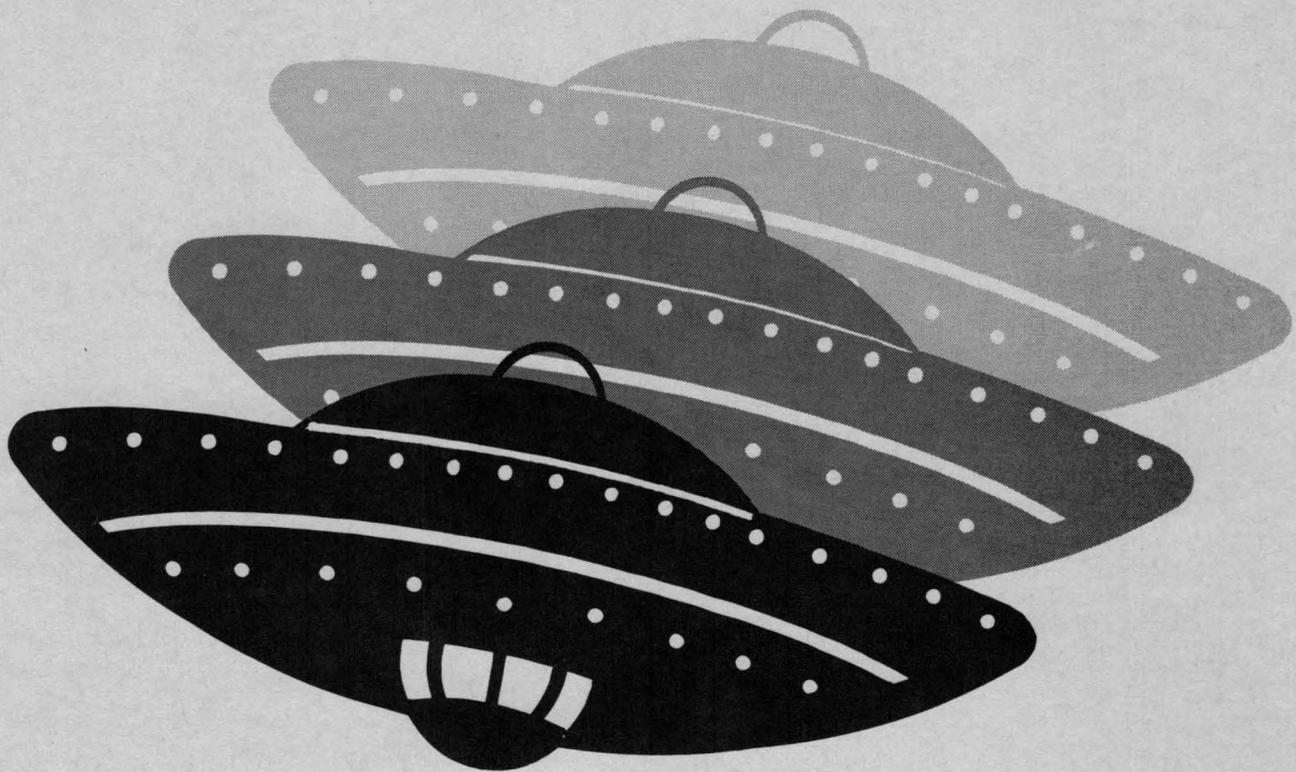


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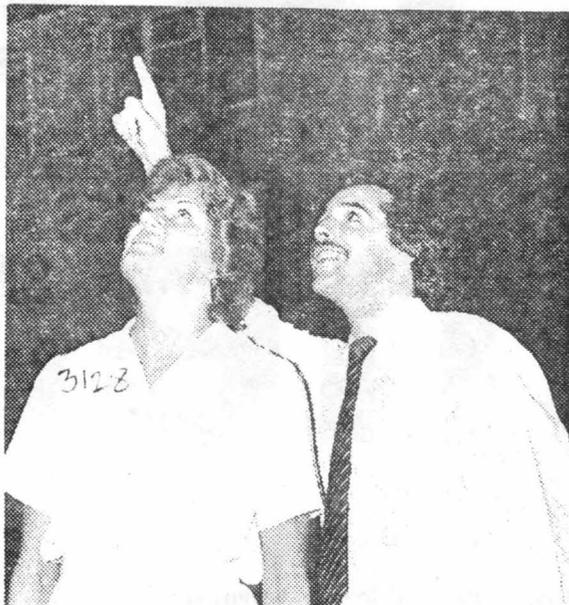
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● Roger Tibenham and Pam Pook return expectantly to the spot where they sighted the UFO. Same place, same time, no flying saucer.

Roger's UFO tumbles over Torbay

ALIENS from outer space may have been among weekend visitors to Torbay.

An unidentified flying object was sighted over Torquay by Roger Tibenham and Pam Pook.

Mr Tibenham had just closed the bar at the RAF Association club in Scarborough Road on Friday night and had nipped out for a breath of fresh air when he saw what looked like a flying saucer.

"I saw this thing in the sky over Chelston. It was a clearly defined circular shape with bright lights around the circumference," he said.

WITNESS

"It was like a flat dish and it was tumbling over and over. It didn't make a sound and it was difficult to say how big it was."

The amazed bar steward said the UFO took about 10 seconds to fly from Chelston to St Marychurch. He rushed back into the club to get a witness and member Pam Pook got outside in time to see the flying saucer for herself.

"I don't know what it was. I haven't seen anything like it before," said Mr Tibenham. "I never believed in flying saucers but I now believe in the possibility of them. I would like to know if anyone else saw it."

"Some of the members believed me but most didn't — they just had a good giggle."

THE DERBY EXPRESS
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Experts puzzled by UFO reports

EXPERTS are baffled by sightings of cigar-shaped UFOs all over Derbyshire.

Mysterious pulsating lights have been spotted at Sinfyn and there have been over a dozen other sightings.

On one occasion a bright white light shot out of the side of, well could it be ... a spaceship?

Beam

Mr Denis Harriman, regional co-ordinator of the National UFO Investigation Society, said reports have flooded in from all over the county.

"Whatever it is seems to travel very slowly, has a red light at the front and a white beam at the back."

"From what I've heard it could be anything from

by Express
reporter

100-500 feet long," he said.

Some objects look like a star until seen close up and over Windley a craft of metallic appearance was seen which hovered over trees and shot away as the witness approached.

And a bright orange light has been spotted flying from Melbourne to Windley, reputedly as big as a Wessex helicopter.

A spokesman for the Derby Astronomical Society said the brightness of Venus in recent weeks could account for some sightings. Derbyshire Police confirmed they had received reports of strange sightings, but could offer no explanation.

Close encounter?

■ A Chesterfield motorist spotted a strange orange glow in the sky late on Saturday night.

The oval-shaped unidentified flying object with a flashing blue light was sighted above Wardgate Way, Holme Hall, speeding its way to Ashgate Road.

But a police spokesman warned that the aliens piloting the UFO may be prosecuted for impersonating a panda car if they returned.

DERBYSHIRE
TIMES
JULY 11 1986

The Une xplained

Most of the UFO's can be explained. But what about the other 10 per cent? Here PAT HILLS reports.

ONLY ONE tenth of reported unidentified flying objects are not explained. Most are natural phenomena or aircraft from Manchester Airport.

Authoress and space expert Jenny Randles who is a member of the Manchester UFO Association said: "We strive to help people who have had harrowing experiences with the paranormal.

"Our primary responsibilities are to witnesses who have had genuine encounters and do not seek publicity. There are cases where eye-witnesses have lost their jobs, their careers and their marriages because they have gone public."

And she was keen to insist that her association had earned credibility with the police and Ringway who contacted members whenever there was a genuine sighting.

Small group

"We are nothing to do with flying saucers and little green men," she said. "We are a small group seriously interested in phenomena."

Miss Randles explained that many aircraft like hot air balloons, and hang gliders were often mistaken for UFOs.

But there was also other amazing explanations for sightings on the earth and in the sky.

Owls glowing in the dark can create an awesome sight. According to Miss Randles if they eat too much of a certain type of bacteria its body turn fluorescent. "It can be quite scary," she said.

Thunderstorms

One strange atmospheric phenomena is ball lightning. This is a massive concentration of energy screwed up usually seen during thunderstorms and are reported as a UFO.

It floats **INSIDE** as well as outside houses and can be terrifying. One woman tried to swipe one which was bobbling around her fridge with a plastic fly swat and it melted the plastic.

Another phenomena are earthquake lights. These occur in fault lines in the earth crust and are not confined to places like Mexico City. They can happen in Stockport.

Electricity

People would not feel the earth tremours but a certain amount of straining and stressing creates electricity which in turn shoots out sparks.

These lights spin like Catherine wheels and are often mistaken for UFOs.

Some UFOs are a product of the earth and not the sky. And the Manchester UFO Association researches all cases within a 50 mile radius.

