You can't just put it away."

Mike Norton is a Record-Eagle staff writer.

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# UFO Sighted By Student

By Herb Goldberger  
CN Staff Writer

An unidentified flying object (UFO) has been spotted by a 14-year old Colonial Christian School student.

According to Peter Alan Hale, who lives in the Aquarius Mobilehome Park in

Homestead, the UFO, a half circle type object appeared to be floating in the sky at a slow speed.

Young Hale, whose goal is to be an astronaut, and while peering through his binoculars on Easter Sunday around 7:45 p.m., noticed that the UFO had some very

unusual lights.

"It was exciting," he explained.

Mrs. Hale, the boys' mother, pointed out that both she and her son couldn't take their eyes off the object until it disappeared.

"It was really strange. I have never seen anything like it before. Never,"

Mrs. Hale admitted.

"The UFO was different," she added.

Mrs. Hale felt that this planet is getting visitors from outer space.

"We must of had a good point of view here," she said referring to their vantage point at the mobilehome park. The park is located at

450 SE 8th. Street in Homestead.

A Homestead Air Force Base spokesperson revealed that the base had no planes in the air at that time.

"The last plane had landed at 1 p.m.," the sargeant stated.

The HAFB spokesperson suggested that any

citizen who spots a UFO should contact their local law enforcement agency.

A Dade County police spokesperson said that when a resident notifies the Police Department of a siting, they verify the incident by sending officers to the scene.

"We make sure it is a valid call, then contact the HAFB," police said.

# UFO TRIBE

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## CONTROLS DEVIL'S

### STARTLING THEORY GETS SCIENTIFIC BACKING

**SINISTER** bushmen roaming Africa's remote Kalahari Desert hold the key to the ages-old mystery of the Devil's Triangle which has claimed thousands of lives in lost ships and airplanes.

In fact, the primitive humanoids live at the apex of a massive triangle that embraces a fifth of the world's surface.

The other two points of the equilateral triangle are centered on the Bermuda and South China Sea Triangles.

One renowned expert, South African archeologist Pietr Walsh, says: "This

By **BOB BORINO**

global triangle also takes in most of the Earth's legendary mysteries, including the Great Lakes Triangle, Japan's Devil Sea and Africa's Sea of Monsters."

All lie near the sides of the 35-million square-mile triangle where most of its eerie force is concentrated.

And that force seems to stem from the Kalahari's strange howling sands.

This is a 100-square-mile area of pure white sand near the tiny South West African town of Windhoek — in the middle of a vast region of desert with a golden or reddish tinge.

"This sand is unlike any found on the globe," Walsh says. "When the sand is touched, it appears to moan or whine. And when someone walks through it, it howls and screams."

And Walsh has used sophisticated electronic equipment to compute that every time the sands howl for a prolonged period, there is a mysterious disappearance along the triangle's boundaries.

There is also evidence that this strange power may be related to a centuries-old visit of a UFO to the Kalahari.

The primitive bushmen still talk of "beings of great height and size" shooting into the sky on "a bolt of lightning."

In the past 50 years, scientists and explorers from South Africa, Britain and America have tried to find an explanation for the Kalahari's chilling sounds.

"Until recently, they were completely baffled," Walsh says. "Bushmen — the strange, tiny humanoid inhabitants — avoid the area whenever they can.

"They say the white sand is haunted by the ghosts of their prehistoric ancestors."

Scientists eventually dug beneath the surface to find a baffling clue to the phenomenon — a number of thin glass tubes, up to three feet long, are buried six feet down.

How did they get there? One incredible theory reported by Walsh:

"They were caused by the searing, sand-fusing blast of

a rocket engine in full throttle." This links to a legend among the bushman tribe, which has been studied by British anthropologist Harriet Sawyer.

She says they claim they were placed on the Kalahari by "beings of great height and size" and told to wait until the "giants" returned.

"Of course, they can't say how long ago this happened," Sawyer adds, "but



**PRIMITIVE** bushmen are waiting for spacemen to return.

it must have been at least several thousand years ago because they say the Kalahari was a lush forest then."

The Roaring Sands, as the bushmen call the area, was made by the "beings' lightning bolt," and the desert gradually spread out from the area, moving eastward over the centuries.

Henry Landsberry, former professor of archeology at Southern Illinois University, says of the Roaring Sands:

"The sound is impossible to describe; it's like something from the Twilight Zone."

Five years ago, Walsh placed a sophisticated recorder in the midst of the white sand.

"The recorder is activated by sound," he explains, "and has a time device which records the time at which the tape is activated and deactivated.

"I know exactly when the sand howls, even when I am back home in Cape Town or thousands of miles away in England or the United States."

Walsh used a computer to match the sounds against strange disappearances around the world.

"I found that every time

# Bigfoot-like space alien lands his flying saucer on isolated mountain

By ED RAUCH

In one of the most bizarre UFO encounters ever, two prominent men witnessed a Bigfoot-like creature climb aboard a flying saucer and zoom off at a blinding rate of speed.

*'He could have been mistaken for a gorilla except for his human-shaped body and face'*

The two Chilean men stumbled across the incredible space alien and his amazing flying craft while hiking through a remote area of the Andes Mountains last year.

They remained silent about the incident until now for fear of ridicule and endangering their jobs.

"As we neared a clearing, suddenly we saw a cigar-shaped metal vehicle with a flat top. It measured about 40 feet by 10 feet and was about 80 yards away," respected architect Oscar Zamorro told The NEWS.

"At first we thought we had stumbled upon a military installation. But when we walked

around to the other side of the craft looking for insignia, we were shocked to see a hairy human-looking creature at least six feet tall.

"He could have been mistaken for a gorilla except for his human-shaped body and face.

"Beside the dark hair, the strangest thing about him was that he had no discernible neck.

"Luckily, the creature didn't see us, so we quietly slipped back behind cover of rocks and bushes where we watched and hid for about 15 minutes.

"The creature stood still and there was no movement from inside the craft. Finally we decided to move closer.

"Suddenly, a metal ladder descended and the creature began to climb it. Within seconds, he was inside the craft, which started to silently ascend. It rose like a helicopter.

"When it was about 20 yards off the ground, we were almost blinded by glaring white, red and yellow lights which illuminated the mountainside.

"After a few seconds, the craft disappeared at incredible speed, leaving only burned vegetation behind."

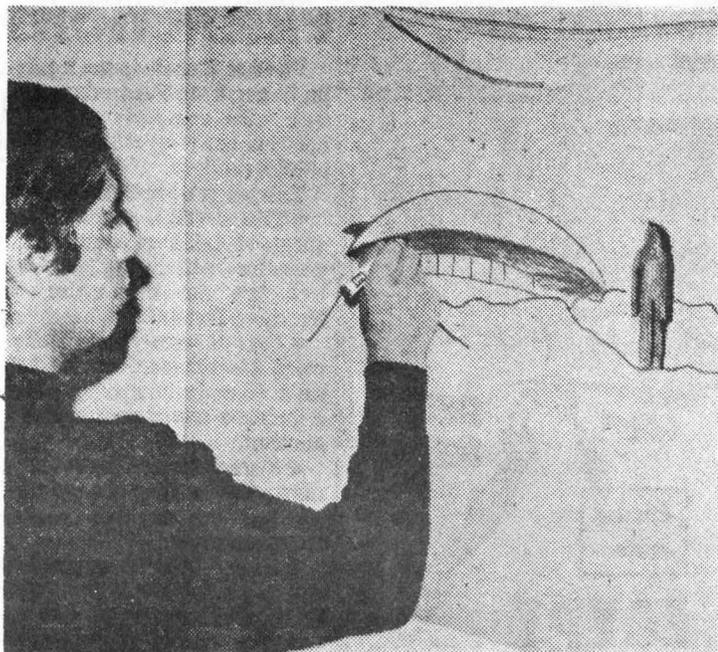
The other witness, a judge,



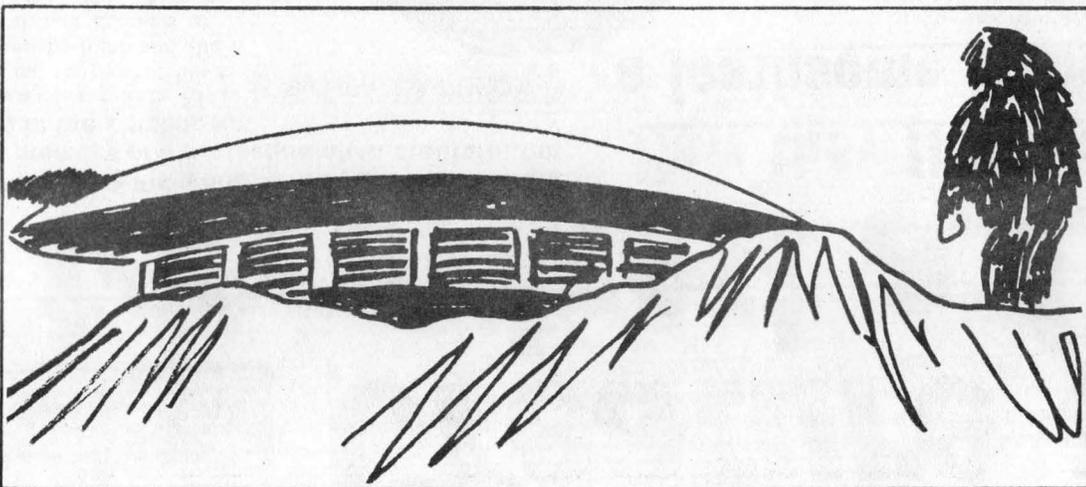
Architect Oscar Zamorro and his friend, a judge, swear their encounter is true.

said: "If you promise me confidentiality, I will state that there is no question in my mind whatever that we saw the craft and a strange, hairy creature — and that both are definitely not of this earth.

"I am still reluctant to talk about the experience to anyone because I don't want to go on record as a man who had lost his head," the judge added.



Chilean architect Oscar Zamorro draws an illustration of the gorilla-like space alien and his UFO. Below is an enlargement of the amazing craft and its ape-like pilot.



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**Eyewitnesses  
recall the  
horrible day**

# Creature from UFO terrorized a U.S. town

**TOWNSFOLK in Flatwood, W. Va., are still haunted by the memory of a grotesque alien creature that landed in the small town.**

Secret government files that reveal the horror have just come to light and the Examiner has decided to investigate the bizarre incident.

The memory of the Flatwood Monster remains vivid to these terrified people, and witnesses cannot forget the sickening sight that confronted them that night.

## Running

"It scared us dead," 40-year-old Fred May of Gassaway, W. Va., told the Examiner. "We saw this flaming thing come down the hill.

"We thought it was a meteorite so we went running to see. Just as we topped the hill, we could see it. It was about 15 feet high. Then we just ran."

May's mother, Kathleen Horner of Pennsboro W. Va., described it as being "worse than Frankenstein."

## Nauseating

"It couldn't have been human," said Horner. "A fire-breathing monster with a bright green body and a blond-red face bounced and floated towards us."

"It was terrifying," she told the Examiner. "That evil-looking monster with horns rotating around its head was looking right at us."

