

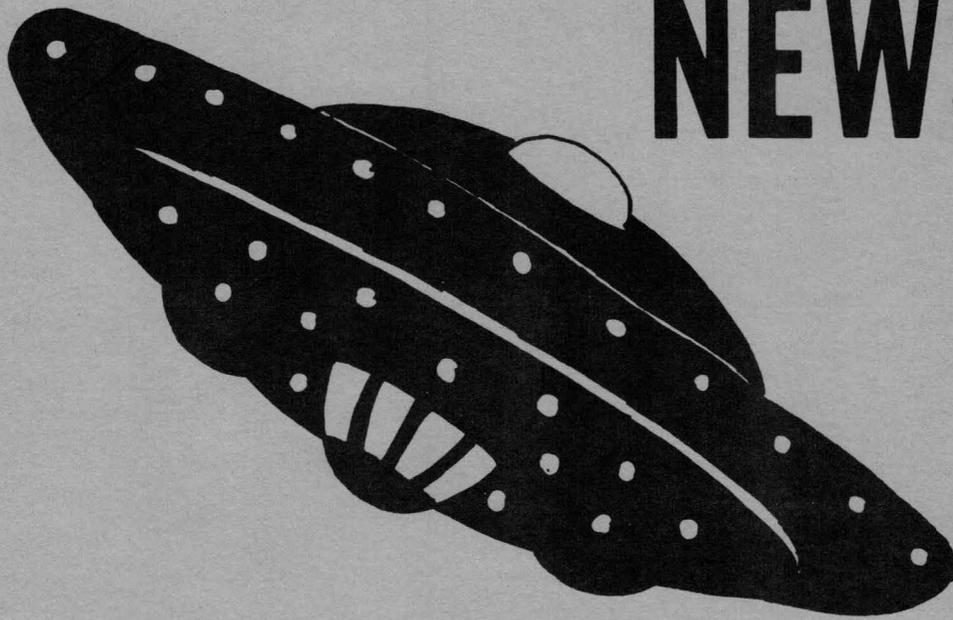
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It went thataway — from the left Mark Brennan, Timothy Skillern, Sean Skillern and Susan Brennan relive their close encounter.

# Riddle

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## Did I see a UFO?

Sir,

I saw two lights in the sky on Friday between 7.50 and 8.05 pm.

I was walking across Cranmer Green to the Canons May Festival Committee meeting at the time, they were swaying from left to right coming towards me from the direction of London.

Then in the "News of the World" on Sunday I read of other people seeing this phenomenon but I had not connected it as being a UFO.

But if it was, I feel excited that I could have seen one over Mitcham!

V. Lyon (Mrs),  
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# as UFO sighted in city

IS it a bird? Is it a plane? Is it a flying handkerchief?

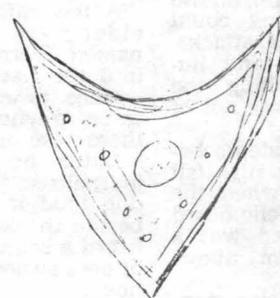
Or is it a UFO — that's the question neighbours in Blackpole, Worcester, would like answered.

They saw this strange object flying low overhead at about 9 p.m. on Wednesday night.

"My husband Mark saw it first and called me to have a look," said Mrs Susan Brennan of Brockhampton Close. "Four other people saw it as well and we dashed inside to make a sketch of it."

"It was making a noise like an aeroplane, but much louder, and it was travelling a lot faster than aeroplanes usually do."

As the Brennans' sketch shows, the craft looked like a triangle with a bit taken out of its rear end. In the



was one large light surrounded by a number of smaller lights.

A spokesman for Edgbaston Observatory in Birmingham said they had not any reports of UFO sightings in the area at the time.

"It might have been a satellite," he said. "But I can't think of anything else that answers the descrip-

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# Was this

# a visit from outer space?

## Stranger than Fiction

ONE grey, February day in 1950, a flock of pigeons winged over the woods near the village of La Planche, near Valenciennes, in northern France.

Suddenly, the winter calm was splintered by a vibrant high-pitched hum that came, as witnesses later testified, "out of the sky."

As though struck by some giant fist, the flight of birds faltered in mid-air, struggled to regain formation, then fell like a shower of stones into the trees below.

Every pigeon was dead, killed apparently instantaneously by a mysterious wave of sound which was to herald an incredible two hours in the life of the remote French village.

For during that time at least a dozen people witnessed visits by what they claimed were beings from outer space.

Later there was to be an official investigation, but no scientific theorising could explain away the attacks, both on animals and humans, by something the victims claimed was not of this world.

The bizarre incidents began shortly before nightfall on February 15 when the people of La Planche heard what they claimed was a high-pitched hum above their rooftops.

Suddenly the noise stopped, to be replaced by what was described as an "intense pressure," which forced one young man, walking in the village street, to his knees. His head, he claimed, felt as though it were being held in iron clamps.



Pittou showed where the spaceship had landed.

Then that sensation, too, vanished, and the people of La Planche, frightened and bewildered, hoped that normality had returned. In fact the incredible events of February 15 had hardly started...

A few minutes later, an elderly railway worker named Pierre Pittou went into the back yard of his cottage to check that the three greyhounds he kept there were unharmed.

Later he was to tell journalists: "I was mixing dog food in a small shed beside the kennels when I heard a sound like millions of bees swarming above the house.

### Couldn't move

"I stopped what I was doing and left the shed to investigate. But as I stepped out, the noise stopped. I looked across the garden and in the gloom could see the outline of a shape near the garden fence.

"By this time I thought I must be mad, or perhaps I was dreaming. I walked towards the object when I suddenly felt a violent pain searing through my body.

"I fell down, and although I could see and hear, I wasn't able to move. As I watched, a metal saucer-shaped object rose from the ground and flew silently away over the trees. Only then was I able to move again."

After that, said Pittou, he grabbed his bicycle and pedalled as quickly as he could to the local police station.

Not surprisingly, his story was treated with some scepticism but next morning he showed two policemen where the "spaceship" had landed.

Behind his house, near the garden fence, they found a deep depression, as though something large and heavy had recently landed there.

inquiries snowed that other people in the district had heard the humming and buzzing sounds, and a family of three, walking home from visiting a relative, claimed to have seen a "saucer" fly overhead.

The incidents received wide publicity, but, as nothing more was seen, interest gradually died. Then, two weeks after the first sighting, Madame Marie Ponte, postmistress in the next village, became another major figure in the drama.

According to a statement she made to the police, she was in her garden one evening just before dusk when she thought she saw someone moving in another part of the garden.

"At first I thought it was a child, but when it started to move towards me I saw it had three eyes in what looked like a plastic goldfish bowl.

"I know it sounds crazy but I swear to God that was what I saw.

"I screamed and ran into the house. I went into the bedroom to hide. I was absolutely terrified. Then, through the window I saw a circular object shoot into the sky.

The following day a stream of reports flooded in. A priest claimed to have been chased by "a little man in a diving suit" on a stretch of road near Clermont Ferrand.

Interviewed by police, the priest described his pursuer as "a small man with a plastic bag on his head."

There were other reports from people in the area who claimed to have been alarmed by similar incidents during the same period. But what could they do?

In Paris, Prof. Armand Herete, a distinguished scientist and a member of the French Academy, con-

ducted a study into the alleged sightings and found that if the incidents were taken in order and the site of each linked by a line on the map, the result was a dead straight line.

"As an academic exercise we extended this line into space," the professor was to write later in a French scientific journal, "and we uncovered a curious fact.

"The line pointed directly to the position, on that day, of the planet Jupiter..."

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## New UFO 'just like a street lamp'

ANOTHER UFO has been spotted in the county skies — the third in a week.

The latest sighting was made at Grimley, near Worcester, by Jan Bridges and her cousin Lorraine Page as they drove towards Worcester at 4.30 p.m.

Jan, of Duke of Edinburgh Way, Malvern Link, said: "It was a very bright light — like a brilliant streetlamp — which seemed to come towards us.

Jan says the object, which made no noise, was constant for about a minute before fading, returning again, then disappearing for good.

A spokesman for Edgbaston Observatory in Birmingham said: "It could possibly have been Jupiter, which is visible for a short time in the south west skies in the early evening.

"But unless it was the light playing tricks that wouldn't explain why it was moving. Other than that we have no explanation."

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# County may be on route to the stars

LINCOLNSHIRE may be on an inter-galactic flight-path, according to a top UFO spotters' organisation.

For BUFORA, the British UFO Research Association, the oldest national UFO society, is receiving an increasing amount of reports from the county.

Jenny Randles, director of investigation, said: "We are aware that things are happening in Lincolnshire. It always has been an active location for sightings."

### Strange

The latest incident happened last Monday as three women and a schoolgirl returned home after a night out at bingo.

They were within half a mile of the village of Ripplingale when they spotted a strange flying saucer-shaped object above a field.

Mother of two, Mrs. Jenny Clarke (81), said: "I was flabbergasted. We actually saw it there for about 10 to 12 minutes.

"It was a round shape, had flickering lights, and made a humming sort of noise. It didn't sound like an aircraft or a car engine."

Since the sighting, Mrs. Clarke and the other women, Mrs. Mary Hibbin, Mrs. Pat Fowles and her 10-year-old daughter, Samantha, have been asked to fill out questionnaires.

BUFORA has also been told of the recent UFO sighting by Mrs. Benjamin Franklin, of Rowston, near Digby, who saw bright lights in the sky three or four miles north of the village.

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# Expert called in over UFOs

AN international expert on UFOs is to research claims by an Aldershot pensioner that he had a close encounter with men from outer space.

Mr. Timothy Good is one of Britain's leading authorities and foremost lecturers on the subject.

He has a specialised knowledge of cases involving reported contact with the occupants of UFOs — popularly known as close encounters of the third kind.

Mr. Good has written to 77-

year-old Mr. Alfred Burtoo to arrange a meeting in order to discuss his experience.

Mr. Burtoo, of Pegasus Avenue, Aldershot, claims he spoke to beings from outer space and boarded their flying saucer when it landed on the banks of the Basingstoke Canal near to the spot where he was fishing.

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Local UFO experts are convinced his story is true.

Mr. Omar Fowler, of the Surrey Investigation Group on

Aerial Phenomena described Mr. Burtoo's sighting as the most sensational thing to happen in this area since he has been researching UFO sightings.