Miss Randles, formerly a teacher in physics, became interested in the paranormal after a wave of sightings in 1972. She found

**'THERE ARE CASES
HAVE LOST THEIR JOBS, CA**

Local investigator Roy Sandbach said many UFOs turn out to have the most obvious explanations.

Mostly they are aircraft approaching Ringway. "Sometimes when they throttle right back and there appears to be no noise coming from aircraft it can be quite spooky," he said.

Flying ducks

Also flying ducks look chilling when their white bellies are lit up by street lights and eye-witnesses can only see glowing bands in the dark.

And high flying aircraft leaving behind a condensation trail are always being reported as UFOs but they are quickly dismissed.

Close encounter

IN NOVEMBER, 1982, 11-year-old Damien Hulme was treated for shock after a terrifying encounter with a UFO in Hazel Grove.

He had been playing space invaders with a schoolpal and was on his way home when he saw a craft the size of two houses hovering 10ft above the trees.

Damien of Sandown Road, Hazel Grove, said: "I thought it was a plane at first." He made a sketch of what he saw. It was kite-shaped with blue and white beams, orange lights in the centre and a band of flashing lights around the edge.

"It didn't seem to make a sound and it didn't look like

any ordinary aircraft," he said.

Described by his father as "a sensible lad" Damien was in such a frenzy over the sighting that he tried to run in the house without opening the front door.

In June last year secretary Cheryl Kilcoyne, her husband John and three friends watched in amazement as a silver sphere appeared near a relative's home in Bower Avenue, Heaton Norris.

The UFO moved across the sky swooping from time to time then climbing again. It was the second time 21-year-old Cheryl had sighted an unidentifiable sky intruder.

And even more curiously she had been describing the first incident which happened nine years ago while she and her friend were dining. "It looked exactly the same," she said.

- **TIMES** cameraman CHRIS HILL has enlarged the object pictured by a local bobby.

many people had been involved in brief encounters but were too frightened to talk about them because of possible ridicule.

Realised

realised they needed someone who would take them seriously. Very few people take sightings seriously."

**WHERE PEOPLE
AREERS, MARRIAGES'**

FRONT LINES

IT WAS MY SISTER WHO FIRST MENTIONED to me some years ago the rumors of UFOs in the vicinity of Mt. Shasta. She'd read it was one of their centers of activity on earth; a staging area, and somehow likened to the pyramids of Egypt. I listened with a more-than-willing suspension of disbelief and hoped that someday the truth of the story would be revealed to me.

Writer Richard Trainor had a similar exchange 16 years ago with his brother, but it was Lemurians—seven-foot Nordic giants—who were said to inhabit the mountain. Last March, curiosity spurred Trainor to discover what he could of the legends, and he reports on "Shasta: The Magic Mountain" in this issue. The search led in elliptical circuits, entwined with mysterious mountain visions, colored lights in the sky, coincidences woven through the lives of many people drawn to the small communities surrounding the peak. As Benton Jew's accompanying art asks: Fact or fiction? You decide!

HULL DAILY MAIL
JULY 30 1986

Cottingham family's UFO mystery

A MYSTERY sighting in the skies over Hull has left a Cottingham family wondering if they have seen a UFO.

Mr Derek Mason and his children Beverley (7) and Alex (9) watched in amazement last night as the mystery object shot across the sky before disappearing over the city.

Mr Mason said Alex and Beverley had come rushing into the house in Burton Road at about 8.50pm, saying they had seen a rocket.

When Mr Mason went out into the back garden he said he saw a long tube like object with a bright light at the back moving across the sky.

"We could see it very clearly," he said. "It was coloured something between grey and white with light patches. I could not see any wings, and it made no sound whatsoever."

UFO IN TOWN?

POLICE in north Derbyshire are investigating the alleged sighting of an Unidentified Flying Object over Chesterfield.

Mr. Melvyn Broadhurst, 30, of Hanbury Close, Holme Hall Estate, was playing his cassette recorder on Saturday night when he spotted an orange glow above trees at Ashgate Woods, only a few yards from his flat windows.

"I thought immediately it was a flying saucer. It looked as though it was searching for somewhere to land so I dashed downstairs to try to watch its movements.

"It was going in the direction of the top end of Linacre Road, towards Ashgate Hospital. It was oval shaped, about the size of a mini

car, very bright yellow, about the same colour as street lamps, with a blue flashing light on top.

"It was absolutely silent - no engines whatsoever. I watched it for about 20 minutes but it was a bit cloudy and it went into the clouds to the east and I lost it."

He reported it to police, and to the UFO Society who visited him on Tuesday to log the details.

"It was the wrong shape for an aircraft or even a helicopter. It was definitely a flying saucer," he said. "If anybody else saw it, I would like them to get

in touch. Anyone near the Woodside pub at about quarter to eleven might have seen it."

It was Melvyn's second UFO sighting - he saw one over the miners' statues on Saltergate during the Chesterfield by-election campaign. That was also reported to the UFO Society.

"Until I saw that one I never really believed in flying saucers, but I do now," he said. "I strongly believe there must be some life form on another planet - there can't be just us in the Universe."

Apparently, there have been many sightings reported recently in the Chesterfield area - particularly in the region of Bolehill Quarries at Wingerworth.

THE BERWICKSHIRE NEWS
AND EAST LOTHIAN
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JULY 17 1986

A bird? A plane? A UFO?

A strong light which was seen shining in the sky above Tweedmouth last week has left Police mystified.

Several residents in the Tweedmouth area saw the unidentified light glowing above the cemetery at midnight on Thursday, but when Police went to investigate they could find nothing.

An eye witness, Mr Tommy Rae, from the Highwayman in Tweedmouth, said the light was stationary for about 15 minutes.

"I thought at first it might have been a helicopter," he said, "or even an aeroplane. But it had no red or green lights underneath it, and when it moved it went away at an angle towards Scremerston.

"It might sound silly, but I thought it could have been a UFO."

A Police spokesman said later they had received several calls, but they had been unable to identify the cause of the light.

BURTON DAILY
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JUNE 20 1986

'Boom time

With the mystery boom increasing, the answer might be close at hand - a sonic boom caused by a UFO pilot with sudden acceleration crashing through the sound barrier.

UFOs are about again.
- James Price, Station Road, Barton.

The coverup on UFO research

Editor, *The Journal*:

The recent death of astronomer-UFO researcher Dr. J. Allen Hynek, whose coinage of the term "close encounters" made him a legendary figure in his later years, comes at a time when the "UFO problem" promises new answers to old questions.

Thanks both to a climate of serious media interest in the problem and to recent successes of persistent UFO researchers in compelling greater governmental accountability for official UFO information and policy, the public has been fairly well prepared for certain revelations as to UFO reality and for a final expose of how certain federal agencies have been contributing to a massive cover-up of hard-core UFO data.

The big question remains to be answered: Are the UFO policy makers in the White House, Pentagon, Central Intelligence Agency, National Security Agency, and State Department prepared to reach a consensus on how to save face when the revelations emerge?

My guess is that a behind-the-scenes damage-control effort — a contingency plan, if

you will — has been in place for decades, undergoing refinement as the need arises. The officials in charge of that effort have been well aware of the risks they take in perpetuating the "Cosmic Watergate" for nearly 40 years. But up to now, they've had little to worry about.

Why should they start worrying now?

In the past few years a number of UFO cover-up whistleblowers (current and former government persons) have begun making overtures as to what they know and when they knew it as regards the government's vast storehouse of UFO-sighting data, retrieved UFO artifacts (including their humanoid occupants), and "signals intelligence" from intercepted UFO communications.

As the individual whistleblowers begin to work up enough courage to proceed with a network of data correlation and mutual psychological reinforcement of their confessional, "tell all" mentality, they will be in a position to "go public" with a collective testimony and an authoritative plea for an end to the cover-up.

Certain legal actions are in the works to afford the whistleblowers a safe, open forum for their message. These include plans for the "ultimate Freedom-of-Information-Act lawsuit" to compel the government to release all its records pertaining to the various cases of so-called crash-landed flying saucers.

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'Wormy things' seen in night sky

By CHRIS COURSEY
Staff Writer

Strange things floated across Santa Rosa's night sky Friday, confounding residents all around the city.

And we're not talking your run-of-the-mill flying saucer.

"They were things," said Robert Warren, who spotted them near telephone poles in the South Park area. "Kinda wormy looking things, just floating up there, and some of them stopped around the wires.

"There are packs of them."

He said they seemed to be floating with the breeze, which at

The Press Democrat was heading east-northeast. Sure enough, not five minutes after Warren called, another caller said they were over his house just east of the Sonoma County Fairgrounds.

"There are these things in the sky," said the man. "They're hard to describe, they keep changing shape.

"I feel kind of silly calling. I don't believe in UFOs, but these are weird."

The first man said the objects were 6 or 7 feet long, the second estimated 5 to 8 feet. About as thick as the barrel of a baseball bat, and low — less than treetop level.

