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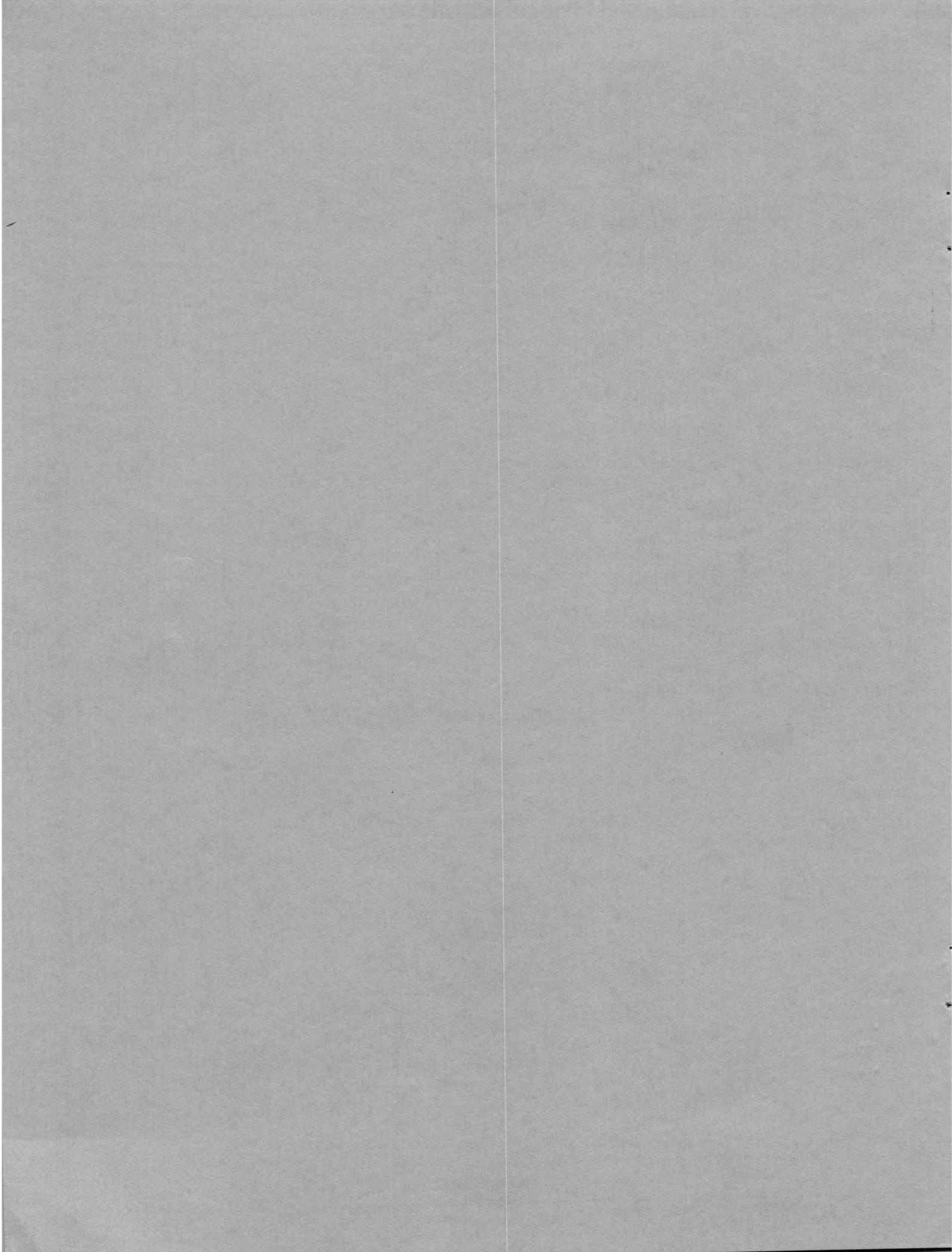
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George Fawcett displays some of his memorabilia and plans for a UFO museum.

Man Keeps Tabs On Strange Events

LINCOLNTON — George Fawcett reels off little factoids about UFOs and Bigfoot creatures in a rapid-fire monotone, as if he were a military man giving name, rank and serial number.

“Did you see the movie, ‘Close Encounters of the Third Kind’? About 95% of that was true. It was based on Project Blue Book, an Air Force project.

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STRANGE EVENTS CONT

"There are about 150 reports a day, worldwide. Sixty-five percent are at night, but 35% are in broad daylight.

"Only about 10% of the people who see UFOs report them. And 20% to 30% of the reports can't be explained away.

"There have been 30 crashes in six states over 40 years. With bodies recov-

ered. . . ."

Also, "Other people have documented Bigfoot creatures getting off UFOs."

It was that last tidbit, the alleged connection between UFOs and Bigfoot creatures, that introduced me to Fawcett.

I wrote a silly piece about the Lizard Man of Bishopville, S.C., and then a second column about a reported sighting of a similar creature closer to Charlotte. Fawcett asked for the names of my sources. He wanted to get in touch with them, to ask questions of his own.

George Fawcett, you see, is this area's expert on UFOs, Bigfoot, Lizard Man
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and related stuff.

Here are some more little tidbits we'll call factoids: Fawcett, 59, has been a buff 44 years. He has amassed 30 file cabinets of clippings, letters, and similar documents. He has spent \$30,000 of his own money tracking down and talking to people who reported UFOs and weird creatures.

In 1975, he published a paperback on UFOs. He has written scads of newspaper pieces, and been written about nearly as often. He founded four UFO organizations, including the Tar Heel UFO Study Group.

He is assistant state director of the Mutual UFO Network, an organization of several thousand buffs who collect and swap information. For 18 years, he has issued annual reports on North Carolina UFO activity. His 1986 report cited eight incidents, from such places as Maiden, Shelby and Bessemer City.

To be honest, I'm a skeptic about the whole business. But Fawcett absolutely is convinced.

"People ask me if I believe in UFOs," he said. "I say certainly not — but I do recognize they exist."

Well, maybe. . . .

Whatever, Fawcett and his collection certainly are fascinating.

Fawcett's mound of memorabilia, for which he wants to establish a UFO museum, is too massive to digest at one sitting. Since it was the Lizard Man that fetched me to Fawcett's family room, down the hill a few shaded blocks from the Lincoln County courthouse, let's stick to that topic.

"I still think the young man in Bishopville saw Bigfoot," Fawcett said. "And other people have documented Bigfoot creatures getting off UFOs."

Fawcett interviewed a woman in New Hampshire who told him Bigfoot creatures are put out by UFOs to scare humans away from landing sites.

The fellow I quoted in my second Lizard Man column said Lizard Men and UFOs are somehow linked, although he wouldn't speculate how.

Fawcett interviewed several people after an alleged incident involving both a Bigfoot creature and a UFO.

"In 1972, in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia, they were followed by a Bigfoot creature. It got closer and closer. Just before they were about to experience an encounter, a UFO came down between them and the Bigfoot."

Fawcett personally stops short of trying to explain the connection between UFOs and Bigfoot, or Lizard Man. "I don't like the idea of trying to explain one mystery with another."

There are a couple of questions an admitted skeptic is obliged to ask about UFOs and Lizard Men, so I did.

"I don't know where they come from," Fawcett said, "and I won't guess."

"They are a threat to national security. Some are hostile; some are friendly. We're trying to copy their technology."

Fawcett said the "ridicule bar-

rier," the jibes and pokes he took when he first became interested in UFOs, is nearly gone. And a Gallup Poll last year explains why: Forty-nine percent of Americans believe UFOs are real, while only 30% say they're imaginary.

Fawcett also said sightings follow patterns — and seem to go up

during election years. "We always have a wave at presidential elections," he said with a chuckle. "Some people say it's a way to get people's minds off politics."

Well, maybe. . . .

Wonder whether the Lizard Man of Scape Ore Swamp is a Democrat or Republican?

WY-02 CHEYENNE WYOMING STATE TRIBUNE OCT 12 88

Possible UFO Sited Northwest of Cheyenne

By C.J. PUTNAM

A possible sighting of an unidentified flying object northwest of Cheyenne was reported by various individuals early this morning, including a pilot flying freight for the FAA.

Denny Dennis, FAA coordinator for the state of Wyoming in Casper, said Cheyenne 911 Center reported about 2:35 a.m. they had received several calls about a possible UFO spotted northwest of Cheyenne in the Horsecreek vicinity.

Regina Himmelman, a spokeswoman for 911, said the center received the initial call

from Cheyenne Police Officer Marty Luna about an object hovering about 15,000 feet with white and blue lights and a series of red verticle running lights along the underside.

The 911 incident report indicated the officer said the object was neither an aircraft nor a planet. Luna was unavailable for comment.

Himmelman said the 911 Center also received similar reports of visual sightings from unidentified personnel at F.E. Warren Air Force Base and Chugwater residents.

Dennis said the Casper office contacted the FAA regional cen-

ter in Denver and were told no objects were reported on its radar system.

Two freighters flying to Denver through Casper were "asked to look," Dennis said, adding that about 3 a.m. one pilot "reported a bright light with little or no movement" in the vicinity of the initial sighting while the other saw nothing.

Dennis said the FAA report shows that at 4:55 a.m. the Cheyenne police reported the object still was hovering on the horizon but nothing yet had appeared on the Denver center's radar.

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Arkansans encounter visitor from space

By Lamar James
GAZETTE STAFF

Rick Halter and Bobbie King were in different parts of Arkansas Sunday night, but they each had an encounter with a visitor from space.

It turns out that it might have been a piece of the famous Halley's Comet.

Monday, they were still in awe.

"It was like we were inside a light bulb," Halter said. He was in St. Joe (Searcy County) when he had his encounter. "Everything lit up in blue — mountains, hills and everything. I also heard a sonic boom."

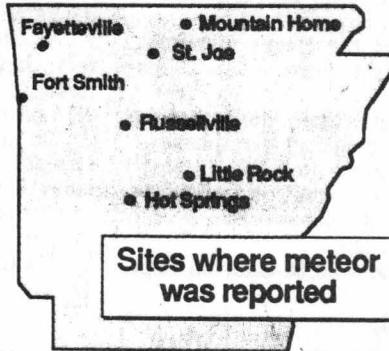
King was at Murray Park in Little Rock. It made the hair stand up on the back of her neck.

"It was neat — I'm not kidding," she said. "We had a full moon last night, but it still lit up the car like a Christmas tree. I thought I was having a heart attack, my heart was beating so fast."

It got Jack Arnold's attention as he lay in his bed near Mountain

Home, too. He turned to his wife and told her someone was shining a spotlight in their bedroom window. Maybe it's the police, she replied.

What they described was apparently a meteor — a large meteor that burned up or exploded as it



—Staff Map by Dan Morris

streaked east to west across north Arkansas about 10:15 p.m. Reports came in from such widely scattered places as Hot Springs, Little Rock, Russellville, Fort Smith, Fayetteville and Mountain Home.

The National Weather Service, which received a number of telephone calls about the incident, released a statement Monday in which it said the Earth moved through debris from Halley's Comet Oct. 22, "which produces the meteor shower known as the Orionids. The possible meteorite seen last night may have been a late-comer from this phenomena."

The Weather Service did not rule out that it could have been a satellite that entered the Earth's atmosphere.

Meteors are chunks of ice, stone or iron that zip along in space at more than 30 miles a second. Most are thumb-sized objects that vaporize in the atmosphere.

"In this case I'm going to say it was the size of your fist," Charles Hemann, an assistant in the physics and astronomy department at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, said.

Barry Hamilton, president of the Midsouth Astronomical Research Society at Little Rock, said the Earth's orbit around the sun "carries us through the same relative orbits of the comet trails" or debris in space left from comets. The debris is also orbiting the sun.

Halley's Comet turned out to be a bust as a viewing phenomenon two years ago, but a piece of it streaking across north Arkansas Sunday night may have made up for the poor showing by the comet.

"Actually, it was what we would term a fireball," Hemann said. This meteor was visible with a full moon and the light from the meteor cast a shadow on the ground. "That's quite unusual to be that bright," he said.

Some of the meteor could have survived, but "it sort of ended abruptly which makes me think it probably burned up," he said.

Halter, who lives in Little Rock, said he and his wife were at a woodworking shop north of St. Joe when the sky lit up overhead. He thought it was an electrical explosion at first and saw a trail of smoke in the sky.

King said she saw a "ball of fire with a tail behind it, but the tail was almost phosphorescent," she said. "It was sparkly, but there was smoke too. It looked very far away and it looked very high."

She told co-workers Monday it was like a scene in "Starman," a science fiction movie, in which a spaceship lands to take an alien home.

"I told friends he's back," she said.

UFO spotted

PLANS to attract more tourists to Gravesend went haywire when news of the town reached outer space. UFOs were spotted over the Thames at Gravesend last Friday by a Chalk family who do not want to be identified. They claim they saw flying red, green and white lights zooming over the river, flying together and then parting. Police are baffled by the mysterious sighting. Gravesend Council say it wasn't anything to do with them while river chiefs say it could be a ship bobbing on the waves. So far no-one has come up with an answer to who or what the strange visitors were . . .

UFO fear for pals

TWO stunned schoolfriends got the fright of their lives last night from what they think was a "UFO".

The dazzled Darweners say they spotted bright lights over Hindle Street and watched a triangular-shaped craft flit about the sky for a few minutes at 8pm before disappearing.

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"We couldn't believe what we saw," said Darwen Vale pupil Dylan Bentley, 12, of Prospect Avenue, who saw the object with pal Wayne Johnson, 14, of Harwood Street. "At first we thought it could have been a plane but it only made a humming noise when it was over our heads."

Cops claim they saw UFO

LEMONT, Ill. (AP) — Four police officers were out on patrol when they saw flashing lights, but there was no motorist in distress. The officers say they believe they saw an unidentified flying object.