Mr. Burtoo was fishing with his dog Tiny near the Government Road bridge over the Basingstoke Canal in Aldershot at about 1.15 a.m. on August 12 when the flying saucer landed.

He said: "I went to have a look and two forms came towards me dressed in pale green suits. They were about 4ft. tall

and were wearing dark visors covering their faces."

He added: "One of them beckoned me and I followed them to the steps."

Mr. Burtoo climbed aboard the spaceship and was asked to stand under an amber light.

### CONSULTANT

He said: "Then they told me I could go because I was too old and infirm for their purpose."

Mr. Good said: "This seems to be an important case and I would like to meet Mr. Burtoo for an informal talk."

Mr. Good, who lives in Beckenham, Kent, first became interested in UFOs in 1955.

He began his own independent research into the subject in 1961 and since 1967 has lectured throughout the United Kingdom.

In 1980 he addressed the House of Lords all-party UFO study group and has since become one of its principal consultants.

Mr. Good has appeared on numerous TV and radio programmes and has acted as consultant to BBC TV for both documentary and science fiction films.



Mr Gary Rowe analysing microscope slides of debris, believed to have come from a UFO, which his team found spread over a field in Aberystwyth.

# Gary has his eyes on other worlds

For more than 25 years Mr Gary Rowe, founder of the National UFO Laboratory, has been amassing information about unidentified flying objects, and he has recently undertaken a series of weekly lectures at Holywell Library.

He did the same course of lectures at Shotton last year "and they were very well received" said Mr Rowe, 42, of 4 Cae Uchaf, Highfield Park, Rhyl.

His interest in the subject began in South Wales 25 years ago when he saw a UFO, and his knowledge over the years has become vast. He admits he is "rather like a sponge, soaking up data from every source".

He receives about 200 newspaper reports of UFO sightings every month. The stories have to have UFOs or flying saucers in the text before they are sent to him, and he is sure that despite the volume of reports he does receive "it should be four times that".

The organisation has the use of excellent equipment, including computers and data storage facilities, and if they have an investigation which needs even more sophisticated equipment "then we contract it out".

## Serious authorities

His attitude to UFO's is one of serious investigation: "Just because we know that there are UFOs does not mean that we are convinced that everyone who says they have seen one actually has", he said.

In fact, in 70 per cent of the cases they have investigated it has been proved that what was seen was a natural phenomenon. He is however, convinced there are extra-terrestrial beings, based on the evidence of serious authorities such as astronomers, astronauts and the like, who have seen UFOs outside the earth's atmosphere, which tends to indicate the objects are not man-made.

"The first ever photograph of a UFO was taken by top astronomer M. Bonilla in the late 1800's in Mexico. He was able to observe nine discs and take a photograph of one. He telegraphed other observatories who confirmed the sightings", said Mr Rowe.

To illustrate his lectures Mr Rowe uses photographs, some original, others copies, and also slides. Contrary to popular opinion, he says, there are photographs of UFOs which have passed the most stringent tests, showing objects that have not yet been identified.

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# 'Unexplained' UFO sightings increase

By Marsha Heim  
Staff Writer

GREENSBURG — On Oct. 15, a Bellwood woman said her car was turned up onto two wheels while traveling north on Route 220 when a huge, unknown flying object passed overhead.

Ten years ago to that date, a Columbia County man's car was turned around in the middle of the road when an unidentified flying object (UFO) passed over his car.

Both reports are listed among those that are considered "unexplainable." But they're not alone in that special category. They are among a growing number of sightings of strange phenomena in Pennsylvania.

A small group of professionals formed the Pennsylvania Association for the Study of the Unexplained (PASU). On their own time, they investigate UFOs, bigfoot sightings, and a more recent phenomena, out-of-place animals (African lions and black panthers in Pennsylvania).

As evidence, PASU Director Stan L. Gordon of Greensburg produces detailed studies, photographs and artists' drawings of the unexplainable dating back as far as 1945.

Reported sightings have dwindled nationwide since 1973, but Gordon claims Pennsylvania is on the upswing. "In 1973, there was the largest wave. There were thousands nationwide, but Pennsylvania led the country with over 700," Gordon said.

He added, "This year has been the largest wave of reports since 1973. It started late June and went through early October." Most sightings occur around midnight or between 3 and 6 a.m., he said. But UFOs have been spotted in the day.

Gordon has no doubts that most people who see UFOs aren't "kooks." He said: "The people are mostly very honest and down-to-earth people. They are so afraid of being ridiculed and laughed at they don't tell anyone."

That's one reason a lot of reports never reach PASU. Another is because the group consists of only 60 members statewide, and they're all volunteers.

"There's many people out there. We can only spend so much time on it. Since we're all volunteer, there's a lot of little things that we don't know," he said.

But he's not trying to recruit members. "We want to keep it on a special scale. We're scientists, doctors, psychologists and engineers. We go into it open-mindedly. We spend as much time trying to disprove many cases as we do studying them," he said.

Two of the anonymous members are located in Altoona.

Gordon said that most of the calls received do have an explanation. Over the last few months, many callers misidentified Venus and Jupiter as UFOs. Some were startled by a nighttime advertising plane with circular flashing lights.

But a sighting on July 25 in Latrobe set off a "rash of reports" in Pennsylvania. Gordon explained:

At 5:20 a.m., a Latrobe man was shaving. Bright lights caused him to look out the window. Hovering over the trees was an approximate 300 foot long object with two rows of square windows and what appeared to be sliding doors. He watched it until it hovered away over the Latrobe sewerage plant.

At 7:45 a.m. the same day, an object was spotted about 10 miles away by a woman in Jeannette. She was startled by a "high-pitched sound" that shook the windows of her house.

Looking out of her window, about 450 feet away, was an object resembling a silver metallic "double-decker layer cake wobbling up and down like a yo-yo." It also had square windows and a sliding door.

The Jeannette woman said it felt like her "skin was crawling off her body."

The same day, the association received a rash of phone calls about a loud sound in the area.

On Aug. 30, a Derry businessman was driving from Latrobe to Derry when an object with a high-pitched sound hung motionless about 40 feet over the road. He tried three times to drive away, but the object followed him. He finally had to pass under it. "He felt like whoever was in the object was trying to get a look at him," Gordon said.

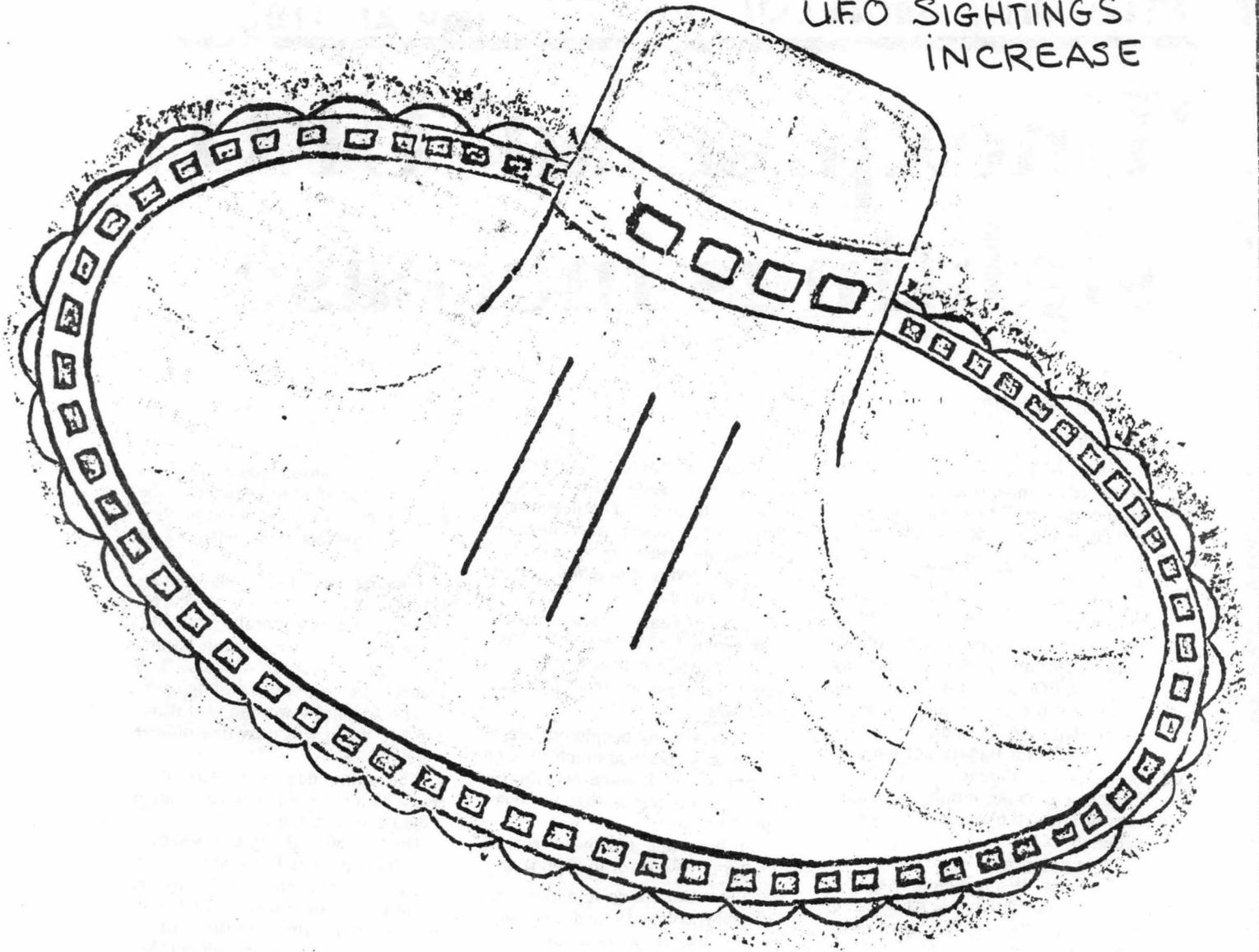
On Sept. 4 in Johnstown, a humming sound and dogs barking attracted attention to an elongated, large, grey-metalic object hovering over a power plant.

On Sept. 12 in Butler County, another object hovered over a man's head as he was putting his motorcycle away.