The third call came about 10 minutes after the second.

"I'm out here on Highway 12 having a hot dog and I saw these things," he said. "They were kinda like worms."

Before he hung up, he said the objects were a long way from where he sat, but he estimated their length as 3 feet.

By then it was dark, and none of the callers had seen any lights on the objects, although Warren said they were "shiny."

When the fourth caller began, "You won't believe this...," the reporter said, "Try me."

"Well, my little boy just came in and said there's something outside," said the woman. "I looked, and there are these sleek, shiny things. About three of them, real bright."

She said she was on Fulton Road, south of Guerneville Road, but then with a small voice in the background hollering "Mom, look!" she said she had to go.

"Sounds like a damn good mystery to me," said the editor. But one, at this point, without a solution. Although the Santa Rosa Police Department reported some similar calls from the northern end of the city, they could offer no explanation. Every other law enforcement agency in Sonoma County said no one had called.

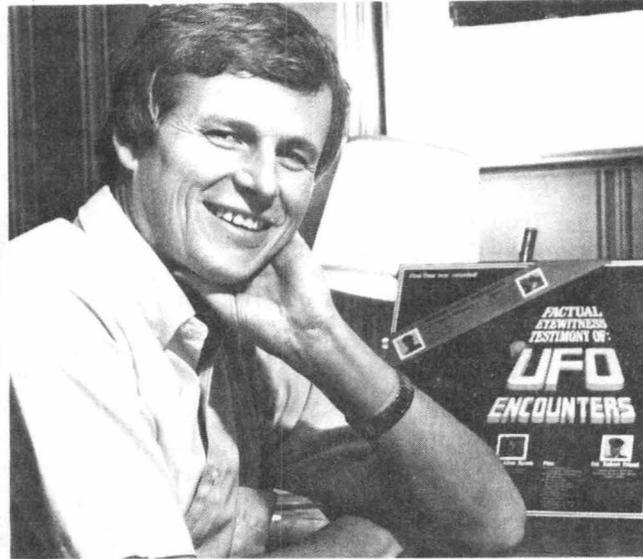
"A real can of worms," muttered the reporter.

And the search continues...

Evanston's Peter Bordwell believes the chance of unlocking the mysteries of UFOs may have been lost with the death of J. Allen Hynek. "His death was definitely a blow to the whole UFO movement," says Bordwell.

Hynek was the top UFO chaser in the country, researching extra-terrestrial phenomena for the U.S. Air Force and operating the Center for UFO Studies at Northwestern University. Bordwell is now its head.

Bordwell is a Chicago TV producer who in the late 1970s worked, in his off-hours, with Hynek digging up information on UFOs. Bordwell crisscrossed the country interviewing people claiming to have made eyewitness sightings. The result was a documentary record album called "UFO Encounters."



"Hynek was our guru. He opened his files for us to use and guided us." Bordwell recalls Hynek as the "prototype of the absent-minded professor, but not a weirdo, not a wacko."

"The trouble with the UFO movement is it is filled with kooks," says Bordwell.

"But Hynek separated the kooky stories from the legitimate ones that needed investigation."

Bordwell himself started as a skeptic, but talks like a believer. "There's definitely a phenomenon, something out there that needs investigation."

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1581 B.C. UFO

*The fad may be over,
but sightings continue*

Maybe the aliens were attracted by the town's promotional pamphlet. In it, Squamish, B.C. (pop. 10,272), 40 miles north of Vancouver, is described as the "Playground of British Columbia." Stawamus Chief mountain, the 2,000-foot-high chunk of solid granite which dominates the pulp mill-cum-commuter town, is described as second in size only to Gibraltar in the British Commonwealth and as having "kept vigil over white man and Indian alike." It was in and about this landmark two weekends ago that an enigmatic amber light danced, witnessed by people as far away as Victoria. Said nurse Coreen Stelmaschuk, 44, who saw the object speedily ascend the side of Stawamus Chief: "I was so excited. I just hope that it was *something!*"

This wasn't the first time that UFOs have been spotted in the area. On June 27, several people in the town's Valleycliff subdivision saw two small lights and a large one accelerating in a northeasterly direction. And on June 13, 30 miles to the

north in Whistler, two men saw what they described as "a small spherical fireball" disappear behind Blackcomb mountain. All sightings were summarily reported to local RCMP who couldn't explain them, but passed the information on to the National Research Council (NRC) in Ottawa.

Such reports are routinely filed by computer operator Denise Cardinal, 32, who says she receives between 100 and 150 UFO sightings a year—a far cry from the 250 the NRC received in the alien-attuned mid-'70s. It used to be the Department of National Defence kept close tabs on such reports. No more. "UFOs are *passé*," yawns David Vogt, 30, director of the University of B.C.'s observatories, dismissing the recently seen light as an extra-bright Venus.

It didn't look like that to Kenneth Granger, a 25-year-old carpenter who was partying with a bunch of friends in his backyard in the wee hours of Sunday morning. It was warm and clear. He and

about 40 others were holding a weekend-long feté celebrating his aunt's 80th birthday. He admits he'd been drinking somewhat, but a friend also saw what he did. "There was one large amber light in the sky," remembers Mr. Granger. "A smaller light came down onto the Chief, but then it started going up diagonally across the side. It went around the corner and disappeared."

Nurse Stelmaschuk hadn't been drinking. She and colleague Claudette Adams, 40, had just finished work at Hilltop House, a geriatric annex of Squamish hospital, at 11 p.m. on the Saturday night. Looking south towards the mountain three miles away, Mrs. Adams saw the amber light. From that distance it seemed five or six inches in diameter. "At first I thought it was an airplane," she recalls, "but then I noticed it wasn't moving." She called to Mrs. Stelmaschuk and two other nurses inside the building, "There's a UFO out here." They all watched the light rise up, then down in front of the mountain, then back up to the crest, disappearing for a few seconds behind the peak, then reappearing, resting in a crevice at the Chief's "neck" before disappearing.

Similar sightings were made the following night and one woman reports having seen "some kind of frame" within the light; another, sparks emitted from its base.

Ric Dolphin and Craig Brunanski





Randles: Ruling out UFOs, leaning towards a new whirlwind

Ringing the changes

EVERY summer, as Fleet Street's corn stocks run low, little green eye-shades are directed at the West Country where giant rings of flattened crops have been appearing overnight for the past six years. Ere July is out **Jenny Randles** of the British UFO Research Association is usually blue in the face from explaining that they are not the landing marks of spacecraft.

Which is why Ms Randles, the association's national investigations director, has co-authored a report examining a host of circle theories ranging from hoaxes to the mating habits of hedgehogs and parallel universes. The explanation she finds hardest to fault is almost as unorthodox as flying saucers — for which, incidentally, she believes no convincing evidence exists, preferring to talk of "unidentified atmospheric phenomena."

The exasperating feature of the circles — always slightly elliptical and 45-60ft across — is that the crop is undamaged but laid flat in a clockwise, swirled pattern. Although hoaxes have been proved, she believes this rules out heaving a long chain around the axis of a pole — a task rendered almost impossible by the crop's resistance.

A complicating factor was the appearance in 1983 of five-ring formations — a large circle with four smaller circles ranged geometrically around. This, she calculates, would require a team of five people performing complicated manoeuvres in the dark without leaving tracks. When such a set was found near Alfriston, Sussex, in 1984 Denis Healey materialised from his home nearby to snap them. "Healey's Comet", said a headline.

Having dismissed helicopter downdraught, chemical weapons tests, force fields and drug dropping zones, Ms Randles leans towards a theory promulgated by the meteorologist Dr Terence Meadon. His "fair-weather stationary whirlwind" is apparently a short-lived phenomenon (a minute or so), almost exclusive to southern England between May and August, and capable of several wind funnels.

But last month the wind advocates were thrown into a spin by the advent of huge concentric rings. "Dr Meadon is now talking about a completely new form of whirlwind," says Ms Randles, who confesses that the circles' evolving patterns are "very suspicious."

Last year an unusual greenish-white jelly-like substance was found in a central ring. The analytical verdict was "some kind of confectionery that had gone off". A Mars Bar? She insists not. "There's not the slightest evidence to explain the circles in terms of UFOs. It is wrong to try and explain one inexplicable phenomenon with another."

All this suggests a symbiotic relationship between the elements and Fleet Street. The British whirlwind spell coincides exactly with the silly season.



Tell Me Why?

By Arkady Leokum

Do UFO's really exist?

The popular name for them is "flying saucers." UFO stands for "unidentified flying object."

Do they really exist? Thousands of people claim they have seen them; some even claim they have photographed them. Studies of saucer reports show that UFOs are very different from one another. Some people report having seen flat saucers; others see saucers shaped like spheres, cigars or doughnuts.

Saucers are also reported to be of different colors, able to move in every direction, and travel at nearly every speed.

When the U.S. Air Force started to investigate the reports about flying saucers, it discovered that people weren't "imagining" what they saw. People who reported a flying saucer had seen something. But what?

