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LEDGER, Lakeland, FL
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Lakeland Couple Claims UFO Sighting

By NORMA SOSA

Ledger Asst. City Editor

LAKELAND — A Lakeland man and his wife decided they were not alone Tuesday shortly before midnight. Wednesday they reported a close encounter of the first kind.

In official UFO terminology approved by the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Ill., that is a sighting in which "there appears to be no interaction (by the UFO) with either the witness or the environment."

Charles Loveland told The Ledger he and his wife Edith were looking through their bedroom window about 11 p.m. Tuesday and saw "a bunch of round lights" that "went straight up quite fast."

Loveland said the lights appeared to be white, but that as the UFO passed over their trailer at a height of about 1,000 feet, the lights visible on the object's other side were "reddish-blue."

According to Loveland, the sighting lasted only 10 to 15 seconds at most. He did not report the UFO to authorities, he said, because he had no evidence that he saw the object. No one else reported the sighting to the Lakeland Police Department or to the Polk County Sheriff's Department.

According to the Center for UFO Studies, Loveland's account of the sighting, which they classify as "nocturnal lights," is the most common of reports. The sightings are usually described as well-defined lights whose appearance and motions are not explainable in terms of conventional light sources.

TRANSCRIPT, Norman, OK
Jan. 1, 1978

UFO sighted in Norman?

Two Norman citizens reported a possible UFO sighting at Reaves Park early Wednesday morning. Norman police reported Saturday.

Benjamin Bernstein, 17, 1028 Connelly Lane, and James F. Healey, 18, 1025 Nottingham Circle, stated that they saw a UFO over the northeast sector of Reaves Park just east of the baseball field.

Bernstein said he saw the M and M-shaped object flying slowly about 100 yards off the ground. The object was silent, he said, and had three lights that blinked in sequence. It was moving south away from a grassfire.

Bernstein said he sighted the UFO a second time traveling north toward the fire. He said it came closer to him for about a minute and then headed north toward the horizon.

Healey described the object as looking like a helicopter without a tail. He said the object moved silently back and forth, from north to south, for about 15 minutes before traveling north toward Central State Hospital.

REPUBLICAN, Meyersdale, PA - Jan. 5, 1978

Unusual Sightings In Laurel Park Area

A number of people have reported unusual sightings in Trent Area.

Two fourteen-year-old boys, Larry Miller and Johnny Jognow were walking in the woods in Laurel State Park when they reportedly saw a saucer-shaped object in the sky which landed in a clump of trees out of their view. After investigation the boys came upon an object seven to eight feet tall which then disappeared into the woods.

The boys returned to the road and began walking but stopped when they came upon an object which they described as being five stories high with white lights and flashing red lights resting on the ground.

As they turned and retraced their steps they found marks over their earlier footprints as though they had been followed.

Another Witness

On the same night a passenger in a car noticed something in the sky shortly before Miller and Jagnow began their search.

Helen Meyer, of West Broadway, Rockwood, was riding in a car driven by her husband when she saw what she described to be a white ball with red lights on it in the sky.

Mr. Meyer was unable to pull to the side of the road quickly enough to see the object but has no doubt his wife did. He had just been remarking of how clear the sky was a few minutes before the sighting.

Jim Phillippi and his father "Pappy", who live on the Trent-Bakersville Road reported hearing strange noises—sounding as if a truck were being started and shut off. This continued for nearly two hours. It disturbed the Phillippi's dogs to such an extent that they kept the owners awake with their barking.

CHRONICLE-TELEGRAM, Elyria, OH - Jan. 4, 1978

Lighted object reported

UFO at Perry Monument?

By LEON RUBIN

It's begun already.

"Close Encounters of the Third Kind," the new movie about life "out there" visiting down here, has been showing only a few weeks, and already the Chronicle-Telegram has been told of a possible sighting of an unidentified flying object (UFO) in the area.

A Coast Guardsman at the Marblehead Coast Guard Station, on Lake Erie north of Sandusky, reportedly saw an object with red and white flashing lights hovering above Perry's Monument on South Bass Island about 1 a.m. yesterday.

PETTY OFFICER Roger Higbee said today the object was described to him as having red flashing lights with one white light on each side. It was reported hover-

ing to the right of Perry's Monument for about five minutes, then moved abruptly and hovered two more minutes in another position, then moved away.

No size could be estimated for the object, Higbee said. The object was first spotted with the naked eye, then observed through binoculars, he said. South Bass Island is about nine miles from the Coast Guard Station.