By NEIL DAVIDSON



## How they fled from a loathsome monster

face was round and had no nose or mouth. Greenish-orange beams of light shone like searchlights from eye-like openings in the face. One witness described the eyes as "satanic".

Clothing-like folds hung loosely around the repulsive creature and massive claws

## WHAT THEY SAW

waved menacingly up and down.

"This thing was no friendly extra-terrestrial creature," says one eyewitness. "It looked like a savage killing machine."

An armed posse was quickly organized by local journalist A. Lee Stewart to investigate the report. When they got to the scene, the monster had vanished but there were traces of something unearthly having been there.

eyewitness. It sickened them so much that they vomited for hours afterwards.

Back at a nearby house, the group received medical aid. Most of them were too frightened to speak coherently, but gradually a description of the monster came forth.

The gigantic creature's

"The odor was still there," said Stewart. "It was warm and sickening. And there were two places about six to eight feet in diameter where the bush was trampled."

Brooks Fischer owned the land on which the alien craft landed, and he too saw the mysteriously damaged undergrowth.

"There was a big oak tree whose limbs were all broken," Fischer told the Examiner. "The leaves had all died."

## Convinced

Members of the posse were convinced that the eyewitnesses had indeed seen an extra-terrestrial being.

"Those people were badly scared," said Stewart. "And I sure smelled something."

Kathleen Horner remains scarred by that fateful night in 1952.

"Every time I close my eyes, I have nightmares," she said. "I'll never forget."

Another person convinced that an alien visited Flatwood 29 years ago is UFO expert Gray Barker of Westburg, W. Va. He wrote about the Flatwood incident in his book. They Knew Too Much About Flying Saucers.

## Phenomenon

"This wasn't the only aerial phenomenon reported that night," Barker told the Examiner. "We have hundreds of witnesses who saw other objects."

Bailey Frame, a farmer in nearby Birch River, was the only witness who saw the monster take off in its rocket from the hill in Flatwood.

"It was like a large orange ball," said Frame. "It was flattened on top and jets of fire shot out from the sides."

The ship hovered over Flatwood and then sped off at great speed into space, leaving the town frightened out of its wits. The Flatwood Monster has become a frightening legend.

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# UFOs' Reign of Terror

Huddled in terror along the Amazon coastal region of Brazil, villagers live in constant fear of bizarre, deadly UFOs that flash through the sky, paralyze victims with blinding light — and then suck out their blood.

They call them "vampires from space."

Numerous people say they've been victims of the weird UFOs during the past three years. All were weak from loss of blood, and all had strange marks on their chests — apparently wounds from which their blood was taken. Some animals have reportedly been killed by the "vampires," their blood totally drained.

And one victim, Aurora do Nascimento Fernandes, 18, of Belem, told The ENQUIRER, "I went out into the yard to take clothes off the line one evening, and I saw a large, luminous object in the sky.

"Before I realized it, a beam of light shot down at me. It was like I was enveloped by a type of ether, and I couldn't move.

"When I came to my senses I was inside my house, with strange marks above my right breast. I was bleeding and terrified."

When Dr. Orlando Salomao Zoghbi, M.D., examined Aurora and four other "vampire" victims, he concluded, "There is no apparent cause for the bizarre marks and loss of blood in the victims."

And another woman, Rosa Tavares of Quindira, watched in horror as the "vampires" apparently killed her horses.

"I was awakened about 2 a.m. by a sound like an airplane. I went outside. I saw a round object sending out rays of different colors.

"I could see three beings inside the object — humanlike. I was terrified. After a few moments one of the beings inside glanced at me and then the object rose and disappeared.

"And the next morning two of my family's horses were found dead near where we'd

## They Paralyze Victims & Suck Out Their Blood



MAP SHOWS region of Brazil where UFOs made horrifying attacks.

seen the object." The horses didn't have a drop of blood in their bodies.

"We have had cases of pure panic," said Mayor Jose Il-done Favacho Soeiro of the

city of Vigia. "Inhabitants saw a huge, strange light maneuvering in the sky above the river in such a way that it couldn't be any natural phenomenon we know of.

"Several families grouped and stayed huddled all night. Hunters stayed up with their guns loaded, waiting for the object to appear."

The UFO's strange light beam paralyzed its victims, said Benjamin Amaral Amin, police commissioner in the river town of Santo Antoniode Ubutuba.

"Some of the people were screaming with fright, but when the light focused on

them they were unable to scream anymore.

"An air force commander told us that on one occasion two planes tried to capture one of these objects and disintegrated in the attempt. They are dangerous."

Brazil's "vampires" may serve as a warning that not all extraterrestrials are friendly, said Brazilian UFO researcher Antonio Jorge Thor.

"I can only conclude that not all have peaceful intentions. I believe the 'vampires from space' belong to one group of visitors whose intention is hostile."

— GARY RICHMAN

BENTON HARBOR, MICH.  
HERALD PALLADIUM  
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## Says UFO Sighted In Hagar

A Lake Michigan Beach man told state police of the Benton Harbor post that he and his son observed a UFO in Hagar Township Saturday night.

Troopers said the report was filed at 11 p.m. by Thomas James, 6217 Jackson, who described the object as having red lights and hovering over a field near the Famous Service Station, US-33 North, then head west toward Lake Michigan.

James reported his son, Ricky, who lives on Lynch Road, near the station, said the object landed in a field and then took off. James saw the object from his car and Ricky saw it from outside his home.

Troopers said the object was believed to be a helicopter.

# UFO Squadron Dazzles Police in Kentucky

A squadron of multicolored UFOs — flying in precise formation and sparkling like diamonds — dazzled police, who tracked them for hours in the night sky over rural Kentucky.

One of the UFOs, observed through a telescope, astonished officers with its unworldly appearance and aerial acrobatics unlike anything they'd ever seen.

"The UFO glittered all over, as if made of an extremely shiny substance," said 10-year-old police veteran Frank Chinn of Kentucky's Ohio County Sheriff's Department.

The 44-year-old ex-marine compared the underside of the UFO to a faceted diamond, like that in a wedding ring.

"The difference was that in each facet or plane of the surface, there was a bright spotlight sending off a brilliant white light," said Chinn. "And in the center of the craft there were three rotating, flashing lights colored red, green and yellow.

"I watched the UFOs for nearly five hours and was amazed. They finally disappeared behind a cloud cover."

Said fellow Deputy John Cooper, 35: "I watched one of the UFOs for nearly two hours, and I've never seen anything like it. There's no logical explanation. I've seen enough planes and helicopters to know it wasn't any kind of aircraft we have."

Deputy Chinn first spotted

the objects as he was preparing to leave his home in Echols, Ky., to report for duty last December 28.

"It was already dark and I saw a fleet of six objects flying in formation, one behind the other," he said.

Deputies Chinn and Cooper rendezvoused at a gas station in Centertown, Ky., where they watched one of the UFOs through a resident's telescope.

It was through the telescope that the diamond-like characteristics and the multicolored lighting became obvious, Chinn revealed.

Said Deputy Cooper: "We checked with all the local airports and the Fort Campbell Army Air Force Base, and they had no reports of aircraft



**DEPUTY SHERIFFS** Frank Chinn (left) and John Cooper with telescope they used to track UFOs.

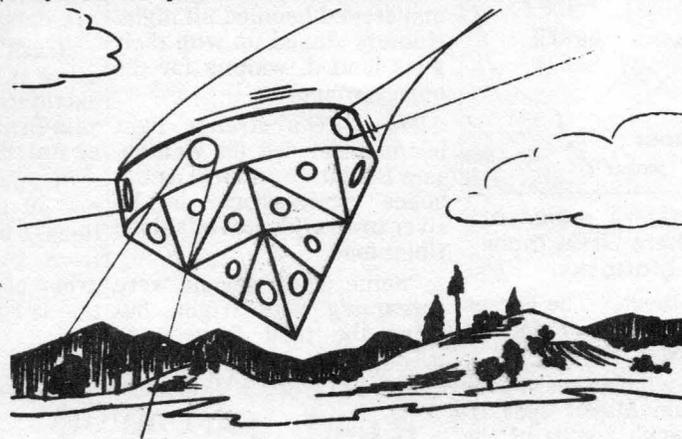
activity in the area at that time.

"That same night, there was a flood of sightings all across Ohio County. Dozens of people reported seeing the same thing we saw."

Another policeman who spotted at least one of the six objects was Kentucky State Trooper Don Beemer, 30. "It wasn't an airplane or heli-

copter," he said. "I spent a year in the Army in Vietnam, and I know only too well what helicopters and airplanes look like. There's just no normal explanation for it."

— JAMES McCANDLISH



**ARTIST'S IMPRESSION** of one of the six UFOs is based on Deputy Frank Chinn's description.

GRAFTON W.VA.  
MOUNTAIN STATESMAN  
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## Resident reports 'strange lights'

FRONT PAGE

GRAFTON — City police were unable to find the source of strange colored lights seen in the sky late Monday by Mary Ann Katson of West Washington Street in the Fetterman area.

Mrs. Katson called in a report of the lights at 11:12 p.m. Police officers said the lights had disappeared by the time they arrived.

Federal Aviation Administration officials at Benedum Airport said that the radar station there closes at 11 p.m., and up to that time they had nothing unusual on their screens.

# UFO strikes fear in town

**THIRTY awestruck residents of La Vernia, Texas, recently witnessed a UFO hovering over the town — at the same time that strange electrical disruptions were reported.**

The terrified townspeople described the craft as huge and triangular-shaped, with brightly flashing lights and menacing sounds.

Its passage over the town was attended by unaccountable disruptions. Telephones and television sets in the area malfunctioned, and a fire alarm was set off.

Juan P. Saldana, his wife and family had just left their home when they saw a "large triangular shape hovering in the sky two blocks from the house. There were two white lights at the front and a red light at the rear. The lights went up real high and came back," Saldana said.

The ominous craft moved directly towards them at a snail's pace and hovered above their home. It took a heart-stopping 15 minutes to travel the distance of two city blocks.

"It made a noise like the wind blowing," Mrs. Saldana said. "I tell you it was big, it was very large. I never saw anything like it until this day."

Moments later, the craft lurched away to spread panic and wonder in the town's outskirts. Vernon Rimzinski, out hunting raccoons with two friends and their dogs, reported seeing the craft seconds after they had let loose their animals for the chase.

"I've always been kind of skeptical about

these things," Rimzinski said. "But I'm a believer now. I really do believe. Something's flying around out there, either from other countries or from outer space.

"When we first saw it, it was about half-a-mile away," he told the Examiner. "At first we didn't pay attention. We thought it was a plane."

But when they realized that the alien craft was tracking them, its lights flashing, its pace only slightly faster than before, the trio stopped cold and fingered their guns nervously.

"I started to walk off, I figured I'd get behind a tree or something," Rimzinski said. "The other two guys had .357 caliber pistols. I

asked them what they thought they were going to do, but they just stood there.

"I told them to quit playing around."

The craft hovered over the three men in the open field. One of Rimzinski's mates whipped out a flashlight and hurriedly flashed an SOS signal.