"I was with another officer in a squad car eastbound on Main Street, heading toward Route 171," said police Sgt. Tom Hess in this Chicago suburb.

"And all of a sudden coming out of the north I saw a real bright light. We both caught a glimpse of an oval-shaped object."

The bottom half of the object was bluish green and the top half a bright white, Hess said.

"It entered the clouds," he said, "and lit up the entire cloud ... like a lamp."

The object came closer to the ground and made an erratic movement from north to south, impossibly fast for a normal aircraft, Hess said. Then it disappeared behind some trees.

It was about 10:30 p.m. on Sept. 23.

At roughly the same time, in a

squad car on the other side of town, two other officers apparently saw the same object.

"As I looked up toward the cemetery, between two trees I saw a flashing object like a spotlight," said patrolman Mark Janusz, 24.

"It hovered and then shot straight up, and was just gone. I know it wasn't an airplane or anything because it made a real swift, erratic movement," Janusz said.

"I was amazed at what I'd seen," he said. "I didn't tell the other guys See UFO, page 10

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(Continued from page 1) because I didn't want them to think I was a little bit off."

Mark Remaley, an investigator for the Center for UFO Studies in Chicago said nine other people from the Lemont and Lockport area, southwest of Chicago, reported seeing the object.

And recent news reports about the sighting have sparked a flurry of calls to the center, said Mark Rodeghier, scientific director of the center.

Since Sunday, about 10 to 15 people have called to report similar sightings, he said.

Remaley said the center tries to explain such objects logically, as natural phenomena. And in more than 95 percent of the cases, they succeed.

"But this one — I don't know," he said. "There's too many strange things in this case."

The witnesses, particularly the police officers, are all very credible, he said.

The center is still investigating the reports.

Strange sight in the sky

A COUPLE from Tytherleigh had a close encounter last week.

Marion and Stan Sampson watched in disbelief as they followed a UFO across the night sky.

"The flying saucer was as big as six full moons comprising a circle of about a dozen lights as big as a grapefruit," said Mrs Sampson. "It was quite low, about 3,000ft."

Spotted

The mystery object was spotted at 10.30 pm last Sunday and travelled from the Axminster direction across the sky to Chardstock, Tytherleigh and Chard.

"If Yeovilton did not see this they must have very poor lookouts," said Mr Sampson.

Now the couple hope others will corroborate their sighting. Any other witnesses should contact them at Culverfield, Tytherleigh.

TX-D86 SAN ANTONIO LIGHT
OCT 29 1988

Goliad is in orbit over UFO sightings

Special to The Light

GOLIAD - A rash of UFO sightings has been reported here in the past three weeks, but Goliad County Sheriff J.K. McMahan is not alarmed at the prospect of an extraterrestrial spacecraft invading his jurisdiction on the eve of Halloween.

"It's not bothering us, so why should I bother it?" he said Friday.

McMahan said he has received about a half-dozen reports from people claiming to have seen strange lights in the sky east of town. Most sightings have occurred between 3 a.m. and dawn.

"They're seeing something, but I don't know what it is," he said. "It's a strange phenomenon of some kind."

His secretary, Juliet Barnes, said she spotted the object the evening of Oct. 20 while visiting relatives in eastern Goliad County.

"It was a white object with rays of red, blue and green," she said. "It stood still for a long period of time."

Despite the numerous sightings, Barnes said many Goliad residents are not taking the UFO reports seriously.

"A lot of people are laughing about it," she said.

UFO hunters

True believers check out the unbelievable

The government years ago gave up its search for unidentified flying objects, but not to worry. There are still believers who spend nightly vigils on the lookout for aliens from other planets. One of the favorite UFO hunting grounds is in the Hudson Valley north of New York City. Here's what happened there on a recent autumn night.

By **DAVID BAUDER**
Associated Press

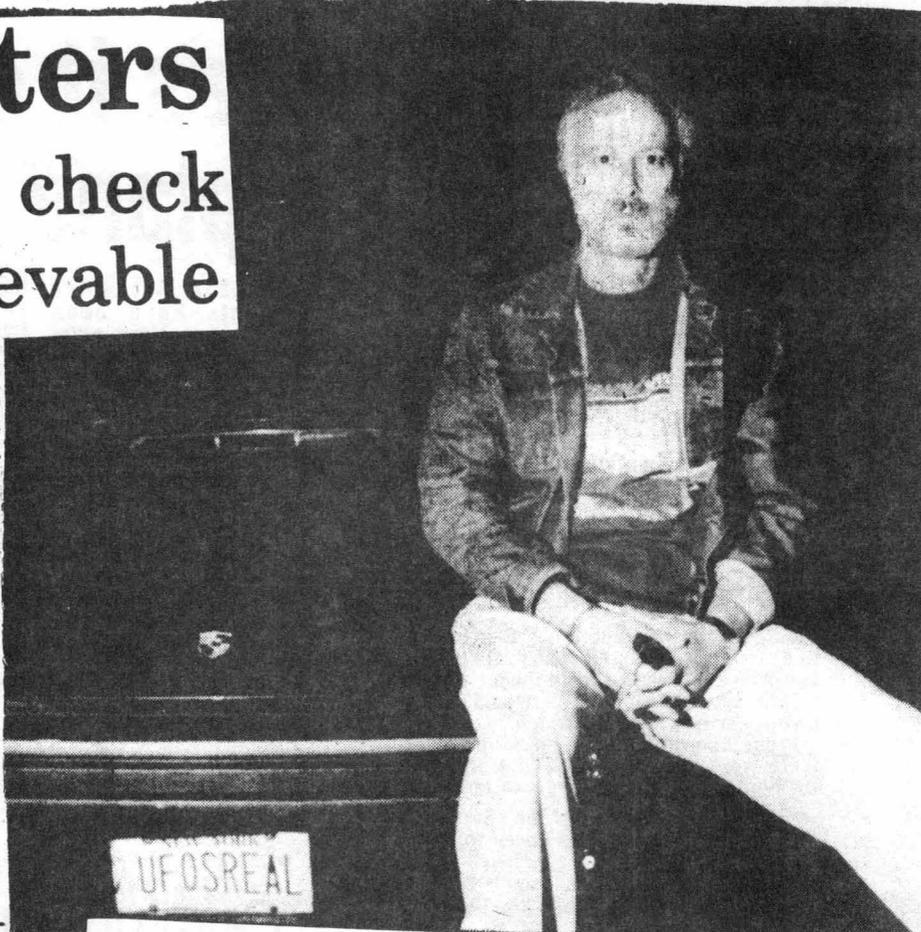
PINE BUSH, N.Y. — Clouds quickly fill the night sky, obscuring a nearly full moon. It's not a good night to find Whatever's Out There.

Still, a half-dozen people who've parked their cars on the shoulder of a country road in New York's Hudson Valley crane their necks to scan the sky. This is supposedly a prime area for spotting UFO activity, but the only things visible on this cool autumn evening are airplanes banking into nearby airports.

Peter Gersten waits suspiciously. The silver-bearded lawyer believes 99 percent of supposed UFO sightings are easily explainable, despite the vanity license plates on his Porsche that read UFOSREAL. He's devoted hundreds of hours to wresting UFO documents from the government in court.

Most UFO watchers are more patient than the federal government. The U.S. Air Force canceled its surveillance program, Project Bluebook, on Dec. 17, 1969, almost five months after the Apollo 11 astronauts landed on the moon. Dr. Edward U. Condon of the University of Colorado recommended that the program come to an end after years of unconvincing research. But UFO searchers persist. Victoria Lacas waits expectantly. She's mad because most people abducted by aliens are unwilling victims, and she'd be more than happy to submit herself to experiments.

Linda Doern waits calmly. Linda and her husband, Peter, both real estate appraisers, admit to being fascinated by psychic and other unexplained phenomena. An evening in Pine Bush, she jokes, "beats watching television."



Peter Gersten, a lawyer who believes 99 percent of UFO sightings are easily explainable, pauses on a road outside Pine Bush, N.Y., to skywatch.

AP Newsfeatures photo

Ellen Crystall waits excitedly. The self-described UFO photographer is the guardian of the field, where she claims to have seen aliens and dozens of unexplained lights. She's driven to this field from her New Jersey home hundreds of times since 1981 in the hope of making contact again.

"You missed it, Ellen," Gersten tells Crystall when her car pulls up a half-hour later than expected. "The mother ship was here. There used to be several more of us waiting."

Crystall dismisses the joke and checks the sky. It doesn't bode well. The aliens, whom she suspects are building an underground base in the Hudson Valley, don't seem to like clouds or rain, she says.

Whatever the reason, strange sightings seem commonplace in the Hudson Valley. Hundreds of people — not just those who go out looking for them — have seen things in the sky that can't be explained, says Philip Imbrogno, author of "Night Siege: The Hudson Valley UFO Sightings."

These sightings caused a sensation in 1983 and 1984 in this area of New York City suburbs and farmland, stretching into western Connecticut. Reports have been less frequent since then, but still steady, Imbrogno says.

Most, if not all, can be easily explained, says Jeff Lehman, spokesman for the nearby Stewart International Airport. He says a group of pilots, whose identities are not known, enjoy fooling UFO fanatics by flying in close formation many evenings. It's not illegal, but it's annoying, he says.

"I don't see scaring people with aircraft as a game," he says.

Crystall believes. She says she saw something unusual at the cornfield off Searsville Road, 20 miles from Middletown, soon after she was first taken there by a magazine writer.

Gazing over a distant treeline while alone at the field one night, she spotted what appeared to be a craft drifting slowly to the ground. After seeing something flutter, almost like a moth, she shined a spotlight into a wooded area. She says she saw a 3½-foot creature with a beige body and huge yellow eyes staring back at her.

SOUTHEND EVENING
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OCT 31 1988

Humming black

cigar over town

sparks UFO

skywatch plan

A MASS skywatch may be held in Southend following an unprecedented number of calls about unidentified objects. 3128

The East Anglian branch of the British Unidentified Flying Objects Research Association had another 26

calls over the weekend after their hot line number was published at the end of an Echo feature about them.

Now spokesman Ron West said he is considering a mass sky watch.

From 8 pm to midnight on Saturday there were 26 calls to BUFORA from the Southend and Basildon area about

lights and at 1.25 am on Sunday three people said they had been watching a hovering light over Southend.

At 2.50 am there was another call from watchers in Rayleigh to say they had seen a hovering light.

At 3.30 am six people said they had watched and heard a black cigar

shaped object which was humming.

They watched it for 10 minutes before it disappeared towards London.

At 4 am two people said they had been watching an object that had been making a swishing noise.

At 4.30 am others saw a blue light hovering over Southend.

SOUTHEND EVENING ECHO
ESSEX

Pilots in UFO light probe

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UFO investigators are interviewing airline pilots whose jets were bathed in mysterious light over South East Essex.

And members of the Essex branch of the British Unidentified Flying Object Research Association are also talking to others who have seen more triangular shapes.

Twelve people at Basildon have said they made a video of a pyramid-shaped object.

BUFORA in Essex says the airline pilots caught in the light were at 12,000 and 30,000 feet. One was flying from Stansted to Belgium.

The sighting of triangular objects is fascinating investigators.

One seen over Leigh on Wednesday had red, green and blue lights and in another report, two triangular shapes moved towards each other, then separated.

A triangular object was also seen over Canvey on October 31 between 9.45 and 10.45pm.

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Was it a bird, was it a plane — or UFO?

BAFFLED Berkshire residents have been seeing more than stars lighting up the sky.

Families in Tilehurst and Caversham Park claim to have spotted bright lights speeding through the sky over their homes on Sunday night, just weeks after sightings of other alien objects were reported.

Tilehurst couple Kevin and Donna Wallace were driving from Bradfield to their home in Laytom Rise when they first noticed a big bright object lighting up the sky.

Donna said: "We first

thought it was a plane but it just stayed at the same position."

When the couple got home, Donna claimed they counted up to eight objects in the sky at one time, all moving backwards and forwards at a great speed.

Neighbours

She said: "There seemed to be one main bright light which the others were coming back to. Some of them were red, green and blue."

She was adamant the lights were not fireworks as they stayed in the sky for several hours.

The mysterious UFOs were also spotted by a woman and her neighbours in Caversham Park.

The woman, who would not give her name, said: "It was such a strange phenomena. The speed that they moved at was absolutely incredible."

She said she had felt "awestruck" watching the objects but had never felt frightened.

"I had a feeling that this was not to attack us in any way but it was certainly very real and something I will never forget."

A spokesman for the Ministry of Defence confirmed they had received some reports of sightings from members of the public and they would be investigating whether the craft had illegally entered British airspace.

WEST BRITON TRURO
OCT 27 1988

Coming and going in a twinkling

WHILE walking my dog at about 7.35 this evening, (October 20), I saw a twinkling light in the sky towards Pool and Carn Brea. It was like a star, but much bigger and brighter, travelling at a high speed away from me. It then disappeared. After a few seconds, the "object" reappeared, towards Portreath, disappearing again to reappear towards the Redruth area.

This is the third time in six months I have seen this object in the sky, always travelling at high speed, disappearing then reappearing in a split second in an entirely different location.

Has anyone else seen this object, or can anyone explain it to me?

My son saw it once when with me, but it disappeared so quickly he was unable to explain it. It did not reappear that evening.

It is far too fast for a plane, and changes direction too often. It is too big for a falling star.

I would love to think I've seen a UFO — but if it isn't, then what is it?

Mrs. I. Warren

(Not prone to fantasy)

Camborne

SOUTHERLAND ECHO
OCT 15 1988

Strange sight

AT 5.15 a.m. on Saturday, October 8, I looked out of my bedroom window, facing north, and saw an unusually strange object in the sky.

On closer observation it appeared to be rectangular on top with a semi-circular shape underneath.