In Indiana on Sept. 25, a security guard identified a 400-foot-by-30-foot vertical "hotdog" in the sky. The next day, only a few miles away, "bigfoot" was spotted.

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## U.F.O SIGHTINGS INCREASE



And Gordon, pointing to four file cabinets crammed full of investigations, said the list goes on and on. "People have been hovered over and chased. Some say they were taken on board, examined and released."

Despite all the reports, the Bellwood woman's report stands out. "It's very rare to have a massive effect on the car." Even more "intriguing" is that the last time a car was moved in Pennsylvania was exactly 10 years ago to the date, Gordon said.

After speaking with her, Gordon said, "I believe she had an encounter." But it was several days before he learned of the event. He said if he had learned sooner, he would have been able to do some testing on her car.

Now he's waiting for a physician's report. "If it was a UFO, some of the (physical) effects are similar. That may shed some light on what actually occurred," he said.

Another, more provable, aspect of the PASU's study is bigfoot — the hairy, gorilla-manlike creature seen worldwide. Even though the sightings aren't made public, Gordon said they haven't stopped. The most recent report came in October from Indiana County.

"There's more evidence to support bigfoot than UFOs," he said, showing plaster casts made bigfoot's alleged footprints. But he added, "Unless someone delivers a body, no one will believe it."

It's not unusual for a bigfoot to be seen near the same spot as a recent UFO reporting, Gordon said. "Is it a coincidence ... or is it possible that these things are somehow linked," he asked.

A newer phenomena is out-of-place animals — lions, monkeys and black panthers — being seen in the state. "This year there have been experienced hunters and game personnel with signed statements saying they saw these," he said.

Gordon added that Forest Zoo in Gallitzin has reported callers inquiring if there's been an escape.

STAN GORDON - GREENSBURG - PA. - 15601 - 412-838-7768



**STAN GORDON of Greensburg is shown using equipment in his basement to monitor worldwide communications in order to trace UFO sightings.**

While some researches point to aliens from other planets as the cause for UFOs, Gordon prefers to believe in "an other reality" or possibly another dimension on earth as an explanation for most of the strange phenomena.

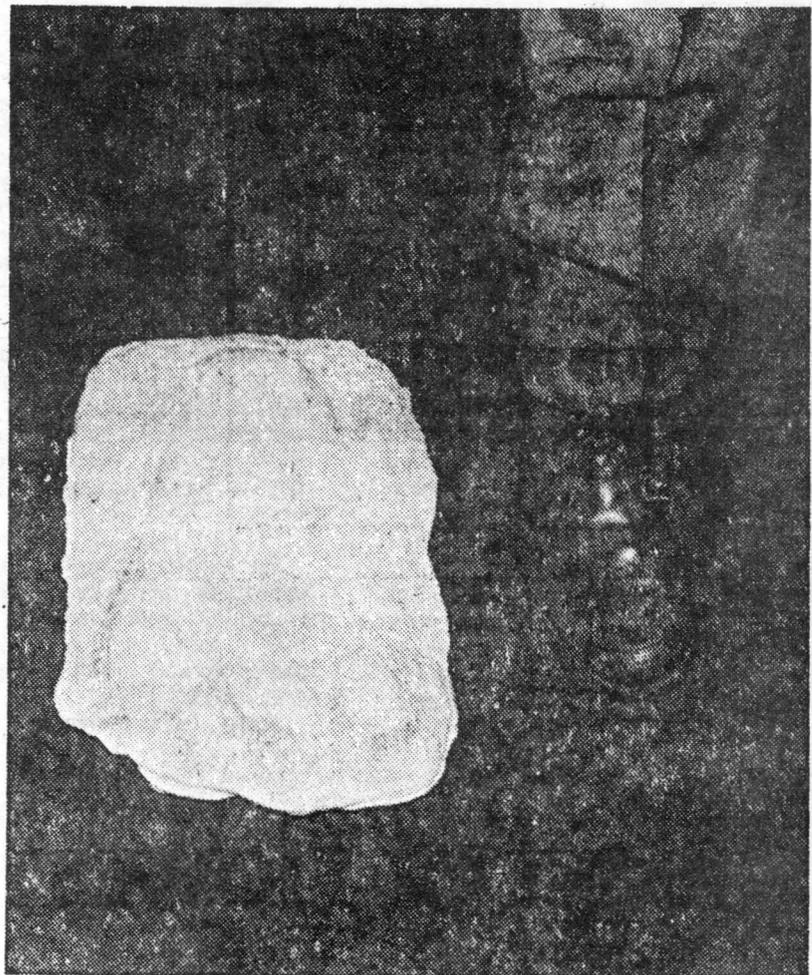
"My theory is there is more than one origin. There's too many sightings, and there's too many differences," he said.

"I am convinced that there is a phenomena occurring out there that can't be explained by scientific knowledge. I am convinced more than ever that we're dealing with a physical being that is also non-physical," he said.

He added, "When the conditions are right, these objects take physical form." The right conditions include a change in magnetic field and the geographical location. "They're attracted to definite fields of energy," he said.

Gordon urges anyone who sees any strange or unexplainable incident to report it to his research facility by calling the UFO hotline at 412-838-7768 or by writing 6 Oakhill Ave., Greensburg, Pa., 15601. He added that even old reports may help explain or confirm past events.

All callers will be kept confidential.



**GORDON places his foot next to a plaster cast of a footprint taken from an area where Bigfoot was sighted.**

# LITTLE GREEN MEN

By BRUCE B. FISHER  
Of The Herald-Dispatch staff

It's easy to understand why UFO reports continue. Just the other night I saw fires in the sky.

Returning to my South Point, Ohio, home after work about 45 minutes past midnight Sunday, Nov. 13, I followed my usual routine on clear nights and looked at the starry sky as I walked from my driveway to the front door.

This night, however, besides the familiar panorama of stars suspended in the dark — albeit misty and partly cloudy — skies, there was a strange orange streak of light smudging the heavens almost directly overhead. A quick survey revealed a second streak slightly lower in the sky and farther toward the west.

Uncertain of what I was seeing or how long it might be visible, I hurriedly entered the house and pulled from the closet a pair of binoculars which brought the spectacles into closer apparent range. But despite the improved image the objects remained as mysterious as before.

Instinctively I knew that if I simply

recounted this vision to family and friends the next day I would be in for scoffing and skepticism unless I had a witness. So, from a sound sleep and warm bed I dragged my wife into the near-freezing night "to see something."

I was relieved to hear her say in a remarkably coherent voice for 1:30 a.m. as she first looked upward, "What is that?"

"Good," I thought to myself, "I'm not imagining it; she sees it too."

By now it had been nearly 45 minutes since I had first spotted the smears of light and they remained in the same part of the sky. They seemed to flash or flicker slightly in irregular patterns in brief intervals of only a fraction of a second. Also, they grew dim and then brighter overall during periods of a few minutes.

Encouraged by having an eyewitness, I decided to add even more credibility to my sighting by taking a few photographs. Not being an astrophotographer, I had little idea how long to expose the color film in my camera which I intended to use to photograph my 8-month-old daughter. A couple of minutes

seemed about right so, with camera mounted securely on a tripod, I held the camera's shutter open with my finger — hoping the shudders my body was experiencing in the frigid air wouldn't ruin the shot — and silently counted 1 Mississippi, 2 Mississippi . . .

The days following brought no resolution of the mystery, as news reports contained nothing that would indicate others had seen these "things" in the sky. I had already discounted the possibility of meteors — shooting stars — since the streaks had remained stationary in the sky for at least two hours that I had observed them.

Comets look a little like these things, but I was sure that such prominent appearing twin comets would have aroused tremendous news coverage.

Aurora borealis — the northern lights? Not likely. These things weren't in the northern part of the sky.

Flying saucers? No. I never once entertained such a ridiculous notion. (Well, maybe for just a few seconds, right near the initial sighting.)

OK, so what were they?

I now believe they were probably reflections in the upper atmosphere of the flames leaping from atop the "smokestacks" of two industrial plants across the Ohio River from South Point. The plants incinerate pollutants coming up some stacks and in the process often create a soft but distinct glow in the sky near the horizon as seen from my neighborhood.

Sometimes when the weather is just right — when temperatures, humidity, clouds and all the rest are just so — layers in the air itself can become reflective of certain lights.

Maybe these streaks were something else, but I'm content to live with the reflection theory.

The experience has taught me that even an eyewitness and photographic proof aren't enough to prevent scoffing and skepticism. Now if only I could get my family members and co-workers to stop asking me about "little green men."

Scotty, beam me up.

# UFO victims plan to file \$20 million suit

## Illness, disturbances followed in wake of sighting; answers sought

By CATHY GORDON  
Courier Staff

It's been three years since the trio encountered the strange, flame-belching object on the deserted Montgomery County road — an experience they once vowed to keep secret for fear they wouldn't be taken seriously.

But the three Dayton natives, the federal government and the case of the colossal, diamond-shaped flying machine may soon come head to head in a U.S. district courtroom in an attempt to "compel the military to reveal its role in, or knowledge of," the Dec. 29, 1980 incident, says their New York attorney Peter Gersten.

"Everyone's heard of UFOs," he says. "But a UFO flanked by 23 twin-rotary military helicopters?"

It's the same question that has haunted Vickie Landrum, her grandson Colby and friend Betty Cash since they encountered the metallic, fire-spewing craft on a lonely stretch of FM 1485 near New Caney one winter night — a confrontation they are convinced is responsible for their consistent health problems.

Shortly after the encounter, the month-long bouts with nausea and diarrhea, burns, eye problems and hair loss began — all of which point to radiation sickness, says a radiation specialist on the case, who wishes to remain anonymous.

Also consistent with radiation over-exposure is a network of blisters which periodically recur on the women's bodies, particularly when they're exposed to heat or sunlight. Both also lost hair; Ms. Cash's falling out in large clumps, leaving scattered bald spots.

Mrs. Landrum's eyes burned to the point "they felt like they were decayed," she said. And at 60, she's developed a serious problem with cataracts. Colby, now 9, has gone through a whole package of symptoms since the incident's anorexia, bedwetting, nightmares and a general case of lassitude. He's also incurred some difficulty with his sight.

But Ms. Cash, who stood outside the car looking at the object the longest, was the most seriously afflicted, says the radiologist.