"I don't now what he thought he was doing," Rimzinski said. "It didn't look like it was going to respond."

The craft didn't respond. In a few moments, it went on its way, a lone stranger in the dark Texas skies.

Other residents reported that the craft was "as big as a Boeing 707."

Aside from the reported power failures, other strange side effects that occurred due to the mysterious craft's presence included "the acrid odor of sulphur" in the town's downtown area.

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## UFO FRONT PAGE sighted near Grays

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What is was nobody knows.

An unidentified flying object hovering at pine tree-top level was reportedly spied about 9 o'clock last Wednesday night (May 13) near Grays.

The Guardian got a long-distance phone call from a prominent Hampton Countian whose niece and two other Grays area residents said they saw it and described it to him.

Spied at someplace between Beaver Dam Baptist Church and Grays, the "thing" was described by those who saw it as an "inverted saucer shaped craft with no visible wings or propellers, with red lights glowing."

The caller said two UFO witnesses gave the same description -- It was silent and first was seen up high in the sky. The unidentified woman motorist reported as she was driving along the highway toward Grays the "thing" dropped down as low as tree-top level and hovered briefly, then spinning up and away again. The witness who asked that her name not be used because she did not want to receive crank calls further related that a man living nearby was dumping trash at a Green Box and he described the

object similarly. Further, another witness apparently saw the UFO, stopped his pick-up truck, got out in the road to watch it, as if frightened and in shock from what he saw, then sped off.

The lady-driver said it was a scary experience.

Deputy Sheriff Earl Youmans on Thursday told The Guardian he had not heard of any other reports from Yemassee-Early Branch section of UFO sightings. However, he recalled a similar report from a highway patrolman and others of the area approximately a year and a half ago caused quite a stir.

# UFO report:

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## What's that over New Geneva?

By THERESA BRADY  
H-S Staff Writer

As Mrs. Linda Baker left the Cub Scout meeting to drive to her High Street home in Fairchance, she did not even glance at the clear, night sky.

Little did she know that the next two hours would be spent with eyes riveted overhead to a strange dance of flashing, colored lights that has yet to be explained.

Those who scoff at the notion of UFOs, like this writer, will find that the stories told by Fairchance area residents send prickles tingling along the spine up to the nape of the neck. And then you wonder.

Mrs. Baker left the meeting at a Main Street residence near the VFW post at 9:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 16.

"That night, I didn't look up at the sky, as I usually do. I didn't really notice anything," she recalled. "I got in the car.

"Out of nowhere came this white light in the sky. It came on and shut off. It came on and shut off again."

Mrs. Baker would later wonder if the bright object, which seemed larger than a star, was trying to attract her attention. "I kept thinking, gee, this thing wanted me to see it."

There was more to come.

"The third time it came on, it came on with these colored lights — blue, red and green — all around it.

"I realized then that it wasn't just a star. I didn't get scared. I ran home because I wanted someone else to see it. I didn't want anyone to think that I was loony."

The strange phenomena would later be seen by approximately 20 people. Masontown police and others interviewed simply said it was "in the New Geneva area."

Mrs. Anna Marie Garlett was one of a crowd of 14 friends and neighbors who joined the Bakers outside to watch the sky show.

"The red, blue and green ones would flash like a neon light and stop. Then, a minute or two later, it started again. But the white one was constant."

Mrs. Baker added, "They would move a while and stop. It wasn't like a plane that constantly moves."

The white light in the center also seemed brighter and larger, she remembered. It seemed as if "it was the leader and the other ones were behind," Mrs. Baker reflected.

The lights would travel in a southwest direction, according to Fairchance police officer Jack Flowers, and then stay in position for awhile. After hovering in one place for 10 to

15 minutes, they would continue the journey. "They would move awhile and stop. It wasn't like a plane, which constantly moves," Mrs. Baker pointed out.

One pair of lights seemed to be closer to Fairchance than the other set, Mrs. Garlett remembered.

"When I first came outside, there were two lights. They resembled stars but they were much lower. These things were as low or lower than planes."

Area airports could not account for the lights.

"The one on the left hand side was much lower than the light on the right," Mrs. Garlett said. "It seemed like something was suspended from it that resembled the lower part of a cone. The left one moved up higher. Just like a neon light it flashed — red, blue, green. Then it turned completely red and headed toward Morgantown."

Perhaps that light was the one spotted by Fairchance police officer Mike Volek and a Morgantown resident that reported it to the Pennsylvania Center of UFO Research in Greensburg.

"The only thing I saw was one red light, sort of over the New Geneva area," Volek reported. "After observing it for a while (about 15 minutes) it went out of sight. It was a red, blinking light — nothing out of the ordinary."

No noises were detected, even when the red light "circled the sky," as Mrs. Baker described it.

"The red one had just shot straight up," agreed Mrs. James Popovich of Fairchance Road. Mrs. Baker's son, Jamie, a good friend of Richard Popovich, notified the family.

Jamie thought Richard would be interested because of a "close encounter" the Popovich family had three weeks earlier.

Mrs. Popovich noticed a "huge, bright light" in the direction of the Takoch farm about 6:50 p.m. and called her children. She was joined outside by her two teen-aged sons, Richard and Darren, and her daughter, Mary Ann, 12.

"It was a clear night. The moon was almost full — that's when you see these things," Mrs. Popovich said.

Viewed from a pair of high-powered binoculars, the perfectly round object resembled a moon or a dish, with no marks. In size, it was "bigger than a star and larger than a moon," she said.

But there is an eerie development to this story. Mrs. Popovich recounted it this way:

"There wasn't a star out. It was sort of like daylight yet. It was in the middle of the Takoch field. My son, Darren likes to fool around. He said, 'I'm going to run up under there.'

"I said, 'Don't you dare.' "He started jumping up and down, saying, 'They got me. They got me.' "When he was doing that, that thing started coming toward us. It must have turned over or flipped over or something because you couldn't see it for a minute. Then it appears again. It was really something — it headed toward us.

"I told the children to get inside."

From their home, Mrs. Popovich watched the travels of the strange object.

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# UFO sighting reported in LA

LOS ALTOS, CAL. TOWN CRIER  
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After hovering about two doors down, it passed by the WMBS radio tower, under the second red light.

Another Fairchance man, who asked not to be identified, might have spotted the same weird ball.

The resident, who commutes nightly to Uniontown, was driving along Route 857 on his way to work about 6:40 p.m. "about three or four weeks ago."

"At first I thought it was a planet, but then I realized it was moving. It wasn't moving at a steady pace — you know, like an airplane moving," he explained. The man considered the idea that the object might be a weather balloon, but its movements did not coincide with wind currents. Although the "thing" was white, at one point it seemed orange "but I don't know — it could have been the reflection of the sun setting."

As he drove his car, the man tried to keep his eye on the strange phenomena.

"From Takoch's farm, this thing was going west. As I started out (Route) 857, it started moving in a northerly direction. The last I saw this thing was when I got to the Red Head station on Route 119."

Mrs. Baker echoed the feelings of the Fairchance man when he said, "I know one thing. When I travel to work at night and then travel home, I'm looking at the sky."

Mrs. Garletts said she wouldn't care if she never saw a sky show again, while Mrs. Popovich is considering the purchase of a telescope.

"There's something out there,"

Mrs. Garletts said. "There's got to be some logical explanation."

The UFO Research Center reported it is still compiling data garnered from questionnaires sent to area residents.

At least one Los Altos resident living on Ben Roe Avenue sighted what he thought was an unidentified flying object (UFO) hovering some 1,000 feet away in the sky at 9:30 p.m. April 22.

Los Altos Police received a call from a man claiming he and some neighbors were seeing some unusual red lights in the sky in the direction of Venus. He was referred to the National UFO Reporting Center in Seattle, Wash.

According to Robert Gribble of the UFO center, a call was received from Los Altos about the object.

"He described it as a group of lights that appeared to be attached to something," Gribble said. "But the object was pretty far away so it was not seen very clearly."

Gribble added the caller — whose name was not released — said the object moved around the sky and then disappeared.

"It wasn't what we call a close encounter," Gribble said. "It was beyond 1,000 feet away."

The man reporting the phenomenon said he noticed the hovering lights because they were so different from the types of lights usually seen in the sky, Gribble said.

Officials at the National UFO Reporting Center will now check with aviation agencies to see if they have records of an aircraft in that area at the reporting time. Gribble also hopes to hear from anybody else who may have seen the object.

"Depending upon the standard investigation procedure results, that is, if we can't find what it was it is then classified as an unknown object," Gribble said.

This is the only Los Altos sighting the reporting center has received recently but, according to Gribble, there have been other sightings in nearby areas.

"We've had heavy activity in the San Jose area recently," he said. "And another area just north of you in Sacramento has also been a heavy activity area."

The reports from those two places have been a combination of sightings, such as triangular, circular or oblong shapes of light or objects with lights attached to them, according to Gribble.

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## Evening Chat

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Compiled By The  
Editorial Staff

THE AREA around Shelbyville and Columbus seems to be a favorite for UFO reports.

Several instances of sightings have been noted in Shelby County in recent months and now comes another from just over the Shelby County line in Bartholomew County, at the intersection of Ind. 9 and Ind. 44.

It was a Shelby County couple who witnessed the event, according to The Shelbyville News, in the dark hours of early morning one day last week. As the couple's car neared the stop sign at the intersection, the object — described as "blinding in its brilliancy" — suddenly

sped off in a graceful and rapid path to the northwest. It had all but disappeared when the thing reversed direction and headed back towards the couple's auto. It hovered in midair over a nearby woods, near Hauser High School, and the couple watched as its fading lights suddenly intensified and flashed intermittently in a circular movement.

It wasn't a helicopter because the gentleman making the report is a former military flier and is acquainted with copters. He doesn't know what it was and neither does his wife.

# UFO Witnesses Share Strange Encounters

LARAMIE, WYO. BOOMERANG  
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by Robert [FRONT PAGE]  
Boomerang staff writer

People who have seen, or heard, UFO's have an almost eerie understanding of each other and share a common range of experiences that must be heard in person to be believed.

An opportunity to hear such experiences was offered to the public at a meeting of Pro UFO at the Beta House at UW Tuesday night. Pro UFO is a group of people interested in UFO (unidentified flying objects) phenomena and membership in the group consists of attendance, which at

the Tuesday meeting totaled about 50.

A group of Pro UFO enthusiasts went north of Laramie April 24 to search the sky for UFO's at Pat McGuire's ranch. McGuire is a leading member of the group and is one of the most well-known abductees (a person who has been taken aboard an alien craft) in Wyoming.

McGuire's ranch also seems to be the center of much UFO activity, almost like a UFO base. The group which went to the ranch said there wasn't much activity in the sky until about 2:06 a.m. Then a strange object

was seen in the east, roughly disc-shaped with flashing lights. It was described as being rather like a silent helicopter.

Looking at the object through binoculars, some of the people in the group said they could see an object that was round in the center and had flashing lights on top. It seemed to move away and then suddenly vanish.