In some cases, the "something" was actually a weather balloon. In other cases it was a satellite, a cloud, a meteor, a star, a bird, a comet, a planet or fireworks. It was also what are called sun dogs. These are images of the sun reflected through ice crystals. Many flying-saucer stories have been traced to fireballs, which are formed by lightning.

If saucers were really spaceships, there would be a certain pattern in the reports about them. But there is no such pattern. The reason is that people are not seeing spaceships but many other things.

So scientists believe that there is no evidence that we are being visited, watched or invaded by intelligent beings from other worlds.

(Win an illustrated "Tell Me Why" book, with hundreds of questions answered. Send your questions, name, age and address to "Tell Me Why," in care of this newspaper. Include ZIP code. In case of duplicate questions, the author will decide the winner. Today's winner: Alisa Schiappa, 11, Hawthorne, Calif.)

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from the Editor's Notebook...

If Montana's brightest young minds (12 to 14 year olds) are reaching for the stars now, can you imagine where they will be when they reach the advanced age of 27?

To refresh your memory, this column is a continuation of last month's column on bright kids, Dr. Vallee and UFOs. Montana's brightest—48 of them—were in Kalispell recently to receive awards and listen to the world's foremost expert on unidentified flying objects (UFOs). Dr. Jacques Vallee kept them entranced while they were learning.

Expand your mind, he was saying. We have a limited perception of reality. Although computers tell us there are at least 164 dimensions, most of us can only perceive maybe three.

Somewhere in the Bible is a line about the "evidence of things unseen." Dr. Vallee talked to the kids about the evidence of things seen but not believed—UFOs.

UFOs were written about back in the Middle Ages in the Book of Amulets and Talismen. The point the book makes is that when a culture is confronted with something it cannot explain, the phenomena is rejected. Back then, if the Church rejected it as heretical it went underground. Later, UFO stories surfaced in folklore and fairytales.

This also happens in the modern world. Since humor is a primary way to deal with tensions or fear you find UFOs in the comic sections and not given any credibility. They are easy to laugh at. UFO themes are found in communes, art, and modern or rock music. They are part of a social/political commentary that "credible" people sometimes shy away from.

At the same time, UFOs have a tremendous emotional impact on us as a culture although we do not want to deal with the impact.

They have forced us to re-think reality and our perception of it.

The major focus of Dr. Vallee's talk to the bright kids was that the most effective way to really learn is random reinforced learning. The reinforced part is reinforcing good learning or good behavior. The best schedule is to reinforce at random times. It is slower but irreversible learning.

Now, trying this on for size—Dr. Vallee's thinking about the why of UFO sightings is based on a time line of sightings. Through several thousands of years the sightings have been in clusters. Perhaps, he says, they are using this form of learning to protect us from immediate superior forces. It is an effective form of manipulative behavior modification to instill a social or religious concept towards expectations for the future. The future, Dr. Vallee anticipates, may be the coming of whatever "they" are—perhaps an advanced civilization.

A second focus of his talk was that the sky is the limit in learning and advancing. The more we know, the more we know we don't know.

Do we still think in terms of "chariots of fire" or "flying carpets" or do we open our minds to new dimensions and different perceptions of reality? If we hadn't opened our minds through the centuries, the world would still be flat in our thinking because that is the way we perceive it from what we can see.

I read recently that the human race will always triumph over its fear of the unknown, for it has a greater fear—the fear of not knowing.

The "evidence of things unseen" is all around us.

Marty Ericson

A flying hot dog?

Ray Nethercott saw a "big hot dog" fly by his Valhalla home Thursday night.

"It was weird," the 18-year-old said. "It was going pretty slow and had lots of lights on it."

Alison Yuri, 20, of Fishkill was driving through Ossining on Route 9 when she saw something hovering over her car.

"My boyfriend saw it first," she said. "It was rounder than a hot dog and had about 20 white lights and two red lights on it."

Nethercott and Ms. Yuri were among dozens of people along the Hudson River in Westchester County and in New Jersey who called police departments and local airports to report strange lights flying along the river.

"I saw a UFO," said Bill

Engstrom, 18, of Valhalla. "It had 20 lights on the front of it and looked like a big blimp."

The UFO was identified by officials at the Teeterboro Airport in New Jersey, however, when they discovered the strange lights came from a group of military helicopters.

"I don't know where they flew out of, but it's just a group of military helicopters flying in formation," said Kim Stoltzfus, who works at Teeterboro Airport, where many New Jersey residents called to report a UFO.

At Westchester County Airport, officials were reluctant to discuss the UFO incident, referring calls to New Jersey.

"All I'll say is if it is a UFO, I wish they'd come and pick me up," said Bob Brunner, a county airport employee.

— Michael Slackman

TV Newsmen Film Giant UFO

Police and Air Traffic Controllers Among Hundreds of Eyewitnesses

A huge UFO hovered over Barcelona, Spain, for nearly nine hours, say stunned eyewitnesses — and it was actually captured on videotape by a TV cameraman who aired his footage on local TV.

Police officers and airport flight controllers were among the many people in Barcelona who said they saw the UFO — nearly three times the size of a jumbo jet — on November 29.

And radar operators at Barcelona airport reported that the UFO showed up on their radar screens through most of the night before splitting up into five smaller objects that sped off.

The first sighting came at about 9:30 p.m., when flight controller Javier Hueto suddenly saw an unfamiliar brilliant light in the sky.

"I guessed it was about 10 miles away, at an altitude of around 3,000 feet," Hueto told The ENQUIRER. "It was a round blue light, piercingly bright, with a smaller red light on its upper side that pulsed like a heart. There was something unearthly about it. It just hung there without moving."

Radar operator Alejandro Raspall disclosed: "A large



POLICE LIEUTENANT Leandro Gil

UFO — at least three times the size of a 747 — was out there. It showed up on four radar screens, and stayed there until early in the morning."

Police Lieut. Leandro Gil received a phone call from Hueto reporting the UFO, and went to the roof of the police station to see it.

"It was right there before my eyes," he told The ENQUIRER. "It was a brilliant ice-blue light with a pulsing red beam on its upper side."

When he went back inside, Gil said, "Patrol officers were calling in to report sighting the UFO."

When a local TV station received a tip from the air-

port about the UFO, it assigned cameraman Pep Ros and his crew to try to capture the sighting with his videotape camera.

"We spotted the UFO immediately," said Ros. "It was an intense brilliant blue light. We filmed most of the night."

The next night, when Ros' footage was aired on TV, hundreds of viewers called in to say they, too, had seen the UFO.

There were no military air operations in the area on the night of the sighting, said Comdr. Gonzalo de Cea of the Spanish Air Ministry. But one plane in the area was a mail flight.

"We received a radio report from the captain of the mail flight that he could see the UFO as he made his airport approach," said the radar operator.

Antonio Ribera, a professor of



MYSTERIOUS OBJECT: This is the way it appeared on television.

natural science at Barcelona University, added: "This is the fourth time I have seen similar UFOs in this area."

"No official explanation has ever been given about these phenomena, which were witnessed by hundreds of responsible people."

— DAN SCHWARTZ

BOURNEMOUTH EVENING ECHO
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COUPLE SAW UFO

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THE Bournemouth coach driver who spotted a strange flaring light in the sky on June 17 is not alone.

Peter Charman, of Paddington Grove, has received phone calls from people as far afield as Winton and Blandford confirming the UFO sighting.

