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Top Scientist Confirms . . . UFO Terrorizes and Burns Three in Car

By DENNIS NEELD and BOB PRATT

"The whole thing's burning up — oh, my God! It's coming closer! We're going to burn up . . . I know we are!"

"Lord help me — I'm burning up!"

A hypnotized Vickie Landrum was reliving her horrifying encounter with a blazing UFO on a deserted Texas road December 29 — a searing hell on earth that left Vickie, her 7-year-old grandson and a friend suffering the symptoms of radiation poisoning.

Incredibly, in the weeks following their terrifying 15-minute encounter with the huge, fire-belching UFO, all three developed severe burns and blisters, diarrhea, headaches, nausea and severe eye problems — and Vickie's friend, who was burned the worst of the three, spent almost four weeks in a hospital.

To get the complete, horrifying details — and verify the absolute authenticity of her story — The ENQUIRER had Vickie hypnotized by a university professor at her home in Dayton, Tex., in the presence of a top engineer at NASA, who emerged convinced that she's telling the truth.

"There's no doubt in my mind," the engineer declared afterward. "This was genuine! She was reliving the truth."

Under hypnosis, Vickie recalled driving after sunset on a desolate stretch of road about 20 miles northwest of Dayton.

Suddenly Vickie, 57, her grandson Colby and her friend Betty Cash, 52, noticed a glowing object in the sky.

"It's lighting up the whole sky, a long way up, and traveling fast," Vickie said, reliving the experience. "Sometimes we can't see it, the trees are in the way."

Several minutes later, the object suddenly appeared in front of them and hovered over the road.

Betty, who was driving at the time, brought the car to a screeching halt.

The massive, blue and diamond-shaped object was at treetop level, about 100 feet away, with huge red flames shooting from its bottom to the road below.

"We can't get through — it's blocking the road!" Vickie gasped under hypnosis. "It's bigger than a water tower. And it's making a sound like beeping. Long



ORDEAL: Vickie Landrum holds grandson Colby, who went berserk and tried to run from the fiery UFO.

beeps . . . beep, beep, beep."

As she recalled the terrifying close encounter, Vickie clutched compulsively at the front of her blouse, screwing the material into her fist. Her features contorted with fear as she brushed sweat away from her face.

"Long red flames are coming out of the bottom, like a rocket!"

Even though it was just 40 degrees outside, the intense heat from the UFO made the automobile's interior sweltering hot.

Gripped with terror and unable to think clearly, Betty jumped out of the car and into the night air in an attempt to escape the heat, never taking her eyes off the mysterious craft.

"Betty — don't get out! Oh, my God, come back! It's hot, hot!"

"We'll burn up! My eyes — it's hurting my eyes!"

Startled by the UFO, little Colby went berserk. Scream-



DESOLATE stretch of Texas road where diamond-shaped, fire-belching UFO hovered over car.

heard a loud rushing sound, like air brakes on a truck, as more flames shot toward the road.

Each time the flames shot downward, the object moved up a bit, then settled lower.

"It's going to fall! No — it's lifting, thank God! There's fire at the bottom. It's so hot."

Finally, the object suddenly took off — rising into the air and then zipping away at an incredible speed.

Then came the long ride home. Vickie was convinced they should not tell a soul about anything that had happened.

"Don't tell nobody about it, Colby — they'll think we're crazy. Oh, Betty, they'll think we're crazy . . ."

Almost immediately after returning to Dayton less than an hour later, the three witnesses started to feel sick.

All suffered painful burns, and Vickie's optometrist, Dr. Steve Chandler, reported her eyes were "burned, swollen and extremely irritated."

In the weeks following the terrifying encounter, both the women lost huge amounts of hair.

The agonizing symptoms soon forced Betty to enter Parkway Hospital in Houston, where she remained for almost four weeks.

Hospital records confirm

Betty's mysterious illness and report "she witnessed very intense fire-like material" in the sky.

In addition, the hospital records show Betty suffered "bumps under her skin," "hair loss of the scalp" and a "very swollen" face.

"The doctors and nurses kept asking me if I was a burn victim," Betty recalled. "Skin was peeling off my face and arms and legs."

"I was blistered all over. My ears and eyes were swollen. My own family didn't recognize me."

Since that mind-boggling night, little Colby has suffered digestive problems.

"A radiologist who examined the medical records said they apparently were suffering from the symptoms of radiation poisoning," said John Schuessler, an aerospace engineer at NASA studying the case for VIS, an independent UFO investigating organization.

Schuessler was present at the spine-tingling hypnosis session.

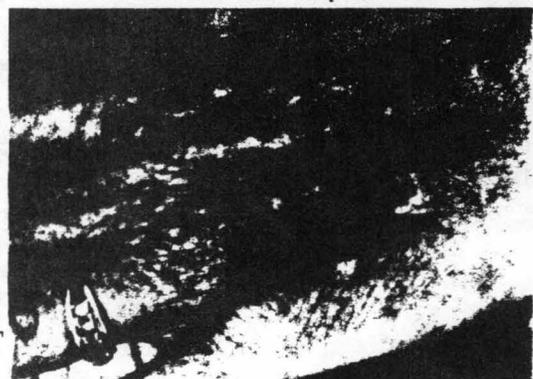
Dr. Leo Sprinkle, Ph.D., who conducted the session, said he's convinced the terrifying details of Vickie's ordeal are for real.

"She had a real experience and I believe the craft was under intelligent control," said Dr. Sprinkle, a professor of counseling services at University of Wyoming, who has hypnotized scores of UFO eyewitnesses.

Several other witnesses around Dayton also reported seeing a huge, bright diamond-shaped flying object that night.

"I consider this a very important case providing physical evidence of the existence of UFOs," declared Schuessler.

"It is one of the most interesting and significant cases that I've ever investigated."



RADIATION burns on Vickie Landrum's hand.

**I've seen it again, says
'nightmare' mum**

SHOCK FROM OUTER SPACE!

by JIM HATLEY

UFOs have turned a Swindon woman's life into a nightmare.

She says she cannot sleep properly after spotting a mushroom-shaped craft near her house.

And last night the 37-year-old mother of two claims she saw another mystery object from outer space hovering near Wootton Bassett.

The woman — who did not want to be named for fear of ridicule — says she saw three bright lights the size of footballs.

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She watched for a couple of minutes then went to get a friend to witness the UFO.

But when she got back the lights were gone.

"They were as big as footballs and just hovered, moving up and down slightly."

Two weeks ago she was one of several people who saw the mushroom or parachute-shaped object lit up in red.

"It hovered about eight feet above the roof of a house across the road from me," she said.

"I've had nightmares ever since and now I can't sleep properly. I can't take it any more."

A spokesman at RAF Lyneham said the base knew nothing of the lights the woman saw last night.

UFO fans are now gathering on a hill near Warminster expecting a "visitation."

They say alien craft make regular visits to the area and this time of year in 1979 several "sightings" were made.

NEW UFO SIGHTINGS AT LOCKERBIE

Mystery grows

Two Lockerbie residents, Mrs. Isobel Longmuir, of 2 Glenannan Avenue, and Mr. Alex. Oswald, of Willow Cottage, Dumfries Road, are certain that they spotted a U.F.O. in the sky above their homes on Monday night. Both are equally sure that the object was not an aircraft.

Mrs. Longmuir states that she saw the object shortly before 10 p.m. "I thought at first that it was the lights of an aeroplane", she says, "but then I noticed that it appeared to be stationary and was just hovering. At first it was giving off a bright yellow light and later it turned a bright red and disappeared from my view. I watched it for about a quarter of an hour."

Mr. Oswald, who is retired, said that he watched the object through binoculars for about half an hour. "My attention was caught by the fact that it was stationary in the sky. It seemed to be of a not too bright yellow colour, and then it glowed bright red for a time before taking on its yellow shade again. I am quite confident that it was not an aircraft, and

there was certainly no sound and no identification lights blinking. Nor was there any distinct shape or outline to the object."

Mr. Oswald, who regularly studies the night sky with his binoculars, is convinced that the object was not a star or an aircraft. "When I telephoned my son in London later, I men-

tioned the matter to him and he suggested that it might have been a satellite, but I doubt very much whether I would have been able to see a satellite, even with the binoculars. It was most peculiar, and I was able to watch it for almost half an hour before the light simply disappeared."

Things that went whirr in the night

MRS. DAWN Barnard is not the sort of lady given to flights of fancy about UFOs. She is a down-to-earth telephone sales supervisor.

But she was rather alarmed when, on Tuesday night, a brilliant icy blue light illuminated the bedroom of her Cottingley home and was followed by a whirring noise. She was even more alarmed when the performance was repeated about five minutes later.

At work the following morning a colleague who lives at Cullingworth said she had seen the same thing. Mrs. Barnard phoned me — and soon, so did several other people including the Vicar of Cullingworth, the Rev. David Wightman, who saw a flash, heard a bang and thought at first that his boat was being stolen.

So Argus went on the trail of the Cottingley Flashes. A Met Office spokesman at Bawtry said that at that time, between 11.30 and 11.45 p.m., "the chances are that it was not at all associated with the weather." So was it, your columnist wondered, the famous Cottingley Fairies materialised again and up to spectacular pranks?

Police at Bradford, Bingley and Shipley could throw no light on the matter, so it was next stop the YEB.

"Ah yes," said a spokesman. "We were having grid problems that night with severe clashing on the grid lines which caused dips in voltage."

Ice on the power cables can, it seems, cause bright flashes of light and is pretty noisy with it. Mystery solved. Cottingley Fairies R.I.P.

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HEXTHORPE IS BUZZED BY
A MYSTERY VISITOR

A SPACE INVADER?

By Bert Nesbitt

Prepare to repel boarders! Those extra-terrestrial 'peeping toms' have been at it again

The latest UFO sighting has been reported by a group of security officers on early-morning duty at a Hexthorpe factory.

The quartet — Barrie Rowlands, Patrick Coxon, Bill Bailey and Stanley Boniface — are adamant that what they saw was not hallucination.

Said Mr. Rowlands: "The object was flying at about 500 feet and appeared to be following the railway line or river in an East-West direction.

'Headlamps'

"There were two lights on the front which gave the impression of a car's headlamps coming towards us and it had a red light on the top and bottom.

"It was too dark to clearly decipher the shape but it certainly appeared very large. We were able to keep it in view for about three minutes as it seemed to be travelling very slowly in what is best described as hovering.

"There was no engine noise but as it passed overhead there was a low-pitched humming sound.

"Its movement reminded me of a Harrier jump jet but it must have been 10 to 15 times bigger."

Workers heading for the early shift at Markham Main Colliery at Armthorpe also claim to have seen the mystery flying machine.

No planes

And by co-incidence one of them was Mrs. Mary Boland, Mr. Rowland's mother-in-law, who works in the colliery canteen.

Mr. Rowlands said: "Her description tallied closely with what my three colleagues and myself had seen."

But according to RAF Finningley no aircraft were in that area at the time of the reported sightings, nor was anything monitored.

"I just can't understand it" said Mr. Rowlands. "The only explanation I can offer is that it was flying so low it escaped radar detection."

Flying saucers are nothing new to Doncaster.

There have been dozens of reported sightings of mysterious skyborne objects in the past 30 years, few of which have been satisfactorily explained.

So the question still remains: Was it a plane? Was it a bird, or an optical illusion?

Or are we really being watched?

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BIRMINGHAM
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Probe into UFO

An investigation is being launched into an enormous triangular-shaped object seen recently in the sky above Welling.

The unidentified flying object, was seen in the early hours by two men in a lorry when they stopped at Welling corner traffic lights.

They described it as an enormous black triangle emitting a V-shaped beam from the front and with other coloured lights underneath it.

Researchers from the British UFO Research Association are investigating the sighting, led by Acting National Investigation Co-ordinator Mrs Maureen Hall of Hall Road, Dartford.

She said: "It is a rare shape for a UFO. One interesting thing is that I had a phone call from Cheshire about someone who had seen a similar delta shaped object later the same day.

The Welling UFO was spotted on January 16 by Mr Eric Kempson, 39, of Bexleyheath and his brother-in-law, Mr Tony Nichols, 38, of Plumstead.

They first noticed a bright light in the sky when driving from the Eltham side of Shooters Hill and thought it was a weather balloon. "It was enormous — it was massive. I have been in a DC10 which held 400 passengers and that was small compared to this thing."

They said it was probably half a mile above them and a beam came from two powerful lights on the front of the craft.

NOTTINGHAM EVENING
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UFO MEN PUZZLE OVER DISC

IT'S THE high season for investigators of UFOs — unidentified flying objects — and Nottingham UFO Investigations Society is being kept busy with calls of sightings over the city.

While a large number of UFO spotters from the East Midlands joined others to scan the skies over Warminster for alien space craft, investigators from the society have been puzzling over a sighting in the St. Ann's area of Nottingham.