Last spring, her right breast was removed after doctors diagnosed her as having cancer.

Examined after surgery, therapists decided to forego post-operative radiation treatment on the patient (a procedure commonly used on cancer patients) "because she already had so much radiation in her body from over-exposure," he said.

In fact, says the radiologist, the three became ill the very night of the encounter ... an ominous prelude to what would come.

"I love America. It's my country and I can't do without government. But the people in control of government are supposed to give us equal rights and protect us. Where did the helicopters come from? They ought to be helping us, 'cause we're so sick, instead of covering this up," says Mrs. Landrum. She believes the mysterious object was part of a highly classified, government-sponsored operation.

"Colby is just now getting to where he can live a normal life again," she said. "But I can't get back to normal. My life has been turned upside down and all the way around."

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## Suit may force answers

**G**ersten, however, is hoping their lives can be restored to some degree of normalcy through a \$20 million personal injury civil lawsuit he's planning to file in their behalf next month in U.S. District Court.

"We've no choice now," he said. "We filed a \$20 million claim against the government some months ago and they denied the claim. Then we filed an appeal of their denial and they denied our appeal. Now we're going to court. Those people should be compensated for their medical costs, at least, if the government had anything to do with this."

Gersten's main worry now, he says, is that the case will be dismissed before he has the chance to petition the government for information which could lead to its alleged involvement. "Or at least to their knowledge of it," he added.

"These people aren't crazy. They know what they saw and their medical problems since this happened speak for themselves."

The case radiologist is one person Gersten doesn't have to convince.

"My instant reaction when I first got on this case was that the three were all screwballs, but I don't think that anymore after examining them," he said. "They've no opportunity for secondary gain in this thing and none of them want(s) notoriety. And their symptoms all fit a pattern. I don't know what it was they saw, but they saw it sufficiently enough for Colby to identify for investigators on his own the kind of helicopters he saw that night."

That cold December night is one which Colby, his grandmother and Ms. Cash won't soon forget.

As Mrs. Landrum recalls, the three were traveling back to Dayton from New Caney when they saw a mysterious bright light through the treetops ahead. Then, as their car rounded a bend on FM 1485 about 15 miles northwest of Dayton, it was suddenly before them.

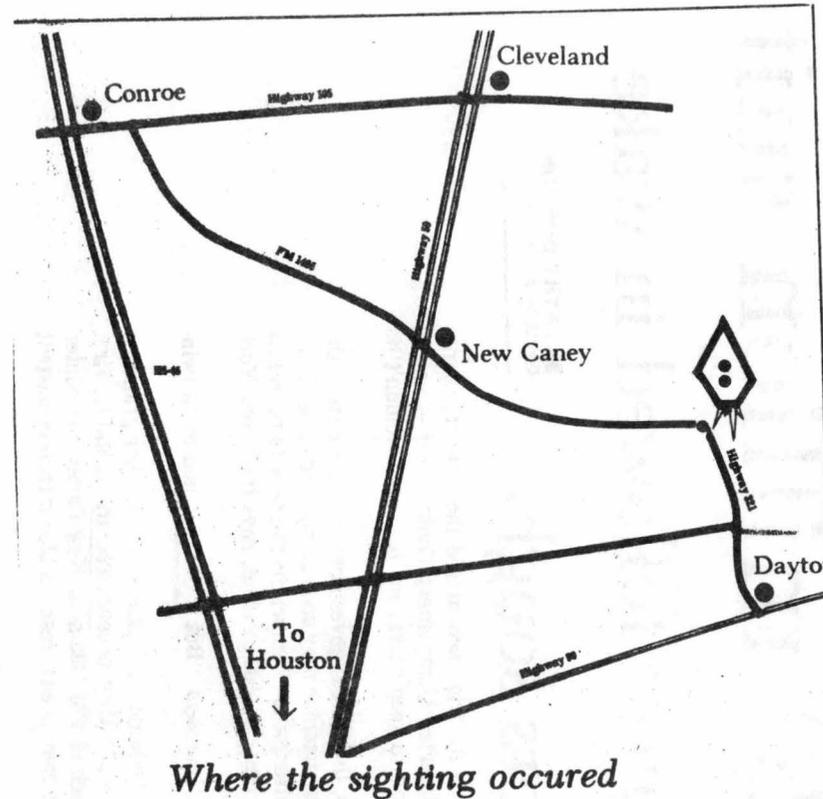
Diamond-shaped and "big as a water tower," it floated over the road, just above the trees, blindingly bright. Red-orange flames spewed from the bottom and intermittently burst into greater intensity with a rushing sound as the object moved higher.

From a little more than 100 feet away, the heat was excruciating. So hot, in fact, that they had to turn on the car's air conditioner when they started home. "An impression of Vickie's hand was left on the dash. The heat was unreal," said Ms. Cash, who was driving the car.

Mrs. Landrum first thought she was having a religious experience. "I thought it was Jesus coming to take us," she recalled. "I told Colby everything would be okay."

But that first impression didn't last long, not after they got a better look at the object. Not after they saw the swarm of helicopters encircling it - big, double-rotary, military-like choppers.

What's more, John Schussler, the chief UFO investigator on the case, and a project manager for space shuttle operation support at NASA, has located several others who witnessed strange events the night of Dec. 29, 1980.



## Others saw helicopters

**T**wo of them also saw the helicopters.

"I just thought it was some military flying going on at night, but I thought it was a strange place for it," said Dayton police officer L.L. Walker, who saw choppers flying "low to the ground in triangles of three" - some with search lights on.

It was two or three hours after the reported time Mrs. Landrum, Ms. Cash and Colby saw the object encircled by choppers. But it was in the same area, he said.

"It was the same night and I was coming across Highway 321, moving east to west. The helicopters were moving in east-west fashion in a direct line with the highway. The road Vickie and Betty was on is located just to the west and parallel to Highway 321," he said.

An oil company executive from Crosby, a small town 15 miles from Dayton also reported seeing "several" military-type helicopters flying about in that area on Dec. 29, 1980.

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Their reports correspond with still other witnesses' accounts:

"I saw this really bright light in the sky pretty far away," said Angie Stanley, a Dayton postal clerk, who was driving home from New Caney on FM 1485 the same night. "It looked like the bright lights of a car in the sky, or an oval-shaped thing -- headlights in the sky, more or less."

Jerry McDonald, an oil field roughneck, also witnessed an eerie sight from his Dayton home. "It was kinda triangular or diamond-shaped and had two big torches with white and blue fire that were shooting out the back of it," he recalled. "I first heard a big rumbling sound and thought it was the Goodyear Blimp, then I realized it wasn't."

McDonald said as it passed about 150 feet above him he noticed that it also had two bright lights on it and a red light in the center.

"I thought the world was coming to an end. I told Colby not to be afraid, that it was Jesus coming for us. I've always been a religious person. I'd always heard the world would end with fire..." - Vickie Landrum describing her Dec. 29, 1980 encounter.

But despite witnesses' accounts and the probing into the unusual events of that night, Schussler says the investigation has reached a stalemate.

"Those choppers were real and they were military, but we can't get anybody to admit to it," he said. "Someone has to be lying."

"Vickie, Betty, Colby, officer Walker - all the people who saw the helicopters are credible," he said. "Even the guy from the Pentagon thought so."

"It's true," says Lt. Col. George C. Sarran, who left his job as an investigator for the Pentagon last year to become controller of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff.

"My gut feeling from talking to all who reported seeing something was that they were not lying. They had no reason to. They had nothing to gain..."

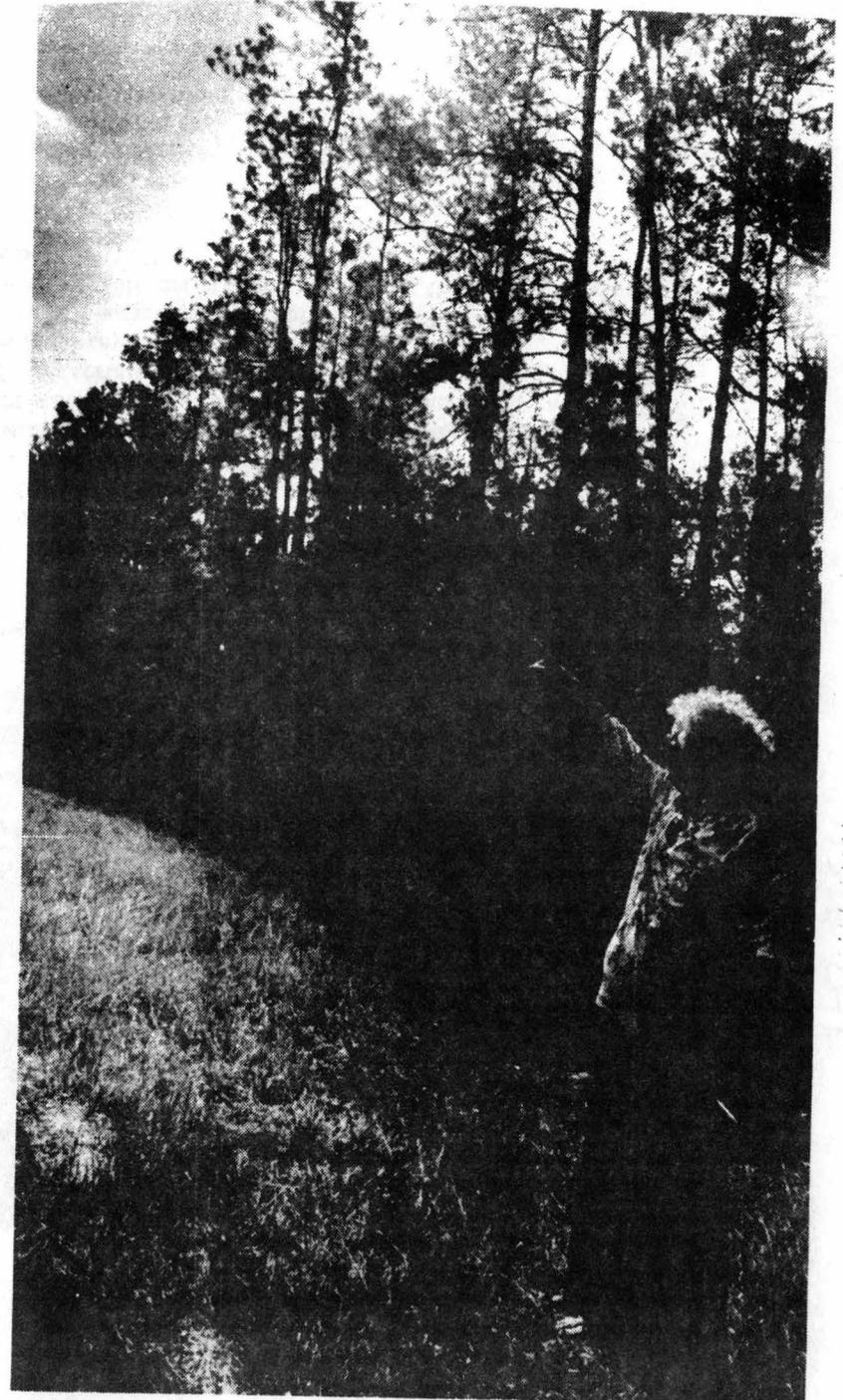
## Hope for answers in court

**W**hile the two women lean on the hope they'll get answers in court, their attorney admits it will be an up-hill battle, assuming the case even makes it through preliminary hearings.