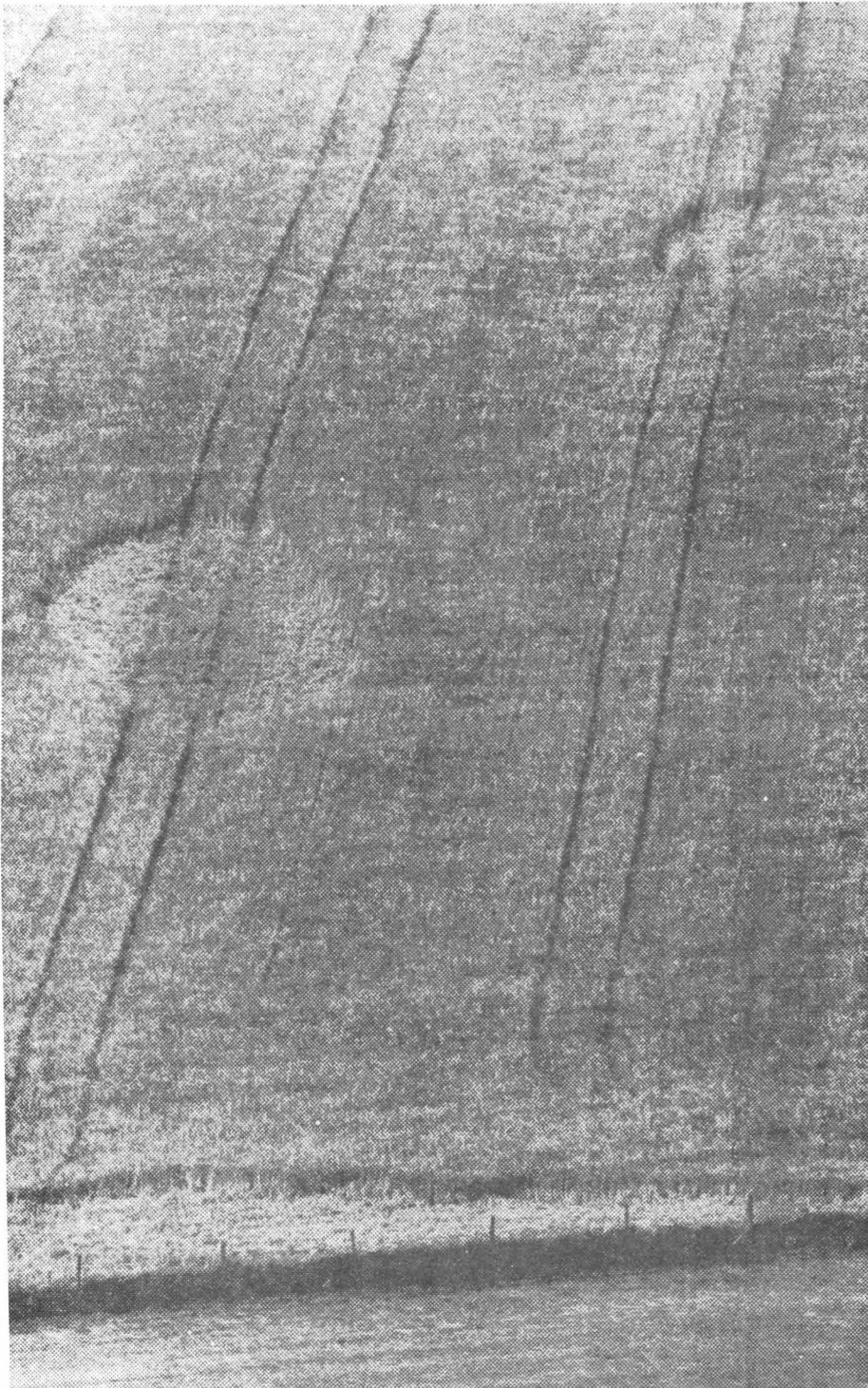
It seems that the strange light did not only limit its activities to the Tuesday night — one woman in Winton spotted it on the following Wednesday night.

"She called to her husband, who did not believe her, to come and look. The couple then spent about an hour watching the UFO from their garden," said Mr. Charman.

Other sightings report the UFO both moving and stationary.

Mr. Charman is still mystified over the origins of the light and said that he still has not sufficient information to identify it.

Making tracks for 3126 John's field of corn



HERE they are! The mystery markings which appeared, then disappeared, on a Sussex hillside exactly two years ago and are setting local tongues wagging again.

The rings are in the middle of a field of corn at Rathfinny Farm, near Alfriston, and once again theories are flying on what they are — and where they came from.

Have extra-terrestrials paid a second anniversary visit?

Or is there a more down-to-earth explanation — an earthling with a wicked sense of humour?

Farmer John Mossop swiftly dispels any talk of UFOs in favour of a more natural explanation.

Not far from his mind are memories of the stam-

pede of sightseers drawn to his land by the last mystery.

Brighton weather expert Mr Ken Woodhams does not think mini-whirlwinds could be the answer.

Strangely, or perhaps not so strangely, the rings both fall on tractor wheel tracks in the corn — easily accessible to pranksters.

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Scoffers scathed by UFO disciples

By JENNIFER HARSHA
Lansing State Journal

If E.T. exists, the experts gathered at the 17th Annual UFO Symposium want the freedom to say so.

They are tired of ridicule from skeptics regarding unidentified flying objects. They are exasperated with what they believe is government secrecy and lack of media investigation.

At Michigan State University today and Sunday, those gathering at "Beyond the Mainstream of Science" will discuss ways in which they hope to increase public awareness of extra-terrestrial visits.

They want to bring their field out of the realm of flying saucers and close encounters and into respected science.

And they want to research without scorn by naysayers, speakers said at a Friday press conference.

"These individuals, by denying people the open-minded right to explore and try to solve mysteries, are curtailing the abilities of civilization to progress," said Michael Swords, Western Michigan University natural sciences professor.

Swords is among up to 300 members of the Mutual UFO Network Inc. gathering at MSU's Kellogg Center. This is the first time the symposium has been held at MSU.

The symposium offers lectures from some of the country's top experts in aeronautics, physics, natural sciences, aerospace research and UFO history.

The skepticism with which the public views UFO sightings inhibits many people from reporting even the eeriest of encounters, said Robert Bletchman, legal advisor for the UFO network.

"The public has the most tenuous feeling of the nature of the UFO phenomena — so much so, they are unwilling to address their feelings even towards their real experiences," Bletchman said.

He said he wants the media to take a stronger role in overseeing what he contends is a government history of covering up UFO sightings.

"I intend to advertise the UFO evidence into mainstream consciousness to the point that the media can no longer avoid doing its inherent duty, namely to be a watchdog of the government. I think they have failed abysmally in that regard," Bletchman said.

Bruce Maccabee, who has done extensive research on UFO sightings in government documents, also contends the government has been keeping UFO evidence from the public since 1947.

Maccabee said there is evidence that a UFO crashed in a New Mexico desert in 1947 and that U.S. officials found the crash remains.

Maccabee is an optical physicist with the U.S. Naval Surface Weapons center.

"I think something unusual has been going on in the UFO subject ever since 1947. Furthermore, I

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think it's connected with some sort of intelligence not related to human beings. I'm not going to speculate where it comes from," he said.

"Assuming that something unusual is going on, and that Air Force people were involved right from the beginning, then I can only assume that either the government knows something it's not telling us or else the government has been extremely naive on the whole subject," Maccabee said.

Phillip J. Klass, who has authored several books refuting evidence of UFOs, dismisses the idea that U.S. officials are engaged in a UFO cover-up. Klass visited MSU in May.

After 20 years of investigating sightings, Klass has concluded that all UFOs are explainable in earthly terms.

Speakers Friday bitterly condemned Klass as the most "obnoxious" of their foes.

"I think what he's doing is totally ridiculous and criminal," said Harley Rutledge, chairman of the Southeast Missouri State University physics department.

The symposium today offers lectures, documentary films and videotaped interviews with other experts in the field. A major UFO exhibit, provided by the Center for UFO Studies, may be seen throughout the weekend.

Tickets are available at the door at \$30 a person for the entire event and \$7.50 a person for single sessions.

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Lights in the sky

Did a U.F.O. pass over Stedham last Saturday night? That is the question being asked by Mr. and Mrs. Bishop, who live in the village.

It was about at ten p.m. when Mrs. Moira Bishop noticed something in the sky and called her husband, Allan, out into their garden at Yarborough Terrace, Stedham.

They saw three bright points of light, similar to magnesium flares, hovering low in the sky towards Woolbeding Woods.

The mysterious lights remained motionless for about five minutes. Mrs. Bishop pinpointed them in R.A.F. manner, as being at one, three, and six o'clock.

The couple ruled out firework displays. They say there was absolute silence, until a plane flying high passed over on its way to Gatwick.

Then the three lights moved away northwards in a sweeping semi-circle.

There's nothing alien about UFO phone line

By Marilyn Martinez

Daily News Staff Writer

Semjase came from Planet Pleides to warn a Swiss farmer that the fate of Planet Earth was bleak. The blonde, female Pleidian told the farmer, Billy Mier, that Earth's clock was winding down and soon this planet would be history.

Earthlings can hear such reports of extraterrestrial visitations when they call the UFO Contact Newslines, a 976 number that 31-year-old Paul Shepherd began in March. Even though the stories may be taken as entertainment, Shepherd sees the recording as spreading the word about visiting aliens.

"I'd like people to get an education. This is not only the latest sightings but gives in-depth documentation that exists behind face-to-face encounters with extraterrestrials," Shepherd said. Most of the material used in the recordings is documented sightings received by computer from the UFO Reporting Center in Washington, D.C., Shepherd said.

Sometimes, firsthand information will be used, when Shepherd travels to investigate UFO sightings. Last year he spent four days in Switzerland with Mier and plans to visit Brazil, where several sightings have been reported.

Exploration for love

Just like the human species, aliens explore space for different reasons; some go out in the name of science and some in the name of love, said Shepherd. The Pleidians visit because "they are concerned about us as younger brothers. They feel our technical advances have surpassed our spiritual advances," Shepherd said.



Lori Valesko/Daily News

"I'd like people to get an education," says Paul Shepherd of UFO Contact Newslines.

