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# UFOs reported over nuclear plants

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*'I definitely looked at them, and I saw that it was not a natural phenomenon or anything I could explain'*

SUFFERN, N.Y. — Shaped like two enormous upside-down soup bowls, the objects hovered in the sky just over a dip in the Ramapo mountain range.

The red-orange rays of the setting sun glinted from their silvery metallic bodies.

One remained motionless above the horizon, while the other slipped gradually and silently from a vertical position into a horizontal one.

This account of a flying-saucer sighting was not the fantasy of a science fiction writer but the coolly recollected observations of 33-year-old Suffern lawyer, Warren Berbit.

Berbit, along with policemen, businessmen, school teachers, housewives and others, say they have seen strange objects recently in the skies over Rockland and Putnam counties.

Some think they have viewed unidentified flying objects sent to earth from another galaxy to observe the large power plants in the area.

Several UFOs have been reported over Stony Point, just across the Hudson River from the Indian Point nuclear reactors.

Others have been spotted over plants in Tomkins Cove and Haverstraw.

But some scientists say that most of the reported sightings of silvery objects at sunset or flashing colored lights in the night sky are probably of airplanes, helicopters, bright stars or planets.

It is possible that some of the sightings were of real UFOs, said Dr. William Donn, head of the Atmospheric Science Program at the Lamont-Doherty Geological Observatory in Rockland County and a professor of earth sciences at City College.

"But I can only vouch for the things I checked, and everything I investigated I identified as a bright star or a planet."

Many observers who thought they were seeing UFOs, Donn added, are "people who started looking at the sky and saw stars for the first time in their lives."

Berbit, who has two engineering degrees and experience in aviation and who characterizes himself as "not too hysterical, and fairly objective," does not think it was two airplanes that he saw over the horizon as he was pulling off the Gov. Thomas E. Dewey Thruway in early September.

"I definitely looked at them, and I saw that it was not a natural phenomenon or anything I could explain," he said.

Dan Cetrone in the neighboring Rockland County community of Tomkins Cove, who insists that he is "no kook," says the objects "are obviously extraterrestrial and are preparing for an eventual contact here."

Cetrone, publisher of The Rockland County Almanac, lives in a white house at the top of Buckberg Mountain Road.

His terrace commands a view of the Hudson, and both he and his wife, Barbara, say they have observed several cylindrical flying objects with red, green and white flashing lights, which hover awhile, then turn sharply and disappear.

The UFOs, Cetrone theorized, are probably drawn to the area by the nuclear plants.

They are part of a cycle of UFO appearances that peaks every 61 months, he said.

Reports of possible sightings in the county reached a peak of about 100 during a three-week period around the end of August.

Of the nine confirmed UFO sightings in Stony Point attested to by police officers, one officer said he had been on the scene of five.

Each object, he said, "first appeared to be a star, but when I looked through a telescope, I could see red or green lights rotating."

They were observed by seven other Stony Point police officers, he added, who "all described exactly the same things."

In his experience, he went on, most people are afraid to recognize a UFO.

## UFO seen in skies of Gaston

GASTONIA, N.C.  
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If anyone can identify that unidentified flying object seen in the eastern sky for the past few nights, Mrs. H.L. Amor of Lewis Rd. would like to know.

"I saw it first Monday night," she said, "and then I saw it again Tuesday night and again last night. My husband also saw it and a friend of ours, too."

She said she knew people would say it was their imaginations but "imagination don't come in triplicate."

She said that the object had a central, larger light as a body and "had a lot of long legs lighted up." She said she first saw it Monday about

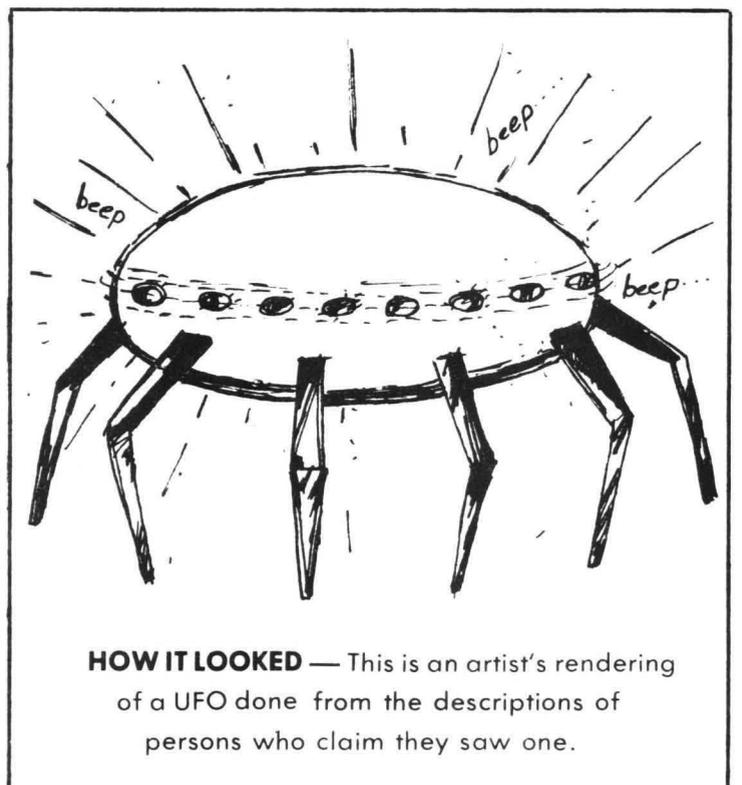
6:30 p. m. as she was driving home about the intersection of Holland Ave. and Ransom St. She said that she watched it out of her car window most of the way home.

She saw it again Tuesday night and again on Thursday night.

The first two nights it was located in the south-eastern sky but that on Thursday it was directly in the east. Thursday night, it took off and moved to the south.

She said that the object had white lights that went on and off "ever so often."

If anyone else saw the UFO, please call The Gazette.



**HOW IT LOOKED** — This is an artist's rendering of a UFO done from the descriptions of persons who claim they saw one.

PLEASE SEE EDITORIAL ON PAGE TWO...

# More objects spotted in skies over Gaston

GASTONIA, N.C.  
GAZETTE  
NOV. 9, 1976

If this doesn't make you a believer, nothing will. UFOs are hovering over Gaston County and to prove it, we've got more than reports. We've got a picture.

A picture of what, we don't know. Neither does the National Weather Service. Neither does the Federal Aviation Administration. And that's what UFOs are all about.

What we do know is that the bright lights of sky-borne objects have been popping up all over the place for the last few days. Gastonians are seeing them. And they're calling us so often that our newsroom telephones are ringing like the wall phone in a bookie joint.

So what do you do when you've told all the tales of UFO sightings and you still can't take the "un" off unidentified flying object?

You hand a man a camera, that's what you do. And if that man is Kermit Hull, The Gazette's chief photographer, he'll drive 60 miles to find out what these tales are all about.

A disbeliever until Monday night, Hull changed his mind after he followed a glowing, white oval in the western sky for more than two hours.

His journey in search of the latest UFO began around 6:30 p.m. when his mother-in-law, Mrs. Edison Payseur, walked up to Hull's door and told him to whip out his camera.

"There's a UFO out here and I've been watching it while I walked up the road," she said.

That walk was a quarter-mile trek from her house to his up the Lander's Chapel Road west of High Shoals.

Hull walked outside, saw the light, but didn't think too much about it until his home phone began ringing — four times in less than 15 minutes.

Others were seeing the same thing Mrs. Payseur saw.

"I decided to do something about it," Hull said. "I looked out again, and the thing looked like it was about three or four miles away toward Cherryville. I thought I could catch up with it so I threw my tripod and camera in the car and took off."

The chase began.

Heading up N.C. 277 in the direction of Cherryville, Hull couldn't get closer to the light that was bobbing up and down in the sky above him.

"I drove for about five miles, then it changed directions and looked like it was headed toward Crouse," he said. "I cut through the country but before I got to where I thought it was, it turned around and headed toward Cherryville again."

So up the road he went. This time driving along N.C. 150 with the UFO before him all the while.

"But when I got to Cherryville, the thing was moving on over toward Kings Mountain so I headed that way," Hull continued. "I kept thinking I was getting closer, but the farther down the road I went the more the direction changed, so I turned and went toward Bessemer City."

Well, enough is enough.

Hull got out of his car, set up his equipment for a 30-second time exposure and locked open the shutter.

The UFO captured on film, he headed home.

"I've got something on film but I don't know what," Hull said when he came into The Gazette's newsroom this morning.

A few minutes in the dark room and he produced our "proof."

There was something in the sky. It was oddly shaped because of the time exposure with a glowing ring of light.

We called the National Weather Service in Charlotte to report Hull's finding. Weather-watchers were as amazed as we.

"We've sent nothing up from here," a spokesman for the weather station at Douglas Municipal Airport said.

"I have no idea what it could be but how about sending us a picture?"

A check with the Federal Aviation Administration also turned up no explanation. They wanted our facts too and asked to talk with Hull for a first-hand account of his sighting.

And that's what we've got. We're showing it to you to let you draw your own conclusions.

Maybe, like Hull, you'll become a believer.

"The whole time I was driving I was thinking about how I never believed in UFOs before," he said. "But I thought to myself, maybe there's someone in that thing taking my picture. I might be in the Venus Gazette tomorrow."

## EDITORIAL

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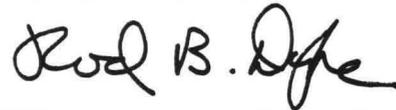
THIS IS (AS YOU ARE SURE TO NOTICE) A DOUBLE ISSUE, BOTH NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER COMBINED (NOS. 91 & 92). AS OF THIS ISSUE, FOLLOWING CLOSELY BEHIND THE OCTOBER ISSUE NO. 90, WE ARE OFFICIALLY ON SCHEDULE!

OUR ENTIRE NEW STAFF IS TAKING A LONG-DESERVED VACATION OVER THE HOLIDAYS AND WISH ALL OF YOU OUR VERY BEST FOR THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS, AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

SINCE THIS ISSUE IS FOLLOWING SO CLOSELY ON THE HEELS OF OUR OCTOBER ISSUE, OUR BILLING WILL BE OFF-SO RATHER THAN SEND OUT BILLS THAT ARE JUMBLED, WE ASK THAT YOU ADD THE PRICE OF THIS ISSUE (\$10) ON TO YOUR LAST BILL (SENT WITH THE OCTOBER ISSUE). IF YOU DO NOT INCLUDE THIS AMOUNT, OR IF YOU HAVE ALREADY SENT YOUR CHECK, YOU WILL BE BILLED AUTOMATICALLY WITH THE JANUARY 1977 (NO. 93) ISSUE. IN ANY CASE, BILLING WILL RESUME NORMALLY IN JANUARY.

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AND ROD B. DYKE, EDITOR



DANBURY, CONN.  
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The blinking object many area residents viewed Monday night appears in the top left of this photo taken by Danbury Patrolman Peter Winter with a 600mm telephoto lens on his 35mm camera. He used Tri X film with an 800 ASA rating. The striped objects are stars.

## Astronomer cites 'phenomena' to explain mystery sky lights

By David O'Reilly  
News-Times staff

DANBURY — Those mysterious green and red lights reportedly hovering in the southwestern sky are "natural physical phenomena," according to Dr. Phillip Lu, resident astronomer at Western Connecticut State College.

"Believe it or not," he says, the light comes from some bright stars and planets "defracted" through water vapor in the earth's atmosphere. "The droplets of water each act as a prism," according to Dr. Lu. "It's the same principle that we see in a rainbow after a rainfall."

Dr. Lu made his remarks during an interview at Wesconn's observatory yesterday following reports that a "star-sized object" with flickering colored lights was seen zig-zagging across the night sky.

"Every year we start to get these kinds of reports, starting in late August or early September. They usually last through the fall," he said.

During the past few weeks he has been roused often from his bed in the wee morning hours with calls from local police or uneasy residents, inquiring about the shimmering multi-colored lights.

A week ago he got up and drove over to Bethel to view the lights reported by one couple, and discovered that it was a familiar star, as he had expected.

"It was Arcturus," he explained yesterday. "It has a reddish tint and it appears in the west now between 9 and 10 p.m." He was awakened yesterday at 5 a.m. by a call from Danbury police, who were calling about another "UFO". This time he asked a few quick questions and determined the lights

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# Maybe that UFO was Venus

What's it all about, this UFO craze that is sweeping Gaston County?

There's bound to be a logical explanation, you say. Don't be so quick to draw conclusions. The experts aren't.

"It always depends on the specific details of each sighting. In any event, we do not rule out any possibility once we are convinced that there is no natural explanation," said Allan Hendry, director for the Center of UFO Studies in Evanston, Ill.

The center is a private, non-profit organization made up of leading scientists from throughout the United States. They track down UFO reports made to law enforcement agencies, follow up with interviews of persons claiming to have seen "the real thing." And if it comes down to brass tacks — that it's not Venus, not Jupiter, not a figment of a vivid imagination — the scientists meet, review the facts and make their decision. If they say it's a UFO, you can believe it.

Hendry started the ball rolling Wednesday afternoon on UFOs in Gaston County after he talked with Gazette photographer Kermit Hull. Hull saw an unidentified flying object Monday evening in the western area of the county. He photographed it and the picture appeared in Tuesday's edition of the newspaper.

After hearing Hull's description of the object — a bright, white light, oval in shape — Hendry ventured a guess.

Possibly Venus.

"Because the object was in view in the western sky for more than two hours, the long duration and the nature of its appearance leads me to believe that it is the planet Venus," he said. "At this time of year, the planet would stand out and also would give off a halo which Mr. Hull described."

Hendry cautioned that Venus was only a possibility.

"We will want to follow up on the reports in your area by talking with as many eyewitnesses as possible. I am not, at this time, confirming Venus as the explanation," he said.

But Jim Lynn, a ufologist at the Schiele Museum of Natural History, tends to agree.

Although he does believe in the reality of UFOs, Lynn is familiar with the kinds of reports that have been tying up Gazette telephone lines for the past week.

In late fall, he said, Venus is in a position which makes the planet appear very bright to sky-watchers on earth.

"It will appear as the brightest object in the sky with the exception of the moon," Lynn said. "Through a

telescopic lens, the planet will appear to be in the shape of a small, crescent moon."

There are two times during a 24-hour period when Venus is visible to earthlings, according to Lynn.

Before dusk, the planet will appear in a position directly above the sunset in western skies. Before dawn, Venus can be seen above the eastern sunrise.

Lynn said the current position of the planet coincides with the multitude of sightings of UFOs in western Gaston County in the vicinity of Crowders Mountain.

The National Weather Service at Douglas Municipal Airport in Charlotte has been unable to offer an explanation for UFO sightings here.

A spokesman for the weather bureau said spectators often mistake weather balloons for unidentified flying objects.

"But we don't have anything up at this time," he said. "We are as curious as you to find out what the people are seeing."

Of course, there have been other speculations, but from lesser authorities.

A police officer thought the latest UFOs might be the bright lights of a gas company helicopter flying at high altitudes.

But Jack Knox, a spokesman for Public Service Gas Company of North Carolina, said, "The only thing we have is a survey pilot flying over our interstate lines to see if there is any activity. He does all of his flying in the daytime and is in a fixed wing aircraft."

Gastonia Police Det. Mark Carswell thinks area residents aren't seeing UFOs at all.

He told a Gazette police reporter that the "objects" were merely the moon reflecting off ice in the atmosphere.

The least scientific explanation of UFOs came from a caller to The Gazette Story Phone.

The caller did not identify himself, but said this:

A teacher at Highland Junior High School told students that UFOs could be a prank — one the teacher had once joined in.

"It's easy enough to do," the caller said. "You take a plastic dry cleaning bag, hook a piece of wood to the bottom and put a candle on the wood. When you light the candle, the plastic bag will fill up with hot air," he said. "The air will cause the bag to rise for a time. When the plastic melts, the bag falls and it looks like something is coming down to earth."

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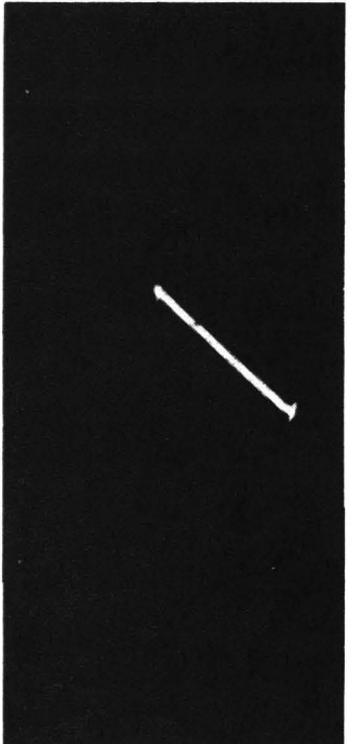
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35 seconds' exposure



One minute's exposure

**THIS IS IT, FOLKS** — Here's a possible explanation to those UFOs Gaston County residents have seen popping up in the skies lately. They are timed-lapse photographs of Venus, the planet that makes an appearance to sky-watching earthlings each fall. The different shapes in these photographs result

from planet movement in the range of the open camera shutter for varying periods of time. All photographs were taken from the same ground location by a camera placed on a tripod. (Gazette photos by Kermit Hull)

## Those UFO stories keep coming

The later they come the better they get.

That's the way it is with UFO reports and The Gazette's latest — from Maria Bingham of Beatty Road — tops anything we've heard from hundreds of callers in more than a week.

Maria and her boyfriend were leaving Eastridge Mall Thursday night when they sighted a "soft, glowing light" in the heavens southeast of Gastonia.

"It wasn't Venus. I swear it wasn't," she said. "It looked like it had a ladder on the top of it with another light on top of the ladder. The ladder was rotating like it was on an axis."

Thinking this was nothing like the UFOs described by Gazette readers, the two drove down I-85 and exited off onto U.S. 321 when the object

appeared to have moved northward toward Lincolnton.

"We stopped at a service station and watched it for about 15 minutes," Maria said. "By this time it looked like it was over Sims Park and it was turning a dull, orange color. All of a sudden flames started shooting out from the bottom of the thing. It shot straight up in the air and disappeared."

Maria's UFO traveled at varied speeds as it moved across the skies, she claims.

"It would move fast, then get real slow. Then it would speed up again," she recalled. "My boyfriend, he's been skeptical of this whole UFO mess. But after this, he believes in them for sure."

Thanks, Maria, for saving the best for last.

GASTONIA, N.C.  
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NOV. 13, 1976

were from Aldebaron, a star in the Taurus constellation.

The sharp increase in UFO "sightings" at this time of year is due to a variety of natural factors, according to Dr. Lu.

Certain bright stars such as Aldebaron and Arcturus, and often the planet Jupiter, appear low on the horizon now, and their light travels to us filtered through more of the earth's atmosphere.

Just as the sun's light appears pink and purple and red as it rises and sets on the horizon, a star's light will turn colors, too. And the twinkle that characterizes all stars is a result of air pressure disturbances.

The twinkle, called a "seeing effect" by astronomers, is heightened at this time of year when the earth's surface is radiating the heat it absorbed during the summer. When this heat meets the cold air now coming from Canada, the atmosphere produces a shimmering appearance similar to that seen on a hot road in summer, Dr. Lu said.

And the appearance of motion so often reported in these unidentified "flying" objects is simply the result of the earth's rotation, which will make a star appear to travel an arc of 15 degrees across the sky in one hour.

All these shimmering multicolored lights will appear even on cool, clear nights, according to Dr. Lu, who adds, "It's a very famous physical phenomenon."

Dr. Lu is something of an authority on these matters, although he is quick to deny it.

After receiving this Ph.D. in astronomy from Columbia University, he worked as a research associate at Yale, where he monitored the movements and color changes of over 18,000 stars and later produced two massive volumes called "The Catalogue of the Positions and Properties of Stars."

His special field of study is color change in quasars, though, and he has produced over 30 papers on the subject for the *Astronomical Journal*, with titles like "Optical Monitoring of Quasistellar Objects."

Naturally, with credentials like these, Dr. Lu scoffs at talk of flying saucers, right?

Wrong.

"Astronomers don't deny the existence of flying saucers," he said yesterday. "There are over a billion suns in our galaxy. We feel there are over a million planets with life of some form in the galaxy — we're probably not unique."

He would not speculate on the nature of an object sighted earlier this month by Carmel police and residents that reportedly looked like a flying saucer with flashing lights. "Perhaps they saw the real thing," he said. "I'd love to take a picture of a flying saucer some day. It would create quite a splash."

# Police Spot UFO Flying Over Nutley

There were flying saucers over Nutley shortly after midnight a week ago Sunday, a usually reliable source reports.

Nutley Police share a radio frequency with Mt. Vernon, N. Y., where all night long officials were broadcasting reports of UFO's over that city.

Mt. Vernon had detectives and officials stationed on rooftops. Then, about 12:30 a.m. the UFO's began to leave the Mt. Vernon vicinity and head south.

Nutley Patrolman Steve Rogers who was listening in on the Mt. Vernon radio reports was able to spot the apparent UFO from his post near Prospect and Chestnut Streets. "I was in the Air Force four years," Rogers says, "and what we saw was definitely not a fixed-wing aircraft or a rotocraft. It's possible it was a blimp but it certainly didn't look like one," Ptl. Rogers adds.

He describes the object as "a white globial mass with a red top like a light on top." Rogers later called Mt. Vernon by phone and the Nutley description matched that given by officials of the Westchester County city.

Nutley did not receive any telephone calls from others in town who saw the reported UFO. Rogers himself says he was hesitant in filing a formal police report. "I figured no one would believe me but when Mt. Vernon confirmed the sighting, I did file the report."

About a year ago, Nutley Police had several reports of a flying saucer over town. The object turned out to be a small plane with flashing lights advertising WCBS-FM's "Solid Gold" sound.

SIMI VALLEY, CALIF.  
ENTERPRISE SUN & NEWS  
NOV. 3, 1976

## A UFO here?

"It was really weird, I swear," said Fourth and Los Angeles Gulf Oil service station attendant Steve Martin after he, three other attendants and two customers spotted an unidentified flying object shortly before 7 p.m. Tuesday.

"At first it was right over the drive-in theater. It was like a glowing green light and it went in an up-and-down motion and then sideways — all different directions," he said. "Then it went straight up. We watched it get smaller and smaller as it went into outer space."

Martin said the witnesses were his brother, Paul, fellow attendants Richard Greene and Jim Dodge and customers Joseph and Jesse Arvizu.

HELENA, MONTANA  
INDEPENDENT RECORD  
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# UFOs cavort above Helena

By RALPH BARZDITIS  
IR Staff Writer

Unidentified flying objects dominated the skys of Helena over the weekend, resulting in several calls to local law enforcement agencies.

Celestial phenomena ranged from what appeared to be a meteor to a wedge-shaped UFO complete with colored lights.

A Canyon Ferry resident, one of numerous callers, told Lewis and Clark County sheriff's deputies late Monday evening there was a flaming object in the sky.

SUPERIOR, WI  
TELEGRAM  
OCT. 21, 1976

## UFO Sighted In County

Mrs. Alice Rappley, Rt. 1, Box 418, Superior, reported to *The Evening Telegram* Thursday morning that she has sighted a UFO near her home, one mile north of 4 Corners, for the past four mornings.

Mrs. Rappley said the "red ball" shaped object appeared to be about the size of a basketball when sighted on Monday morning. It was hovering a little above tree top level.

She stated that since Monday when she has seen the object, sometimes in the morning and sometimes in the evening, it has appeared to be smaller than when first sighted.

Mrs. Rappley has reported the sighting to the UFO center in Appleton, Wis. She said it was the first time she has ever seen an UFO.

NUTLEY, N.J.  
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SEP. 23, 1976

Deputies theorize the object was a meteor.

Another UFO was reported late Sunday night hovering over the Broadwater Hotel, situated just west of Helena on U.S. Highway 12.

A man told Helena police shortly before 11 p.m. that he saw a "wedge-shaped object" hovering above the abandoned hotel. Then, he said, it zoomed off toward MacDonald Pass.

The man said the object had two red lights on one side, two blue lights on the other side and a white light on the front and back.

# Brea Man Reports Seeing UFO

BREA — Gary White used to be a skeptic about UFOs — unidentified flying objects — but no more.

He saw one last night. White of 610 S. Poplar St., saw a "football sized" object at 8:10 p.m. Tuesday, while standing in his yard.

White called Brea police dispatcher Mrs. Jean Barnaby that the UFO was flying at "a tremendous rate of speed." He said it had a solid bank of lights on one side and made a "humming noise."

"I had gone out of the house to have a cigarette and saw it hovering above the house, about as high in the air as a small airplane," said White.

"It was about 7:40 p.m. I wasn't wearing my glasses — I'm near-sighted — so I went back into the house to get them. My children came out and they saw the object too. It was about the shape of a fat cigar with a bank of white lights and a bright red light on top of it.

"When I came back out, it looked as if it had moved over to the area above the police department (at Elm Street and Brea Boulevard)."

# Strange stuff in sky bewilders many

Like Henny Penny, a number of Willits residents thought the sky was falling Thursday, and although it probably wasn't the sky, the mystery of just exactly what was falling is a puzzler.

Children (and their teachers) at Brookside School saw a small plane circling overhead about 10:30 a.m. Thursday morning and then watched bewildered as hundreds of white dots, some of them hooked together with long loops of string-like material, drifted downward on the air currents, some falling near the school grounds and some wafting off toward the west.

One of the children brought some of the "stuff" to his playground supervisor, Jean Gibson, and she describes it as a sticky, stringy, white substance the nature of which

she has never seen before.

Christy Kostanecki found a great wad of it while riding her horse through the pasture behind her house on Valley Road Thursday afternoon and her father, Highway Patrolman Mike Kostanecki, saw it floating out of the sky, too, and recalls the sound of a plane.

Whether the white globs had anything to do with the aircraft, or whether the presence of the plane was only a coincidence adds to the mystery.

Christy's mother Joanna describes the material which Christy had all over her hands as "like cobwebs only of a heavier consistency" and said it came off with soap and water.

Jim Vokoun, Willits Airport manager, said he has never

heard of any such material being used by the Air Force and pointed out that aluminum shreds like Christmas tree tinsel are sometimes thrown out of military planes to test their radar equipment.

Vokoun suggested the mysterious white stuff might be residue from burning of some type of material somewhere in the vicinity. "We had some strong south winds Thursday and it is conceivable they could carry some type of ash great distances," he said.

Jean Gibson and Joanna Kostanecki both expressed the "eerie feeling of something unexplainable" falling from the sky which caused them to shiver uncomfortably, and hope that some reader will have an explanation which will solve the mystery.

FULLERTON, CALIF.  
NEWS TRIBUNE  
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WILLITS, CALIF.  
NEWS  
OCT. 13, 1976

## UFO Sighted

Mrs. Addie Burris of Third Street Extension, Salisbury, reported seeing a large flashing light, thought to be a UFO, pass over her house last night shortly before 7 p.m. The light passed over the house, disappeared over some trees then came back when it paused for a short time.

She said it was visible for about 30 minutes. Three of her neighbors also saw it, they said it was larger than a star or an airplane.

Yesterday there were several sightings of UFOs in the Gastonia area. A photographer snapped a picture of one there.

SALISBURY, N.C.  
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CAMDEN, N.J.  
COURIER-POST  
OCT. 6, 1976

# Unusual object sighted in sky

By WENDY TUCKER  
Citizen staff writer

An unusual sighting of something that reportedly changed bright colors and remained visible for some time from the Marathon area and Little Torch Key Monday night was described this morning from Marathon.

Walter Wells, with the Coast Guard station at Marathon, said he and a number of others at the station saw something unusual through a telescope after being called by a resident of Little Torch Key who also had a telescope, and also receiving one other call of a similar unusual sighting Monday night.

The Little Torch Key resident who had called the Citizen and left word of the sighting could not be reached this morning, but at the Coast Guard station in Marathon, Wells confirmed sighting of something "unusual" Monday night by him and seven or eight others also through a telescope.

He said it was not possible to get a sharp telescopic focus on whatever the object was that was seen

Monday night, but he said it was visible from approximately 9 p.m. to about 10:30 p.m. with several exceptions when it disappeared.

"I never formed an opinion" on what the sighting was, he said, but indicated it "didn't look like a plane or helicopter" or anything he had seen before, although possibly a star.

Whatever it was reportedly appeared to the viewers as a "light that was changing colors," colors of "red, blue, green and white," and "pretty bright."

From Marathon, the sighting was described as being visible in a west, northwesterly direction, looking along the Keys and somewhat into the Gulf.

The sighting was further described as generally appearing to lower itself in the sky somewhat, and several times during the viewing to disappear, then reappear.

As viewed, Wells indicated it was not possible to conclude anything about the actual size of whatever it was that was sighted, or its distance on the horizon.

# 'Saucers' light up the night sky

By JIM EVANS

Special to the Courier-Post

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP — It may have been the Martian way of acknowledging America's Bicentennial, but for the residents of Malaga Villa Apartments who spotted the flying objects flashing red, white, and blue light, it wasn't a moment for celebrating.

