

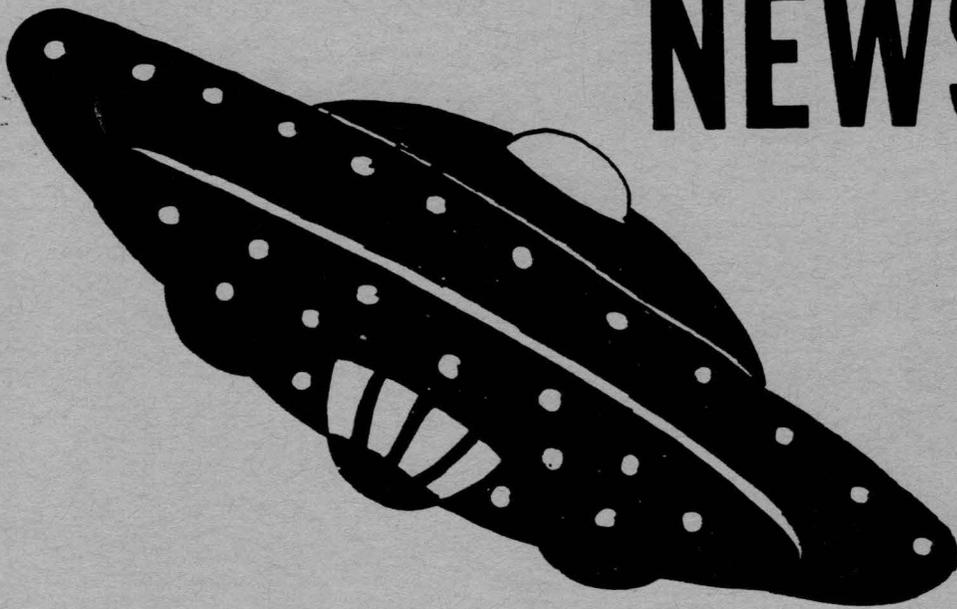
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# Six report sighting of UFO in skies above Waterloo

By LINDA GIBSON  
Of the News-Democrat

WATERLOO — Bob and Ardis Henerfauth don't know what they saw flash and explode in the midnight sky Saturday.

They just know they never saw anything else like it.

"It sure made us think," Henerfauth said.

The 34-year-old farmer was the first to report the unidentified flying object to the Monroe County Sheriff's Department. Dispatcher Ann Myhre received his call at 12:36 a.m. Saturday.

At 12:50, Ronald Fischer and his nephew came to the door of the sheriff's office and reported seeing the same object.

Two police officers also saw it.

The Henerfauths were driving south on VV Road, about 20 miles south of Waterloo toward Ames. They were within 1½ miles of home when they saw it.

"All of a sudden, it just lit up like daylight over us," Bob Henerfauth recalled. "I saw a blue flame flying almost horizontal. It was about 1,000, maybe 1,500 feet above us to the right."

He described the flame as being the length of a football field, "maybe two," and as blue as a flame on a gas stove burner. As the Henerfauths watched, the flame seemed to explode into a bright orange ball the size of a barn.

Then it was gone.

"Whatever it was, if it came down, someone's gonna find it. It was that big," Bob Henerfauth said.

Fischer, 40, had been driving with his nephew and cousin north on Maestown Road about five miles south of Waterloo

when he saw it.

He said it looked like a blue streak, hovering about 1,500 feet in the air to their right. A "big, red ball of fire" came out of the blue streak and then the whole thing disappeared, he said.

Sheriff's deputies Kenneth Glaenger and Bruce Hoffman were sent to investigate. Hoffman said he saw it out of the corner of his eye as he drove southwest along New Hanover Road on top of the bluff, and that it looked like lightning. There was no storm activity in the area Friday.

Valmeyer police officer Allen Stafford was on patrol on Main Street in Valmeyer about midnight Friday when he saw it.

"I saw it blue, then green, then it broke off into two separate pieces and disappeared," he recalled.

Stafford said he thought at first it had

been a firecracker, but he hadn't heard any noise. He also thought maybe it was a falling star, but said it didn't look like it was falling.

"It actually was gaining altitude. Whatever it was, it was very large and moving very fast."

The Columbia Police Department received no reports of UFO sightings, nor did St. Louis County police. A spokesman in St. Louis County suggested it might have been a preview of last Monday night's meteor shower. Meteors are seen when the earth passes through the tail of a disintegrating comet. They are best viewed in the country, after midnight, said a spokesman at McDonnell Planetarium.

He said "conventional" meteors usually are white, rather than colored, are seen at an altitude higher than 1,500 feet, and have

no explosion associated with them.

He also said reports of UFO sightings increase during meteor showers. "More people are out looking at the sky and don't know what they're looking at," he said.

Bob Henerfauth doesn't think it was a meteor. He's never seen a meteor, but thinks what he saw behaved differently than a meteor would.

"A meteor would be falling more straight down. This doggone thing was flying."

Fischer said he has seen meteors before, but the blue streak didn't look like one.

"I'm not too happy about seeing anything like that again. I can't explain what it was and nobody else can, either. It's still got me a little spooky when I think about it.

"I don't think I'll go outside at night for awhile."

Monroe County Sheriff Milton "Pat" Brueggemann wouldn't speculate about what people saw Saturday morning. He said the department had received no reports of previous UFO sightings.

A woman called the department some time ago, saying she saw a UFO flying toward her home, Brueggemann remembered. She said she could tell it was friendly and hung up without making a report.

His anecdote brought guffaws from the deputies gathered around the department's lunchroom table.

Bob Henerfauth said he also had been hesitant to believe reports of UFO sightings. His experience Saturday night has made him more willing to listen to people claiming to see such things.

# Local UFO sightings listed

North Carolinians experienced an "average" year in 1981 for "close encounters with unidentified flying objects (UFOs)," according to the annual report issued by Maiden newspaperman George D. Fawcett, a field investigator with the Mutual UFO Network.

Amazed and often frightened eyewitnesses re-

ported UFO sightings from Maiden, Vale, Dallas, Newton, Boger City, Hickory, Lincolnton, Mooresville, Shelby, McAdenville, Charlotte, Reepsville, Newell, Iron Station, Durham, Purllear, Winston-Salem, Waxhaw, Scotland Neck, Stanley, Concord, Sherrill's Ford, Mount Airy and Lumberton.

Maiden, Lincolnton, and

Hickory were the locations of reports of sightings involving severe animal reactions, TV and radio interferences, and car motor stoppages, according to the report. UFO's with square windows were reported from Hickory and Charlotte.

September was a busy month for sightings, as police in Hickory reported a UFO

shaped like a "large washtub" that maneuvered near the town of Longview. Houselights and floodlights dimmed in the pressure of a UFO at Lincolnton on Sept. 30, Fawcett said.

The report states, however, that North Carolina overall continued to rank fourth in the nation in 1981 for the number of UFO sightings reported.

Sightings worldwide continued to average at least 150 per day, as sightings continued to be reported from all 50 states and 133 world nations.

## The World of UFOs



By Bob Pratt

### 'Saucer' spotted by guard

William F. Hummer, a middle-aged security guard, was so intrigued by what he saw in the afternoon last May 4 that he couldn't help but tell others. But later he was rather sorry he ever opened his mouth.

"You're marked as a looney as soon as you say something," he complained mildly in a telephone interview more than a month later.

Hummer lives on Honeymoon Street in Danville, Pa. He had gone for a ride on his motorcycle and when he returned home he was walking toward the house when he happened to glance up at the sky.

There was something up there, fairly high, but the sun was overhead and it was hard to see. Stepping into the shadows of the house, he got a better look. Then he got a pair of binoculars.

Was it, he was asked, a UFO, an unidentified flying object?

"It was like a type of UFO," he admitted, and further questions brought out that it was "one of them round-type saucers . . . with something of a dome on it."

When he looked up toward the sun, he saw what appeared to be a giant object. From this, small disc-shaped UFOs came out and shot off in different directions in groups of three.

Even more unusual, while this was going on some kind of wispy material like cobwebs came floating down.

"This stuff was coming down continuously," Hummer said. "It was like a giant spiderweb hatching or like something might have exploded or burned. I went after some of it but it was like you wasn't

touching anything. It just disappeared."