And the extraterrestrials who kidnapped a factory worker in Mirassol, Brazil, and "forced him into a biogenetic experiment with an extraterrestrial woman" are looking for a hybrid base between humans and the four-foot-high, big-eared, pug-nosed alien species, Shepherd said. (Investigators know what the aliens look like from the kidnapped man's reports, Shepherd said.)

But the word Shepherd wants to spread is that Earth is being visited by aliens (extraterrestrials, Martians, space creatures — whatever the title) and that people should have access to legitimate information about their stays here on Earth.

'More open'

"People are more open and receptive to looking at documentation so they can make up their own mind," Shepherd said. The phone service, 976-UFOS, costs \$2 per call. Shepherd receives

"a small revenue" from the business but said he loses \$20,000 a month on it and considers it mainly a "labor of love" for him and his partner, 28-year-old Rusty Weaver, son of actor Dennis Weaver.

Documentation of the case histories and sightings reported on the call-in line will be mailed to listeners for a fee. Prices vary, but for a 250-page report on "daily reality" for beings from the Planet Koldar and 150 pages of documentation, the cost is \$15.95.

Radio announcer Bill Jenkins, who hosts the talk show "Open Minds" on 79 KABC-AM, is on the company's advisory board. Jenkins is interested in "maintaining a high level of credence" with the information dispensed through the number. "I think it's a service where people who call us will get valid information on a subject that gets no value," Jenkins said.

UFOs remarkably similar to those seen today were spotted during the Roman Empire, say UFO experts.

Declared Hayden Hewes, director of the International UFO Bureau, "Mysterious lights, saucer-shaped objects and strange ships in the sky all were observed by the Romans.

"The UFOs that are being reported today are the very same ones seen during the Roman Empire. Only the descriptive terminology has changed."

The Roman author, Julius Obsequens, reported that "mysterious shiplike objects were seen in the skies over Italy in 216 B.C.," said Hewes. "Not having any acquaintance with spacecraft, the Romans naturally described these unknown objects as something they were familiar with — namely ships. Also that year at the town of Arpi, east of Rome, observers spotted a round shield in the sky.

"A little over 100 years later, in Tarquinia, citizens observed objects resembling flaming torches suddenly coming from the sky. And at sunset a round object shaped like a globe or circular shield ascended into the sky.

"The description of a circular shield mirrors descriptions of flying saucers, and the flying torch is certainly like that of a cigar-shaped

Ancient Romans Saw Glowing UFOs Similar to Those Reported Today

UFO. Flying saucers and cigar-shaped UFOs are the configurations most frequently spotted today." Many other sightings were

... Experts Claim noted by Julius Obsequens, who lived during the fourth century. One occurred 65

miles north of Rome in Spolegium in 90 A.D., said Hewes.

"A golden globe of fire fell to the earth. On the ground,

it grew in size, ascended and moved into the sky. Its brilliance was so great that it obscured the sun.

"This UFO was seen rotating in the air."

Well-known UFO expert Brad Steiger agreed. "Without a doubt, UFOs were observed during the Roman Empire."

— FRANKLIN R. RUEHL

PLEA FOR UFO WITNESSES
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The UFO spotters of Nottingham may have another local sighting on their hands to investigate.

Mr Dennis Harriman of the National UFO Investigation Society has had a report from a man driving down Swinscoe Hill early in April of a classic encounter of the Ashbourne kind. 3128

It was a Sunday evening at about 7.15 pm — either April 6 or 13 — when the driver saw several cars in the layby on the hill. Thinking there had been an accident he

pulled in to see if he could help.

His attention was then drawn to a cigar shaped object in the sky and the other car drivers and passengers were outside their vehicles looking at it. The object had a red light at the front and searchlights towards the back.

There were obviously a number of witnesses who have not yet come forward to report the sighting and Mr Harriman would be delighted to hear from them on Nottingham 730919.

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Did YOU see Peter's UFO?

A BOURNEMOUTH man is trying to confirm his UFO sighting at West Howe.

Mr. Peter Charman was out walking his dogs in Paddington Grove late at night when his gaze was drawn by a strange light in the sky.

"It was moving slowly but I couldn't see any definite outline — like a sparkler that kept going on and off," he said. "It was my first UFO sighting."

"It lasted for about two or three minutes and was flying at 2,000-3,000 feet," added Mr. Charman, a coach driver who lives in the Grove.

But he's not claiming the mystery night-flyer was an extra-terrestrial starship.

"It was an unidentified flying object — UFO is not necessarily synonymous with spaceships," he explained. "So I don't think I'll be carrying any little green men on my coach!"

He is appealing for anyone who saw the incident, on Tuesday (June 17) at 11 p.m., to contact him on Bournemouth 575875.

Hurn Airport had no reports of sightings on that date, they said.

Great ball of fire in sky is a puzzler

ASSOCIATED PRESS

A mysterious light show that flashed across the sky east of the Mississippi River sparked earthbound debate yesterday with few able to agree on what caused it.

It was described as everything from a pinpoint to a moving spiral to a glowing cloud to "a big ball of fire," although astronomers said it probably was related to the annual Perseid meteor shower.

Residents of Clark County, Ky., said they saw a bright flash and then their houses shook when something went bump in the night with a bang like dynamite, Deputy Sheriff Larry Lawson said.

"It was the scariest thing I ever saw," said Brenda Newton of Rochester, N.Y., who saw the light about 10 p.m. Tuesday when she and her parents went looking for a place to watch the meteor shower.

'It was the scariest thing I ever saw.'

— Brenda Newton of Rochester, N.Y.

She thought she saw a meteor, but "then it started to get bigger and it had a tail. By the time we got out of the truck, it had begun to spiral. It lasted for a few minutes, then became like a dim star and floated toward the west."

"It was definitely not a meteor," said Denise Sabatini, vice president of the Syracuse, N.Y., Astronomical Society. "Meteors burn off after seconds. This lasted five to seven minutes. It was really quite spectacular."

Some speculated it was a satellite or rocket release of barium gas, used to study the upper atmosphere. But workers at Cape Canaveral, Fla., the North American Aerospace Defense Command in Colorado Springs, Colo., and the NASA facility at Wallops Island, Va., all confirmed there were no launches Tuesday.

Others thought it might be a satellite breaking up in the atmosphere.

At Ohio's Bowling Green State University, physics and astronomy Professor Ronald Stoner said he suspected the display was caused by the Perseid shower, produced by the remnants of a comet.

"It is caused by little bits and pieces of dust from the comet. They're very small," he said. "If there were a larger piece, and an icy piece of material, something about the size of a snowflake, it might well cause something like this. It would vaporize and leave a glowing cloud behind it."

Tom Boone, director of the Rauch Planetarium at the University of Louisville and a member of the Smithsonian's Scientific Event Alert Network, said the network received reports of the lights from nearly every state east of the Mississippi.

Karl Kamper, an astronomer at the David Dunlap Observatory in Richmond Hill, Ontario, outside Toronto, said he was one of four astronomers there who witnessed the light.

He said the spiral could have been fuel spewing from a damaged satellite. And he said it must have been extremely high because it was seen over such a large area and because meteors burn relatively low in the atmosphere.

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Zeppelin UFO spotted

A UFO resembling a Zeppelin has been spotted over the Westcountry. The phenomenon was seen by a barbecue party in North Devon.

Mr. John Garnsey, a local magistrate, said: "It was most weird. I thought it might be a plane, but it made no noise. We watched it for over 10 minutes drifting across the sky."

"It seemed to discharge a rocket from it then disappeared across the horizon."

Seventeen witnesses at the party watched the UFO — and Mr. Garnsey insisted: "We hadn't been drinking!"

His wife Jennifer said: "It was travelling slowly across the sky. All of

a sudden another bright light like a rocket flashed from it.

"It was completely silent. We thought it might be an aircraft or a helicopter, but we couldn't hear an engine."

The mysterious craft was spotted near Westward Ho! A spokesman at nearby RAF Chivenor said: "Our helicopters weren't flying in the area at the time."

It was suspected that an RAF Sea King helicopter might have been practising without lights that night. But a spokesman at RNAS Culdrose, where the RAF training unit is based, said: "We definitely had no aircraft in the area at the time."



ACCUSED... was mystery author Patrick?

I see no hoax, says Patrick

PATRICK Moore has been accused of perpetrating a major hoax involving flying saucers.

He's hopping mad about the suggestion and has threatened to sue anyone who brings the matter to public light.

Well, it is being brought to public light. And, dare one say, it is a rather intriguing story.

Some years ago — in the fifties — a book was published by one Cedric Allingham, called *Flying Saucer From Mars*. It was a best-seller.

The author claimed in its pages that he had witnessed the landing of a UFO in Scotland and that he was taken on board and whisked around the Solar System.

This wonderful tale, told

as it was in the rather less sophisticated times when man had not yet vaulted into space, very much excited Fleet Street.

The papers tried, indeed, to track down the amazing Mr Allingham so that he could tell them in some detail about his wonderful celestial voyage.