A woman in the audience who said she had several psychic experiences saw her first UFO a number of years ago in Kentucky, a bright lemon-colored object which seemed to move close to the ground, then shoot straight up and vanish. Others camping in the same area saw it also.

She saw another one in New Mexico, a bright object crossing the sky and later, between Laramie and Rock River she saw a UFO, the description of which sounded like it came from "Close Encounters of the Third Kind."

She was driving a car which was towing another vehicle when she saw a bright glowing object in the sky which was coming closer and closer. It sent down a beam of light and then the beam of light suddenly changed and stopped, halfway to the ground, as if cut off by a knife.

Strange properties of light, impossible by known principles of physics, are a common occurrence in UFO sightings, according to UFO investigator Leo Sprinkle, director of the UW department of counseling and testing, who was at the meeting.

The same woman also had an even stranger encounter in Laramie when she saw what looked to be an alien being through the window of her home. She said the silvery-skinned creature seemed to be communicating to her telepathically, saying, "Well, you wanted proof. Here it is."

A Cheyenne couple who attended the meeting related another strange UFO encounter which happened last fall near Laramie Peak where the man and his wife were hunting.

The two saw a large bright object, sort of like a moon, moving among the trees near the camp and heard shuffling footsteps near their camper. At first they felt an extraordinary fear of the bright, orange-yellowish light, but then became inexplicably calm and went to sleep with the light still moving around outside.

When they woke up the next morning they felt anxious to leave. The man discovered he had a series of small burn marks on his leg and his wife's

## UFO's Are Reported at

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## Ottoville

UFO sightings are becoming established as one of the sure signs of spring. Why more sightings occur in the spring than in any other season has never been explained but remains a reoccurring phenomenon. Two weeks

ago several young men, at around 10:00 on a Friday night, reported seeing glowing lights moving in the sky near the Van Wert-Putnam County line southwest of Ottoville. The lights hovered then appeared to

move straight up and down unlike conventional aircraft.

Last Saturday at 3:54 a.m., a couple living near Ottoville on Road 26-M called the sheriff's office to report that they were awakened by their dog

which was barking excitedly. Looking out a window they saw a bright light hovering over a near-by woods. The UFO stayed in the area for awhile and moved in a manner similar to the one described by the young men earlier.

mouth was very sore. Under hypnosis by Sprinkle the two "remembered" details of their abduction experience in which the mouth of the wife was examined by aliens. This supposedly caused the soreness.

A Laramie man related a strange encounter early one morning in September of 1975. When he was awakened by a loud noise which seemed to come from above the roof. He described the noise as being like stones rattling in something metallic and "zinging

wires" and fluttering wing-like noises all happening at once.

He seemed to be paralyzed for some 20 minutes while the sounds went on and he suffered anxiety about the experience afterwards so that suddenly, while driving his car one day he shouted out, "Stay the hell away from our planet!"

He never had a UFO experience before or after that one. He seemed to be saying that that one was quite enough.

# Mysterious sightings baffle city residents

By KATHY STENTON  
Staff Reporter

A mysterious bright orange-yellow colored spherical shaped object has been spotted hovering over the city by a number of local residents twice within a week.

Whether the object was an airplane, balloon, a meteor or hundreds of other possibilities, has not been determined, but at least four local people spotted it on two consecutive Saturday nights around the same time.

On April 18, Jim Jones of 846 Day St. was at work at the Pittsburgh and Conneaut Dock Co. when he looked into the western sky and spotted a reddish-orange-yellow colored sphere. It was about 9 p.m.

"I'd say it was about 400 to 500 yards away and it definitely was no airplane by the motions it made," said Jones referring to the hovering effect of the object.

"It looked like drops of something was coming out of it and a couple seconds later, it disintegrated," he said.

Jones said he continued looking at the phenomenon for three to 10 minutes.

"I don't know if it was a meteor or what, but it was a lot brighter than a plane with landing lights on," said Jones.

This past Saturday, JoAnn and Ralph Humalainen of 884 Mill St., spotted an bright orange-yellow circle of light hovering 500-700 feet above their heads.

"I was in a state of shock," said JoAnn of her experience.

"I went to take the dog out around 8:30 or 9 p.m. when I looked into the sky and saw this bright orange-yellow circle hovering very close. It looked like it was only about two streets over and it didn't move, it just hovered and made no noise," she said.

JoAnn said it's shape reminded her of a hot air balloon.

Quite upset over the sighting, JoAnn called for her husband Ralph. He added that the object had the glow of a silvery color on top, like a dome made of aluminum or steel. He said it was moving very slowly.

"After a little while, the thing headed diagonally toward the dock company then took off," said Ralph.

The Humalainen's tried to follow the sphere into Springfield Township, where they lost sight of it.

Upon visiting relatives in Springfield, the couple learned they too had spotted the object just above some tree tops.

"We don't know if it was the same thing or not," said Ralph.

According to Jim Gordon, a member of the Pennsylvania Center for UFO Studies in Erie, it would be im-

possible, without doing some thorough research, to say what the object was that Jones and the Humalainen's saw.

The center, which is a non-profit organization made up of scientists and researchers, doesn't do much work in the field anymore because of a lack of money. The group is self-funded.

"The calls have been few over the last couple years," said Gordon.

"In the process of research, we can always rule out things by checking with local agencies on things like air traffic. A lot depends on the night, for example, visibility, and what planets were out," said Gordon.

Another member of the center, Joan Jeffers, said a number of "flaps," or a heavy concentration of sightings in a particular

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# Three Verify Local UFO Sighting

By IRENE FLAHERTY  
Herald Staff Writer

At least seven persons spotted an unidentified flying object over Texomaland last Wednesday morning.

Three of the UFO spotters give corresponding visual sightings and are certain they saw what they saw.

Jim Shelton, mechanic at Jim Graham International described what he saw for the Herald and went a step farther.

He drew a sketch.

Shelton said he's been laughed at, poked fun at, and looked at like he was crazy, but won't back away from a single word.

"It may have been for only five seconds, but I saw what I saw," Shelton said.

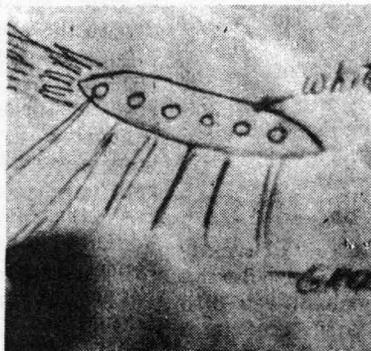
"It was a flying object with lit portholes. Fire was streaming in sparks from the rear, and it had green and yellow pulsating lights," he said.

"It was real. I saw it, and if they lock me up, I still saw it. It was long, a cigar-like shape."

Karen Robinson, Calera, employee of Texas Instruments, saw it too.

She described it to her friend Linda Tingle as moving in a straight line across the Texas-Oklahoma skies like a Roman candle, only much bigger — like fireworks trailing behind a falling star. Karen was enroute home from her job at Texas Instruments. She got off at midnight.

Linda Tingle saw it too. She described it as a big ball of light. "I thought it was the moon at first glance. But it was coming downward like it was falling. I thought it might be a falling star or something, but it was flashing a light green color, then it turned light yellow, and I screamed to my husband, 'Mike, Mike look.'"



She and her husband were driving home from work. She works at Texas Instruments. He works at Johnson & Johnson. He was driving north on Loy Lake Road. They live in West Denison and were enroute to pick up their child before going home.

He couldn't see anything but the sky because he couldn't look around much while he was driving. He said the sky lit up. "It seemed to glow."

But Linda said she did not notice the sky. "I just saw that ball glowing and flashing as it streaked downward real fast. Like I said, it first flashed green, a light green, then it turned a light yellow, and it disappeared like it fell to the earth."

Tingle said he talked with a co-worker at J&J who also saw the strange lights.

Shelton's account is the most exacting: "My wife and I were watching television. Channel 13 had that show about the German ship, Graf Spee. The movie had just ended. My wife had gone to sleep. I told her, 'It's time to get up and go to bed.'"

"Channel 13 was going off the air. I know it was right at 12:30 a.m. Out the living room window, I saw a bright light. The whole pasture lit up. I raised up off the couch, turned toward the window and was looking out when I saw the long cigar-shaped

ship. I thought it might be a plane crashing, or a helicopter, but there wasn't a sound. Not a motor, a humming or a bit of noise."

Shelton said he got his knees on the couch, leaned over and raised up the window to get a better look as the object got partially behind one of the big oak trees in the pasture just behind his trailer. "I hollered at Judy, my wife. She woke up and said she saw the pasture all lit up, but she did not get to the window in time to see anything else.

"I expected it to come back into view, but just poof. It was gone. I thought it crashed, and I called the Denison Police," Shelton said. "I know they thought I was crazy, but they humored me and said since it was outside the city limits they would notify the sheriff's office. They never contacted me, so I know what they thought too."

Shelton is positive about what he saw. "If they think I'm crazy, that's their problem. I did see it," he said.

He didn't go to the pasture immediately. "I thought about it, but I was scared. What if it was a flying saucer, something from outer space. I just couldn't see myself walking out and shaking hands with any green men. I'd be too scared. I reported what I saw," he said, "and it is up to someone else to investigate."

Shelton couldn't just ignore it, though. He went out the next morning and walked every inch of that 15-acres and couldn't find a thing. Then he decided someone ought to know about his UFO sighting.

"I was an Air Force brat, and dad is retired and living in Fort Worth. I called him, and he said he would tell the Air Force, and they would contact me. But I haven't heard a thing from anyone — except you."

# Three Verify UFO Appearance

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Shelton said he is an average person who has heard of people seeing UFO's and never thought much about them. He is a mechanic, has three children, is 37 years old and been on the same job for five years.

"I'm not prone to making up things, and I can understand someone being skeptical of what I've said," Shelton added.

"The thing I saw was about 20 feet long. It was coming down at a fairly

steep angle. Its glide path was about 100 yards out in the pasture, and it was moving about 30 to 40 miles per hour, not hovering, or trying to land. Then poof — it was gone. I thought, My God. It scared me. It wasn't a plane, a helicopter or the Goodyear blimp. It was bright as day — then pitch dark again."

A neighbor of the Shelton's who didn't want to be identified also saw the "bright as day" light.

"I had gone to bed. It was

well after 10:30, as far as how late, I didn't look at a clock. And my room lit up. It was bright and I woke up. It was that bright. I thought it might have been a car pulling in the driveway, and I was imagining the rest, but I pulled up the covers, closed my eyes again and went back to sleep.

At the police station, the dispatcher didn't record the telephone call from Shelton.

Alton Taylor, day dispatcher, said he knew what it was. "We get a lot of

those calls. People are seeing the weather balloons and think it's something else. It was here just last week, and I saw it myself when I was coming to work."

Shelton said he didn't see a weather balloon.

"There's no way what I saw could have been that. It just couldn't have been. It was strange. For one thing, there was a silvery white glow and orange-red flames coming out of the rear of that cigar or saucer-shaped thing."

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## FORUM

7424 By JOHN CRAWFORD FRONTPAGE

THAT UFO STORY we had Sunday created quite a bit of talk, and brought some additional information from JOHN DORSEY, the Denison police dispatcher who was called about the incident.