"You bet I was scared," said Janice Eckler, a resident of the apartment complex. "It wasn't like anything I had ever seen before. That's why I called the police."

At approximately 7:45 p.m. Monday, while sitting outside, John Eckler, 16, Mrs. Eckler's son, spotted three objects in the sky.

"At first they stayed in a straight line. Suddenly, they moved into a triangle shape. Two of them were constantly shooting back and forth, changing positions," Eckler recalled Tuesday.

After a few minutes, he said, two of

the objects disappeared. When they left, Eckler said, they moved faster than any airplane that he had ever seen.

Mrs. Eckler reported the sightings to the Franklin Township police department and Ptl. Rouldolph Aikens responded to the call.

When Aikens arrived at the apartment complex, he said, he witnessed six or seven of the objects. They all were flashing a red, white and blue light, he said.

Approximately 10 minutes later, Sgt. Robert Rossello, also of the Franklin Township police, arrived at the scene. At this time, only one object was still visible.

"It was in the easterly part of the sky," said Rossello. "And it was flashing only red. It was definitely not a star or an airplane. Whatever it was, it stayed at a very high altitude for about one hour."

KEY WEST, FLORIDA  
CITIZEN  
SEP. 29, 1976

# Turlock UFO Not Seen Here

Despite a Merced County Sheriff's Office admonition that "it's gonna' getcha," there is no evidence of any Merced Area sighting of an unidentified flying object sighted by Turlock police officers this morning.

According to Turlock police Sgt. Bob Johnson, two of that department's officers described the object as a "bright and brilliant light."

Johnson said officers Guy Delozier and Gilbert Zaccaro had stopped a motorist at about 5 a.m. when the three saw the light hovering in the darkened skies south of Turlock.

The Turlock department called the Atwater Police Department, and the Merced County Sheriff's Office.

Although the Sheriff's office logged the reported sighting, no report was taken nor was any further information available.

As police officers searched the skies for the light this morning one sheriff's officer radioed the station to ask "What's going on here?" He laughed when he was told.

"Don't laugh or it's gonpa getcha," came the dispatcher's reply.

# Saucer Seeing IS Believing

SALMON—Milton Havemann, a respected Salmon businessman, says that since Sept. 28 he has become a firm believer in flying saucers.

It was that date, about 6 a.m., that he saw the unidentified flying object as he was traveling Idaho Highway 28 near Birch Creek north of Lone Pine.

"It was just breaking daylight and the object came into view from the direction of the Grand Tetons. Within a matter of seconds it had dropped close to the ground, then shot upward and out of sight near the Lost River Range," Havemann explained.

"It looked like it crossed over the Atomic Energy Commission site in the desert 25 miles away. It was hard to tell how big around or thick it was because of intense heat waves emanating from it."

Havemann said he informed the FAA office in Idaho Falls that the object appeared to be 50 feet in diameter, 10 feet high and two feet high on the outside edge.

"It was built in the shape of a discus used in sports, flat underneath and concave on top. Its color was robin egg blue in the front half of the circle and faded to a real light blue in the rear.

"Toward the back end were tentacles or exhaust pipes. The tail end was just as long as the saucer part. The exhaust was cherry red, like metal real hot. I couldn't tell if that was part of the saucer, exhaust or flames.

"The object was traveling in a counter-clockwise motion; the heat waves were coming off in a circular motion." Havemann said he thought at first it might be a meteor but said because of the way it came down, leveled out then took off again he doubts it. He said it appeared to be in a "glide."

Havemann said he wanted to make sure he wasn't seeing things so caught up with a pickup in front of him on the highway. "Phillip Goodell and Bob Thomas, both of Salmon, were in the vehicle and said they had caught a glimpse of the object, also," Havemann said.

Havemann was referred by the FAA at Idaho Falls to the UFO Reporting Center in Seattle which he talked with for 20 minutes.

"They asked me everything: How fast, how far away, how big, the color, which way was it traveling. They told me they had received reports of flying saucers that same day in Montana, Utah, Nevada, California and "now Idaho."

MERCED, CALIF.  
SUN-STAR  
SEP. 24, 1976

POCATELLO, IDAHO  
STATE JOURNAL  
OCT. 8, 1976

## UFO lights Trinity skies

WEAVERVILLE — Sheriff's deputies admit they are baffled by the mysterious flying box that zipped around the friendly sky over Weaverville Saturday night.

The unidentified flying object was reported at about 8 p.m. by Bill Isaacson, 80, who spotted it when he went outside to quell a noisy catfight in his yard.

He called the Trinity County sheriff's office and deputy Gordon Kelley responded.

Kelley observed the UFO along with deputy Douglas Hodges and California Highway Patrol officer Frank Wilkerson.

Isaacson, who got the first and best

look at the object, described it as "square, with bright lights on the corners."

Kelley said the lights seemed to brighten and dim periodically. It seemed to hover at about 2,000 feet altitude before departing at a "very rapid rate," Kelley said.

Isaacson said the UFO disappeared toward Oregon Mountain, west of Weaverville.

He estimated that the UFO measured about 10 feet square.

He too said the object hovered at first. "All at once it goes straight up," he said. The ascent halted at about one mile altitude, and then the object flew west, Isaacson said.

SAN FRANCISCO, CA  
CHRONICLE  
NOV. 2, 1976

## Bay 'UFO' Sightings Explained

What many Bay Area residents thought was a mysterious unidentified flying object turned out, last night, to be a small plane marked with lighted political advertising.

The UFO "sighting" in San Francisco, Alameda and Marin counties, over the past three days, brought numerous calls to the Federal Aviation Administration and four calls to the San Francisco Police Department.

An FAA spokesman said yesterday that what everybody saw was a Cessna 150 carrying political advertisements in the form of lighted words that flowed along the sides of the aircraft as it flew slowly over the Bay Area.

The plane is one of three such aircraft, all based at an airfield in Kingdon, near Stockton, the FAA official said.

SARASOTA, FLORIDA  
HERALD-TRIBUNE  
OCT. 7, 1976

REDDING, CALIF.  
RECORD-SEARCHLIGHT  
OCT. 4, 1976

## UFOs Closing In?

People at a mobile home park in north Tampa last Monday night saw something in the sky and are adamant that it was nothing manmade.

There were half a dozen of these somethings, but one came down to telephone pole level, they say, and it had a saucer-like bottom, was colored beige, had a row of white lights that seemed to be windows, a red light and a blue light on top, was about 40 feet long and 15 feet tall. It also was described as humming while it hovered and making a noise like Saturn rockets when it took off to join the others at a distance.

Professional pooh-poohers have pooh-poohed. And reasonable explanations have been vehemently rejected by the

observers, who watched the show from 9 p.m. to 3 a.m.

We don't know what the thing or things may have been, but there is this curiosity about the whole episode: Usually UFO sightings take place (in strength) during the dog days when there's no other news. With Ford and Carter going after each other in a big way these days, and many the lesser political light as well as sporting gentry occupying news space and time, there is no present shortage of legitimate reportage.

So — could this UFO episode have been real? Or realer?

We await confirmation from Siesta Key — where veterans of past sightings are known to abide.

# UFO sighting made

VERNAL, UTAH  
EXPRESS  
SEP. 30, 1976

The UFO's that caused so much comment several years ago are again being sighted in the Uintah Basin. Approximately eight people reported sighting a single UFO Tuesday morning at approximately 6 a.m.

W. L. TULLIS, 3450 W 2500 N, Vernal sighted the UFO as he got up to close his window. He stated that he watched it as it appeared on the eastern horizon and saw it travel across the valley, disappearing up the

Lapoint road. It looked like a ball of fire and was in torpedo shape. It appeared to be about 2,000 foot high and he did not hear any noise from the object.

Tex Ross, 142 S 200 E, said when he first sighted the UFO he thought it was a meteorite because of the long fiery tail trailing it, but after observing it decided that the way it was traveling it was not a meteorite. This is not the first UFO Mr. Ross has sighted. He noted about 10 years ago in the Book-

cliff area he and some companions sighted something that was on the same order of the UFO seen Tuesday.

OTHER observers described the UFO as being a cigar shaped "bubble" type flying object which had a bright light in front and a red streak (similar to a jet stream) behind it and at times appeared to be an emerald green. It made no noise that anyone could hear. The UFO was reported as being seen in the Roosevelt area also

COLUMBIA, MISSOURI  
MISSOURIAN  
SEP. 12, 1976

## UFO expert studies night flights over state

By Bruce Kabat  
Missourian staff writer

It was on a warm June night in 1973 that three Missourians contend they saw an unidentified flying object hover in a wooded area near a Route 1 home, twisting limbs from trees and scorching leaves.

The three persons reported the object was 12 to 15 feet (3.6 to 4.5 meters) in diameter and glowing silver-white.

Police were summoned to the scene, but the object disappeared before they arrived.

Was this episode a hoax? Or was Columbia visited that June night by a spacecraft from another solar system?

**Skepticism surrounding the subject of UFOs probably leads most persons to believe, or at least prefer, the first explanation.**

What raises questions in even the most skeptical mind, however, is that more than 80,000 similar UFO reports from every part of the world are on file at the Center for UFO Studies in Chicago.

By conducting detailed investigations of reported sightings, the center's 22 scientists and 12 associates are determined to erase the stigma of sensationalism and skepticism surrounding UFOs.

Ted Phillips Jr., Sedalia, is the center's expert on physical trace landings — instances where a UFO makes physical contact with earth and leaves behind evidence.

Although he has never seen a UFO and initially was nothing more than an "interested skeptic," Phillips has investigated more than 450 reported landing sites, including the Columbia site, in the past 11 years. In the process he has become a firm believer in UFOs.

An inspector for the Missouri State Highway Department, Phillips became interested in UFOs in 1958 when he participated as an amateur astronomer in the Vanguard Satellite Tracking program.

He is writing a book on physical trace landings and will be featured in the premier episode of a syndicated

television series this fall entitled "In Search Of," hosted by Leonard Nimoy — Mr. Spock of Star Trek fame.

He has been featured on three television news specials since 1974 and is working with the Center for UFO Studies to develop an interest in the phenomenon among scientists.

"The center's goal is to get the scientific community interested in UFOs so a full-blown investigation can be started," he says. "We're trying to encourage scientists by preparing detailed accounts, backed with strong analysis, and show them we're not dealing with a bunch of kooky people — which we're certainly not."

Aside from a secretary and a fulltime investigator, none of the center's scientists, associates or staff are paid. The center operates solely on private funding and donations.

Hence, a strict set of criteria must be met before the center will investigate an alleged landing site.

The object must be seen on the ground by two credible witnesses. It must be seen at a distance not greater than 250 feet (83.3 meters) and for a period of not less than two minutes under good sighting conditions. "There must also be strange ground traces, not just burns," he says.

"Some of the reports can make your mind do a flip-flop," he adds. "People have been burned and blinded by UFOs."

One such incident occurred in Brazil in 1970. A security guard near Rio de Janeiro reportedly was struck by a beam of light from a UFO after he fired four shots at the craft with his revolver.

"When four other guards found him, he was stiff as a board and couldn't see. Top military doctors in Brazil examined him and determined there was no physical damage to his eyes — he just couldn't see. He regained his sight in 14 days.

"Several days later," Phillips continues, "the concrete beneath where the craft hovered developed cracks and later fell completely apart in a 10-foot (3-meter) circular area."

Missourians should have a special

interest in the UFO phenomenon. The center's computer ranks three Missouri counties — Morgan, Adair and Wayne — in the nation's top five areas in number of sightings. Approximately 1,100 reported sightings in Missouri are on file in Chicago.

"Reports show that the lesser the population of an area, the greater the number of sightings. Obviously, they want to land where they are not likely to be seen," he says.

"They," in Phillips's vernacular, are not the crafts, but their humanoid operators.

After hearing a report of a UFO-humanoid sighting in south-central Missouri in 1967, Phillips investigated and talked to a witness.

"He said he saw a circular spacecraft, 18 feet (5.4 meters) in diameter, sitting in a nearby field. He saw two small creatures leave the craft from a shaft descending to the ground. He said they were about four feet (1.2 meters) tall, wearing tight-fitting greenish outfits. They had a large protuberance where the nose would be, and two arms or levers — he couldn't be sure."

The witness reports he began walking toward the craft and saw the humanoids re-enter the ship. "He got within 15 feet (4.5 meters) of the craft and came upon a pressure he couldn't get through. He threw some rocks at the craft, but they hit the pressure field and fell to the ground. The ship then took off and disappeared."

The center has examined thousands of reports on humanoids in connection with UFO sightings, Phillips says, "and over 80 per cent of them describe the critters as 3½ to 4 feet (1.1 to 1.2 meters) tall with thin, spindly bodies, slightly enlarged heads, pale skin, no hair, tight-fitting suits and sometimes head gear."

The notion of humanoids visiting earth from another solar system "seems incredible," Phillips concedes. "But when you stop to consider that just a few years back we were trying to cross the Atlantic, and now we have a probe on Mars and another headed for Saturn, it's not so incredible."

# UFO sighters: 'We know what we saw'

PASSAIC, N.J.  
HERALD-NEWS  
OCT. 14, 1976

By JAMES SMITH  
Herald-News Staff Writer

**CALDWELL** — The sky appeared to be a lot busier than usual early Monday morning.

Maurice and Joseph Leonardo, who reported UFO sightings just after midnight that night, described on Wednesday what they had watched with a tone of "I don't care if nobody believes me."

Joe Leonardo, 27, was the first of about a dozen people — including three policemen — to see something strange in the sky.

**IT WAS HE** who tried to discourage his cousin, Maurice, 23, from calling Caldwell police to report the UFO's, out of fear the police would "think we're crazy."

Joe was walking his dog, he said, near the entrance to the Hanford Place municipal parking lot when he noticed a bright glowing light in the sky.

"It looked flat but round and had what I guess you'd call a little dome on top," he said. The object, he added, had red and white lights on it initially.

The object, about the size of a beachball, appeared to be approaching and then receding at a rapid and alternating pace, Joe Leonardo said.

**THE SOUND** it made, he said, was soft and muffled.

Maurice, who heard it from inside,

where he was taking a shower, said it sounded like "a soft-running refrigerator — not like any normal airplane engine."

When Joe took the dog inside, he told his wife, his apartment neighbors and Maurice what he had seen. They all came outside and, in a little group, watched four of the UFOs all flashing red, white, green and blue lights, take up positions near the Big Dipper constellation.

Maurice and Joe agreed in separate interviews that there were three UFOs in a cluster and that a fourth trailed behind them.

**LATER, WHILE** on the roof of their apartment building at 399 Bloomfield Ave., the group saw "a very bright orange light" that was "just flying around" in the western sky.

The orange light, the Leonardos said, dipped down behind trees that blocked the horizon so they couldn't judge its altitude.

Maurice said a friend later told him of seeing the same orange light on Saturday night, but refused to report it for fear of being thought irresponsible.

He said she insisted there was a "thundering sound" accompanying the orange flash, but the Sunday watchers heard nothing.

**WHEN POLICE** came, Maurice said, they agreed there were flashing

colored lights in the sky, although the officers at first were skeptical.

Maurice called Maguire Air Force Base but was told the base no longer comments on aerial phenomenon because of the large number of inquiries each year.

"Our imaginations didn't run away with us," Joe Leonardo said. He said the group had even gotten some strangers to observe the UFOs.

Allan Hendry, an investigator for the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Ill., said Thursday he was planning to contact the Leonardos for a detailed report of what they had observed.

**ON MONDAY**, Hendry said the objects probably were stars, the lights from which was being refracted by atmospheric turbulence caused by intermingling of air masses over the coastal region. This bending of rays causes color change and apparent motion, he said.

He said Thursday the orange light and the approaching-receding movement deserved some investigation, although the atmospheric disturbances could have been responsible.

Both Leonardos said they believe in the existence of UFOs, but only Joseph admitted to ever seeing one before. That time, he saw a much larger mass of light that also appeared in the sky above the Hanford Place lot.

The men agreed their story sounds unreal, but said they must believe what they saw.

OXNARD, CALIF.  
PRESS COURIER  
NOV. 7, 1976

## Hueneme Officer Sees UFOs?

Bob Johnson, senior patrol officer in the Port Hueneme police department is a believer in UFOs, but he had never seen one — until early Saturday morning. All told, he said, there were eight objects flying in the sky.

It was about 5:15 a.m. when Johnson said he was driving south in his patrol car on Willowbrook Drive in Port Hueneme and he saw three red objects in the sky.

"I stopped my unit, looked, and soon there was another red light, then three more behind it," Johnson recalls. "The three in front were flying at an angle across from each other, then there was a single one, then three more, and then another behind that. It was their formation that amazed me, and so did the size of the red lights; that light was as big as an airplane."

As the objects got closer, Johnson said, green and white lights began flashing along with the constant red light.

Could they have been airplanes? Possibly, but Johnson says he doesn't think so. The

lights were attached to the vehicles in different places, concentrated in different areas, and the formation they flew in was not an airplane's formation. And he said those red lights were too big for an airplane.

Johnson said he couldn't hear anything from these objects, but that noises from factories in the area could have prevented him from hearing any subtle hum.

He watched until the objects started leaving his sight, a period which Johnson guesses was about 10 minutes. They went towards the coast, he says, then in a northeasterly direction, flying about 1,000 feet above him.

When he returned to the Port Hueneme station and told the sergeant on duty, they both looked outside to see green and white lights disappearing over the rooftops of Port Hueneme.

"The sergeant thought they were airplanes. He thought I was crazy," Johnson said.

EL PASO, TEXAS  
TIMES  
AUG. 31, 1976

## Scientists Study UFO Landing Here

Soil samples from and photographs of a reported UFO landing site near El Paso are being scrutinized by scientists of the Center For UFO Studies, Evanston, Ill., to determine the authenticity of the sighting.

Allan Hendry, chief of the national facility, said the soil samples and photographs were taken from the site by a representative of the Center shortly after the Aug. 2 sighting.

Hendry said two young boys, one 16, reported the UFO, describing it as a "flattened out object" hovering an estimated 200 feet above ground and about 300 yards distant from the observers. The boys claimed, said Hendry, that the object remained in the hovering attitude "for about two minutes, then shot off", disappearing toward the Franklin mountains.

The reported area where the sighting occurred is about 25 miles east of the Franklins, Hendry said.

Samples of the soil both inside and out of the burned area were sent to the Center for analysis, along with a series of photographs. Hendry said results are expected "in a few days."



These objects were reportedly photographed, using an open shutter, above Palm Beach Gardens.

# PB Gardens Neighbors Claim UFO Sighting Here

You don't hear of many UFO sightings in the north county area, but according to two Palm Beach Gardens residents, they've been here.

The two next-door neighbors were sitting outside on the night of Sept. 23, having a cup of coffee. The residents who wish to remain anonymous, say they first spotted the three Unidentified Flying Objects at approximately 11:30.

One of the residents, a part-time photographer, said he ran into his house to get a camera, in an effort to record the mysterious objects. The resulting photographs, which he took with an open shutter, show bright objects, apparently moving in a curved flight pattern.

Both people said the objects were visible for three minutes. The objects were traveling at a very high rate of speed, they said, and seemed to be following each other. "They were jumping all over the sky," the photographer added.

The residents called the Palm

Beach Gardens Police Department to find out if anyone else in the area had seen the strange sight. They were disappointed however, when the on-duty dispatcher told them that the department doesn't keep track of UFO sightings.

"We keep track of accidents in a separate file," the dispatcher told them. "But I wouldn't think that a UFO sighting would be an accident."

The Palm Beach Gardens residents are not the only Floridians who claim

to have seen UFOs. Several people in Forest City reported seeing a UFO, earlier this year, when an unidentified object hovered over their homes for half an hour. They described the object as being 100 feet in diameter. Police found no explanation.

Several weeks later, residents at Lake Brantley reported seeing red, white, blue and green lights flashing in the sky. Witnesses said the lights were travelling too fast to be airplanes.

LAKE PARK, FLORIDA  
WEEKDAY  
OCT. 13, 1976

## First UFO Sighting

A report that an Unidentified Flying Object followed a Loachapoka resident from Blue Creek to Loachapoka inaugurates UFO-sighting season. Since this sighting coincided with a report from the Pentagon that parts of a Soviet satellite fell in the U.S. about the same time, maybe there is a connection. Peck Rowell, proprietor of the Blue Creek Recreation Center insists that the object, with blinding lights, followed him at road level. Personally, I do not discount the possibility of out of space visitors. But I can't believe that they have developed the transportation without the communication. They need a radio. Come to think of it, some of those CB communicators sound like they're from out of space. Peace.

LAKESIDE, N.J.  
DAILY TIMES  
SEP. 15, 1976

OPELIKA, ALABAMA  
OPELIKA-AUBURN NEWS  
SEP. 12, 1976

# UFO Watched In West Sky

Police and residents in at least two towns spotted a UFO last night in the western sky.

Lakewood Patrolman Thomas Graef watched the UFO 10 minutes from the Pine Acre Estates area. He said it appeared to be over Lakehurst and south of Route 70.

In Dover Township, Lt. William Ford, watch commander, said the object was different in color than any stars, when advised that some observers felt a collection of stars caused the stir to those who looked skyward.

"It was an object that changed colors. It changed from red and white to green and white then to all white," Lt. Ford said.

He learned of the UFO on the police monitor from Lakewood and spotted the object from in front of Dover Police Headquarters. He watched the UFO 20 minutes, at times with binoculars.

Military authorities at the Lakehurst Naval Air Station and McGuire Air Force Base could shed no light on the mystery. Both installations said they had nothing in the sky last night that would have been still or hovering.

Thomas Wilson, Dover Township Police Public Relations Officer, identified the object as a pulsar, which is any of several small heavenly objects in the Milky Way that emit radio pulses at regular intervals. Mr. Wilson is a UFO buff.

Mr. Wilson was asked to check the UFO by Dover Police. Mr.

Wilson told police the star appeared to change color due to gases in the atmosphere.

Lt. Ford said the stationary UFO appeared "further away than Lakehurst but it was difficult to judge the location due to the distance."

"It didn't leave the sky; I quit looking at it," Lt. Ford quipped.

Dover Township, Lakehurst, Jackson and Manchester Township police said they received no calls on the UFO.

Lakewood police received two, both from unidentified people, one from Erica Road, the other from Marshall Street. One call was received at 9:30 P.M., the other 15 minutes later, said Patrolman Thomas Ottmer, desk officer. He checked with the Naval Air Station and was told officials there spotted nothing and had nothing in the air resembling the object spotted. Lakehurst officials said it is possible McGuire had a helicopter in the air.

But a McGuire spokesman said not so.

"All we have up are jet 141's going overseas and they really move," the McGuire spokesman said.

Patrolman Graef said the UFO had red, green and white lights flashing on and off. He estimated it was 6,000 to 7,000 feet high but he said the vast distance away made it difficult for him to estimate the size of the object.

He and Patrolman Gary Gassert drove to the Pine Acres Estates area after police received the UFO report. Two women were in the area scanning the UFO. One said she saw a similar object in the same area Monday night.

Lt. Ford said he checked the sky at 11:30 last night and found the entire atmosphere different and no UFO. He said if the object made any noise he did not hear it; it was too far away.

# UFO sightings reported in central Iowa skies

By DAVID YEPSEN

Register Staff Writer

Several Iowans have reported seeing strange things in the sky over the central part of the state in recent weeks — and a group that checks reports of unidentified flying objects wants to know more about them.

Gary Graber, 24, a student at Iowa State University who is active in the Mutual Unidentified Flying Object Network (MUFON), said the group has investigated reports from about 30 Iowans who said they have seen strange lights in the sky. He said the reports came on 14 different occasions between Sept. 16 and Oct. 10.

"In a couple of cases we think the information indicates some phenomenon other than ordinary things — aircraft or other natural things," he said.

## Similar Objects

"Too many people in different places have seen similar objects that can't be explained," he added.

The first reported sighting was Sept. 16 when five persons — three of them Polk County sheriff's deputies — saw a "flashing object" that appeared to be over Saydel Township.

Graber said that may have been a bright star, "but that seems somewhat unlikely" from the evidence.

Another object was reported at "long range" about 4 a.m. the next day, and two separate sightings were reported the following day — Sept. 18. Seven sheriff's deputies reported one of those sightings.

Graber said those may have been bright stars, but he said he doubts that's what they were. They were seen about midnight and were observed for about 5 minutes, he said.

## "Low Silver Object"

Three objects were reported the next night, Graber said, including one that two persons said flew across a highway in front of them as they were driving.

On Sept. 22, a "low silver object" was seen by another deputy along a highway near Marshalltown, Graber said.

Twelve persons — nine in one location and three in another —

From: Joe M. Brill

reported seeing three strange objects in the sky about 9:40 p.m. on Sept. 23, Graber said.

Other sightings were reported on Sept. 29 and 30, and on Oct. 2, 3, 5, 6, 8 and 10.

Among the latest sightings, Graber said, is one that was reportedly seen about 10 feet above the ground from a distance of about 20 feet.

He said the object was described as about 30 feet in diameter and having a "very white glowing effect."

While Graber and others in the group place varying degrees of credibility in some of the witnesses and their reports, he insists the people who've talked to him are "not kooks."

"They are ordinary citizens who know they've seen something we can't readily explain," he said.

The last reported sighting was Oct. 10 when a deputy said he saw two red, white and blue objects merge in the western skies about 8:30 p.m. Graber said the sightings were too high to be planets — and "planets don't move."

## Make Checks as Hobby

"We don't want people to get the idea this happens all the time," Graber said. "It just seems to be happening here right at the moment."

Graber said members of MUFON check out reports of such sightings as a hobby, and because there's no official government agency that checks out the reports.

He said club members interview witnesses, cross-check times, make charts and otherwise investigate reports.

Graber said his group did not want to alarm Iowans, but he asked that those who've seen such objects contact him at his Ames residence (515-233-3162) or call the Polk County sheriff's office.

DES MOINES, IOWA  
REGISTER  
OCT. 29, 1976

# Strange lights over Eastside

Coos Bay Police Monday telephoned into the Center for Unidentified Foreign Objects (UFO) in Evanston, Ill., the reported sighting of a strange blinking ball of light high in the sky over Eastside earlier that day.

The sighting was reported also to the 761st Radar Squadron in Hauser, which said nothing unusual was observed on the radar screen.

Coos Bay Police Sgt. Chuck Knight said first reports of the sightings came at about 10 p.m. Sunday and continued until 4 a.m. Monday.

Knight said he also observed the "bright light" in the sky. He said numerous people in the Bay Area apparently saw the light.

NORTH BEND, OREGON  
NEWS  
OCT. 21, 1976

LARNED, KANSAS  
LARNED TILLER & TOIL  
NOV. 12, 1976

## Boy Sees UFO Near Belpre

MULLINVILLE — Danny Parr, 14, Mullinville, is no longer a skeptic. Before 7 p.m. Saturday Danny never believed, but he says "I really believe in them now."

Saturday, Danny and his family were visiting his grandparents. In the evening, Danny and his 10-year-old brother Gary, were outside playing.

"I looked over and saw a red light in the southwest, straight south of Belpre. It got closer. We watched it for a while until it was about 200 feet overhead and two blocks south. And I really got a real good look at it."

Danny had seen his first Unidentified Flying Object.

He described what he saw as about 12 feet long and ten feet high, round, with a blue color on one end and yellow on the other and a red color dead center.

"What was funny" he said, was "it didn't make any noise at all. We got scared and ran in the house. I really believe in them now."

Danny is a freshman at Mullinville High School.

"It sure scared the daylight out of me when I saw it," he said. "I laughed when people told me (about UFO's) but you really believe it when you see it."

COOS BAY, ORE  
WORLD  
OCT. 27, 1976

ST. HELENS, ORE  
CHRONICLE  
OCT. 3, 1976

## UFO sighting reported

UFO sightings in Columbia County?

A Portland man, G. C. Day, reported "strange phenomena" occurring several weeks ago in a field near the Wayside Inn, south of Scappoose, Oregon State Police said Wednesday.

Day told officers that grass in the field showed signs of a large circular "something" pressing the grass down. He said there had been several sightings in the same area recently.

Police gave Day the address and phone number of the UFO reporting center.

# Objects sighted over Lakeside

LAKESIDE — The Lakeside Police Department and Coos County Sheriff's Office confirmed the sighting of three flashing objects in the skies over Lakeside Tuesday night after investigating the report of a Hauser man.

Tom Stiegeler, 4076 Wildwood Drive, told police it was the second night he had spotted the objects and said the first night they moved in a horseshoe pattern over Lakeside.

Stiegeler reported the objects as round, have white, red and green lights with flashing blue lights. Coos County Deputy Ralls Hall reported spotting three similar objects that were flashing red, yellow and green. The objects were about the size and brightness of a medium-bright star.

The sheriff's office reported the objects to the unidentified flying objects center in Seattle, Wash.

# Researchers Here Sunday On Pecha UFO Incident

A team of investigators headed by Dr. James Harter, Department of Engineering professor at UC, Berkeley, and research director of the Aerial Phenomenon Research Organization (APRO), gathered at the Bill Pecha, Jr. home, three miles west of Colusa, yesterday afternoon to hear first hand the story of a UFO sighting at the Pecha place about 1 A.M. Friday, September 10th.