The semi-circular part was red and the rectangular part had flashing white lights on the left and centre section. There was no sound of engines of any kind from the object and it just rose in the sky until it disappeared from view.

I would be interested to hear if anyone else saw this or can anyone say what this strange object was. It was definitely not an aeroplane.

Mrs A Rawdings

Redfern Road
Red House
Sunderland

UFO HUNTERS CONT

"This thing had a worried look on its face and it totally threw me off," Crystall says. "I was panicked. I could not utter a sound."

The blonde music student claims to have taken 800 photographs of UFOs. She says she holds no grudges against people who don't share her beliefs but confides, "I try to avoid them."

At a restaurant 20 minutes from Searsville Road, Crystall's friends passed the time waiting for dusk to turn to darkness. Ignoring quizzical looks from a waitress, they discussed landmarks in UFO history with the sort of insider's lingo that renders the conversation meaningless to anyone else.

Gersten, who has set up a hot line telephone number for UFO fanatics to keep up on the gossip, says he enjoys the mystery and glamour of UFOs.

"It seems like we're prisoners on this planet and we've lost the ability to explore," says Gersten, who fixes companions with a penetrating stare. Most people accept that UFOs exist, he says, "because we simply can't be the only people in the universe."

But he dismisses most reports of unexplained lights in the Hudson Valley. Most sightings are probably conventional airplanes, he says, adding that he has offered a reward for the mysterious group of pilots to come forward and identify themselves.

Gersten belongs in the "government conspiracy" camp of UFO followers, believing that secret military technology is being tested in the skies.

"Imagine a civilization 10,000 years more advanced than us," says the New York City lawyer. "Do you think they'd come here in spaceships?"

Yes, opines Lacas, because they want to investigate the inhabitants of Earth. The legal assistant and flower-child holdover is fascinated by the current UFO furor over abductions, during which people are supposedly "beamed up" by aliens for a quick examination.

Lacas calls herself an "abduction volunteer."

"I want to bring trinkets to trade," she says, fingering some jewelry, "because I want to make friends when I go on board."

For the Doerns, all aspects of the paranormal are fascinating. There's a lot more going on in the world than meets the naked eye, Linda says, but she understands why most people look at UFOs and psychic phenomena with abundant

skepticism.

"There are a lot of strange people involved in it," she says. "I think it discredits it for a lot of people. It turns a lot of people off. I think you have to look beyond them and not let it deter you."

After the drive to Searsville Road, some participants note the "eerie strangeness" they feel while gazing at the sky. But when it's apparent most of the lights in the sky are either stars or airplanes, conversations drift to baseball and photography.

A car roars by the parked vehicles about every five minutes. From a nearby house a woman, partially hidden by curtains, peers out at the visitors to her neighborhood.

Crystall and her followers are well-known by Chief Daniel McCann and the rest of the Town of Crawford police department, which has jurisdiction over Pine Bush. He says he occasionally gets trespassing complaints, and Crystall has been chased off people's property once or twice, but she's usually good about telling authorities where

she's going to be.

With the airport and a unit of the Air National Guard nearby, Crawford police are used to getting calls about strange things in the sky. Police have never seen any hard evidence of UFOs, but they don't always have an easy explanation for what people insist they see, McCann says.

The area's becoming somewhat of a tourist spot among the supernatural fans, McCann says.

"Ellen does say that she sees these things," he says. "I'm not going to dispute her. She probably has seen something."

One of Crystall's companions points the flash of her camera at some shrubbery, hoping others notice the particles in the air she sees during the brief burst of light. What she claims is "angel dust" looks suspiciously like pollen.

It was the only unusual sighting of the night. As the hour grew late, the search for warmth became paramount and the evening ended in disappointment.

"It was a crummy night," Crystall concludes.

IL-D46 JOLIET HERALD NEWS
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1381 Political observers from space? 'UFO' is sighted

Politics was not the only thing in the air Tuesday night.

Plainfield police said nine residents called to report a UFO flying northeast of town between late afternoon and midnight.

A police spokeswoman said the callers all reported basically the same thing.

"They said it had six blue lights moving in and out," she said, "and it traveled in a circular motion toward the west."

There have been numerous UFO sightings in the area recently, though most were centered around Lemont and Lockport.

Four Lemont police officers and

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JTHS administrators will receive 6.9 percent pay raises. Sec. 4, Page 2.

five other residents from the area recently reported seeing an oval object, bluish green on the bottom and bright white on the top.

The object was illuminated and moving very fast and erratically, they said.

After the sightings in Lemont and Lockport were made public, the Center for UFO Studies in Chicago reported a tremendous upsurge in reports. The center had 40 calls in one day, officials said.

'Flying saucers are real'

Canadian claims 'overwhelming evidence' of UFOs

By **TIM TORRES**
Bee staff writer

Flying saucers.

You don't have to go to your nearest movie theater to see them.

Just ask the Denair couple who can't explain what they saw the night of Nov. 11 as they drove down Hickman Road.

They claim that an object with triangular white lights sat mysteriously off the road in a deserted field. Whatever it was, they didn't stop to investigate.

Fourteen people at a Modesto Junior College lecture last week reluctantly indicated they had seen UFOs in the past.

Canadian physicist Stanley Friedman kept about 60 people's attention riveted for three hours in the MJC student center as he reviewed the history of unidentified flying objects.

"How many people in here have seen a UFO," he asked. Fourteen raised their hands. "How many of you reported it."

Only two indicated they had.

Friedman, an author, lecturer and researcher living in New Brunswick, Canada, said he is not an "apologist UFOlogist."

"Flying saucers are real," Friedman declared. But little green men in spaceships don't exist, he said. "They're usually gray." Friedman's show included slides of government documents, personal anecdotes and various pictures and sketches of flying saucers and their inhabitants.

He lambasted "fossilized physicists, noisy negativists and ancient academics" who refute the existence of alien spacecraft flying around the Earth.

"I may be 50 years old, but I certainly don't think of myself as ancient," said MJC philosophy professor Ben Starr. He said he could only sit through an hour of the presentation before he became disgusted and walked out.

Starr described Friedman's lecture as "fuzzy thinking, waffling answers and incredibly boring."

"I was really disappointed," said Starr. He said Friedman used old examples and did not present any hard evidence that UFOs exist.

After studying UFOs for 30 years, Friedman said, he's concluded that there is "overwhelming evidence" that Earth is being visited by aliens from another planet and that there's a "cosmic Watergate" going on.

Friedman said the U.S. military is hiding the fact that it recovered a crashed spaceship and four alien bodies outside of Roswell, N.M., in 1947.

Starr said that's an unlikely notion. "It's hard to fathom that our government could hide something for even 30 seconds, let alone all those years."

But Friedman said nations are disputing and hiding the presence of flying saucers, and it's the "biggest story of the millennium."

It doesn't bother Friedman that he's never seen a UFO. "I've never seen Australia, but I know it's there."

The people in the audience who claimed to have seen UFOs were not MJC students. For the most part, they were Stanislaus County residents who are certain of two things: They don't want their names in the newspaper, and they saw something that can't be explained.

A Modesto man said he had an experience in 1956 that he has never forgotten. While he was in a Patterson orchard one night, a huge light arose about 40 feet away and chased the group of people he was with.

"It followed us quite a while," he said. "We were running across the field and then it disappeared." The object made no noise, he said, and he couldn't see behind the bright light.

As he related that story, a Columbia College student in the next row leaned over and said his tale sounded like something that happened to her in 1980.

One 60-year-old woman told of

a 1959 occurrence that she and her son still talk about. They were awakened in the middle of the night by a strange object about to land on her home.

"It made a terrible beeping noise," she said. They lived out in the country south of Modesto. She estimated the size from its sound and guessed it about covered the house. It continued to beep until it changed its tone right before disappearing. When her son told her to see what it was, "something told me not to look."

Local UFO authority Marvin Taylor said there can be as many as six sightings per month in the northern Central Valley. He said a UFO was reported in San Joaquin County in October.

Friedman gives about 50 lectures annually on UFOs. His presentation at MJC was sponsored by the Associated Students and the Friends of a New Age, a student group. He charged \$500 for the lecture.

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Briefly

3/23 UFO sightings

IF you have seen a UFO then the East Anglian UFO and Paranormal Research Association are asking you to contact them.

The plea from the Association comes after reports of sightings of a UFO, and a letter from Mrs Susan Slinger printed in the Bury Free Press last week in which she described seeing a bright cigar shaped object in the sky.

For anyone who has similar sightings they should contact the East Anglian UFO and Paranormal Research Association at 0728-830757.

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Unidentified object steals

By SCOTT REEVES
Bee staff writer

If you were a space creature who lived a few thousand light-years west of Alpha or Omega and your leader gave you a souped-up triangular spaceship to explore distant galaxies, what would be the odds of finding your way to Dinuba?

Some people there and in other parts of the San Joaquin Valley believe they were visited by a UFO Wednesday night. Others speculate that the low-flying, slow-moving object was the U.S. Air Force's new Stealth bomber.

The Air Force isn't talking. Northrop Corp., which is building the super-secret plane in Palmdale, would only say that the Stealth bomber will be rolled out Nov. 22. And the space creatures, if they exist, could not be reached for comment.

Nevertheless, people in the valley say they saw something in the sky.

Bryan Neel, a resident of north-east Fresno, said he was "so excited" by the object that he forgot to load his camera when he spotted it about 9 p.m. Wednesday and began clicking the shutter.

"I've never seen anything like it in my life," Neel said. "I wasn't scared — I was curious. I'm sure there is a logical explanation for it. I don't think it was a UFO and I don't think we're being invaded."

Jim Lindholm, a resident of Kingsburg, said he believed the object came from another world.

"There was a series of red lights behind the main object — I'd say three lights," he said. "Then they went into a V-formation and continued to circle in the direction of Fresno."

Lindholm said he and his sister followed the object with binoculars for about 45 minutes.

"I heard a very low rumble — and my sister could kind of make out a hissing sound," he said. "It was definitely a low rumble — and it wasn't a plane. When it flew in front of the moon, there weren't any wings. ... I believe it was a UFO — I really do. I tried to dismiss it or eliminate it,

but there is no type of aircraft like that."

Roy Yates, a field investigator for the Mutual UFO Network, a nationwide group of volunteers devoted to the study of reported sightings, said he would check out the incident and file a report.

across valley sky

"I don't know what to make of it," he said. "I'm trying to gather the information. ... UFO reports exist and I think it's plausible to assume that UFOs may exist, if you mean objects that behave in extraordinary ways in the sky."

The Stealth bomber, so secret that the research and development budget is not listed with other military expenditures, is believed to be a triangular flying wing.

The bomber is believed to be invisible to radar and may have the ability to fly silently at low levels. A mock-up of what some believe the plane will look like appears in a car advertisement, but the design and capabilities of the new aircraft are classified.

"I really can't discuss the details of the program," Tony Cantafio, a spokesman for the Northrop Corp. in Los Angeles, said Thursday. "The Air Force says it will unveil the plane on November 22 and will make its first flight sometime after that."

A spokeswoman at Castle Air Force Base in Atwater said there

were no military planes in the area of the sightings Wednesday night. She said Edwards AFB, Vandenberg AFB and the Air National Guard in Fresno also reported no activity at that time. A spokesman for Lemoore Naval Air Station said all military planes had landed by 8:15 p.m. Wednesday.

Ken Hyman, plans and procedures specialist at the Fresno Air Terminal, said the airport radar picked up no unusual activity.

"But we've been getting calls, too," Hyman said. "I wouldn't buy the Stealth theory. If the Air Force wanted to test it, they wouldn't want anyone to know about it, so why fly around Fresno where everyone could see it?"

Marlene Morris, a resident of North Fork, a small lumber town in the Madera County foothills, said she saw "three huge lights" on an object that appeared to be "hundreds of feet long" move across the sky.

"I was amazed — and somewhat frightened," Morris said. "When I realized whatever this was was moving away, it didn't bother me. But when it was coming back, I felt it had to be something that our government was doing. It was definitely a motor sound — nothing eerie like something from another world, although I still think that's possible."

Kent Holcomb, a Dinuba police officer and a private pilot, said he saw "several sets" of strange lights in the sky about 11 p.m. Wednesday.

"The lights were quite a distance from each other, but moved in the same way in perfect formation — like the lights were somehow connected, but they couldn't have because they were too far apart," Holcomb said. "It made very little noise, if any. I would guess it was flying at an altitude of 5,000 to 10,000 feet."

Holcomb said the object moved very slowly and estimated its speed at no more than 100 mph, or slower than the small planes he flies.

"I'm not ruling a UFO out, but I'm skeptical," he said. "I believe it was some military-type thing. Based on my experience, I'm putting my money on the Stealth bomber. But I'm curious about this. If it was a military operation, why fly over Dinuba? It was there for 30 to 40 minutes. Maybe they wanted to see if they would get a reaction out of the general populace."

Laura Hardwick and her husband, Thomas, said they stepped out of their house at about 10:15 p.m. after hearing a report of the flying object on a police scanner.

She described the object as triangular with four other objects trailing it. Her husband said he thought it was a blimp because it moved slowly.

"I was amazed," he said. "I was in awe just trying to figure out what it was."

UFO search is a haunting success

By Rex Springston
News Leader staff writer

WYTHEVILLE — Danny Gordon was driving his car on a dark country road, glancing occasionally at the sky. His frustration was almost tangible.

An award-winning radio newsman, Gordon is haunted by the very story that has brought him success — reports by the thousands of unidentified flying objects over this Southwest Virginia mountain town.

"This is the most confusing thing that has ever happened to me in my life," said Gordon, 38. "The pieces of the puzzle are not coming together."

"I'm a realist. I need to touch a craft, to shake hands with whoever's driving it."

A year has passed since the first barrage of sightings — by such seemingly clear-eyed people as a police chief and a state police dispatcher — put Wytheville in headlines across the country.