"They could always dismiss it before we get the chance to ask those 500 questions," Gersten said. "If it was something top-secret, as the one theory goes, they're not going to be too eager to tell us all about it."

William Moore, an independent UFO researcher from Arizona who has studied this case, shares Gersten's pessimism.

"The government is not going to divulge anything about a top-secret project that would violate national security regulations," he said, citing from a statute in the Department of Defense manual. It reads: "Classified material will not be authorized for introduction into evidence at a civil trial before a jury."

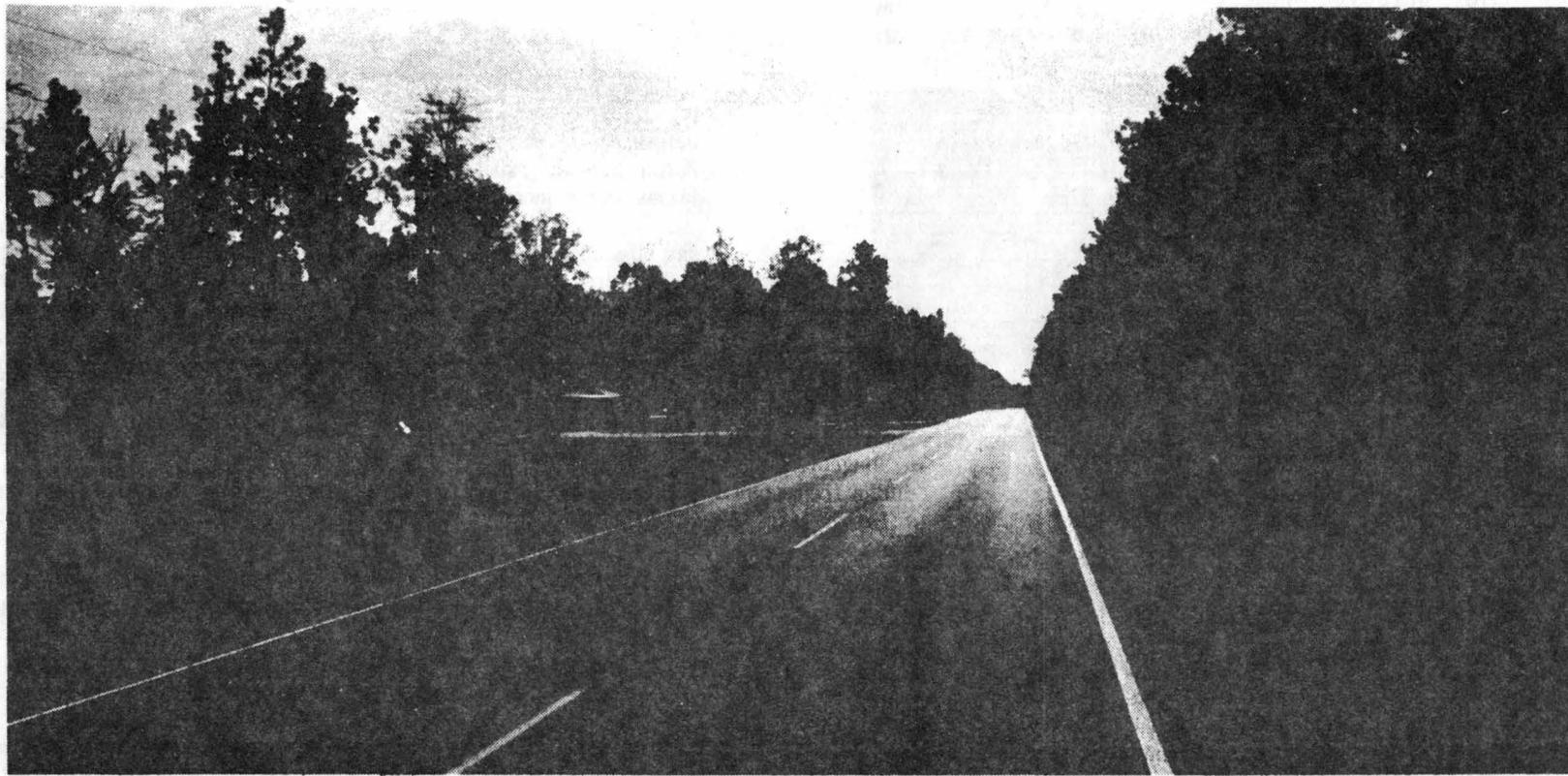


Vickie Landrum points out the approximate angle at which the fire-spewing object was first seen over her car on a winter night in 1980.

Photo by MORRIS E. RICHARDSON II

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It was on this sparsely populated stretch of road east of New Caney that Vickie Landrum, her grandson Colby, and a friend, Betty Cash, were confronted by an unexplained object

in the night sky surrounded by helicopters. That was nearly three years ago.

Photo by MORRIS E. RICHARDSON II

“In other words, they’ll lie,” Moore said. “The burden is on the complainant to prove there’s something top-secret. But the government doesn’t have to admit it exists and they certainly aren’t going to volunteer information. It’s a Catch-22.”

Moore, who tested for radiation at the site nearly a year and a half following the incident, says he found “some very interesting things” on that secluded stretch of road.

He claims to have found dead vegetation at the site and tree trunks that were scorched beginning six to eight feet off the ground, and only on one side.

Varying colored ribbons were also found attached to tree branches in the area, as though someone had marked the territory for future reference, he said.

As for radiation residue, he’s still awaiting results from test samples.

But Moore’s description of the site doesn’t match that given by investigators with the Texas Department of Health’s (TDH) Bureau of Radiation Control, leading him to believe “we’re looking at two different areas – maybe 100 feet or so apart.”

“Not so,” says Russ Meyer, a TDH investigator who claims to have driven “all up and down that road” taking samples.

“I have no doubt those women saw something,” he said. “But as to whether they were zapped with radiation, I don’t know. They could have been exposed without there being any residual trace along the road.”

But whatever discrepancy in facts two investigators might have, Mrs. Landrum said she’s certain of hers. “And it doesn’t have nothing to do with little green men,” she says.

“I’m not saying it’s something from outer space – I never thought that. But if the government really doesn’t know what it was, they’d better find out. There’s people being hurt...”

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## Probe hits dead ends

## UFO Was Reported Sighted in Finks Basin Area Monday Night

**S**arran, whose job was to ascertain if army helicopters could have been involved in the incident, said he "did exhaustive research, talking to everyone and his proverbial brother" before concluding "no."

"If there'd been the slightest glimmer of quivering in someone's voice when asked if they had helicopters up that night, I'd have checked it out," he said. "But not even a hint. We looked at records, everything. No one with the Army had choppers in that area on that night."

Sarran says he expected as much because "traditionally, around Christmas time, most military installations close down for a two-week period."

"There was virtually no activity down there," he said of his inquiries at Fort Hood (Killeen), Fort Polk (Monroe, La.), Ellington and other surrounding military installations that house the type of large, twin-rotary helicopters witnesses described for investigators.

"So, the \$64,000 question is 'whose helicopters were they?' I don't have the answer."

As part of his investigation, Sarran said he also visited Montgomery County Sheriff's Department officials, thinking they might have had cause to summon choppers that night.

"Coincidentally, there had been some kind of prison break in that area that night and we thought maybe the Montgomery County people could have sent for helicopters. It was a long-shot."

The sheriff's dispatch unit pulled their records from Dec. 29, 1980 at his request, he said. "Nothing."

But despite Sarran's contention that the Army could not have been involved, Ms. Cash is convinced that at least some part of the military had a role in, or knowledge of, the incident.

"If the government really wanted to, they could get to the bottom of this," she said. "I found out they could care less about a regular tax-paying citizen. If this happened to one of them up there on knob hill, we'd already have the answers."

A once-active woman, Ms. Cash said the "hardest part" of her ordeal has been a relentless lethargy she was left with following the incident.

"I haven't worked a day since it happened," said Ms. Cash, who is now living with her mother in Alabama because of her illness and inability to work.

"We're going to fight all the way on this thing. I don't care if we have to take it to the highest court in the land."

I have no way to support myself now. I can't work at all," she said, noting plans she once had to open a cafe in Dayton.

Likewise, Mrs. Landrum says "I'm down to my last dollar." "We had a savings account, we had money in a credit union - nothing now," she said. "We've spent money on doctors ever since this thing happened. I feel we're owed something from this lawsuit."

Although area police agencies said they received no calls, several residents in the Finks Basin area said they saw a UFO Monday night.

City police and East Herkimer state police said they knew or heard nothing about such a sighting, but residents in the area, most of whom did not want to be quoted because of the day, Halloween, said the object had red lights and bright white lights pointing down.

The UFO was spotted about 7 p.m. in the Finks Basin area and traveled slowly south toward Fall Hill. There have been other

reports of sighting the object in the Fort Plain area and a distance east of the Little Falls Thruway interchange.

Some of those who heard about the sighting said calls were made by others to Griffiss Air Force Base in Rome, and officials at the base reportedly said something did appear on the radar screen but disappeared.