The team from the bay area included Brad Sparks of Berkeley, Tom Bowden of Oakland, Mark Uriarte, Dale N. Rettig, field investigator of APRO, and Harter.

Harter explained that APRO, with headquarters at 391 East Clinedale Road, Tucson, Ariz., is the oldest of three aerial phenomenon research organizations with representatives in 40 different countries and some 50 scientific consultants.

He said their investigation of the UFO incident at the Pecha place and surrounding area "was of interest to us because of Mr. Pecha's ability to describe, despite his expressed fear of this huge glowing thing that hovered over the area, and to make a drawing of the UFO." Readers of the Sun-Herald will recall that this drawing was reproduced, along with the UFO news story, on Page 1 on Monday, September 13th.

Others connected with the incident told their stories to the investigators. These included, in addition to Mr. and Mrs. Pecha, Mr. and Mrs. J.W. "Slim" Davis, who live a half mile west of the Pecha place, Les and Gayle Arant, who reside at 846 Thirteenth Street, and Patrolman Bill Wheeler of the Colusa Police Department.

Since the September 10th incident, Mrs. Pecha told the Sun-Herald, "we have received all kinds of telephone calls, letters and such from people, many expressing doubt about our seeing a huge glowing object hovering over our house shooting out beams of bluish light. But Bill knows what he saw and so do I. It was frightening."

As previously reported the incident occurred just after the power went off, the outage lasting some nine minutes. Pecha was so frightened that he drove

into town in his pickup with the lights out. But, he said, the bluish light from this "thing", about 50 feet off the ground, seemingly followed him for a distance, then disappeared.

Les and Gayle Arant said they saw the UFO traveling from west to east within 30 seconds after it was first sighted. Gayle said "it had a white light underneath it" and just a short time before "the night was crystal clear."

Patrolman Bill Wheeler took the report made by Pecha after information was relayed to him from the

dispatcher on duty at the sheriff's office. Wheeler said Pecha, whom he had always known to be reliable and probably could be described as placid, was "very, very upset by what he had seen."

Mrs. Davis said one strange thing happened at their place. They have a pear tree which blossomed in the spring, produced a crop, and the next day following the UFO sighting started blossoming again. She said a lilac bush started blossoming again, too.

Pecha said he had driven from his house to the Arant home and called the police department from there. Wheeler also told the Sun-Herald yesterday that when he was taking the report from Pecha he could "feel the electricity on him."

Previously, Pecha had said: "This thing looked like a huge inverted cup and saucer with the outer brim spinning clockwise and an inner disc spinning counter clockwise. When I got outside our house it seemed like all the hair on my body was being pulled up."

Dr. Harter, who testified in 1968 before a House committee investigating UFO, said "we feel that

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in some ways these things exist." There have been many cases just as strange as this and I recall one incident in which police officers were involved and we were told it "probably was the result of a refraction of some shafts of light below the horizon."

Dr. Harter said there have been thousands of UFO sightings in this country and throughout the world. But, he said, perhaps "only one out of 10 or 20 are ever reported." He said most sightings occur between 2 and 3 o'clock in the morning when things are quiet and few people are moving about.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Pecha were glad that the APRO team came here Sunday to question them and others about the September 10th incident. "We hope it ends a lot of the skepticism that we have heard about what happened at our place," said Mrs. Pecha.

As Pecha said: "It was a nightmarish experience I'll never forget. I didn't believe in UFOs before, but I do now. You'd have to see it to believe it, but so help me what I saw — and felt — outside our house is the truth."

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## Line on a Saucer

For police it was just a power line down on U.S. Highway 17 just over the Nassau County line, but some Duval residents reported it as a plane crash while others saw UFOs.

One woman said she saw a "weird, hot, pink sphere about the size of a moon except closer. You know the way a moon looks."

Another woman reported that the whole back of her car turned pink then the orb followed her car around two curves of Yellow Bluff Road.

FOR FLORIDA POWER and Light Co. workers Wednesday night the only reality was that at about 9 p.m. they had to go out to the Duval-Nassau line and fix a high ten-

sion wire from a substation.

Nassau Deputy Bill Anno said, "From our standpoint it was real simple. The wire broke and fell down.

"There was no apparent reason. Could have been fatigue or the weather.

"It was real pretty for a while. I imagine they could have thought it was a plane crash." But he also said it started a brush fire and the burning aluminum wire was getting toward three other lines.

"If it had gotten to them, people would have thought we had an A-bomb go off," he added.

The downed line caused traffic to be blocked on U.S. 17 for about two hours.

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## UFO Sighted In Newport

Mr. and Mrs. Poly Lear, who live in Halford's Addition, Newport, watched a UFO for about 40 minutes at 6 p.m. Nov. 3. The big bright disc was "definitely not a plane," and glowed alternately fiery red and white. The object moved slowly in a westerly direction, apparently near Diamond Lake.

# Woman claims UFO sighting on way to job

By ELIZABETH OWEN  
Staff Writer

Alina Santos thought something was up as she pulled up to the traffic light at SW 72nd Street and 61st Avenue early Monday morning on her way to work.

It was 7:45 a.m., and seven cars were at a dead stop before a green light.

She really rubbed her eyes when the young man in the car next to hers pointed frantically toward the sky. She noticed all the other people sitting in their cars, gazing toward the sky, and she looked up, too.

An eerie-looking dark gray cloud that stood out from all the others hung overhead, and a pleasant golden reflection glowed luminously from behind. A large, brilliantly white, saucer-shaped object with a dome on top — the size of a 747 jet — hovered cautiously just above the cloud. For three or four minutes Alina and her early morning companions watched the "thing." Its main section spun continuously, and the cone remained stationary. All the while, it moved up and down, up and down, and the entire object never emerged in

full view from behind the cloud.

Then it slipped behind the cloud and did not reappear, but a colossal rainbow of pale, soft rays of light — in blue, yellow and green — formed a halo around the cloud.

"I just kept thinking it was some type of ship, whether from outer space, or from a government project or from some type of exploratory station," Alina, 23, said.

She is not a superstitious person, never has been. She recently moved to Miami and is putting all her energy into her new job with State Farm Insurance in South Dade. She has no time for supernatural trivia.

But she couldn't let this one go. She reported the UFO to the Metro West Dade police station, and the officer there referred her to the space planetarium and Homestead Air Force Base.

The planetarium was interested, but had no information or advice to offer.

Homestead AFB gave her the run-around — five different departments — before they told her they quit keeping a record of UFOs in 1969.

She was again referred to the police department.

This time, a kind, sympathetic sergeant heard her out. He made out a report, and said he would get a copy to her as soon as possible.

No one else at that intersection is known to have reported the object.

Another witness is the receptionist who works in Alina's office. Diane Desmond, who drove down Sunset to work, passed the place in question minutes a later, and noticed the same strange cloud, with an astounding array of colored hues spreading out from behind.

# Man Says UFO Made Swoop by Mailbox

Albert Young of Route 1, Palestine, was sitting by a west window of his home around 8:30 p.m. when he heard a "squeaking" sound at his neighbor Ray Bullard's mailbox some 300 yards west across Swanson Branch.

Then up over treetops between Young's house and the mailbox silently and swiftly came a single light, yellow around its rim and blue inside.

The light lifted over the line of trees that grows near the branch then dipped as it came toward Young, then rose again, turning sharply from northeast to north — and vanished behind trees back of Young's home.

"It was a UFO (Unidentified Flying Object)," Mr. Young avows. "It was in my view no more than 10 or 15 seconds. It made no sound after it left Ray Bullard's mailbox until it went out of my sight behind trees back of my house."

Next morning, Bullard's mailbox was found uprooted in the borrow ditch on the north side of the blacktop country road half a mile east of Crockett Road. The county road leaves the highway opposite Pinkston & Son's Auto Parts, which is a mile or so

south of the Palestine city limit sign.

The Bullard mailbox has deep dents on its aluminum right front side which Mr. Young said were caused by the collision with the UFO.

When he heard the "squeaking" noise at the mailbox, Young said he thought a car had struck it; but there was no vehicle on the road. If the box had been uprooted by a vehicle, it would have scarred the aluminum-painted post on which it is mounted. The post is unmarked.

"One skeptic says a cow got out and uprooted the mailbox," Mr. Young related, "but that couldn't be." An animal would have left hoofprints and other signs if one had uprooted the mailbox and its post.

It was a dark night and Mr. Young could distinguish no outline or shape of the presumed UFO, just the single, swiftmoving light, which appeared to be a size near that of a coffee can.

The Bullards have built a brick home set back some

distance from the road and mailbox. Mrs. Bullard said they neither saw nor heard anything when the mailbox was uprooted.

Young, who lives with his wife in the house east of the Bullards, will be 81 on Oct. 24, but has excellent vision. He was born in 1895 at Minden in Rusk County, and lived in Navarro County from 1906 to 1926, when he moved to Swanson Hill.

He built his present home in 1942 and has lived there since 1945.

During World War I, he served in Europe one year in five battles, starting with Aisne-Marne, in the 109th Field Artillery, 28th (Pennsylvania National Guard) Division.

The spry octogenarian apparently thought about what he had seen and what had happened to his neighbor's mailbox for some time before Friday, when he informed this writer and showed him the dented mailbox. He said he heard and saw what he says was a UFO on a Wednesday night.

"I've heard about those things, but I never saw or heard one before," Mr. Young concluded.

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## UFOs:

### Man says they're back in Huron County area

PORT AUSTIN — Huron County's unidentified flying objects are back.

And the man who reported them Wednesday night said the UFOs have been in the same place every night since he first reported them to police Sept. 8.

"They're flying so low, it's disturbing me," said Carl A. Bailey, 28, who operates the Port Austin Shores campground, 2941 M 25.

"They are really low; shooting on and off," Bailey told reporters.

Two deputies sent to observe refused to make a report. They told Bailey the "hassle by newsmen" and others after police reported the first UFO "was fantastic."

Bailey says Wednesday night's UFOs again were blazing, darting, color-changing blobs of light.

Huron County had outbursts of the same phenomenon reported in 1956 and 1966. This is the first report supported by police.

Newsmen present said the "blobs" resemble only stars.

# Rockland U.F.O. 'Invasion'

## Starts Round of Explanations

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Special to The New York Times

SUFFERN, N.Y. — Shaped like two enormous upside-down soup bowls, the objects hovered in the sky just over a dip in the Ramapo mountain range.

The red-orange rays of the setting sun glistened from their silvery metallic bodies. One remained motionless above the horizon, while the other slipped gradually and silently from a vertical position into a horizontal one.

This account of a flying-saucer sighting was not the fantasy of a science fiction writer but the coolly recollected observations of 33-year-old Suffern lawyer, Warren Berbit.

Mr. Berbit, along with policemen, businessmen, school teachers, housewives and others, say they have seen strange objects recently in the skies over Rockland and Putnam Counties.

Some think they have viewed unidentified flying objects sent to earth from another galaxy to observe the large power plants in the area.

### Explanations Are Given

Several U.F.O.'s have been reported over Stony Point, just across the Hudson River from the Indian Point nuclear reactors. Others have been spotted over plants in Tomkins Cove and Haverstraw.

But some scientists say that most of the reported sightings of silvery objects at sunset or flashing colored lights in the night sky are probably of airplanes, helicopters, bright stars or planets.

It is possible that some of the sightings were of real U.F.O.'s, said Dr. William Donn, head of the Atmospheric Science Program at the Lamont-Doherty Geological Observatory in Rockland County and a professor of earth sciences at City College. "But I can only vouch for the things I checked, and everything I investigated I identified as a bright star or a planet."

Many observers who thought they were seeing U.F.O.'s, Dr. Donn added, are "people who started looking at the sky and saw stars for the first time in their lives."

Mr. Berbit, who has two engineering degrees and experience in aviation and who characterizes himself as "not too hysterical and fairly objective," does not think it was two airplanes that he saw over the horizon as he was pulling off the Gov. Thomas E. Dewey Thruway in early September.

"I definitely looked at them, and I saw that it was not a natural phenomenon or anything I could explain," he said.

### 'Obviously Extraterrestrial'

Dan Cetrone in the neighboring Rockland County community of Tomkins Cove, who insists that he is "no kook," says the objects "are obviously extraterrestrial and are preparing for an eventual contact here."

Mr. Cetrone, publisher of The Rockland County Almanac, lives in a white house at the top of Buckberg Mountain Road. His terrace commands a view of the Hudson, and both he and his wife, Barbara, say they have observed several cylindrical flying objects with red, green and white flashing lights, which hover awhile, then turn sharply and disappear.

The U.F.O.'s, Mr. Cetrone theorized, are probably drawn to the area by the nuclear plants. They are part of a cycle of U.F.O. appearances that peaks every 61 months, he said.

Reports of possible sightings in the county reached a peak of about 100 during a three-week period around the end of August. Since the Air Force discontinued collecting information about U.F.O. sightings in 1969, most residents make their reports to the local police.

The police handle the information with varying degrees of seriousness. One of the most conscientious U.F.O.

investigators is Officer Bill Patrick, a young man with thick red hair and a full mustache who is a member of the Stony Point Police Department.

Of the nine confirmed U.F.O. sightings in Stony Point attested to by police officers, Mr. Patrick said he had been on the scene of five. Each object, he said, "first appeared to be a star, but when I looked through a telescope, I could see red or green lights rotating." They were observed by seven other Stony Point police officers, he added, who "all described exactly the same things."

"I have not seen a space ship or a flying saucer," Officer Patrick said.

In his experience, he went on, most people are afraid to recognize a U.F.O. At one sighting, on Aug. 25, he recounted, "there were 24 people who saw it, but one woman kept walking around and yelling that she didn't see anything, but actually she was afraid to look into the sky."

### 'Kind of a Skeptical Attitude'

At about the same time that U.F.O.'s were reported flourishing in Rockland, accounts of sightings started coming in from residents of Mahopac and Car-

mel, across the river in Putnam County.

One evening in August Police Officer Ken Stern of the Town of Carmel received a call from a 12-year-old boy who reported a U.F.O. over his house. The policeman drove to the scene.

"But I went up with kind of a skeptical attitude," he related. "When I got out of the car, I saw a round object spinning around. I looked at it through high-powered field glasses. It had red, green and white lights and was about 60 to 70 miles away, between the moon and the horizon."

The instant fame brought by his first and only U.F.O. sighting has been a nuisance, Officer Stern said.

"I wish I had never seen anything," he lamented. "People keep calling and asking me about it, and they come from all over to talk to me about it."

That flashing object seen by Officer Stern might have been the same one that Brian Messier, a fourth-grade teacher who lives in Carmel, thought he saw one August evening.

"After that," he said, "everything that twinkled I would say, 'Oh, maybe.' I wanted to see one. Well, I did and I didn't. There's that fear of the unknown."



The New York Times/Edward Hausner

Standing on the Airmont Road overpass on the New York Thruway, Warren Berbit displays drawings of what he says he saw flying over Ramapo mountain range in Suffern, N.Y. "It was not a natural phenomenon," he says.

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## Mysterious explosion

# It might have been a meteorite

Maybe it was a meteorite.

Arthur Johnson, curator of the Fleischmann Atmospherium-Planetarium, said that flash in the sky and accompanying boom early Thursday over Reno-Sparks could have been one.

He said he has no direct eye-witness reports of the pre-dawn explosion, but has received many accounts.

"The accounts I heard — a bright flash and some sort of explosion are not in-

consistent with what one might expect in a bright fireball meteor," he said.

Johnson estimates meteorites enter the atmosphere at speeds of 10-20 miles a second.

He said the sound either could have been a sonic boom caused by a burning meteorite or the sound of an actual impact.

Law enforcement agencies said many persons saw a bright light and heard an explosion toward Northeast Sparks at 3:50 a.m., but no one reported finding any evidence afterward.

# UFO sightings reported in central Iowa skies

By DAVID YEPSSEN

Register Staff Writer

Several Iowans have reported seeing strange things in the sky over the central part of the state in recent weeks — and a group that checks reports of unidentified flying objects wants to know more about them.

Gary Graber, 24, a student at Iowa State University who is active in the Mutual Unidentified Flying Object Network (MUFON), said the group has investigated reports from about 30 Iowans who said they have seen strange lights in the sky. He said the reports came on 14 different occasions between Sept. 16 and Oct. 10.

"In a couple of cases we think the information indicates some phenomenon other than ordinary things — aircraft or other natural things," he said.

## Similar Objects

"Too many people in different places have seen similar objects that can't be explained," he added.

The first reported sighting was Sept. 16 when five persons — three of them Polk County sheriff's deputies — saw a "flashing object" that appeared to be over Saydel Township.

Graber said that may have been a bright star, "but that seems somewhat unlikely" from the evidence.

Another object was reported at "long range" about 4 a.m. the next day, and two separate sightings were reported the following day — Sept. 18. Seven sheriff's deputies reported one of those sightings.

Graber said those may have been bright stars, but he said he doubts that's what they were. They were seen about midnight and were observed for about 5 minutes, he said.

## "Low Silver Object"

Three objects were reported the next night, Graber said, including one that two persons said flew across a highway in front of them as they were driving.

On Sept. 22, a "low silver object" was seen by another deputy along a highway near Marshalltown, Graber said.

Twelve persons — nine in one location and three in another — reported seeing three strange objects in the sky about 9:40 p.m. on Sept. 23, Graber said.

Other sightings were reported on Sept. 29 and 30, and on Oct. 2, 3, 5, 6, 8 and 10.

Among the latest sightings, Graber said, is one that was reportedly seen about 10 feet above the ground from a distance of about 20 feet.

He said the object was described as about 30 feet in diameter and having a "very white glowing effect."

While Graber and others in the group place varying degrees of credibility in some of the witnesses and their reports, he insists the people who've talked to him are "not kooks."

"They are ordinary citizens who know they've seen something we can't readily explain," he said.

The last reported sighting was Oct. 10 when a deputy said he saw two red, white and blue objects merge in the western skies about 8:30 p.m. Graber said the sightings were too high to be planets — and "planets don't move."

## Make Checks as Hobby

"We don't want people to get the idea this happens all the time," Graber said. "It just seems to be happening here right at the moment."

Graber said members of MUFON check out reports of such sightings as a hobby, and because there's no official government agency that checks out the reports.

He said club members interview witnesses, cross-check times, make charts and otherwise investigate reports.

Graber said his group did not want to alarm Iowans, but he asked that those who've seen such objects contact him at his Ames residence (515-233-3162) or call the Polk County sheriff's office.

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MANISTEE, MI.  
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## UFOs seen

Unidentified flying objects (UFOs) were sighted in the Manistee area Monday night.

According to Jack Davis, 131 Polen Road, his son saw red and green flashing lights in the sky roughly northeast from his home.

"I was watching them with binoculars," Davis said. He explained there were two UFOs, oblong in shape, and made out of an aluminum-like metal.

He said his son saw the UFOs first and came in to get him. After watching through the binoculars a while Davis said he went to his neighbor's house and told them about it.

"My wife, son, Joyce and Harry Polen all saw it," he said.

The red and green lights were pulsating and remained stationary in the sky he said. About 10:10 p.m. Davis said they first noticed them. At one point, while looking through the binoculars, the lights pulsated faster, then disappeared. They reappeared closer to the other UFO, Davis said.

At another time, Davis said his wife saw a beam of light come from one of the UFOs, like a spotlight, and shine on the ground.

He said about 10:30 p.m. a jet came over, and both UFOs disappeared. When the jet was gone they both came back he explained. By 11 p.m. both were gone.

Manistee county Sheriff's Department, which was called by Davis, had not comment on the UFOs.

## UFO's Spotted in Area

Observers spotted an unidentified flying object skirting the Parsons area Thursday night.

Marion L. Bartlett, chief of police, said his officers received several reports about 9:30 p.m. about the object. Bartlett said he watched the UFO for about 20 minutes from his home before it disappeared.

The object was described by Bartlett as a cluster of lights as it traveled, sometimes at high speeds, around the city. Other officers who watched the UFO said it appeared to be the shape of a half-moon.

The object also was reported in Missouri and Crawford and Cherokee counties of Kansas before it was spotted in the Parsons area, officers said.

"I've never seen anything like it before," the police chief said. "I don't have any idea what it was."

Bartlett said he could not discern a shape in the sky. The UFO had a rotating red light which appeared to have bluish-green streamers protruding under it, he said. A white light turned "on and off" under the streamers, Bartlett added.

"When I first saw it, it was moving almost imperceptibly in the northwest corner of the sky," he said. "I lost sight of it behind some houses. When I saw it again it was moving along the western horizon at an extremely fast rate of speed."

Bartlett judged the object to be about 20 to 30 miles from Parsons. The UFO did not

have the lights of an aircraft, Bartlett said.

Neal E. Wilkerson, a Parsons police detective, said he also observed the object as it traveled east back toward Crawford County.

He described the object as being a white half-moon with the green lights streaming from it.

"I think it was a weather balloon," Wilkerson said.

Labette County Sheriff Carl D. Cloke said he was aware of the UFO reports but did not see the object.

A spokesman of the Federal

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Aviation Administration in Chanute said it had received no reports of weather balloons in the area Thursday. Such balloons usually are reported to the agency, the spokesman said.

The FAA in Chanute did not receive any reports of UFO's nor did the Neosho County sheriff's office.

COOS BAY, ORE  
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# Woman sees light in sky over GV

## Strange, blinking ball of light seen

'Flashed red, then blue, then kind of gold, then green ...'

A strange, blinking ball of light, high in the sky over Eastside early today attracted considerable attention from Bay Area residents, according to Coos Bay Police officer Sgt. Chuck Knight.

Knight said the report received by police shortly before 3 a.m. this morning was telephoned into the Center for Unidentified Foreign Objects (UFO) in Evanston, Ill.

The sighting was reported to the 761st Radar Squadron in Hauser, who said the men were unable to locate anything unusual on their radar screen.

Fred Dean, a 20-year-old college student at Southwestern Oregon Community College, reported the object to police. He said he looked at it through binoculars and a telescope, but was unable to see any detail.

Dean, a dishwasher at Sambo's restaurant in Coos Bay was working when five young people came in and said they had been watching the light for some time.

Three police officers, including Coos County Sheriff Les Miller, were in the restaurant and joined the group in looking at the light, Dean said.

Dean said the object "seemed like a

flashing light, hovering high above Eastside, it would flash red, then blue, then kinda gold and then green.

"We could clearly see the light, but we couldn't see a shape to it," Dean said. "It was moving real slow across the sky, appearing to lose altitude and then gaining a little," he explained.

Knight said he observed the object, which started out in the east and seemed to move south and get dimmer.

The first report of sightings came about 10 p.m. Sunday and continued until 4 a.m. today. "It was really bright and very high in the sky," Knight said.

"It blinked and twinkled like a star, and I'm inclined to think it could have been a star, but I've never seen one like that in that part of the sky before," the officer said.

"Several people in the Bay Area apparently saw it — but no one seems sure if it was a UFO or just an extra bright star," Knight said.

The UFO center spokesman in Illinois said the sighting would be investigated. The toll free number receives about a dozen calls a day citing similar reports of unidentified objects, the spokesman said.

"It was quite large and brighter than anything I've ever seen," said Mrs. Lorene Grassick, who called The Union this morning to report sighting a UFO.

"It was shaped like a teardrop, bright blue-green with an orange tail," she continued. "It was moving very fast. We could see it for about a minute."

Mrs. Grassick was driving up Hughes Road just after 6 p.m. Tuesday when she spotted the unidentified flying object.

Riding with her was Beverly Carrera, an eighth-grader at Lyman Gilmore School.

The bright object was estimated to be less than a mile from her location, a spot pinpointed by Mrs. Grassick to be somewhere over the Litton complex.

"It was twice as big as any aircraft I've ever seen," she said. Mrs. Grassick, the mother of two grown children, was travelling to a night class at the high school when the sighting occurred.

This is the second UFO sighting for the local resident, who just a year ago spotted a similar object just above the treetops near her Rattlesnake Road home. That object resembled closely the one she saw last night and was moving in the same direction.

"No one could convince me it had anything to do with atmospheric conditions," she concluded.

Mrs. Grassick said she planned to call Beale Air Force Base this morning to report the incident.

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## The UFO Reports Are Flying Again

TAMPA, FLA.  
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It was 9 o'clock Monday night, and Howard Cosell was on television telling millions of viewers that the Minnesota Vikings' Fran Tarkenton would not be starting at quarterback for the first time in many seasons.

And Maude was being her usual, crochety, liberal self.

But some residents of a mobile home park in north Tampa were looking skyward. Something was up there.

The Bryants, the Wileys, Weschkes and others were convinced it wasn't of this earth, whatever it was.

### OR WAS IT?

It was man-made, says Dr. F. W. Fallon, a University of South Florida astronomy instructor.

No, say the eight grown-ups and several children who saw it, whatever it was. . . .

It was an airplane with an advertising sign under the wings, said a Tribune staff writer who lives in Temple Terrace and saw something Monday night over north Tampa.

No, it was not a star, a plane, a

helicopter or weather balloon, say the mobile home park observers of whatever-it-was.

Alas, there are no pictures of the object—actually, the observers said there were five or six of the whatever-it-was, but only one came close enough for a proper examination, from utility-pole-top level.

"I SAW A saucer-like bottom and what I could see of the top was egg-shaped," said Lonnie Bryant, 23. "It was a beige color. It had a row of white lights that seemed to be the windows. It had a red light and a blue light on top. It was about 40 feet long and 15 feet tall.

"It moved slowly and revolved while sitting in one spot. It had a humming noise. It moved three or four blocks east and it turned back ..."

Later, Lonnie said, "I heard a rocket-like noise that sounded like two Saturn rockets taking off." Then the whatever-it-was began hovering with its look-alikes in the distance and they stayed there until 3 a.m., when the last of the awed UFO-watchers went to bed.

"We weren't afraid, but we

it was different. But the dogs in the neighborhood were carrying on, trying to hide under anything they could find," said 18-year-old Cindy.

She said the group called the Air Force, the weather service, Vandenberg Airport and Dr. Fallon, trying to determine the source of whatever-it-was.

IT WAS WITH the USF astronomer they met the most resistance.

"He tried to tell us it was a plastic clothes bag with hot air floating in the sky, or a kite with a flashlight on it," Cindy declared.

Countered Fallon, "When people see these things and think they are unusual, they often imagine things and build onto the description."

And, he said, "These people were unusually belligerent in their insistence they saw something that could not be explained. Almost nothing I said would make them happy."

The Tribune could find no record of an advertising airplane or anyone that knew of one being over north Tampa Monday night, and the Air Force wasn't scrambling fighters to find whatever-it-was.

# Others note sighting UFO near GV

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"It was eerie with a feeling of awe and strangeness," explains Dorothy Buehler when she speaks about sighting a UFO northeast of Grass Valley near 6 p.m. Tuesday.

"It was too clear to have been a phenomenon of the weather but I don't think there was anything extra-terrestrial about it," notes E. H. Currier who also spotted something strange in the sky at about the same time.

"No one could convince me it had anything to do with atmospheric conditions," says Lorene Grassick who first reported the UFO to The Union Wednesday morning.

Mrs. Buehler - who spotted the "extremely brilliant" object from Forest Glade Circle near Lyman Gilmore School" and Mrs. Grassick, both described the object as blue-green with an orange or yellow tail.

Currier saw the UFO near Nevada City as he left the freeway at Broad Street. He pointed out that it appeared as "bright headlights" shining toward the ground at a 50 or 60-degree angle.

He said the bright lights "flickered on a few seconds and immediately after, there was a bright red-orange tail at the back. The lights were on for two to four seconds before everything went black again."

Currier says what he saw was "very definitely a solid object" and he fully expected to read about a plane crash in Wednesday's paper. The object was somewhere east of Nevada

City in his estimation.

Both Mrs. Buehler and Mrs. Grassick pinpointed the bright object near the Litton Lab or Nevada Union High School in the Ridge-Hughes Road area. Mrs. Grassick was traveling up Hughes toward the school when she saw the UFO.

"It was shaped like a teardrop and was moving very fast," Mrs. Grassick said. "It was twice as big as any aircraft I've ever seen." Both women said they saw the lights for less than a minute before they dropped out of sight.

This is not the first time an unidentified flying object has been spotted near the same location.

About two weeks ago - just prior to the time change - two young boys riding motorcycles just east of Litton's saw a similar object.

Gary Ciaffoni, 15, a student at NUHS, today told The Union he and his friend saw a "very bright dark orange light" in the sky which disappeared straight down into the treetops.

"It was weird shaped - kind of like an egg - and didn't make any noise," Ciaffoni said. "At first we thought it was the sun going down but then we realized the sun was already down," he claims.

Ciaffoni's cycling friend - Todd Brady, 11 - also claims the object was very bright, orange and red and shaped like a half-circle. "It was way up in the

air and then it dropped down very fast," Brady explained.

Unable to take their cycles across the roadway to investigate, the boys did not report the sighting to anyone other than their parents. "I'm kinda afraid to ride my bike up there now," Ciaffoni revealed.