Hummer called a newspaper and told some of his neighbors.

"I told the news lady that maybe it was hatching something out or maybe it was burning something or maybe they were having war combat." At that, he laughed.

"One neighbor, she was scared to death. I told her and her husband. They definitely didn't want their name in the paper. Then I stopped a guy coming home from work and the oxygen man was here."

The oxygen man was delivering a tank of oxygen for Hummer's sick mother. He watched for a while and tried to catch a "cobweb."

"He grabbed a piece of it and it just went right out of his

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hand, just disappeared," said Hummer.

Hummer's sister, Marie, came home from work about 2:30.

"I could see like silky cobwebs and it would be in great big strands," said Marie. "It would break off and you could see these things like flying saucers. It all took place by the sun, and 'way, 'way up you could see big masses of this — well, I call it cobwebs. I seen that stuff flying around for a long time."

"It's intriguing. It makes you wonder. But once you open your mouth about it, you're definitely marked," Hummer said.

This is the last in "The World of UFOs" series. The column has been discontinued by its author.

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# Former Daltonian Directs UFO Study

By LLOYD GULLEDGE **L**  
Suburban Editor

A rash of UFO sightings around the world has stirred high interest in this phenomenon and a former Daltonian is in the midst of publicity surrounding these occurrences.

He is Charles Tucker, director of the International UFO Investigative Bureau Inc., a non-profit organization seeking to find out the facts about UFOs and bring them to the people of the world. He is also regional director of Mutual UFO Network Inc. His office is in Nappanee, Ind.

Tucker, a native of Coldwater, Mich. once lived in Dalton and pastored Hamilton Street Methodist Church. He has bachelor degrees from Spring Arbor and Marion colleges and graduated from the University of Chattanooga where he majored in

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philosophy and psychology. He did his graduate work at Emory University majoring in theology and psychology.

While attending Emory, Tucker saw a UFO near Marietta. "It was a bright star almost as large as a boxcar and I thought it was going to crash, as it ran cars off the

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road." Tucker said. This incident sparked his interest and he has made a study of UFOs and ancient astronauts for the past 20 years.

His organization consists of 78 bases all over the world, with volunteer personnel giving their time and money in the investigation of UFOs.

"My main quest is to enlighten the public that UFOs and ancient astronauts are

more than a myth and a figment of the imagination," Tucker said recently in a telephone interview from his office in Indiana. "We are not seeking to prove or disapprove this UFO phenomenon but to find out the facts and present them to the people of the world."

Tucker, who is involved in the manufacture of furniture and bedding with his son Terry, spends much time giving lectures about UFOs and ancient astronauts. He has traveled in several South and Central American countries, Egypt, Israel, the Holy Land, Greece and England. In all of these countries, Tucker has done extensive research to further his knowledge of ancient astronauts and UFOs.

His most recent trip was to Brazil for an expedition deep into the Amazon River territory where there are

frequent sightings of UFOs. He and the chief investigator for the Brazillian Air Force led the group 400 miles up the river where there is an area referred to by the natives as "Devil's Graveyard." Members of the expedition interviewed doctors, lawyers, fishermen, teachers and others and were shocked to learn that UFOs are almost a daily occurrence in the area and are accepted as a way of life.

The Amazon River is about 12 miles wide at that point and 200 feet deep and there is some evidence there might be an underwater UFO base. UFOs have been seen to rise up out of the water and in some instances to return into the water.

Tucker plans to return to this area again this spring to make further study.

And if reports of a national magazine are true he may find some more startling information regarding UFOs. The magazine article reported that four hunters had apparently been killed by lights from UFOs, the corpses being drained of all blood by the beams.

Tucker told this reporter that he didn't believe the killings would indicate a trend of hostility on the part of UFOs.

Even though Tucker has information about some strange happenings in which UFOs are involved, this is the first time he has heard about fatalities. He has in his files a report about one UFO with a bright blue light that stopped a large semi-trailer-truck in Indiana. But there were no ill effects except the battery on the truck was almost drained and the clock continued to lose time.

He has numerous other reports of UFO sightings.

Tucker thinks that for each report of a UFO sighting there are 10 others that have gone unreported because people have a fear of being ridiculed.

Another national magazine in its current issue quoted a metaphysicist and UFO expert as saying we can look for 1982 to see an alarming increase in UFO occurrences.

Tucker said polls have indicated that 70 percent of the people accept the fact there is a UFO phenomenon and that most of them feel that the government should level with the people about what is known on the subject. He thinks the FBI, CIA and other related agencies should reveal their findings on UFOs and if this isn't done there should be a debate in Congress in an effort to bring it about.

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# ***UFO sighted over northern part of county, man reports bright lights on object***

By SEAN O'BRIEN

It was about a quarter past 9 p.m. when Antionette Woods noticed the bright light in the eastern sky and called to her husband, Preston.

Mr. Woods came to the door and looked, but he too could not figure what was giving off the bright light. He decided to investigate.

He and his son got in the car and left their home near Walnut Grove Baptist Church north of Town and headed in the direction of the light.

They traveled approximately three-quarters of a mile down the road before they came to the spot beneath the lights in the sky.

"We were almost underneath it at that point," he said.

In the meantime, Woods' brother, George, who lives across the road, was called and told of the mysterious happenings.

He watched the lights through binoculars from his window.

By 9:30, Woods and several members of his family were watching what they only could describe as a UFO.

"I'm 43 years old and I never seen anything like it," Woods said.

As Woods and his son looked up, he said they saw four bright lights, two white, one red and one green. It was one white light at the front of the object they saw that was so bright, he said.

"It was the brightest light I've ever seen," he said.

He said the object was high enough that it could not be seen clearly, but that it was a clear night and the shape of the object could be distinguished against the night sky.

The red and green light, on the sides of the somewhat diamond-shaped object, were blinking, causing all the lights to blur together, Woods said.

Judging the size and height of the object was difficult, he said.

## **1,800 FEET UP**

From appearances, he said the object seemed to be 1,000 feet up and maybe 50 feet across. It was high enough that the lights did not reflect off the ground but still low enough to make out the shape and some of the details of the underside of the thing.

As the object hovered overhead, Woods said there was what looked to be a row of windows around the bottom of it. From his

position, he said he could not tell anything about the sides or top of the object.

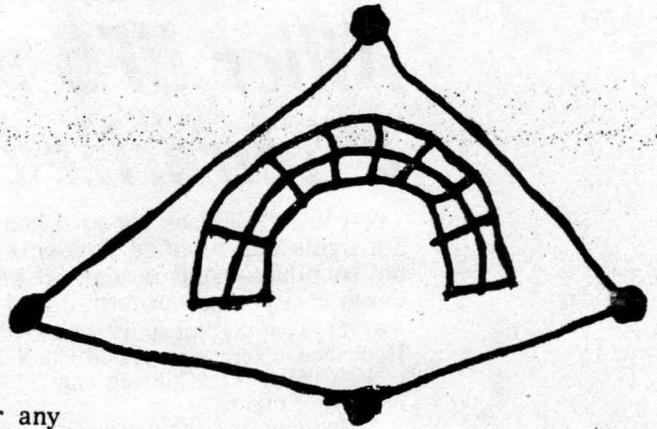
His son, looking through binoculars, got a little clearer view.

After standing there watching the object for approximately one minute it slowly began to move off in to the west, gradually picking up speed.

"It looked like the big light went out and it started moving west," Woods said.

Woods said the only sound he heard began as the object began moving. It was low whirring noise and the sound of wind rushing.

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Woods' sketch of object

The wind was blowing hard, making it difficult to hear any sounds clearly, he said.

What he said he did not hear was the sound of any conventional engine or propeller. Woods said he saw nothing on the object that looked like an engine.

Soon, the object was out of sight.

In all, about 10 members of Woods' family saw the object. No one could offer an explanation of the event.

All that happened Jan. 4. Woods made no effort to report the sighting until Tuesday, that at the prodding of his wife and co-workers.

#### FEARED REACTION

Woods said he was reluctant to report the sighting because of the reaction he might receive. Indeed, at first when he told some of his fellow workers about it, they laughed.

"At first, they thought I was joking," he said. Then, when they realized he was not kidding, they began to believe him, Woods said.