One woman who saw the UFO said it was brown in color, round and domed shape. She said she had been in her kitchen when she heard a loud roar, much louder than an airplane, went outside and saw the UFO.

# UFO expert charges: *Govt is hiding alien spaceship*

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**E.T.'S SPACESHIP is hidden in a secret hangar in the U.S., claims a well-known nuclear physicist and UFOlogist living in Canada.**

Dr. Standon Friedman insists there is a high level conspiracy afoot in the United States to conceal the truth about visits by extraterrestrial spaceships, and he says it is time for the government to quit hiding the truth from the American citizens.

by JEREMY MANN

For the past 25 years, Friedman has stalked these hard-to-find unidentified flying objects with an intensity that would impress even the staunchest flying-saucer sceptics.

The 49-year-old investigator notes that UFO sightings take place all over the world, and at least 150 different countries have documented reports of these sightings. So it seems inconceivable that the U.S. would refuse to announce its discovery.

## Consistent

"I actually don't know what the government is trying to hide," he says. "The stories that come out of

other countries are all consistent, so we know there has to be some truth to them," he says.

"In nearly every case, the reported space vehicle is either shaped like a lighted cigar or like a saucer with a dome on top of it.

## Documents

"If there was not some truth to these sightings, they would not all be described in the same terms," he adds.

"The creatures appear with human-like bodies, and they are either very short, normal height for a human, or giants," he comments. "But every person who has seen one describes their features as being just like ours."

Friedman also asserts a

firm belief that the United States government has files of documents proving the truth about UFOs, but says it refuses to release the information.

Before leaving the U.S. for Canada in 1980, Friedman claims he gained access to some secret files belonging to J. Edgar Hoover which detailed several UFO landings in various deserted parts of the country.

"There was one spectacular crash reported in New Mexico in 1947, but the information was never released," says Friedman. "The government, however,

retrieved pieces of the space vehicle and stored them in a hidden silo somewhere in the desert," he says.

## Investigation

The incident in New Mexico occurred on July 2, 1947, near the town of Roswell.

"I interviewed more than 100 people who either saw something or were involved in the government investigation," the scientist adds.

"At first the government did report that there had been a UFO crash in the area, but later the report was changed. Officials decided to tell the public it had been a weather balloon that crashed, but most of the people who saw the incident knew better.

## Secret

"I have even interviewed people who have handled the material and say it was not like anything ever invented on this planet.

"One scientist even declared he could not determine what the chemical breakdown of the strange substance was," he comments.

Friedman says he believes the American government is keeping the existence of UFOs a secret so the U.S. can be the first to imitate the advanced technology exhibited by spaceships which land here from other galaxies.

"Also, the government is worried about political ramifications," the physicist claims.

# UFO that got away?

UFO researchers from West Surrey are investigating an astonishing claim by an Aldershot man that he was taken aboard a flying saucer by beings from another world.

The alleged 'close encounter of the third kind' took place in the early hours of August 12th on the banks of the Basingstoke Canal, while 77-year-old Alfred Burtoo was trying to catch more earthly creatures: fish.

His detailed description this week of the inside of the UFO has led a Guildford man to believe his extraordinary tale is true. Mr Omar Fowler, chairman of the Surroey Investigation Group on Aerial Phenomena, told the Surrey Mail:

'I thought Mr Burtoo had blown his top - until he described the inside of the craft. It tallied well with descriptions made in other parts of the world'.

Mr Burtoo stated: 'I saw a bright light coming towards me over North Town and it hovered over

the railway line.

'It then settled on the bank. I went to have a look and two forms came towards me dressed in pale green suits. They were about 4 feet tall and had dark visors over their faces.

'One of them beckoned me and I followed them to the steps. I wasn't afraid, I was more curious than anything'.

He said he hadn't reported the incident sooner because he was afraid he wouldn't be believed. But then he read a recent story in the *News of the World* about a UFO that landed near an American Air Force base in Norfolk - and decided to reveal his story.

The flying saucer-shaped craft was rimmed with lights rotating in an anti clockwise direction, and it made a faint humming noise. These are known characteristics of many UFOs, said Mr Fowler. But it was unlike the Norfolk UFO.

Inside, the walls were lit by a faint orange glow. There were no 'nuts or bolts or weld marks' and in the centre of the craft was a 'tubular column'.

The alien beings allegedly spoke a foreign language with an accent between Russian and Chinese. But Mr Burtoo heard a voice in broken English saying he could go 'because I was too old and inform for their purpose', he said.

## Took off

Shortly after leaving the spacecraft it took off in the direction of Tongham. Mr Fowler - who investigated a UFO sighting in Ash and Farnborough in 1978, reported by eight people including a police officer - stated:

'Unless he has made detailed studies of other UFO reports, I am 90 per cent certain this incident took place'.

Mr Burtoo said: 'I don't know anything about them. I didn't even believe in flying saucers until this happened'.

Other UFO reports of local interest include: a flying 'cigar' accompanied by flying saucers, seen over Basingstoke by a civilian airline pilot and his wife, and a UFO seen over Spain from an airliner civilian pilot from Haslemere

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## 3128 Baffling bright lights

A FRECKLETON man claims to have had a close encounter with a couple of eerie UFOs recently.

And while Richard Iddon, of Further Ends Road, Freckleton, who often takes his dog for a walk down towards the Ribble along Green Lane, and is accustomed to low-flying aircraft from both British Aerospace and Squires Gate, was out the other night he saw two objects which stopped him in his tracks.

The first travelled slowly from North to South over the Ribble and the second from the East towards Lytham before disappearing in the distance.

Both were bright unflickering lights which Mr Iddon says made no noise.

He estimates they were about two miles up - much too low to be stars or anything of that nature.

"If there had only been one I would probably have forgotten about it," says 54-year-old Mr Iddon. "But as there were two I wondered if anyone else saw anything?"

Can anybody shed a light on this mystery?

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## Those mystery lights . . .

READER Richard Iddon was not alone when he saw two strange objects over the River Ribble the other night.

Mr Iddon, of Further Ends Road, Freckleton, stopped in his tracks along Green Lane when he saw two bright unflickering lights. One travelled slowly from North to South over the Ribble and the second from the East towards Lytham.

The experience was shared by a Lytham woman whose home overlooks the Ribble and saw the strange lights on two separate nights.

Yet another sighting was made by Pleasure Beach employee Linda Pugh, 24.

"It was relatively low, had lights on top and underneath and moved pretty fast. In half an-hour I saw it three times. Did anyone else?" asks Linda, of Park Lane, Preesall.

# UFO SIGHTINGS MAY HERALD 3128 MORE 'VISITS' FROM SPACE

THE Home of the British Army faces an invasion . . . from outer space.

A spate of UFO sightings could signal the start of many more "visits," according to Mr. Omar Fowler, chairman of the Surrey Investigation Group on Aerial phenomena.

"I think we are at the beginning of one of these flaps," he said. "I think it could be very interesting indeed."

Mr. Fowler has asked colleagues to keep a special watch on the area.

Two weeks ago pensioner Mr. Alfred Burtoo reported boarding a flying saucer on the bank of the Basingstoke Canal,

near the Government Road bridge.

Then cargo supervisor Mr. Peter New and his wife Patricia saw a mysterious craft at Normandy, on the Aldershot Road, last Wednesday.

Another Aldershot family reported a sighting on the same evening.

## BRIGHT

Mrs. Carolyn Coleman (30) was at home in Salerno Crescent when she asked her 11-year-old daughter Victoria to close the curtains.

But Victoria saw something which made her call her mother to the window.

"At first I thought it was a

bright star or a helicopter," said Mrs. Coleman. "It was a bright light which seemed to go round and round.

The UFO hovered for about five minutes then changed to a red light which sped off in the direction of Mr. New's sighting, Mrs. Coleman said.

"We laughed at the time, but after reading the story in the "News" I wondered whether there was any connection," she added.

Mr. Fowler said this report did not seem like an aircraft and could well be linked with Mr. New's experience.

Then on Thursday, pensioner Mrs. Flora Thorpe saw a UFO hovering over the fields near her house in Austen

Road, Farnborough.

She said: "At first I thought it was the moon, but I stood and looked at it for half an hour and don't think it could have been because it was brilliant and there was the noise like electricity charging."

After receiving full details Mr. Fowler's group will evaluate the sightings.

The UFO Centre at Illinois University, USA, is notified of substantial encounters.

Mr. Fowler has been a UFO watcher for 17 years.

The Aldershot area has been the site of dozens of UFO encounters in the past 15 years.

In 1978 eight people — including a policeman — reported clear sightings in the skies above Ash and Farnborough.

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# Space link

3128 A SEAHOUSES FAMILY were driving past Alnwick Castle at the weekend when they saw a white light in the sky. They stopped their car to investigate and the light came closer and better defined. There were four red lights at the back of a white nose cone and the shape passed silently over the car, which had its engine turned off, and disappeared over the town leaving just a whispering of sound after it. The family, mother, father and three children were able to watch the lights for about five minutes.

One of our reporters picked up this story on Wednesday. On Monday of this week there arrived in the mailbag a letter from an Oxford man (reproduced on this page) who propounded a theory about UFOs and their sightings.

He says our "visitors" come in cycles. . .and more are due this month. In terms of timing the two stories are quite separate. But how strange it is that two parties, who clearly do not know each other, should be so linked. Whether or not you believe in UFOs it is enough to stand up the hair on the back of your neck.

# Two more in UFO sighting

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LAST week's story on page 3 about Mrs Doris Galinaitis seeing a brightly-lit object in the sky between Bristol Airport and Weston has prompted two more UFO-spotters to write:

RE the strange object seen by the lady from Yatton in your last week's Mercury. I would like to say I too saw this so-called UFO.

I live in a top flat directly facing Highdale Avenue.

Like this lady I could not sleep, got up at 4am and looked out of the window and couldn't believe my eyes.

It was bright red and looking like a very big star, but it was definitely round. I watched for about 15 minutes and as it didn't appear to move I went back to bed.

I wish now I had gone back for my binoculars which were in my lounge. I would say the position was near enough over Hales Bakery.

**Mrs M. Green,**

10 Western Court,  
Chapel Hill,  
Clevedon

I WAS very interested to read in this week's Mercury the description given by Mrs Doris Galinaitis of what she believes may have been a UFO.