Several witnesses reported seeing a small, silver disc-shaped object low down in the direction of the Union Road area.

Mr. Sid Henley, the group's sighting co-ordinator, said: "This is an interesting object seen by independent witnesses. We have ruled out the possibility of it being ball lightning or an astronomical phenomenon.

Young couple

"We would like to hear especially from a young couple with three children who also saw the object and reported it to the police."

A large number of witnesses have also reported seeing a large oval-shaped object drifting slowly across a twilight sky over the Loughborough Road and Melton Road area of West Bridgford.

And Mr. Henley added: "We would like to hear from anyone who may have observed this object."

Anyone with information may contact him at 443 Meadow Lane, Nottingham, Tel. 874615.

WIGAN EVENING POST
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Billinge UFO mystery

RESIDENTS in Billinge and Garswood had a close encounter of the UFO kind last night when they saw bright lights and a conical shaped craft flying overhead.

Local police stations were inundated with calls from excited onlookers who claim the object was flying at about 1,000 feet.

They say the "spaceship" appeared just before midnight and circled the area for about 45 minutes before disappearing.

A spokesman for the police said today: "A UFO was spotted at Billinge and Garswood and was described as an object with a number of lights.

"It flew at about 1,000 feet and several people used binoculars to look at it.

"The nearest airport, Speke, say they had no reported sightings." He was unable to offer any explanation as to what the "sighting" might have been.

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A patient earthling pleads with UFOs

HUNDREDS of UFO watchers were camped on Cley and Cradle hills last night, hoping their leader, Ken Rogers, has a persuasive line of chat with aliens.

For Mr Rogers, chairman of the British UFO Society, plans to spend much of the next three days seated in a triangle of light, pleading with the beings from outer space to return to Warminster.

Last night's vigil was the start of a three-day wait for "The Thing",

By Nicholas Valentine

which seems to return to Warminster every two years.

"The Thing", variously described as lights in the sky, cigar-shaped objects and strange humming noises, was first encountered in August 1967 and regularly after that until 1973.

This gathering, which has attracted UFO followers from all over the country, is the first determined attempt to spot it.

Mr Rogers, aged 32, said: "There has been something of a recession in UFO sightings recently but we are confident of a sighting."

But the visitors may have already been and gone. Last night grandmother Mrs Jessie Phillips, of Cricklade, near Salisbury, described a UFO she saw recently at the top of her garden.

"I saw four orange lights, about six inches long, one pair on top of the other over several hours."

More UFO sightings

THE triangular UFO sighted over Bovey Tracey and Dawlish this week was also seen in Torbay.

Mr Anthony Prentice, of St Luke's Road, Torquay, saw an object flying over the bay

Mr Prentice, a shop manager, was standing on a fifth-floor balcony at around 11 pm on Wednesday when he saw a triangular red and white light between Berry Head and Brixham. Suddenly it moved across the bay to Paignton — in less than ten seconds, he claims.

"It made a noise like a powerboat, only it was much faster," he said. "After hovering over Paignton it moved back out to Brixham and then disappeared out to sea."

Teignmouth hotelier and Teignbridge district councillor

Mrs Sylvia Russell also reported a UFO, seen on Wednesday

Mrs Russell saw an orange light moving noiselessly through the sky; her husband described it as two orange lights in tandem, very bright in the middle and paler at the edge.

Mrs Joyce Shears, of Fernicombe Road, Paignton, today reported that she and her daughter watched a bright object in the sky for about half an hour from 9.45 last Monday. They were disturbed by bangs and the barking of dogs, and looked out to see a flashing object much larger than a star above the trees just beyond the infant school. The object flashed red and white alternatively, and stayed more or less in one spot for about half an hour. The sky seemed very light.

Watching for them as they watch us?

MEMBERS of Exeter UFO Group went to Haytor last night hoping for a close encounter with a triangular-shaped spacecraft. They organised the all-night watch after a series of sightings in Devon by non-members.

Two UFOs were reported over South Devon late on Wednesday. Police at Newton Abbot were told of the 11 p.m. sightings by a resident at Devon House, Bovey Tracey.

He described them as triangular and said they changed colour frequently.

Lights

One, he said, moved several times and then both headed from over Bovey Tracey toward Torbay.

Another UFO was reported to police on Thursday. Like the one seen over Bovey Tracey it was described as triangular. The Dawlish man who reported the sighting to the police at Newton Abbot said he watched the UFO, which was showing several lights, for 30 minutes before it disappeared from over the town.

"We have also heard there was a sighting at Princetown and we are investigating," said a UFO Group member last night. "We are hoping we will see something for ourselves tonight. If the weather holds we will stay at Haytor all night."

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2 Sightings Of UFOs in Brown Co.

NASHVILLE — Two sightings of strange lights in the Friday evening sky were filed today at the Brown County Sheriff's Department — one by the department's dispatcher.

Radio operator Jackie Dell said she saw a large, reddish ball of light "hovering" in the western sky at about 7:35 p.m. Friday.

"It was big, definitely bigger than a star or airplane lights," she said. "I sat there (in a car on Bear Creek Road) and watched it because I thought it might be a plane, but it was just hovering in the sky. I drove back to my house to get a camera but when I got back it was gone."

The department received another report from a man who said he saw "green, red and white lights" hovering in the western sky at about 10 p.m.

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Mystery of the 'stars'

that move

LIGHTS like stars moving across the sky last night have got a number of people in the Ravenscliffe area wondering.

Mr. Anthony Broadbent, of Ranelagh Avenue, said: "I have seen similar lights on about 20 occasions in the last 18 months. They were definitely not from an aeroplane and were not shooting stars."

"They were moving in the direction of Rawdon. A neighbour had a very strong pair of binoculars and stayed up into the early hours watching them. I have just been on holiday in the United States and saw nothing like this at all. Now I am getting very worried about them."

THE SUNDAY SUN JULY 26 1981

What did the pilot see before plane vanished?

FILE ON THE UNEXPLAINED

By Michael Lucas



Frederick Valentich was 20 years old the night he disappeared. There is nothing unusual in the age or in the fact that he vanished. This happens daily to many young people. But they do not vanish while they are talking to air traffic controllers.

An amateur pilot, Valentich had taken off from Melbourne, Australia, to practise night flying. On the evening of Saturday, Oct. 21, 1978, he had planned a 125 mile flight across the Bass Strait, that body of water which separates King Island from mainland Australia. His aircraft, one which he had flown many times before, was a reliable, single-wing Cessna.

At first the flight was uneventful. Stars pinpricked the darkening sky; a half-moon hovered on the horizon. The night promised to be cloudless. Wrapped in the gathering darkness that was punctuated by the eerie glow of his instrument panel, the young pilot relaxed. As all good pilots do, Frederick Valentich kept a careful eye on the sky around him. Although no other air traffic was reported to be in the same area Valentich knew that this particular ounce of prevention had saved many lives.

As he checked the eastern sky, glancing in the general direction of Kangaroo Island, Valentich paused. Surprisingly, there were lights off to his left. Four of them, close together, and slightly higher in the sky than he was. Puzzled, the pilot watched as the light came quickly toward him. He was soon able to see that the lights were attached to a fat, cigar-shaped object that was flying at a great speed. He watched, fascinated, as the unidentifiable craft closed in on him. Intrigued as he was, indeed

almost mesmerized, Valentich did have the presence of mind to use his radio to check in with the air controllers at Melbourne.

The tapes of that conversation would indicate that, at the beginning certainly, Valentich sounded concerned and interested but not actually frightened. "It's approaching from the east toward me," he told an anxious Melbourne air official. "It seems to be playing some sort of game. It's flying at a speed I can't even begin to estimate."

A moment of silence. The air controller asked for more details. Somewhat hesitantly, Valentich replied: "Whatever it is, it's not an aircraft. I'm orbiting (going in circles) and it is orbiting right above me. I can see a green glow and a sort of metallic glow from the outside. I can't identify more than that."

Suddenly, the objectivity of the reporting ceased. Officials listened with growing concern to the increasing excitement in Valentich's voice. Then, in terror, he called into the microphone, "It's coming for me. It's coming right for me!" His last words came in a kind of a wail — "And it's not an aircraft . . ."

There was one further sound from the Cessna radio before all transmission stopped. Mystified air authorities heard an unidentifiable metallic clank, almost like a door slamming shut, before Valentich and his aircraft vanished.

The Australian department of transportation immediately began to search the Bass Strait area for what they could only classify as a downed aircraft. For three days, airplanes and boats scoured the south Australian coast from Warrnambool to Nowa Nowa. The strait,

between Melbourne and the King's Island locale East Lagoon, was searched both above and below surface. But there was no trace of either the pilot or plane.

But then, the searchers really hadn't expected to find anything.

To begin with, there had been the first-person account of the extraordinary meeting in mid-sky. And no one had listened to the radio that night doubted that Valentich had met up with something inexplicable at an altitude about 5,000 feet.

News statements, released in the media, said only that a small aircraft was missing. The public was purposefully kept unaware of the mystery. No one was led to believe that Valentich had not been alone in the sky that night.

And yet spokesman for the Australian department of transportation, Ken Williams, told an Associated Press reporter that on the Saturday night that Valentich vanished the department received no fewer than 11 calls. And each call reported the same thing: A rectangle of green lights in the same quadrant of the sky in which Valentich was flying when he was approached by an unknown phenomenon.

Was Frederick Valentich snatched from the sky by a UFO? His father, Guido, is certain of it. Recalling his missing man's last words, "It is not an aircraft," Guido asks, "What else could it have been?"

What NASA won't tell us

There are some things that the general public has never been told about astronauts' flights into space. Missing from all the reports released by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) is any mention of the objects that our astronauts and astronomers have seen in space and that were not launched by anyone we know of.

Unidentified objects have been seen by both American and Russian space pilots and they have been recorded by tracking stations here on earth as well. But officially not a word has been made public. One of the earliest leaks concerning such an encounter came via the radio transmission of a Russian cosmonaut. On Oct. 12, 1964, the spacecraft Voskehod One, was in orbit in a flight that was to have lasted five days. But only a few hours after that spacecraft had entered its orbital pattern, the frightened astronaut radioed back that he had encountered another space object so alarming that the flight of Voskehod One was terminated immediately.

Thirteen years later, the Russians had still not told the world what it was that Karmarov had seen in the black void so high above the earth.

The cancellation of the Russian flight under conditions of near panic came as

FILE ON THE UNEXPLAINED

By Michael Lucas



no great surprise to American observers; as early as February 1960 the United States department of defence had known of the existence of a mystery satellite. A huge object, weighing at least 15 tons, it was a much larger satellite than either the Russians or Americans were capable of putting aloft in those relatively early days of space exploration. But it was there, all right, circling the earth over the north and south poles. Then, as suddenly as it appeared, the mysterious satellite disappeared.

Nothing more was reported by American astronauts until June of 1965. At that time, astronauts Edward White and James McDivitt were high over Hawaii in their Gemini space craft. There they came, almost literally, face to face with an astonishing looking metal object. Although they managed to film the object, pictures were never released by NASA.

Perhaps the world's most famous witness of an unidentified flying object is

Jimmy Carter. In 1969, when he was governor of Georgia, Carter stood with ten members of his Lions Club one October evening and for several minutes watched the antics of a flying saucer. During his first election campaign, Carter promised that he would make public all information concerning UFO sightings, but he failed to do so.

One respected nuclear physicist believes that the American government is withholding information that, if released, would confirm that flying saucers have been, and still are, landing on earth. Dr. Paul Solomons of California considers himself to be the only space scientist in North America devoting all his research and energy to the study of UFOs. He says that we are in for a cosmic Watergate. Solomons made his charge a few years ago in an authoritative U.S. publication, which alarmed

serious investigators of unidentified flying objects. The article claimed that the U.S. government was about to make some startling disclosures about UFOs.

Solomons is convinced that on many occasions aliens from outer space have made contact with earthlings, but that these contacts have been hushed up to avoid panic. He is sure that proof of extraterrestrial beings would threaten all the organized religions, none of which allow in their dogma for the existence of humanoids in outer space, as well as causing chaos on the stock market.

For the past quarter of a century, the world has been tantalized by the enigmatic UFOs. Perhaps at last we are on the threshold of one of the greatest discoveries since the beginning of mankind.

RCMP probes UFO report

SMOKY LAKE, Alta. (CP) — Royal Canadian Mounted Police officials are investigating a report of an unidentified flying object sighting in the Smoky Lake area, 50 miles (80 kilometres) northeast of Edmonton.

A confidential report, with pictures and ashes from a possible UFO crater, has been sent to RCMP headquarters in Ottawa.

The excitement began eight days ago when Pat Wilson and her husband Jim sighted a strange fire.

The Wilsons are convinced the fire was a UFO taking off from their field.