First, he called the sheriff's department. There was little they could do but they gave him the number of a UFO reporting service in Washington, D.C.

The folks in Washington promised to look into the matter and give him a report.

A spokesman for the National UFO Reporting Center in Washington said he was not aware of other reports from the Hillsborough area.

The center, a private research organization, looks into reported sightings and tries to determine what was seen.

For major sightings, when persons report a close encounter or a landing, an investigating team is sent to the site, the spokesman said.

Researchers then try to determine scientifically if there is a reasonable explanation for what was seen.

Currently, the center is receiving approximately eight calls a day. Approximately one call in 10 is classified as a major sighting, the spokesman said.

Woods also learned that another person had seen the same thing he had earlier that evening. The other person had seen two of the objects at about 7 p.m. in the same part of the county.

#### NOT FROM MARS

Woods is not sure what he saw, but he does not think men from Mars are about to attack.

"I think it's some type of aircraft the Air Force has," he said. "It's definitely not alien. I don't believe there's anyone around except us."

Woods said he had heard of reports of people seeing flying saucers and was aware of UFO scares over the past few years, but had never given the matter a great deal of thought.

He said he certainly never expected to see one.

# Killer UFO prowls the sky above a terrorized farming community

A killer UFO as big as a house and ablaze with blinding lights has terrified residents of a remote countryside for months — and is blamed for the violent, mysterious death of a young woman!

"It was the most incredible thing I've ever seen," Bud Hendsbee, a veteran cop, told The NEWS after the craft forced his pickup truck off a hillside one horrifying night.

"Whatever the thing was, it made damn sure we didn't get over that hill. It hovered there in the air and beamed a light at us that was so bright it lit up the whole hill.

"Every time we started up the hill, it came right at us and drove us back. It was something I hope I never run into again."

A few hours after Bud's heart-stopping encounter near Starks, Maine, Kimberley Landry's speeding car crashed off the road into a dense woods — and investigators believe the terror-stricken mother of two was being chased by the UFO when she died.

Astonishingly, they also found that the 24-year-old nurse made no attempt to stop before her auto left the road and slammed into several very large trees.

Even more shockingly, they discovered that Kimberley was wearing sunglasses — though the accident happened in the dead of night!

"There was just no reason for her to be wearing those glasses unless there was a bright light

out there," said a baffled cop.

"It doesn't make sense, like so many things don't make sense. She knew that road and she wasn't drunk.

"There was no reason for her to be driving the way she was unless she was awfully afraid of something.

"It's a mystery but with all the strange sightings around here, some people are sure they

By JOE BERGER

have the answer — and they don't like it a bit."

Robert Gribble, director of the National UFO Reporting Center in Seattle, said that hilly, lightly populated area of Maine has been a hot spot of UFO encounters for months.

"The practical data and the

technical data all seem to indicate that these are legitimate UFO sightings," added Lloyd Haggart, an electronics engineer with the Paranormal Phenomena Research Group.

Bud Hendsbee, a Somerset County sheriff's deputy for 23 years, was driving home from a restaurant with his wife when they saw the sinister craft.

"When we came to this hill on Route 43, we saw this glaring ball of light hanging there — very still — in midair," Bud, 54, recalled.

"The beam came through the windshield so bright we could barely see. Three times we tried to go over that hill and every time, it wouldn't let us by.

"It was about as high as the top of a power pole, but the light was so tremendous, we could not make out the actual object.

"Finally, we managed to turn around and head for home another way — and believe me, we were happy to get out of there."

Somerset County Sheriff Bill Wright said he is certain Bud and his wife, Helen, are telling the truth about their encounter.

"I know these people too well and I know they'd never make up a story like that — I wouldn't even consider the possibility," he said.

"Bud doesn't drink, won't touch a drop, and he's too old to smoke wacky weed, so I'm sure what he said happened really did happen.

"We've been getting reports like this for some time now."

The terrifying UFO has zoomed over Kenos Henry's secluded home so often that the frightened ironworker refuses to stay in the house after dark.

"The thing just doesn't want to leave me alone and it has my dog scared to death," said Kenos, 26.

"One night it came right over my house so close that I felt like I could almost reach out and touch it. It was big and looked like two half spheres with bright lights that seemed to stretch up and down. Those lights had a

silver center and as it got real close, I could see it also had spinning red and blue lights. I ran to my car and got out of there and never looked back.

"I know people are going to say I'm nuts, but I'm not crazy and I wasn't drunk. I know that thing was there."

Three other young adults — Artie Corrieri, Mike Daigle and Lisa Preble, all of Starks — encountered the mysterious craft near the spot of the Hendsbees' ordeal.

"Its lights were terrifying, and it wasn't going to let us up that hill — and I have no idea why," said Mike, 25, a sawmill worker.

"We were shaking in our boots when that unbelievable beam of light focused in on us.

"We left in a hurry, because whatever it was, it wasn't playing around."

One resident of the small town said almost everyone in town has seen the bizarre spacecraft — but many are reluctant to talk about the hair-raising experience.

"They are afraid they will be ridiculed," she said.

**Blinding lights of the big spaceship caused the death of young motorist**

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# UFOs are spaceships of Satan, says expert

By JOE BERGER

UFOs that have baffled and terrified Earthlings for centuries are actually the spaceships of Satan — devised by the devil to deliver his sermons of evil while hiding his true identity!

That's the shocking conclusion of Dr. Norman Geisler, one of America's top biblical scholars and a researcher on supernatural phenomena.

"UFOs are real — there is so much evidence, so much verification, we just have to accept the fact that they exist," Geisler told The NEWS.

"We can't go around trying to explain them all away as swamp gas or weather balloons and the like. There have been thousands of sightings of actual UFOs."

Geisler, professor of philosophy and theology at Dallas Theological Seminary, said the Bible teaches that there is a real-life Satan who will use all his powers to deceive the people on Earth.

"He is a real and an intelligent being. If you believe the Bible, you understand that," Geisler said.

"One of his tricks is to try to convince people that they have been in touch with beings from another world. And one way he does this is to surround us with UFOs, to make people believe they are contacting aliens from other planets.

"What they're really contacting are not space creatures but demons, the disciples of the devil."

The fascinating, unexplained behavior of many UFOs is further evidence that Satan is at the controls, the researcher said.

"People who have seen them say they can go 3,000 miles an hour and suddenly make a



Biblical scholar Dr. Norman Geisler says that UFOs are the work of the devil.

sharp right turn — or they suddenly materialize or disappear into thin air," he said.

"There are no laws of nature or science that can account for that kind of behavior — so there must be an explanation that is supernatural rather than natural."

Geisler said the Bible teaches that there are only four kinds of beings — God, people, good angels and bad angels.

"We know that people aren't responsible for UFOs and there is no good reason for God to have anything to do with it. And we know from the Bible that we can't contact good angels.

"That leaves only the demons, led by Satan."

Geisler said he has spent years studying thousands of UFO sightings around the world and his research shows that people who have the most star-

ting encounters with UFOs are those who have tried to communicate with the spirit world.

"When they contact a UFO, they are getting in touch with the spirit world — but maybe not the kind of spirits they were looking for," he said.

Geisler said it is the same demonic trickery that has led to the growth of many religious cults around the world, including the Moonies.

"The founders of most of these offbeat cults are people like Rev. Moon who believe they have been contacted by a kindly spirit from the world of the dead.

"If they've been contacted by anything at all, it was by a missionary of the devil."

Geisler said he dreads the day when he might encounter a UFO.

"If I ever see one, I will fear for my soul," he said.

The famous scholar believes Satan uses UFOs because he doesn't want humans to believe that he exists.

"You can see his plan is working by the funny way people look at you when you explain that he is the one who put those UFOs out there," Geisler said.

"The real explanation is the most terrifying explanation of all — and people just don't want to believe it."

# People Report Shimmering Saucer Hovered over Service Station

By GARY J. REMAL

NEW HAMPTON - "I'm not a believer in UFOs, but I do know there was something there I've never seen before," says John Davis, owner of the New Hampton, Sunoco service station.

What he saw, he said, was a shimmering silvery saucer about 35-40 feet across, with three "posts" hanging down like legs, that hovered 75-100 feet over his garage for five-eight minutes while a small group of people watched incredulously from his parking lot Thursday evening.