Mrs. Grassick reported the sighting to Beale Air Force Base but the information officer refused to speculate as to what the object might have been. He told Mrs. Grassick he would call her if he found it had been any craft from the base - the call was not returned.

She said the sergeant asked her many questions about the object and ruled out that it might have been the SR-71 which flies out of Beale.

He said that particular craft rarely flies that low and, if it had, there would have been a great deal of noise to disturb residents in the area.

Another information officer today told The Union that no one had called to report the UFO except Mrs. Grassick. He also refused to speculate or offer any information.

Although the boys haven't sighted any strange flying objects before, Mrs. Grassick reported a similar object a year ago above the treetops near her Rattlesnake Road home.

It was a first for Mrs. Buehler also, but she recalled how her son had been awakened at his Mills Road home about two years ago by a "tremendous light" coming through the bedroom window -- a "terrible light and a whirring sound" which remains unexplained.

## UFO 'cover-up' charged

By BILL LAMBRECHT

Telegraph Capital Bureau  
SPRINGFIELD - The White House and U.S. Air Force "may be covering up" vital information and reports on UFO's, Dr. J. Allen Hynek, astronomer and world expert on UFO's, told a convention of 300 science instructors here last night.

Hynek, formerly a scientific consultant with the Air Force for 20 years, said he was recently denied new government information and data on UFO's by White House Chief of Staff Donald Rumsfeld.

"You do not have a need to know," Hynek quoted Rumsfeld as saying.

Hynek is the director of the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston and a Northwestern University faculty member. He is also the technical adviser and minor actor in a new movie on UFO's by the producers and director of the movie "Jaws."

"There have been incredible yet consistent accounts from around the world, but no

studies are being made. There is the feeling that the government has been playing footsies with us and knows a lot more about UFO's than they will say," Hynek charged.

According to Hynek, "the Air Force may be covering up" vital new reports and data on UFO's.

Hynek pointed to the Air Force's last major public involvement - a 1948 report which was destroyed "because there was no compelling evidence of threats to national security."

Hynek said a recent Gallup Poll shows 15 million Americans claiming to have seen UFO's, and 51 per cent who believe they exist.

"That's enough to win an election, especially if you're running on the UFO ticket," Hynek quipped.

"Even Jimmy Carter says that he has seen one," Hynek added.

Hynek, who says he has interrogated "hundreds and hundreds" of persons who

claim to have seen UFO's, disclosed new information about a Colorado couple and their baby who possibly were abducted by "ufonauts" last June.

Hynek said they are "very normal people" who have sought no publicity. He would not disclose their names.

According to Hynek, the young family was driving in western Kansas, when a bright beacon of light appeared in front of their car.

"As if in a trance," Hynek said, the husband began to drive off the road, across the prairie. An undetermined amount of time later, Hynek said, the family regained their senses 90 miles away from where they had begun, in a different direction from which they had been going.

According to Hynek, repeated sessions of hypnosis with the couple have resulted in a complete picture of the abduction, including three mysterious luminous balls in the sky. Hynek said he could

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give no other information at this time because he wants to keep "amateur UFO investigators away."

Hynek ridiculed the treatment of UFO's in most newspapers and magazines, saying children today must get their UFO information the same way I got my information on sex - from sleazy magazines."

Hynek then showed slides of magazine covers which read, "I was seduced by a flying saucer and was the victim of sex tests by alien beings," and another which read, "a flying saucer saved my virginity."

# Object makes believer of woman

TWIN FALLS — Mrs. Oliver Molyneux did not believe in Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) until early Sunday morning when she says she actually saw one.

Awakened by indigestion about 2 a.m., Mrs. Molyneux sat in her kitchen as she has many times before and looked out her large patio doors at the stars.

Then she saw something she had never seen in all the times she had looked out those doors.

"You know I'm still scared?" she said Sunday morning. "My stomach is just turning flip-flops."

One of the stars, larger and brighter than the others, suddenly began to move up and down and back and forth in the sky, she recalled.

"I thought it was a plane at first, and then I realized it wasn't because it went up and down," she explained. "Then I realized there were no red lights on it either."

Mrs. Molyneux's window faces north, and she is often able to see airplanes as they approach the Twin Falls airport for landing. But this time the lights did not behave as they would have if a plane was landing.

She said she called the airport to see if any planes were landing or scheduled to land. The answer was "no."

"After it moved up and down, it began coming toward me and getting brighter," she related. "It was spraying off sparks like a firecracker or fireworks display."

She said it was just like a very bright star.

"No star throws off light like that one did and moves around like that one was doing," Mrs. Molyneux asserted. "I've never seen anything like that before and probably never will again."

She said it was difficult to perceive the distance of the object and it first appeared to be hovering over Highway 30 north of her home on Ridgeway.

"As it got closer, it would get a little bigger, maybe eight to ten inches across," she said. "Then these white spears would come spearing out from it. It bothered my eyes to look at it, it was so bright."

She watched the bizarre display for about an hour but did not awaken her husband who was asleep in the other room.

"Then I went back to bed and shook. I was scared so bad," she said.

Mrs. Molyneux said she had never seen a UFO before Sunday morning and did not even believe in their existence.

"I didn't believe in them (UFOs) before; but, by dang, I do now," she asserted.

# UFO's sighted

ASHLAND — The skeptics at Ashland probably are having second thoughts about men from outer space following two straight nights of sighting "mysterious lights" near their town.

Clark County Sheriff Loftis Messer said Wednesday morning that his phone has been constantly ringing at his office in regard to the UFO reports. The sightings were made Monday and Tuesday night between 7 and 8 p.m. and observed by many of the residents. Ashland is the county seat of Clark county and has a population of about 1,200.

"We're going out tonight to see what we can see," he said.

Both nights, two distant objects were sighted. On the first night, the "lights" appeared to be stationary, but last night, one of the objects moved across the sky and disappeared into the night.

"On first look, they appeared just to be large stars or something, but on closer look, you can tell that they were lights," Messer said.

The lights were constantly changing colors. The colors ranged from green to yellow to red.

"They were all sorts of colors," the sheriff said.

The two sightings here are the second and third UFO sightings in Western Kansas this month. On Nov. 6, Danny Parr, 14, of Mullinville, reported seeing a large "red light" south of Belpre while he was visiting with his grandparents.

Reports of the sightings at Ashland placed one of the "lights" southwest of the town, the other was in the northeast.

"I can't imagine what they are," Messer said.

# Pulsating UFO is sighted

FLORIDA KEYS — A UFO (unidentified flying object) was sighted Monday evening by Leonard Sonnenburg who was visiting his daughter-in-law on Little Torch Key.

Mrs. Sonnenburg, who has studied celestial navigation, knew the object was neither a star nor planet and got binoculars to get a better look.

The object appeared to be triangular, about the size of a bowling ball, according to Mrs. Sonnenburg.

The body of the object seemed to be pulsating, emitting flashing lights. It had halos of red, green, white and yellow around it. Mrs. Sonnenburg took a sighting on it and from where she was on Little Torch Key, the object was at 287 degrees and hovered between 18 and 32 degrees above the horizon.

She said she watched it for about an hour and a half, and there were several people with her who took turns with the binoculars. One of them brought out a powerful telescope and all seemed to see the same thing. Mrs. Sonnenburg alerted the Marathon Coast Guard Station who reported that they saw the same UFO.

The Officer on Duty Monday evening was Gary Tanksley who said they first saw the UFO from their dock at the Coast Guard Station, after the call from Mrs. Sonnenburg.

Tanksley said the UFO appeared to be over the Big Pine Key area and about 30 minutes later there was another one over New Found Harbor. He does not know whether it was the same one or two different ones.

Tanksley said the top part of the UFO seemed shaped like a bubble on top and a cone at the bottom which gave off a luminous glow that flashed red, green and then yellow. He observed no pattern to the flashing lights, but knew they were not the same as those found on helicopters or airplanes.

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# Mysterious flying object sighted

The sighting of a mysterious flying object was reported this week in the Weaverville area, according to the Trinity County Sheriff's Department.

Reports filed at the sheriff's department indicate that Bill Isaacson of Weaverville stepped outside the evening of Saturday, October 2. He noticed a box-like object in the sky with red glowing lights.

A call to the Trinity County Sheriff's Department contacted Deputy Gordon Kelley who went outside to check the report.

Doug Hodges, also a member of the sheriff's department said he had just

arrived at the detention facility when Kelley was checking the report.

According to Hodges the object was emitting an orange-colored glow which changed to a bright red, then disappeared. The lights came back on in a white color, Hodges said, after which the object took off and disappeared at an extremely high rate of speed.

"I'm no UFO freak," Hodges said, "but all I can say is what I saw. It definitely wasn't just an airplane, I'm sure of that."

Frank Wilkerson, California Highway Patrolman, also admits seeing the object. "All I saw was a light," Wilkerson said.

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# Retired Air Force Colonel Explains UFO Sightings

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By Mack Owens

"My name is Ray W. McDuffee and I am now 71 years old. In 1940 I was called to active duty . . ."

We are sitting in McDuffee's Seal Rock home beginning an interview about flying saucers and other things that flit about in the heavens.

McDuffee is sitting at the dining room table, staring out over the ocean and reliving the portion of his life that started thirty-six years ago.

His military career started in 1940 in California for the U.S. Army Air Corps. From there he went to the Philippines as an intelligence officer, then to Bataan, Mindinow, Java and Australia.

There he entered what is called technical intelligence, which is the area that deals with unidentified flying objects. At that time it involved identifying Japanese aircraft so that our side would know what plane was being discussed. One Japanese bomber was named after his wife Nell.

After the war he took his masters degree in international relations and continued in the Air Force in technical intelligence. Four years were spent in the long range detection of Soviet atomic activities.

After that assignment he was transferred to another in the area of intelligence.

"There was practically no one else in the Air Force with my rank (Colonel) and background available at that time to head the estimates division which did all of the estimation of Soviet capabilities in weaponry, education, engineering, production, electronics, and their armament," McDuffee recalls. "All of this came under Air Technical Intelligence which was headquartered at Wright-Patterson Air Base. In my electronics division I had what we called 'Project Bluebook' "

This was the reason for the interview. Project Bluebook was a complete study of UFO's or what are commonly called flying saucers.

"The time I arrived in June of 1952, we were finishing the writeup of approximately five thousand incidents that had been reported and recorded. We had also put out a twelve page pamphlet, which was suitable for different types of sightings, where we hoped to get adequate information," he said.

"People see a thing and they don't even know which

direction they see it, or what elevation it is, or what time of day it is, or what sky conditions are or anything else," he says. "They just don't seem to know. They don't pay that much attention."

Along with getting as much information about sightings as possible, they also compiled information about nearly all flights from airports, weather balloons and any other objects that could possibly cause a sighting.

"We just piled those things in the files. When we got a report we would go back to the file and we would look," he says.

About fifteen percent of the sightings were from flight of aircraft.

"It would be night time, somebody throttles back an engine, a spurt of flame comes out, the persons sees perhaps the part of the fuselage, God knows what, and so you have a flying saucer report," McDuffee says.

One of the first resources used to investigate a sighting would be the almanac. According to McDuffee, as much as sixty percent of the sightings were the planet Venus.

"Venus at times, and especially if you're at altitude in an airplane, if the clouds are passing over the face of Venus they will interrupt your view. You'll see two, three or four flying saucers in a row sometimes because of the cloud spacing. And they will sometimes seem to be moving very fast. This is a part of the phenomenon that everybody knows . . . You sit in a car that is sitting absolutely dead still, talking to someone who is in an automobile next to you. That automobile starts to move away and you say, 'my God I'm moving'. You aren't at all," he explains.

Search lights at airports caused a number of reports according to McDuffee. Rotating lights may shine as far as fifty miles into the sky and still be visible.

"If, from a speed of almost zero on the ground you project a beam out fifty miles and start to whirl it around, it will be traveling at very high speeds fifty miles from the base of the searchlight," he says.

"We always got sightings of flying saucers whenever there were low ceiling conditions around airports because that's what people saw. They couldn't see where it came from. They just saw a big round or elongated spot traveling on

a cloud layer and they said it was a flying saucer."

Then, with the aid of the Department of Astronomy at Ohio State, they classified all of the sightings that had been reported. There were nearly 5,000 of them.

But, even after all the cases were analyzed and published, the rumors persisted that the Air Force was not telling the whole story.

McDuffee said that most of those rumors stemmed from a small folder of incidents that came under a classified category, not because of the sighting involved, but because revealing the sighting would reveal other classified material not related to UFO's.

Twice the President of the United States sent committees to investigate the materials to determine whether the Air Force was revealing everything or whether there was a danger from UFO's. Both times the reports from the committees said that the Air Force report was accurate.

Not all of the reports were true sightings. Several cases of fraud were uncovered. McDuffee told of one case of fraud.

"We had a fellow down in Houston, Texas, who gave a Houston paper a photograph of two flying saucers that he had taken. They were in perfect alignment and they were almost perfect saucer shape with a kind of center in them. I sent a man down there and we picked up a copy of this fellow's negative. I sent it to Eastman Kodak and Eastman's report on it sent something like this.

"We've separated the negative, and you can get something like seventy different layers from a negative. From the separation of the negative we were able to determine the source of lighting that this flying saucer was photographed in and the angles and so on," he said.

So they gave us a layout of the laboratory lights this fellow had used. They had also determined what the attachments were he had used to string these saucers up. Now this picture of flying saucers appeared on the front page of the Houston paper and other papers around the country. It appeared on a full page in 'Life' and it was reported in 'Time', and other newspapers in the U.S. carried it. After we exposed it as a hoax, we sent this out. The Houston paper carried perhaps an inch or an inch and half on some back page saying this was a hoax. But this

is typical of the flying saucer business," he says.

When we brought up Lincoln County's most famous UFO story, the story of the "Two" who appeared in Walipport a year ago and promised salvation on a space ship, McDuffee said the people who followed the "Two" were "had, just suckered".

He said that there are people who will try to sucker others for no reason at all. He felt that this was the case with the "Two".

And as an interesting side light, in a story in the October issue of "Psychology Today", about the Two, there is no mention of any of the followers having left earth on a space ship.

McDuffee was very positive in his opinion of whether the earth has been visited by aliens from space.

"We never found, and to my knowledge to this date, no one has ever found an unidentified flying object which originated extraterrestrially outside the earth itself that could be identified as coming from an intelligence somewhere else in the universe besides the earth," he stated.

We wanted to go one step further, however, so we asked McDuffee if he thought the earth would ever be visited by aliens. And we got a surprise of sorts. Rather than glibly saying, "No, never," he explained that intelligent life could well exist elsewhere in the universe. But, from where they would be, we would not be visible because of the small size of our sun and that there is nothing else in this area to attract them.

"Who is going to travel the inexplicable millions and billions of light years to an object like the earth which is unknown to anybody, which cannot be seen or speculated on or placed perhaps by anybody in the universe. I won't say its a total impossibility, but it's so close to a total impossibility that you just shouldn't take a real serious chance at it," he says.

He ended the interview with this observation, "Ask someone who believes in flying saucers to multiply out the number of seconds in a year and then say how far light, traveling at 186,000 miles a second travels in a year. This is the distance we're talking about. We believe that the speed of light is as fast as anything can go. So how many multi-thousand of years would it take for a person to come from the universe and why would he come to this little speck of nothing?" he said.

# Could it have been bird, plane or UFO?

By Greg Conroy

Unusual lighted objects sighted by persons at the outskirts of the city early Friday night were not identified positively, and they weren't flying, so to refer to them as unidentified flying objects may not be correct.

An employe of the Bloomington-Normal 1 Sanitary District told McLean County sheriff's police he saw two bright lights "about as big as a jet airliner" hovering in the sky at 5:30 p.m. near the district's sewage treatment plant on the city's southwest edge.

"They looked like two big airplane lights," Mark Shelton said. "They were getting bigger and bigger and then suddenly they faded away. A few minutes later they started again in another part of the sky and then disappeared again," he said.

At 6 p.m. Shelton sighted a bright light that was shining in an eastward direction. "It looked like a helicopter spotlight," Shelton said. "But it was glowing red and white and shining to the east.

"Then it disappeared about 6:30 p.m. and I haven't seen it again."

Shelton said the bright objects he saw earlier "grew larger and larger and then would become smaller and smaller. They would appear in one spot, disappear and then appear in another spot," he said.

"I thought it was a helicopter but I did

not see any small red lights that are usually on helicopters.

"I wasn't sure if I should have called this in (to police) because I was afraid people might think I was crazy."

But Shelton wasn't the only person to call police with the strange report.

At 6:20 p.m., the approximate time Shelton said he saw the light, Gene Fisher, who lives on West Washington Street just west of Interstate 55, told police he heard a loud explosion that "sounded like dynamite and shook everything including the dishes."

A sheriff's policeman who was patrolling the area at the time said over the police radio that he saw a "very bright vapor trail" in the early night sky.

A call to John Lash, controller for the tower Bloomington-Normal Airport Authority, by a reporter agreed with the police theory. Lash said the vapor trail also could be seen from tower. He said the trail was evident because of extremely bright moonlight.

"But I'm not saying it wasn't something else."

As for Shelton's "two big airplane lights," Lash said they may have been a "low planet or a star in the southwest, eastern and northeastern parts of the sky.

"We watched a bright object in the east-northeast sky for a long time and it did not move," Lash said. "We saw a

bright star or planet in the southwest part of the sky but it disappeared behind cloud cover."

Unidentified objects sighted in McLean County are not something new. "Flying saucers" were sighted over Saybrook in September 1953. But that turned out to be a few weather balloons. The early and mid '60s produced a flood of UFO sightings in Central Illinois.

A rural Shirley family photographed a lemon-shaped glowing object in April 1967, and in March 1966 residents on West Division Street in Normal spotted another UFO. That sighting spurred an investigation by the Dearborn Observatory at Northwestern University.

In July 1947, before anyone had heard of the title UFO, an article appeared in The Daily Pantagraph that offered a brief guide to "flying saucer" watching. The article explains that an Illinois State Normal University professor debunked such sightings as eye fatigue caused by staring at the sky.

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## UFO Reports Are Flying

CALDWELL - While walking his dog late Sunday night in Caldwell, Maurice Leonardo sighted what he believed to be an unidentified flying object to the north of the Caldwell area. Leonardo told The Progress that he saw a bright object about 10 feet in diameter, which instantly flashed away into the distance then returned just as quickly. He described the object as having red, white and green lights which rotated.

Leonardo roused his cousin, Joseph Leonardo, with whom he shares an apartment near Hanford Pl. The two men watched the object with binoculars and said it remained stationary for several hours. They said it emitted a "humming noise".

The cousins called the Caldwell Police Department at about 12:30 a.m. Sergeant Thomas Raney and Patrolmen Joseph Kresge, John Tiedemann and Daniel

Handy responded to the call and kept watch on the skies until about 3 a.m.

The Leonardos reported that by the time the police arrived they could see several groupings of lights in various locations. The objects moved in vertical formations, they said.

Upon checking with the Caldwell police, The Progress was informed by Sgt. Raney that the officers watched the light groupings through a telescope. He said that the officers had determined that the lights were probably stars, since they moved in relation to the moon.

The Leonardos, however, are convinced that the objects were indeed UFO's. They maintained their vigil until about 4 a.m. and, according to Maurice, were disappointed that the objects didn't "land". He hopes they will come back to Caldwell and "take me along."

## 2 report sighting UFO

Two city residents reported the sighting of an Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) at about 9:30 p.m. yesterday.

Michel A. Haas, 18, of 9923 Spring St., and Joann Sawicki, 18, of 10156 Caddy Lane, told sheriff's deputies they saw a cigar-shaped object, hovering about 200 yards above the ground, near the Civil Air Patrol building near Highway 20 and West Road.

The brightly colored object had two pillars extending upward to a platform, on which were three blinking lights, they told deputies.

The object came from the general southwest area, hovered for about three minutes, then left the area, they said.

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## UFO Reported Seen In North Livermore

NORTH LIVERMORE - said his car lights dimmed during the incident which happened sometime around 1 a.m. He reported that the object was spotted by a motorist traveling Route 4 near Berry Hill.

Chief DeMarco, Livermore Falls PD, said the report from the ASO was the only one his department had received. The incident was reported to the UFO Center, by the Sheriff's department.

# UFO Sighted by Three—It Blinked, Rocked, Then Glowed Red

By LYNNE JEROME

Three Tuolumne county residents have detailed spotting of an unidentified flying object (UFO) near Highway 4 and Tulloch lake.

The three, who asked their names be withheld all saw the same strange blinking object in the sky and then saw it grow in size and burn a brilliant red.

The trio consists of a husband and wife and a friend whom they were assisting in moving from Chico, where he had been attending college, to Sonora. All three are local residents who grew up here and are now locally employed. All have college educations.

They reconstructed their encounter for Marvin Taylor, who investigates local UFO sightings for MUFON—Mutual UFO Network—which compiles information for congressional reports.

According to the trio, they first spotted the UFO just east of Jack Tone Rd. on Sunday, Oct. 3. It was about 8:30 p.m. and there was a three-quarters full moon rising.

They explained they had been watching planes that evening during the drive down from Chico.

"There were a lot of planes out that night, especially around Sacramento, so we'd had a lot of recent experience in seeing just what a plane looked like."

When they first spotted the object it was traveling from north to south ahead of them in the sky.

"It was about the size of a plane in the sky and blinking red, then white. At first I just dismissed it as a plane—until it stopped."

The two passengers yelled for the driver to stop and all three got out of the pickup to watch the blinking object.

"It wasn't actually blinking like a plane—it was more of a pulsating—red and white, red and white," the men explained.

They fixed the UFO between two stars and continued to watch it as they drove on up the highway toward Copperopolis.

"It remained the the same position and then, as we got out of Copperopolis and began going around the curves, we lost sight of it a couple of times momentarily."

Then, about five miles out of Copperopolis, the passengers saw the object shoot suddenly across the sky.

"It was standing still, then all of a sudden—whoosh—it just streaked across the sky and stopped again. When I saw that I yelled for (the driver) to stop."

Again the three got out and looked at the object.

"It seemed closer and it seemed to be bobbing, like a ball on a quiet pond. I asked the others if my eyes were playing tricks or if the thing was rocking a little. We all agreed it was. And it was still blinking red and white."

As the three continued their trip they again lost sight of the object after passing Poker Flat.

"As we crossed the bridge over the lake and started up the grade on the other side I turned around to get one more look and I couldn't believe it—the thing was visible as big as a golf ball through the rear window of the truck and it was glowing a bright, almost fluorescent red."

Again the passenger yelled and the driver pulled over immediately and the three piled out to look at the object.

"We kept holding objects up to see how big it was. At first we thought it was the size of a quarter, but it was much bigger than that. Then we grabbed a golf ball—that's how we got that size comparison."

The UFO was located over Table mountain and no longer pulsated red and white, but simply glowed red.

"Then it drifted down behind the mountain and I could see a glow cast on the mountain—like you see from a setting sun—as it disappeared."

The three estimate it took about 10 to 15 seconds for the object to disappear behind the mountain. They continued to watch and "45 seconds later it reappeared at the end of the mountain where it drops down to the road. It was smaller and pulsating red and white again."

"Then it appeared to travel away from us, back toward Highway 4. We watched it until it disappeared—about five minutes. If it had been a plane we couldn't have kept it in sight that long."

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The trio said at no time did they hear any noise from the strange object. And they point out "if a plane had been that close and that large, we would have heard something."

Taylor, who has been studying UFO reports since the 1940's, said the object spotted by the three exhibited several characteristics typical of what are considered genuine UFO's:

—Absence of sound.

—Erratic maneuvers: being able to stop suddenly, to accelerate from a static position and "shoot" across the sky or move slowly and to change size suddenly.

—Pulsating or changing colors.

—Oscillating or "bobbing" in the sky.

Taylor was impressed with the length of the sighting. "Most people only see one for about a minute, but these people saw it for at least an hour."

The male passenger, who watched the object most closely, said, "I'm not saying it was the same one we first spotted on Highway 4 that we saw over Table mountain. I lost sight of it several times and it moved so quickly there could have been more than one."

The two men, who are familiar with aircraft, said the object when first spotted was "too high for a helicopter" and the lights were different than those used on conventional aircraft.

Taylor said he has had numerous calls of UFO sightings in the Table mountain area.

"Last year a couple was followed from Placerville to Sonora by a UFO in a similar incident. The UFO disappeared in the Table Mountain area."

He said it is not uncommon for occupants of single cars to report being followed by UFO's in isolated areas.

And Taylor said in the last six months he has investigated more than three dozen reports of UFO sightings in Tuolumne and Calaveras counties. In addition to Table mountain, the Woodhams-Carne Rd. area is also site of numerous sightings, Taylor said.

Upon hearing this, the male passenger, whose family lived on Woodhams-Carne Rd. when he was attending high school, said he had spotted a similar object one night when he was returning from a high school basketball game.

"There was no moon and lots of stars out. Some friends dropped me off at the bottom of our driveway and I was walking up to the house just looking at the sky."

"I saw something traveling across the sky which I first thought was a satellite. Then it stopped and put on a little acrobatic show—went forwards and back, stopped and went in circles and made right angle turns. At first I thought my eyes were playing tricks because I'd been looking at the sky too long. But it continued for about a minute. Then it just disappeared—like it blinked out."

That sighting occurred 10 years ago.

## Soviet Scientist Suspects UFO In Historic Blast

LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS  
ARKANSAS GAZETTE  
OCT 15, 1976  
CR: L. FARISH

MOSCOW (UPI)—A Siberian explosion that shook the entire globe June 30, 1908, may have been caused by the crash of a nuclear-powered space ship from an alien planet, a Russian scientist said Thursday.

Most scientists believe the explosion was a meteorite.

The Russian news agency Tass said scientists estimated the strength of the explosion to be up to 2,000 times more powerful than the first atomic bomb.

Tass reported that scientist

Alexei Zolotov, who had just returned from a survey of the area, "assumes that the body which ripped into the earth's atmosphere might have been \*\*\* a craft made by intelligent beings from other worlds of the Universe," Tass said.

The blast in a remote river valley in Tunguska, central Siberia, shook measuring devices all over earth and was heard 745 miles away. Trees were uprooted up to 30 miles from the site, and the ground shuddered so violently that horses pulling plows 240 miles away were thrown to the ground.

# UFO's: Controversy Goes On

A "white-blue light" flooded the bedroom of Ralph and Shirley Workman. The time was about 1:30 a.m. in January, three years ago. They both woke up and went out the sliding glass doors onto their balcony.

Across the Little Cannon River behind their home in Woodland Heights, they saw the source. It was an area of light rather than a single spot. It did not look like a helicopter or plane that would use search or landing lights.

It hovered over the treetops of the Peterson Turkey Farm and then headed north. It paused for approximately 30 seconds. And Ralph chuckled, "All I need now is to have the son-of-a-gun come straight back!" As if signaled...it did! Almost to the point they had first seen it. Then it came due west, went slowly over their heads and disappeared.

The only sound they heard was a sort of "humming". Ralph guessed the episode lasted only a few minutes.

He recalled feeling no fear about it. Only a consuming curiosity. He was feeling pretty cold though. He hadn't taken time to get dressed and January nights are a little brisk!

Ralph has been interested in unusual phenomena for about 30 years. And for around three years, he was identified as the person to collect sightings in their area for one organization. But he never had any reports then!

Some of the things he feels it is important to note is the time (before and after) a sighting. This gives a clue to some of the reports of hypnosis. Obviously, try to find the land-

ing site, soil samples for radiation, witnesses, pictures, size and direction of sighting. But also record your emotional feelings at the time.

Another point of view is expressed by Cannon Falls pilot, John Komarnitzky. He admits that the sightings are of something that is unusual. But on the whole, he's rather dubious about UFO reports.

John ran intercept in the Air Force. One time the target turned out to be a balloon. Next time, a target was picked up on radar but he couldn't find it. He thought it possibly was a U2 flying twice as high as he was.

The third time, a bright light over Duluth turned out to be an extremely unusual northern lights display. He feels that some sightings can also be explained as "inversions in the atmosphere."

Then you have Bud Raiter, an Air Traffic Controller in Farmington and a firm believer in UFO's. He has picked up "blips" on his screen and would really like to know what they are. No swamp gas theories for him!

A study of UFO's is discussed by Dr. J. Allen Hynek formerly with NASA, now with the Center for UFO Studies, in the June issue of Fate magazine. Of all the theories, he remarks, there is no proof of any one. Some are that they are a product of earth technology.... Enemy weapons or from the interior of the earth. But perhaps "our knowledge of the physical and psychic world is not yet sufficient to encompass the phenomena." Two hundred years ago we didn't have enough knowledge of physics to explain things we do today.

Another idea is that UFO's are "three-

dimensional projections from elsewhere." Because they resemble the "actions of images...change shape, dissolve, etc." Or is it travel in "time" not "space"? Maybe more than one theory is correct?

The book, UFO's — What on Earth Is Happening? by John Weldon, asks are nerve cells conducting electrical impulses in the brain being affected by the UFO's? Also consider that the brain is not equipped to receive certain phenomena like TV and radio waves, magnetic fields, etc. Tampering with electric impulses to the brain can theoretically produce hallucinations, or sequences of imaginary events.