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Bizarre flashing UFO bewilders residents of a small farming community

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A UFO flashed across the sky with a dazzling display of bizarre green lights — then mysteriously vanished into the night.

The witnesses, including a sheriff's deputy, failed to find any trace of the baffling craft that lit up the skies in Scotland Neck, N.C.

"I've never seen anything

like it," declared Halifax County Deputy Sheriff Joe Williams Jr. who was on routine patrol when he saw the ball of fire.

"It was a greenish white colored light — real bright — and it was kind of floating down like an airplane would come down, not falling fast. And it went down into the trees."

Scotland Neck resident Bob-

by Bell, an aeronautics student, told The NEWS:

"I had just stepped out of the house and into the yard when I saw this thing above the trees.

"It was two or maybe three green lights. They were spread out horizontally across the sky just hovering above the horizon.

"They were descending the whole time — about a minute —

and they disappeared. They went down below the trees."

Bobby rushed to the police station and found that Deputy Williams was investigating the same bizarre sight.

He went to the airport and hopped into a crop dusting plane to chase the strange UFO but, incredibly, it had vanished without a trace. The next morn-

ing, about 30 people — police, sheriff's deputies and volunteers — scoured the fields for evidence of the spaceship.

They found nothing.

But no one in the community has forgotten the mysterious craft that flashed its green lights, then vanished.

THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS
DALLAS TEXAS
SEP 5 1981

Similar UFOs spotted in sky over Tibet, U.S.

United Press International

PEKING — An unidentified flying object spotted over Tibet July 24 may have been seen a few hours later halfway around the world above San Diego, Calif., Chinese officials said.

"The identical observation of the UFO on the opposite sides of the Earth on the same day may provide a clue for exploring the UFO puzzle," the official Chinese Xinhua news agency said in a dispatch from Washington.

The agency reported Aug. 5 that a bright object surrounded by a ring of blue-white light was spotted over Tibet about 11 days earlier.

Another characteristic of the

object was that its light was of variable brightness, dimming and then brightening.

The Chinese agency quoted the UFO Education Center in Valley City, Calif., as reporting that an American technician witnessed a similar object the same night.

"It was round or slightly egg-shaped in the center, with well-defined Saturn-like rings," he was quoted as saying.

"The ring closest to the craft was an intense blue-white, something like hot metal."

The Chinese said the two reports from the two locations were similar in terms of "shape, color of the light, the rings estimated diameter, sound and duration of observation."

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PRO-UFO Group Slates Meeting

The September program for the Paranormal Research Organization and Unidentified Flying Objects Studies group will be held Tuesday at 7:00 p.m., at the Senior Center, 103 Ivinson. There will be a discussion of recent paranormal events in the Laramie area, and residents will share their experiences.

Interested persons are welcome to attend the monthly programs and join the various activity groups. Reports of psychic events and UFO sightings in the Laramie area are increasing, and the organization was formed to provide an atmosphere where people can feel free to describe their unusual experiences in order to discover meanings and purposes.

Members of PRO-UFOS are exploring the phenomena from psychological and scientific perspectives, and are fortunate to have the aid of Dr. R. Lee Sprinkle, known the world over for his investigation of UFO phenomena.

Couple Bewildered By UFO Encounter In Trona

By STEPHAN STERN
Dispatch Staff Writer

TRONA — "It was pretty weird. It wasn't just going through the air — it was going sideways and in circles. I don't know. I can't really explain it."

What 24-year-old Vicki Young was trying to explain today was the unidentified flying object she and her 28-year-old husband and their 4½-year-old daughter claimed they saw Monday night as they were leaving a friend's house in this small desert town.

"We were leaving a house and my wife said 'What's that, Frank?'" recalled Taylor, a machinist trainee at Trona's Kerr-McGee Trona.

Taylor said it was about 7:30 p.m.

when he peered out of the front windshield of his green, 1969 Chevrolet pick-up truck. His eye caught the UFO.

"I think it was a little flying saucer," he said. "It was coming kind of right at us."

The disc-shaped, silver and red-colored object measured approximately three-feet across at the bottom, Taylor said, and flew almost directly over the front of the truck. It made no noise.

A small dome poked out of the top, and from there emitted a vertical "cat's-eye light that kept opening and closing, opening and closing," Taylor explained.

The mysterious craft itself was about

a "telephone pole and a half high" off the ground, about 25 to 30 feet in front of the truck and at a 45-degree angle up from where the Taylors were sitting in the pick-up's front seat.

Once over their initial astonishment, the couple clambered out of the truck for a closer look at the strange flying phenomenon.

"It was really a bright, shiny silver," said Vicki, recalling the sighting from her Trona home over the yells of Stacey and her three-year-old son, Jesse.

"It was shaped like a flying saucer," she continued. "That's when we all got excited by it. It really looked like one."

The couple said they were able to get a better look at the UFO when it

"turned sideways," exposing its dome-shaped top and red-banded sides.

"It was silver on the bottom and red around the middle," said Vicki. "But the red, it didn't look like a color, it was some type of light that was blinking on and off."

Just seeing the craft wasn't enough, though. The couple wanted someone else to confirm it.

"I really wanted to find someone else to look at it so I didn't think I was seeing things," Taylor said.

Taylor dashed back to his friend's house. When his friend came outside, the saucer was about 500 feet away and still visible, although barely.

The Taylors said the saucer slowly

moved north in a circular fashion. They watched for "five minutes or so" until it disappeared behind the Slate Mountain Range that drops over onto the western fringe of Death Valley.

They then went home. Vicki called some of her friends to find out if anyone else had seen the UFO. Nobody had, but one friend suggested she call authorities.

Her husband called the Barstow Sheriff's Substation at 7:47 p.m. A Trona deputy was assigned to go to the Taylor's house. Vicki said the deputy told her that within the last month two other sightings had been reported, though the UFO's appeared different than the one the Taylors reported

seeing.

After the deputy left, the Taylors tried to go to sleep but couldn't.

"We talking about it all last night," said Vicki. "It was on our mind quite a bit."

Vicki, who explained she wasn't "the type to really believe in all that crazy stuff," said she has now lost her skepticism.

Her husband, however, is a firm believer. "It was a little flying saucer all right."

Asked if perhaps the craft held some denizens of outer space, Taylor thought for a moment, then replied quickly — "No, the saucer was too small for people."

Unidentifiable aircraft sited near Pine City

"It might have been something new by the government or something Russia has made and sent over," said Theresa Schmidt about what she saw hovering over her driveway five miles east of Pine City.

Schmidt reported seeing something the size of two cars about 200 feet in the air over her driveway on Aug. 18. It was reported to have red and green flashing lights and didn't appear to move except to be rotating.

"At the time I thought it was a UFO. It appeared to be round or octagon in shape; I couldn't tell for sure," Schmidt said. "It was 20 to 25 feet in diameter. There was no sound at all."

Schmidt and three of her children reported the sighting about 10 p.m. on Aug. 18. She could offer no positive explanation as to what it might have been.

"We checked in the Twin Cities and Duluth to see if any airplanes were in this area that night," Schmidt said. "There were none that either airport knew of."

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Schmidt feels that what she saw was not the known aircraft that are seen on a daily basis. Due to the lack of movement and sound of what she saw, she thinks it was something else.

"When it took off, it took off at a fast speed and then stopped again," Schmidt said.

"A lot of people I have talked to say they wish they had seen it," Schmidt said. She and her children were the only ones to report seeing the craft.

"I've heard that some of the neighbors saw it, but they don't want to report it because they are afraid they will be called crazy," she added.

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sees strange 'fog'

By LEE DIXON
Record State Editor

An unusual incident has happened here, to swell the number of UFO sightings and other odd occurrences in this corner of New Mexico.

"All of a sudden, I look up and see something on the highway in front of me," Thomas Hundley told the Daily Record Friday afternoon. "It looked like ground fog does in Florida."

Hundley, a booking agent from Sarasota, Fla., was driving north on U.S. 285 from Artesia Thur-

sday night, where he had just stopped for a cup of coffee. He'd asked the distance to Roswell and had been told it was about 35 miles.

A few minutes later, at 10:40 p.m., "I thought I was driving into a patch of ground fog," he said, "but then I thought 'It can't be fog,' and I looked up and saw all the stars out and not a cloud in the sky.

"It covered the road from side to side, as wide as my headlights showed," he went on, "and it was, oh, 10, 12, maybe 15 feet high.

Hundley said he drove toward the "fog" for "five, maybe six, not more than seven seconds."

As he got closer to it, he said, "It looked like there was light in it, but not like a flashlight or car lights, not a concentrated beam — just sort of glowing with light."

Then, as he came up still closer to it, "it just went straight up in the air, whoosh."

And "within a second, two at the most, a red light flashed in the sky at about a 20-degree angle off to the left," he said.

The red light, Hundley said, was not a diffused glow like the white one, but sharply outlined and lasting only a split second, "no longer than it would take to pull a trigger."

He said he saw nothing else and heard no sound of any kind during the few seconds the entire incident lasted.

"But I got to thinking about it," he said, "and the more I got to thinking about it — it scared the hell out of me. The hairs on my arms raised up and stood up like they were waxed."

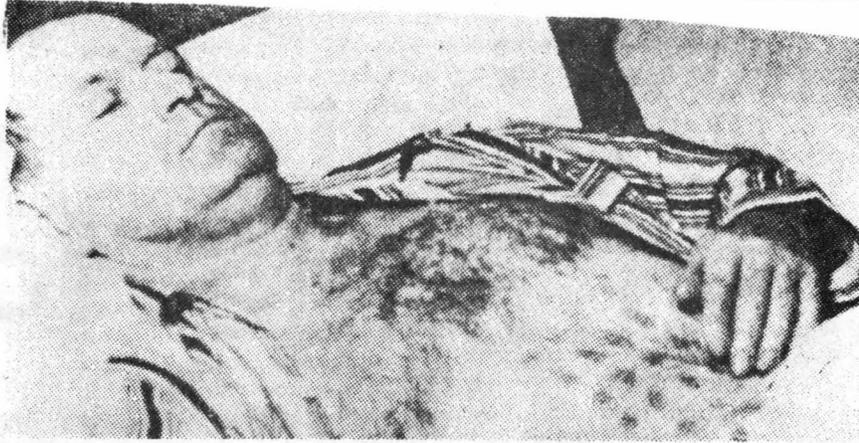
Arriving in Roswell, Hundley said, he called the Police Department and told them what he'd seen.

He even offered to take a breathalyzer test "or anything," he said, to prove his good faith. "But I'm not nuts. I know what I saw," he declared. "Hell, I don't even believe in flying saucers and all that stuff."

Since Roswell has no city statutes covering such matters, the officer suggested that Hundley call a radio station or newspaper about his experience.

Despite his skepticism, Hundley recognizes that there are people who seriously study such off-beat phenomena.

He said he is willing to talk to such inquirers during the few days he will be in Roswell at the Roswell Inn, or that anyone seriously interested may write to him at his home address: 3274 Palm Aire Drive, Sarasota, Fla. 33508.



STEPHEN MICHALAK/EDWARD BAKER

Stephen Michalak: Burns on Winnipeg man's stomach were caused by exhaust emissions from a UFO, according to the book *UFO Sightings, Landings and Abductions*, from which the picture was taken.

Beware of flying saucers UFO watcher warns

By John Picton Toronto Star

Flying saucers are bad for you, says a leading watcher of unidentified flying objects.

In a warning to "all planetary citizens," Jerome Eden says they're the single most important issue facing the world today.

"Our records show that scores of people have been hurt, some quite seriously, when they innocently approached a UFO," says Eden, who runs the Planetary Professional Citizens Committee in Careywood, Idaho.

"We are confronting a highly advanced alien invader whose technology staggers the imagination."

People from Manitoba to Senegal have been hurt by UFOs, Eden told *The Sunday Star*, and visitors from outer space have mutilated thousands of cattle, often draining their blood.

But there's an international cover-up of such incidents, he charged. "I hope you have the guts to print this. If you do, you'll get flak from some pretty high-up people."

Eden, a writer and UFO researcher, cited the case of Winnipeg mechanic Stephen Michalak, who allegedly was burned by a space object in 1967.

Scarlet glare

An amateur prospector, Michalak was digging for rock samples at a lake 80 miles east of his home when a cigar-shaped object with a scarlet glare landed nearby.

Thinking it belonged to the U.S. Air Force, he approached it and could hear voices through an open panel.

When he shouted an offer of help, an intense heat was emitted and his shirt caught fire.

The burns were described in the 1979 book *UFO Sightings, Landings and Abductions* by Yurko Bondarchuk, published in Toronto by Methuen.