I too saw this object from my bedroom window at about 4.30 am early Monday morning. I was unable to sleep and, looking out of the window saw this extremely bright object which seemed to be skimming the top of the Mendips. At first it appeared to be stationary and then it gradually moved in a south westerly direction, disappearing behind the roofs of houses in Thackeray Road and then reappearing.

Looking at the position in daylight, and judging from the position at which it disappeared behind the roofs, it was certainly just skimming the top of Mendip.

**Mrs Eileen Mills**

16 Thackeray Avenue  
Clevedon

## August camping shock

I WAS very interested to see the letter about a UFO in the Mercury from Mrs Galinaitis.

On the night of the 19th of August my friend and I were sleeping in a tent in my garden.

We saw a similar object to Mrs Galinaitis. It flew from east to west, then flew to Weston-super-Mare and was visible for about 10 minutes.

It was a large, oval shaped, orange coloured object which suddenly disappeared from view.

**Matthew Shaw aged 9**  
Dial Hill Road  
Clevedon

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## In defence of UFOs

With reference to the letter from S. T. E. Begent (Readers' Club, October 15) — "UFO Sightings 'Highly Suspect'" in which he claimed that recent articles written by myself were "very misleading."

The witnesses who are accused of being "superstitious, unreliable," and whose imaginations are "apt to run riot" I would like to defend. Most are level-headed, rational people who come from all walks of life.

Some are trained observers who know a great deal about astronomy, aircraft and the like.

Some are serving police officers with 20 years' experience who are familiar with their locality where UFO's have been seen, as are farmers and land-owners who have come across this phenomenon, albeit in remote pastures.

These men and women did not imagine what they saw, and were it not for our protecting their identities, dozens of

reports would not have reached us. As it is, sightings of UFOs continue, and I might add not all of these occur at night, and not all are witnessed by the odd individual, as your reader suggests.

Neither I, nor the Yorkshire UFO Society have suggested that the origin of UFOs must be extra-terrestrial. We have an open-mind on the subject. What we have insisted all along is that the enigma is real enough to warrant serious scientific research, and until that happens it would be wrong to drop our present studies.

It is also wrong to label such sightings as "ridiculous" at a time when questions are shortly to be raised in Parliament over the continuing cover-up by this, and previous governments into this mystery.

**G R A H A M W.**  
**BIRDSALL**  
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# A <sup>3124</sup>BUG-EYED ALIEN MEETS AIR CHIEF

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From BOB SMITH in New York

**AMAZING** new facts about the night a UFO came to Britain have been revealed by the U.S. airman who saw the craft land.

The secrets were locked away in 22-year-old Art Wallace's mind. But following hypnosis, he has now given us:

- A full description of the aliens who manned the ship;
- Details of how a senior American officer actually communicated with one of the beings;
- Evidence that the U.S. Air Force may have helped repair the damaged craft.

The UFO landed near the American base at RAF Woodbridge, Suffolk, in December, 1980.

But the close encounter was kept secret—until last month when the massive cover-up was exposed by the News of the World.

Since Wallace—now a civilian back in the US—revealed to us what he saw that terrifying night, his life has been threatened.

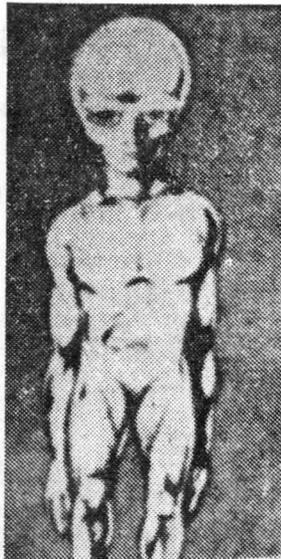
Recently, he received a



phone call at his home and an unidentified man told him: "If you don't shut your mouth then it will be shut for you."

This follows a frightening meeting he had with several men he believes were from the CIA, during which he was warned that "bullets are cheap".

During his session with two top hypnotists, Wallace this is not his real name—not only confirmed his original story but made some astonishing new revelations.



ALIEN: Artist's impression

## SKIN

He now says he remembers seeing a face-to-face meeting between one of the aliens and the officer who was in charge of the U.S. base.

The alien was between three and four feet tall, with a very large head and huge saucer-like eyes that grew much larger every so often.

It appeared to have greyish skin and was wearing what looked like a dark jumpsuit and the outline of its figure glowed.

Wallace was unable to hear any voices as Wing Commander, now Brigadier General, Gordon

Williams and the being communicated with much hand waving and pointing at the strange triangular craft.

He said the four aliens appeared to be floating just above the surface of the ground and, at one point, became alarmed and formed themselves into a defensive line.

One of them floated over the UFO near to where Wallace was standing and he blacked out. The next thing he remembers, he was back in his barracks.

Wallace believes the craft needed repairs after hitting a tree.

## CRAFT

He was told later by some of his pals on the base that a U.S. transport plane flew in from Germany just hours after the UFO landed, and was immediately surrounded by armed military police.

A package from the plane was put in a jeep which then drove off towards the landing site at Tangham Wood. Later that day, the craft was gone.

The base's deputy commander Lt-Colonel Charles Halt, admits there is "one hell of a lot more" to come out.

## Road to mystery

A NIGHT out at bingo ended in a chilling encounter with a UFO for three women and a schoolgirl last week.

As they drove home to Rippingale, Lincolnshire, they spotted a strange light in a field.

"We stopped and got out

of the car and stood there flabbergasted," said Mrs Jenny Clarke, 31.

"This object was literally dormant in the sky—it didn't move or anything.

"Then all of a sudden it started its engines and circled round us, before going away into the distance."

# So it Goes...

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## Close Encounter

I GREW UP with "Flash Gordon," My Favorite Martian," "Lost in Space" and "Star Trek." I've seen "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" three times, and "E.T." twice (although I thought "Alien" was more realistic, after the fifth viewing). I also thought "Star Wars" was neat.

So forgive me, folks, but I'm a product of my environment.

Tuesday night I saw a UFO.

Aw, heck. I know what you're thinking. But this is on the level. Really.

It was 10 o'clock, and I was working late in the office. Ten o'clock, I finally decided, was late enough, and I gathered my notebooks under my arm and headed out the front door for home. I got as far as the car when a flash of light flickered in the sky.

Generally, a flash of light doesn't command my attention, but this one was green. Even a green flash of light, as rule, normally goes unnoticed in my world, but this was not just your ordinary green flash of light. It was an Unearthly Green Flash of Light. Furthermore, this Unearthly Green Flash of Light occasionally flashed red. And when I see an Unearthly Green and Red Flash of Light in the sky, I look twice.

On my second look, I duly noted that the UFO appeared stationary above just to the right of a streetlight. I shielded my eyes against the glare of the lamp and waited for another glimpse. I wasn't disappointed. The light appeared to be at least a mile in the air, slightly larger than the stars surrounding it, and was flashing green and red in a seemingly random pattern. It would flash brightly once or twice, only to leave the sky completely and reappear in a different location some distance away. "This," I said calmly to myself, "is extremely unusual."

I stood there for five minutes, hand stretched out to block the streetlight. An airplane? It wasn't moving. A weather balloon? Naw. Swamp gas? No way. Satellite? Why didn't it move? Just a little?

I began to hear a faint electric hum in the air, and that hum drove me to action.

"This thing," I said, a little less calmly than before, "is going to land. This thing is going to land and I am not going to stand here all by myself and watch it do so."

Firm in my conviction, I raced back to the office and called for the editor. He, by a remarkable coincidence, was also working late. He was less than happy at the interruption. "There is something you should see out here," I told him.

"What?"

A UGRFL? A UFO? "Just come out here, quick," I said. He joined me on the lawn, but the only lights in the sky now where stars and the streetlight. "I saw something strange in the sky," I told him. "It was...an Unearthly Green and Red Flash of Light." I explained about the random pattern, too, but he raised serious questions concerning my mentality.

Then, there it was again.

The editor's jaw dropped appreciably.

We stood there for a while, both shielding our eyes against the streetlight's glare, when finally he suggested we cross the street. "We'll see it better without that light in our eyes," he said, and I wished I'd thought of that.

On the other side of the road, all appeared normal. The stars shone brightly, the running lights of a passenger jet blinked off to the north. And the UFO we sighted to the northwest was gone.

"What if it's already landed in Kinards? Or Helena?" I asked.

"Then we'll have one heck of a front page tomorrow, won't we?" he said sarcastically.

As we were crossing the street again, promising each other to keep this to ourselves for the time being, a familiar sight caught my eye. There, just to the right of the streetlamp, was the Unerathly Green and Red Flash of Light.

Police officer Phil Bouknight arrived on the scene moments after our call, and listened patiently to our story. He shone the spotlight in his unmarked car at the UFO, which continued flashing. We agreed that this phenomenon was beyond our abilities to explain, and Phil suggested a crew of experts in this sort of thing be called in to investigate.

And investigate they did. The City of Newberry's Utility Department, after a thorough study, declared the UFO to be a short in an electrical wire hot tap. They further declared the UGRFL to be caused by said hot tap. The red light, according to the line crew foreman, was the spark caused by the short. The green light was the result of the copper tap burning.

The editor has since had a great deal of fun in relating this story to our co-workers, friends, customers and total strangers. With each telling, he gives me less and less credit for being observant and saving our building from the certain disaster shorted-out hot taps can cause.

He is now self-assured in his assertion that all UFOs can be explained by natural phenomenon. I know better.

They think they were clever in staging a diversion and making good their escape. They think nobody really saw them, and we Earthlings will soon attribute all Unearthly Green and Red Flashes of Light in the sky to electrical shorts.

# UFO aliens to come to Earth in near future

**G**OOD SAMARITANS from outer space soon will intervene to prevent destruction of mankind.

That is the message from Charles Hickson, one of two men kidnapped by extraterrestrials more than 10 years ago in one of the most dramatic, heavily reported and closely investigated UFO encounters in history.

Hickson, now 55, and Calvin Parker were fishing off an old shipyard pier in Pascagoula, Mississippi, on the night of October 11, 1973, when their chilling encounter with the aliens occurred.

Hickson and his companion, then 19, were spending a relaxing evening together when the cool autumn evening was interrupted by a zipping noise coming from overhead, followed quickly by a series of mysterious glowing lights.