Higbee said their station reported the sighting to the Federal Aviation Administration's Oberlin air traffic control tower, but was told there were no aircraft in that area at that time.

A spokesman at the Oberlin tower this morning said there were no records of any aircraft near South Bass island at the time of the sighting, but that planes may fly at altitudes lower than 18,000 feet without being in radio contact with the Oberlin tower.

Residents See UFOs

Rose From Trees Behind Their Home;

Fifth Sighting In County Since July, 1975

At least five persons witnessed several unidentified flying objects Monday night near Wellborn.

Elaine Beasley, 13, daughter of Shelley Tomlin and Alfred Seymour of Wellborn, called the sheriff's department after she saw three bright-colored objects rise from the trees behind her home about 9:30 p.m.

DEPUTY BOB ROBINSON drove to the area and confirmed the sighting. The girl's aunt, Linda Butler, and her brother, John, also saw the lights in the eastern sky which changed from white to red, green and blue. A POST reporter also witnessed the sighting.

It was the fifth reported sighting of UFOs in Suwannee County since July, 1975, when large glowing objects hovered over three county residents' homes.

A fourth glowing object which appeared in the southern sky seemed to be standing still. It began to ascend at a 45-degree angle and became dimmer, but then it grew brighter than before and suddenly disappeared.

Another glowing object appeared in the western sky and traveled in a southerly direction. During a half-hour of viewing at least two objects that were identified as airplanes flew through the airspace over Wellborn.

None of the unidentified objects appeared to be airplanes.

MISS BEASLEY FIRST SPOTTED SIMILAR objects in the sky east of her home Wednesday night, January 4. She saw them again Friday night.

A Sunday night television newscast advised people to contact police officials or other authorities when UFOs are seen, which prompted her to call the sheriff's office Monday night when she saw them again.

UFOs were last reported over Suwannee County in October, 1976, by a Live Oak family who witnessed a white, glowing light that later changed colors and passed over the sky near their home, moving erratically at times while displaying great speed.

Six months earlier several Live Oak residents saw two large, red glowing objects travel together and separate in the sky above.

On separate occasions in July, 1975, three Suwannee County families who live south of Live Oak on 129 were frightened when they saw UFOs over their homes.

ONE FAMILY ALERTED THEIR neighbors that a large, red glowing object had separated into two sections and that one of them was rapidly descending toward their house.

When the family went outside the entire area was bathed in a red light. The incident was associated with a strong sulfur-like odor and a loud roar as the objects sped out of sight.

Less than two weeks earlier a man and his son who live about 10 miles east of Live Oak witnessed a glowing pink object that was almost too bright to look at. It lighted the entire area around their house and made them think that it had set fire to some trees.

Several other persons called the highway patrol that night to report the strange glowing object.

HERALD NEWS, Passaic, NJ - Jan. 16, 1978

Super Bowl wins out over report on UFO

By a Herald-News Staff Writer

PARSIPPANY-TROY HILLS — A UFO sighting took a back seat to the Super Bowl game Sunday, according to police reports.

About 9:20 p.m. a 12-year-old girl called police to report an unidentified flying object had just circled her home on South Beverwyck Road, before flying off, and when she was asked if any other persons had seen it said "Yes, my father did," and duly

brought him to the telephone to corroborate her report.

"Yes" Dad said, he had seen the "bright yellow light" of the UFO, and "No" he was not interested in coming to headquarters to fill out a form.

"Look," he told the police desk, "I'm watching the game and I could care less about a UFO right now."

A police spokesman said he would still like to have the full report on the sighting.

TAKE OUT ORDER FOR SOME OUT OF SPACE VISITORS?

LINCOLN PARK — Strange shining lights were reported in the sky over the China Channel restaurant late Monday evening, January 2. A Morris Plains couple returning from Vermont were driving through the borough along Route 202 when they spotted the lights. They reportedly saw a large white lighted disc with red lights underneath and stopped in the restaurant parking lot to watch it. Later, the woman called Lincoln Park police to relate their observations and inquired if there was an airport nearby and if there had been other calls. No other calls were received by the police that evening.

Paper Unknown (NJ) - Jan. 11, 1978

Unidentified Object Pursues Two Frightened Girls

Two McCloud girls were frightened recently by a flying object they could not identify.

It hovered noiselessly over their fleeing car for approximately a mile as they sped towards lights and people.