He suggests the theory that UFO's are "examples of Satan's supernatural deception...." Satan is referred to in the Bible as "the prince of the power of the air." Therefore, in the end of the age, signs and wonders will appear in the sky above. A similar theory adds that when the Christians are taken from the world in the "Rapture", the people remaining will have to have an explanation as to their disappearance. Instead of giving Christ the credit, mankind may decide the "flying saucers" kidnapped them.

UFO's have been around for a long time. Early Hindu writings...Egyptian records... and even Christopher Columbus reported a "glimmering light moving up and down..." just hours before land was first sighted on October 11, 1492.

UFO's — and some of the sightings found in the Cannon Valley — are as fascinating and intriguing today as centuries ago.

CANNON FALLS, MINN.  
CANNON FALLS BEACON  
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LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS  
ARKANSAS GAZETTE  
OCT. 14, 1976  
CR: L. FARISH

## UFOs Leave Science Fiction Realm, Become Fact for New York Watchers

• New York Times News Service

SUFFERN, N.Y. — Shaped like two enormous upside-down soup bowls, the objects hovered in the sky just over a dip in the Ramapo Mountain Range.

The red-orange rays of the setting sun glinted from their silvery metallic bodies. One remained motionless above the horizon, while the other slipped gradually and silently from a vertical position into a horizontal one.

This account of a flying-saucer sighting was not the fantasy of a science fiction writer but the coolly recollected observations of a Suffern lawyer, Warren Berbit, 33.

Berbit, along with policemen, businessmen, school teachers, housewives and others, say they have seen strange objects recently in the skies over Rockland and Putnam Counties.

### UFO Possibility

Some think they have seen unidentified flying objects sent to earth from another galaxy to observe the large power plants in the area.

Several UFOs have been reported over Stony Point, just across the Hudson River from the Indian Point nuclear reactors.

Others have been spotted above plants at Tomkins Cove and Havestrav.

### Scientists Doubtful

Most scientists, however, say the reported sightings of silvery objects at sunset or of flashing colored lights at night are probably airplanes, helicopters, bright stars or planets.

It is possible that some were real UFOs, said Dr. William Donn, head of the Atmospheric Science Program at the Lamont-Doherty Geological Observatory in Rockland County and a professor of earth sciences at City College. "But I can only vouch for the things I checked, and everything I investigated I identified as a bright star or a planet."

Many observers who thought they were seeing UFOs, Dr. Donn added, are "people who started looking at the sky and saw stars for the first time in their lives."

### 'Not Hysterical'

Berbit, who has two engineering degrees and experience in aviation, and who characterizes himself as "not too hysterical, and fairly objective," does not think it was two airplanes that he saw over the horizon as he was

pulling off the Governor Thomas E. Dewey Thruway in early September.

"I definitely looked at them, and I saw that it was not a natural phenomenon or anything I could explain," he said.

Dan Cetrone at the neighboring Rockland County community of Tomkins Cove, who insists that he is "no kook," says the objects "are obviously extraterrestrial and are preparing for an eventual contact here."

### Flashing Lights

Cetrone, publisher of the *Rockland County Almanac*, lives in a white house at the top of Buckberg Mountain Road. His terrace commands a view of the Hudson, and he and his wife, Barbara, say they have observed several cylindrical flying objects with red, green and white flashing lights, which hover awhile, then turn sharply and disappear.

### Nuclear Plants

The UFOs, Cetrone theorized, are probably drawn to the area by the nuclear plants. They are part of a cycle of UFO appearances that peaks every 61 months, he said.

Reports of possible sightings in

the county reached a peak of about 100 during a three-week period at the end of August. Since the Air Force discontinued collecting information about UFO sightings in 1969, most residents make their reports to the local police.

### Police Reaction

The police handle the information with varying degrees of seriousness.

Nine confirmed UFO sightings at Stony Point have been witnessed by police officers. One officer reported seeing five. Each object, he said, "first appeared to be a star, but when I looked through a telescope, I could see red or green lights rotating." They were observed by seven other Stony Point police officers, he added, who "all described exactly the same things."

### "Afraid to See"

In his experience, he went on, most people are afraid to recognize a UFO. At one sighting, on August 25, he recounted, "there were 24 people who saw it, but one woman kept walking around and yelling that she didn't see anything, but actually she was afraid to look into the sky."

# Youth Sees Alien Object over Lake View

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**LAKE VIEW** — It was a cold crystal clear night. But there was something out of the ordinary in the sky. The only witnesses were a man and his young son standing on the front porch of their home.

An incredibly fast object sped across a wooded area located in front of their home. The man shrugged it off and went into his warm home. His 12-year-old son remained outside.

Then it happened. But what the young boy saw that night he was unable to describe until the following morning. Whatever he saw at this town located near the North Carolina border made him hysterical.

His father can still vividly recall his young son screaming, "Don't let it get me."

Richard Britt and his son Richie don't claim to know what it was they saw that night on Oct. 28 but they're sure they saw something — especially Richie.

Their incident becomes one more fascinating story to add to the vast number of UFO stories. In Richie's alleged UFO encounter it was not the UFO itself that scared him but the thing inside it.

Before Richie had his encounter with the strange object he and his father had just got home that night from a ball game and meeting. When they got to their front porch they saw what Britt described as a "light" speed across the woods in front of their home. It was about 10:30 p.m. and before he went into the house Britt said he saw the object again.

Britt said that whatever he saw it was not an airplane or meteor. For two reasons, he said it was too close to the trees and was moving parallel to the earth.

Britt said he went into the house because the night air was so cold. Standing alone on the porch, Richie said he saw the object again. He said he noticed green, red and light blue lights emitting from the object.

As the object moved in one direction it revolved in a counter clockwise direction and when it moved in another direction it would revolve in a clockwise fashion, according to Richie.

As he watched it he said it suddenly turned and flew down toward him and stopped near his front porch. The colored lights stopped and the object gave off a white light, he said. It made no sound, he said, as it hovered near him.

He said the object was the color of aluminum and smooth. In length it was about the size of a large automobile. Along the lower portion of the craft, if that is what it may be called, was a series of triangular windows. One large triangular window was situated on the upper portion, according to the young witness.

"Whatever it was, was in that middle one looking at me," Richie said.

The thing in the window, Richie said, was pale white. It had smooth skin which did not wrinkle even when the thing moved its arms, which ended in claw-like hands. On the face were two dark eyes and nothing more. The head appeared to melt into the slim body without any evidence of a neck, according to Richie.

Richie said as he gazed at the thing he began to back away, became scared and started screaming. When his father heard the screaming he rushed out on the porch to see what was happening. Not seeing anything and unable to obtain an answer he took his hysterical son into the house.

"He was real hysterical almost out of his mind," Britt recalled. "He kept saying 'it was horrible, don't let it get me,'" Britt said.

He said his son began shaking all over almost as if he were in a trance and so a doctor was called to the house.

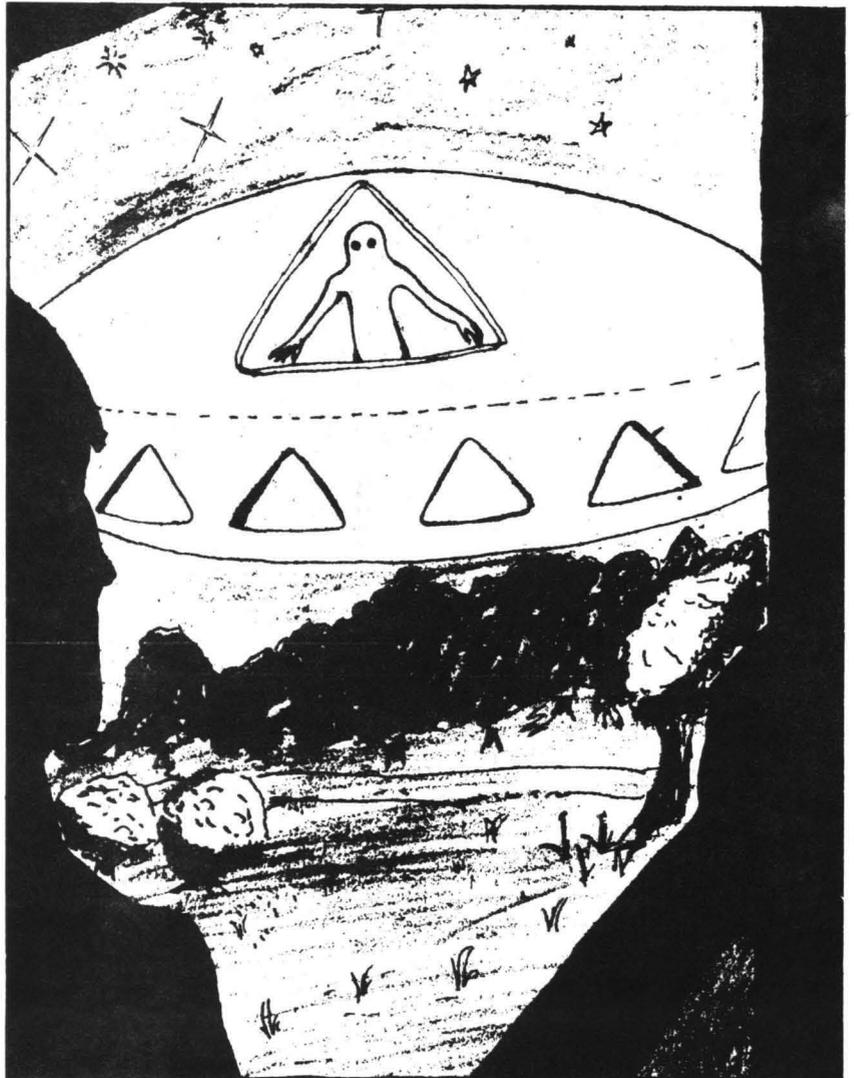
When the doctor arrived he took Richie to his office late that night and gave him an injection to calm him. "It was the next morning before he could tell the story," Britt said.

"A lot of people said if it hadn't have happened to Richie I wouldn't have believed it," Richie's mother stated. Richie admitted he has never been that scared in all his life.

The elder Britt said he didn't mind the fact that his son may have seen a UFO it was just how it affected his son that was so bad.

Richie maintained that it wasn't the object that scared him, "It was the creature itself."

Dr. James Twombly was the doctor who treated Richie that night. "He was hysterical," Dr. Twombly said. The doctor said he didn't know whether or not the boy had seen anything but "I don't think he was faking the hysteria."



**SKETCH TELLS STORY OF WHAT RICHE SAID HE SAW THAT NIGHT**  
Center Character Describes the Thing He Saw in Craft

He said he saw Richie earlier that same day at a gas station and he appeared perfectly fine. He noted that when he examined him that night, "his emotions were uncontrollable," but what happened we'll never know.

Lake View Police Officer Kermit Page who said he responded to a call at the Britt home said, "The boy was hysterical, but what he saw I don't know."

Page said he briefly looked the area over and didn't see anything or hear anything.

The following day Richie's pastor, the Rev. John Wilkinson went to the home and talked with Richie. He said he asked Richie to tell him what happened and "I heard him out."

Although what happened could have been a hallucination or a reality, to Richie it was all a reality, the Rev. Mr. Wilkinson said. The incident does not appear to have any radical or permanent affect on the boy, the pastor said.

He said he questioned Richie at length and although he searched the area including the woods in front of the home there was no physical evidence of anything unordinary to be found.

Neither was Richie trying to gain attention, the Rev. Mr. Wilkinson said.

The only physical abnormality that might link to the incident was noticed by Britt the following morning. On this morning a heavy frost had fallen on the ground and Britt had gone outside to start his wife's auto when he noticed the spot where his son had seen the object hovering.

In an area of about 15 x 20 feet there was no frost on the grass although the grass was set with dew. Elsewhere the frost was almost white as snow, he recalled.

Also that same night his dog began howling, something he hasn't done since, Britt recalled. Britt said he didn't bother to go outside and look around.

Like most other UFO reports, the tangible evidence was gone, but there is still a story to tell.

Asked if seeing the strange thing has affected him in any way, Richie replied, "It doesn't bother me that much, but I do look up at night when I go out."

# UFO watchers claim sightings in Biddeford, Saco

By LINDA BRICKLEY  
Staff Writer

Stories of flying saucers flew as thick and fast today as UFOs did last night over the skies of Biddeford and Saco, if reported sightings are to be believed.

All sightings began around 9 p.m., the stories report.

One Biddeford citizen's band radio operator, whose identity is known to the Journal but asked not to be named, says he spotted a UFO "over Biddeford City Hall" through binoculars at home.

"It was white, with a big really bright light, and looked like it would land," the CBER says.

"There was a lot of traffic around Trudeau's Motel and Restaurant, Saco, because there were three UFO's in formation around there," he says.

But Saco police say today they received only one report last night — or rather, at 3 this morning to be exact — of "a UFO cornered in the woods by Trudeau's."

A cruiser sent to the scene apparently found nothing, say police.

Roger Courtois of Saco says he saw UFOs, too. "At first I saw one unidentified object behind Trudeau's going into the woods, with red, green and blue lights on it. Two cars in the area went after it and came back out. There were four (UFOs) — one was a big, bright one, white, and looked something like a star over Old Orchard. Another had pulsating red, blue, and green lights and was over Biddeford Pool, another was over Buxton that was the first to disappear, and another was headed toward Portland."

There was no sound or engine noise, it is reported, and Courtois adds, "We verified the first one before calling police. It's not a hoax, and we're not trying to get publicity."

He adds there was a group of people watching the UFO's — one off the Ross Road in Saco, and another group formed at Shaw's parking lot. Both groups were taking pictures, he says.

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RECORD  
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## Flying Billboard Triggers Flood of UFO Reports

By Cindi Christie

Special to the Record

A "UFO" flying over Stockton has been flashing messages to area residents.

Although tempted to flash "We are a UFO. Take us to your leader," pilot Jim Hamilton says he has been advertising local businesses on his flying electronic billboard.

Hamilton, 29, and his partner, Dave Navone, 28, both of Linden, have been operating the billboard carried by a modified, single engine Cessna 150 for about three weeks.

So far, nearly 150 UFO reports have been called in to the Stockton Metropolitan Airport tower, Stockton Police, radio stations and the National UFO Reporting Center in Seattle, Wash.

The Stockton Police Department received about 10 to 15 calls the first night the plane flew, dispatcher Rothell Williams said.

And the calls are still coming in. They are heavier if the plane advertises over North Stockton than South Stockton for some unknown reason, police say.

Thirty reports have been called in to the National UFO Reporting Center, director Robert Gribble said. In a recent letter to the editor in the Record, Gribble asked sightings residents to report any strange in the area as a result of the calls he received.

"The pattern of lights they use literally astounds people," Gribble said. "People can't hear the plane. All they can see are the lights."

"It's really easy for people to be terrorized by it. Several people said they were so astounded they almost drove off the freeway."

The billboard is a 14x14-foot grid of about 350 6-watt bulbs, Navone said. Messages run through a computer on the passenger side of the plane and can be programmed while the plane is in the air.

While Hamilton is in the air, Navone contacts the advertisers so they can see their message. Hamilton will fly over the business for inspection. Navone is in radio contact with the plane in case the advertiser wishes to alter his message.

When not flying over Stockton at night, the two fly their billboard in Sacramento or the Bay Area.

"It won't last in Stockton all that long," Hamilton said. "You really have to have a population center to run the planes."

Their goal is to own a statewide aerial advertising company with local and national contracts.

Almost any type of advertising is accepted, Hamilton said, as long as it is in good taste. Politicians, automobile dealers, real estate agent-sand bars have flashed their messages. There also have been personal messages and an occasional public service announcement.

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## Youth claims seeing 2 green men from UFO

By MARY SONDERGARD

(Reporter Staff Writer)

An unidentified flying object landed on a Malone farm Saturday night and two green men were seen briefly before they disappeared, according to a 15-year-old Malone youth.

Mark Ziegelbauer of Route 1, Malone, said he saw the green men after the object landed on a neighbor's farm.

The "saucer" was first spotted by his father Orville who was working outside on the Ziegelbauer farm around 10 p.m.

The elder Ziegelbauer called to his son, and both saw the multi-colored lights which Mark said were "kind of low" and "kind of big." He said the lights were "going around" as it went past the Ziegelbauer's new silo and landed in a hayfield out of view.

Mark said he drove over to the area where the object had landed and saw the two green men when he shone the car's bright headlights. He dimmed the lights as the two men put their hands up, he said, and "disappeared somehow" in front of his eyes. Mark did not see the grounded flying saucer, he said.

One of the two men was slightly bigger than Mark, who is 5 feet 7 inches tall, he said. The other was smaller. He was no "scared" he, did not notice anything particular about their features, he said.

The object, which was about the size of a "small camper-trailer," Mark said, was not seen when it left by Mark or his father. Mark said they both have seen almost the same thing, minus the green men, once before.

On Sunday, a woman from the UFO Education Center in Appleton came to Malone and spoke with the Ziegelbauers. She also showed them some photos, Mark said.

Mik Thompson, 17, of rural Campbellsport, reported Monday that he saw an unidentified flying object in the Dotyville area about 9 p.m. Saturday, an hour before the Ziegelbauer's sighting.

Thompson said it looked like a big meteor, but added he was positive it was not. He said he saw the UFO as he was driving with a friend along County Trunk W near County Trunk B south of Dotyville.

NORTH BEND, ORE.  
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This area seems either to be becoming a haven for unidentified flying objects, or there's some mighty pretty stars out lately. A second sighting in as many weeks was reported to the Lakeside Police Department. Like the man said, strange things are happening . . .

Cost of advertising is approximately \$150 an hour.

Hamilton, a pilot for 12 years, said he first saw a flying billboard while visiting St. Louis. He and Navone, who also operate an aerial photography business, had the plane modified in Tennessee.

Modifications provided more fuel capacity, more control at slower speeds and a quieter engine.

Acceptance of the flying billboard is pretty good, Hamilton said. The plane had paid messages before its maiden flight over Stockton. One night about seven companies were advertised.

They said they are looking forward to winter when they can take off at about 4:30 p.m. and catch the evening traffic.

They hope valley fog will not cause frequent groundings of the billboard, but the two have a solution for that problem — they'll fly over San Francisco and let Bay Area residents report the UFOs

CANNON, MINN.  
CANNON FALLS BEACON  
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# Local Sightings of UFO's Give Support to Authenticity

The Deputy Sheriff took one look and called back to headquarters, "They're not drunk and they're not on drugs...there's something here!"

That's how Kathi Fields remembers the conversation resulting from a call to the Sheriff about a UFO (Unidentified Flying Object). She recalled her husband, Doug, waking her up to tell her about it, but she didn't really believe him! Then she looked out the window...and Doug told the whole story.

About two years ago, while driving from Stanton around 4 a.m. he noticed a bright light in the sky. Going south on Hwy. 56 he became curious and decided to take the Dennison Turnoff at Wangs Corners, heading up C.R. 9 through the Sogn valley.

Coming over the hill where C.R.'s 9 and 1 connect, the snow started to blow around. It got worse as he got nearer the "light", now hovering about 20 feet off the ground and 100 yards away.

He stopped and got out of the car. It made no noise. As he started toward it, the object came flying across the plowed field "with the speed of a snap of your fingers" and the sound of a "whoosh".

Doug chuckled as he remembered jumping back in the car! He drove to the gas station in Sogn and tried to wake up the owner. But he couldn't rouse anyone. And he noticed the "light" had disappeared.

As he headed back to his car, the "light" came back over the trees and followed him as he went to his home near Wangs Corners.

After calling the Sheriff, Doug understood the Air Force had been alerted. He also remembers his response when told that radar had been used and he was seeing a "low, slow-moving star"!

The UFO stayed in the area until 8 a.m. They remembered other neighbors mentioning seeing it.

Doug tried to take pictures as it hovered out back over their chicken coop. Using instamatic and polaroid cameras, with and have been mentioned.

And a warning from a person studying such phenomena recalling that a recent book stated "those heavily involved in UFO investigations have a higher-than-normal death rate." And sheepishly added, "Could I have a copy of your article before it gets published? Just in case!"

So what do you believe? Local Police Chief Ole Hallanger was willing to listen. And Goodhue County Sheriff Dale Grote wrote of his "cooperation". He requested, "All types of sightings should be reported to our department or the city police department... (and) the city civil defense department...."

So the research resulted in a collection of local sightings. By people you can check out yourself. They feel they have seen something. They are as intrigued as you as to what feally happened.

For example, the story given by Adolph Koch. Several years ago, he and his son, Bill, were haying on their farm about 15 miles west of Cannon Falls. At 4 p.m. or so they noticed an object in the air, about 200 feet up. There was no sound from it...no lights...no wings. It was round in shape with many small windows under a partial roof. He estimated that it was traveling by at a speed of 30-40 mph. They watched it for several minutes. Then it headed towards Minneapolis just clearing the telephone poles.

Another experience scared a young girl in Randolph a few years ago. While getting a drink of water during the night, she looked out the kitchen window. Through the light snowfall, she noticed a "yellowish" appearance — like a sunrise.

Standing there with the glass of water, she was entranced by the light. The object had a round top that revolved while the gray saucer-like bottom remained level.

Fascinated by its glow, she watched until suddenly she realized it was coming straight toward her house! She remembers dropping the glass and running to her mother. It disappeared.

without flash, he took several shots. But none turned out. The film in both were completely black. This including pictures previously taken on the film in the instamatic!

Another unusual incident happened four days later. All the hens in his chicken coop went bald!

In mentioning the incident to friends who were previous renters in that house, they found a shocked response. A similar thing had happened to them. Doug smiled as he remembered being teased, because they also had a red head in the family who saw it...like Doug!

Many stories of strange lights and unusual phenomena are intriguing and sometimes scaring people nowadays. So much trickery in photography, etc. has hurt the sincere and well-meaning reports of those seeing these things.

It has been well-reported that there has been a "cover-up" in the Air Force and government. If this is true, it should also be reported about the lack of cooperation from private UFO research organizations which according to their literature conduct "serious, scientific research into the UFO problem."

An inquiry by this writer to A.P.R.O. (Aerial Phenomena Research Organization, Inc.) which has "Field Investigators" brought out an advertisement to buy their bulletin. Another request sent to a professor of astronomy listed on their letterhead brought no response.

A request sent to a flying saucer magazine published in Wisconsin brought no response.

A man listed with the Center for Unusual Phenomena at the University of North Dakota was reported to be compiling sightings in northwest Minnesota in an article in the St. Paul Pioneer Press. But the letter written to him came back stamped "Unknown...insufficient address...unclaimed."

No response from police in Farmington and Ellsworth, Wisconsin where sightings

"I pulled all the shades for a long time!" she recalled. "I joke about it now, but it was scary then."

Reports of other sightings of lights following cars have come in.

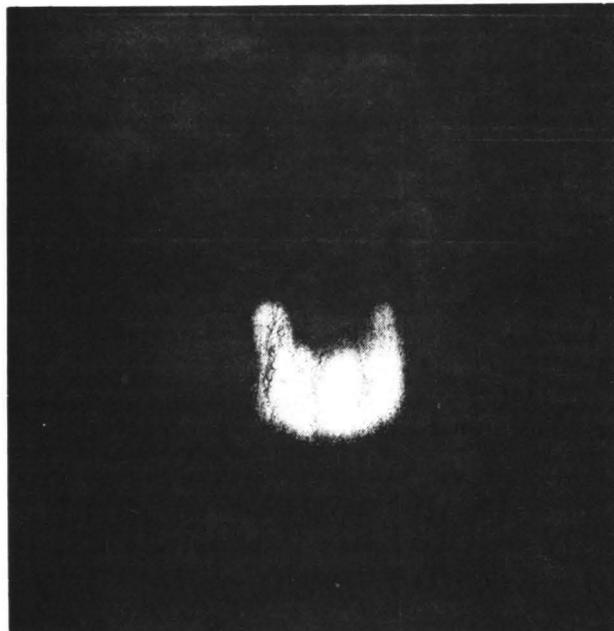
A couple of months ago, one gal was leaving a Welcome Wagon meeting at Olmsted Federal and heading home. Driving south along Hwy. 52 she noticed a large light traveling abreast of her car, just above the trees. It kept pace for about three miles. She "cranked the window" down but heard no sound from it. She was so fascinated by it she was "afraid of driving in the ditch!"

She decided to pull off the road at the intersection of County Road 1 and 52 to watch it. But when she did...it disappeared.

Chuckling, she commented, "I don't like this, because I don't believe in UFO's!"

## Photogenic UFO

Danbury, Conn. patrolman Peter Winter took this photo of a blinking object seen by several residents the night of August 30. Winter used a 600 mm telephoto lens and Tri-X film rated at 800 ASA. Residents of the Danbury area, who reported sightings from dusk to midnight, said the star-sized object with flickering red, white, blue and green colored lights zig-zagged across the south western sky. (UPI)



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MIDDLETOWN, CT.  
MIDDLETOWN PRESS  
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## Portland Residents Report Seeing UFO

PORTLAND—Seven Portland residents reported seeing an unidentified flying object (UFO) hovering over the northern part of the town last night.

Leon Bailey of 34 Middlesex Ave. said the UFO was first spotted about 10:15. He and his wife were visiting at the home of his sister, Mrs. William King of 34 Middlesex Ave. at the time. The object was hovering just above the tree tops and stayed stationary for about half an hour, he said. It appeared to be a

large object and glowed with green, red and blue light. The object then left the area but returned for a second visit at a higher altitude, Bailey said.

Others seeing the object included Mrs. Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. King, Mrs. Martha King, Judy Bradley and Roy Perham.

Bailey said he called the State Police and the Wesleyan Observatory, but they were unable to send anyone over to verify the sighting. State Police said no other reports of a UFO sighting were received.

# Family Sees UFO Near Home

LIVE OAK, FLORIDA  
INDEPENDENT POST  
OCT. 13, 1976

A Live Oak woman alerted her family to an Unidentified Flying Object Sunday night, nine months after the last reported UFO sighting in Suwannee County. At least four persons witnessed as a white, glowing light traveled from north to south, a duplication of what one of the family members saw at midnight, Christmas night last year.

Linda Cundiff was lying in bed at about 11:30 p.m. at her home about three miles from Live Oak off the Mayo Road. She thought the glow she first saw was a star but it looked peculiar, moving slowly across the sky and appearing to be much closer than a stellar object, Miss Cundiff told the POST.

She immediately got her sister, Mary Ellen, who had seen an identical object at Christmas last year.

THE UFO CONTINUED to move slowly while the women watched from outside their house. Although the bright object was close enough that they could hear any noise from it, the women heard nothing, Miss Cundiff said.

The object appeared to be larger than the stars beyond it, she said, as it was not far above the ground. As they watched, a strange thing happened.

The object altered its slow, forward movement, hesitating as it did, almost stopping, Miss Cundiff said. It seemed to move to the side somewhat and then resumed its same direction and speed. As the object drew nearer to them it seemed to increase its speed, she said.

Miss Cundiff's parents came outside and also saw the glowing white object, remarking about its apparent great speed.

As the UFO passed the watching family they saw red and blue lights flashing in sequence from its rear or side, they couldn't tell which. Mary Ellen said it appeared the same as the object she had seen there nine months before.

MISS CUNDIFF WANTED to report the sighting but was told nobody, even federal government representatives, would recognize her claim as valid, she said.

"Some people won't admit it if they see something like I did,"

she said, "but even if they do, nobody does anything about it."

The last reported Suwannee County UFO sighting was January 9, when Mrs. Eunice Roundtree of Live Oak spotted a glowing red, circular object about six miles east of town along the old White Springs Road.

Mrs. Roundtree was watching television when she noticed a red glow outside her window. She and her husband determined from observation that the glow was no reflection of any kind, and they watched it for quite some time.

The object appeared motionless for a while, then started a slow ascent and crossed over their house to a point above their sister's home some two miles away. It glowed a brighter red there, Mrs. Roundtree said, and did so for about five minutes, then moved beyond a nearby tree line and out of sight.

SUWANNEE COUNTY MALL employees reported seeing two red objects that same night above the shopping center's parking lot. At least several persons remember seeing the two objects traveling together and then separating at about 6:30 p.m.

Those sightings came almost six months after three area families reported seeing objects quite similar to those seen at the parking lot. The families who live in adjacent houses on U.S. 129 South near Live Oak witnessed a two-part object that split and rejoined, ascending and descending with considerable ease.

The incident was associated with a strong sulfur-like odor and a loud roar was heard as they sped out of sight.

Less than two weeks earlier, in July, a Suwannee County resident who lives about 10 miles east of Live Oak near State Road 49 saw a bright pink circular object that hovered about 500 feet above the ground and moved along at the speed of a man's brisk walk. The witness said the object was so bright it was hard to look at. He said he thought it had set three trees afire at one point during his vigil.

SEVERAL OTHER persons called the highway patrol that night to report the strange glowing object.