Moments later, they re-

## ... to save us from destruction

count, a huge, saucer-like spacecraft appeared and descended from the sky.

The stunned fishermen watched as three eerie creatures — Hickson is now convinced they were robots controlled by aliens — floated out of the UFO and escorted them inside.

After being observed for 15 to 20 minutes by a device that looked like a giant eye, the men say they were released — apparently unharmed.



HICKSON: Ambassador

But their lives never would be the same.

Parker left Pascagoula almost immediately after the gut-churning ordeal, and Hickson says the younger man has suffered severe emotional disturbances ever since the incident.

Now, Hickson says, he has been chosen as one of 12 people from this planet who will serve as liaison between the aliens and mankind.

"Through my mind, I receive messages from them," the shipbuilding superintendent confides.

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"They're not monsters. The knowledge these people have is beyond belief."

## Convinced

Hickson says the ETs have become convinced that they must show themselves in force on this planet to change the self-destructive course earthlings have taken.

"We're going to see something I can't even comprehend," he says.

"There's going to be a strange power or energy released on Earth that will work on our minds and turn them to different things besides war."

Hickson says he's been in regular mental contact with the eerie space beings and has had at least three more physical encounters with them since his first shattering brush with the unknown.

— CLIFF LINEDECKER

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# Justice for humanoid!

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Persons who subscribe to the "conspiracy theory" as an explanation for practically everything probably will enjoy, if not agree with, allegations of a group of UFO enthusiasts that the U.S. government is engaged in a "cover up" of evidence that unidentified flying objects have visited Planet Earth.

Larry W. Bryant, a member of the Citizens Against UFO Secrecy group, charges that the government is in possession of "disc-shaped objects and small-statured, ugly beings — or humanoids."

Although the Pentagon denied the claims, Bryant says the Air Force has captured some visitors from outer space. In July, he asked a federal court in Washington to order that the extraterrestrials be produced.

Bryant also produced an affidavit from a colleague — who said he had interviewed military personnel who have seen the captives — and he said the "constitutional rights of visitors to this planet" should be considered.

That case was resolved after federal attorney Royce Lamberth and two Air Force lawyers successfully argued that U.S. District Court Judge Oliver Gasch had no jurisdiction. Actually, the case was thrown out, so little judicial light, or "celestial" light, was shed on the situation.

Remember when the saying used to be "where does an alien go to register?" Today, it more aptly might be "where does an extra-terrestrial go to seek justice in these United States?"

# UFOs at Stonehenge

**A** SECT of nature-worshipping pagans with roots in the Dark Ages have turned the mysterious Stonehenge monument into a giant navigational beacon for UFOs.

## Mysterious monument erected 1,800 years before Christ draws travelers from beyond the stars

By LEWIS CLIFTON

The mystery of the gigantic stone blocks that were erected about 1,800 years before the birth of Christ during the early Bronze Age baffled historians for centuries.

But that was before its shocking link with flying saucers was discovered.

"There's strong evidence that extraterrestrials were involved in construction of Stonehenge," says Dr. Guido Pontarelli, a historian and expert in ancient languages.

"And there's also some indication that the massive structures are being used today to guide the visitors from the stars."

The fantastic intergalactic communication is going on because the UFO aliens are being helped by druids, followers of a religion that served as the basis for modern witchcraft, Pontarelli maintains.

A college professor and researcher who lives in Rome, Pontarelli says he originally became involved in the study of the huge, circular monument in southwest England because it once was believed to be the ruins of a Roman temple.

At various times during the past few centuries, archeologists also speculated that the stones were erected by a group of wandering Vikings.

And other researchers have voiced opinions that Stonehenge was an astronomical observatory inspired by the discovery of ancient Egyptians or a temple used for human sacrifices.

But the Italian historian points out that men of science generally agree that the stones were erected by the

druids, a pre-Christian sect that survives today and meets at the site to celebrate the midsummer rising of the sun

and major seasonal changes.

Researchers began to suspect an extraterrestrial origin for the construction after

realizing that an incredible number of UFO sightings occur over the surrounding Salisbury Plain.

**rites: Modern druids still conduct pagan ceremonies amidst the monoliths of Stonehenge.**



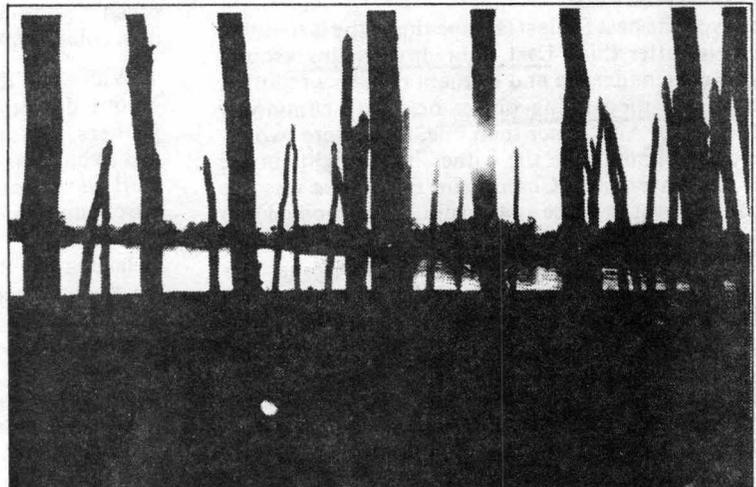
## ... and in Missouri, too

**STUNNED SCIENTISTS** have discovered an ancient solar observatory that may have been a landing site for ancient astronauts.

The site — in Clay County, Missouri — dates back to the days when Europe was in the Dark Ages. Yet ruins indicate that the builders were skilled astronomers.

Archeologists call their discovery "Woodhenge" because the astronomical observatory was composed of wooden poles arranged in a pattern similar to the monoliths at Stonehenge in England.

**Was this ancient observatory a road map for ancient astronauts?**



**ROAD MAP:** The wooden stakes form a circle and may serve as a travel guide for extraterrestrials.

Because the site was due to be flooded by a dam project, the scientists constructed an exact copy nearby. They

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were amazed to learn that it could pinpoint the winter solstice and autumnal equinox.

One scientist who asked that he not be identified says that the discovery may be more proof of interplanetary space travel by ancient ETs.

"We've been seeing sites like this for a long time now in Central America and Peru," he says.

"All of these sites have one thing in common. They indicate an overwhelming interest in outer space — the kind only people who needed navigational assistance would show.

"I think this site may well be an ancient traffic-control center for astronauts from other planetary systems."

Scientists have been studying the area since 1978, when they found post holes in the hard clay surface that were filled with the remains of wooden posts and arranged in a strange pattern.

Also found on the site was a flat stone that was covered with mathematical symbols. Archeologists describe it as being a "work manual."

Dating the structures as anywhere from 800 to 1,000 years old, the scientists re-created the ancient observatory by placing wooden poles in the holes.

"All we've learned so far convinces me we're dealing with an ancient space port," the scientist says.

— PHIL BRENNAN

# Seen Bigfoot, UFOs? Maybe you're psychic

**SIGHTINGS OF UFOs and Bigfoots are linked to people who have psychic powers.**

That is the astonishing claim of experts who have investigated hundreds of cases of bizarre incidents.

By HAROLD LEWIS

"It may well be that these phenomena are attracted to only certain types of individuals, or that only certain individuals are able to experience these phenomena," says Stan Gordon, founder



**THEY SAW hairy creatures strolling along a fence.**

shots, striking one of the creatures. When the uninjured creature held up its hand, the craft disappeared and the creatures walked into the darkened woods.

The seven counties reported 118 sightings.

George Lutz, 62, assistant director of PASU, added: "We probably have had the best sightings of Bigfoot in the world, and a lot of people don't realize it."

And, according to Gordon, one of the most classic cases in UFO history occurred in Fayette County in October 1973. Approximately 15 residents of the West Leisenring area saw a ball of light descend into a pasture.

## Investigate

Armed with a rifle, a farmer's son and two neighbors went to investigate the landing.

They reportedly found a glowing white craft, 100 feet in diameter, sitting in the field and making a noise like a lawn mower.

The boys were then startled by two tall, hairy creatures walking along a nearby fence line.

The boys fired several

and director of the Pennsylvania Association for the Study of the Unexplained.

Gordon, 33, says sightings are usually related to, or result in, the presence of psychic powers. Many people who experience close encounters have a history of

psychic ability, such as premonitions and telepathy.

In other cases, Gordon adds, psychic ability surfaces after the close encounter.

"We find the relationship between sightings and psychic powers to be more than coincidence," he said.

With a staff that includes doctors, engineers, scientists and technicians — as well as experts in astronomy, biology, pathology and archeology — PASU is completely equipped to investigate supernatural occurrences.

Gordon says the group's coverage area of Fayette, Westmoreland, Washington, Allegheny, Beaver, Somerset and Indiana counties is a hotbed of unexplained happenings.

In 1973, he says, the largest wave of Bigfoot sightings in history occurred in the cove

## If it's not a moose

by Mike Connery

## then it's UFOs

If you've read the last couple of issues of the Times of Ti, you will not an unbelievable trend. First you'll note Ti's first murder in 30 years, then you'll see we witnessed and shook through an honest to goodness earthquake, and we certainly can't forget the moose that showed up at IP looking for a job and hasn't been seen since.

But we saved the best for last (I hope this is the last--there isn't much else after this)! Last Thursday evening around 7:30 dozens of Ticonderoga and Putnam residents reported seeing an unidentified flying object or, more commonly known, as a UFO. And better than one, there were two!

The reports acknowledge the witnessing of lights in the eastern horizon over Lake Champlain. First there was one that seemed to hover in space and abruptly it was joined by a

second. Then, within the blink of an eye, they were gone. The sighting time was estimated to be about 5 minutes.

Now don't go laughing at "us" folks that saw the lights. Myself, I was on Route 9N heading for the Crown Point School open house and I saw one light on the eastern horizon. I didn't spot any colors like some. What I saw was a light double that of a star and with my car moving, it didn't even phase me that the light looked as if it was standing still. In fact I didn't even give the light a second thought—I thought it was Ticonderoga's answer to Wrong-way Corrigan, Freddy Fuller, waltzing his way across the sky.

Let's see now--the only thing we got left is a tropical heat wave and the Ticonderoga town board asked to keep open the beach during Christmas vacation.

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