Other UFO incidents, as described by Eden:

- The truck driver in the U.S. Midwest whose sunglasses melted when he looked up at a low-flying object and was blinded for two weeks;
- The Scout leader who approached a mysterious object he found in Florida's Everglades. He was found unconscious and his sight is said to be impaired, as though by heat;
- The Texas woman who has had permanent headaches and boils since encountering a UFO and shows "all the symptoms of radiation poisoning."

'Books banned'

Eden says an international cover-up of such incidents has led to the death of some leading scientists.

Dr. Wilhelm Reich died in prison "after his books were banned and burned;" Dr. James McDonald, who was "ridiculed and scorned until he committed suicide."

Eden claims to have documented cases of cattle mutilation from Alberta to the U.S. East Coast, says a couple of villages in Senegal were blown down last year by an alien spacecraft, and adds that people have even been kidnapped and brainwashed by extraterrestrial beings.

Police flooded with calls about a UFO

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Boys report U.F.O. over Peterlee

AS fairground lights glittered in the sky above Peterlee, amateur astronomer Stephen Williams and his brother David gaped in disbelief at a very different glow in the heavens.

For these brothers say they watched a "squashed rugby ball" U.F.O. hurtle across the sky and disappear through a large black "cloud."

But their disbelieving eyes bulged when the U.F.O. failed to reappear and then the "cloud" disappeared.

The youngsters, of Hambleton Place, were returning from Peterlee Carnival at 9.15 p.m. and their sighting so convinced them that they rushed to inform the police, hoping to find that others had seen the object. They also drew diagrams of the U.F.O. and its path.

"I am keen on astronomy and have seen meteorites fall. This was nothing like that I am sure.

"It was travelling very fast silently, and in a perfect line. It glowed bluey white and was far too big to be a plane," said 21-year-old Stephen, who is unemployed.

"The really amazing thing was when the huge cloud disappeared. We had just walked around a house and when we looked up again we saw it had gone," said David (16), a sixth-former at Shotton Hall Comprehensive.

One theory the boys have was that the fairground lights on Sunday attracted an alien spacecraft and that the "cloud" was a huge mother ship.

"I know it sounds incredible but once you have seen it anything could be possible," said Stephen.

Two years ago a man living nearby also reported several U.F.O.s in the sky in the same area.

ST HELENS police were inundated with calls from people who reported "close encounters" with a mysterious unidentified flying object.

Dozens of excited but puzzled residents in the Billinge and Garswood area spoke of a "conical shaped object emitting a number of coloured lights" hovering in the air at about 1,000 feet at 11.45 pm last Thursday.

It was spotted several times during a 45-minute period and finally faded from view shortly before 1 am.

Some of the more curious of the

UFO spotters climbed to Billinge Hill beacon with binoculars for a better view.

A spokesman for St Helens Police said "Speke Airport control told us that nothing unusual had been sighted.

"Whatever it was there's no doubt a number of different people saw it and their descriptions all tallied with each other."

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UFOs — 'Nothing special about Warminster'

MR. ROGERS says that Warminster is still alive with UFO sightings. I have been interested in the subject for the last ten years; much of this time has been spent investigating for Probe UFO Research Organisation, based at Bristol and Melksham.

In the past two years we have only had two reports from the Warminster area, which makes Warminster no more special than any other place in the U.K. So why is Mr. Rogers trying to make it something special?

As far as I know, Mr. Rogers does not even investigate cases reported to him. His time would be better spent investigating, rather than sitting on a hill in a triangle of lights. — TERRY CHIVERS, Eden Grove, Whitely, Melksham, Wilts.



YOUR report "UFO call is not beyond our Ken" (August 26) on UFO activity at Warminster seems somewhat lacking in detail. I cannot see why you bothered to waste space printing it.

A farmer's opinions on UFOs is worthless; he had better stick to farming.

I examined one of the circles in the news, located just off the Petersfield road at the Winchester end, in an area that tends to form a natural amphitheatre.

A perfect circle was formed in the corn measuring 26 feet in diameter. The corn had been neatly laid down in a clockwise pattern while the corn on the edge of the circle was erect and untouched. This was definitely not the work of vandals or a whirlwind.

It was a pattern formed by a force field of some sort, very similar to the ones appearing in the Isle of Wight some years ago.

The circle was also situated on an alignment between Eastern Church and tumuli on top of the opposite hill; I expect other alignments corresponded to this position, although as yet I have not checked them.

I also suspect that the corn roots were probably burnt or damaged; this would not have been visible above ground.

I suggest if you intend to print any further information on UFOs you make it interesting and scientific. — D. R. ADAMSON, Aubert Road, St. Cross, Winchester.

Bomb experts look into a hole . . .

A MYSTERIOUS hole found in a farmer's field on the edge of Salisbury Plain is puzzling the police, Army and geologists.

The hole, about three feet deep and some three feet by two feet across, is now being studied by a team of bomb disposal experts.

It was discovered when the wheel of a combined harvester dropped into the hole while working in a field near Yarnbury Castle on Lord Hugh Russell's Bathampton Farm Estate at Wylve.

Farm foreman Mr. Ken Buden, who had been driving the harvester, called in his farm manager, Mr. Timothy Denham-Cookes.

"We thought at first it might be something to do with the oil rig which had been nearby during oil exploration about 18 months ago," said Mrs. Janet Denham-Cookes.

But geologists from the exploration company said the mystery hole had nothing to do with their operations.

The police were then called in

and they in turn have called in the Army's bomb disposal experts.

The hole is in a field on the edge of Ministry of Defence land which is used for mock battles during military exercises.

"It is a bit like World War Two all over again up there sometimes," said Mrs. Denham-Cookes.

But the land on which the hole was found is not used by the Army, though it is thought that it was a practice area

during World War One.

So far no one has been able to explain how the hole was caused.

"I don't think it was made by a flying saucer, though," said Mrs. Denham-Cookes. "I doubt if we have been visited by people from outer space."

But that very weekend, just ten miles away at Warminster, hundreds of UFO watchers spent the night sitting on top of a hill awaiting in vain the predicted arrival of alien visitors.

UFO may have made a return

AN Upton woman claims the strange noise she heard in the early hours of Saturday morning could have been the UFO spotted in Swanage last week.

Mrs. Angela Miles, of Seaview Road, said the noise came from nowhere and sounded like a tank rumbling. Neighbour Mrs. Betty Powell heard it as well at 2 am on Saturday.

Last week we reported how Swanage coastguard David Priddle saw a UFO and its accompanying rumbling noise while on duty at St. Aldhelm's Head. Mrs. Miles said the noise she heard was just like the one he described. "It was like nothing I have ever heard before," she commented.

Mrs. Miles said there was a trembling noise which grew louder and louder into a roaring sound then changed to the noise of chains rattling.

Husband Alan leapt out of bed to have a look but could see nothing.

The couple's three dogs were barking like mad. Mrs. Miles said they only did this when something unusual happened.

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Mum's fear after close encounter

A SWINDON woman claimed UFOs were making her life a misery. She said she could not sleep properly after spotting a mushroom-shaped craft near her home.

The 37-year-old mother of two — who didn't want to be named — spoke of three bright lights the size of footballs hovering mysteriously near her home.

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WAS 'UFO' A FLARE?

THE yellow/orange UFO seen over Bulwell Golf Course with a trail of smoke behind it could have been a flare, according to Mr Syd Henley, sightings co-ordinator of Nottingham UFO Investigation Society.

He said: "The description of the object suggests to me that it was a flare. We would like to hear from any witnesses who saw this object."

COASTGUARD IN UFO MYSTERY

A MYSTERY flying craft officially logged by coastguards as an unidentified flying object "whooshed" up past the coastguard lookout at St. Aldhelm's Head in the early hours of Sunday morning. And the mysterious object has baffled coastguards, police, naval and air force authorities.

During a weekend of intense activity by Swanage lifeboat and coastguards this was the most unusual and sensational feature.

The incident is described graphically by coastguard David Priddle — "At 2.29 am I was looking out with particular awareness because we were in the middle of a lifeboat and coastguard combined search, four or five red flares having been reported along the coast in the vicinity of Anvil Point.

"All the lights were out in the lookout, and I was watching the lifeboat move closely in to shore in the Anvil Point vicinity.

RUMBLING

"There was a rumbling noise, and I wondered what was happening. The noise grew to a roaring and I thought that it was a helicopter coming in close.

"The noise continued to increase in volume and I stared out with concentration — I was sitting at my stool close to the coastguard lookout window.

"All of a sudden there was an orange glow and with a whoosh something came up from below. It seemed to come from almost the foot of the cliffs, which are 300ft. at that point, and it shot straight up past the window of the lookout.

"I ran out and from the front of the lookout I saw a faint orange glow disappear into the sky. It was all over in a few seconds, it seemed — the speed of the thing was fantastic."

Mr. Priddle immediately signalled the occurrence to Portland coastguard headquarters.

INVOLVED

"They got in touch with RAF, Royal Navy and other possible sources of helicopters or aircraft. All of them reported that nothing they could account for was involved in any flying operations anywhere near St. Aldhelm's Head at that time of the morning."

Mr. Priddle, 19, has been a member of the auxiliary coastguard service at St. Aldhelm's Head for over two years. He is highly thought of by his superiors as a very reliable and enterprising coastguard.

"I don't really believe in UFOs but I think you have to keep an open mind on the subject.

"Looking at it rationally afterwards I thought maybe it was a helicopter on some

illicit purpose, coming in with no navigation lights and flying very low to avoid radar detection.

JUST POSSIBLE

"It was just possible that a helicopter pilot flying without lights would not realise just how high the cliffs are at that point — 300ft. — and have to make a very sudden ascent.

David is the son of Purbeck district councillor Mr. Norman Priddle of Halcyon Cottage, The Hyde, Langton. His experience was part of a weekend in which the life-

boat was out shortly after 1 am after two yachts reported seeing red flares inshore at Anvil Point.

The lifeboat made a search of the sea and coast in the vicinity without result. At first light the search was taken up by coastguards and the coast from Durlston Head to St. Aldhelm's Head, Worth Matravers was combed but nothing at all found to explain the flares.

However a yacht was discovered in difficulties during the search. The yacht, the Ben Dee, with a couple on board from Penge, South London, was taken in tow.

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It was primary eve, but Yonkers resident Sue Johnson wasn't thinking about candidates. She was thinking about the UFO she said she spotted at Yonkers and Kimball avenues near the Bronx River Parkway.

Describing it as a Frisbee-inverted, plate-shaped object that had white and red lights all around and looked like a blinking star, she said she watched it from 9:30 to 9:55 p.m., Wednesday. And she noted that it passed beneath two airplanes so, she said, it certainly wasn't a conventional aircraft.

WILMINGTON
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UFO sighted

Wilmington police got an unconfirmed report of an unidentified flying object early Thursday morning.

According to police records, a UFO was spotted near Eighth and Market Streets shortly after 4 a.m. Thursday.

No further information was available on the sighting Thursday evening.

REVOLVING LIGHTS

Reports Of UFOs Spur Speculation

By Associated Press

Just when it seemed safe to go out in the yard after dark, those pesky UFOs are cropping up again over north-central Indiana.

The latest sightings are from the Wabash area and follow the same pattern as reports from the Frankfort-Kokomo region of late August.

The unidentified flying object she saw, says Brenda Purdy, 28, of Wabash, is shaped like a football and bordered with red, green and blue lights. "It seems as though the lights are going around it in circles," Mrs. Purdy told the Marion Chronicle-Tribune.

Police Chief Paul Underwood tends to agree with Mrs. Purdy's description.

He saw a similar UFO in late August and isn't satisfied with the Air Force's conclusion that what he witnessed was a hot air balloon. They don't stay in one place all night long, Underwood said yesterday.

Since Underwood, several of his officers, sheriff's deputies and local residents spotted the UFO, there have been no further reports of them appearing near the community. "We had them a couple or three nights in a row, but nothing since. What happened to them, don't know," the police chief says.

"It looked to be about as low as what a plane would fly," Mrs. Purdy said of the sighting last Wednesday night near the community of Rich Valley, located about six miles west of Wabash on U.S. 24.

She said the craft hovered in the west for about an hour and often turned from a verticle position to horizontal position.

Then, it disappeared suddenly. "As though every light in it goes out. It's just completely gone."

But 10 minutes later, it reappeared in the northeast, she said.

No one reported the sighting to law enforcement officers. "They (the residents) figured everybody would think they were nuts," Mrs. Purdy said.

"I don't believe in flying saucers and things like that, but it's something flying up there," she said. "No plane or anything like that can disappear in front of your eyes and then reappear in another place."

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Similar 'thing' was seen 50 years ago

Your recent letters about a mysterious illuminated object in the sky reminded me of a similar occurrence in West Sussex over 50 years ago, which I was lucky enough to see.

It was a fine summer evening about 7 p.m., almost certainly in August and probably in 1927 give or take a couple of years, when I was in the area north of Arundel called Scotland Brow near the Isle of Wight stile (so called because before the screenings were planted the Isle of Wight could be seen from it).