## UFOs Seen By Many In County

Detailed stories about UFO sightings in Suwannee County have appeared on the front page of this newspaper three times in the past 15 months. Each time there has been a remarkably similar story told by the witnesses, and in each case there was more than one witness.

While UFOs have created stirs in other parts of the country, it wasn't until July 1975 that the mysterious unidentified flying

objects appeared in the skies over Live Oak.

Interest in the UFO sightings, however, hasn't been confined to the borders of this county. Back issues containing accounts of previous sightings have been mailed to various places across the country and at least one college student has incorporated the details into a report on the subject.

FRAMINGHAM, MASS.  
SO. MIDDLESEX NEWS  
OCT 17, 1976

BEVERLY, MA.  
BEVERLY TIMES  
SEP. 7, 1976

### Object sighted in Ipswich

IPSWICH — An unidentified flying object was reported last night by Esther Logan, of 7 Riverside Drive.

Officer Charles Cooper went to the Logan home, where he also observed the object.

"I saw the object Mrs. Logan saw. It was much brighter than nearby stars but appeared to be about the same distance from earth," Cooper said.

According to Cooper, the object was in the western sky approximately 45 to 55 degrees above the horizon and moving in a northerly direction. He and Logan watched it for about 15 minutes.

"It was probably a satellite," said Cooper. "Somehow, it didn't follow the typical stereotype of a UFO sighting. There were no flashing lights or unusual noises," Cooper said.

## Police report UFOs

BELLINGHAM— Police from several towns and area residents who happened to be awake in the wee hours gazed skyward early this morning to ponder what many believed to have been an Unidentified Flying Object—a "UFO."

A spokesman at the Bellingham Police Dept. said this morning a curiously lit object appeared in the southeast sky around 2:45 a.m.

Tipped off by a Bellingham resident, police there and later in Wrentham and Franklin ventured out into the pre-dawn

chill to observe what one officer said looked "like a star, but it kept changing to different colors, red, blue, green."

State police were also alerted, and Bellingham Police Dispatcher Robert Shea called the air traffic control tower at Logan Airport in an effort to identify the eerie "star."

According to Bellingham police, an air traffic controller at Logan told them airport radar had picked up the object on its screen. The object stayed in sky for close to an hour,

police said, then disappeared from sight — and from the radar screen.

The unidentified controller at Logan told police he would send a plane to check out the UFO, but no report had been filed this morning at the airport and police said they received no further word.

Several police officers viewed the object through field glasses, but could only distinguish a brightly lit object that rapidly changed colors, Bellingham police said.



NOTLOB, ENGLAND  
THE PALINDROME  
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## BILL SEES THE U.F.O. STARS

**WILLIAM Eastham** saw more than stars when he looked out of his upstairs bedroom window. For he claims to have spotted a UFO in the sky above his home at Mitre

Street, Bolton. The sighting has been backed up by his wife.

The unidentified flying object was described as being circular with a red illuminated centre and a sparkling silver band.

Police, who interviewed Mr Eastham, have informed air traffic control officials at Manchester.

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## 'I saw UFO too'

**PAT Holmes** is convinced she is "sane" again after reading a story in the "Post & Chronicle."

For weeks, 42-year-old Pat, of Beech Hill, Wigan, has been living with a secret she doesn't reveal to anyone.

But today she revealed her innermost unidentifiable secret in the knowledge that if she is mad, so is at least one other P and C reader.

After reading about the sighting of an Unidentified Flying Object hovering over the Bolton area, Pat told me: "I was so relieved to see that someone else had had the same experience."

"The description of the UFO was exactly the same as the one I saw but I didn't dare say anything until now."

"My husband Ernest and me were in Blackpool

at the time. It was about 130 am and because it was a very clear night, I got the glasses out to look at the sky.

"There was definitely something there that shouldn't have been. It was circular red, green and silvery white, moving across the sky."

"I got my husband out of bed to look and he agreed with me but I didn't tell anybody else because it sounds so stupid."

"This is the first time anything like that has happened to me. I'm not a star crank and no we hadn't been on the bottle and it wasn't one of the illuminations gone astray."

"I have been thinking about it for weeks but kept quiet until I read about a similar case in the "Post."

"I thought I had better tell you in case the people in Bolton thought they were going mad as well."

## WERE THE LITTLE GREEN MEN OVER HUNTINGTON?

AFTER THE Viking probes to Mars, Pressman has to report that someone might be probing us at the same time.

What the believers in extra-terrestrial visitors might think were two UFOs were seen in the early morning over Huntington recently. Spotted by the Walkington family of 7 Cleveland Way, the two "balls of light" passed across the clear sky on the Malton Road side of the village at 6.44 a.m. and 6.48 a.m., disappearing into light cloud.

Mrs. Pat Walkington tells me the first object was caught by the sun just before it vanished.

"It was cigar-shaped and moving very fast, but there was no trail behind it like a jet would leave. My daughter Jane saw another one exactly four minutes later travelling in the same direction. It also went into the cloud and disappeared."

RAF stations in Yorkshire, which keep a 24-hour radar check, saw nothing on their screens and had no planes airborne at the time — it was last Thursday. I wonder if any other Huntington residents saw anything?

One flying object which has been identified is the winning balloon in York Playspace Group's recent balloon race. Sent out by Miss I. Fac (sic), of Hawthorne Terrace, New Earswick, it found its way to the North Sea off Spurn Point.

The skipper of a boat called

Crafty 2 found the balloon to the north east of the Point on a fishing trip.

Coming down to earth on Thursday near Archbishop Holgate's Grammar School, York, will be a big metal bird. Don't worry, this one is not a UFO, but a Royal Navy helicopter making an educational visit.

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SUN  
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## Mildura gets a UFO flash

By PETER JOHNSON

"A STRANGE object with flashing lights" has been reported at a property about 56 km west of Mildura.

Four Mildura people travelling by car between farms at Karrowinna at the weekend spotted the UFO which they said "took off like a helicopter and hovered for some time."

Mrs Vera White, one of the four, said last night that the lights flashed bright red when they drove around a corner.

Mrs White said there was no noise, and she could distinguish no object to which the lights could have been attached. "It was eerie to see those lights," she said.

Mrs White, two of the others in the car and some farmers yesterday searched the paddock, which is part of a property owned by Mr Bill Boulton.

They found a circle of flattened, discolored grass about nine metres across.

Mrs White said there were no car tracks nearby and no logical explanation.

Sen. Constable Roy Fletcher, of Werrimull near Karrowinna, said the sighting was one of five reported in the past year.

Glenroy's unidentified flying object was exposed yesterday.

A schoolboy, 11, admitted it was nothing more than a kite carrying four small lights.

Several Glenroy residents phoned The Sun on Monday night reporting a "bright light" over the suburb.

## US FIGHTER PILOTS TALK OF HAVING CHASED SCORES OF UFOs



WITNESSES Patrolman Ed Simpson (left), ex-Air Force radarman, and Air Force vet Francis Sullivan between them tracked hundreds of UFOs on radar.

By  
John  
Cathcart

AIR FORCE fighters have been repeatedly sent up to intercept UFOs — despite the refusal of the U.S. Air Force to admit that UFOs even exist.

Former airmen — now free to talk — revealed that UFOs have been sighted and officially reported, tracked on radar "by the hundreds" and chased by Air Force planes sent after them.

"I'm well aware of UFOs — we used to track them on radar and run up interceptors against them," stated Ed Simpson, a former Air Force radarman who is now a policeman in Phillips, Wisconsin, USA.

"I tracked hundreds of UFOs on radar," said Francis C. Sullivan, a retired Air Force Master Sergeant now living in Tucson, Ariz.

And Kenneth Leland, an elementary school principal in Superior, Wis., who is still a Lieutenant Colonel in the Minnesota Air National Guard, told us: "My plane was 'scrambled' after a UFO that was actually over a radar site northeast of Duluth, Minn."

"Scrambling" is an Air Force term for rapid or emergency takeoff in response to an alert.

Patrolman Simpson spent 20 years in the Air Force, 12 of them in radar operation.

"When I was stationed in the upper peninsula of Michigan, we had whole groups of UFOs. We tracked them on radar and scrambled jets after them that chased them around the sky. Over a period of 12 years, I'd say I tracked at least 50 UFOs."

Did the jets ever catch up with them? "No," Simpson replied. "Our planes would go up to around 52,000 feet, their normal limit, and the pilots would report the UFOs were 30,000 to 40,000 feet still higher."

Former Master Sgt. Sullivan spent 28 years in the Air Force. For 18 of them he was a radar operator at air bases in Japan and the U.S.

"I couldn't give you the exact number of UFOs I tracked on radar, but it must have been in the hundreds," he told us. "A lot of times we'd scramble jets after them." But only once did a pilot succeed in getting close to one — at an Air Force base near Masawa, Japan, in 1951.

"An officer pilot named Brigham was in the air and I was in radio contact with him when he sighted something and went after it," Sullivan said. "He radioed, 'I've never seen such a thing! It's round — I don't know what it is — when I started closing in on it, it must have — it's gone, Sully, it's gone! Just gone!' When he landed he reported the incident. The next day they shipped him out of there."

"But in 1968 I made a telephone call to Peterson Field, and recognized the voice at the other end as Brigham's."

"I asked him what had happened after the incident in Japan."

"He said, 'I can't talk about it. They took me to Washington and that's all I can tell you. I still can't discuss it and I'm told not to.'"

# UFO – Phantoms in chase over South Tehran

TEHRAN — Two jet fighters of the Imperial Iranian Air Force were chased by a brightly lit, unidentified flying object over the suburbs of Tehran on Saturday night authorities revealed Sunday.

The UFO was first sighted by Mehrabad Airport Control Tower officials who said the object was flying at an altitude of about 6,000 feet over the southern area of the city flashing alternate red, blue and green lights.

The control tower authorities immediately informed the Air Force which sent two Phantoms off in pursuit of the reported UFO.

The two Phantom pilots eventually caught up with what they described as a "round body" due south of Tehran but, as the aircraft approached, the UFO increased speed to what was reported as "many times the speed of sound" and then turned in its course to chase the Phantoms.

One of the pilots said that although the Phantoms broke the sound barrier it was impossible to catch up with the object.

Late Saturday night the Ettela'at evening daily reporter who broke the story in Tehran, said that highly informed sources had told him that the pilots tried to open fire on the object when it became obvious it was changing its course against them but, inexplicably, their electronically operated devices failed to respond.

The same sources told the Ettela'at reporter that once the object came into a five kilometer radius with the Phantoms all electronic appliances on their aircraft went out of action and they lost radio control.

The UFO reportedly gave chase only for a short while before taking off at great speed and disappearing over the hills south of Rey.

One of the pilots, authorities said, reported to Mehrabad Control Tower during the chase that he had seen a "bright object" separate from the UFO and fall into

the hills below. He described it as a "round body" with a circumference of about 4.5 meters which would indicate the reported UFO was of quite massive size.

The Gendarmerie post at Aminabad outside of Rey, was immediately alerted and an all-night search took place over the hills in the region to try and find the object.

Late Sunday night reports on whether or not the Gendarmerie search party had found anything were conflicting. One source said that nothing had been found in the hunt that continued on into Sunday morning while others reported that "something" had been found.

The authenticity of the object, however, already confirmed by several control tower officials at Mehrabad and the two pilots, was further backed up Sunday night by eyewitness reports from the area. People in the vicinity reported having seen a "bright body" flit across the sky while others claimed to have seen "some bright thing" falling from the sky.

Investigations into the unusual circumstances are still continuing.

Saturday's spotting of a flying saucer was not the first reported in Iran. Many cases of people spotting unidentified flying objects have been previously investigated with the last being reported from Buyril near Bushehr last May.

There, people claimed they had seen a "flying object encircled by blue and purple lights" landing in a deserted spot. No evidence was found to support this claim, however.

Earlier in April a less serious claim was made by a man from Chalus who said he had been "whisked aboard a flying saucer in the woods and carried off to Isfahan."

The last event occurred on the 13th day of the Persian new year, a day of national picnics, and dozens of people out in the same area reported that they too had seen a mysterious object passing by.

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TEHRAN, IRAN  
TEHRAN JOURNAL  
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## 'I was taken inside the flying saucer', man claims

TEHRAN — The Ettela'at offices continued to be flooded with reports from people who claim to have seen flying saucers.

After last week's report of a UFO being chased by jets of the Imperial Iranian Air Force, newspaper offices were swamped by people claiming to have seen a 'bright thing in the sky.'

One man claimed yesterday that he had actually been kidnapped by strange beings, and taken inside a flying saucer. Ahmad Bani Ahmad, 56, a researcher in Iranian history, said he had been reluctant to tell the story of his encoun-

ter 'with beings from another planet' earlier because he thought people would make fun of him.

But now, after the UFO was seen by so many people, he no longer fears ridicule.

He said that last weekend, he and his wife were visiting Tabriz lake. "My attention was caught by a glittering body that landed about 100 yards from my car. My wife and I were terrified. The round object was about four or five meters across, and there was a small window in the side. Two beings similar in shape to Egyptian mummies stepped out."

LINCOLNSHIRE, ENGLAND  
LINCOLNSHIRE STANDARD  
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## UFO spotters

IF YOU'RE one for long words and horticultural mysteries, read on.

But first recall our story last week of the UFO — unidentified flowering object — in the garden of Mr H. H. Casswell of Hobhole Bank, New Leake.

Said he: "It suddenly appeared and just grew and grew." It resembles remotely an overgrown foxglove and is six feet high, and Mr Casswell said he would like to hear if anyone thinks they can identify it.

Two readers, who studied the photograph which went with the story, think they have a clue. But it doesn't seem to be the same one.

Mr Billy Wilkinson of St Michael's Lane, Wainfleet St Mary, says he has had these plants (if in fact Mr Casswell's is the same) in his garden for three years. One is nine feet four inches high and has a buttercup yellow flower, and Mr

Wilkinson calls them Alkaperious.

### LEG PULL

But from Mr Bill Skelton of Woodhall Spa comes a much longer guess. He tells us: "Not knowing the colour of the flowers or the texture of the leaf, my inexperienced opinion is that it is a Mullein, or Aaron's Rod of the genus *verbascum thapsus*, family Scrophulariaceae.

"If so, the flowers would be yellow and the leaves furry. Many years ago the wool from the stem and leaves was used to make lamp wicks. It is a rare plant growing wild on some sandy soils — I'm not sure about the shape of that head, which may be a mutation."

And, perhaps with "Call My Bluff" in mind, Mr Skelton adds mysteriously: "I bet you think I'm pulling your leg!"

ESSEX, ENGLAND  
ESSEX CHRONICLE  
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## 230 UFOs spotted every year

THE Essex sky at night is right out of this world, say flying saucer experts.

An amazing average of 230 U.F.O.'s are spotted county wide every year.

And now a special team of investigators are set to descend in our strange alien land.

"We want people to help us on night watches in certain parts of Essex," said Barry King, of the British U.F.O. Research Association.

"The county has the second highest number of sightings in the country . . . not far behind

Wiltshire.

"We're hoping that scientists and people with technical abilities will help us set up a number of bases in the area.

"We get so many U.F.O. reports it's just impossible to follow them all up at the moment."

Mysterious shapes and things that go bump in the night have already been brought into focus by Chelmsford's own Flying Saucer Study Group.

At a meeting on Friday, the group announced plans for the new sci-fi-style sky-search.

# The Air Force and the bright thing in the sky

KAYHAN, IRAN  
KAYHAN INTERNATIONAL  
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**A**ND now ... the REAL story about that "UFO".

Unfortunately, it's not quite as exciting as the tales we've been hearing over the last day or two about the bright light "thing" that allegedly had the audacity to chase two jets of the Imperial Iranian Air Force across Tehran.

Nevertheless, the true facts as outlined by an official source yesterday still have the ring of science fiction about them.

The source said individuals telephoned Mehrabad Airport's control tower to report a bright light in the night sky. Two jets were scrambled to investigate and one of the pilots reported seeing an object with a light so bright it illuminated the ground below. But the apparition soon disappeared and ... that's it.

The pilot did not report seeing red, blue and green flashing lights

as the newspaper reports said. And most emphatically, said the source, it did not switch round and chase the jets.

The newspaper reports also said that when the object came to within five kilometres of the jets, all electrical appliances on the aircraft went out of action, they lost radio contact with the ground and could not fire on the object as they intended.

Not so, said the official. The pilots made no attempt to open fire and at no time did the aircrafts' electronic gear fail to function.

And, since everything on the plane from controls to fuel pump is electronically operated, it's a little puzzling to figure out how the plane could possibly have kept in the air anyway.

The official summed it all up by saying the reports, which first appeared in afternoon papers on Sunday, were "exaggerated." A reported verbatim conversation between Pilot 'J' and ground control, in which he reported the different lights and the chase, left the official "frankly puzzled."

But he agreed that there was no apparent explanation for what the pilot DID see.

Well, far be it from us to scoff at the UFO theory. After all, they have just opened a special airport in France for UFOs, arguing that the reason none have landed on earth before is that there was nowhere for them to land.

Perhaps our UFO lost its way in the dark.

Investigations are continuing.

## Strange findings, weird lights.....

It begins like the classic Sci-Fi Saturday night special at the drive-in. In fact, it was on the way from a Saturday night drive-in that the Hoods of Valentia first caught a glimpse of what was to come.

Driving along a stretch of country road near their R.R. 2, Little Britain home a few weeks ago, Don and Laurie Hood, and friends, thought Paul Hood, 17, was kidding when he spotted a strange object out the car window.

"It was no joke," said Laurie Hood, 14. "We all saw it. It was right over the top of the trees and lights were flashing. I've never seen anything like it before."

But when the car approached the spot, it suddenly darted off, very quickly at rapid speed.

Laurie describes the sighting as only "mysterious". She'll say nothing else about it. "I can't say what it was," she said. "Only that I've seen nothing like it before."

When the Hood teen-agers got home, they discovered it was easier to see something than to explain it. Mr. and Mrs. Hood doubted the object their children had seen was nothing out of the ordinary.

The doubt lasted only days, however, until Paul and Don

found a 35-foot diameter patch of burned, swirled, and flattened marshland near a split rail fence located under a quarter mile from the Hood property.

There are six "pot marks" ... grapefruit-size depressions in the ground, and the grass is swirled in a counter-clockwise direction. The huge circle is clearly visible and can be easily made out from the surrounding swampy field.

The boys spotted it while mending fences on the property.

For about two weeks now, a steady stream of cars have brought the curious, and Laurie said that the spot has been trampled quite a bit.

Her friends proved as skeptical as any...until they've seen the evidence, according to Laurie.

Although she did experience fear when she spotted the object weeks before, Laurie is not afraid now, and neither are any other members of her family.

"I don't think anyone is afraid," she said. "I don't think anyone wants to hurt us."

What has been sparked, however, is an intense curiosity.

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MELBOURNE, VIC. AUST  
SUN  
SEP. 28, 1976

TEHRAN, IRAN  
TEHRAN JOURNAL  
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## MYSTERY FLARES SIGHTED

**MANDURAH, To-**day: Four mystery flares were sighted in Mandurah late last night and the Emergency Water Rescue Group was put on alert.

Police contacted the Victoria Quay police and checked boat ramps in Mandurah to see if any boats were missing.

Boat owners were also contacted.

When Victoria Quay reported that it had not seen the flares, and when the police discovered that no boats were missing from Mandurah, the alert was called off.

"The flares are unexplained; they are a complete mystery," a police spokesman said.

## Flying saucers? Wait and see, say spacemen

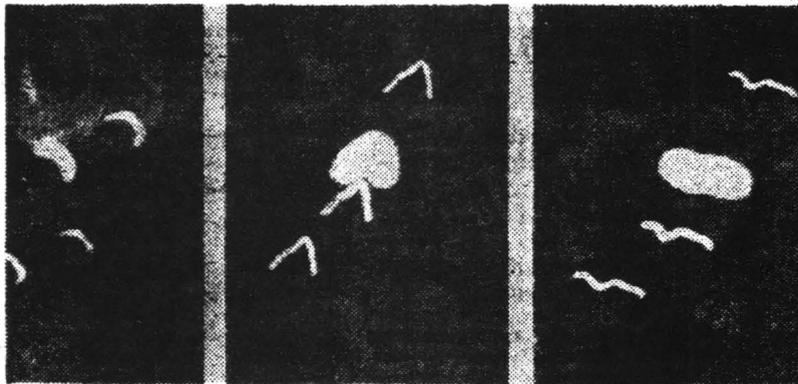
**TEHRAN —** The Soviet cosmonauts who were members of the Soyuz-Apollo joint operation adopted a wait and see attitude toward Unidentified Flying Objects in discussions with reporters yesterday.

"We have a lot of facts which prove UFOs are in existence, and on the basis of

those facts plus man's fantasy we can assume that there are manned spacecraft from other solar systems, but that they have not entered earth's atmosphere," Valerie Kubasov said at Imperial Aero Club headquarters at Mehrabad Airport.

# A Otro "show" de OVNI en Latinoamérica

En forma casi simultánea, los enigmáticos OVNI han sido vistos en los alrededores de nuestra patagónica Viedma (Río Negro) y en un pueblo del sur del Perú. El "show" espacial tuvo distintas características. En el caso argentino, no es la primera vez que ocurre en ese lugar.



Entre las últimas fotografías aceptadas como "serias" del fenómeno OVNI figura esta secuencia, captada en Estados Unidos en octubre de 1973.

Los objetos voladores no identificados han vuelto a aparecer en nuestro cielo. Según informaciones distribuidas por la agencia Noticias Argentinas, los meteorólogos Walter Gallo y Edgardo Barbero, pertenecientes al aeroparque Gobernador Castello, de Viedma, Río Negro, avistaron repetidamente platillos luminosos a partir del 14 de julio último.

## ◆ Así empezó

Ese día, al decir de ambos, vieron dos OVNI evolucionando entre las 5.30 y las 7.30. Afirmaron que tres personas que los acompañaban también fueron testigos de la escena y de "la alteración del barómetro que indicó un brusco e inexistente descenso de la presión atmosférica".

Aquella primera visión fue seguida, el domingo último por la aparición, también en las proximidades del aeropuerto, "de un cuerpo del tamaño de una pelota de fútbol que —según Gallo— sobrevoló durante una hora".

## ◆ Se repitió

Y el lunes ya fueron tres los OVNI observados que, siempre por declaraciones de los meteorólogos —que afirman había otros testigos pero no dan a conocer su identidad— "aparecieron después de las 20, siendo uno de los cuerpos mayor que los otros dos, que lo escoltaban muy velozmente, sin perder distancia entre sí". Después de la aparición Gallo y Barbero comprobaron azorados que el barómetro había registrado dos horas antes un "violento e inexplicable descenso de la presión atmosférica, característica solo atribuible a fuentes de tormenta, turbonadas o líneas de estabilidad, nada de lo cual se produjo", explicaron.

## ◆ Y sigue...

Anteayer, martes, otra vez apareció un cuerpo luminoso con destellos rojos y verdes —como todos los anteriores— zigzagueando alrededor de las 19.30, el sur del aeropuerto de Viedma. Y de inmediato, siempre a estar de lo relatado por los meteorólogos, el operador de la torre de control avistó tres al Oeste, "dos pequeños y uno grande, como el del lunes", dijeron. Las evoluciones habrían durado una hora.

En ninguna ocasión, a pesar de que los OVNI estuvieron maniobrando largo tiempo, se tomaron fotos o películas del fenómeno. Tampoco parece haber declaraciones de otros testigos; incluso se desconoce la identidad del operador de la torre, citado por Gallo y Barbero. El misterio sigue envolviendo el episodio pero ahora quizá muchos serán los vecinos de Viedma que observarán el cielo esperando las insólitas apariciones.

## ¿Qué pasó en Perú?

En coincidencia con las visiones de Viedma, un matrimonio peruano residente en la provincia de Carabaya, a 1.250 kilómetros al sudeste de Lima, Perú, dice haberse topado frente a frente con dos seres extraterrestres.

En realidad el que cuenta la historia es Leoncio Jara Torres, de 55 años, pues su esposa Elena Duenas, de 50, se desmayó al ver descender a 30 metros de donde ellos estaban "una nave de 3 metros de altura por 20 de diámetro que irradiaba fuerte luminosidad".

El hecho ocurrió en una zona rural, un paraje denominado Accopampa donde la pareja conversaba en el interior de un camión. "De la nave salieron dos figuras con aspecto humano —relató el sorprendido Jara Torres—. Nos iluminaron con potentes linternas, se acercaron hasta el camión y nos tocaron en la espalda. Mi mujer se desmayó. Yo quedé mudo de espanto".

## ◆ Gran susto

Al ser alcanzado por los dedos de los supuestos extraterrestres Jara Torres afirmó "sentir como que algo me quemaba. Un calor intenso que llegó hasta los huesos". Sin embargo, atendido luego en un puesto sanitario solo presentaba signos de una gran conmoción.

"Los seres luminosos se dirigieron luego a la nave y tras penetrar en ella levantaron vuelo vertical y vertiginosamente", terminó por relatar el camionero. Ahora la policía inició investigaciones caratuladas como "secretas", pero lo que pudieron comprobar los periodistas es que en el sitio indicado por Torres como asiento de la nave quedaron singulares huellas.

## B

### Emergencia Aérea en Lisboa por un "Plato Volador"

LISBOA, 23 (Associated Press). — Un "plato volador" —con una gran luz y cuatro más pequeñas— provocó esta semana una emergencia aérea.

Un periódico dice que un Boeing 707 de la empresa TAP ascendió, después de despegar del aeropuerto de Lisboa con destino a Johannesburgo, cuando sus tripulantes y pasajeros fueron encandilados por las luces. El copiloto, que en ese momento tenía a su cargo los controles, viró justo a tiempo para evitar un choque.

El objeto giró a la izquierda y se desintegró, dice el diario. El capitán del aparato exclamó: "Formidable, muchacho".

## ◆ EN MEXICO

MEXICO, 23 (EFE). — No menos de 25 OVNI fueron vistos en dos Estados mexicanos.

Un médico de la localidad de San Cristóbal de Las Casas, en Chiapas, telefonó hoy a diversas agencias informativas, para comunicar que en la pasada madrugada, en un lugar cercano a su domicilio, él y varias personas más vieron con asombro 12 OVNI.

Al menos seis automovilistas que vieron los objetos voladores observaron extrañados cómo sus vehículos, durante 15 minutos no arrancaban.

Asimismo, también esta madrugada, varios centenares de personas vieron sobre el cielo de Baja California otros 15 OVNI.

## C OVNIS en la Otra Orilla

MONTEVIDEO, 30 (United Press International y EFE).

— Dos objetos voladores no identificados (OVNI) fueron vistos en campos del departamento de Tacuarembó, a 300 kilómetros de esta capital, según revelaron hoy despachos de prensa. De acuerdo con esos informes, en dos ocasiones, el 1º de agosto y el 13 de setiembre, un objeto con forma similar a un embudo dado vuelta fue visto por numerosas personas. En la parte superior despedía un haz de luz brillante, y desde sus ventanillas salían luces de varios colores. En ninguno de los casos los testigos pudieron ver a supuestos "tripulantes" de los OVNI, pese a que observaron los objetos desde corta distancia, y uno de ellos se posó en la tierra por tres o cuatro minutos, según aseguraron. Los despachos dicen que autoridades policiales pudieron ver marcas visibles de que el aparato se había posado en el suelo, constatando que el pasto estaba parcialmente quemado.

Los testigos que informaron de su descubrimiento coincidieron en señalar que el objeto tendría entre 13 y 15 metros de diámetro y dos metros de altura. Uno de ellos, el que descendió, levantó vuelo lentamente y luego aumentó su velocidad hasta desaparecer en la penumbra. La aparición de los dos OVNI se registró en el mismo lugar, en un paraje denominado Peralta, que parecería estar dotado de un poder de atracción especial para esos extraños objetos. Principal testigo de la primera aparición fue Jorge Arturo Aguiar, peón rural de una importante cabaña de la zona. Dijo que el OVNI iluminaba el campo con dos poderosas haces de luz blanca, como si fueran faros de automóvil.

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### Unas 200 Personas Han Visto a un OVNI en un Camping de Santander

SANTANDER, España (AFP). — Un plato volador fue visto por unas 200 personas en un camping de la localidad de Laredo, cerca de aquí, se informó. El OVNI (objeto volador no identificado), de unos 15 metros de diámetro y forma circular, se mantuvo inmóvil encima del camping durante 5 minutos, lanzando destellos azulados, y luego desapareció súbitamente, dijeron testigos.

## E El primer "ovniuerto"

PARIS (Le Figaro). — "Ovniuerto". Se trata del nombre del primer campo de aterrizaje para objetos voladores no identificados creado en Francia y, sin duda, en el mundo. Fue inaugurado oficialmente en Ares, pequeña comuna sobre la cuenca del Arcachon.

Un electrotécnico en seguridad aérea del aeropuerto de Burdeos-Mérignac fue quien imaginó este medio para atraer a los "ovni". Según su parecer, si éstos se ponen tan poco de manifiesto es porque no se ha previsto nada para darles la bienvenida. Así, gracias a algunas balizas y a una manga de aire, se ha llenado una omisión.