The sightings continue today at a rate of about 10 every two weeks, Gordon says, but outsiders don't hear about them because they're no longer news.

"They're the same thing," said Gordon, an intense, bearded Wytheville native. "It's like bicycle thefts. You

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three weeks."

Gordon will recount the experience in a book titled, "Don't Look Up — The Real Story About the Virginia UFOs."

"I'm telling people, don't look up, it'll take too much out of your life," he said.

The book, to be available in bookstores and by mail order, was written with Dellinger, a Wytheville bureau reporter for the Roanoke Times & World-News.

The men write alternate chapters, from different points of view — Gordon as participant in the UFO flap, Dellinger as observer.

"I'm not as directly involved, so I can be a little more objective about it," said Dellinger.

The book, being published by Empire Publishing Inc. of Madison, N.C., should be available by late November, said Empire spokeswoman Rhonda Lemons. Two thousand copies will be printed, and they will sell for about \$7 each.

The authors would not disclose financial terms but said they will receive a small percentage of the sales revenue. "We won't be able to retire on this," said Gordon.

Both men — like just about everyone else in this town of 8,500 some 250 miles west of Richmond — believe something strange is in the air. They rule out no explanation, including alien visitors. But, Gordon said, "I haven't seen any little green men."

He has seen UFOs 34 times, he says, most recently a diamond-shaped one over U.S. 11 last Thursday. Dellinger says the only thing he has seen "was probably a helicopter."

can't report every one."

A year ago, Gordon became leader of those seeking an answer to the mystery. It's largely a one-man quest now, and the experience has left its mark on body and mind.

For a while, Gordon "was really letting it get to him," said friend Paul Dellinger, 50. "His physical appearance deteriorated. He lost weight. He had circles around his eyes. He admitted he was paranoid."

Over the past year, Gordon has fielded calls, friendly and threatening, at all hours of day and night. He has spent countless hours and dollars searching for UFOs and guiding visiting reporters. He has written or called all branches of the military, and they denied involvement.

"It almost cost me my marriage," said Gordon. "I was gone all the time. My little girl was 3 and she talked about UFOs. ... People would call and say, 'Leave the UFO thing alone,' and hang up. My house was broken into. I carried a .357 in a briefcase for about



By Randy Lilly

"The pieces of the puzzle are not coming together," says Danny Gordon.

Some people have speculated that the UFOs have been Tennessee Air National Guard mid-air refueling operations, or military training exercises.

"I still think it could be something that the military is doing and don't want to release, and I respect their secrecy," said Dr. Carl E. Stark, a physician who has served as Wytheville's mayor for 26 years.

Gordon and other spotters say that can't account for all the UFOs, many of which were said to be silent, flying at low levels and coming in various forms — V-shaped, box-shaped, cylindrical, and your classic saucer.

"I mean," said Gordon, "how does an orange box fly? ... I've seen flying saucers in the daytime five times.

While alone at a cornfield one night, Ellen Crystall said she spotted what appeared to be a craft drifting slowly to the ground. After seeing something flutter, almost like a moth, she shined a spotlight into a wooded area. She says she saw a 3½-foot creature with a beige body and huge yellow eyes staring back at her.

By David Bauder
Associated Press

Writing from Pine Bush, N.Y.

Clouds quickly fill the sky, obscuring a nearly full moon. It's not a good night to find Whatever's Out There.

Still, a half-dozen people who've parked their cars on the shoulder of a country road in New York's Hudson Valley crane their necks to scan the sky. This is supposedly a prime area for spotting UFOs, but the only things visible on this cool autumn evening are airplanes banking into nearby airports.

Peter Gersten waits suspiciously. The silver-bearded lawyer believes 99 percent of supposed UFO sightings are easily explainable, despite the vanity license plates on his Porsche that read UFOSREAL. He's devoted hundreds of hours to wresting UFO documents from the government in court.

Most UFO watchers are more patient than the federal government. The U.S. Air Force canceled its surveillance program, Project Bluebook, on Dec. 17, 1969, almost five months after the Apollo 11 astronauts landed on the moon. Dr. Edward U. Condon of the

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University of Colorado recommended that the program come to an end after years of unconvincing research. But UFO searchers persist. Victoria Lacas waits expectantly. She's mad because most people abducted by aliens are unwilling victims, she says, and she'd be happy to submit herself to experiments.

Linda Doern waits calmly. She and her husband, Peter, both real estate appraisers, are fascinated by psychic and other unexplained phenomena. An evening in Pine Bush, she jokes, "beats watching television."

Ellen Crystall waits excitedly. The self-described UFO photographer is the guardian of the field, where she claims to have seen aliens and dozens of unexplained lights. She's driven to this field from her New Jersey home hundreds of times since 1981 in hope of making contact again.

"You missed it, Ellen," Gersten tells Crystall when her car pulls up a half-hour later than expected. "The mother ship was here. There used to be several more of us waiting."

Crystall dismisses the joke and checks the sky. It doesn't bode well. The aliens, whom she suspects are building an underground base in the Hudson Valley, don't seem to like clouds or rain, she says.

Whatever the reason, strange sightings seem commonplace in the Hudson Valley. Hundreds of people have seen things in the sky that can't be explained, says Philip Imbrogno, author of *Night Siege: The Hudson Valley UFO Sightings*.

These sightings caused a sensation in 1983 and 1984 in this area of New York City suburbs and farmland, stretching into Connecticut. Reports have been less frequent since then, but still steady, Imbrogno says.

Most, if not all, can be easily explained, says Jeff Lehman, spokesman for the nearby Stewart International Airport. He says a group of pilots, whose identities are not known, enjoy fooling UFO fanatics by flying in close formation many evenings. It's not illegal, but it's annoying, he says.

Crystall believes. She says she saw something unusual at the cornfield off Searsville Road, 20 miles from Middletown, soon after she was first taken there by a magazine writer. Gazing over a distant treeline while alone at the field one night, she spotted what appeared to be a craft drifting slowly to the ground. After seeing something flutter, almost like a moth, she shined a spotlight into a wooded area. She says she saw a 3½-foot creature with a beige body and huge yellow eyes staring back at her.

"This thing had a worried look on its face and it totally threw me off," she says. "I was panic-stricken. I could not utter a sound."

The music student says she's taken 800 photographs of UFOs. She says she holds no grudges against people who don't share her beliefs but confides, "I try to avoid them."

At a restaurant 20 minutes from Searsville Road, Crystall's friends pass the time waiting for dusk to turn to darkness. Ignoring quizzical looks from a waitress, they discuss landmarks in UFO history with the sort of insider's lingo that renders the conversation meaningless to anyone else.

Gersten, who has set up a hot line telephone number for UFO fanatics to keep up on the gossip, says he enjoys the mystery and glamour of UFOs.

"It seems like we're prisoners on this planet and we've lost the ability to explore," says Gersten, who fixes companions with a penetrating stare. Most people accept that UFOs exist, he says, "because we simply can't be the only people in the universe."

But he dismisses most reports of unexplained lights in the Hudson Valley. Most sightings are probably conventional airplanes, he says, adding that he has offered a reward for the mysterious group of pilots to come forward and identify themselves.

Gersten belongs in the "government conspiracy" camp of UFO followers, believing that secret military technology is being tested in the skies. "Imagine a civilization 10,000 years more advanced than us," says the New York City lawyer. "Do you think they'd come here in spaceships?"

Yes, opines Victoria Lacas, because they want to investigate Earthlings. The legal assistant and flower-child holdover is fascinated by the current UFO furor over abductions, during which people are supposedly

"beamed up" by aliens for a quick examination. Lacas calls herself an "abduction volunteer." "I want to bring trinkets to trade, because I want to make friends when I go on board," she says, fingering some jewelry.

For the Doerns, all aspects of the paranormal are fascinating. There's a lot more going on in the world than meets the naked eye, Linda says, but she understands why most people look at UFOs and psychic phenomena with skepticism.

"There are a lot of strange people involved in it," she says. "I think it discredits it for a lot of people. It turns a lot of people off."

After the drive to Searsville Road, some participants note the "eerie strangeness" they feel while gazing at the sky. But when it's apparent most of the lights in the sky are either stars or airplanes, conversations drift to baseball and photography.

A car roars by the parked vehicles about every five minutes. From a nearby house a woman, partially hidden by curtains, peers out at the visitors.

Crystall and her followers are well-known by Chief Daniel McCann and the rest of the

Town of Crawford Police Department, which has jurisdiction over Pine Bush. He says he occasionally gets trespassing complaints, and Crystall has been chased off people's property once or twice, but she's usually good about telling authorities where she's going to be.

With the airport and a unit of the Air National Guard nearby, Crawford police are used to getting calls about strange things in the sky. Police have never seen any hard evidence of UFOs, but they don't always have an easy explanation for what people insist they see, McCann says.

"Ellen does say that she sees these things," he says. "I'm not going to dispute her. She probably has seen something. Who knows what they are?"

One of Crystall's companions points the flash of her camera at some shrubbery, hoping others notice the particles in the air she sees during the brief burst of light. What she claims is "angel dust" looks suspiciously like pollen. It was the only unusual sighting of the night. As the hour grew late, the search for warmth became paramount and the evening ended in disappointment.

"It was a crummy night," says Crystall.

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'Ball of fire' reports add mystery

to Halloween

By **ROBERT JACKSON**
and **ANGEL HERNANDEZ**
Rocky Mountain News Staff Writers

About the time authorities thought the witches and goblins were finished for the night, residents in the Jefferson County areas of Aspen Park and Pine Junction reported seeing a "large orange ball of fire fall to the Earth."

And, sheriff officials don't believe it was the Great Pumpkin.

"We are taking it very serious," said Bob Deutsch, spokesman for the Jefferson County Sheriff Department at 9:30 p.m. "It could be a plane or a meteor. We just don't know

at this point."

The department's helicopter searched the heavily wooded area for about 20 minutes, Deutsch said.

The search was called off at about 10 p.m., a dispatcher said.

The sheriff's office received the first call at 7:41 p.m., Deutsch said.

The Elk Creek Fire Department responded to a small brush fire on a ridge near Aspen Park but couldn't find the source of the fire, Deutsch said.

"They didn't find a meteor," he said. "And we certainly didn't rule out that it could have been an aircraft."

Air traffic controllers at Stapleton International Airport said no aircraft had reported being in distress.

Capt. Thomas Niemann, spokesman for the U.S. Space Command in Colorado Springs said this is high season for meteors, but their tracking system reported nothing entering the Earth's atmosphere.

Meantime, in the metro area, the grinsches turned out early to trick youngsters seeking treats on Halloween night.

Twice in Arapahoe County and three times in Littleton, police received reports of teenagers shaking down children for their newly acquired candy.

Similar complaints were called in to Aurora police, an official said.

A Denver police dispatcher reported things were quiet, "for a Halloween night."

CO-DB DENVER ROCKY MOUNTAIN NEWS

'Ball of fire' in Jeffco sky called meteor

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The Elk Creek Fire Department even responded to a reported small brush fire on a ridge near Aspen Park but couldn't find one.

A 20-minute helicopter search Monday night didn't find anything, either.

Jefferson County Sheriff's Department spokesman Bob Deutsch yesterday said: "It was probably a meteor."

As for the reported fire, "It could have been pieces of a meteor," Deutsch said. "It could have been something else."

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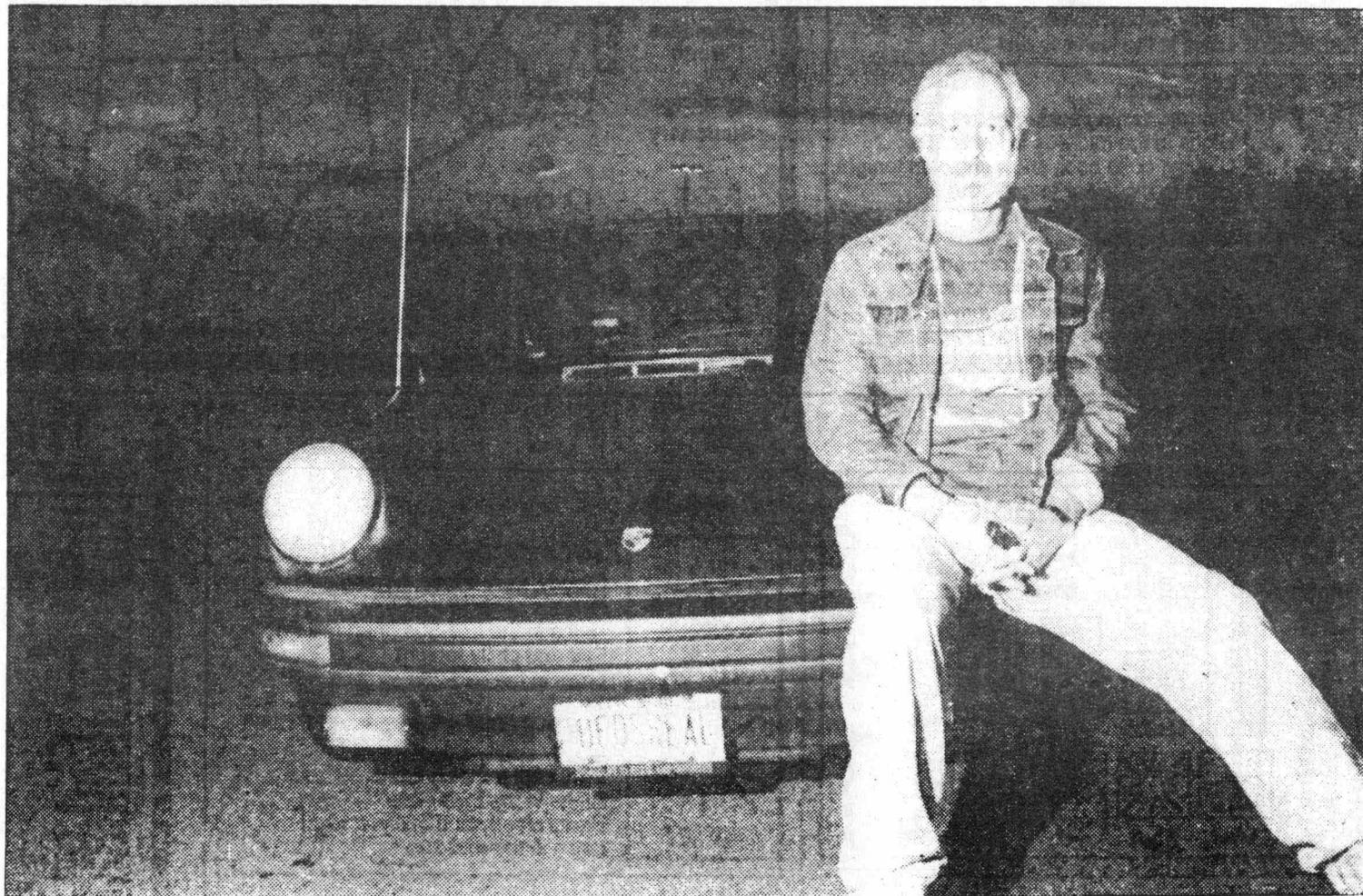
Sheriff's officials concluded yesterday that Monday night's blaze across the sky over Jefferson County probably was a meteor.