"I don't know what it was - it looked just like one of those flying saucers or space ships - all silvery with fluorescent lights on the sides pulsating, not blinking, just throbbing," Davis said. "It was just as if it were a plane sitting right there in the daytime, and it wasn't so high that you couldn't tell what it was like."

Davis said he was unaware anything unusual was happening while he was getting ready to close his service station for the night while his brother-in-law and sister, Fred and Sharon VanDine, and their two children waited for him.

"I was at the garage with my sister, her husband and their two children somewhere around 7-7:30 p.m.," Davis said. "I was getting ready to close when this car came into the garage parking lot and these women got out of the car shouting and hollering and waving their hands. I thought they had car trouble."

"They said look at the UFO over your garage," he explained. "I said, 'What the ... is that, just like that.'"

Davis said the two women told him the object had followed them down Rte. 1-93, and they saw it settle over his garage when they got off the highway.

He explained that the object appeared very solid and real, hovering silently with only a slight oscillation movement for several long minutes while they watched.

"It hovered there for a long time. I would say five to eight minutes," Davis said. "It sat right there and we looked right at it. I thought at first it was a helicopter, but it didn't make any noise."

"It was about twice the size of my bay, I'd say about 35-40 feet across," he explained. "It was about 75-100 feet high, just above the top of the trees, right over the garage."

"I'm not crazy, I don't believe in UFOs, and if I hadn't seen it with my own eyes I wouldn't believe it now," he said.

After several minutes, the hovering object began drifting north, disappearing over the trees beyond the service station.

After it had gone, he said, two or three cars stopped by to ask "What was that?" Davis didn't have an answer. "There were enough people there so you

can say it definitely happened," he said.

But Davis didn't call the police.

"I didn't call the police, I didn't report it to anyone, I didn't talk about it with anyone because I didn't want anyone insinuating that I'm crazy," he said. "But it was definitely there!"

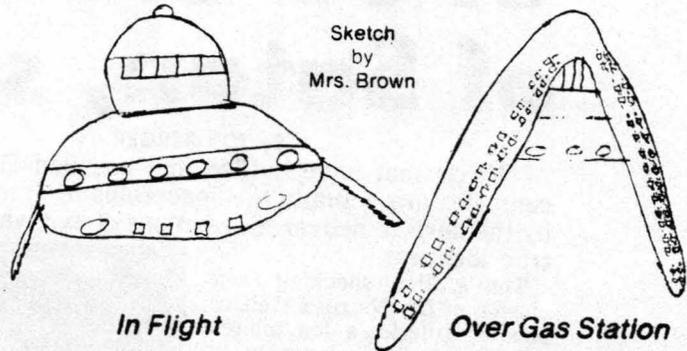
However, that was not the last sighting.

Linda Brown of Main St., Ashland, driver of the car that drove into Davis's station and the two people with her in her car say they encountered the object again on Route 104, emitting blue flame down towards them on the ground.

Brown's story begins on I-93 when she and her passengers, son Jeremy and a friend, first spotted the lights of the object in the sky.

They were headed to her mother's home in the Chemung section of Meredith when Ms. Brown said she observed a "light" in the sky.

It seemed to be following the car down the highway and was "moving around a lot," Ms. Brown said.



Everyone in the car shared the same reaction: "We were very frightened."

At exit 23 she stopped and saw a "big thing" with many lights "coming down from the sky." It seemed to "block the street light... you could lean forward on the front seat of the car and see it plainly through the windshield," she said. It had two "legs" protruding from the bottom and was silent, she added.

She drove to a nearby service station and asked the man inside to come out and "see if he could see anything," she recalled, adding: "He saw it but said, what the heck is it?"

Mrs. Brown said the object then appeared like a "boomerang" shape and glided silently over the garage and disappeared. She believes it was the same object seen earlier but that it was being observed from a different perspective, or possibly "had separated" into the shape.

At this point the object appeared to be within several hundred feet of the ground.

She then continued towards her mother's home and while driving down Rte. 104 towards Meredith Center Road her friend and son observed what seemed like "blue balls of fire shooting down to the ground from the bottom of the thing."

"I've never seen anything like it before," she said this morning at her mother's home. "People have been kidding me about it already. They don't believe me."

If she saw anything like it again, she said she would probably be inclined not to say anything about it.

This is not the first time sightings of this kind have been reported in the area, particularly along the Pemigewasset River Valley.

In addition, the Associated Press reported in a story from Richford, Vt., that on the next night at about the same time in the evening the Richford Police Chief, Homer Combs, and the head of the town's ambulance service, Roland Smith, said they saw two unusual orange lights in the western sky flying 3,000-4,000 feet from the ground for about ten minutes.

The two reported the incident as an unidentified flying object (UFO) sighting.

A spokesman at a UFO reporting station in the state of Washington, whose number is given out by the Belknap County Sheriff's Office when sightings of this kind are directed to them, said they received just one call from the two Ashland women during this time period.

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# UFO sighting reported by Eagle Creek resident

By Kate Scrivener

Are we alone in the solar system?

Once again strange lights have been reported in the sky over the Eagle Creek area. Are they meteors, odd refractions of light, normal aircraft — or could they be alien spacecraft from other worlds? Though the term "UFO" is tainted with connotations of craziness on the part of the beholder, it contains the truest description of what these sightings are. They are unidentified flying objects.

Earl Garrick didn't really want to tell the world about what he saw Wednesday night.

"People think you're crazy when you talk about spaceships," said the Eagle Creek resident.

But his wife told a neighbor and the neighbor told the Clackamas County news so Garrick gamely described the bright light that woke the dogs at about 1:30 a.m.

"They were really making a fuss," said Garrick, "and that got me out of bed." Garrick and his wife thought they heard a squeaking, like alien chatter or weird radar blips.

"I got up and went to the bathroom. I could see out the window a huge, bright light hovering over the pump house. It was round. I thought it was the moon at first. Then I realized the moon was above it," said Garrick.

Then the dogs got quiet and the squeaking noise stopped.

"It hung there, right above the pump house, for a long time. Then it took off in a northerly direction towards Sandy" said Garrick. "I'm not saying it was a real UFO—I'm just saying I don't know what it was."

After the light passed through, Garrick went out to call the dogs and they wouldn't come. The biggest one had taken refuge in the doghouse and refused to stir.

Garrick said he has seen other unexplained lights in the sky years ago, when he was still living in Arizona. He thinks he knows what's coming.

"People think you're either crazy or were drunk. You really hate to say anything. But there it was and I saw it. I just don't know what it was," said Garrick. He thinks if more people saw things like this, they'd be a little more charitable. "It's kind of scary, really, because it doesn't fit anything you know about. The thought of not knowing what it is and what it might want is also frustrating. Then you're left with a feeling of wonderment. How did it get here? Where is it going?"

Garrick said a neighbor in the Wildcat Mountain area of Eagle Creek reported seeing a similar moving light about two weeks ago. In 1979 other families living in Eagle Creek and Barton reported seeing UFO's over the Barton flats on Christmas Eve. Then, the sighting was described as red lights which flew at great speeds, making amazing aerial maneuvers in the sky over Barton.

The tales from the first two witnesses brought other stories. One man said he was pursued by flying objects as he rode his motorcycle on Highway 224 through the

Barton flats. He was chased again on another occasion, by a white light that behaved like the object sighted by Garrick this week. It was a huge white light that followed his car, hovered above his barn and shot off in a northerly direction.

On Dec. 30, 1978, more than 40 volunteer firemen from Boring as well as Clackamas County Sheriff's deputies spent over two hours searching for what was believed to be a downed plane. The authorities had been called by an Eagle Creek woman who watched through a large picture window as two huge white lights streaked toward their house. The entire family watched the lights come nearer then gradually fade away. They listened for a crash but heard nothing. Then they saw what looked like fire falling through the sky and smelled an odor akin to burning plastic or insulation. Searches of the area near the house were fruitless.

As Garrick said, it's not easy to see the unusual objects in the sky and talk about them to others. "I know what I saw and I know my state of mind at the time, but that doesn't mean anyone will believe you. You just have to go with your senses," said Garrick.