I was with a friend called Colin Lovelock, nephew of the then head gamekeeper, Colin Campbell, who subsequently flew with Sir Alan Cobham on his pioneering round-the-world flight, and he was the first to spot this ball of fire, easily visible in bright sunlight, travelling from north to south approximately at a speed distinctly faster than a high-flying aeroplane, which were unknown in those days, but much slower than a shooting star.

I am fairly certain it was later reported in The West Sussex Gazette because many people saw it and I think it was reported in the Evening News or Daily Mail.

The meteorological boffins of that time thought it was probably a large meteorite which earth's gravity had just failed to capture, but which had bounced off the atmosphere.

To me the most interesting point is that the fireball was bright green, which was interpreted as showing a large content of copper, and I see from one letter published that this latest fireball was also bright green.

I have seen very many shooting stars in my time and none was very green. Are there are reasons why these very occasional meteorites which bounce off our atmosphere should differ from ordinary meteor showers in this way?

J. W. Clifton

21, The Cottrells, Angmering.

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Dozens Report UFO Over Hamilton County

By STEPHEN KEY

Dozens of Hamilton County residents saw an unidentified flying object with flashing or revolving green, red and white lights hovering over the county last night.

The descriptions of the lights were similar to reports of a UFO sighted Wednesday night in the Frankfort area.

Hamilton County officer Tom Castor watched the lights for about 40 minutes. He watched from his car on 241st Street about a 1/2-mile east of Ind. 19, beginning at 11:30 p.m.

"It was just lights flashing red, green, orange and yellow," Castor said. He said the object appeared to be very high in the sky and over the Elwood area.

"I'm glad I wasn't alone in seeing it," said Castor. He said officer Dan Nickel, three of the Cicero police officers and two of the Arcadia police officers also saw the object last night.

"One guy said it was the North Star, but I said 'I've worked a lot of nights and I've never seen the North Star change colors,'" Castor said.

The sheriff's office received 93 phone calls reporting the UFO. The Indiana State Police, Carmel Police and Noblesville Police said they didn't receive any calls although city officer

Ralph Givens said he did see the object.

Hamilton County Capt. Benny Craig said he saw the lights from his home in Home Place.

"I was watching the news last night report on the one sighted in Frankfort and said 'Sure, they saw that' then I got a phone call and went outside and shook my head and said 'I see it too,'" Craig said.

Craig then looked at it with binoculars. "I hate to say it but it looked like the lights were spinning." He observed the lights, located north-northeast from his home, for an hour.

Two Carmel paramedics, who didn't want to be identified said they saw the object with flashing red, white and green lights at about 1:30 a.m.

They described the object as cigar-shaped and one said the object was "about as big as two city blocks long.

The medics observed the UFO while traveling toward Noblesville on Ind. 234. They said the object appeared to hover over Noblesville and then move northward toward Cicero.

Castor said the sheriff's office contacted Grissom Air Force Base in Bunker Hill and was told that they were aware of the reports, but didn't have anything on the radar.

When Castor tried to relocate the object at about 2:15 a.m. after answering a couple of police calls, he said the object had disappeared.

Maj. Bob Allen of the Air Force said this morning that he wasn't aware of the air base receiving any calls last night concerning the UFO or of any unidentified object being tracked by air force radar last night.

Maj. Allen said he believed the recent sightings in Hamilton County and the Frankfort area to be sightings of a hot air balloon.

"From the reported velocity and shape of the object, it would tend us to believe someone was out flying a balloon at night," Maj. Allen said.

Staff Sgt. Randy Maylor at the air force base said the object was a hot air balloon that had been sighted several nights in and around the Peru area. Given the right wind direction, the balloon could be cylindrical in appearance, he said.

"If it's a balloon, the guy's got to be crazy to be up there at night," Castor said.

Don Menchhofer, director of Balloon Port of Indiana in Hamilton County, said it was unlikely that the sightings were of a manned, hot air balloon.

"There are only a couple of balloons in the

country registered for night flight and at the present time I don't know of any in the state," Menchhofer said.

"The likelihood of it being done on a regular basis, I seriously question. Most night flights are people who take off in the early morning so they can land in daylight. You can't see power lines at night."

Menchhofer said if the object was a hot air balloon that when the gas jets used to heat the hot air were fired that it would light up the whole balloon bag at night.

"If someone was watching they would see that and the ballonist would have to fire the jets about every minute.

Menchhofer said he knew of only a couple of good, balloon pilots in the Peru area, Dove Bobel, who has been piloting the Indiana State Fair Balloon and Colin Grimm, who is a Strategic Air Command pilot at the Grissom airbase. Menchhofer wasn't sure if Grimm still was stationed at Grissom.

An unidentified flying object that resembled a building flashing red, white and bluish-green lights moved slowly over the Kokomo-Peru area Wednesday night.

One witness described the object as resem-

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bling a building upright in the air with those colors. It was sighted Wednesday night and early Thursday morning northeast of Frankfort and then flew northwest to northeast at about a mile per hour for three hours. Nobody reported photographing it.

Clinton County Sheriff's Deputy Tom Catron responded to an 11:36 p.m. caller who described the UFO but declined to give his name. Catron confirmed something was up there, but declined to offer an opinion about it.

Maj. Max Reed at Grissom Air Force Base said a radar was informed of the sighting, but he was unable to confirm it because of "ground clutter."

But Maj. Allen said that radar personnel tracked an object for several hours Wednesday night moving one or two miles per hour.

The Clinton County Sheriff's Office got four calls Wednesday night and Clinton City Police received one call about the object. Howard County police and state police at Lafayette said they received no calls.

Officer Castor said he would be looking for a reappearance of the object tonight.

"I'm off duty tonight, but I'm going to take a look tonight anyway."

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Believe it or not — at approximately 9:30 p.m. last evening, August 17, I was awakened from a very sound sleep by my dog barking. Now you must realize this is very strange indeed because my dog does not bark. Most Siberian Huskies howl if they do anything. Anyway, Kiska was barking like the devil, so I got up to investigate.

With my dog by my side growling deep in her throat at some unseen object, I proceeded to check the area in and around the cabin to see what had excited her and Tippy's dogs also. I was standing under the trees when I looked towards Mt. Silverheels, then I saw what appeared to be a white shining sphere of light ascending into the heavens. This light went off to the left again. It was going very fast and disappeared within minutes from the time I first saw it.

What was it? I don't know. I must admit that I do believe in unidentified flying objects, outer space and things of that nature, but I really cannot explain what I saw. With the moon so bright, perhaps it was the moon or a shaft of light that played tricks on my imagination — I don't know, would you???

Bizarre flashing UFO bewilders residents of a small farming community

A UFO flashed across the sky with a dazzling display of bizarre green lights — then mysteriously vanished into the night.

The witnesses, including a sheriff's deputy, failed to find any trace of the baffling craft that lit up the skies in Scotland Neck, N.C.

"I've never seen anything

like it," declared Halifax County Deputy Sheriff Joe Williams Jr. who was on routine patrol when he saw the ball of fire.

"It was a greenish white colored light — real bright — and it was kind of floating down like an airplane would come down, not falling fast. And it went down into the trees."

Scotland Neck resident Bob-

by Bell, an aeronautics student, told The NEWS:

"I had just stepped out of the house and into the yard when I saw this thing above the trees.

"It was two or maybe three green lights. They were spread out horizontally across the sky just hovering above the horizon.

"They were descending the whole time — about a minute —

and they disappeared. They went down below the trees."

Bobby rushed to the police station and found that Deputy Williams was investigating the same bizarre sight.

He went to the airport and hopped into a crop dusting plane to chase the strange UFO but, incredibly, it had vanished without a trace. The next morn-

ing, about 30 people — police, sheriff's deputies and volunteers — scoured the fields for evidence of the spaceship.

They found nothing.

But no one in the community has forgotten the mysterious craft that flashed its green lights, then vanished.

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UFO reported FRONT PAGE Friday

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Yet to be identified is an object several local people saw wing over Ipswich at dusk Friday evening.

The unidentified flying object (UFO) is described by Maureen Perkins of 25 Upper River road as conical in shape with a "bluish-green flame at the end. And maybe a yellow shield in front."

Perkins was backing her new Honda out of her son-in-law's driveway (Jamie Fay's) at 7 Fellow's road at precisely 8:14 Friday evening when she saw "a ball of fire heading rapidly over Route 1A in the direction of the Don Bosco property."

In the car with Perkins were Theresa Sullivan, 7 Upper River road, and a friend, Jean Morin of Cambridge.

"I looked hard to the left and it was traveling across Appleton Farms toward Don Bosco," she says.

"I told the others to look and then it was gone."

Perkins says she pinned down the exact time, 8:14, because her new car has a digital clock.

The object passed over the tree tops ("just a football field away") and disappeared, says Perkins.

The women, curious to see more of the object, drove to Don Bosco "looking for evidence."

"There was nothing," says Perkins.

A few miles away, Jack Whittier was bringing his small boat into the Ipswich River. He says it was about 8:15. He'd just watched the sun go down.

"I was coming in over the breakwater at

the mouth of the river and was watching the sky," says Whittier, who lives on Waldingfield road.

"From right to left this rocket-type object went across in front of me."

Unlike the women, who are unable to guess the dimensions of the object, Whittier said he estimated it to be about 12 feet long and five to seven feet in diameter.

A neat toy

"It was sort of stubby," he says. "I immediately thought 'some kid has a great toy.' But it was going too fast."

Whittier, an engineer at Xenergy in Burlington and chairman of the town's Energy Advisory Committee, says the object was a dark silver color "with a bluish-green flame at the rear — like a bunsen burner flame."

"It went up Fox Creek toward Essex," he says. "It stopped abruptly and then went straight up into the air and disappeared."

Perkins and Sullivan estimate the length of time they saw the object at about five to ten seconds. Whittier said it lasted no more than five seconds.

"I subsequently went up the river and saw people on the Little Neck dock," says Whittier. "They'd seen it too and said they'd have to sell their house if those 'things were going to fly over Ipswich.'"

Whittier doesn't know the names of the people at the Neck but he says they were a young couple and five-year-old child.

His curiosity peaked, Whittier says he called the Air Force Antenna Station on Great Neck to report what he saw. He did not call the Ipswich police. But he did try to reach UFO expert, Raymond Fowler of Wenham several times this week. (The

Chronicle also repeatedly tried to reach Fowler but no one answered the telephone at his Wenham observatory.)

Skeptical about what he saw, Whittier says he tends to "believe it was some sort of Air Force stuff. I remain healthily skeptical it was a UFO," he says, "but sitting there watching it, I got a little tingly. I never saw anything like it before."

Theresa Sullivan wonders if the object was a meteor. But she says she's talked to several people who say meteors don't behave that way.

"Or maybe it was a satellite that burned out," she guesses. "I don't really know."

Was she frightened when she saw it?

"Not a bit," says Sullivan, adding she could see no engines and no people aboard the object.

Police clerk Joyce Gysan says no one reported the incident to the Police Department.

Brenda Sheldon of the Air Force Solar Observatory on Sagamore Hill, Hamilton says that place closed up at 7:45 p.m. Friday and even if it had been open, it does not have equipment to track UFO's.

"We track the sun," says Sgt. Sullivan.

And Bill Mavroides, a physicist with the Antenna Station on Great Neck, says no one was at the station Friday evening. Apart from the call from Whittier, Mavroides says he's heard nothing else about the UFO.

"We have no way of tracking it," he says.

Could it have been an Air Force object?

Mavroides doesn't know. And he says, even if it was, the Air Force wouldn't tell him about it.

Groups go to court for UFO information

LIMESTONE, Maine — Private organizations seeking information about sightings of unidentified flying objects near Loring Air Force Base are taking their battle to the U.S. 1st Circuit Court of Appeals in Boston.

"We're up against a cosmic Watergate," said Larry Fawcett, a UFO investigator, said of his battle to uncover information from the government. His group will appear in court on Oct. 28.

Government agencies have been reluctant to give his organization any information, so the Citizens Against UFO Secrecy plans to see the documents under the Freedom of Information Act. The papers are held by the National Security Agency.

Attorney Peter A. Gernsten, from the New York based firm Rothblatt, Rothblatt and Seijas, is representing the group and said the incidents "pose a threat to national security." He said the UFO's interest in weaponry "demonstrates a clear intent" of interest in national defense. He said that the federal government's stance that UFOs do not exist may either be a cover-up or a naivete, and that the incidents warrant further investigation.

The incidents, he said, could be Soviet in origin. However, he said, the technology demonstrated in the incidents — instruments failed in jets and on the ground and they could not be caught — indicates something higher than man is capable of. "Under any hypothesis,"

he said, "we should be studying it."

Through the courts and under the Freedom of Information Act, the group he represents have obtained more than 3,000 records of UFO incidents from the CIA, FBI and the security department.