Alas, the publisher's Muller's, claimed that Mr Allingham was dying in Switzerland. And that he was unable to speak.

Plain

This week, however, a magazine called *Magonia* — it is dedicated to paranormal matters and the like — will claim that Cedric Allingham never existed.

And, further, that the author of the book was none other than our much respected astronomer, the eccentric Patrick Moore.

Says Jenny Randles, director of investigation for the British UFO research association: "It's as plain as anything that he did it. The magazine has spent

five years, on and off, researching this. Patrick Moore did it as a joke and to upstage another author who was making absurd claims. Moore has always regarded UFOs as 'absolute rot.'"

However, Patrick Moore himself, possibly fearful for his revered reputation, will have nothing to do with it. He said to us: "I can't be bothered with these people."

"It's the closed season for nuts. Thank you. Goodbye."

UFOs GET THE ROYAL SEAL



FASCINATED... the Prince wants UFO news

WHILE investigating the subject of flying saucers he came across an odd fact concerning Prince Charles; he held a secret garden party a year or so ago in order to discuss with enthusiasts and experts the whole UFO business.

Both Charles and Prince Philip have an abiding interest in the subject and the Prince of Wales, in particular, is fascinated by most aspects of the paranormal.

"His interest was and remains very strong," says director of UFO investigation Jenny Randles. "At the time of the party he was under pressure and so I was asked not to talk about it to journalists. I see no reason why I shouldn't now."

Miss Randles, who says that Prince Charles's gathering was attended by such weird fellow enthusiasts as Michael Bentine and Uri Geller, gives us a reason for the Royal Family's obsession with visitors from space.

Keen

She says: "It all goes back to the day when a UFO landed at Broadlands in Hampshire, the home of the late Lord Mountbatten." (This last piece of information is not necessarily regarded without a modest degree of scepticism by your diarist).

Miss Randles continues: "That's when the interest started. The Prince is particularly keen to be kept in touch."

"He is on the mailing list of the magazine *Flying Saucer Review*."

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Fiery 'UFO' seen

A FIERY "UFO" has been spotted over Combe Martin.

Mr James Quemby, first saw the object over two weeks ago and has since seen it on five occasions always at about 11.30pm, above Yellaton Farm.

"It is an orange disc like object, the colour of an oil lamp," he says. "It appears to rise from behind the hill known as the 'craggs' and then stay stationary in the sky for roughly an hour."

Mr Quemby's daughter and three grandchildren have also seen the object, together with two neighbours.

One neighbour, Mrs Beryl Irwin, says: "At first I thought it was a star, but then a brilliant light flashed and it disappeared."

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Yes, it was a UFO

I CAN confirm that Bob Williams and his wife had a UFO sighting on the evening of Wednesday, July 23, as I witnessed the same phenomenon myself from my bedroom window.

I had been viewing it from the direction of the back of the Mayfair Bingo Club on Dereham Road in the sky directly behind St. John's Roman Catholic Church on Earlham Road but my description of the sighting differs to the descriptions given by Mr and Mrs Williams.

To me the object had the appearance of the brightness of the sun, except that it was not of a spherical shape.

However, I too saw it diving about between the dark clouds that had gathered in that particular part of the sky.

I have witnessed one or two UFO sightings in the past but these have mostly been of the saucer shape and of a different appearance altogether.

Mrs P. Fletcher,
Orchard Street,
Norwich.

EASTERN EVENING
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JULY 30 1986

Could it be a UFO?

VERY high in the sky over the Bowthorpe and Helledon area on the evening of Wednesday, July 23, between 7 pm and 8 pm I picked up this object as I looked out from the bedroom window at Winchester Tower.

It gave me great pleasure to watch it diving about between the clouds as the sun went down. My wife thought it was a kite but to me it looked much larger, and in the shape of a big bird like the condor, more like a glider.

If it was remote controlled or piloted, they were expert at it. I viewed this with binoculars as it went up so high. I was sorry to see the big black storm clouds coming up from the north-west when it just disappeared into the clouds.

During this time two fighter planes went close by, as if to investigate the object. I do hope that someone can throw some light on this interesting and spectacular sighting.

Bob Williams
Winchester Tower,
Norwich.

UFOs

While you've got your eyes on the skies, ponder this: If an extraterrestrial vehicle (a flying saucer to those of you over 30) were to descend from the heavens into your backyard where you photographed, touched and explored it, it would not be a UFO. By its designation, a UFO remains *unidentified*.

Over the years, some of the identifications assigned to curious objects have been ponderous themselves. Remember swamp gas? That was the U.S. Air Force's official explanation in the 1960s when scores of sightings were made in southeastern Michigan by policemen, clergymen, roller skate rental clerks and other reliable citizens. Then-Rep. Gerald Ford labeled that conclusion a "flippant answer" — an insult to his constituents in Bad Axe, Hillsdale County, Milan, Hazel Park and Huntington Woods.

This past May 22, a Brazilian air force pilot pursued radar-tracked, pulsating colored balls of red and white lights in his U.S.-made F-5E. Flying after the objects for three hours, he came within 12 miles of one, then had to turn back because of a dwindling fuel supply. His experience was confirmed by another air force pilot and a passenger in a private plane who happened to be president of the state oil company.

The UFOs were "saturating radar and interfering with air traffic," a pilot reported. One of the radar watchers reported that 13 of the objects accompanied one aircraft, seven on one side and six on the other.

"The radar blips persisted. We had phenomena, and they were seen," said the chief of staff of the Brazilian Aerospace Defense Command.

Throughout the century, scores of otherwise unrelated individuals have reported identical daylight sightings of mysterious airborne objects on hundreds of occasions. The search for an explanation causes the imagination to soar.

A viable theory: Either extraterrestrial visitors do exist, or the populace has been inhaling too much swamp gas.

Hyannis UFO has flare for the dramatic

HYANNIS — It's a bird? It's a plane?

"We still don't know" what it is, said Hyannis Deputy Fire Chief Lester Mason. "We just know an object came out of the sky."

Mason thinks the bright light that fell from the sky and landed in the back yard of a home on Bears's Way Monday night is a flare. But the object was unrecognizable by the time it touched the earth. "Just the molten material . . . was left," he said.

"It was a very brilliant light, a brilliant white light, that fell from the sky," Mason said. "As it got closer to the ground it got brighter and brighter."

Firefighters found a white, powdery object about 12 inches in diameter on the ground. Parts of it were solid. Mason said it was difficult to describe because it disintegrated. The fire department had it sent to the state fire marshal's office in Boston for analysis.

Several people in the area saw the object land around 10:30 p.m., Mason said.

A good night for UFO watchers

By Don DeMain
The Tribune

A delightfully mysterious X-shaped craft with weird lights that flashed on and off appeared in Bay Area skies in the pre-dawn hours yesterday.

And for UFO believers who have endured years of ~~drab~~ skies and no sightings, it brought back the thrills of a time past when

flying saucers were the rage and people believed Bill Jackson when he said he spotted a football-field-sized craft with banks of winking beams hovering over a deserted Colorado road.

Yesterday's sightings were reported by nearly two dozen observers, including a taciturn Sonoma County California Highway Pa-

trol officer who doesn't believe in alien craft or creatures but reported only "what I saw."

"An Unidentified Flying Object described as a large 'X' with lights in front was seen traveling at a high rate of speed eastbound from Petaluma," Santa Rosa CHP dispatcher Bill McChristian said of reports from several callers and the unnamed patrol officer.

It was spotted at 4:30 a.m. also by a commuting Arlette Cohen, Petaluma KTOB radio station news director.

"I saw these two white lights to the east," she said, at an altitude of about 1,000 feet. "It hovered, for a while, then flew off." Then it came back, and Cohen said she saw two "tiny green lights on the other side."

"I think I saw sort of a black X silhouette shape," she added.

There was no sound.

In Oakland, several calls were made to The Tribune reporting early morning sightings of strange lights in the sky.

Secretary Lorie Selenides said she was awakened by her infant's crying at 1:30 a.m. in her East Oakland home. She looked out the window and saw a strange criss-crossing shape with alternating orange and blue flashing lights.

It appeared over the horizon above MacArthur in the Fruitvale District, moving past St. Elizabeth's Church toward 35th Street, Selenides said.

It wasn't an airplane, she added. It wasn't moving like one, and the lights alternated, blue, then orange, then blue.

Whatever it was, and if it was the same object later sighted in Sonoma isn't known. Bay Area air-traffic controllers couldn't explain the sightings: local observatories and radar-watchers saw nothing.

In Colorado, the UFO sighting capital of the world, the North American Aerospace Defense Command said no satellite or human-crafted spacecraft would have been visible at that time in California.

The thing might have been debris from the satellite Cosmos, which was scheduled to re-

enter the Earth's atmosphere above California, but that happened an hour after the 4:30 sightings.

Coincidentally, the local encounter came just after reports of a ping-pong-ball-sized, multi-covered objects crowded radar screens in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

That country sent jet fighters to investigate. The objects flew away.