Residents of Aspen Park and Pine Junction reported seeing a "large orange ball of fire" falling from the sky Monday evening.

UFO believers alive and well

Pine Bush, N.Y.,
is a favorite
hunting ground

The government years ago gave up its search for unidentified flying objects, but not to worry. There are still believers who spend nightly vigils on the lookout for aliens from other planets. One of the favorite UFO hunting grounds is in the Hudson Valley north of New York City. Here's what happened there on a recent autumn night.



Associated Press

Lawyer Peter Gersten sky-watches on a road outside Pine Bush, N.Y. Gersten, who has set up a hot line telephone number for UFO fanatics, says he enjoys the mystery and glamour of UFOs but admits 99 percent of UFO sightings are easily explainable.

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That's probably what bothers me more than anything."

"Once," he added, "an orange glowing ball followed me home and sat there in front of my apartment."

The UFOs have also been very good to Gordon, a one-man news and sports operation for WYVE radio here. Last March, he won eight of nine awards in his division for radio news broadcasting. Four of the awards involved UFO stories.

He reflected on that while driving Wythe County's winding roads on what would prove a futile nighttime UFO search.

"It's been a very traumatic experience. If I could, would I do it over? I don't know."

"If I start a news story, I carry it to its conclusion — whether it's a murder trial, or a spelling bee or a kid doing well in sports," Gordon said. "This I haven't seen through. I want a resolution. I want an end."

'Jim': UFO pictures not fake

By Michael Burke
News Journal

Despite one scientist's suggestion that photos of a Gulf Breeze UFO were faked, the principal photographer of the spacecraft says computer analysis shows his initial photos cannot be double-exposures.

The photographer, a Gulf Breeze businessman who has passed a lie detector test, said "experts and various debunkers can say what they will, but the many dozens of witnesses and I know what we saw."

On Oct. 14, a nationally televised show on UFOs featured conflicting opinions from researchers about the validity of the photographs and sightings by more than 100 witnesses in the Gulf Breeze area.

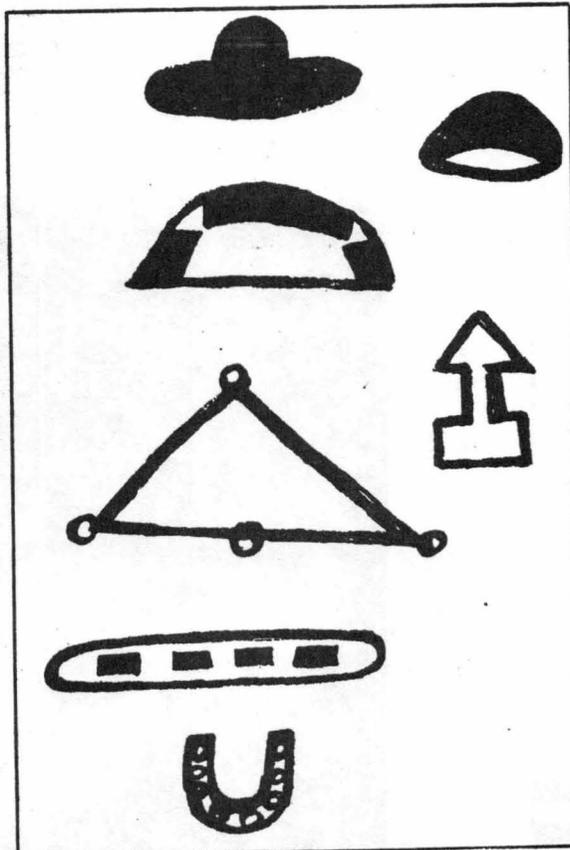
Dr. Robert Nathan of the NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory in California said he was uncomfortable with the Gulf Breeze UFO photographs.

"I feel that many of these images are double exposure photographs," Nathan said. "The craft in many of these photographs seems to be in different focus. They are either more sharply focused or fuzzier than the surrounding background objects."

The photographer, identified in various news reports only as Ed or Jim, said blurring occurred in his initial photographs because he and the UFO moved slightly when he snapped the photos.

In an interview with the News Journal, "Jim" said he wished the television show had focused more attention on technical evaluations of the photographs.

Nathan said that with some photos, he had "the feeling that there is some kind of a cut and paste on some surface." But Jim said Dr. Bruce Maccabee obtained a



These are some of the shapes Danny Gordon says he has seen.

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computer analysis of two November 1987 photos showing a hovering UFO partially obstructed by a tree.

Jim said the analysis failed to detect any trace of a cut-out line.

Jim's 37 photographs have been studied extensively by Maccabee, a research physicist who works at a Navy laboratory near Washington, D.C. Maccabee said he believed "the photos are genuine and these crafts are not from here."

"I have considered many methods for creating trick photos," Maccabee said. "I have found that none of these methods have been used."

Jim, who has had no sightings since May 1, has submitted to psychological testing as well as regressive hypnosis to test his suspicion that he was abducted by aliens on several occasions.

Jim said the hypnosis exposed details of at least four past abduction incidents involving alien creatures he encountered late last year.

The psychological evaluation was conducted by Dr. Dan Overlaid, a clinical psychologist who is also certified in forensic psychology and psychological hypnosis. Overlaid, past president of the Florida Psychological Association, said he put Jim through at least six hours of standard tests that evaluate personality and intelligence.

"He's as normal as the rest of us," Overlaid said Friday.

1381 UFO investigators searching for real E.T.s

BY JACK HICKS

The Cincinnati Enquirer

Ghouls and goblins are much in evidence at this time of year, to say nothing of the newly released *E.T.* video and talk of the 50th anniversary of *War of the Worlds*, but strangely there have been few reports of unidentified flying objects.

Even Elvis Presley sightings seem to outnumber UFOs.

Lack of reported extra-terrestrial sightings and activities, even at Halloween,

hasn't daunted the enthusiasm of UFO buffs — or their skeptics.

News doesn't get out

"There have been sightings," amateur UFO investigator Don Worley of Connersville, Ind., attests. "The news just doesn't get out."

Cincinnati Leonard Stringfield acknowledges that reports of UFO sightings aren't as common as they once were, especially in this region, and it has changed his own approach to investigating. "I no longer feel like chasing lights in the sky, because we'll never prove anything."

Instead, Stringfield has shifted his probing to people who claim they have had direct contact with extra-terrestrials, or have been abducted by space aliens. He believes in the theory that the U.S. government is hiding evidence of extra-terrestrial visitors, and someday the retired public relations man hopes to prove it.

"All of us have seen great glowing objects in the sky, but to make the leap from something unidentified to something extra-terrestrial is a big jump in logic . . . in reason," said Robert Baker, a former University of Kentucky professor.

Kidnapping claims

Baker, who lectured on the subject at a recent UK seminar, admits he is fascinated by the sizable number of people who claim they've been kidnapped by alien beings.

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He's convinced that most of the people who relate tales of abductions believe them, but there's no concrete evidence that anyone has ever been kidnapped by visitors from outer space.

Burt Monroe, University of Louisville professor, is among those who investigate and catalog UFO reports, without considering themselves believers or skeptics.

Monroe has developed one conclusion, that sizable numbers of UFO sightings occur in 61-month cycles and advance about 15 longitudinal degrees around the globe. He also points out that a survey several years ago disclosed that almost half of Americans believe extra-terrestrial life exists.

Monroe doesn't rule out that theory, but he leans toward the idea that UFOs are some natural phenomena that is ahead of our scientific understanding.

As Worley noted, there have been reports of strange lights in the sky in recent weeks around Corydon, Ind., but much of this year's UFO attention has been directed at Gulf Breeze, Fla., where sightings have been reported, and a resident took photographs of what might be regarded as hovering and darting space craft.

Despite considerable local ex-

citement and the fact that Gulf Breeze is near the Pensacola Naval Base, the military apparently has ignored the reports. At least as far as it's saying.

That's typical, as Stringfield's position goes. He is among those who think the government has been involved in a cover-up of unidentified flying object findings, dating to just after World War II.

Stringfield contends that a space craft crashed in New Mexico in 1947, killing the crew. The wreckage and the remains have been kept under the tightest possible security at Wright-Patterson Air Base near Dayton, he claims.

A top secret committee of national leaders was formed to investigate the New Mexico crash and related incidents, Stringfield said. The committee still is in existence, although the individuals have changed, he said.

Worley, too, is concentrating on stories of people who say they have had close encounters with space aliens, or have been abducted by same. Some of the stories include "men in black," possible space visitors who intimidate witnesses who might talk too much.

And what does Baker have to say about these UFO claims? "I'm a great skeptic," he admits.

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by Roger Marsh

Move over Steven Spielberg, this week's media reported UFOs hovering above tree tops just south of DuPage County.

While area residents watched during their dinner hour, a Chicago television station ran interviews of two Lemont police officers who reported sightings of this glowing, disc-shaped object.

Eight area residents also filed reports of this strange aircraft in the vicinity.

If they're on the ball, I imagine members of the Midwest Committee for Rational Inquiry will investigate.

A few weeks ago, DuPage Profile ran a story about past life regression, a process this group feels is not possible.

And after speaking with group president Mike M

Crowley, secretary Jim Zaluba and media relations man Ralph Blasko, I promised to tell their side of the story.

Group member Larry Kitsch said that as skeptics, "we officially say these things don't exist." The burden of proof, he says, "is on the person making the claim."

And this goes for all supernatural stories, like the one we ran last week on Chicago ghosthunter Richard

Crowe and the tales he tells of local haunts and ghostly impressions.

Kitsch took Crowe's supernatural tour, reporting that it was "interesting for the cultural and historical aspects," but "like all pro-paranormal people, he made many claims of psychic phenomena for which he would offer no objective evidence."

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UFO's charted back and forth over Essex

UFOs sweep regularly across Southend and Basildon claims star gazing expert Ron West.

Mr West, of East Anglia UFO Society, said the group's hot-line had again been jammed with callers claiming to have seen mystery objects over South East Essex.

By ANDY STEPHENS

In the last two weeks of September more than 200 calls from the area were registered by the society and October started with another 70.

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Mr West, from Clacton, said: "We have heard about three different objects seen in your area in the last few days.

"One is triangular with white and red lights.

"It seems to travel very fast, stop and hover then speed away again.

"The second was a

round circle of lights and the third was described as cigar shaped.

"We believe this one could be a mother ship."

Mr West and his team believe the sudden surge in sightings has been caused by what is known as a window in the sky, where space-ships travel between atmospheres.

The team thinks there is a gateway to the galaxy to be seen in the Southend and Basildon area.

Brenda Butler is on the UFO hotline — 0728 830757.

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Klosak likes UFOs in Cicero

If there are UFOs in Cicero, all the better for business, says Cicero town President Henry Klosak.

When two town residents told Klosak they had seen a helicopter with bright red and blue lights flying between Laramie Avenue and Cicero's eastern boundary and hovering in certain spots "possibly to take photos," the town president asked a LIFE reporter if she had heard anything about it.

The reporter said no, but noted the newspaper had received a call earlier in the month from a resident who claimed to have spotted a UFO, to which Klosak said, "I like that. Let's do nothing to dissuade this. UFO sightings in Cicero — people can come and shop at Omni."

He was referring to the Omni Superstore that anchors the Hawthorne Works shopping center at Cermak Road and Cicero Avenue.

British UFO experts stunned as . .

PET-FANCYING ALIENS BEAM UP 26 ELEPHANTS

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EXPERTS were last night reeling at reports of how aliens beamed up 26 elephants from a safari park.

Stunned eyewitnesses say the jumbos were sucked up by a silver "Tardis" which hovered over their heads.

And the entire event — which happened in broad daylight — has been hailed as a life-saving gesture by friendly alien visitors.

"When I first heard about this I thought it was a staged-managed event. But after investigating the sighting I'm convinced it did happen," said UFO investigation Rex Dutta, from Camberley, Surrey.

Rex — director of UFO magazine Viewpoint Aquarius — had the sighting checked out by one of his crack investigators, Jose Lazare, in Spain.

Jose's report said the spaceship was silver and shaped like an upturned bowl.

The 250-foot silver spaceship shot down a beam of purple light which lifted the beasts into its hold.

"The craft hovered over the elephants. Suddenly they were bathed in purple light and lifted into the ship. The whole episode lasted for about two minutes," said Rex.

Survival

But he also claimed it wasn't the first time that animal-mad aliens have nicked a few nellys.