His sightings come at the tail end of a period of meteor showers, the Geminid showers, which fall in December. This year's meteor activity has been intense, making the news with bright flashes even in the daytime. Garrick said his object was too big to be a meteor. "Anyway, it wasn't falling, it was hovering over my pump house," he said.

# Cosmic forces at work in Bend?

By Bob Welch  
Bulletin Staff Writer

Recently I became one of the chosen few to experience a couple of rare occurrences.

On Thursday, Dec. 3, I was standing on a friend's porch in southeast Bend when we both saw a bright streak of light shoot downward toward earth.

On Tuesday morning, I took a sip of hot chocolate and, after feeling something solid in my mouth, discovered I had nearly swallowed an earwig.

Coincidence? Some would say yes, but I'm not so sure. What are the chances of seeing a strange light in the sky and nearly swallowing an earwig within four days of each other?

Slim at best.

My friend who'd seen the light hadn't nearly swallowed an earwig a few days later. To my knowledge, neither had the guy in Salem who'd seen the light and reported pieces breaking off and falling or the guy from Antelope who'd seen it from near Mount Hood.

And I'll bet anybody else who nearly swallowed an earwig last week hadn't seen the bright light a few days earlier.

What I'm getting at is this: these two cases, different as they might seem, could be some sort of cosmic sign that beings from other planets have chosen to reveal only to me. Now it's up to me — like the people in *Close Encounters of the Third Kind* — to put the puzzle together and discover what I must do.

Let's examine these incidents and see what they appear to



in my view  
bob welch

me and what effect they'll have on the rest of my life.

First, the bright light: According to wire service reports, it was reported seen but by very few people; unlike similar cases, phones at police stations and radio stations weren't ringing off the hook. The puzzling question is: if this streak of light was so bright, why didn't more people see it?

The answer is simple: Besides the fact that it was cold and most Christmas shoppers were in enclosed malls, a check with the television schedule will show you that "Hill Street Blues," which won a record eight Emmy awards last year, was on at the time the light was spotted — 10:25 p.m.

A number of people did see it. According to the *Statesman Journal* newspaper in Salem, officials at the federal Air Traffic Control Center in Seattle said pilots flying over Utah, California, New Mexico, Idaho, Washington and Oregon reported seeing "a burning object plummeting through the atmosphere."

Reported the paper: "They said the object appeared to come down well out over the Pacific Ocean if it did not burn completely during its descent."

Now, that's funny. I'm sure it was headed for Pilot Butte. My friend, Jack Hatfield, figured it was heading for downtown Bend. A motorcyclist in Salem said he was riding at the time the light appeared

all around me," the light lasting five seconds.

Another Salemite said the object broke apart and dropped pieces on the Capitol grounds in Salem, though no such parts were found. And a fellow who called me Friday afternoon at *The Bulletin* guaranteed me it was only the product of a flare gun, and had come "within 1,000 feet of me."

No way.

As I drove home that evening on a country road, pulling up to a railroad crossing, I couldn't help but remember the scene in *Close Encounters* when the guy in the pickup truck had done the same thing. Suddenly, a bright glow enveloped his pickup, the vehicle began shaking and the railroad crossing lights started flashing. When he got home, his face looked as if it had been partially sunburned.

No such things happened to me. In fact, the only effect I've seen is a healthy dose of razzing and, if the two are related, an earwig in my hot chocolate.

But if the latter was a second message from another world, you'd think they could have sent it with more class. Another streaking light would have been much more impressive than an earwig; hey, I would have settled for a fortune cookie.

What puzzles me, making me draw a conclusion between the bright streaking light and the **EARWIG THAT MANY**

believe the latter was given its name because, according to Webster, "it particularly seeks out the human ear to crawl into." And what are ears for? To hear messages.

(A "Night Gallery" television episode once centered on a man who had an earwig crawl into his ear and start eating his brain. Fortunately for me, had the earwig crawled into my ear it probably would have taken one look at my brain and realized it'd never make a full meal).

Though Webster also points out that the earwig-in-the-ear notion is "baseless," perhaps beings elsewhere got their information from "Night Gallery," not Webster.

I know the earwig wasn't in my cup; I'd cleaned it thoroughly. And as it was deceased, I doubt it had only recently crawled into the opened package of hot chocolate and croaked. So it had to have been put into or allowed into the package before it was sealed.

Is it only a coincidence that the streaking light was seen only in western states and the hot chocolate is packaged only in western states? Is it a coincidence that I've been alive 1,452 weeks and never had these two incidents happen separate of each other? Is it only a coincidence that the same week in which this "strange light" was spotted, the federal government announced it had abandoned its program for identifying possible signals from intelligent beings in outer space?

Frankly, I'm not sure. But I have fit enough pieces into the puzzle to discover what I must do: find a new brand of hot chocolate

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# Greenish light paints Bay sky, baffles residents

By MICHAEL SINGER  
Times staff writer

CONCORD — People from as far south as Monterey to north of Redding reported seeing a greenish, fiery light in the sky at 4:16 p.m. Sunday, according to a spokesman at the state Office of Emergency Services.

Clyde Campbell said his office is pretty sure it was a meteor and "that if it was, probably nothing landed."

He said there was a report that something "touched down on a spot

where the Sacramento, Amador and El Dorado county lines come together but the California Highway Patrol could not find anything in the area." The CHP confirmed it found no debris from the meteor.

Campbell said he checked with the Air Force to see if any missiles had been launched in the area and the answer was no.

A Concord couple, Pam and Larry Perrault, who live on Northwood Circle, saw the bright object. "It was the most beautiful meteorite I've ever seen," said Larry, who

described the meteor as a huge, greenish-white ball with an orange tail that traveled slowly from east to west. He viewed the meteor for 3 to 5 seconds, he said.

A spokesman at the Contra Costa County Sheriff's office said it had received at least 10 calls on the sighting by 6:30 p.m.

An unidentified spokesman from Lick Observatory said scientists did not see the meteor, adding it had been a few years since one so big had been seen in the Bay Area.

He guessed from some descriptions that the meteor, which is a large piece of rock, had exploded high in the atmosphere. He said the rock is heated due to the friction from the atmosphere and literally explodes. He said that single meteors cannot be predicted, but that meteor showers can.

An operator at the national Unidentified Flying Object toll number said five calls had come in from the San Jose area. The operator added an air traffic controller had called and said, "the light was definitely a comet."

Don Jackson of Bend, retired professor of engineering astronomy at the University of Minnesota, was out of town when the sighting was reported. Advised of it, he said that

usually meteorites and similar objects are "a great distance from where they seem to have fallen" and it's difficult to estimate their distance.

## Reports of 'bright light' trickle in

Three Bend residents who reported seeing a bright light streak across the sky Thursday night were not the only ones who witnessed the phenomenon.

Other reports were received throughout Oregon and Washington and in southwest Utah, including three from Central Oregonians.

One report had the object apparently breaking apart and dropping pieces on the Capitol grounds at Salem.

A motorcyclist in Salem said he was riding on Sunnyview Road northeast of Salem about 10:30 p.m. when "The ground lit up all around me."

Bob Welch, Sunday editor of *The Bulletin*, and Jack Hatfield, also of Bend, reported they saw a falling object that lit up the sky for several seconds.

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Three other Central Oregonians called *The Bulletin* Friday and Saturday, reporting having seen the object. Butch Hancock, 1830 NE Monterey, said he was driving east on Wells Acres Rd. when he saw it.

"I'm positive it was a flare of some type," said Hancock. "It was about 500 feet in the air. I was about 1,000 feet from it."

Ken Chilcote of Antelope and his girlfriend, Myra Balcom, said they saw the object when their pick-up truck broke down on Highway 26, about two miles west of Government Camp.

"It was light enough to read a paper by," said Chilcote. "It was kind of spooky."

# Witnesses report bright, streaking

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By BILL SEIL  
Staff Reporter

If Chicken Little had been in South King County over the past week, he would have found new evidence to support his falling sky theory.

Police and fire agencies since Wednesday have received reports of two meteors, or objects that looked like meteors. On Wednesday a number of people in the Puget Sound area saw what appeared to be a glowing meteor streaking across the western sky shortly after 11 a.m. This daytime sighting was very rare, according to one astronomer.

On Saturday night an Issaquah man was driving along Interstate 90 when he saw a glowing object fall at a shallow angle and apparently crash at the base of Cougar Mountain. When authorities went out to search they found nothing.