Dorsey noted that he took the caller's number and passed the information on to the sheriff's department as is standard procedure when a location is outside the city limits. That's why no Denison police log call was assigned to it.

When the call was received, it wasn't referred to as a UFO, Dorsey said, but rather a "falling star" which was very bright. The possibility of a low-flying airplane with lights was mentioned, but not a UFO.

After hearing the comments on the Sunday story, I wonder if we should take a poll.

I have learned that a lot of folks do believe that there are space ships up there looking us over.

"There's been too many of them seen — there has to be something to it," one fellow said.

Another was skeptical in the extreme, disbelieving the whole thing.

There are all stages of opinion in between those two, and I'm not sure exactly where I stand.

I believe people would like to believe that there are flying saucers, but on the other hand, believing presents an entirely new problem.

If you believe they are up there, then we ought to do something about it.

But what?

The Air Force logged stories about UFOs and checked them out for years.

Most of the time there has been a logical explanation for the UFO sightings. Sometimes not.

Dispatcher ALTON TAYLOR wasn't too fond of being quoted in the Sunday story about the weather balloons which have frequently been reported as UFOs, but there have been a bunch of such sightings through the years.

There's a big weather balloon station at Palestine, and they release some huge balloons which get larger as they rise into the atmosphere.

I've seen two or three of them myself and succeeded in getting photos of a couple of them. Strong binoculars, or a telescope, will show the true shape of those balloons, but when the sun hits them just right, they do seem to glow and look strange.

People are used to being able to identify anything they see in the sky, and when they can't then it's an unidentified flying object. That covers a lot of ground.

There have even been stories on the Associated Press wire about "flying saucers" which were rigged by pranksters.

I recall one in which some youths had fun launching small balloons carrying candles so they floated from a hill across their town, creating all sorts of UFO reports.

Some I've talked to feel that the popularity of space movies and television shows has increased the number of UFO sightings because people are more ready to believe in space flyers.

The Herald has the distinction of having an original copy of the Denison Daily News from Jan. 25, 1878, in its files.

That paper is unique because it carries a reprint from the Dallas Herald of the first recorded flying saucer sighting in history. The Dallas Herald (not today's Times Herald) disappeared from the scene many years ago, and apparently its files have been lost.

Seems a farmer named John Martin who lived six miles north of Dallas was out hunting and saw a peculiar-shaped fast-moving object. "When directly over him it was about the size of a large saucer," the story says.

That story winds up with a thought from 1878 that is probably still about as good as any: "Mr. Martin is a gentleman of undoubted veracity, and this strange occurrence, if it was not a balloon, deserves the attention of our scientists."

# Space oddity encounters are too close for comfort

By John Ezard

The motorist was driving through France when "The usual cigar-shaped object" appeared in the sky, two beams of light came down to earth, and a small alien materialised in the road.

The motorist, a sober and unimaginative man until that evening, waited for it to vouchsafe the secrets of the universe. In immaculate French it said two sentences: "Truth is denied to the constipated" and "That which is known as cancer comes from the teeth."

Then it dematerialised, leaving the motorist not only mystified but furious.

"He was so baffled that he had to tell somebody," Mr

Charles Bowen, editor of the British Flying Saucer Review, said yesterday. "Apparently he was still complaining about it on his death bed."

Mr Bowen told this episode to the second international London congress of the British Unidentified Flying Object Research Association as an example of how extra-terrestrial visitors tend to confirm diagnosis of Douglas Adams, author of the Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy. Mr Adams believes that they are rich young galactic playboys in interstellar sports cars who enjoy buzzing and tantalising earthmen.

Another sign of this irresponsibility was troubling the 180 delegates, who are anxious to give their subject scientific

respectability. In 1952 one of their pioneers, the American George Adamski reported meeting a spaceman who "indicated by signs that he came from Venus".

The trouble is that we now know from space probes that Venus is uninhabitable, the association's northern group pointed out in its bulletin.

But the group was worrying unnecessarily, according to one of the two-day congress's leading guests, Dr Bertil Kuhlmann, head of computer services for the Swedish Academy of Engineering.

"It might be that they do live on Venus, but are not manifesting themselves in the same physical reality as us, so that the space probe could not

detect them," he said.

The association president, Lord Kings Norton, a former Government aviation expert, recalled in his opening speech that as a child he had the courage to tell the author, J. M. Barrie, that he did not believe in fairies. But although he was a sceptic about UFOs, he did not necessarily disbelieve in them.

In the same careful if unrousing spirit, Mr Stuart Campbell, investigation coordinator for Scotland, analysed the famous "close encounter" near the Scots new town of Livingston in 1979. A man inspecting a forestry plantation reported being sucked along the ground by two "mine-shaped objects" which whizzed at him from a dark grey dome

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Police have been inundated with phone calls reporting a yellow unidentified flying object clearly visible during daytime. The Met Office have investigated the reports and say that the sightings definitely relate to a star, not seen for five years, called the "sun"

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Space invaders turn to China

China has become popular with visitors from space, according to the number of reported sightings.

Miss Betty Wood, Secretary of the British UFO Research Association, which is holding an international meeting in London this weekend said yesterday: "Many people all over the world think they have seen them but particularly so in China recently."

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UFOs flying east for the summer

WHERE have all the flying saucers gone?

On a summer package holiday to China it seems.

There have been few reported sightings of UFO's in the Western world recently, but a large number in the East, particularly in China.

"Strange craft have been seen landing and strange people coming out of them," said British UFO Research Association secretary Betty Wood yesterday.

six metres high, tearing his shirt.

He was knocked unconscious by "an acrid, choking smell," which temporarily paralysed his legs and left him thirsty for two days. Afterwards police drew a map of curious marks left on the ground. In his meticulous, 60-minute speech, Mr Campbell discussed and ruled out the possibility that the man was a publicity seeker, a faker or had suffered a hallucinatory grand mal epileptic fit.

So Mr Campbell concluded, as tension reached its peak in the audience—had he seen a real spacecraft? No, said Mr Campbell, the chances were that it had been some natural phenomenon, like black ball lightning.

# A flying saucer scorched me!

 FARMWORKER Mark Henshall was driving his motorcycle on a lonely road near Barnard Castle, Co. Durham, when he experienced a close encounter.

Until that day the down-to-earth farmboy had no definite views about UFOs.

But in June, 1976, Mark, then 16, not only saw a UFO: he was scorched by it. For days afterwards he felt a prickly sensation — he describes it as a heat rash in his arms and on his face.

The case was exhaustively researched for the UFO Investigators' Network which is convinced it is genuine.

## Scared by a rooftop hopper

A 21-year-old nurse called Linda had the closest of encounters with a flying saucer ... it was a few feet away.

The object actually flew through the gap between two houses at Killingworth in February, 1978.

Linda's mother was woken up early in the morning by a loud noise which gradually became deafening.

Paralysed with fear and convinced a plane was about to crashland, she hid under the bedclothes.

### Light

In another room, Linda—who has requested anonymity—was woken but she gazed out of the window to see what the noise was.

She described the flying saucer to an investigator as "looking like a tin containing expensive cigars," it was only feet away.

The object was silver coloured with a string of small lights.

It glided through the gap between Linda's house and the next door neighbour's before it flew to higher flats nearby. The whole thing had lasted three minutes.

Mark, of Wilson Street, Barnard Castle, describes what happened.

"It was a very black night. I had the sensation of being watched.

"I looked up and saw, a brilliant light slightly to the left and behind me. I was riding at about 30 m.p.h. but the bike seemed to cut out.

"I was very frightened. I could feel heat on my face and through my jacket. "The petrol tank was steaming."

Mark tried to brake but his vehicle continued to move forward as if pulled by an unseen force.

### Trembling

The boy, thoroughly scared, pulled his spluttering motorcycle to a halt.

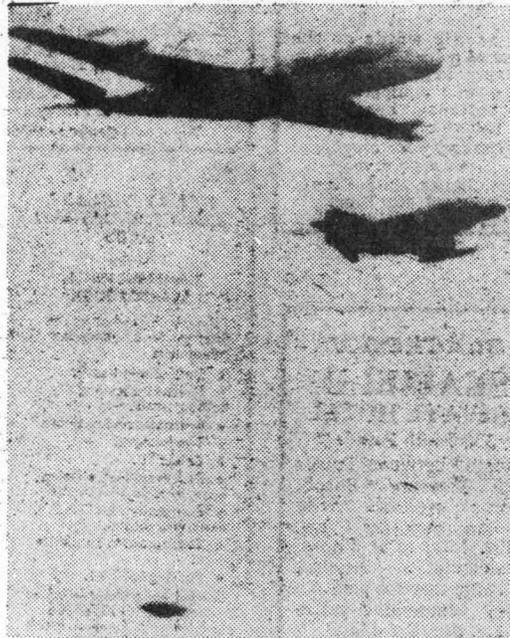
The incident was also seen by the driver of a Jaguar car which was also affected by the UFO.

Mark went on: "I took my gloves off to get a cigarette but I was trembling. I touched his car to steady myself and it was really hot.

"Next morning my hands and arms came out in a sort of heat rash which lasted for a couple of days.

"I am positive it was a flying saucer. No one has been able to prove it was not.

"I have been ridiculed and called a fool. But I know I saw a UFO."



IS this a UFO? The object was spotted near RAF planes at a display at Warminster, Wiltshire, in 1970.

## UFOs bring a month of torment

 IN August and September, 1979, a family say they were tormented by UFOs and spacemen.

The 23-year-old mother of the household seemed to be the focus of a whole series of strange events, as reported by the Sunday Sun at the time.

The case fascinated researchers who have spent years looking into it.

The results of the investigations at Felling, Tyne Wear, are still being assessed 18 months later.

In one, the woman says she saw a group of small, white doll-like creatures in her bedroom.

She told the Sunday Sun: "A glowing bell-like disc came into the

room followed by a glittering swarm. There was a buzzing noise everywhere and I felt paralysed.

"Then white creatures appeared. Their features were indistinguishable and they were making clicking noises.

"They seemed to be watching me and then they disappeared."

Interestingly, the brief description of the creatures matches that of the beings seen at Fencehouses.

Another amazing coincidence is that the two events took place three years apart to the day.

The woman asked to remain anonymous for fear of being labelled a crank.

She said she was not normally nervous and could give no rational explanation for what happened.

TWO women claim they actually met spacemen.

Their "close encounter of the third kind" occurred on a piece of waste ground.

The women, aged 63 and 18, of Fence Houses, Tyne Wear, seemed to be hypnotically attracted towards a small, oval-shaped UFO.

Investigators pieced together what happened next only after hard work.

The two women did not want to talk about their experiences and the case, in 1978, never made the newspapers.

To this day they have never been publicly identified.

As the women approached the UFO, they went deeper into a trance.

Then, they were startled by the appearance of two beings the "size of large dolls" with long white hair parted down the middle—and large, round eyes.

### Aliens

What happened next is uncertain. UFO investigator Jenny Randles believes the two doll-like figures became frightened when they saw the women and retreated to their craft.