Cindy Arteberry says she and Gina Knight didn't think they should tell anyone because they'd sound silly. But they told their families, and then they told "a few friends at school" and soon the story was out.

Cindy, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne Arteberry, and Gina, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Knight, were in Cindy's car "just riding around,"

Cindy relates, "about 9 p.m. a week ago last Sunday.

"We drove west on Broadway and turned north on Wynnewood road. We'd gone just a little way when Gina saw this object above us and hollered, 'Let's get out of here!' Then I saw it. I whirled the car around and started back to town and people."

Cindy says the object was rectangular in shape and had two large white lights in front and a number of smaller red and white lights underneath. She believed it was flying only a little above utility lines and that it was about 9x12 feet in size.

"We couldn't hear any noise from the thing," Cindy says,

"Our windows were up because it was cold that night. But we would have heard a plane or helicopter."

She says the object "kept following" them into town, and the girls decided to stop at Sonic Drive-In to be near people. "We stopped there and got out of the car and looked up and the thing was right there over us. Then it took off fast—real fast. It didn't make a sound."

The girls looked around to see if anybody else had seen the mystery, but there were no other cars in the parking area.

"We felt silly," Cindy says. "We decided we'd better keep still about what had happened. Nobody would believe us."

NEWS, McCloud, OK - Jan. 12, 1978

Close Encounter On Campus

SUN NEWS, Deland, FL - Jan. 16, 1978



SOME DISH—Stetson student Bruce Dahlstrand said he photographed this "silver dish" hovering over the campus Sunday evening. Dahlstrand, 21, said he always thought such sightings and photos a hoax, but now he's "a believer."

Super Bowl Of The Second Kind

By SANDY THOMAS

Bruce Dahlstrand, seeking solitude for a photographic session on the Stetson campus chose a time when most of his fellow students were settling down for Super Bowl Sunday.

Those who were not football fans chose to stay indoors away from the biting cold.

The bespectacled art major, the sole figure on the darkening campus, set up his tripod on the soccer field near Emily Hall.

As he looked upward, Dahlstrand "froze."

He was not alone.

There, hovering in the sky was a silver "dish." It displayed no lights, Dahlstrand said, and swiftly and noiselessly slid back into the twilight clouds. But not before the 21-year-old had clicked the shutter of his camera.

Dahlstrand, a self-professed skeptic of reported sightings, rushed to the art department

'I always figured they were hoaxes--but I can't deny what I saw.'

darkroom and walked out a believer.

"I can't deny what I saw," he said today.

Dahlstrand has now joined the ranks of the 15 million Americans who Gallup pollsters say have seen UFO's and the 13 per cent who actually report them according to a recent national survey by



BRUCE DAHLSTRAND

Opinion Research Corporation.

This month, a national magazine devoted approximately 15 pages to a written debate about "things that go flash in the night."

Prominently displayed is the photograph taken by another young man from DeLand. In 1969 Billy Anderson, then 13, photographed what appears to be a UFO which he said buzzed while it circled his home at 9 a.m. one day in August.

Extensive inquiries on the part of a Sun News staffer has turned up no Billy Anderson.

However, be they fake, fluke or flying object, there's a Stetson junior who believes in things that go flash in the night.

DAILY INTELLIGENCER, Doylestown, PA - Jan. 24, 1978

On the Light Side — UFO sighting

BY F.P. SCHAFFHAUSEN
Intelligencer Staff Writer

It seemed as though there were one too many moons.

The latest UFO sighting in Bucks County was reported Monday by Mrs. Robert Grusheski, 32, of Shirley Lane, Hilltown Township.

"It was five minutes to six," she recounts. "I went down to the kitchen to let our young cat out. There is a big window in the kitchen and I thought to myself how large and bright the moon looked. It was pale yellow, large like a harvest moon.

"Then I went back upstairs to

wake my husband and turn on the radio to get news of road conditions. I mentioned to him how large the moon looked from the kitchen. He said 'The moon is on the other side of the house.' So I went to get my own portable radio, looked out of the window on the other side of the house and there was the moon, so I ran back to the kitchen to look again. Now there was no moon there, only the star I had seen before when I first saw it. I guess I don't know what I saw."