"This sort of thing isn't new — it's been going on for years. Aliens have picked up more than 200 animals from around the world in the last six months," he said.

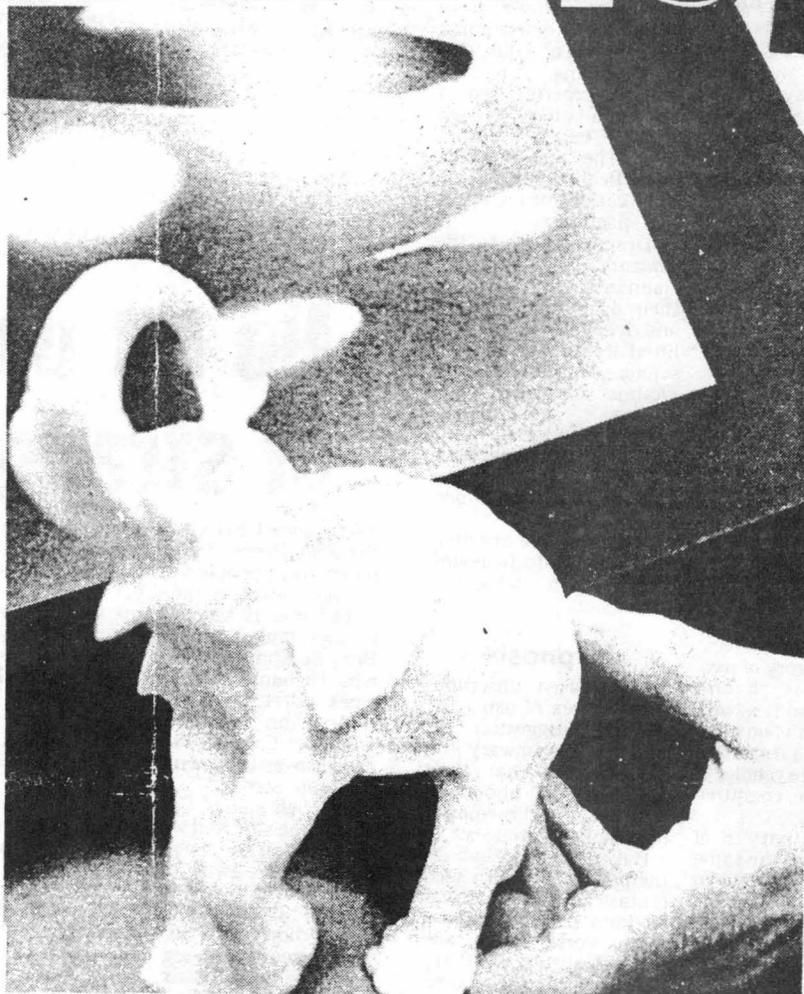
"Space people are taking us and our animals and adapting them so that they will be able to survive in the future.

"It's a bit like Noah's Ark," said Rex, who has been studying UFOs since he left University College, massive. Their inner plane is enormous," said Rex, who revealed that aliens can shrink objects, too.

"If the ship is small the aliens might shrink the animals to get them inside. Some animals have the ability to change the shape, size and even the weight of things," London, in 1954.

Sceptics have tried to discredit Rex's story by claiming that 26 full-grown elephants could not fit inside a 250-foot spaceship. But Rex claims flying saucers are like Dr Who's Tardis.

"They look small from the outside but inside they're



CONVINCED ... UFO expert Rex Dutta investigating the reports

Nation in grip of UFO kidnap fever

UFO investigators who promote stories of people claiming to have been kidnapped by unidentified flying objects may be causing serious psychological damage, an American psychologist has warned.

Some recent books chronicling alleged UFO abductions have become best sellers in the United States.

Robert Baker, an expert in abnormal psychology at the University of Kentucky, said the authors and promoters of books on UFO abductions may be using hypnosis to uncover many of the stories of kidnappings by flying saucers.

Because hypnosis can transform a dream, a hallucination or a fantasy into a seemingly-real event, Baker said, the UFO investigators may be doing psychological harm to their subjects.

Documented

He added that a hypnotist, using the power of suggestion, can even create "memories" of an event that never occurred.

Baker said the claims made by UFO 'abductees' fall into a category of psychology that is "by no means new, and it is well documented. It is no mystery to someone trained in abnormal psychology, hypnosis, and cognitive psychology."

He said the pattern of the abduction is the same by psychologists in the days when people claimed to have been abducted by fairies and prechauns.

Many 'abductees' appear sane and normal "because they ARE

Experts see danger in authors stirring up spaceship fantasies

perfectly sane and normal," he said, explaining that it is not uncommon for people occasionally to suffer hallucinations or waking dreams.

Creatures

In addition, some fantasy-prone people have trouble determining where fantasy ends and reality begins.

UFO experts "would like us to believe that all of these experiences are alike. They are not," he said. People reported a wide variety of creatures and spaceships.

"Despite claims to the contrary, all abductee claimants are victims of their own hallucinations and delusions or fantasies lifted from their subconscious, or else they are victims of other misguided individuals," Baker told a recent meeting of scientists, magicians and writers gathered to discuss supernatural claims.

"These people are literally talked into believing they've been abducted," Baker said.

Hypnosis

He accused unscrupulous authors of using the power of suggestion "to convince the unwary and unsuspecting that their fantasies of abduction were suppressed memories of actual occurrences."

Baker warned that using hypnosis to turn such fantasies into reality was "a form of psychological rape worse than any claimed alien abduction".

According to several recent articles and books on the subject, many 'abduc-

tees' report having alien creatures extract tissue and sperm samples from them, or having aliens rape them. Sometimes the aliens are supposed to have returned to remove a foetus from the victim.

"This is not an innocent game. It's a dangerous game," said UFO critic Philip Klass, who also spoke at the meeting.

Klass said that artist

and bestselling UFO author Budd Hopkins was now promoting the idea that many people with serious psychological disturbances were actually suffering the side effects of a forgotten UFO abduction.

And because some people report repeated contact with the creatures, Klass said, promoting the idea that abductees

may be kidnapped again, "will ruin the lives of many suggestible people."

Hopkins' most recent book *Intruders* and one by Whitley Strieber, *Communion*, which is to be released as a film early next year, were both listed on the New York Times bestseller list for non-fiction books.

Hopkins, Strieber and others who have written about UFO abductions were invited as speakers at the meeting, which was sponsored by the Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal, but all declined to appear.

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No let up in number of strange sightings

TWO more UFO spotters have contacted the Free Press after recent stories in the paper from people who claimed they saw strange objects in the sky.

And one is backing up the tale of a strange umbrella-shaped craft seen over Bury St Edmunds by a brother and sister who recounted their experience in last week's Free Press.

Mrs Ann Self and her eight-year-old daughter Carla also saw the craft as it passed over the town near to their home in Eastgate Street.

Mrs Self said: "Carla just said 'What's that in the sky' and we looked up and there was this strange black thing hovering a long distance away."

"It's hard to say exactly what it was. I wouldn't like to say whether it was a UFO but it didn't look like a plane either. It wasn't really moving very fast - it was just hanging in the air," she added.

Mrs Self saw the object on the same night as Rueben and Esther Eaves

claimed they had spotted an umbrella-shaped craft near their home in Prigg Walk, Bury.

The second spotting took place at Red Lodge in the early hours of last Thursday morning when Jerri Upshaw was returning home with her boyfriend.

As they neared the porch of her home in Gorse Close, she says she saw a green light shining from behind them.

"At first I thought my boyfriend was shining a flash light to show the way but when he looked back as well we saw this orangey-red glow go across the sky."

"It was very frightening and my stomach started to turn. I was so amazed at what I saw that I ran in to wake up my mum and tell her about it," she added.

A spate of UFO sightings have been reported recently in the Free Press, following an article in September when a Fornham All Saints boy reported seeing one in a field at the rear of his home.

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Plea for inquiry Has UFO visited?

A WORRIED family has called for a Ministry of Defence explanation after bizarre light movements in the sky above her home.

Mrs Susan Sayer said she saw a bright white object shining thousands of feet in the air as two planes flew back and forth around it.

And she insisted: "I'm no crank. We all saw it getting brighter and then dying out. There was certainly something going on."

Last Thursday night's UFO scare, which lasted an hour, followed reports the day before of a mysterious blue light bathing most of the region.

A Basildon police crew and two airline pilots admitted seeing the brilliant light, later dismissed by the British Astronomical Association as the planet Venus.

Thursday's sighting, high above the Wakering and Shoebury areas, drew a blank with Southend Airport's air traffic controllers.

But Mrs Sayer, of Beech Court, Great Wakering was adamant: "I have nev-

by SR Reporter

er believed in UFOs or anything stupid like that, but this thing defied explanation.

"We saw one stationary main light, with two or three smaller ones hovering around it. They were being approached by objects which were definitely planes.

"But the planes kept moving in and then being forced away again.

Eventually, the main light drifted off towards the sea fading as it went.

Mrs Sayer said: "There was definitely something going on. I would be loathe to jump the gun and scream UFO, but possibly the Ministry of Defence knows more than it is letting on.

"We watched the thing from 7.50 until around 8.30, so no one can tell us we are seeing things."

But the airport's traffic management department recorded no unusual activity on its radar. A spokesman said: "As far as we know, there has been no movement in the area apart from scheduled arrivals and departures."

Triangular and round rings of light were also seen over South East Essex last night around 9pm.

The East Anglian branch of the British Unidentified Flying Objects Research Association had eight reports from Basildon and seven from Southend. ~~UFO could land in Essex - page 10.~~

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ACTOR BILL SEES STRANGE LIGHTS

MOST people, if they think they've seen a UFO, will hesitate to mention it, fearing they may be thought a crank.

So, when well-known Burnley amateur actor and producer Bill Goulding saw something in the evening sky last Friday, he was glad his wife, Mabel, was with him and could see it too.

And when Bill got to work in Hebden Bridge yesterday morn-

ing he was amazed to find two of his colleagues independently reported seeing exactly the same thing around the same time.

Now Bill is really curious. "We were driving on the Bacup road out of Burnley on Friday evening when we saw four extremely bright white lights in the sky just ahead of us. I stopped the car and we watched them in complete silence for about five minutes. They looked like two sets of car headlights

but they were brighter than anything I've ever seen.

"I looked at my watch and it was exactly 7-15 p.m. The lights were absolutely still and there was no noise and then they began to move off into the distance, banked a little and disappeared," said Bill.

He and Mabel tried to get a closer look with binoculars but it was difficult to make out much other than dazzling bright lights, he added.

Bill, a senior social worker in the Rossendale area, says his colleagues described exactly the same thing. Bill says he has always had an open mind about such things, but he is sure what he saw couldn't have been a common aircraft. "I have served in the RAF and I've never seen an aircraft with lights like that and staying still with no noise. There were no navigation lights or anything and the lights were a very, very bright white," he said.

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Two UFOs over Essex — claim

THE bright lights in the sky over Southend recently were caused by two, not one, unidentified flying objects it has been claimed.

A strange blue light lit the night sky over the town, as dozens of witnesses reported seeing the phenomenon.

Ron West of the Clacton-based East Anglian UFO research society has decided there were two separate objects after sifting dozens of eye witness accounts.

"It could not have been one meteor - if meteors were involved there must have been two," said Mr West.

The lights in the sky apparently started out over Belgium, crossed into Kent, and then came down in the sea off Southend.

Families who saw the lights phoned police stations and RAF bases, and pilots flying high above Essex confirmed the sightings.

Information has been passed to the Ministry of Defence.

Rayleigh Astronomical Group member Royston Dean said this was a season of meteorites, with a series from the Orion constellation coming to an end, and a new series from the Taurus galaxy starting.

"There may have been an overlap," he said. But he did not rule out the possibility of Little Green Men.

With a smile, he said: "We never rule anything out."

The Essex UFO hotline, on 0728 830757, took many calls.

Experts support UFO claim

EXPERTS are giving their backing to a young boy's claim that he saw an unidentified flying object land in a field at the rear of his home.

Two ufologists have visited ten-year-old Peter Topham at his Fornham All Saints home and have confirmed they believe his story of seeing a strange craft.

Radiation

They carried out radiation tests on the site of scorched sugar beet where Peter says the UFO

Report by Andy Cooper

landed and took photographs and notes at the scene.

And this week they said the results of their findings backed up Peter's claim and they asked for other witnesses to come forward.

Mr Ron West, founder member of the East Anglian UFO Research Association, said: "We have been to investigate the incident in Fornham All Saints on the night of September 11 and we believe Peter's story.

Mr West, who was one of the ufologists to visit the field at the rear of Peter's home at Tut Hill, said the description sounded like a flying saucer.

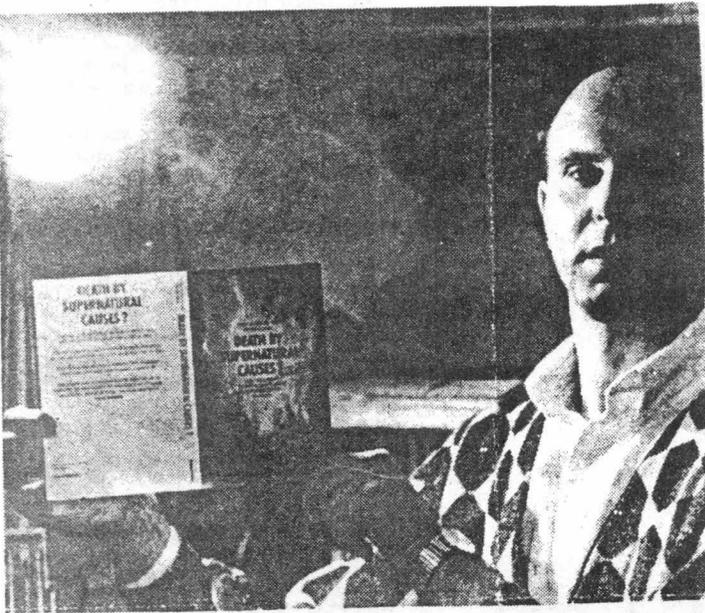
Saucer-like

"Certainly from the configuration of the lights which were described to us by Peter. I can only presume we are talking about a saucer-like craft," he added.