Unknown to the women, their descriptions of the aliens is consistent with other accounts of close encounters.

Author Jenny Randles says: "I think a great deal more may be involved than we know at the moment. The case is infuriating.

"I am convinced the women are telling the truth. It was definitely a genuine experience.

"In one way, the very reluctance of witnesses to get involved lends credence to their stories. At least we know they are not after cheap publicity."

# A close encounter for Lian

A 17-year-old Billinge girl in convinced she had a close encounter of the mysterious kind last weekend.

Student Lian Sayers was being driven by taxi to her home in Claremont Road, Billinge, in the early hours of last Sunday morning after finishing her part time job at Tiffany's in Wigan, when she saw some mysterious lights in the sky.

At first she thought they were stars — but then they began to move and appeared to be following the taxi.

Lian, who works on the spotlights at Tiffany's at weekends, said: "We were coming past Simms Lane End when I noticed the lights and told the taxi driver. When they started moving we were both puzzled as to what they were because there was no noise like an aeroplane or helicopter."



Lian Sayers

A pupil at Winstanley College, Lian said she and the taxi driver could see the lights all the way back to Billinge and she admitted that after being excited when she first saw them, she began to get a little frightened when they were just 60 feet above the taxi.

"We could see an object then" she said, "it was a funny shape and was just above the taxi so we got a very clear view of whatever it was."

The lights were still there when she got home and Lian banged on the door and told her grandmother, who then saw "a bright glow" disappearing over London Fields.

"I believed in UFO's before this" said Lian, "But now I am convinced that there is something up there. I watched the lights for about ten minutes and had a clear view of them, as did the taxi driver and it couldn't have been an aeroplane, there was just no noise coming from the object."

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# Buzzing triangle puzzles drivers

POLICE are keeping an open mind as they strive to unravel the mystery of a UFO encounter.

The object — a flying machine believed to be triangular in shape — swooped out of the night sky at 12.30 am on Sunday.

It appeared, at first, as a "brilliant star" to Mrs Karen Speers and husband, Jim, driving along London Road, Stretton.

Mrs Speers, of 29, Gloucester Close, Woolston, got her husband to stop the car by the Hydro Hotel, Appleton — and they then watched the airborne "visitor" hovering over homes in the area for about two minutes.

"I wound the window down, and there was the sound of a machine. It was a constant sound, but did not resemble that of a helicopter," said Mrs Speers.

"It was triangular in shape and about the size of a two-seater aircraft — but it was certainly not a plane.

"It hovered for a couple of minutes at a height of about 60 ft and I could see lights inside. Then it suddenly shot off at a fast speed over Appleton Park, coming even closer to the ground.

"I looked back towards Stretton and saw that a number of motorists had stopped their vehicles, obviously watching this strange object."

A police spokesman at Stockton Heath said reports suggested the object moved "in a peculiar way."

Inquiries were being made with air-traffic controllers in an attempt to identify the object.

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# 'I don't believe in UFOs, but ...'

PRISON officers George Wood and Jim Bottomley may have had a captivating encounter with a UFO in Weeton at dusk.

But both men have their feet firmly on the ground and stressed: "We don't believe in UFOs."

Mr Wood, of Somerville Avenue, Staining, explained that he and Mr Bottomley, of Warbreck Road, Blackpool, were driving home from Kirkham Open Prison at 9.20 on Monday night last week when the sighting happened.

The object was, they said, hovering 200 to 300ft above cottages in Chain Lane, Weeton. Mr Wood described it as an oval object about the size of a dustbin lid, possibly made from aluminium.

He said: "It was still, so we stopped the car for just a second and it was away over the fields towards Weeton Camp. There was no smoke or anything like that and it didn't seem to be attached to anything.

"I don't believe in UFOs or anything like that but there must be some explanation for it."

Said Mr Bottomley: "It was certainly something totally different from anything I've seen. I just can't explain it."

A Kirkham police spokesman said there had been no other reported sightings.

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# Is anybody

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# there?

CAROL was restless, suffering from toothache that August night two years ago. At 2 a.m. she got up to make a cup of coffee. What was allegedly to happen to her would become known as The Terror in the House of the Dolls.

This is Carol's story.

Steve, her 24-year-old husband, was on night-shift and but for their three-year-old daughter Nicola, Carol was alone in their Gateshead home. Bringing back the coffee to her bedroom she saw a red light shining through the curtains.

She drew them aside and peered into the damp and misty air. A flattened bell shape with a mass of red, orange and white lights was hovering above a house. All but one light went out and the object rose into the sky to disappear.

Minutes later she was shocked by a low rumbling sound. Terrified, she saw an 18-inch version of the bell shape followed by a swarm of tiny specks of light move to the centre of the room. The swarm descended.

Carol was petrified. She tingled and felt a pressure on her. She became numbed. She heard a loud buzzing noise—and then the swarm lifted, joined the disc and both went out into the hallway.

Carol leapt from her bed, in fear for Nicola. Her daughter was safe but when husband Steve returned from work he found his wife crying in terror.

Over the next three weeks 22-year-old Carol was to be unwell with pains in her face and a rash on her neck. Her doctor gave her tranquillisers and sleeping tablets and said she was hallucinating.

On September 3 the climax to her "visions" came. Steve was again on nightshift and she was spending the night with her mother, who lived a mere 100 yards away.

Alone in the spare room the tingling returned. At 4 a.m. she was paralysed with it and could move nothing save her head. In the corner of the room she saw the disc again.

Then, she says, she noticed them; a group of 12, some kneeling, some standing, about two-and-a-half feet tall with pale, feminine faces, white clothing and belts and boots.

One had a cloak—it brushed her but she felt nothing—and said through unmoving lips: "She is just like any other earthly." Apart from this, claims Carol, she heard only strange clicking noises. She turned her head and all vanished. She was free.

In the coming weeks there was a catalogue of incidents. Nearly everyone in the family is said to have felt the sensation and even their dog was affected by the buzzing noise.

These incidents are still happening to the family, so they are afforded anonymity but what had Carol experienced? Was it all hallucinations, as her doctor believed or had an alien force projected images into her room or mind? Or is there some more fantastic explanation, something

CLOSE encounters are a subject regularly in the news. How true are the sightings, the lights and the noises? RUPERT RADCLIFFE-GENGE reports.

so bizarre the human mind is incapable of thinking it?

Presenting this evidence in her latest book \* authoress and self-confessed UFO sceptic Jenny Randles offers no pat answers and makes the often overlooked point that one has to look at not only the report but also the witnesses.

Ms. Randles says this sort of case is "a major challenge; but it presents one with an enthralling chase towards the limits of human credibility."

Such challenges would never have been investigated had it not been for Idaho businessman Kenneth Arnold, who was using his private plane in June 1947 to search for a missing aircraft which was never found.

He saw a series of discs which he described to newsmen on landing as "like saucers skipping over water." The flying saucer craze had taken off and over the next few months a wave of sightings were reported.

## Burning

This was hardly the first experience of something strange in the sky—The Bible contains passages of weird aerial happenings and in 1067 a sphere of fire was seen to descend into the sea off the Northumbria coast, burning trees and grass as it passed over land—but it did lead to the United States Air Force to study odd events.

Project Sign was destined as a short term study to see if UFOs were a military threat from a foreign power. Sign staff decided they were not but the staff could offer no opinion on what the inexplicable cases were.

A year later USAF's Project Grudge came into being; its aim, according to Capt. Edward Ruppelt, to "get rid of the UFOs." Grudge was being pitted against what the authorities saw as a nuisance.

It didn't work and Grudge had to grudgingly admit some 23 per cent. of the cases they investigated they could not explain either. Grudge virtually ceased operating but there was no stopping the flood of sighting reports.

Capt. Ruppelt was ordered in to shape up the remnants. The name was changed and over the next 18 years the most famous UFO study to date, Project Blue Book, built up a massive data bank on the unknown. The unknown remained unexplained, though, and Blue Book was closed in 1968.

Some people were unhappy at the project's limited role and success. One man, who would eventually become the most powerful man in the world, was so disgruntled he ensured there would be a government commission into the phenomena—Congressman Gerald Ford.

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## CON'T IS ANYBODY THERE

A stunningly big, boring and biased report was issued saying UFOs merited no further discussion. Buried in the report was the fact that one third of the cases the commission had investigated at length remained mysteries.

However, it did spur other governments to action. The French have a permanent team at Toulouse space centre, the Spanish Air Force have compiled some amazing histories and even the Russians are looking at it.

Of course in Britain nothing much has been made public of the RAF's inquiries. "No evidence of a defence threat," they say. And that is all they say.

### Encounters

But Air Chief Marshal Lord Dowding did go on record to profess: "The cumulative evidence for the existence of UFOs is quite overwhelming and I accept the fact of their existence."

It is left to accomplished amateurs like Ms. Randles to try to establish the facts. The phenomena come in all kinds, from lights in the sky with no solid shape to those recorded by camera or radar. And then there are the close encounters, the phrase made known to millions of cinema-goers by Stephen Spielberg.

Ms. Randles lists the four kinds of close encounters. If you experience the first kind the effect will be transient; your radio might go on the blink, for example.

The second kind covers cases of others seeing the effects of the phenomenon without seeing the phenomenon itself. In the third kind some sort of entity is present.

The rarest are the close encounters of the fourth kind. Carol is said to have suffered one of these, where reality is distorted and the witness is changed long after the initial event, rather like hostages' personalities change after they have been released.

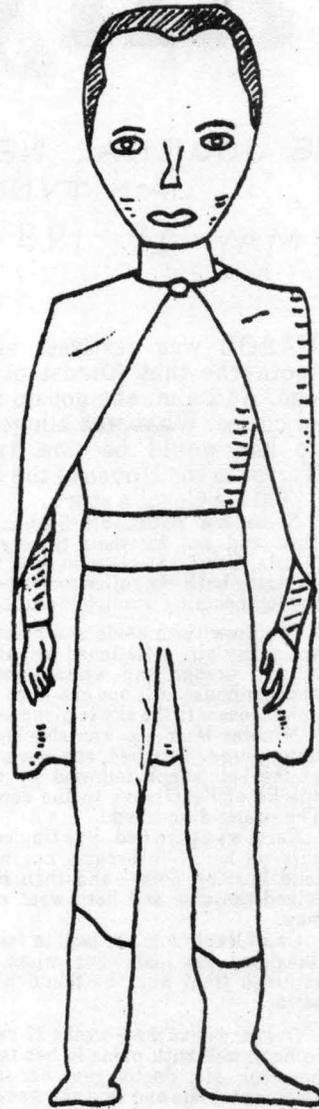
Seasoned Ufologists sift through many reports that are easily explained by other events. About one in 10 is of any significance, says Ms. Randles.

Stars and planets, the sun and moon, especially if combined with unusual atmospheric effects give rise to mistakes. Meteors, comets, lightning, clouds and mirages; all have been claimed as UFOs.

Sewage works play their part in unwitting deception. The gases they give off are misinterpreted, as are all sorts of flying things, from birds to rubbish whipped up by the wind and, most popular of all says Ms. Randles, aircraft.