Merrell McDougald said he was eastbound on the

interstate, about two miles west of Issaquah, when at about 10 p.m. he saw a "ball of fire" with fragments breaking off come down over Lake Sammamish at a 30 degree angle. He said he had it in sight for about 30 seconds, but was unable to alert his sleeping wife. At first he thought it was a falling aircraft. He went to the Issaquah police station and officers referred him on to King County Fire District 10. The fire district had already received another call about the object.

McDougald said when he stopped at a fast food restaurant later that night other people reported that they too had seen it. He estimated that it was between four and five feet in diameter and coming in at an altitude of 150 to 200 feet.

"Daylight meteors, as far as I know, are slightly less than one chance in a lifetime — they're quite rare," said University of Washington astronomer Donald Brownlee, when asked about the Wednesday sightings.

There were variations in ways the Wednesday meteor

was described. Some, for example, thought it came in at a 30 degree angle, while others thought it was closer to 45 degrees. Some thought it flickered into a green glow from time to time, and others said it remained white. But all agreed it was brilliantly bright, like a mirrored surface in the sky. An airline pilot at high altitude over southern Oregon was among those who reported seeing the object. Judging from the descriptions, Brownlee estimated that it might weigh a ton or more.

Greg Madsen of Bellevue, was stopped at a traffic light in Renton when he saw the object. He was westbound on Airport Way at Renton Avenue when he saw a bright object streak downward to the north at a 30 degree angle.

"I was convinced it was an airplane crash at Boeing Field," Madsen said. "I was looking for a cloud of smoke and a crash."

He said the object was shiny and had a short tail, but he could see no green glow.

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## Apostrophe

Randy MacIntosh

### Spacepeople to take children from Earth

It's as if things aren't bad enough. But be forewarned: We're right in the middle of a geomagnetic storm, a small proton event and large sun flares have been recorded in the past several days and more are predicted.

Flying saucer expert Laura Mundo is one of many who think these celestial disturbances dramatically affect our lives. Take sunspots, for example.

**MUNDO SAYS HUMAN BEHAVIOR** becomes more erratic as we reach the peak in the 11-year sunspot cycle. Scientists don't know what causes sunspots, but when the activity on the sun's surface reaches its peak, communications get fouled up and satellites are thrown off their orbits.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration reports the current cycle peaked in December 1979. But Mundo said the astronomers with whom she consults say some recent daily peak activity is three times the level recorded in 1979 and the cycle peak is yet to come.

Mundo has been studying flying saucers and related topics for 30 years. She's convinced people from other planets are here now. The aliens are attempting, with no little difficulty, to show us earthlings how to behave in a more civilized manner.

"**THE HIGH LEVEL** of sunspot activity is just a warning," said Mundo this week. "It's warning of a holocaust," she added ominously.

"We are rapidly approaching an emergency. The snow storm is the result of this increased solar activity. But we haven't seen anything yet," she said.

In addition to being mere taxpayers, each each one of us is a battery, generating a small magnetic field encircling our bodies. The massive radiation thrown off by the sun through these solar disturbances affect the earth's magnetic field — creating the geomagnetic storm in which we find ourselves at present.

**THE THEORY CONTINUES**, that if you are not operating at peak efficiency recently, it's because your personal magnetic field is in a bit of a wobble, as well.

Some scientists claim there is a correlation between increased sunspot activity and admissions to psychiatric hospitals, changes in human blood serum, even in the number of heart attacks recorded during these magnetic storms.

**MUNDO SAYS SPACEPEOPLE** will try to remove some Earth people to safety before the major sunspot peak arrives and the you-know-what hits the fan.

"Until the planet becomes once more habitable, the spacepeople plan to remove all the Earth children to a place of safety in their insulated, palace-like spaceships in order for Earth's humanity to continue, if we ourselves do nothing to get humanity through the natural devastation ahead, let alone the man-made one," Mundo told her readers in the current volume of the "Interplanetary News."

She has warned the government of the impending disaster, but they continue, business as usual. Below is a portion of a recent letter to Mundo from U.S. Senator Donald Riegle.

## High court encounters appeal from UFO buffs

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WASHINGTON (UPI) — A group of UFO buffs wants the Supreme Court to order the release of mysterious material collected about purported voyagers from outer space and held by the super-secret National Security Agency.

A New York City-based group called Citizens Against UFO Secrecy wants the justices to order the agency to release the 135 documents under the Freedom of Information Act.

The case began in late 1978 when the UFO group filed a formal request for 18 agency documents under the information law. The National Security Agency

flatly refused to release the information, claiming it is exempt from disclosure under the law.

A few months later, the group expanded its request to include "all documents in the possession or under the control of the National Security Agency relating to or pertaining to Unidentified Flying Objects and the UFO phenomena."

In response, the agency admitted it has 135 such "UFO-related" documents, but again declined to release them. It claimed such disclosure would reveal some of its top secret electronic monitoring and interception techniques.

# Air Controllers Spot Strange Square UFOs

**Stunned air traffic controllers watched as first one, then three unidentified flying objects showed up on their radar screens.**

**But when an Air Force jet was scrambled to intercept the UFOs, they disappeared.**

Amazingly, the objects — which were actually viewed through binoculars — were not disk- or cigar-shaped, as usually reported in UFO encounters.

Instead, they were all described as squares or rectangles that looked like they could have been cut out of sheets of gleaming silver.

"It was something that was obviously not of this Earth — something just too incredible to understand," commented air controller Graeme Moyle.

Fellow controller Stephen Jorgensen, who's a former Air Force pilot, also agreed: "What we saw was very real, and totally unexplainable. I'll never scoff at UFO accounts

again . . . because what I saw convinced me there's something out there."

The remarkable sightings occurred at Australia's Perth Airport.

"It was 8 a.m.," revealed Moyle. "Suddenly, a blip appeared on our radar screens. There should have been nothing on our screens because that time of the morning is quiet, no flights coming or going."

Through binoculars, Moyle saw a single object. It appeared to be five or six miles distant, at least 1,500 feet above ground, roughly the size of a jetliner, and flying at about 130 m.p.h.

"It appeared to be a flat silver square," Moyle revealed. "And we couldn't determine

whether it had any depth.

"We watched it for four minutes, and then suddenly it disappeared — as if it had made itself invisible."

Three hours later, the trio of UFOs appeared again — one square behind another, flying in formation in a straight line.

"The formation was perfect," said Moyle. "They moved in exactly the same pattern."

"We watched from the balcony with binoculars. The silver glare was terrific. They were moving from east to west and increasing altitude as they traveled.

"The objects were tracked on radar at a height of 26,000 feet and disappeared at 65,000 feet.

"As we looked through our binoculars, they were there one second and gone the

next." Ken Fairfield, an Australian Air Force staff officer, confirmed that a jet from a nearby air force base was dispatched to intercept the objects.

But it apparently arrived over Perth Airport after the crafts had already disappeared.

Remarked Ellis Kell, who is an official of the Australian Dept. of Transportation: "There were no aircraft or weather balloons in the area that would have accounted for the incredible sightings.

"The file is still open."

— CHRIS PRITCHARD

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Police received a report from an Essex man, George Severence, of 114 Conomo Point Road, that he and his wife had observed an unidentified flying object over Conomo Point. According to the report, the couple observed the object at 10:30 p.m. circling Conomo Point with red and white flashing lights. The report said the object was about 800 feet off the ground and then headed toward Crane's Beach where it disappeared. Police checked that no planes were overdue in the area and the Coast Guard was notified. Sgt. Peter Foote reported that police could not investigate the report at Crane's Beach because a four-wheel drive vehicle was not available. Severence reported he observed the object for about 30 seconds. Essex Police went to the man's house but the police report did not contain any new information about the sighting. According to the Ipswich police report, the Coast Guard suggested it may have been a drug drop.

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# Mystery of object in the sky

A Chorlton woman is helping three UFO investigators after sighting a mysterious bright object travelling erratically through the sky.

The incident happened last Tuesday evening between 5 and 6 p.m. when she saw the object "just like a very, very bright, big, intensive star with a red light 'flashing' on one side every four seconds

Spokesman for the investigators is Mr Alan Bramhill. He and other members can be contacted mainly in the evenings at the following number: Runcorn 77641.