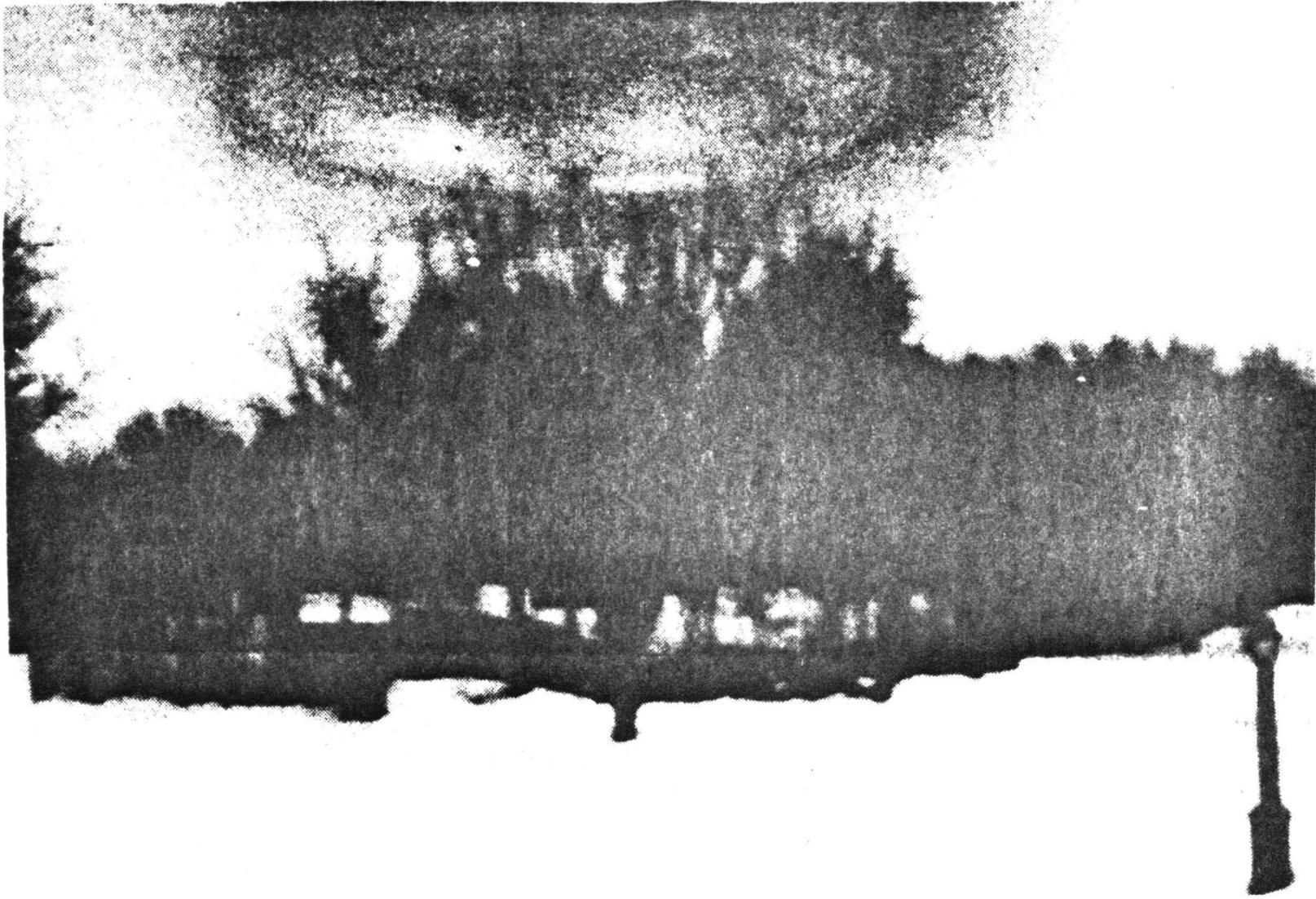
Mrs. Grusheski said she decided not to say anything more about it

but toward the end of the day mentioned it to a couple of people at her place of business.

She said they urged her to report it to see whether anyone else had made the same sighting.

A check with Robert Daley of Feasterville, who heads the eastern division of the Mutual UFO, a national group, said he had no reports of the sighting. He said his last report came last week from Chester County.

Mrs. Grusheski is still wondering. "Nothing I've ever seen in the sky looked like that," she said.



Oval-shaped object in sky is visible in Polaroid picture taken by Lehigh R.1 man

UFOs

No additional reports of sightings in area

By TOM MOYLAN
Of The Morning Call

Photographic evidence to the contrary, there were no additional reports yesterday of any unidentified flying object (UFO) sightings Tuesday.