Quizá sea el comienzo de una industria de gran futuro. Si la iniciativa de Arcachon logra éxito —extraterrestres mediante—, pronto se verá a los hoteleros reservar "habitaciones para ovnistas". ¿Irán las municipalidades hasta explotar esta nueva fuente de ingresos? Nosotros desde ya sugerimos la construcción de zonas de estacionamiento provistas de "parquímetros de ovni".

## UFO

PERTH, AUSTRALIA  
NEWS  
SEP. 17, 1976

### RESIDENTS reported seeing a "mysterious" bright flashing light over Glenroy last night.

Four people phoned The Sun with similar descriptions of the thing.

Mrs Joyce Johnson, of Halsbury St., Glenroy, said the light was visible for at least an hour from 7 p.m.

"It was like a falling

star but it kept swinging in the sky with a bright flashing light," she said.

Another resident said the light hovered briefly

RAAF public relations officer Frank Marshall said he had not been told of any sightings.

## F VIERON OVNI CON SUS TRIPULANTES

LIMA, 8 (ANSA). — Un Objeto Volador No Identificado (OVNI) interceptó a una pareja de esposos que viajaba en un camión por la carretera que une las localidades de Ollachea y Ayaviri, en la región sur del país, en las proximidades de la frontera con Bolivia.

La información, publicada hoy por el tablóid limeño "Ojo", dijo además que "dos tripulantes de la extraña nave, de aspecto humanoide, y de aproximadamente 1,75 metros de estatura, tocaron a los esposos por la espalda".

Protagonistas de esta experiencia son el comerciante Leoncio Jara Torres y su esposa Elena Duenas de Jara.

Asustados y nerviosos, los esposos comunicaron a las autoridades de Ayaviri que el OVNI apareció ante sus ojos a una velocidad extraordinaria y despidiendo luces de colores intermitentes, cerca del lugar denominado "Acco Pampa", antes de ingresar al túnel.

El "aparato" se posó a unos treinta metros del camión. Luego vieron que dos tripulantes de aspecto humanoide y portando dos potentes linternas se acercaron a ellos y llegaron incluso a tocarlos por la espalda.

"Sentimos un calor terrible; sus manos prácticamente quemaban nuestros cuerpos", dijeron muy asustados Leoncio y Elena, según el mencionado diario limeño.

Recordando la forma del OVNI, la pareja de esposos manifestó que tenía una altura de tres metros y dos de diámetro. "La nave tenía también dos ventanas a los costados", agregaron.

Leoncio Jara reveló que su esposa Elena sufrió un desmayo al sentir las manos de los tripulantes sobre su espalda. "Yo en cambio me quedé mudo... No atiné a nada", añadió.

Finalmente, según "Ojo", los humanoides retornaron a la nave y partieron a una velocidad increíble. Los esposos Jara Torres tardaron varias horas en recuperarse de la extraordinaria experiencia. Más tarde fueron revisados por un grupo de médicos, los cuales no constataron lesión alguna en sus cuerpos.

## TRANSLATIONS:

1) City and country of incident: Viedma, Argentina \*

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Accopampa, Perú (see also translation of clip from Crónica paper of 9/8/76 for the Peruvian case)

2) Date of incident: 9/13/76 \*

3) Name of paper and date of clip: Clarín - 9/16/76

4) City and country of newspaper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

Left side of photograph: Almost simultaneously the enigmatic UFOs have been seen in the vicinity of Viedma (Rio Negro Province in the Patagonia) and in a village in southern Perú. The space "show" had different patterns. In the Argentine case it is not the first time it happens in that area.

Right side of photograph: Among the last photographs accepted as "serious" is this sequence shot in the U.S. in October 1973.

### ANOTHER UFO SHOW IN LATIN AMERICA

UFOs have reappeared in our skies. According to news distributed by the agency Noticias Argentinas, meteorologists Walter Gallo and Edgardo Barbero, of the Gobernador Castello airport in Viedma, Río Negro, have repeatedly sighted luminous discs as of July 14th last.

\* It started like this

That day, according to them, they saw two UFOs between 5.30 and 7.30 am. They stated that three other people accompanying them also witnessed the scene as well as the "alteration of the barometer which indicated a sudden and inexistent fall in the atmospheric pressure." That first sighting was followed last Sunday by the appearance also in the vicinity of the airport, "of a body the size of a football which—according to Gallo—flew over it during one hour".

\* A repetition

And on Monday three UFOs were sighted which, always according to the meteorologists' statements—who claim there were other witnesses, the identity of whom was not disclosed—"appeared after 8 pm, one of the bodies being larger than the other two which escorted it at high speed, without losing the distance between them". After the appearance Gallo and Barbero were surprised to notice that the barometer had registered two hours previously a "violent and inexplicable fall of the atmospheric pressure, a characteristic only attributable to storms, squalls or stability lines, none of which occurred", they said.

\* Continued...

Day before yesterday, Tuesday, a luminous body with red and green flashes -like all the others- reappeared, zigzagging, around 7.30 pm in the southern part of the Viedma airport. And immediately, according to the meteorologists' report, the operator at the control tower sighted three in the West, "two small and one large, like the one on Monday", they said. Evolutions allegedly lasted one hour.

At no time, in spite of the UFOs maneuvering a long time, photographs or films were made of the phenomenon. There neither seem to be statements by the other witnesses; even the identity of the operator of the control tower cited by Gallo and Barbero is unknown.

Mystery continues enveloping the occurrence, but maybe now there will be many more neighbors scanning the sky waiting for the unusual appearances.

#### WHAT HAPPENED IN PERU?

In coincidence with the Viedma sightings, a Peruvian couple of the province of Carabaya, 1,250 km SW of Lima, Perú, claims having run face to face into extraterrestrial beings.

Really, the one who tells the story is Leoncio Jara Torres, 55, because his wife Elena Duenas, 50, fainted when she saw descending 30 meters from them "a craft 3 meters high by 20 meters diameter which emitted a powerful light".

The incident took place in a rural area, called Accopampa, where the couple were talking in a truck. "From the craft descended two human looking figures -expressed a surprised Jara Torres-. They shone two powerful flashlights at us, approached the truck and touched us on the back. My wife fainted. I was scared stiff".

#### \* A great scare

On being touched by the extraterrestrial fingers Jara Torres claimed "feeling as if something burned me. An intense heat that went to my bones". However, on being assisted later at a sanitary post he only had signs of a deep commotion.

"The luminous beings then went back towards the craft and after entering it took off vertically and at terrific speed", finished the trucker. The police has now started "secret" investigations, but what reporters were able to prove is that strange traces remained in the landing place indicated by Torres.

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- 1) City and country of incident: LISBON, PORTUGAL
- 2) Date of incident: Week of September 20/24, day not specified
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: Crónica - 9/23/76
- 4) City and country of newspaper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

#### AERIAL EMERGENCY IN LISBON DUE TO A "FLYING DISC"

LISBON, 23 (Associated Press).- A "flying disc" -with one big and four small lights- caused an aerial emergency this week. A newspaper reports that a Boeing 707 of TAP was taking off from Lisbon airport towards Johannesburg when its crew and passengers were blinded by the lights. The copilot who at that time was in charge of the controls, veered just in time to avoid a collision. According to the paper, the object veered towards the left and disintegrated. The captain of the plane exclaimed : "Formidable, my boy!"

#### \* In México

MEXICO, 23 (EFE) - No less than 25 UFOs were seen in two Mexican States. A doctor from San Cristóbal de las Casas, in Chiapas, phone today the different press agencies to report that in the early hours of yesterday morning near his home, he and several other people saw 12 UFOs.

At least six drivers who saw the strange flying objects were surprised to see that their cars would not start for 15 minutes.

Also this morning several hundreds of people saw another 15 UFOs over the sky of Southern California.

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- 1) City and country of incident: Tacuarembó, Uruguay
- 2) Dates of incidents: 8/1/76 and 9/13/76 (the latter date the same as the Viedma, Argentina, case-J.T.)
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: Crónica - October 1, 1976
- 4) City and country of newspaper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

UFOs ACROSS THE RIVER

MONTEVIDEO, 30 (UPI and EFE) - Two UFOs were sighted in the department of Tacuarembó, 300 km from this capital, according to today's press reports. According to them, on August 1st and September 13th an object similar to an upturned funnel was seen by many people. The upper part emitted a brilliant beam of light and its windows, variously colored lights. In none of the cases the witnesses could see the UFO's alleged "crew" in spite of having observed the objects from a short distance, and that one of them landed for three or four minutes, as they claimed. The reports state that police officers could see the marks left by the landed craft, also noticing that the grass was partially burned.

Witnesses that reported on their discovery coincided in their statements that the object could have been some 13/15 meters in diameter and 2 meters high. The one that landed took off slowly and then increased its speed until it disappeared in the penumbra. Both UFOs appeared in the same place, a site called Peralta which seems to have a special attraction for these strange objects. The main witness of the first sighting was Jorge Arturo Aguerre, a rural worker of an important ranch in the region. He claimed that the UFO lighted the field with two powerful beams of white light similar to those of a car.

Transl.: Jane Thomas-Baires, 10/15/76

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- 1) City and country of incident: Santander, Spain
- 2) Date of incident: ?
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: La Razón, 9/11/76
- 4) City and country of newspaper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

SOME 200 PEOPLE SAW A UFO IN A CAMPING SITE IN SANTANDER

Santander, Spain (AFP) - It was reported that a flying disc was seen by some 200 people in a camping place of Laredo, near here. The UFO, some 15 meters diameter and circular, remained stationary over the camping for 5 minutes, emitted bluish flashes and then suddenly disappeared, according to witnesses.

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(1) **CRONICA** clipping (as per attachment) also adds: "Recalling the UFO's shape, the couple said it was three meters high and 2 meters diameter (see also Clarin clip dated 9/16/76 under "WHAT HAPPENED IN PERU?", wherein it states "3 meters high by 20 meters diameter"). They also added the ship had two windows at the sides". Leoncio Jara explained that his wife fainted when she felt the crews' hands on her back. "I, instead, was dumb... I couldn't think of anything", he added. Finally, according to "Ojo", the humanoids entered the craft and left at incredible speed. The Jara Torres couple could not recover from the extraordinary experience for several hours. They were later seen by a group of doctors, who found no injury whatsoever in their bodies.

Note: The clip from "La Razón" is not included because the text is the same as that published in **CRONICA**, the latter being more complete. JT.

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- 1) City and Country of incident: Ares, France
- 2) Date of incident: ?
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: La Nación - 8/24/76
- 4) City and country of newspaper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

THE FIRST "UFOPORT"

PARIS (Le Figaro) - "UFOport". This is the name of the first landing place for UFOs created in France and undoubtedly, in the world. It was officially inaugurated at Ares, a small community on the basin of the Arcachon.

An electrical engineer in aerial security of the Burdeos-Mérignac airport first imagined this means of attracting the UFOs. According to him, if the latter's appearances are so scarce it is because nothing has been foreseen to welcome them. So, thanks to a few beacons and an air sleeve, an omission has been excepted.

It may be the beginning of a future profitable industry. If the Arcachon initiative is successful -with extraterrestrial help-, hotel owners will soon be seen reserving "rooms for UFOists". Maybe the municipalities will profit by this new income source? We personally suggest the urgent construction of parking areas provided with "UFO parking meters".

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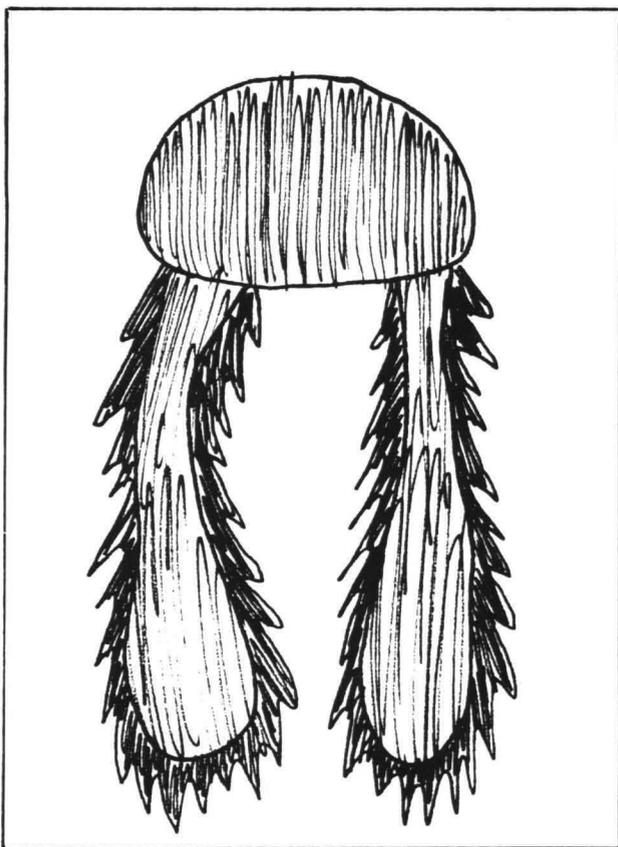
- 1) City and country of incident: Ollachea/Ayaviri, Perú
- 2) Date of incident: ?
- 3) Name of papers and date of clip: La Razón - 9/8/76 - **CRONICA**, same date
- 4) City and country of newspaper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

THEY SAY TWO SPACE BEINGS TOUCH PEOPLE IN PERU

LIMA (ANSA) - A UFO intercepted a couple that drove a truck on the highway that links Ollachea and Ayaviri, in the Southern part of the country, near the frontier with Bolivia. The information published by the Peruvian paper "Ojo" (Eye) said also that "two of the strange vessel's humanoid crew approx. 1.75 meters tall, touched the couple on the back". Witnesses of this experience are Leoncio Jara Torres and his wife, Elena Duenas de Jara. Scared and nervous the couple informed the Ayaviri authorities that the UFO appeared before them at extraordinary speed and emitting intermitently colored lights, near the place called Acco Pampa, before entering the tunnel. The "craft" landed some 30 meters from the truck. Then they saw that two of the humanoid looking crew and carrying two powerful flashlights approached them and even touched them on the back. "We felt a terrible heat; their hands practically burned our bodies", they both told the paper, very scared. (1) see below

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August 17, 1976  
 NAMIB TIMES  
 Namibia, Southwest Africa

From: Joe Brill

This strange phenomena (illustrated above) was observed yesterday (Aug 16th) morning at approximately 6:30 a.m. in the sky over the wilderness in Walvish Bay. Several people notified the Namib Times about the about the appearance of this strange phenomena, which disappeared around 7:30 a.m. in the sky. No one can say for certain what it was.

This same object, or one like it, about a month ago, had the fishermen at sea guessing about it. One of our readers, Mr. Dieter Krauer clearly observed the top, (with a round ball underneath) shining brilliantly. The two light extensions were also shining and shot off something which looked like sparks.

Mr. Krauer also said that he took some photographs of the strange phenomena, but he believes the distance was too great.

Several other people, among whom were two non-whites, also described the phenomena as in the sketch above of the Namib Times.

Some people referred to the phenomena as a 'Space Monster' and said that with the rising of the sun, the 'Monster' faded and later disappeared completely.

Hierdie snaakse verskynsel (skets hierbo) is gisteroggend omstreeks 06h30 in die lugruim oor die woestyn by Walvisbaai opgemerk. Verskeie persone het die Namib Times verwittig van die snaakse verskynsel wat weer omstreeks 07h30 in die nêl verdwyn het.

Niemand kon tot dusver met reg sê wat se verskynsel dit is nie. Die verskynsel het so wat 'n maand gelede die vissermanne op see ook aan die raai gehad.

Een van ons lesers, mnr. Dieter Krauer het gisteroggend verduidelik dat die kop (ronde bal bo-aan) helder geskyn het. Die twee 'vierke' was ook helder en het iets wat soos vonke lyk afgeskiet. Mnr. Krauer het ook gesê dat hy fotos van die snaakse verskynsel

geneem het, maar hy reken dat die afstand te ver was.

Verskeie ander persone waaronder selfs 'n paar nie-blankes het ook die verskynsel beskryf soos die skets van die Namib Times hierbo.

Sommige persone het na die verskynsel verwys as 'n "ruimteggogga" en gesê dat met die opkoms van die son die "gogga" dowwer geraak, en later heeltemal onsigbaar geraak het.



## Officers Track Creature

WHITEHALL — Police are investigating reports of a large, unidentified creature seen last week in the Town of Whitehall.

The first sighting of the creature, which some have referred to as the notorious "Bigfoot," was reported last Tuesday by Marty Paddock of Whitehall and Paul Gosselin of Low Hampton.

They were starting out on a camping trip in the Abair Road vicinity when Paddock spotted a huge shape on the side of the road.

They returned to the area twice, reportedly seeing the creature on the third visit as it moved through a field toward Paddock's truck.

Paddock said they left and returned later with a friend and that all three men saw it on that trip, after which they reported the incident to Whitehall police.

Whitehall Police, New York State Police and a Washington County Deputy Sheriff all responded to the scene and searched the area, but were only able to spot the creature from a distance.

Although descriptions vary somewhat, the creature has been widely described by both police officials and civilians as between seven and eight feet tall, very hairy, having pink or red eyes, being afraid of light and as weighing between 300 and 400 pounds.

It reportedly makes a sound that has been described as a loud pig squeal or a woman's scream, or a combination.

The creature also walks upright, rather than on all fours, which has resulted in

the eye-witnesses ruling out the possibility that the mysterious creature was a bear.

Whitehall Police Sgt. Wilfred Gosselin said all he was able to see of the creature was an "awful tall shadow" in the field off Abair Road.

He said based on the descriptions given by his son and friends as well as other policemen, "I'm not saying this is a monster or anything else, but there is something out there, and it's no animal that belongs in the northern part of this state!"

The sergeant said footprints much wider and three times the length of a man's were found in the area. These footprints did not have claws.

The sergeant reported that the creature has not

GLENS FALLS, N.Y.  
THE POST-STAR  
AUG. 30, 1976  
CR: T. BLOECHER

hurt any humans but said it was possible it had killed a deer found in the meadow there.

Brian Gosselin, the sergeant's son and Paul's older brother, a patrolman on the Whitehall force, said he saw the creature on Wednesday.

He said the creature came within 25 feet of his squad car before a state trooper flashed a light in the creature's eyes. Gosselin said the light caused the creature to cover its eyes and run away screaming.

## 'Monster' That Nibbles on Autos Reported in South Pulaski County

LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS  
ARKANSAS GAZETTE  
OCT. 14, 1976  
CR: L. FARISH

By BILL LEWIS  
Of the Gazette Staff

South Pulaski County is an area of pickups and added-onto housetrailerers, of Missionary Baptist and Pentecostal churches, of roadhouses of questionable *ambiance*, of occasional dead opossums along the highway and of good people with a determined preference for the country life, even if it may be somewhat less than gracious.

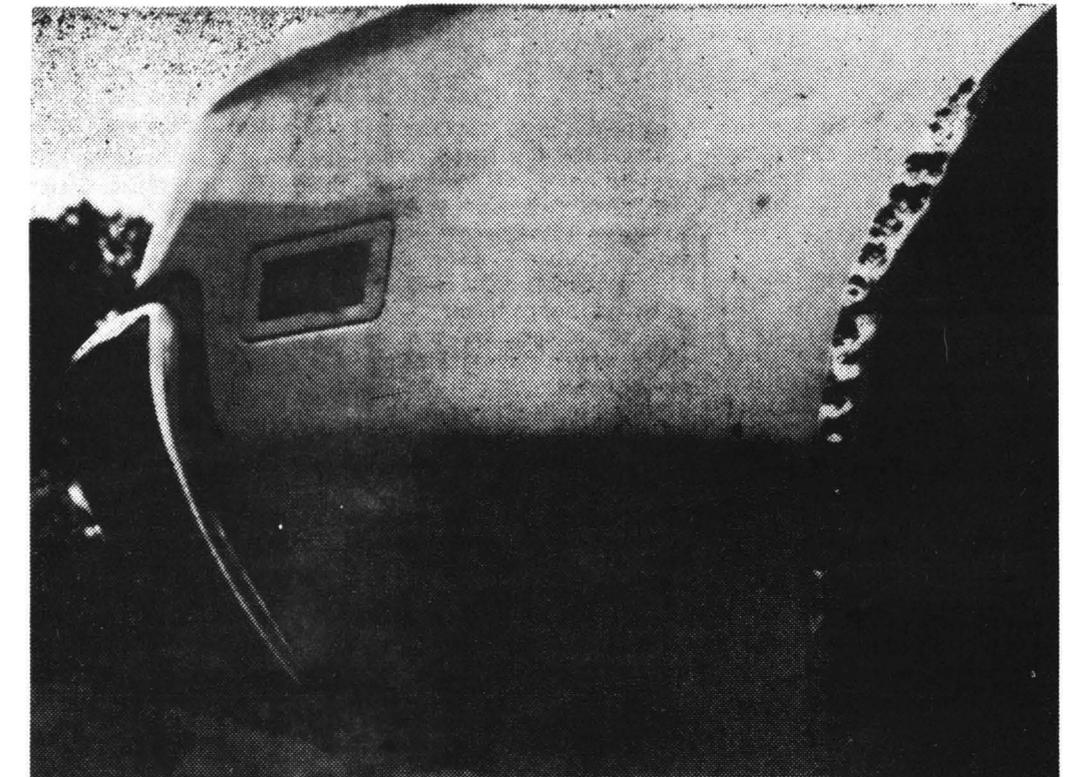
Now it has its very own monster. And one that eats cars, at that.

The victim of this newest genre of fauna is Mrs. Henry Lee's white 1972 Ford Galaxie. The poor car has been chewed all up by some kind of animal with a three-toed footprint about three inches across. It likes wiring, but is especially fond of chrome trim and plastic grille.

Mrs. Lee's grim tale apparently began October 4, a Monday night. When she went to her car to go to work at a plant in the Little Rock Industrial District Tuesday morning, she noticed that her blinker lights on the left side wouldn't blink.

She went on to work, thinking it a routine mechanical failure. Wednesday, her neighborhood mechanic's day off, she discovered that the lights on the right side of her Ford wouldn't blink.

Mrs. Lee had seen some paw marks all along the sides of her car Tuesday, but she attributed them, wrongly, to her pet black kitten.



—Staff Photo

Teeth marks left by the animal on car's fender trim.

En route home after work Thursday, she stopped off at her service station and the mechanic had a look. Nope, he told her, it wasn't bad bulbs. He opened the hood and found wires to the blinker lights pulled loose; the headlight wires had been disconnected and a plug or two unplugged, and some bulbs and even reflectors were missing.

The mechanic did some splicing and got the lights back on.

Then Mrs. Lee noticed that the chrome trim around the left front wheel well had been gnawed on so thoroughly that tooth marks pierced the metal. Closer inspection disclosed scratch marks on the paint, all the way up to the bottom of the windows.

About then, Mrs. Lee's husband, a carpenter, discovered that something had been into his shop and had turned over a barrel of dog food. That night — Thursday — Whatever It Was didn't bother

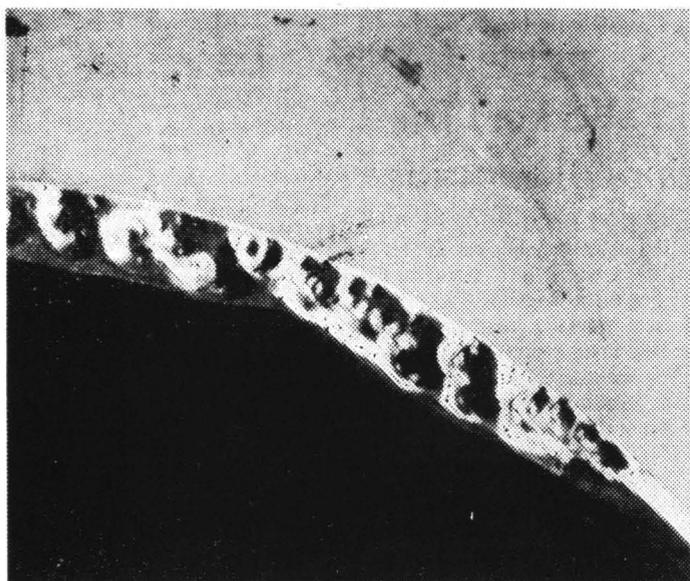
the car, but it returned and cleaned up the rest of the spilled dogfood. (The Lees own two large dogs, but they're kept penned well behind their small house. A yard dog, an ancient beagle, is suspected of deafness. A black kitten and some horses in a pasture nearby have given no alarms.)

Friday night, Whatever got onto the car again. Some neigh-

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# South Pulaski Monster



—Staff Photo

Closeup of trim with teeth marks.

bors, by now thoroughly curious, walked up to learn the latest and picked up some wires from the Lee yard that the Lees had assumed were from a previous raid. But they turned out to be the wires the mechanic had spliced.

There was no raid Saturday night, but Monday morning Lee went out to start his wife's car and came back in to report that it had been attacked again.

"There were paw marks all over the hood and it had broken three places in the grill and chewed some more chrome," she said.

Monday was the Lees' anniversary and their children, who live elsewhere, took them out to dinner to celebrate, leaving home about 6:30 and returning about 9. While they were gone, the phantom animal had been there: The Lees had been sweeping away the tracks after each visit so new telltale pawprints would disclose its presence.

No one has been able to even speculate about what kind of animal leaves three-inch, three-toed prints (without claws, apparently) and likes to eat cars.

Mrs. Lee does have something of a theory, although it doesn't begin to solve the puzzle. A cat had had kittens, and the last two of them at home liked to crawl into the motor compartment for

warmth on recent cold nights. Mrs. Lee knows that has happened because one greeted her beside her car at work one day, having ridden there perched somewhere inside the motor space.

## Big Cat?

Is whatever is eating her car really after a cat that is hiding in the engine compartment? Mrs. Lee thinks it must be some big cat with cannibalistic tendencies, but few agree with her.

The Pulaski County Sheriff's Department sent a deputy out to explain the Lees' rights to them — that they can do in an animal on their own property, if they choose. A son has invited a state Game and Fish Commission staff man out to inspect the paw prints, but by late Tuesday he hadn't made it.

Aside from about five houses or trailers along the Lees' road, the neighborhood is quite remote, with several hundred undeveloped acres immediately behind their home. But Mrs. Lee said they never saw wild animals, although the area is rather heavily hunted.

At least the Lees' insurance agent is sanguine about the whole thing. Don't have the car repaired yet, he suggested: Wait until the monster's appetite is satisfied.

BAKER, LA.  
THE OBSERVER  
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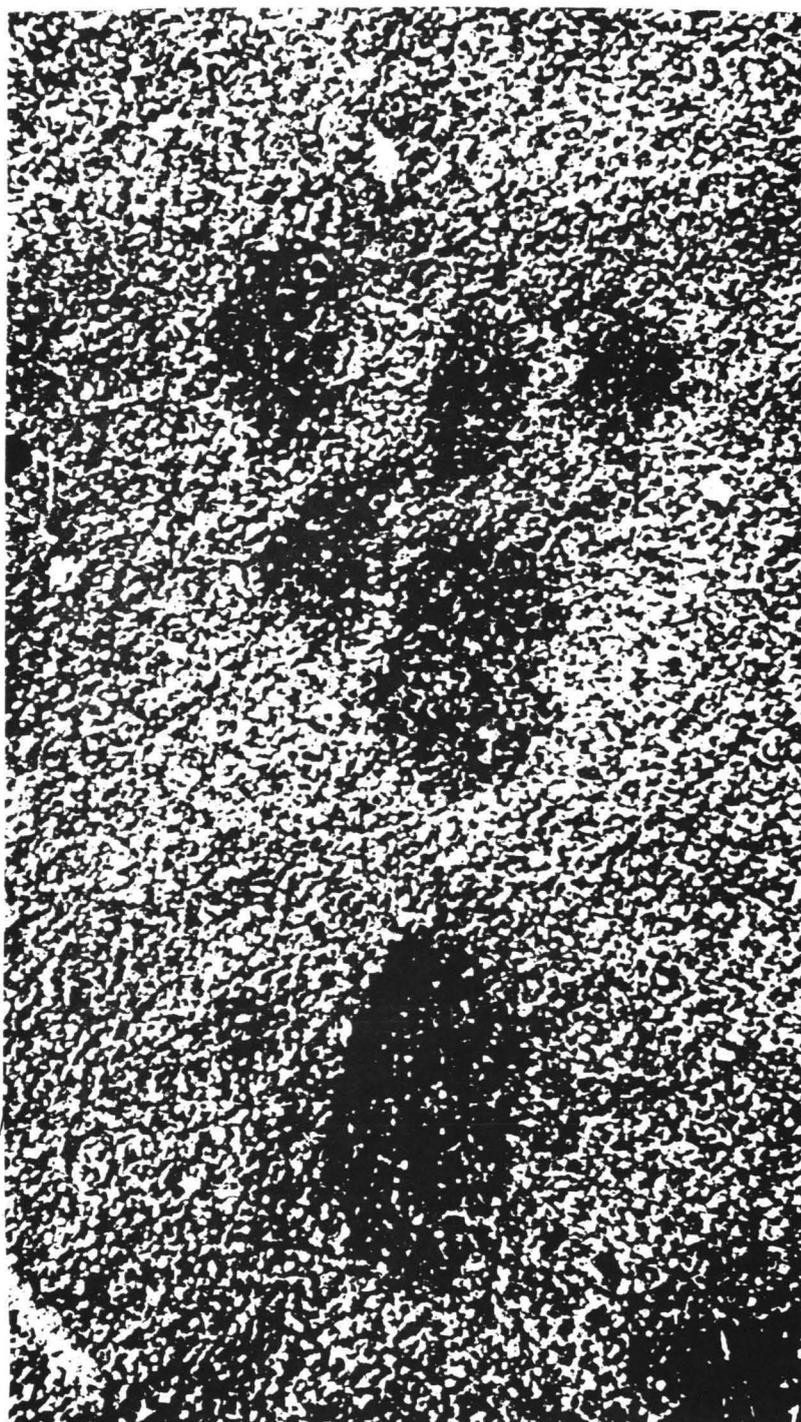
By Bryant Conway

From the state of California, some BIG FOOT hunters have sent several photo copies of the three-toed BIG FOOT. The picture you observe here is chosen as one you can plainly see, although the others are of definite significance. We cast a two-toed one at Angola some time ago and gave the cast away-how unfortunate. In the two toed variety, the big toe appears merged with the next toe and the last three toes appear to have grown together.