The strange tale of the mysterious craft was told by Peter in the Free Press on September 30. He says he saw an object with bright flashing lights hovering at the end of a field near his home.

Writers' first book hits the streets

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A LOWTON writer is to have two years of hard work and research rewarded . . . with the publication of his first book.

Thirty-four-years-old Peter Hough, whose book is entitled 'Death By Supernatural Causes?', has plunged into the world of the paranormal during 18 months of research into the book.

With the help of the country's top scientists, Peter of Silsden Avenue, and his colleague, Jenny Randles, dug deep for the truth behind the bizarre mysteries which surround the fascinating subject.

They then went on to spend six months writing the paperback set to hit the streets on November 17, which critically examines several cases where death or injury has been put down to paranormal sources.

Peter said: "We wanted to get behind the media hype and the wishful thinking of self-styled experts and dig around for the truth. "We've taken no sides except where the weight of evidence dictates otherwise. If there's no mystery, we've said so. If the authorities have been less than truthful we've said that too."

Although the book has international appeal, it also includes several cases closer to home.

Added Peter: There's the case of the service engineer who came face to face with a 7ft figure on a lonely road close to the Atomic Energy plant at Risley."

Peter, chairman of the Manchester UFO Research Association

said: "This isn't just another collection of mystery stories. We've interviewed witnesses, police officers, journalists, firemen and film makers, and worked with top scientists."

Other cases in the book include the discovery of a man's body on top of a heap of coal in Todmorden, The New Zealand pilot who disappeared while being chased by a UFO and the bizarre mutilation of thousands of animals in the USA.

"The book will be available in all local bookshops, and we hope to go as far afield as Canada and Australia with it," added Peter.

'Death by Supernatural Causes?' is a Grafton paperback and is priced at £2.95.

PETER with a copy of his first book set to hit the streets soon. (L1060)

Was it a bird, was it a plane . . . or a UFO?

BAFFLED Reading residents have been seeing more than fireworks lighting up the sky.

Families in Tilehurst and Caversham Park claim to have spotted bright lights speeding through the sky over their homes on Sunday night, just weeks after sightings of other alien objects were reported.

Tilehurst couple Kevin and Donna Wallace were driving from Bradfield to their home in Layton Rise when they first noticed a big bright object lighting up the sky.

Donna said: "We first thought it was a plane but it just stayed at the same position."

When the couple got home, Donna claimed they counted up to eight objects in the sky at one time, all moving backwards and forwards at a great speed.

She said: "There seemed to be one main bright light which the others were coming back to. Some of them were red, green and blue."

She was adamant the lights were not fireworks as they stayed in the sky for several hours.

The mysterious UFOs were also spotted by a woman and her neighbours in Caversham Park.

The woman, who would not give her

name, said: "It was such a strange phenomena.

"The speed that they moved at was absolutely incredible."

She said she had felt "awestruck" watching the objects but had never felt frightened.

"I had a feeling that this was not to attack us in any way but it was certainly very real and something I will never forget."

A spokesman for the Ministry of Defence confirmed they had received some reports of sightings from members of the public and they would be investigating whether the craft had illegally entered British airspace.

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Village ³¹²⁸ beat 'lit-up'

TWO Tenterden policeman are among local people who have reported encountering weird lights and "flying saucers" during the past week.

P-c Normal Sells and P-c Robin Buxton were on duty at Gascoigne Corner, High Halden, at 3.45 am on Thursday of last week when the whole of the night sky became as bright as daylight.

The phenomenon lasted between three and four seconds and they reported it to the operations room at police headquarters in Maidstone. Reports were also received from other observers at Deal, Sheerness and Sittingbourne.

The previous Sunday, teenagers Joanna Dickinson and Julie Jessop were walking near Julie's home at Woodlands Caravan Park, Biddenden, when they saw a strange object which they described as a flying saucer.

Oval shaped and with four bright white lights, it displayed a bright red light in the middle. They thought it was flying at about 500 ft and was emitting a deep hum. While they were looking at it it suddenly shot vertically into the evening sky and disappeared. They also believe that the object interfered with the telephone as the line went dead.

A third sighting took place on Thursday of last week when Stephen Button, the brother-in-law of another Tenterden policeman, saw a strange blue object.

He was driving between the Three Chimneys pub at Biddenden and the Smarden Road when a "blue ball" appeared and gave the impression of coming down to earth.

When he first spotted it he thought it was between 50 ft and 100 ft from the ground and as it descended it disappeared behind a line of trees. He thought it was going to land to the north of the road.

The sightings were reported to RAF Manstone who said they had passed the information on to the Ministry of Defence, their usual practice.

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Giant blond men visit. Get ready for UFO landing

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A UFO MAY soon land in South East Essex.

That's the prediction of one of the county's most experienced researchers.

His claim follows what has been the most amazing few weeks for spacecraft spotters and comes in the wake a barrage of new sightings of a mysterious blazing light last week off Southend.

In September, according to Ron West of the East Anglian UFO Research Association, there were 270 reported sightings in the Basildon and Southend areas.

These figures were way up on previous months.

What does it mean?

Ron, 57, said: "I know you will think I am crank but I believe we are going to get a landing. They will not harm us."

What will these intergalactic travellers look like?

Ron, a former infantryman who works for an oil company, believes they could be similar to a three-metre tall blond male.

Sightings

This is the rundown for daily sightings in the Basildon and Southend areas in September: Mondays 15, Tuesdays 10, Wednesdays 48, Thursdays 13, Fridays 54, Saturdays 36 and Sundays 25.

The Friday figures are bumped up by the coloured lights spotted over Southend on September 23.

The British Unidentified Flying Object Research Association, of which Ron is an Essex accredited investigator, had 25 calls about these mysterious sightings.

He received a call from a Southend man and was able to watch them for an hour from where he lives in Clacton.

Ron said: "I have been interested in UFOs for 20 years but these are the first I have seen."

"The official line was

by SR Reporter

that the lights were stacking aircraft but you don't see stacking aircraft moving around like this and you don't get blue lights on aircraft."

Ron, who said he was very excited by his first sight of UFOs, believes Southend along the Thames is a window in the sky through which spacecraft enter the earth's atmosphere.

UFologists believe there are specific windows on earth through which spacecraft enter.

Two are the North and South Poles. Apart from the Southend window the next is at Lowestoft in Suffolk.

The lights over Southend were seen in the Basildon area and surrounding districts.

They were triangular in red, green, yellow, white and blue.

The only reported abduction in Essex was on October 27, 1974.

John and Sue Day from Aveley were driving home after seeing relatives. It was 10.20 pm and their three children were asleep in the back of the car.

They saw a blue light in the sky and rounding a bend went through some green mist. As they did this their radio sparked.

They then drove out of

the mist but were amazed to discover it was then 1pm.

For the next three years they had psychic experiences including objects moving around and seeing lights in the sky.

They also had recurring dreams of being in a room with small ugly creatures.

Family

The family approached UFO Research and hypnosis was carried out.

Their story was that they were drawn out of their car and had hazy memories of entering a UFO where they saw tall, human-like figures in silver suits with helmets.

Smaller creatures carried out medical examinations on them.

Mr West says 90 per cent of reported UFO sightings are fakes but this still leaves 10 per

The East Anglia UFO hotline is 0728 830757.

Encounter of the close kind

A REPORT OF a "close encounter" by a 36-year-old West Wales motor mechanic is being investigated by the Ministry of Defence.

Mr Tony Silvestri thinks an unidentified flying object caused a brilliant light inside his car as he drove home from Lampeter to Ciliau Aeron with his wife and daughter.

"Gwendoline, my wife, and Alana, who is eight, were both scared stiff by it," said Mr

Silvestri who works for a motor accessory firm in Lampeter. "The whole interior of the car was lit up by a brilliant greenish light as we drove past the theatre at Felin Fach.

"It was so bright that I could not see through the windscreen or out of the windows. Fortunately it only lasted for a few seconds.

"It couldn't have been caused by the headlights of other cars because it was too bright and the wrong colour.

"I pulled up and stopped at the side of the road but could see nothing that might have caused the strange light inside the car.

"Next day I gave the car a complete electrical check and there was nothing wrong with it. I didn't think there would be because the light was too brilliant to be caused by an electrical fault."

Yesterday Mr Silvestri was interviewed by Flight-Sergeant Dave Pengilly, the officer at RAF Brawdy in Pembrokeshire who checks all reports of UFO sightings.

"Each report of this kind is always investigated," he said. "I make checks and then pass it on to the powers that be in the Ministry of Defence who are now looking into this case."

Complaints about low flying aircraft are also dealt with by Flight-Sergeant Pengilly, since many low-flying exercises are operated from RAF Brawdy.

"We don't like unidentified things in our air space," he said. "We have to check that there is no threat to security too.

"We have only two or three UFO reports a year and most of them are explainable.

Strange

"For instance we had a report a few weeks ago from a lady who saw a bright orange light 60 feet above the ground near the M4 in the Carmarthen area. It turned out to be a hot-air balloon trying to land at dusk. But she was convinced it was a UFO and we will never convince her otherwise," he said.

"Strange lighting effects are often produced inside cars by sunroofs and in the case of Mr Silvestri the source of the light must have been external. But we are still looking into it."

Said Mr Silvestri, "My car has a sunroof but that doesn't explain where the brilliant green light came from. I travel along this stretch of road every night and I've never had anything like this happen before."

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UFO visit?

BOLTON had a mysterious visitor last night.

An unidentified flying object hovered over the town before flying off towards Manchester, a number of callers told the BEN.

Mrs Marjorie Johnson of Grosvenor Street, Kearsley, said: "I could see this stationary object floating above Bolton.

Local ufologist Steve Balon is investigating.

SOUTH WALES ARGUS NEWPORT

UFO sighting?

THE ministry of defence has been called in following a claim by West Wales motor mechanic Tony Silvestri that a blinding flash of light inside his car was a "close encounter" with a UFO. He was driving with his wife and daughter to Ciliau Aeron when the object caused the flash of light. 3128

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'I believe some sightings are alien intelligence'

More UFO sightings

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News in brief

UFO spotted over town

ARE aliens spying on Biggleswade? It seems unlikely, but could be the explanation for a strange sight spotted over the town on Tuesday.

A woman in Beech Avenue spotted the strange craft early in the morning. "It was shaped like a balloon but moved to fast to be one," she said. "It was silver and shining, with red and bright yellow-orange lights.

"There must be a logical explanation, but I can't think of one. "RAF Henlow recorded nothing unusual on its radar screens, and could only suggest that it might have been an airship."

Did you see anything unusual. if so contact the Chronicle newsdesk on Biggleswade 313479.



● Nora Howell — saw strange light in the sky.

'It was very bright — like a shining crystal'

UFO experts say recent sightings of strange flying objects in the Aylesbury Vale area are being taken very seriously by a secret government department because they fear they may be aliens.....

In last week's paper an Aylesbury postman saw a huge bright light hovering near Princes Risborough, not far from the Strike Command HQ.

Since then stories of other sightings have reached our offices.

One was by grandmother Nora Howell from Weston Turville who spotted a huge crystal-like ball hovering in the sky near her home.

Mrs Howell said: "It was about 4am last Wednesday. It was very bright and looked like a shining crystal — it just hung in the sky. I checked it wasn't the evening star. Anyway it was much bigger. It could have disappeared in the direction of RAF Halton. It moved very quickly."

She added she was reluctant to talk about it because she thought people would laugh.

"But after the report in the paper I felt I ought to say what I saw to back up the postman's story," she said.

This is not the first time Mrs Howell has seen an unidentified flying object in the area.

"This is my second sighting. I knew this time I'd not imagined it. It was a clear night and it wasn't a

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plane. There was no noise at all."

And last Tuesday night in Berton June Ballantyne spotted a bright light which she thought was a U.F.O.

A man who has spent the last 20 years studying UFOs, the Rev Donald Thomas, who lives in Oxfordshire, said for some reason UFO sightings were more common in October and they were usually seen near "unusual developments."

"October would appear to be a time when the number of reports can be seen to be increased.

"Sightings are usually near to where you find something unusual is being developed."

Rev Thomas added: "The government is taking these sightings desperately seriously. But they are putting out as much smoke as they can to make people think their sightings are nothing serious. It is all a cover-up. I believe some of the sightings they look into are of alien intelligence."

He would like anyone who spots an unusual sighting to get in touch with us. We will then forward your letters to him.

"People are afraid to say what they have seen. There have been tales of people being abducted by aliens in other countries," he said.

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Did you see the bl-UFO?

UFO investigators want to speak to more witnesses who might have seen a mysterious blue light over South East Essex.

They already have an astonishing sighting by an engineer who was woken by a blue light that bathed his bedroom.