He said the evidence clearly shows that these things exist, and that they deserve further investigation.

A federal judge in Washington ruled in 1979 that the 135 documents were so sensitive they couldn't be released without jeopardizing the nation's security.

During a three-week period in October 1975 there were multiple sightings of unidentified flying objects over Loring Air Force Base.

Utilizing the Freedom of Information Act, Fawcett and others have learned that 11 bases in the northern part of the country declared top-level security-alerts during those three weeks.

Included were alerts at Loring during what is speculated to have been helicopter flights over the installation and its nuclear bomb dump for three nights in October.

During the same time period, the U.S. and Canadian Air Force were unable to capture or follow "a series of unidentified aircraft or brightly lit objects." The object flew at great speeds, and was designed to hover, and move at great altitudes.

Fawcett, who works with the Center for UFO Studies, said the documents are being purposely withheld. Some of those documents

may pertain to unexplained "helicopter flights" over the nuclear weapons area of Loring on October and November 1975 and several other unexplained sightings across the northern part of the U.S.

So far, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Federal Aviation Administration, the North American Air Defense Command, the Army, Navy and Air Force have withheld information on sightings, said Fawcett, who is an investigator for the Coventry, Conn., based Center for UFO Studies.

Fawcett, who also works with Citizens against Secrecy and the Mutual UFO Network in Seguin, Texas, said from the documents he has on file he believes there are 192 classified documents on the subject.

The Air Force has refused to respond to inquiries relating to UFOs.

From 1949 to 1969, the Air Force was reportedly the only branch of the armed forces investigating UFO sightings. The Air Force examined about 12,000 reports under the auspices of Project Blue Book.

'UFO' left ashes and crater

By TOM BARRETT
and CHRIS ZDEB

Smoky Lake RCMP officials aren't laughing at a recent report of a UFO sighting in their area.

A confidential report, complete with pictures and ashes from a possible UFO crater, has been shipped to RCMP headquarters in Ottawa.

The excitement began last Saturday morning when Pat Wilson and her husband Jim sighted a strange fire burning in a field on their acreage, as they drove home from their sister's wedding.

"It wasn't like a normal fire," Mrs. Wilson told The Journal. "There was no crackling sound, no smell, and it was a bright orange color."

The Wilsons quickly changed into work clothes and went to examine the strange sight. They weren't prepared for what they found.

"There was no fire at all," says Mrs. Wilson.

"Just mounds of cold ashes and a wierd sulphur smell."

The Wilson's are convinced the fire they sighted was a UFO taking off from their field. And they're not one bit embarrassed to say so.

"What we saw was definitely not anything normal," Mrs. Wilson told The Journal.

"I'm getting tired of people telling us we didn't see what we know we saw.

"Everybody's trying to make us feel like some kind of crazy nuts that came home polluted from a party," she said bitterly.

RCMP officials have taken the Wilsons very seriously.

They questioned the family and investigated the site carefully before filing their report.

"The ground was burned to a depth of six or seven inches," said a Smoky Lake RCMP officer who wished to remain anonymous.

"The ash was grey black with a crater-like surface. It was soft. If you stepped on it, you would sink up to your ankles," he said.

"The area was cigar-shaped, about 30 feet across.

"If you let your imagination get away, you could almost see jet

propulsion marks," he said.

Samples of the ashes have been shipped to Ottawa and to a University of Alberta professor for analysis.

The site has been overrun by curious locals anxious for a look at the alleged UFO launching pad.

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He said he personally took a call from as far north as El Dorado about the object.

The Wichita office has received several calls about the object he said.

A spokesman from McConnell Air Force Base said the base had received some calls about the object.

So far, no one has confessed to launching the UFO.

The National Weather Service didn't launch it, according to the spokesman for the Wichita weather service.

"Personally, I suspect it might be Department of Defense," he said.

"That balloon did not originate from McConnell," the spokesman from McConnell Air Force Base said. "It could have come from a number sources, and not necessarily military sources."

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UFO remains mystery today

The Unidentified Flying Object in the sky above Arkansas City last night remained unidentified today.

The peanut-shaped object — mostly likely a weather balloon — hung in the eastern sky, partially obscured by clouds playing hide and seek with the it, and attracted the notice of residents.

The white, transparent balloon could still be seen in the daylight high near the top of the sky to the east and south.

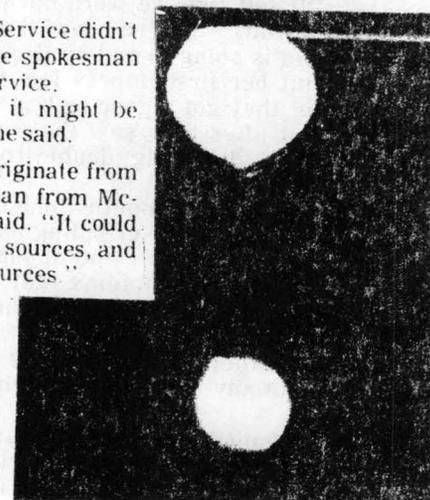
John Marquis, of KSOK radio, said the station received inquiries about the object.

"After I got a call about it, I looked out the window. I didn't see at first because of the cloud bank," Marquis said.

He later spotted it. He described the object as a bright star with a smaller star underneath it.

"It looked like it is a real big balloon," a spokesman for the National Weather Service center in Wichita said.

It was apparently travelling at a extremely high altitude because of the wide area from which the office received calls, he said.



FLYING SAUCER — This is the unidentified object which no one has been able to figure out or claim that has been floating above Arkansas City.

Health problems add to mystery

Texans tell of strange encounter

By PAMELA LYON
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FRONT PAGE

"I thought the world was coming to an end . . . I told (my grandson) not to be afraid, to look at the center of the light for the sweet face of Jesus, coming to take us to a better place." — Vickie Landrum, describing her Dec. 29, 1980, encounter.

DAYTON — Vickie Landrum is a god-fearing woman. So when she saw the thing that cold December night, hovering above a desolate, back-country road near this small Liberty County lumber town, there was only one possible explanation.

She was having a religious experience.

As Mrs. Landrum tells the story, she was traveling back to her Dayton home from Monday night bingo at the VFW hall in New Caney with her 7-year-old grandson, Colby, and a friend, Betty Cash, when it happened.

First they saw a bright, mysterious light through the treetops up ahead. Then, as the car rounded a bend on Farm Road 1485 about 15 miles northwest of Dayton, it was suddenly before them.

Diamond-shaped and "tall as a water tower," it floated over the road just above the treetops, blindingly bright, Mrs. Landrum recalled. Red-orange flames spewed from the bottom and intermittently burst into greater intensity with a rushing sound like a flame-thrower as the object moved higher.

From 133 feet away, the heat was excruciating.

"It felt like we were burning up," said Mrs. Landrum. "You've heard it all your life that the world is going to end by fire. I believe it."

But her first impression didn't last long, not after they got a good look at the thing.

Not after they saw the swarm of helicopters around it — big double-rotary, military-like choppers.

Not after the months-long bouts with the burns and blisters, the crippling nausea and diarrhea, the eye problems and shedding hair — a total package of symptoms that points to radiation sickness, said a space scientist who has closely monitored the case.

Now there are those who scoff at close encounters of any kind, skeptics who pass off sightings

of so-called Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) as distorted perceptions of entirely earthly phenomenon, the shimmering illusions of swamp gas or the ravings of crackpots.

Stories, in short, to be taken seriously only by devotees of the supermarket press — like the Aug. 11 article about Mrs. Landrum's experience in the National Enquirer with the screaming headline "UFO Terrorizes and Burns 3 Texans."

But to the experts who investigate such mysterious goings-on, the Landrum-Cash case is among the most compelling, and disturbing, encounters ever reported.

Dr. J. Allen Hynek, founder of the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Ill., and the country's premier UFO investigator, termed the Dayton incident a "really crucial case" because of the "absolutely, unequivocal physical effects."

"Something sure as hell happened: Those women didn't pull out their hair and blind themselves," said Hynek. "The connection with the event is clear-cut. It's one-to-one. We have other cases, but rarely as clear-cut as this."

Although she says that "time sort of stood

still," Mrs. Landrum estimates she and her companions were exposed to the fire-belching object for at least 10 minutes before it drifted off over the trees.

It was a winter night, but they continued their journey home with the car's air conditioner on, Mrs. Landrum said. Their exposed skin seemed intensely sunburned, as after a too-long stay at the beach in early summer.

That night, Mrs. Landrum greased her grandson with baby oil. That night, too, Colby started getting sick. He vomited and had uncontrollable diarrhea, an ominous prelude to what would happen to all of them.

Colby, who had nightmares for months afterward and would wake up screaming, still bears the faint scars of the large, sack-like blisters that formed on his face.

Mrs. Landrum, too, has a network of whitish and raised scars on her arms from the blisters, which have recurred periodically over the past eight months, particularly when she is exposed to sunlight. Both still are sensitive to heat and cannot bear hot water, Mrs. Landrum said.

Her hair, now long enough for a permanent, at one time fell out leaving scattered bald spots. But her eyes bothered her the most.

"My eyes were burned until they looked like they were decayed," said Mrs. Landrum. Since the incident, she has changed her eyeglass prescription twice, each time progressively stronger. She now seems to be losing her peripheral vision and is developing cataracts. Colby also now needs glasses.

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TEXANS TELL OF STRANGER ENCOUNTER

But Betty Cash, 52, who bolted from the car when they encountered the object, was the most affected of the trio.

She, too, was stricken with severe nausea, diarrhea and headaches. A once-active woman, she now was incapacitated by a relentless lethargy. Large, knot-like blisters formed on her face, scalp and eyelids. Her eyes were swollen almost shut.

She was hospitalized in January for nearly four weeks. The doctors were stumped.

"There was no diagnosis; they didn't know what they were dealing with," said John Schuessler, a scientist with McDonnell Douglas Astronautics at NASA's Johnson Space Center near Houston.

Schuessler, project manager for space shuttle operations support, has been active in UFO research and organizations since the mid-1960s. He is

one of about a dozen scientists and professional technicians in the Clear Lake City area, about half of which work for NASA, who comprise Project VISIT, which is studying UFO technology.

Schuessler met Mrs. Landrum, Colby and Mrs. Cash in February after they had contacted NASA and a UFO reporting network in Seattle, Wash., to try to find out what happened to them.

Right after the incident, the three had agreed to tell no one about their experience, said Mrs. Landrum, who waited four days before she told her husband.

"You don't go around telling people when something like this happens. They'd think you're crazy," she added.

But as the sickness progressed, they decided they had to know more. Said Mrs. Landrum: "If we hadn't met John Schuessler, I think I would have lost my mind."

Schuessler was keenly interested. He took photographs of their blisters, burns, damaged eyes and balding heads. He urged Mrs. Landrum to keep a daily diary of her symptoms. And after talking to the bewildered physicians, he located and contacted a radiation specialist in Madison, Wis.

"You can't guarantee it's radiation sickness, but it looks like it," said Schuessler. "Other things can cause these (symptoms) but not likely the total package."

The radiation specialist, who wished to remain anonymous, agreed. In an April correspondence he noted the burns could be secondary to high intensity infra-red radiation, ultra-violet rays or ionizing radiation.

"We are over a medical-scientific barrel not knowing exactly what the source of radiation was, nor the dose received by these UFO witnesses," he wrote.

But Schuessler and Hynek aren't entirely sure the unexplained object was an otherworldly UFO. The helicopters are the problem.

Despite its awesome power, the object Mrs. Landrum saw appeared to be in distress; it seemed to have trouble maintaining altitude. And it was when the giant, metal object finally gained enough thrust to sail off over the trees that Mrs. Landrum and her companions saw it was not alone.

"After the object drifted to where we kind of got our senses, we noticed the helicopters," said Mrs. Landrum. "They were up over it and following it. It was like they were taking it

somewhere or it was in trouble and they were helping it."

The helicopters were like none she'd seen before, large airborne machines with double rotary blades. Colby drew a picture of a craft that resembled a military helicopter, like a CH-46 or CH-47, Schuessler said.

The trio weren't the only people who reported seeing the helicopters, or the object for that matter.

A man near Crosby, a tiny town 15-odd miles southwest of Dayton, told co-workers about the helicopters, Schuessler said. Investigation of the Dec. 29 incident also turned up three more sets of witnesses, totalling seven additional persons, who saw the object.

"We are dealing with a real event, but we're not sure if it's a government exercise or a UFO sighting," said Hynek, who headed Project Bluebook, a U.S. Air Force study of UFOs from about 1948 to 1969. "There's a lot of top secret stuff going on that most people don't know about."

Hynek believes the women should file a lawsuit to compel disclosure.

The government denies any knowledge of or role in the incident. Schuessler said he contacted every military installation in Texas that might have had sufficient aircraft to have been involved. He had no success.