She says: "Many commercial jets are now using tail fin illumination. This allows the symbol of the airline to be visible. Since all manner of symbols are used nobody should be alarmed if flying dragons or fiery lions are seen crossing the sky in the wake of an aircraft!"

But what of the enigmas? Ms. Randles rejects the old theories of beings from another planet invading ours and opts to be much more subtle, incorporating what is known as the "new Ufology."



**TERROR** in the House of Dolls. A drawing of what Carol claims she saw at Gateshead.

This concentrates on the subjective, the personalities and psychology of witnesses. At its ultimate something becomes real because we believe it to be real. Perhaps belief can be so strong it creates images so solid others can see them. Perhaps.

At least the new Ufology can explain why we have so few good unfaked pictures of UFOs. We cannot photograph creations of the mind. But, as Ms. Randles says: "We still need to know the how and why of it. The search must go on."  
★ UFO Study: A Handbook for Enthusiasts. By Jennie Randles (Robert Hale, £7.95).

# UFO plots are not alien to believers

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By Brian E. Albrecht

**F**ormer flying saucer captive Betty Hill of New Hampshire brought "Junior," a life-sized mannequin head showing what her gray, earless, noseless and hairless alien captors supposedly looked like.

Laura Mundo of Michigan brought extra copies of her treatise, "Sex and the UFO," warning of the dangers of intimate relations with extraterrestrial visitors, and a coming worldwide cataclysm signified by increased sunspot activity.

Wayne Laporte of North Carolina brought his scale model of a UFO mothership, complete with miniature crewmen consisting of alien humanoids, homids ("Bigfoots"), robots, captured humans, interbreeds (half-alien, half-human) and "superadvanced beings known as angels by Earthlings."

Different people from different backgrounds, all united in the unwavering belief that unidentified flying objects (UFOs), piloted by aliens from outer space, are an unquestionable reality.

They, and 60 to 70 other people, came to the Marriott Inn, 4277 W. 150th St., for a weekend (June 6-7) of lectures titled "UFOhio '81," sponsored by the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization (APRO), based in Arizona, and the Cleveland Ufology Project (CUP).

APRO, established in 1952, boasts of more than 3,000 members in 50 countries.

Its director, Jim Lorenzen, opened the conference by noting that the assembled lecturers and guests had gathered for an exchange of UFO information, with the objective of "seeing if we can make some sense out of it."

Based on the 11 lectures given that weekend, and a rough consensus of beliefs held by those in attendance, the following scenario emerged:

*Earth has been visited periodically by UFOs and outer space aliens throughout mankind's history. Following World War II, a proliferation of crashed-UFO reports (concealed from the public by the government) indicated that land bases were*

*being established for support of observation craft sent aloft to conduct more intensive studies of Earth.*

*These studies have taken various forms, including geological and biological research and a subtle program of capture and indoctrination designed to convert Earth people of various nationalities into "cosmic citizens" of the universe.*

As Lorenzen told it, the big question is not what UFOs are, but why they're here.

Lorenzen cautioned against assuming that their motives are good; that they are here, as some suggest, as saviors of humanity, ready to pull our collective chestnuts from the nuclear fire.

"If wrong, we can be lulled into a mood of false security," Lorenzen said, "and sit waiting for angelic intervention while all humanity goes down the drain."

Beyond the basic UFO scenario, the field of ufology breaks down into a variety of beliefs and theories, each generally requiring the suspension of disbelief in the absence of irrefutable proof.

To Laura Gilbert of California, a firsthand UFO encounter is all the proof needed.

She confessed that until her first UFO sighting in 1975, "I thought anyone who believed in this needed psychiatric help."

Now, she and her husband, Don — a retired carpenter who, though not as ardent in his belief in UFOs as his wife, does admit to having seen "some pretty strange things in the sky" — rarely miss a UFO conference or lecture.

"We're retired now, so we save up our money and this (the APRO event) is what we spend it on," he explained. "Every time my wife hears about one of these, you'd better believe we're going to be there. From the moment she saw her first UFO, she's been a very devout believer.

"You have to have a pretty strong belief to spend the kind of money that we do on this," he added with a smile.

Belief in UFOs and extraterrestrial beings dates to ancient mankind, according to Earl Neff, CUP chairman. His presentation at the conference included examples of art and architecture depicting

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Earl Neff, chairman of the Cleveland Ufology Project, and Betty Hill stand beside a model display of UFOs and aliens, holding a life-sized bust depicting Hill's alien captors, from her memories of her 1965 abduction by a UFO.

early space visitations, at sites ranging from India to Bolivia.

Dr. Peter Van Arsdale, professor of anthropology at the University of Denver, outlined a spectrum of attitudes on UFOs:

The *prejudiced*, who totally reject the possibility of UFOs; *party liners*, who believe that a natural or psychological explanation for UFOs is in order; *skeptics*, who'll believe it when they see it; *believers*, and *contactees*, who not only believe, but want to become a part of it.

This last aspect of ufology was vividly represented in the story told by Betty Hill of the experiences of her and her late husband aboard a flying saucer in 1965.

Hill said she and her husband were abducted from their car, taken aboard the alien craft and subjected to an intensive physical examination.

She recalled that at one point, the alien examiner rushed in from another room where her husband was being tested, wanting to know why his (false) teeth came out and hers did not.

Though conditioned with amnesia before her release, Hill said subsequent hypnosis enabled her to recall incidents of that night, plus details of a "star map" she was shown, which diagrammed the aliens' various trade routes and expeditions.

Hill offered no theories on why she and her husband were abducted. Dr. Leo Sprinkle suggested that the "UFolks" (aliens) are trying to infuse selected "US-folks" with a greater sense of "cosmic consciousness."

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Since her abduction, Hill said, she has witnessed numerous other UFO landings and flights. Her reports vied for attention with tales of glowing lights and twilight visitations swapped by conference attendees throughout the weekend.

Their accounts of astral spacecraft ranged from pilotless drones and glowing cylinders to massive mother ships and entire UFO squadrons.

To Robert F. Creegan, a professor of philosophy at State University of New York, the number of believers is limited because of the suspicion with which mankind historically has approached things it cannot fully explain.

He foresees the temporary alien occupation of entire communities (though they won't know it due to induced amnesia), further conflict between skeptics and believers and stronger evidence in support of alien visitors on Earth.

"We (the believers) shall overcome," Creegan added, "but not all at once."

Stanton T. Friedman, an atomic physicist, said that were it not for government coverups and media skepticism, belief in UFOs would be as common as belief in gravity.

Citing a 1978 Gallup poll showing that 57% of those queried believed UFOs are real, Friedman said the assumption that most people are non-believers is "a popular myth."

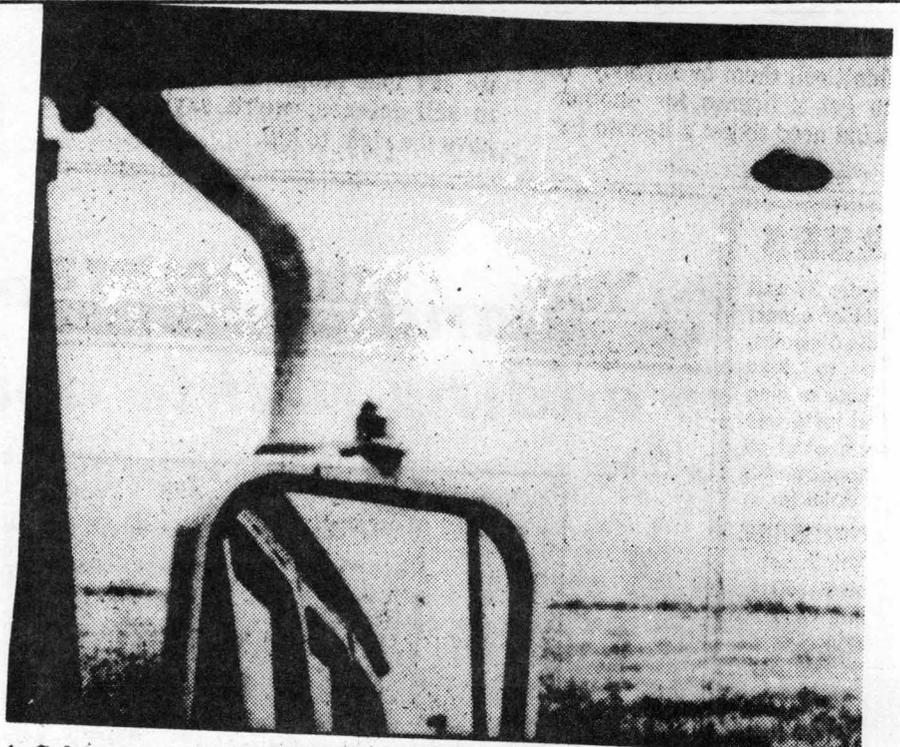
During his presentation, "UFO, the Cosmic Watergate," Friedman told his audience, "It's time to stop being apologist-ufologists. You're with the cream of the crop, not at the bottom of the barrel."

Friedman asserted that the government knows UFOs are real; it just doesn't want you to know.

Why? Not because, as is commonly thought, people would panic in a repeat of the 1938 scare prompted by the radio broadcast of "War of the Worlds," Friedman said.

According to Friedman, one reason for the Cosmic Watergate is that the government hasn't yet learned how to operate the UFOs in its possession, and if word leaked out, "there would be an immediate push by the younger and space-oriented generation for an earthling orientation in place of the terribly destructive and widespread nationalistic approach which so characterizes Earth.

"And," Friedman added, "I know of no government that wants its citizens to owe their primary allegiance to the planet, instead of to that individual nationalistic government."



A California highway inspector took three Polaroid pictures of this object he saw on duty near Santa Anna, Calif.

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Among examples of alleged government UFO coverups, author William Moore pointed to the "Roswell Incident." This involved the supposed crash in 1947 of an alien flying saucer in New Mexico, and the subsequent government whitewash of the whole affair.

U.S. military forces were said to have transported the wrecked saucer (and its crew of six to eight dead aliens) to a secret laboratory at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton for further study.

Moore described the "Roswell Incident" as "the nearest thing we have seen to the perfect UFO case," largely because of the number of witnesses (70) whose testimony, he said, confirms this story.

Lt. Col. Lawrence Coyne (U.S. Army Reserve) told the conference of his 1973 encounter with a UFO while piloting a helicopter from Columbus to Cleveland. He said that as he neared Mansfield, his chopper was overtaken by a gray metallic object with red, flashing lights.

After briefly bringing the helicopter under its control, despite Coyne's best efforts to land, the UFO vanished as suddenly as it had appeared.

Coyne said when he reported the incident, the first reaction he received was,

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"What kind of whisky have you been drinking?"

Coyne said his crew met with the same response. "You don't know how alone four grown men can suddenly feel," he said. "It's a very awkward situation — the sudden realization that you are in the minority."

The skepticism was bewildering to Coyne, who believes "that particular evening was the closest I've come to dying."

His belief in UFOs has remained unshaken. Coyne said he has met others in highly respected positions who share that belief, but will not openly say so for fear of ridicule.