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"The woman's account of the sighting has been verified by three people including an elderly gentleman and a man who had just finished his cleaning

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"We were put on to it because of the more unusual aspects involved such as the electrical interference with the car — what we call MVI: motor

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# Holiday photo a 3128 heavenly mystery

TEENAGER Maxine Gaffney is over the moon with her latest holiday snaps.

For one of the pictures shows what looks like a shiny metal object flying the sky. But when science fiction fan Maxine, 13, took the shot during a summer holiday in Crete, she did not see a thing.

Now her family, who are baffled by the mysterious photograph, want the UFO Society of Great Britain to investigate what the shiny object might be.

Maxine's mother, Barbara said: "We are very excited about it. We can-

not wait to know what it is and welcome a scientific investigation of the photograph."

Maxine, of Southport Road, Chorley, snapped the picture in a set of three taken from a fourth floor hotel balcony, at Aghios Nicholas.

It was about 5 am, she could not sleep and decided to take photographs of the sunrise.

"I was very excited because we had just arrived for our holiday, but I didn't see a thing in the sky.

"I couldn't believe my eyes when I saw the middle picture", said Maxine.

Her first snap showed the hills, and a bay, and the second the sky with the shiny object clearly visible. In the third it has vanished.

"It must have been there for just a second and I got it," said Maxine.

Maxine's father, Austin, a pharmacist said: "I am sceptical about UFOs and there must be a rational explanation. But the picture is very clear and the object is on the negative too."

He said the picture taken in July had not been printed earlier because all the film in Maxine's camera had not been used.

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## sky-watchers

NELSON woman Nora Richards is mystified by the bright lights she has spotted in the evening sky two nights running.

The lights, which appeared to be over Brierfield, were also seen by her daughter and a neighbour.

She said: "I looked towards Brierfield and saw two very bright lights. It looked like two very bright stars linked together, and there seemed to be sparks coming out of the top one.

"I watched it, and my neighbour's son also saw it."

Seventeen-year-old student Jason Verity could offer no explanation either, and the lights eventually disappeared. Mrs Richards's daughter, Mrs Shirley Rushton, who lives in Brierfield, also spotted the mystery illuminations.

However, police at Nelson have had no reports of any "out-of-the-ordinary" sight-

other.  
It travelled erratically through the sky, coming from the Ayres Road, Seymour Grove area of Stretford, and disappeared over the Mersey Bank Estate area of Chorlton.

She reported the incident to Jodrell Bank and they passed her on to the Cheshire UFO Investigators, a group who follow up reports on unidentified flying objects in the area and keep a log of them.

#### APPEAL

The woman asked not to be named: "Anyone reporting such an incident is usually treated with ridicule," she said.

However, she appealed for anyone else who saw the bright object to contact the investigators so that her story could be backed up.

"I would like to know for myself that I was not imagining things, that what I saw was true," she said.

Mr Bramhill said he was grateful to the woman for her help. She was able to take pictures of the object, and the investigators were waiting for the film to be developed.

"Although the camera worked when she took the pictures, when we took the film to be developed

we found it no longer worked," he said.

"Her fiance, a mechanic, has also checked over the car which was left outside and found that 15 separate wires had fused. It's unusual for that to happen."

"Naturally we are hoping for more reports of the sighting to verify this woman's statement", he finished.

of the incident was similar.

"When all is said and done I am a sceptic about such matters. I think it is right that one should keep an open mind about such events, though, or you would not be able to approach the matter scientifically."

He felt that the name, unidentified flying objects, obstructed serious investigations into such incidents. "You only have to mention UFO and immediately everyone thinks of little green men from Mars. Unusual aerial phenomenon would be a more accurate description,

Mr Bramhill, a building worker, started investigations as a hobby, and he now spends a lot of his time following up sightings. This is his first from this area.

"The car is very well looked after by the couple. The woman's fiance, as I said, a mechanic, was baffled that it should develop so many faults in the wiring, seemingly after the sighting.

"With the camera, however, we are not so sure if the fault in the winding spool was there before or after she took the pictures."



● Maxine with the holiday photograph.

Street, Nelson, said. I don't believe in little green men or anything like that, but it wasn't an aircraft, and I am mystified by it.

"It came and went at the same time for two nights running, and slowly sank in the sky before the moon came up."

# U.F.O.s — or just flights of fancy?

ON December 16, 1910, a mysterious tidal wave swept away the sea front at Ilfracombe and at nearby Watermouth Cove, which has a sheltered harbour, boats were washed up into the fields.

Twenty years later — when I was 11 — granny told me she had seen a great silver ball sweep down over the Bristol Channel, displacing the water on that part of the North Devon coast. This "silver ball" may have been a flying saucer.

Some 37 years later, two Devon policemen saw their first U.F.O.

This happened between Okehampton and Holsworthy on October 24, 1967. On motor patrol were P.C.s Cliff Waycott and Roger Willey. For 45 minutes they followed a bright cross in the sky; sometimes this object moved in an arc and at other times it dipped as if to land. In fact, it did stop over a field but took off again when the police got out of their car to investigate. Then a second

**MANY close encounters of various kinds have been reported in Devon over the years. Are the Martians trying to tell us something — or is it all pie in the sky? ARTHUR ROBYNS reports.**

cross joined this object; both were noiseless and very bright.

A motorist asleep in a lay-by was awakened by the police to witness this event. It was also seen by two women — one the wife of a rector.

The first explanation, from the Ministry of Defence, was that these were U.S. planes refuelling, but it later admitted there was no rational explanation.

At noon on April 28 the following year, fishermen with hundreds of other folk at Brixham saw an object at about 15,000ft., cone-shaped and shining bright.

This was described by Mr. Brian Jenkins, a coastguard, as "the size of a street of houses, much too big for a meteorological balloon." He asked the R.A.F. at Plymouth to pass this sighting to the Ministry of Defence. Later, it stated this report was never logged, but "it may have been a reflection of car headlights."

The chief coastguard at



Berry Head, Mr. H. Johnson, replied: "It's just laughable. It was mid-day." He said it was very highly polished, and reflected the sunlight.

Most amusing was a further statement from the Controller at R.A.F., Plymouth. "I understand the U.F.O. was tracked by radar."

As an Express and Echo editorial declared on December 3, 1976, on the subject of Concorde's sonic booms: "One suspects that high-placed officials in the Ministry of Defence knew rather more about the booms and past unexplained phenomena than they care to admit. Maybe they think we are all better off in the dark."

One thing is certain: without comparison with an adjacent, known, object we cannot judge the size or distance of an unknown one.

This may reduce the Brixham cone to a mere balloon

— just as the Okehampton lights might have been signal flares or helicopters of unnotified Army manoeuvres. If every U.F.O. were identified, they might all turn out to be natural or man-made phenomena.

The other certainty is that flying saucers do exist. Ours have reached Mars and Venus, sending back excellent pictures and, from our own armchairs, we watched men walk on the moon. We are not alone in space.

The universe is teeming with intelligent life, so millions of strange beings are on inter-planetary voyage, approaching the speed of light — maybe travelling with it.

However, the distance in light years is so great that it is most unlikely we shall ever be visited and there is no evidence to prove that we have been.

The light from our nearest star, Proxima Centauri takes more than four years to reach us and radio telescopes reach object no less

than 4,800 million light years away.

Planet Earth is part of our solar system around the sun, one in a galaxy of millions, amid millions of other galaxies making the universe.

Cosmologists believe it is finite and that the space it occupies is spherical, finite, but boundless.

It is reasonable to suppose there are other universes, maybe unlimited — stretching into infinity — and if this is correct there must be an unlimited number of duplicate earths, containing our doubles reading this article.

Earths duplicated to the degree where every atom and electron is in the same place at the same time.

Our doubles will be amused to find that at their Exeter Central Library, while astronomy has its own section, books on flying saucers are shelved under the heading of journalism.

Excuse me, there's a little green man tapping at our window with an aerial sticking out of his head, and — HELP!

# 'Fuzzy UFO' sighting by student

A WHITE "fuzzy" object was seen in the sky in the early hours of yesterday by a pupil of Rydal School in Colwyn Bay, who claims it was a UFO.