"The helicopters have been completely stonewalled," he said.

At the Army's Ft. Hood near Killen, the country's largest military facility where a brigade of "100-plus" helicopters is based, a spokesman said no Ft. hood aircraft were in the Houston area that night.

"I don't know of any other place around here that would have that number of helicopters," said press officer Major Tony Geishauser. "There may be something to this, but I don't know what it could be... unless there's a super-secret thing going on and I wouldn't necessarily know about it."

Said Mrs. Landrum: "It ain't anything from outer space with little green men, that's for sure. If the government doesn't know about it, they'd better find out."

Letters to the editor ...

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Unexplained light

It can't happen, but it did. So what do you do? Believe your own eyes? The supernatural UFOs? Frankly, I'm stuck for an answer.

My wife had entered the Arkansas Poultry Association Cooking Contest and finished as one of the top 12 ladies in the state. So we were invited for a weekend of festivities to be held at the Majestic and Velda Rose Towers in Hot Springs, all expenses paid. Including a concert by The Oak Ridge Boys held at the Convention Center.

The dates were June 20 and 21. We stayed in our room Friday night and took in the roof garden. Saturday night we went to the Convention Center and had a table 10 feet from the stage. The Oak Ridge Boys were fabulous. After the show we came back to the hotel, went to another smaller concert with free food, drink and dancing.

The night was very hot, about 95 or 96 degrees. We talked it over, as we had no air conditioner in our old '67 Rambler, and decided we would just give up our last night there and drive home at night since the next day would be well over 100 degrees.

I started driving around 11 p. m. Saturday and drove to Marshall. By that time I was pretty well tired out, so my wife said she would drive. So I just fell back and went to sleep, and the next thing I knew my wife awakened me saying very excitedly, "My lights are going out, my lights are going. You drive."

I woke up in time to see the headlights go from high beam right down to nothing, very slowly, and slowly come back on. They did that two or three times after I woke up. As she pulled to the side of the road I jumped out and started around the back of the car. I don't recall looking up, but the whole area was lit up. The lights came back on about the time I got to the driver's door. I did have a very strange feeling like my hair was standing up, and something was going to grab me. I got in and started driving, and it has never happened since.

The best I can pinpoint the location, it was in a rather remote area between the Buffalo River and the road that leads into the old mining town of Rush. I asked my wife how she managed to see while the lights were dying down and out, and she said there was some sort of light up on top of the hill to her right that lit up the

area. She also said the lights went off and on very slowly at least six or eight times.

CAMARILLO, CALIF
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Cam 'n' Eggs

Fishing trip yields UFO

By HAROLD KINSCH



"I won't say it was a flying saucer," said Tony Cuozzo. "I don't know what it was. But let me tell you it was weird."

What Tony and three other Camarillans saw recently near Lone Pine off Highway 395 seems to qualify as a definite UFO sighting.

Tony said he saw the mysterious object a week ago Friday while on a fishing trip to the Mammoth Lakes area with fellow Camarillan Skip Sorich and their 11-year-old sons, Kevin Cuozzo and Chris Sorich.

Skip, a member of the City Planning Commission, even took pictures of the "unidentified flying object." At this writing Tony and the others were anxiously awaiting arrival of the prints at the photo shop.

"It was about 7:45 — just about dusk," Tony said, "when we saw this bright light."

"First star of the night," quipped Skip for the benefit of the two boys. Then everybody in the car began shouting, "Hey, that's no star."

"It was too low to be a star and besides," said Tony, "it was moving."

"We pulled off the road to get a better look ... All of a sudden it just shot away."

Tony said they continued up 395 until they spotted the strange light again. This time when they pulled off the road and stopped, Skip whipped out his 35 mm camera and managed to grab some shots of the UFO before it disappeared again.

"It was a very bright light, cylindrical in shape," Tony said. "It was definitely not a plane or a spotlight."

Skip left town to attend a trophy dealers convention before I had a chance to ask him about the experience. But while relating the incident to county reporter Gil Chan before he left, Skip used his hands to outline a dome-shaped saucer when asked to describe the object.

With luck the photos will reveal more detail.

I drive through there pretty regular and I know there is no light on top of a hill that would light up the road like that. The time was approximately 3 a. m. on Sunday, June 21. I am still searching for answers. I have been unable to come up with any logical or mechanical reason how it can happen, but it did.

Thought maybe someone else may have seen something along about that time. Would like to hear from anyone that has any idea how it could happen. Maybe some mechanic might have some ideas. You can answer through this column or call me on the phone. I'll listen to any reasonable solution.

Thank you
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Strange lights spur UFO reports in area

By MARIE WHITE
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FRONT PAGE

LEXINGTON — Even though everyone is hesitant to discuss the sightings of an Unidentified Flying Object, or UFO, near here for fear of ridicule, the reports keep coming in.

Members of the Lexington police department as well as the county sheriff's office observed the strange lights again Wednesday night between 7-8 p.m. from the observation post they had set up at the airport.

The Kearney police received a call early Thursday morning from a Kearney resident of sightings observed by five people of strange lights in the Sumner area.

"There is definitely something there, but we don't know what it is," is the general consensus of the people who have seen the UFO near here. The unidentified lights are still appearing at various times. The location seems to be southwest of Lexington and east of Darr.

The lights are variously described as brilliant lights, dancing lights, a white light with a red glow, multi-colored, and when observed through binoculars, red and green. They are often seen in pairs, and at one time, observers saw three of them at once. They suddenly disappear, sometimes one at a time, an observer said.

These unusual lights have been seen by a number of people, including law officers from Dawson and Gosper counties. Groups of people have been seen observing the unusual lights, some with binoculars and scopes.

The first report was received by the Lexington police department at 8:52 p.m. on Sept. 9. But since that time, residents have reported sightings as early as Sept. 8.

The lights have been observed at some time every night since they were first spotted, unless there is a cloud cover. A man employed at Darr reported seeing one east of Darr at 5 a.m. one day.

The Lexington Chamber of Commerce reports that whatever it is, it is not sponsored by the chamber.

BIRMINGHAM, MICH.
ECCENTRIC
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REPORTS OF the recent UFO sighting in Birmingham were listed on the police log as "suspicious circumstances."

"On second thought," said police dispatcher Linda Christy a couple of days after the incident, "I should have written it down as 'suspicious vehicle.'"

GRESHAM, ORE.
OUTLOOK
SEP. 17 1981

FLYING SAUCER — The Jeff Overbys of Springdale were among a number of people who spotted an Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) over the Government Camp-Timberline area last Tuesday.

"Whatever it was came along at dusk," Mrs. Overby relates. "We were at the rest area at Government Camp with half a dozen other people when the object — flat, no wings, soundless — ap-

peared from the west. We watched it for at least 20 minutes until it moved slowly up towards Timberline.

"Someone at the service station in Government Camp called Timberline and they reported seeing three of the UFOs, which finally took off toward the east and disappeared."

Never before had the Overbys had a similar experience."

UFO? They know what they saw...

By JOHN F. BROWN
Times Herald Reporter

Speculation continues to mount about the four lights sighted in a cloud formation over the Blue Water Area Monday night.

Those who believe in celestial visitors say it was a UFO. Others believe it may have

been several planes refueling; but many who saw the lights and heard no sounds discount that theory.

Whatever it was, hundreds of people saw something in the northeast sky between 9:30 and 10:45 p.m.

Jack Thompson, Warren, a national investigator for the Investigation Committee on Aerial Phenomena, said today that he's 90 percent certain the sighting was two planes refueling.

"My source in the Air Force says it was two planes refueling," Thompson said. "But I'll know for certain tomorrow.... I had quite a few calls on this

sighting over Port Huron and Sarnia."

Thompson said the planes may have been from a base in California or New York — or from any place in the United States: "They exercise in this area all the time, and Selfridge isn't aware of the scheduled time exercises."

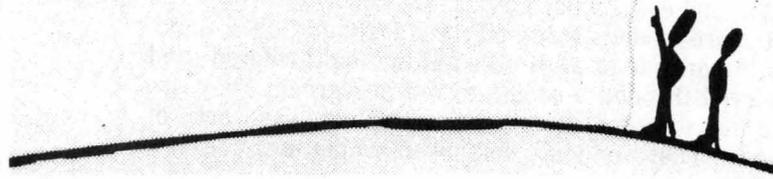
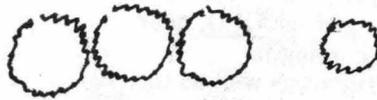
Thompson said Selfridge Air National Guard officials may not have picked up the aircraft on their radar because the base is no longer a strategic air base and doesn't monitor high altitude aircraft as it once did.

"I could be wrong, but it sounds like a refueling operation to me," he said.

Dorothy Lewis, Sarnia, said she believes Thompson is wrong.

Lewis, head of Post N, the local chapter of the Canadian group called UFO Investigations, said today that she is sure it was an extra-
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LOOK, UP IN THE SKY — This view is similar to the four lights several people reported seeing Tuesday night in the sky over Port Huron.

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terrestrial sighting.

"They would like us to believe it was an airplane or jet," Lewis said. "But someone would have heard it if it were a plane. Canadian news sources said it was a refueling operation, too. But no one seems to be able to tell us where the operation all started from. It doesn't add up.

"I didn't see the lights, but a friend of mine did. She didn't hear any sound — and believe me, if it had been four jets or even two jets, there would have been a tremendous amount of noise heard.

"I'm inclined to believe it

was a genuine UFO sighting. My friend feels that way, too."

Alice Errington, a Selfridge public relations employee, said no jets or helicopters were in the area from the base Monday night. She had no explanation for the lights.

Steve Vachon, 15, Marysville, also has no explanation for the lights Monday, but he hopes to have one soon.

Vachon, who was jogging near his home, ran home and got his camera. He and his brother, Phil, 14, watched the lights for several minutes.

"I took three pictures, but I won't know what I have until the film is developed," Vachon said.

State, private agencies probing claim of UFO encounter

BY CINDY HORSWELL
Chronicle Staff

The Texas Department of Health and three private agencies are investigating reports that two Dayton women and a child may have been exposed to an unidentified flying object and suffered radiation exposure as a result.

It was a cold, cloudy evening on Dec. 29 when Vickie Landrum, 57, a waitress, and her former employer, Betty Cash, 52, then owner of a cafe in Dayton, and Mrs. Landrum's 7-year-old grandson, Colby Landrum, were driving from New Caney to Dayton.

Along an uninhabited stretch of FM 1485, about 30 miles northwest of Houston near Huffman and about 15 miles west of Dayton, they spotted something strange. "I saw a long, red thing in the sky about three miles ahead," said Mrs. Landrum. "I was trying to figure out what it was."

She said that within minutes the object was in front of them. Mrs. Landrum said she screamed at Mrs. Cash to stop the car and they all jumped out.

Colby, who lives with Mrs. Landrum, ran back to the car a minute later and hid on the floorboard, said Mrs. Landrum.

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She said she remained outside about four minutes and Mrs. Cash, the driver, got the closest to the object and watched it for about 10 minutes.

"It was diamond-shaped and as tall as a water tower," Mrs. Landrum said. "It was a dull, gray metallic color, and it just floated there."

She said red-orange flames were intermittently spewing from the bottom and that it produced a noise she will never forget. "It made a roaring sound like a flame thrower and then high-pitched beeps. It had a flammable smell, like lighter fluid," she said. The heat, she said, was so intense that it caused sweat to pour off her and her companions.

"It was so bright. The glow lit everything up. It was as if the whole woods was on fire," she said.

As the object began heading to the northwest, said Mrs. Landrum, she saw large, double-rotary helicopters following it. She said she and her grandson counted about 23 helicopters.

"It (the object) was a monstrous thing. It seemed like it was having trouble flying, and so it would let out those flames and then shoot up again while making that shrill beeping sound," said Mrs. Cash, a divorcee who is now staying with her elderly mother in Fairfield, Ala.

Mrs. Cash went to Alabama recently to recuperate from burns, blisters, weakness, diarrhea, headaches, eye problems and loss of hair — all problems she attributes to her encounter with the flying object. Mrs. Cash lost about 50 percent of her hair and had to be hospitalized twice after the sighting.

Mrs. Landrum said she had similar symptoms, but to a lesser degree; Colby was nauseated and had "kind of a bad sunburn." They say the degree of illness corresponded to the

length of time each was outside the car and bathed in the bright light.

"I felt so hot inside, as if I was burning from the inside out," Mrs. Cash said. "The light blinded me so much that I couldn't see to back the car up and we were afraid to go under the object."

The two women and boy initially made a pact not to tell anybody about what they had seen because they felt they would not be believed.

"It was just too weird to mention, but we didn't know then that we had been hurt," said Mrs. Landrum.

By 1 a.m. that night, Mrs. Landrum said both she and her grandson had blistered as if badly sunburned and both suffered from nausea and diarrhea.