Whatever they were, or are, the sightings recall the titillating questions that mushroomed in 1947 when the University of Colorado and the U.S. Air Force decided to investigate the UFO mania of virtually daily sightings of saucers, flying cigars, luminescent yoyos, winged sausages, alien visitations and close encounters of all kinds.

UFO clubs, confirmed believers, books, articles and TV "documentaries" sprang up throughout the nation to "help" produce evidence to the Air Force that Earth was constantly being visited by crafts from other worlds.

But in 1969, after two decades of exhaustive research, the University of Colorado issued its half-million-dollar study, Project Blue Book.

There wasn't the slightest evidence of UFOs, the study said. That was that for the Air Force. It shunned any further "alien craft" reports.

It was a blow to the UFOers and the flying saucer fad waned. UFO clubs folded, and the believers went into hibernation, taking solace in the spate of new movies: "Close Encounters," "E.T.," etc.

But there is always that slim possibility, that astronomical chance ... Like reporter Jackson's observation in 1975 of a flying Candlestick Park ... Or that report six years ago of a Longmont, Colo., man and his wife who were abducted in saucerlike vehicle by hollow-eyed alien creatures 24 miles north of Denver ... Or the almost-believable report that Mission Peak in Fremont was scorched by intense heat, proving it was a refueling station for UFOs.

Hesperia couple reports early morning UFO show

By WILLIAM COUEY
Daily Press Staff Writer

HESPERIA — Theey're baaaaaack.

At least, they were last week, says a Hesperia man.

Mel Hardman and his wife, Fonda, say they watched for several minutes last Wednesday as an X-shaped UFO cavorted in the predawn sky over Hesperia. He called the *Daily Press*, he said, to see if anyone else reported it.

"It looked sort of like two frankfurters crossed to make an X, both of them inside an oval-shaped 'soft-light' lightbulb," the 60-year-old ex-Air Force man said.

"It wasn't an airplane and it wasn't a weather balloon. I don't know what it was, and I'd like to find out," said Hardman, who has em-

physema and spends most of each night watching TV from a reclining chair in his living room.

Hardman, whose apartment is near Balsam and Sequoia roads, said he sleeps in fits and starts in front of the TV, which is next to a picture window facing east toward the sunrise.

Wednesday morning, Hardman awoke about 5 and glanced out the window. There, hanging above the crescent moon in the brightening sky, was the UFO.

"It had a grayish framework that was kind of thick — thick like frankfurters, rather than sticks. This framework was surrounded by an oval-shaped white glow that had a defined outline. It was like looking at a 'soft light' bulb.

"There was no glare, no sound, no smoke and no noise. The thing was right above the moon, but it was much smaller," he said.

The UFO hovered in one place

with a kind of wobbling or quivering motion, Hardman said. He watched it from 5:08 to 5:11 a.m., then yelled to his wife to wake up.

Fonda came in, and as the two watched, the UFO suddenly zoomed off to the south beyond the frame of the window and his line of sight. His wife picks up the narrative:

"It disappeared into some haze or clouds. Then it came back out, almost all the way back to the moon. Then it stopped, turned around, shot back into the clouds and disappeared," she said. They agreed it moved much faster than any jet they'd ever seen.

"You aren't going to make us look foolish, are you?" Fonda added anxiously. "We don't smoke or drink, and we're not kooks."

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"I don't make these things up, believe me," Hardman said. "If I knew how, I'd write them down and make a lot of money." He added that he has good long-distance eyesight and only needs glasses to read.

Does he believe in UFOs? "I have no stand on them either way. I'm not politically bound on these things."

Hardman added he saw a recent report on television that UFOs had been spotted in Northern California, but he didn't pay much attention, he said.

Couldn't the object have been a weather balloon lit up by the predawn sun?

"I've seen weather balloons; it was definitely not a weather balloon. It was too quick and more abrupt. It seemed powered; its energy seemed to be coming from within rather than pushed by the wind," Hardman said.

Maj. Lloyd Patterson, a spokesman for nearby George Air Force Base, said his office had no recent reports of UFOs. Nor does a weather station there launch balloons anymore, he said.

The California Highway Patrol office in Victorville also had no reports of UFOs, but a spokesman noted the office doesn't take phone calls until 8 a.m.

Hardman's sighting was the second recently to involve an X-shaped UFO. On May 22, the Associated Press reported, a CHP officer and a radio station news

director were among more than a dozen people to report seeing a X-shaped UFO race across the sky near Petaluma north of San Francisco. It was variously reported as black or orange, with white lights and tiny green ones.

On May 29, multi-colored UFOs "the size of ping-pong balls" were seen in the skies over Sao Paulo, Brazil. They were recorded on radar and were unsuccessfully chased by Brazilian Air Force jet interceptors, the AP said.

GV family reports UFO sighting

By Rod Boyce
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Something was definitely up — or, eh, hovering — over Leaf Lane in Grass Valley early Friday morning.

Jerry Short, 20, said he and four other family members watched about 1:30 a.m. as a brightly lit UFO hovered just above treetop level outside his bedroom window.

"I know it wasn't any airplane. I was just going to bed, and it looked like someone was shining a flashlight through the window," Short said.

"It had a bunch of colored lights on it, maybe four on the top and two on the bottom. Then I went around and woke everybody else up to see it," he said.

Like a scene from a science fiction movie, the five-member family stood outside and watched as the object, making soft "hovering noises," hovered for nearly five minutes before moving slowly due south, said Short's sister Kathy McMullen.

After first calling the Grass Valley Police Department, McMullen said she then contacted both Mather and Travis Air Force bases to see if either base had aircraft in the vicinity. Neither base had as yet returned McMullen's calls. Mather AFB does have a UFO siting information center.

"It was kind of triangular and about 40 or 50 feet around," McMullen said. "And it had colored lights on it. The whole thing seemed to be made of light," she said.

McMullen said she and her mother often sit on the porch and look for falling stars, as they were doing when they spotted the glowing object.

"We just all stared at it," she said.

The Short's UFO report was one of only two or three recorded by the Grass Valley Police Department. Senior Dispatcher Sara Miller, who has been with the department for 15 years.

Miller said the police department at one time gave telephone numbers for people to report their sightings.

"We use to even have an 800 number for people to call Beale AFB, but I guess they're not interested anymore," she said.

Project Bluebook, the Air Force's record-keeping program of UFO sightings, was discontinued in 1969, leaving no current count of UFO encounters, Capt. Clem Gaines of Mather AFB said.

"We get precious few sightings out here and we don't have a UFO siting department here," he said.

"We had no aircraft out there (Grass Valley area) last night," he said. "I'd like to know if they thought it was a formation of aircraft or not, though," he said. "The only thing we do that's got anything to do with hiding an aircraft is the Stealth program, and I doubt it would be that," he said.

The Short siting was only Mather's second reported siting since January, said Mather's Chief of Community Relations Ginny Krieg.

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Was it a UFO? Flash in sky baffles authorities

By SUSAN LEWIS
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Was it a UFO? Was it a meteor? Or was it just a flash of lightning playing tricks in the sky?

About 1:30 this morning, something lit up the sky over parts of New Mexico, and dozens of alarmed citizens began calling police to find out what it was.

But the police didn't know either.

"There weren't any fires, plane crashes or explosions that we knew of — just a great big flash of light," said a state police dispatcher in Albuquerque.

"I told them all to call Kirtland Air Force Base," said a Santa Rosa police officer. "I didn't know what else to tell them."

Kay Peterson, spokeswoman for Kirtland Air Force Base, said, "All we can say is evidently our base security police saw it, too. We don't know what it was."

Kirtland's public relations officers said several people called the base, including a man on Interstate 40 east of Albuquerque who claimed he saw the

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light move westward across the sky toward the city.

A spokesman for the Sandoval County Sheriff's Department said an officer was sent out to make a routine check of the area but found nothing.

So what was it?

Albuquerque physicist Paul Bennewitz, who has studied unidentified flying objects, said a flying saucer shouldn't be ruled out.

"There is not enough positive information to say one way or the other. But it is

possible that the light could have come from a saucer. The flash of light would have been made when they (space beings) accelerated and left the area."

McAllister Hull, a professor of physics at the University of New Mexico, said it's possible the flash could have been a meteor.

But Hull, who said he did not see the flash, said this is not the season for meteors.

He explained that in October and November, the Earth passes through dense meteor showers but that springtime and summertime meteors are rare.

Perhaps the light could have emanated from a bolt of lightning, Hull said.

"That is just speculation. But lightning a great distance away will glow in the sky instead of making a streak if the conditions are right," he explained.

Hull said physicists at the UNM were not observing astronomical activity late Thursday night because of the cloud cover.

Tom Wright at the National Weather Service said he doubted if the light could have come from lightning because conditions that would have created electrical activity did not exist in the area at 1:30 a.m.

Wright said the city and surrounding counties were covered by wispy clouds, not thunderheads.