Seventeen-year-old Alex Brereton woke at 1 am or 2 am when he heard a noise. At first he thought it was an aeroplane, but it sounded more like the noise made by flying saucers in films, said Alex.

Looking out of the window he saw "this white rocket that was bright". To make sure he was not "seeing things" Alex put on his glasses. By then the object had stopped moving but it still looked big and there were flashing lights.

Then it went away really quickly and seemed to change shape.

"I should have awakened someone, I suppose," said Alex. "Only I didn't think."

Commenting on this, amateur astronomer Mr. Eric Mills, 35 Ffordd-y-Graig, Llanddulas, said it was the first report he had heard and there were some various possibilities.

## Suggests

"The fact that it was moving suggests it might have been a satellite. They are going round the earth frequently — every few minutes in fact. They are the most frequent cause of sightings.

"Satellites can be very bright and sometimes they turn, so they appear to be flashing.

"Alex might also have seen Venus which is still reasonably high in the sky and is very bright. A lot of people see it and imagine all sorts of things.

"Or it could be a meteor which comes from outer space and gives a lot of light as it dives into the Earth's atmosphere."

But Mr. Mills added: "I think if there had been any visitors they would have let us know they were around.

"If they are intelligent enough to travel so far they would be equally intelligent to communicate with us, apart from flashing lights"

# UFO slips fast and silent over Cumbria

Both the police and RAF say they are baffled by a series of sightings of a UFO in West Cumbria on Friday evening.

One of the first was by 29-year-old teacher Mr Chris Bates, of Harrás Moor, Whitehaven.

"I was talking to a neighbour at about 7.30 p.m. when I saw this object in the sky," said Chris. "It was about the size of a helicopter, ellip-

tical in shape, and with what appeared to be a dome in the middle."

He says it came in from the south-east, very fast and in complete silence, without a vapour trail.

He went on: "As it moved over the sky I saw a number of lights around the side and a large central light. "It moved across the whole sky in an arc in about 10 seconds.

"If I had seen it on my own, I would not have reported it for fear of being called a crank, but my neighbour saw it as well."

## NOT A PLANE

"The thing was certainly not a plane. I've never seen anything like it before. I wasn't frightened, more astonished."

Two girls also rang Whitehaven police saying they had seen a "large star with flashing lights in the sky."

The UFO was also reported over Thursby, and Workington "Times and Star" editor, Terry Kirtton, saw the object while out jogging at Dearham, at 9.15 p.m. It was in the form of a large floating light moving silently

across the sky.

RAF Carlisle have referred the sighting to the Ministry of Defence in London. There a spokesman said a full report would be sent to Air Defence to see if they can make any sense of it.

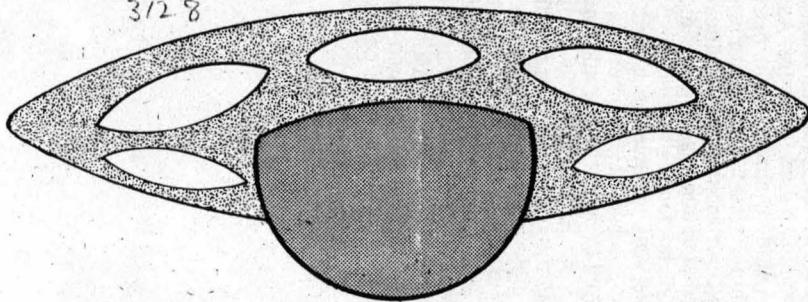
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A WHITBY resident claimed to have seen and heard a UFO, which hovered over Whitby cemetery, and which in perspective appeared "bigger than the moon". It was described as a purple, incandescent sphere, which hovered motionless above the cemetery cross.

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# A close encounter

## Cumbria flying saucer mystery



A drawing of the object . . . as described by Mr Bates.

### A UFO riddle grew today in Cumbria.

A mystery object has been spotted in county skies.

Sightings have been reported at Whitehaven in the West and Thursby in the east.

Skywatchers rang police and RAF stations, saying they had

seen an oval object with flashing lights.

One of the spotters was 29-year-old teacher Chris Bates, of Harras Moor, Whitehaven.

### SILENCE

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"It was about the size of a helicopter, ellip-

tical in shape, and with what appeared to be a dome in the middle.

It came in from the South-East, very fast and in complete silence, and with no trace of a vapour trail.

"As it moved over the sky, I saw a number of red lights around the side and a large central light.

"It moved across the whole sky in an arc in

By ANDY ANDERSON

about 10 seconds.

I rushed in and immediately drew a sketch.

"Then I phoned the police, assured them I had not been drinking, and told them what I had seen.

"I also phoned the RAF.

"If I had seen it on

my own, I would not have reported it for fear of being called a crank.

"But my neighbour saw it as well, and the radio said others had also seen it.

"The thing was certainly not a plane. I've never seen anything like it before.

"I wasn't frightened,

more astonished. I'll certainly be looking out for it again."

The UFO was also reported over Thursby and Dearham and there were two other sightings at Harras Moor.

Two girls rang Whitehaven police station saying they had seen a "large star with flashing lights" in the sky.

Workington Times and Star editor Terry Kirton saw a UFO as he was out jogging near Dearham.

"At about 9.15 p.m. I saw a large floating light come in from the coast and move completely silently across the sky," said Terry.

"It was as big as a very bright star, and lights were flashing regularly on it.

"The lights seemed to be changing colour. I watched it for a couple of minutes, and then it moved off."

The RAF are investigating the incident.

# Villager dies after death ray

## attack from space

By DICK DONOVAN

On a clear, cloudless evening, a sinister beam of greenish light stabbed out of the sky, striking down a man and raising the curtain on the most bloodcurdling space murder mystery of all time.

Today, more than three decades later, investigators still don't know what evil force from space melted the body of 44-year-old Prestes Filho like candle wax.

To the people of the Amazonian village of Aracariguama, Brazil — who often see UFOs streak across the sky — their neighbor was murdered by a vindictive creature from another world.

Prestes' sister Maria, who watched in horror as the flesh boiled from her brother's bones, has lived with this shrieking nightmare for 36 years.

"My poor brother's death is a cross I've carried for years," Maria told *The NEWS*. "There are no words to make you understand the ugly thing I saw.

"One minute, my brother was a normal person. There were no marks on him, nothing to show the terrible thing

that must have been in his body. Then right before my eyes he became something that wasn't human.

"I remember his face began to change, and slowly his flesh began to melt. It was dripping like hot wax from a burning candle. Soon he was unable to speak because he had no mouth. But I could hear him moan in agony."

Prestes' bizarre death came shortly

after 9 p.m., a few hours after he'd spent a happy, peaceful day fishing from the banks of the Rio Tiete, a river that flows near his village.

His companion that bright, sunny day was his friend and neighbor, 39-year-old Salvador dos Santos.

It was Ash Wednesday eve, and Prestes' wife had taken their children to a village religious festival. But before she left the house, the woman opened a window slightly so her husband could get in when he returned from fishing.

Prestes and Salvador returned from the river around 7 p.m., and parted at a cross-road. Less than an hour later, he burst into his sister Maria's house, his face a mask of terror.

Slowly the terrified man managed to stammer a tale of horror.

"Prestes said he was about to climb through his open window when a glowing greenish beam of light shot out of the sky," Maria recalled. "The shock flung him to the ground, but he didn't lose his senses. Except for his fear, he didn't seem to be hurt."

Maria asked a neighbor, Aracy

Gomide, to come and help comfort her brother. Gomide kept his eyes riveted on Prestes as the frightened man repeated his story of the green light.

Gomide said Prestes showed no sign of burns or injury. But his eyes had the glazed look of a man about to die.

Slowly, Prestes' skin began to melt, exposing his internal organs. The flesh fell from his bones like it had been boiled for hours. As he died it dropped in shreds from his face, and soon his nose and mouth were gone. His face looked like an ancient, grinning skull, and his screams did not stop until his tongue melted.

Police were sent to the village, but could find nothing in or around his house that could have killed him.

Because the weather that day was clear, dry and cloudless, the possibility of a lightning strike was ruled out.

But Maria, Gomide and other villagers of Aracariguama believe in their hearts that Prestes was the victim of an alien killer — an unbelievably evil entity which had used the helpless man for some casual target practice.