"We were starving for water. Just couldn't get enough and couldn't stand a warm bath. It had to be cold, for weeks after that. Didn't like being near a stove or hot food," she said.

She said that two days later she visited Mrs. Cash, who lived alone, and found her so weak she could not get a glass of water. Mrs. Landrum said part of Mrs. Cash's body was covered with egg-sized knots and blisters. Mrs. Cash was hospitalized the next day at Parkway Hospital in Houston.

The trio broke their secrecy pact then and told doctors about the incident. Mrs. Landrum also reported it to Dayton Police Chief Tommy Waring.

Waring said he has known Mrs. Landrum for about 30 years and "after talking to her for 35 or 40 minutes, you knew she was reporting what she thought she saw. She appeared highly nervous and upset."

Mrs. Landrum said her hair began to "come out in wads" and her eyesight began failing about three weeks after the incident. She then sought medical attention. Her hair has since regrown, though she says it now has a burnt, frizzled texture.

The three have been interviewed by John F. Schuessler, a mechanical engineer employed as McDonnell-Douglas' project manager for space flight operations in Clear Lake City. He is

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investigating her case in his capacity as a volunteer with the Mutual UFO Network.

He and Dr. J. Allen Hynek, founder of the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Ill., say the Dayton incident is the most significant sighting that has occurred in the Houston area in 10

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years. "That's because there is something you can actually examine afterward — the physical injuries," said Schuessler.

Dr. P.B. Patil, a specialist in cardiology and internal medicine, said he and his colleagues hospitalized Mrs. Cash twice at Parkway Hospital in Houston for a total of about 3½ weeks. "She definitely had a bad burn on her face and her hair came out in clumps in two or three areas," he said.

He said consultants were called in, but "we cannot say for sure what caused it," though he would not rule out radiation exposure.

Dr. Steve Chandler, a Liberty optometrist, treated Mrs.

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Landrum for a puffy, red eyes. "There was quite a bit of irritation and swelling, redness due to some type of burn around the eyes, but I don't know the cause of it," he said, acknowledging that her eyesight has worsened. He said an allergy to sunlight, chemicals and other things could have caused the same symptoms: as radiation.

Dr. James Easley, a Houston radiologist, examined the women more than six months after the incident but said his results were not conclusive because he saw the women so late.

Schuessler has two theories about the sighting: Either the object came from another planet or it was an experimental, top-secret U.S. government project.

To substantiate the trio's story, Schuessler has gathered reports from several persons in the area who also say they saw something strange.

On that same night, Angie Stanley, 26, a Dayton postal clerk, was coming home from New Caney on FM 1485 about 13 miles west of Dayton. "I saw a really bright light in the sky pretty far away," she said. "It looked like the bright headlights of a car on an oval-shaped thing."

Jerry McDonald, 24, an oil field roughneck, also witnessed something strange that night from his home in Dayton. "I heard a sound like a rumble, and I thought it was the Goodyear blimp," he said. "It was kind of triangular or diamond-shaped and had two twin torches that were shooting brilliant blue flames out the back." He said it also had two bright lights on it and a red light in the center as it passed about 150 feet above him.

Belle Magee, 55, a bakery clerk, was in her home in Eastgate, about eight miles west of Dayton, when she looked out and saw a bright light heading in the direction of New Caney. "It was bright, like the light of a football field, but up in the sky," she said.

Dayton police officer L.L. Walker was off duty and driving home from Cleveland, five miles north of Dayton on FM 321, when he saw several large helicopters flying in formation. He says he is not sure of the exact date, but thinks it may have been Dec. 29.

To jog Mrs. Landrum's memory, she was hypnotized twice by Dr. R. Leo Sprinkle, a psychologist and director of counseling and testing at the University of Wyoming. Sprinkle has studied about 250 persons who have reported UFO sightings during the last 20 years.

Under hypnosis, Mrs. Landrum did not reveal any new details, he said, but she did not alter her story, either.

"She showed very dramatically what her feelings were as she relived it," he said. "She kept pulling on her blouse and cradling her arm like she was holding Colby close. She said she thought it was the end of the world and Jesus was coming out of the light."

Sprinkle said there is no way to know if a person is hypnotized, "but based on my 15 years experience, she was — or else she has been taking acting lessons." Hypnosis recall does not prove an incident happened, he said, but "it's her truth, what the individual thinks is true."

At the request of state Rep. Larry Browder, D-Coldspring, the Texas Department of Health's Bureau of Radiation Control is investigating the Dayton incident.

"We came into this thing fairly late in the game," said Russ Meyer, manager of the state's public health department in Houston.

On Sept. 16, he drove the stretch of road where the sighting is supposed to have occurred. His radiation detection equipment did not find any traces of remnant radiation in the area. He also took soil samples, but testing of them is not complete yet.

"If there had been radioactive contamination in large amounts, some would still be left there," he said. However, he said certain types of radiation — such as ultraviolet light, infrared light and low-energy X-rays — might not leave any residual traces.

Meyer has recommended that the trio's medical records be reviewed by the state health department's medical advisory board. Specialists, he said, could differentiate between radiation and symptoms that could be attributed to such things as chemical toxins.

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The helicopters, as described by the women, would appear to be CH47 Chinooks, used by the military as troop carriers. However, spokesmen for the Army and National Guard, both of which keep helicopters in the Houston area, said there are no records of military helicopters being flown on Dec. 29.

Attorney Peter Gersten of the Bronx, N.Y., representing Citizens Against UFO Secrecy, said he is interested in the Dayton women and "particularly interested in things to do with the military."

Two weeks ago, he sent letters to the National Guard and U.S. Air Force headquarters requesting information on helicopters which may have been involved with the "startling encounter of a UFO" near Dayton and requesting all records they might possess on the subject.

Military authorities said his letter has been forwarded to their legal departments.

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What's up?

UFO sightings swamp police

By Alice Collins
and Karen Hermes Smith
staff writers

FRONT PAGE

Did a starship from a galaxy far away swoop down and hover over the Birmingham area on Aug. 15 and again on Thursday night?

Or did the unknown number of people who sighted four eerie red lights high above the sky see an ordinary earth vehicle like a balloon?

Birmingham Police Lt. Richard Thomason, who's had experience investigating unidentified flying object (UFO) sightings, leans toward the balloon theory.

"Whatever it was, it caused no problems for us and it's gone," Thomason said.

The fact that the lights remained in steady relationship to each other probably means they were attached to a single object, he said.

Thomason believes the object could have been a high altitude weather balloon like those that used to be seen frequently over the area.

"The balloon would be at such a high altitude that the sun, not so far below the horizon, would hit the balloon and reflect down," he said. "People on the ground would think they're looking at lights.

"That's one possibility," Thomason

continued. "Another is that it was a hot air balloon looking for a place to land."

Dispatcher Ann DeBenham of Bloomfield Hills Department of Public Safety said she received 40 to 50 calls Thursday night from residents asking about the four red lights.

After the first two calls, she said she went outside to take a look at the lights herself. She took along a pair of binoculars.

"The lights formed a diamond shape and they looked like they were swaying a little," she said, "almost like they were tied to a string or a balloon."

Ms. DeBenham said she noticed two red lights on the night of Aug. 15, but they were higher in the sky and looked like they were farther away. "They didn't move at all," she said. Ms. DeBenham received no calls from residents that night.

Officer Terry Kiernan of Birmingham Police Department also saw on Thursday the four red lights Ms. DeBenham described. "They just drifted across the sky," he said.

DeBenham, who worked as a dispatcher Aug. 15, said the phones "lit up like a pinball machine" that night. "For five to 10 minutes, the calls were constant."

Like Bloomfield Hills, Bloomfield Township Police said they received several calls from residents Thursday. When Officer Roger Beukema was asked how many, he said, "About 100 million."

Thomason said it is possible that the four red lights sighted on Aug. 15 and again on Thursday were from a UFO, "but I assume it was something more logical."

"In the past when we investigated sightings more thoroughly, we usually found reasonable explanations," he said.

Thomason added that he does have an open mind about the possibility of vehicles coming here from outer space. "We know there have to be other intelligent worlds out there. But I think if they do come, they'll find some way to communicate with us."

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Thursday eve UFOs?

Strange lights have many wondering

Probably nobody will ever know for sure, but several Prineville residents are convinced that the area was visited by unidentified flying objects (UFOs) last Thursday night.

The city police department received seven calls from residents who said they had sighted unusual lights to the northeast and the west. All calls reported that the objects were pulsating red, green and blue lights.

Officers Randy Sommers and John McMurrin, their curiosities aroused, drove out McKay to get a better look at the strange lights.

"I don't know what it was," Officer McMurrin said. "There were two bright stars that turned red, blue and green. They stayed there about four or five hours then kind of fizzled out."

"Another officer came over from the valley that day and said that he observed some balloonists on the way over. It's possible that's what everybody was seeing," he said. Another theory suggested that the objects were reflections from Northern Lights.

Teresa Close of 515 S. Main said that she and two friends sighted seven of the pulsating lights on Thursday night, and watched a smaller number on the following night. She added that the group also saw "white light that appeared to break off of the largest object of the group and streak across the sky."

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UFO Spotted Over Ark City

ARKANSAS CITY -- The Unidentified Flying Object sighted over Arkansas City was still unidentified Friday, according to the Arkansas City Traveler.

A peanut-shaped object, most likely a weather balloon, was seen in the eastern sky, partially obscured by clouds, and attracting residents of the area.

It was seen as far north as El Dorado, the Traveler story said, and was described as a bright star with a smaller star underneath it.

It was apparently travelling at an extremely high altitude and so far no one has admitted to launching the UFO.

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Mountaineers see UFO in Himalayas

KATMANDU, Nepal (UPI) — Italian Reinhold Messner, one of the world's foremost mountaineers, said today he watched a UFO "the size of a full moon" for nearly three hours while climbing in the Himalayas.

On his return to Katmandu after an unsuccessful attempt on 24,248-foot Mount Chamblang, he said he spotted the UFO as it drifted south into Nepal from Tibet over the mighty snowcapped mountains.

"It was moving very slowly," he said. "It moved eastward and then went again southwest and drifted finally north into Tibet." His climbing partner Doug Scott, a British schoolteacher, also sighted the object, he said, as did a nearby joint Polish-British expedition, but at a different time.

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PEKING (UPI) CHINESE OFFICIALS BELIEVE A UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT SPOTTED JULY 24 OVER TIBET MAY HAVE BEEN SPOTTED A FEW HOURS LATER HALFWAY AROUND THE WORLD ABOVE SAN DIEGO CALIF.

"THE IDENTICAL OBSERVATION OF THE UFO ON THE OPPOSITE SIDES OF THE EARTH ON THE SAME DAY MAY PROVIDE A CLUE FOR EXPLORING THE UFO PUZZLE."

THE OFFICIAL CHINESE XINHUA NEW AGENCY IN A DISPATCH FROM WASHINGTON

THE AGENCY REPORTED AUG. 5 A BRIGHT OBJECT SURROUNDED BY A RING OF BLUE-WHITE LIGHT WAS SPOTTED OVER TIBET SOME 11 DAYS EARLIER. THE CHINESE AGENCY QUOTED THE UFO EDUCATION CENTER IN VALLEY CITY CALIF.

AS REPORTING THAT AN AMERICAN TECHNICIAN WITNESSED A SIMILAR OBJECT THE SAME NIGHT

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My close encounter

MELVYN TROUTZ never believed in UFOs until, at age 58, he finally saw one.

"I guess I've joined the ranks of the cranks," the San Antonio resident chuckled.

Troutz, an amateur astronomer, was lying in his backyard, observing a meteor shower, when his eye caught an incredible, yet unmistakable, sight.

"I was watching the North East quadrant of the sky. Then I saw a flight of five rings," he told the Examiner.

"They were perfectly round and in a very tight V formation. There was a subdued light around them.

"They were travelling from exact north to exact south at one tremendous speed. If I'd have batted my eyes, I'd have missed the whole thing," he said.

Troutz scoffs at suggestions that what he saw were weather balloons.

"If we've got weather balloons that fast we don't need rockets," he laughed.

Troutz, an ex-truck driver, long ago gave up hope of ever seeing a UFO.

with a UFO Convinced

"When the big craze was on, and everybody was talking about seeing them, I went out and looked and looked and I never saw a darned thing," he said.

Even after his incredible experience, he still has doubts about the more outlandish UFO stories.

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"I don't go along with these tales about beams of light coming down from out-

er space and picking people up," he said.

But Troutz is now convinced that there are other civilizations in outer space.

"God must have made other worlds out there. But he didn't tell us about them," he said.

Troutz has seen some incredible night scenes in his time.

"I was an airman in England during the blitz," he recalled. I used to watch planes being shot down. But I've never seen anything like this UFO before."