Leo Goldberg of Lehigh R.1 and his wife Grace said they saw and photographed a bright, silver-white, saucer-shaped object that they said passed near their Mahoning Valley home at 10:05 Tuesday morning.

A check yesterday with Mahoning Township police turned up no other reports of sightings.

One Berks County woman did call The Morning Call to say that her television reception was interrupted between 10:30 and 10:50 p.m. Tuesday. There was a report of TV interference in Mahoning Valley Tuesday morning when the UFO was sighted.

However, there were no UFO reports from Berks County yesterday.

Goldberg said he snapped a Polaroid color picture of the object before it was obscured by a snowstorm. The UFO appeared to be 200-500 feet off the ground and moved in a north-south direction, he said.

One of Goldberg's neighbors believed the airborne object may have started her dog barking in the backyard, around the same time the object passed overhead. She did not look out to see what excited the dog.

MORNING CALL, Allentown, PA
Jan. 18, 1978

UFO

'Close encounter' for Mahoning pair

By TOM MOYLAN
Of The Morning Call

Despite snowy conditions yesterday, at least two persons — and possibly one dog — say they had a close encounter of the first kind: They sighted what they believe to be an unidentified flying object (UFO).

Leo and Grace Goldberg, who live in the Mahoning Valley area of Mahoning Township, saw the UFO for almost two minutes yesterday morning and managed to snap a picture of it before it was lost in the snow.

The Polaroid color snapshot shows a long, oval-shaped object above trees behind Goldberg's home. The whitish object appears almost translucent, yet has a clearly defined outline with three bright white spots near its bottom.

Goldberg and his wife were looking out a window at the falling snow around 10:05 a.m. when they noticed the object moving across the sky.

"It looked weird," Goldberg said. "It didn't look like an airplane."

Goldberg went out to his driveway

to get a better look and told his wife to get the camera.

He snapped the picture before the object was obscured by snow. In all, he watched the object for around 1-1½ minutes by his estimate.

Goldberg said the object was silver and white with a bright white light and cylinder on the bottom. It didn't move too fast and appeared to be from 200-500 feet off the ground. It also made no sound.

That is, the UFO made no perceptible sound. But something, the sight of the object or perhaps a high-pitched sound, started a dog next door barking around the time of the sighting.

Mrs. Herbert Becker, the Goldberg's next door neighbor, said she heard her son's dog Ringo barking in the backyard. She looked out and saw the dog barking at something.

Mrs. Becker said she didn't go to see what the dog was barking at, but later found out about the UFO sighting.

There were unconfirmed reports that another family in the neighborhood experienced television interference about the same time the UFO passed overhead.

Goldberg said this was his first UFO sighting and by coincidence had a loaded camera handy. "I never have film in the camera," he said. The night before he picked up two cartons of the instant film that were on sale.

Goldberg said the UFO he saw resembled pictures of one he saw printed in newspapers.

LEADER, Linden, NJ - Jan. 5, 1978

UFO is spotted by three youths

What was called an unidentified flying object (UFO) was reported to Linden police by a Clark street youth last Wednesday night

The police said that a radio car responded to Clark street and spoke to a 17-year-old youth at around 9:15 p.m.

He said that earlier that night, he and two companions, one 20 years old and the other 16, saw a bright orange disc hover over the the B&O Railroad tracks for about 30 seconds, then move along the tracks toward the Exxon Refinery when it disappeared.

TIMES JOURNAL

Vineland, NJ

Jan. 30, 1978

Woman Reports FRONT PAGE STORY

'Close Encounter'

A 19-year-old Vineland woman had a close encounter of her own kind when she sighted what appeared to be a UFO Friday night around 7:30.

Sighting the object outside her home at 2410 Barry dr. was Cheryl DeSantis, who said she heard a dog barking, went outside and saw a red and white blinking light in the sky.

Calling the Vineland police afterward, she said the light appeared to be about a quarter of a mile away and hovered above the trees. The light, she said, hadn't moved for about five minutes when a red ball came up from behind the trees very slowly and passed what looked to be above five feet from the light she had first noticed. The red ball continued to move in a northerly direction, losing altitude as it went, and passing within a few feet of rooftops. The red ball actually threw light upon the houses as it continued its northerly course, according to Ms. DeSantis. As the red ball moved north, the first object which she had noticed moved south.

She estimated that the object was visible about 20 minutes. She said her sister's friend, Murray Benson, observed the phenomenon for about 10 minutes.