"Because of this, a lot of good information, important to UFO research, will not surface," he said.

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## Cleveland Ufology Project is adding fuel to doubters

**A**t what point does ufology (the study of UFOs) cross the thin line between scientific possibility and sheer science fiction?

Therein lies a dilemma that occasionally surfaced during a recent two-day conference sponsored by the Aerial Research Phenomena Organization (APRO) and Cleveland Ufology Project.

Much of the conference provided a fairly objective look at the possibilities surrounding aliens and UFOs — in some instances even debunking popular UFO myths. At other times, it was hard for even the assembled APRO members and guests to swallow the more unorthodox topics raised.

Betty Hill concluded a well-received recital of her experiences as a UFO captive with a slide show of UFO photos she had taken. They often appeared as little more than brightly colored dots on a black background.

"On the left side, you'll see a blue beam," she related, describing one slide.

"What beam? Where does she see that? Do you see a beam?" a member of the audience asked her companion.

Hill's collection included another shot of a UFO supposedly perched on a set of railroad tracks — a brightly glowing UFO, bearing a remarkable resemblance to a train engine's headlight, photographed head-on from a distance.

She also committed a faux pas: She showed a slide taken by another photographer that supposedly depicted a UFO in flight. But another conference speaker had described it earlier as a fake: an out-of-

focus shot of a hand holding an upturned Tasti-Freeze ice cream dish.

Laura Mundo elicited more than one startled expression with her latest literary effort, "Sex and the UFO."

The four pages of single-spaced, capitalized text told of alien orgies, extraterrestrial mating and birth control and Earth women raped by spacemen. (This last aspect gets a little confusing, as Mundo noted: "Some Earth women, claiming to be raped by spacemen, are actual space women, themselves, pretending to be Earth women." Got it?)

Mundo writes that we have been infiltrated by aliens who have come to save some of us from a coming cataclysm, as indicated by frenetic sunspot activity: "In fact, as the end nears . . . we are 'lousy' with space people everywhere we turn. You can't even trust your mother these days."

Departures from the norm of ufology sometimes could be accepted as tongue-in-cheek humor — such as the "Spaced Out Kook Book" on sale at the conference, featuring such recipes as "Swamp Gas Soup" and "Out of this World Barbeque Sauce."

Perhaps the more unusual, outlandish and eccentric offerings and beliefs presented at the APRO conference are an inevitable part of any field that is generally unknown and unproven.

As one guest lecturer commented, ufology is a field that, by its very nature, lends itself to unrestrained speculation.

"The problem is we've got too much evidence," he said. "It can be used to support any explanation."

— Brian Albrecht

# UFO is seen

## Strange object frightens Chestnut Flat Ridge folks

By CHARLES PEARL

What was it?

The folks who live on Chestnut Flat Ridge near the Rocky Ford area of Casey County aren't sure. But five people—Kathy and Arlin Gilpin, Roy and Judy Kirkland and Candy Wethington—are positively certain they saw something, around midnight last Wednesday, which they had never seen before.

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Cathy Kilpin says she never goes to bed early. Her husband, Esker, works the second shift at a factory in Danville and she always waits up for him.

Last Wednesday night, Mrs. Gilpin and her 19-year-old son, Arlin, who was just recently discharged from the Army, were

watching television when they heard a noise outside.

"It wasn't real loud at first," Arlin recalled last Friday. "But it kept getting louder and louder."

"It sounded sort of like an electric drill or sump pump running," Mrs. Gilpin added.

"I went and opened the back door," said Arlin. "And around the ridge, by the farm, I could see this big bright orange light."

Mrs. Gilpin, at first, thought it was a reflection from the lights of a truck. Thinking that possibly someone had driven off the road and had gotten hung up, she got in the car and started driving toward the orange light. Driving slowly with only her parking lights on, she said in a few minutes she realized

that the lights were not from a truck or car.

"Just the light was all that was there," recalled Mrs. Gilpin. "Then, all of a sudden, I felt this real weird sensation, like the light was pulling me toward it."

"I thought, there ain't no way I'm going any further. I managed to get the car turned around and said Lord, please let me get back home without wrapping this car around a tree. I was moving on."

Meanwhile, at the Gilpin house, Arlin had telephoned his aunt and uncle, Candy and Carroll Wethington, who live nearby, to tell them about the strange sound and light outside.

After that, Arlin got a gun and walked outside. "As soon as I got to

this little path, I saw something, but I can't really say what it was. It was like two pairs of orange eyes glowing. I shot at it and then it was gone."

When Mrs. Gilpin returned to the house, she and Arlin went to the Wethingtons' house, where Roy and Judy Kirkland (relatives) are also residing temporarily until they get their log cabin completed (on the same ridge).

"We were inside drinking coffee when I got this strange urge to go outside," said Arlin. He went out, looked behind the house, and saw the light, again, in a pine tree thicket.

"This time when I saw it, it didn't

scare me as much as it did the first time. I could hear something, like it was trying to talk, but I couldn't make nothing out of it."

"It kept getting closer," Arlin continued. "I tried to pull the trigger, but couldn't. I couldn't move. Then, all of a sudden, I felt like it touched me. It was like a shock went all the way through my body, but I didn't see anything touch me. That really freaked me out. I was really torn up."

Arlin said he heard someone inside the house yell at him. "I turned around to look toward the house. Then when I looked back toward the pine thicket the light was gone."

As he returned to the house, the others noticed that the right side of his face was "puffed out and reddish."

"And his hands were green," said his mother. "You know how it looks when blue jean material fades on you? That's what it looked like, except the color was green rather than blue."

"His hands didn't look green," said Mr. Gilpin, who arrived shortly after the orange glow vanished the second and final time. "They were green. And Arlin was wild when I got there. He was scared to death, absolutely terrified."

They said it was 3:30 or 4 a.m. before everyone finally calmed down. And the next morning, Arlin's hands and face looked normal again.

"Now, what I saw doesn't actually scare me," said Arlin, Friday. "But it doesn't make me feel too good, either. I don't think I want to get that close to it again. I haven't the slightest idea what it was I saw. It wasn't anything of bodily form."

"I know one thing, I'm not going to be as brave and go follow it the next time, if there is a next time," said Mrs. Gilpin. "I do know it had a sensation over my mind and body. Something was trying to pull me to that light."

"I heard some racket outside, and about five or 10 minutes later I heard it again," said Carroll Wethington. "But I didn't think too much about it. I had to get up and go to work early the next morning. I figured that if something wanted me, it could come in the bedroom and get me. There was something out there, but I don't like to dwell on things like that."

"I do," said Mr. Gilpin. "I'm interested in it. I don't think it's over. I think it'll be back. I think it was something from the U.S. government or something from outer space."

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# WAS THIS THE BLACK COUNTRY'S FIRST FLYING SAUCER SIGHTING?

Coseley contributor, Mr. A. Hyde, recalls the sighting of strange objects in the sky over Sedgley Beacon, more than half a century ago and also provides the sketch reproduced below.

U.F.O. sightings are now fairly common but we wonder if this account refers to the first such incident in this area?

Mr. Hyde writes.....

Concerning the subject of UFO's in the January edition of The Bugle. I have a vivid recollection of seeing and watching three disc-like objects in the sky when walking with a friend over Sedgley Beacon, at about 4 o'clock one August afternoon in 1925.

We had descended the beacon tower and were walking towards Wolverhampton, i.e. to the north. High clouds had slowly increased until the whole face of the sky was obscured. Weather conscious, we were looking up and commenting on this when, to the north west, a fairly long break appeared in the clouds showing a strip of clear blue sky above.

At that moment a spherical-shaped object passed from right to left above the opening end nearest to us - appearing a few seconds later moving over the opening at the opposite end. It then came into view above where we had first sighted it, (apparently having completed a circle) when simultaneously an identical object crossed over at the far end. My friend and myself were spellbound as we watched the two strange machines (flying at altitude of about 15,000 glide noiselessly over the

break in the clouds as they both continued to circle round in a clockwise direction.

We had been watching this phenomena for a few minutes when the centre of the gap widened, exposing a third identical object hovering on the right, which during our next few minutes observation remained absolutely motionless, then the clouds closed in

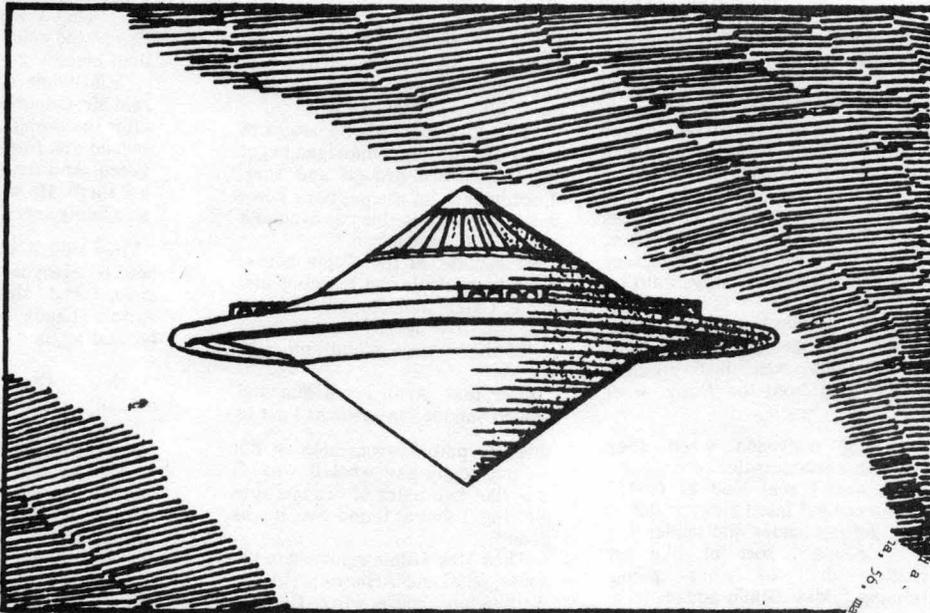
shutting off our view.

It was difficult to form any correct idea of their size at such a height, but considering their visual size in relation to the distance, I would say they were about thirty six feet across by eighteen feet deep.

Both of us perceived that the contour and performance of these strange craft was totally unlike any of the flying

machines we knew so well in our own physical world. Had we known about UFO's or flying saucers at that time, we would without doubt have put them in that category.

I recall the look of amazement on my friends face as he turned to me and said..... "What bin they?" Needless to say, neither of us had a clue, aviation was still in its infancy at that time. Sadly, my friend (who I could name if it were necessary) is now buried in the cemetery adjacent to where we witnessed this little episode.



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## UFO purportedly seen over San Jose airport

An object purported to be a UFO has been seen twice recently over San Jose Municipal Airport in California.

The first sighting occurred when two young pilots, ages 21 and 20, had their aircraft buzzed by the object, which they described as a bright red light about 10 feet in diameter. Airport tower personnel also reported seeing the object, although it did not appear on radar.

The second sighting occurred several days later, when the light was spotted hovering over the airport by two controllers who asked that they remain anonymous until an investigation of the incident is completed.