Some believe the genetics are fast developing, but in the Bible from Adam to Noah, the genetics take over ten generations to bleach out - Adam through Noah had life span of 900 years, and thereafter reduced to about 75 years now.

The most logical explanation is a transplant from people from space. According to reports from those earth people who have been contacted by the space people, the space people live 13,000 light years away - 65 trillion miles. The North Star is 1,086 light years away about 5 trillion miles away. This makes our Mars probe seem picayune.

The three-toed BIG FOOT tracks from California have been found on the Mojave desert where they use dune buggies. Some of us would jokingly say that is not all they use in California, but it might also reflect on our use here. Anyway, it will be told in a new book called "BIG FOOT", Slate and Berry, Bantam Publishing, July 1976.



# Sasquatch tracks resemble big bear

ROSEBURG, OREGON  
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An expert who looked at tracks reportedly made by Sasquatch in the Umpqua hills says "they sure look like bear tracks to me."

Jim Collins, non-game wildlife biologist at the Roseburg regional office of Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission, accompanied Warren Ward to the area of the tracks on Ward's property.

Ward had said that "if these tracks were not made by Sasquatch then they would have had to have

been made by a grizzly, a real monster."

Ward sighted the large tracks while hunting last week. The tracks measured about 11 inches in length and were seven inches at the widest point.

Sasquatch, or Big Foot, is a human-animal monster reported by various Umpqua area residents as having been in the area over the past few years.

Collins would only say that the tracks "look like" those of a bear but he added that it must have been "a good sized one."

Collins said the fact that the tracks led to and from an old apple orchard in the wooded area led him to believe that it was a bear.

"Bears really like apples," he said.

Contacted this morning, Ward said he's still not convinced that Sasquatch wasn't in the area. "He

(Collins) didn't really say it was a bear; he just showed me pictures of bear tracks in a book and hinted that it was a bear," he said.

Ward also said he's received numerous telephone calls since the article about Sasquatch appeared in Tuesday's News-Review.

"One guy said he had just returned from Alaska and that the tracks didn't appear to be those of a bear. He is going to come out here this afternoon to look at them," Ward said.

He said others also have expressed a desire to look at the tracks.

"I'm going to have to work up some kind of a schedule," he said, "because I don't want to have to be going up there all day long."

Ken Cochran, in charge of the Roseburg regional office, said he has no further plans to investigate the tracks.

## Never Laugh at a Yeti or Attempt to Photograph It, Nepalese Advise Climbers

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reach to his feet and ears like those of a lion.

A famous Nepalese yogi, who makes his home with the sacred monkeys above the famous Pasupatinath Temple in Katmandu, does claim to have seen a Yeti. In an interview some years ago, he said he photographed the Yeti. But the photograph he produced showed only a black figure silhouetted against a mountain.

KATMANDU, Nepal (UPI) — Nepalese have some tips for the American Bicentennial expedition that ascended Mount Everest in the event they happen to meet the Yeti:

A male Yeti, also known as the abominable snowman, is lazy. Nepalese say it prefers handouts to hunting on its own.

Don't try to photograph the Yeti, especially with a flash. They say it prefers privacy and especially detests cameras. Best ignore it.

As for the females, Nepalese say they are more trouble. Legend has it the female is easily

jealous and extremely sharp tempered. Their advice is to run away. Be sure to run down the mountain and never up, even if you happen to be above her. This, they say, is because the female has difficulty running downhill.

Those who know have another bit of advice. They say to avoid laughing at such tips. Yetis are regarded as the palanquin bearers of Lord Shiva, the Hindu lord of the universe who makes his home in Everest.

The 12-member American expedition, as it inched its way to the summit of the world's tallest peak, visited the Thyangboche

Buddhist monastery to view the purported scalp of the only Yeti said to have been caught. The monastery, located below the base camp, permits Everest climbers to view this relic. No one can say if it is really the scalp of a Yeti but no one has said it is not. Just seeing it, however, is said to be a good omen.

When it comes to being elusive, the Yeti is as bad as the Loch Ness monster. Nepalese do not say they have actually seen one. But they invariably say they know of someone who knows of someone who has encountered the shaggy giant with arms that

Although he does not pretend to have seen one, Norman G. Dyhrenfurth, the Swiss-American mountain climber who pioneered the route to Everest in 1952, believes the Yeti exists. So do some other noted climbers.

Dyhrenfurth in one of his expeditions to Everest sighted droppings which, after analysis, were found to belong to no known animals. It is Dyhrenfurth's opinion that Yetis like to live in extremely cold climate and seldom come to areas that humans inhabit.

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### North Carolina's 'critter'

They call him "that thing" in the tobacco lands of eastern North Carolina.

Folks say he stalks the Cape Fear River area in a slumping gait and emits a deathly scream that causes even the most vicious of dogs to cower in terror.

Those who claim to have seen him describe him as a seven-foot tall, ape-like creature with black hair.

Jim Hollingsworth hasn't seen "that thing," but he'd like to.

Hollingsworth, a mental therapist at a state hospital, has made a hobby of tracing down reports of the monster, concentrating his efforts in rural Chatham County, where there have been several reported sightings and where 18-inch, three-toed footprints have been found.

"I'm not saying, 'There's a monster

out there and let's prove it,'" Hollingsworth says. "My purpose is to research and investigate these reports to determine what these people say they are seeing and hearing."

Brody Parker, a Chatham farmer, has no doubts that for 20 minutes last spring he watched a figure seven to eight feet tall with "black fur, sort of hunched over and looking back at me."

For Hollingsworth, who spent time in Washington searching for the "original" five-toed Big Foot, the reports lead only to puzzlement and a strong desire to find out whether, in fact, something exists.

"The idea that some sort of relic biped could still be alive today is fascinating to me," says the former college wildlife major. "The whole thing is unknown in North Carolina, even compared to the Big Foot case, which is also virtually unknown."

Most of the reported sightings — almost all from around the Cape Fear River area — have led to fruitless searches by Hollingsworth, who nonetheless pieces together every bit of in-

formation he can find to complete the puzzle.

"If these creatures do exist around here, they are very shrewd and very cunning," he said. "It could explain why they haven't been shot or captured, again, assuming that they do exist."

If Hollingsworth could only understand the barking and whimpering of dogs, he could have an important link in his chain of investigation. On one excursion, his trained police dog was reduced to nervous quivering.

Residents in Chatham County say their dogs "act up," cowering and whining with fear at some unearthly screaming.

"It's a growly fuss somewhere between the sound of a yearling and an elephant," one farmer said to describe the noise.

Hollingsworth has set up some traps in the area where screams have been reported, but he won't say where because "Some fools are going to shoot each other hoping to kill themselves a monster."

# Ancient astronauts idea draws challenges

Ronald Story says flatly he does not believe there is "one shred of evidence" to prove Erich von Daniken's theory that ancient astronauts visited Earth and significantly shaped man's development.

Story's recently published, 139-page book, "The Space-Gods Revealed," is the result of two years' research.

"I was outraged with the fact so many publications, movies and TV shows came out with such blatant inaccuracies" linked to the ancient astronaut theory, Story said in an interview here Sunday.

A graduate of the University of Arizona with a degree in philosophy, Story said he also studied archaeology and anthropology and was familiar with subjects explored by von Daniken in such bestsellers as "Chariots of the Gods?" and "Gods from Outer Space."

"Every important" scientific person Story talked to rejected von Daniken's theories as "total nonsense," Story said.

"THE ERRORS in the TV special ('In Search of Ancient Astronauts') were outrageous," Story said at the Fairmont Hotel. Narration said "von Daniken is a German professor," Story recalled. "He's not German; he's Swiss. He's not a professor; he has no formal education."

In his book, which lists sources of research, Story pinpoints his position: ". . . without denying the possibility of von Daniken's thesis, archaeologists have offered so many more plausible and more substantial explanations for man's physical and cultural development that there is really no reason to bring extraterrestrial (outside the earth) 'gods' into the picture."

Story covers von Daniken's ground and disputes him all along the way: the Egyptian pyramids, Easter Island, appearances of astronauts in the Bible and mysterious caves of gold in South America, among other areas.

VON DANIKEN ONCE told The News people who say his theories are "silly" never go to his evidence to check it.

Story countered: "I don't know of any place he has been that archaeologists have not been," except possibly underground caves in Ecuador and Peru.

But in his book, Story quotes a Der Spiegel interview with Juan Moricz, a South American explorer who von Daniken said took him into a secret cave world in Ecuador. "Daniken has never been in the caves," Moricz told Der Spiegel. Moricz and von Daniken

went to an entrance to the caves but "it was blocked," Moricz claimed.

ON PAGE 8 OF von Daniken's "The Gold of the Gods," he describes a skeleton whose bones "gleamed in the light of our torches" in the underground passages in Ecuador.

Story, who once debated von Daniken on television, says "it's more fun to believe" in the ancient astronaut theory than not to believe in it. But he charges von Daniken with misleading readers and leaving out evidence which would go contrary to his theory.

"People may read him for entertainment but they think, 'This may be true,'" Story said. He added if society becomes that "gullible, look what a foreign power could do."

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# Pennsylvanians to hunt Bigfoot

A Pennsylvania man who believes Bigfoot exists has come to the Lakeland area to hunt for him.

Charles Jones of Reading, Pa. says he would donate his prey to the Smithsonian Institute, or some other scientific society, if he finds Bigfoot.

Jones, accompanied by his son, Charles Jr., walked into The Daily Advance office this week announcing his intentions.

Both Jones Jr., who is "in his 60s," and his son, 18, say they're big game hunters who have hunted animals all over the world. They are confident Bigfoot lurks in the area.

Bigfoot is that big, hairy creature credited with leaving huge footprints in the Rockaway and Mine Hill areas this summer.

His presence has also been reported in parts of Sussex County, including Bear Swamp near Stokes State Forest.

While only one man in Sussex County claims to have actually seen the legendary beast, believed by some to be a relative of the "yeti," or the Abominable Snowman of the Himalayas, others think he's just a hoax.

But not the Joneses. "We're dead serious about this," Jones Sr. said.

Jones, who works as a stone carver with his son when they are not off in India or South America or the Philippines hunting rare animals, says he is

also an amateur paleontologist who has found 12,000-year-old tools in the Northeast.

He says he wants to find Bigfoot to see if he is a tool user as well.

Jones Jr. explained when he was in Colombia, South America on a hunting trip last summer, he talked with Indians who said they had seen the aftermath of Bigfoots when they attacked cows down there.

He said the Indians told them the cows' necks were twisted and their tongues yanked out of their mouths. "That doesn't sound like a tool user to me. That's why I want to see him," Jones Jr. added.

But Jones Jr. has no intentions of capturing the Bigfoot — if he finds him. He'll be carrying a shotgun.

He'll turn the body over to whoever is interested, but they would like to stuff the beast for a museum he hopes to establish, he said.

That museum would be filled with the bodies of stuffed animals he and his father have tracked down and killed.

During their stay in the area, the Joneses have been camping up in Stokes collecting Bigfoot data from all local newspapers.

They will soon leave to return to Pennsylvania, however, and return here in the winter — the best time, they say, to look for Bigfoot tracks because of the

mud and snow. They expect the search to take from 18 months to two years.

Already, they have spoken to one Indian in the Stokes area who claim to have smelled the presence of Bigfoot, Jones Jr. said, "So we guess he could be up there."

Jones Jr. theorizes there could be a few Bigfoots in the area travelling around. Maybe even a family.

Bigfoots have the supposed scent of a skunk, only stronger, many believers swear. While many witnesses have reportedly "smelled" them, they have not seen them.

Jones Jr. said he smelled "Something" strong one night up in Stokes. When he took his flashlight, he said, he saw a "pair of orange eyes, really big."

"I never saw a pair of eyes on an animal like that before," he asserted.

Both Joneses said they will contact Robert Warth, the president of the Society for the Investigation of the Unexplained while they are here to see if he can assist them in the hunt.

They ask that any other "serious investigators" also contact them at their Reading home by either writing to them at 1001 River Rd., Reading, Pa., 19601, or by telephoning 215-374-2917.

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## Sloop Feared Lost In Triangle Area

NEW YORK (UPI) — New Jersey adventurer Robert Gainer, attempting to become the first American to solo around the world nonstop in a 31-foot sailboat, may have disappeared in the Bermuda Triangle, according to the Coast Guard.

A spokesman said it is quite possible Gainer's sloop may have sunk in the Triangle, an area off Bermuda with strong winds and high waves where many ships have gone down.

But at the same time, a spokesman Monday pointed out that the sloop was equipped with an automatic electronic distress signal. If it had gone down, the signal should have been heard.

All ships and aircraft automatically monitor for such signals, which operate independently of radios.

A 590-foot Liberian-registered cargo ship with 37 crewmen vanished in the area last week.

Gainer, 23, of Hillsdale, N.J., has been missing since the morning of Oct. 13 when he made his last radio contact. "At that time," Coast Guard Lt. Kent Fisher said, "he indicated he suffered minor damage to the hull and was not in favor of continuing the voyage."

According to Fisher, Gainer said that he would proceed to one of three locations — Bermuda, Barbados or an unspecified port in Brazil.

# Is U.S. covering up 'stranger' on moon?

WASHINGTON — If George H. Leonard of Rockville, Md., sometimes feels that he's out of step with everyone else, he has some excuse — he's bucking the United States government as well as most of the scientific community.

He may feel he's out of step, but that doesn't worry him at all because he's also convinced that he is right. And he makes a good case for his views.

Leonard is convinced that National Aeronautics and Space Administration photographs taken during the moon program show there is somebody else on the moon.

In fact, that's the name of a book he has written — "Somebody Else is on the Moon," published last month by David McKay Co. in New York.

He takes particular pleasure in the fact that his thesis is based on NASA's own documentation since the administration insists that he is, to put it politely, "wrong."

In fact, when a reporter called recently to get an agency interpretation of some of the photos Leonard uses, the first official contacted listened to the request and answered, "Oh, yeah. We get one of those nuts a week."

Leonard may or may not be right in his photo interpretation, but he doesn't come through as a "nut."

A Harvard graduate who worked for the U.S. Public Health Service "Remarkable glyphs — that is, intelligently incised letters or numbers or signals — are found in profusion. Some look like our letters and some do not" he said.

In addition, he has found what he believes to be "tracks of vehicles, high rise spires, moving lights, billowing dust, enormous constructions and perfect geometric shapes."

Some of the things that Leonard sees escape the eye of a person being shown his NASA photos. He admits that many are very subtly visible and that it requires hours of close examination to pick them out. With others it is hard to come to the same interpretation as Leonard.

However, some of what he sees seem to jump out of the photo. One example is a cruciform-shaped object.

He has "named" many of the objects he has seen after man-made items. "I call these things after that they seem to resemble," he explains.

ed. "But of course I have no idea what they are or what they do. It's just easier to do it this way." Just what is it that he sees?

"Several things signifying intelligent occupation repeat themselves over the face of the moon," he explains. "One is a mechanical rig" knocking down ridges and crater rims, sculpting, spraying out craters. There are two or three areas of the moon where one sees gleaming white platforms, 10 to 15 miles in diameter, on which sit perfectly shaped domes," he continued. for 25 years, including a stint as director of policy development for comprehensive health planning, Leonard is also an amateur astronomer.

It's this avocation which caused him to become interested in what was happening on the moon.

For years, amateur astronomers have reported seeing unexplained lights and possible no natural constructions on the earth's satellite. In most cases, such sightings get the brushoff from professionals.

Leonard had been seeing things he couldn't explain on the moon for years, so when the first NASA moon photos from space became available it was natural that he examine them.

"I looked closely at the places on the moon where I'd seen strange things through the telescope," he recalls. And what he saw changed his life, turning him from a government worker into an author.

"The first impaction of the moon by one of our probes — Ranger Seven — captured my imagination and stirred me to further action. Not far from the point of impact was a football-sized crater filled with manufactured objects, including five oval-shaped objects with identical designs on their backs," he said.

Since then, he has spotted all sorts of things on the moon which he is sure can't be explained as natural objects.

ject which reappears in a number of photos of various areas of the moon.

Leonard has christened these "X-drones," they seem to vary from under a mile to three miles long in one direction. Their four equal arms one of which is sometimes some-

what raised, casting a shadow on the surface of the moon. Otherwise, the arms are straight and the angles where they join equal.

Sometimes, there are several of these in a single crater and in some cases they seem to be raising dust.

The "X-drones" are one of the more interesting questions raised by Leonard. Just what are they? Some form of mining apparatus as he suggests, or perhaps some easily explainable natural phenomenon?

To get NASA's answer to this question, the Star contacted the agency and asked for the name of a government expert. We were referred to Dr. James W. Head of Brown University's geology department. Head was asked to get copies of the same photos Leonard used to prove his case.

During a second phone call, when he had the photos in front of him, he was asked to give his interpretation.

First, he said, he couldn't spot the "X-drones" at all. Perhaps they are merely "troughs, which are quite common on the inside of craters," he suggested. When asked how a trough could cast a shadow on the surrounding terrain, he said that they might be naturally raised formations of some sort.

Anyway, he said, those that he could see were definitely some sort of "natural phenomena." After all, he explained, someone could find all sorts of Xs on the surface of the moon if he looked.

Which brings up Leonard's second theory.

Government officials are well aware of what's on the moon, but are deliberately keeping it from the public, he charges. He feels that the decision probably has been made at the highest levels, perhaps at the National Security Council.

He also suggests that the entire U.S. and U.S.S.R. space programs are actually a coordinated investigation into the strange doings on the moon.

Why the cover-up? He isn't sure, but he points to previous cases in which governments have tried to keep information from their citizens so they wouldn't panic.

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## Ocheyedan youth spots 'Bigfoot'

It's still unconfirmed, but another creature has apparently joined the Lockridge monster and settled in Iowa.

Jim Radunz, 13, of rural Ocheyedan, spotted a hairy ape-like creature late last month about three miles south of there.

He was so scared he didn't report the

animal for several days, according to a story in the Sibley Gazette. But he finally told his family what he had seen.

The creature was six feet tall, with black hair covering its body, and had an oval head. Dan said the animal was standing along a river bed when he spotted it.

The entire affair could have been written off as the imagination of a fertile mind of a youngster, but

neighbors, hearing about the creature, set out to find it.

The creature is still in hiding, but residents reported finding footprints along the riverbank.

The footprints were 14 inches long, quite narrow at the heel and almost seven inches wide at the toe.

Osceola County Sheriff Bob Roelfs investigated the footprints, but nobody is really sure if "Bigfoot" is alive and living in Osceola County.

## Monsters lurk in Leech?

By JOE HENNESSY  
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Outdoor Writer

Muskie hunters usually prowl the shallows, casting plugs and retrieving close to the surface.

But what about the depths? Might there not be monsters swimming in those waters?

There apparently are in Leech Lake at Walker, Minn. Something strange showed up on graph-type fish finders recently. Except for being huge—and alive—the mystery went unsolved.

John Uldrich and Richard "Skip" Christman of Vexilar, Inc., of Minneapolis which manufactures the fish finders, were curious. They spent two days at Leech recently equipped with heavy downrigger equipment, the sort usually used on Superior or Michigan.

They saw the huge targets on the graph, suspended at about 60 feet in water from 90 to 150 feet deep. Live bait and artificial lures were used. Both large fish and numerous bait fish just scattered when the lures approached.

Their only catch the first day was a 3-pound northern pike on a downrigger set 48 feet in 55 feet of water with a small gold spoon as a lure. The second day they caught a 3-pound walleye, at the same depth.

The graph recording continued to show the large targets, plus schools of smaller fish, but they caught nothing else.

They then tried the same area at night. No large suspended fish were charted in the same depths. Instead a horizontal bank of fish appeared on the screen.

What the big ones were, or where they went at night, still puzzles the two anglers.

On a far smaller scale are muskies in a north suburban lake.

Muskies, Inc., planted 65,000 fry in Lilly Lake in Spring Lake Park. The fry hopefully will grow to fingerlings before the first freeze.

Lilly Lake usually freezes out, but it is being used as a natural rearing pond.

Just before the lake is iced over, the fingerling muskies will be seined out and distributed to larger lakes in the metropolitan area.

## Loch Ness expedition to continue work in November

New York—Members of the Loch Ness expedition, plan to return to Scotland in November to resume a photographic search for the legendary creature there, study the possibility of maintaining an automated camera system through the winter and make arrangements for a series of exploratory dives next spring.

Robert H. Rines, a Boston lawyer and leader of the search for the Loch Ness creature, said he and Charles W. Wyckoff, the expedition's photographic specialist, intended to make one more attempt this year to photograph the so-called monster—or whatever it is that is believed to inhabit the lake.

The hope, Rines said, is that salmon will be run-

ning in November and attracting the creature, or creatures up from the depths and into view of the expedition's underwater cameras and sonar systems. The drought last summer interfered with the salmon run and, in the belief of Rines, deprived the expedition of the natural "bait" for the Loch Ness search.

Even if luck continues to elude the expedition, preparations are under way to follow up one of the summer's discoveries. This was the indication, by a sonar survey, of the presence of stone circles, apparently like those associated with the ancient Celts and their Druid priesthood, at the shallow

northeast end of Loch Ness.

Divers equipped with small television cameras mounted on their helmets and intense lights will be sent down to inspect the stone formations, which lie in 35 to 50 feet of water. This operation is expected to take place early next spring.

The expedition is sponsored by the Academy of Applied Sciences, a Boston-based organization, and The New York Times. A report on the expedition's activities last summer is scheduled to be published in the December issue of Technology Review, a publication of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

## Cattle mutilation report criticized

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STERLING (UPI) — No city-slicker detective with fancy equipment can convince Sheriff Tex Graves there's a coyote somewhere wearing a snorkel and using razors for teeth.

Graves is disturbed that officials have ignored the problem of cattle mutilations. Others may have given up their investigation but he hasn't.

ALARMED BY GROWING numbers of mutilation cases last year, Gov. Dick Lamm ordered the Colorado Bureau of Investigation (CBI) to look into reports that cattle were slaughtered and then mutilated. Sen. Floyd Haskell, D-Colo., also asked the FBI to enter the case but the agency refused.

Blame for the deaths in the nation's cattle states ranged from natural predators to satan worshipers to little green men replenishing food lockers aboard their UFOs, which burned pastureland on landing and takeoff.

"They tell us predators, predators," Graves said. "Well, this is ranch and farm country out here. My staff was all raised on farms and ranches. We know what a predator will do. We've seen these mutilated critters, and there's just no way."

Graves said one case his office investigated involved a bull which was mutilated in a water hole. Its tongue, ear and an eye were missing, but the head was submerged.

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Graves said the mutilations still were occurring in Colorado and other states, whether the CBI knew it or not. Northeast Colorado's Logan County, which he represents, had 27 mutilations this year alone, he said.

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Graves said he and other law officers with similar problems requested sophisticated help but had received nothing so far. He said cost of equipment needed would be prohibitive for any county.

## Sonar Find--Nessie, Is That You?

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BOSTON — (AP) — Scientists report that a sonar search for the legendary Loch Ness monster has turned up a fuzzy outline of an object which resembles a prehistoric dinosaur on the bottom of the deep Scottish lake.

But Martin Klein, head sonar expert of

this past summer's expedition to the loch sponsored by The New York Times and the Academy of Applied Science in Boston, is cautious about his discovery.

Klein said in a telephone interview from Salem, N.H., where his sonar manufacturing

firm, Klein Associates is located, "It certainly bears further investigation."

A picture of what might be a monster carcass — of a shipwreck or something else — appeared in the electronics trade journal EDN, published here Friday.

A carcass would establish Nessie's existence almost as well as a live specimen, but no one has ever found one.

# Colorado sheriff contends cattle mutilations are real

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patches of skin.

"We don't know why. We can't figure out why they would want a patch of skin. In two of our critters, they have cut into the neck and have taken all the glands."

Graves said he and other law officers with similar problems requested sophisticated help but had received nothing so far.

"I have never closed this case and never will close it until I find out what's doing it."

Graves said it was impossible to believe that all the cattle died natural deaths.

He said there is almost a "ritual" dance among cattle when one of their ranks is dying. He said they "nuzzle the critter, sleep by it, stamp by it. But you don't find this by any of the mutilated animals. You can't even get the rest of the herd to go near it."

Graves called on the state's top investigators to get into the fields where the mutilated cattle have been found to try to discover what is happening. He said the investigation could not be done from an office with only reports from a university lab.

"I'm sick and tired," Graves said, "of a bunch of people sitting on their fat cans and letting someone get away with this."

# Mysterious animal mutilations create concern

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DENVER (AP) — Ranchers armed themselves against an unknown enemy. Rural residents who never had locked their doors bought padlocks. Helicopters with beacons trained on the ground were reported flying over pastureland.

It's not a scene from a 1950s cut-rate horror movie. That's the way it was last summer: fear and anger in the cattle country of eastern Colorado and other western states because of unsubstantiated reports that somebody was mutilating cattle and other animals.

A year later, the mystery remains unresolved, but the furor is gone, despite a few reports of new "mutilations."

The president of the Colorado Cattlemen's Association says he feels there is "enough scientific data to put the idea of mutilations to rest." But local sheriffs remain concerned.

The Colorado Bureau of Investigations continues an investigation of the situation, but has turned up no human suspects. Acting director Carl Whiteside says investigators so far have come up with no motive for the mutilations if, in fact, there were any. There is considerable

evidence that predators, mostly coyotes, picked over the remains of dead animals.

"If somebody were interested in animal parts, they could go to a rendering plant and get them for nothing," Whiteside said.

The mutilation saga started in Colorado on a spring night last year when a rancher found the shell of a dead cow, its tongue, sex organs, rectum and other body parts apparently carved out.

Similar reports began to pour in from the state's eastern plains and dominated the front pages of many newspapers.

Denver Post and eight organizations offered a \$13,000 reward for information leading to the apprehension of mutilators. The Post didn't receive a single response.

It was suggested to Whiteside's office that the cause of the mutilations might be satanic rites or college fraternities or even creatures from outer space. But Whiteside says the facts point to predators, not humans or Martians.

More than 200 cases of suspected cattle mutilations were reported in Colorado alone last

year. This year, Howard Gillespie, currently in charge of the CBI investigation, says he has received only three official reports of mutilations.

"We've conducted 37 examinations of hide samples," Gillespie said. "Of those, we've determined that two had been cut with a sharp instrument and 35 had been chewed by some type of predator."

Authorities in Wyoming, where more than 100 cases of mutilations have been reported in a year, say 99 of the cases definitely were the work of other animals.

Dr. H. A. Hancock of the Wyoming State Veterinary Laboratory noted that cuts in animal hides caused by predators can look "surgically straight."

Robert Burghart Jr. of Colorado Springs, Colo., who heads the state cattlemen's association, blames the "confirmed" mutilations on pranksters who read or heard news stories about mutilations.

"If there have been mutilations, they were done by pranksters working on dead animals."

But there are enough local officials still convinced there are

human culprits involved to keep the controversy flickering.

One such official is Logan County Undersheriff Jerry Wolever. "We attempted to cooperate with the CBI, but we didn't get satisfactory answers," Wolever said. "We're open to any and all suggestions. Anyone could be right." But Wolever discounts the predator theory.

Sheriff George Yarnell of Elbert County, hardest hit last year with 63 reported mutilations, says he has had six mutilations reported to him since March and he doesn't believe they were predator-caused.

And then there's Sheriff Harry L. (Tex) Graves of Logan County.

He said it's likely the CBI and lab officials would conclude the county's latest mutilation, discovered in late July, was the work of predators, even though all the cow's teeth had been cut out with surgical precision.

"There's a coyote in northeastern Colorado wearing a necklace made from cow's teeth," he said. "On the other hand, maybe he collected the teeth to take back to his dentistry class."