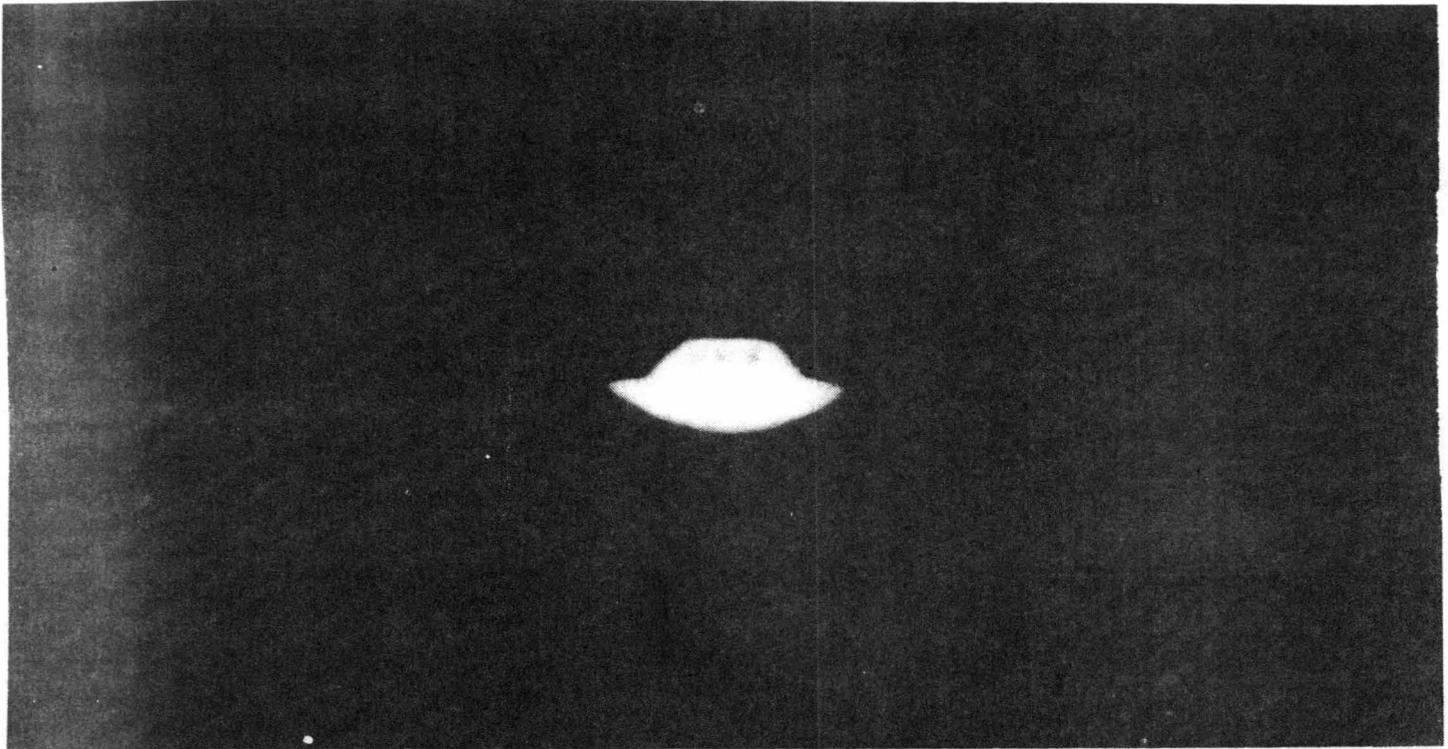
He thought it was a car's headlights but looked out to see a

craft about 1,000 to 2,000ft up coming towards his house.

The craft was round at the front and square at the back. He said a smaller craft detached itself from the parent and went off in a different direction.

A similar object was seen at Canvey.

If anyone else saw the light they are asked to contact the UFO hotline on 0728 830757.



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UFO: One of the first flying saucer sightings was made over Iran by a 16-year-old student

UFOs: An Essex landing imminent

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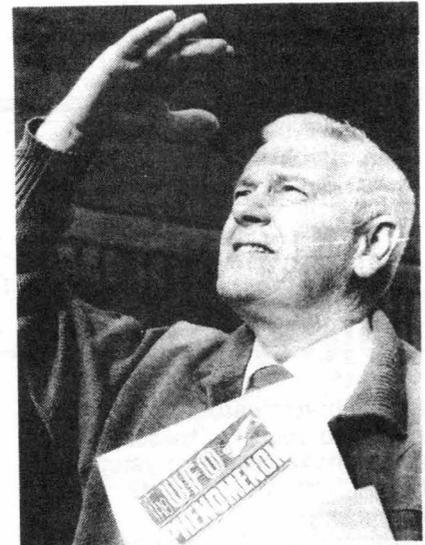
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'You will think I'm a crank but we're going to get a landing'



READY: Ron West keeps an eagle eye on developments

By **FRED HAMMERTON**

UFO LANDING CON'T

This is the rundown for daily sightings in the Basildon and Southend areas in September: Mondays 15, Tuesdays 10, Wednesdays 48, Thursdays 13, Fridays 54, Saturdays 36 and Sundays 25.

The Friday figures are bumped up by the coloured lights spotted over Southend on September 23.

The British Unidentified Flying Object Research Association, of which Ron is an Essex accredited investigator, had 25 calls about these mysterious sightings.

Window

He received a call from a Southend man and was able to watch them for an hour from where he lives in Clacton.

Ron said: "I have been interested in UFOs for 20 years but these are the first I have seen.

"The official line was that the lights were stacking aircraft but you don't see stacking aircraft moving around like this and you don't get blue lights on aircraft."

Ron, who said he was very excited by his first sight of UFOs, believes Southend along the Thames is a window in the sky through which spacecraft enter the earth's atmosphere.

Ufologists believe there are specific windows on earth through

which space craft enter. Two are the North and South Poles. Apart from the Southend window the next is at Lowestoft in Suffolk.

The lights over Southend were seen in the Basildon area and surrounding districts. They were triangular in red, green, yellow, white and blue.

The only reported abduction in Essex was on October 27, 1974.

John and Sue Day from Aveley were driving home after seeing relatives. It was 10.20 pm and their three children were asleep in the back of the car. They saw a blue light in the sky and rounding a bend went through some green mist. As they did this their radio sparked.

Dreams

They then drove out of the mist but were amazed to discover it was then 1 pm.

For the next three years they had psychic experiences including objects moving around and seeing lights in the sky.

They also had recurring dreams of being in a room with small ugly creatures.

The family approached UFO Research and hypnosis was carried out. Their story was that they were drawn out of their car and had hazy memories of entering a UFO where they saw

tall, human-like figures in silver suits with helmets.

Smaller creatures carried out medical examinations on them.

Mr West says 90 per cent of reported UFO sightings are fakes but this still leaves 10 per cent unexplained.

He and colleagues in UFO research advise anyone who sees a UFO not to approach it and never touch it.

They say: "Try not to interfere with the activities of a UFO occupant. It may be hostile or indifferent to your fragility.

"If it shows signs of wishing to communicate comply as best you can. Try not to allow your natural panic from allowing you to do so."

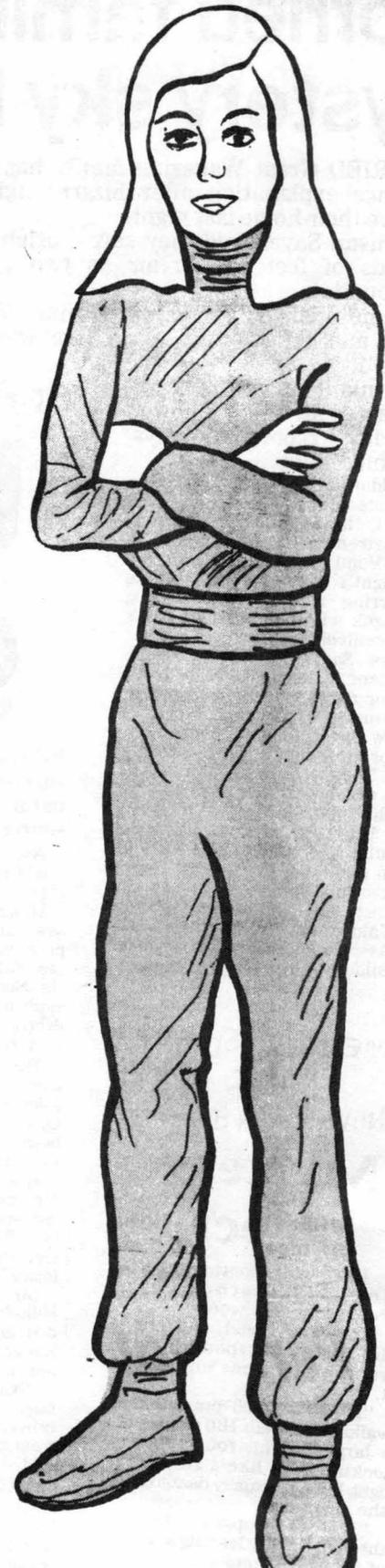
Radiation

The researchers also say you should consult your doctor following the incident to ensure you are not suffering from the effects of radiation.

They add: "As soon as you can, write down everything you can remember about the experience and make as many drawings as possible.

"You should repeat this about four days later without looking at the previous drawings then make a comparison to see how far you are out between first and second drawings."

The East Anglia UFO hotline is 0728 830757.



ALIEN: This is an impression of how Ron West expects the aliens to appear, up to 10 feet tall with blond hair

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Patrolmen 3128 encounter a UFO

West Mercia Police traffic patrols today reported a "close encounter" — with an unidentified flying object.

Several officers on traffic duty reported seeing a "bright white light" and saw the UFO flash across the sky.

After travelling across Malvern, Worcester and Kidderminster the object disappeared.

Chief Insp John Alexander, of Kidderminster Police, said: "We received several reports about this unidentified object including some from our own traffic patrols.

"We contacted West Drayton Air Traffic Control who have said they believe the object was a satellite burning out."

Worried family sees mystery sky lights

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A WORRIED Great Wakering family has called for a Ministry of Defence explanation after bizarre light movements in the sky above their home last night.

Mrs Susan Sayer said they saw a bright white object shining thousands of feet in the air as two planes flew back and forth around it.

And she insisted: "I'm no crank. We all saw it getting brighter and then dying out. There was certainly something going on."

Last night's UFO scare, which lasted an hour, followed Wednesday's reports of a mysterious blue light

A Basildon police crew and two airline pilots admitted seeing the brilliant light, later dismissed by the British Astronomical Association as the planet Venus.

Last night's sighting, high above the Wakering and Shoebury areas, drew a blank with Southend Airport's air traffic controllers.

But Mrs Sayer, of Beech Court, was adamant: "I have never believed in UFOs or anything stupid like that, but this thing defied explanation.

"We saw one stationary main light, with two or three smaller ones hovering around it. They were being approached by objects which were definitely planes.

"But the planes kept moving in and then being forced away again.

Triangular and round rings of light were also seen over South East Essex last night around 9pm.

The East Anglian branch of the British Unidentified Flying Objects Research Association had eight reports from Basildon and seven from Southend.

READING EVENING POST

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Children see UFO

BAFFLING bright lights zooming across the sky have put Berkshire on UFO alert.

Five youngsters say they saw a mysterious object hurtling through the skies when they were coming home from a friend's house in Tilehurst last night.

They say it was long, with green and red flashing lights.

Simon Baker, aged 15, of Tilehurst, said: "I was really frightened. This long thing started hovering over the sky."

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UFO fears grounded

PENSIONER Francis Taylor's close encounter with a strange force was a natural wonder of THIS world, official sources said this week.

And he was not alone in witnessing an all-embracing bright pink glow and a golden object shooting across the sky in the early hours of the morning.

Hundreds of people saw the same natural phenomenon when two meteorites crashed into the North Sea when the earth passed through the debris trail of Halley's Comet.

The spectacular fall-out from the sky happened at 3.40am on Thursday, October 27, and RAF bases on the Essex coast were jammed with calls.

After reading about Mr Taylor's experience in last week's Review others in Welwyn Hatfield reported seeing the same image.

Mr Taylor, 83, of Hillside Way, Welwyn, described a pink light that just got bigger and bigger until it was everywhere.

"It could have been a satellite but I have to say I believe it was visitors from another planet," he said.

But Ron West, of the Essex and East Anglia UFO Research Society revealed the illuminating vision was caused by the overlapping of two constellations.

"The Orion constellation is coming

By Michael Sullivan

to an end and the Taurus constellation is just starting. Every year at this time meteorites fall to earth and it was the overlapping of the constellations which made it special this time." The phenomenon didn't fool Michael

UFO in pink glow mystery

PENSIONER Francis Taylor was still reeling this week from a mystery close encounter. Mr Taylor, 83, claims his whole house became flooded with a bright pink glow coming from a golden object which shot across the sky in the early hours of the morning. "It was a fantastic moonlight looking object."

Flashback to last week's story. France, of Pippens, lifetime sighting." WGC, either. "I do feel fortunate to have seen this magnificent object for it was so much brighter than normal for these things and is possibly a once in a But Bill Lawrence, of Poynders Meadow, Codicote, is still sceptical. He didn't witness the latest incident but claims to have seen irregular objects in the sky before.

PETERBOROUGH EVENING TELEGRAPH NOV 2 1988

UFO 'like a Polo mint'

HOUSEWIFE Lucy Kennedy was stunned when she saw what she believes was a UFO hovering above Peterborough.

She described how a circle of glimmering white light as big as a house rose above roof tops in Arundel Road "like a giant polo mint."

Mrs Kennedy (20) said she craned out of her bedroom window with her van driver husband David as the shape sped silently away into the clouds.

She added: "I do not know whether it was a flying saucer but it was definitely something weird."

The Kennedys' two-year-old daughter Kimberley watched wide-eyed during the sighting around 7pm on Monday.

There was a Guy Fawkes party going on nearby and at first she thought she was watching a ring of smoke from one of the fireworks "but it did not dissolve and must have been at least 50 feet across."

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Mystery object

A UFO was spotted over Norton-Radstock on Wednesday last week.

Mrs Peggy Reid, of Wells Hill, was the spotter and wonders if anyone else saw it.

"At about 3.30 pm I was walking up Wells Hill and saw a large, bright, round light looking a bit like a stadium light, but not actually dazzling," she said.

"It was dropping down through the sky leaving a trail of brownish smoke".

Mrs Reid said she could not give any idea of the size of the object as she could not calculate its distance away from her. A Radstock police spokesman said nothing strange had been reported.