The incident was reported to Ptl. Ronald Nicosia of the Vineland Police Department who relayed the information to a UFO central reporting system which, like the flying object, remains unidentified.

The police department received no other calls about UFO's that evening.

CITIZEN PATRIOT, Jackson, MI - Feb. 1, 1978

Flaming, flying object seen by Jackson group

The snow may have kept them from landing, but a Jackson woman says the blizzard didn't discourage unidentified flying objects from streaking across the Jackson sky.

Denise Reule says she and friends saw a bright orange object passing over the city at about 6:45 p.m. Sunday.

Mrs. Reule, of 736 Edgewood, said the craft was quite large, conical shaped and gave off an orangish glow as it moved from the northwest to southeast sky.

"My friends were just stepping out the door to leave when all of the dogs in the neighborhood started barking," Mrs. Reule said. "Someone looked up and said, 'My God, what was that?' 'I don't know what it was. It appeared to be flaming and was bigger than an airplane. It moved across the sky and disappeared in the

clouds."

Mrs. Reule reported the sighting to Chuck Gass, director of the Michigan Space Center at Jackson Community College. Gass said he will compile the information and forward it to organizations which keep tabs on UFO reports.

"There are two things important about this sighting," Gass said. "First, the reaction of the dogs. In many sightings, the appearance of a U.F.O. has had a noticeable effect on animals.

"Second, more than one person saw it. I told Mrs. Reule that there would never be any way to positively identify what she saw. But I think she did see something that she can't explain."

Mrs. Reule said her sister-in-law Donna Reule and friends Michael Mizerik and John Younce also witnessed the UFO.

EXAMINER-CHRONICLE, San Francisco, CA - Feb. 5, 1978

A close encounter with alien claim jumpers: A dynamite tale

An elderly Redding couple got so angry at being zapped unconscious by a UFO that descended uninvited on their mining claim that they tried to set a dynamite trap in case it reappeared.

But sheriff's deputies persuaded them to abandon their lethal plan.

Paul Cerny, a 46-year-old Bay Area electronics engineer who is western director for the Mutual UFO Network, has just completed a report on the incident, which occurred a year ago.

Ordinarily he would be tempted to dismiss such a story as imagination or a hoax, but he regards it as one of the most exciting events in his 20 years of investigating UFO reports.

What is so unusual about the story is what the UFO supposedly left behind — a small metal blob about half the size of a child's fist and a pile of glassy, green sand.

Cerny has had the objects analyzed by reputable metallurgists with what he claims are amazing results.

The metal blob, gun-metal colored on the outside with a brass-like interior, is not a meteorite, yet laboratory tests showed it must have been formed in a vacuum or in space.

He says electron-microscope analysis seemed to show the lump was made up of seven metals fused together by great heat, selectively applied.

The pale green glassy objects, furthermore, turned out to be the purest silicone the laboratory had ever seen, unlikely to have been

formed naturally in the earth's interior.

Cerny told the story at this weekend's UFO convention in Oakland. He said the elderly couple, Clint and Jane Chapin, first saw a UFO on their claim in 1969 but did not talk about it for fear of ridicule.

"For some reason, we have had a lot of reports of UFOs being spotted near old mines," Cerny said.

The Chapins, whom he described as a nice, sincere couple who had been working their small placer gold mine about 40 years, saw an egg-shaped object the size of a small car about 70 feet away in the bushes.

After the UFO had zoomed off down the canyon, the startled couple found a circular depression about two inches deep in the ground.

They also found the lump of metal and the sand, which they swore were not there before.

"We feel they might have been dropped by the UFO," Cerny said.

In December 1976, the Chapins saw a similar UFO squatting on their claim.

"Get the gun. It's here again," Clint shouted to his wife.

But the strange, domed object rose into the air about 100 feet, Cerny related, and the Chapins were knocked unconscious by some invisible force.

Now they are hopping mad, Cerny added, and Mrs. Chapin says the UFO has made her ill.

Two UFOs Reported

County Center Appeals for More Witnesses

By ARTHUR R. VINSEL
Of the Daily Pilot Staff

Reported sightings of two Unidentified Flying Objects over the weekend has prompted Dr. Al Lawson, head of the UFO Report Center of Orange County, to issue an appeal today for any other witness information.

He said that the sightings occurred Friday and Saturday in the Fullerton and Orange area, but did not come to his attention until Monday, when he began checking into them.

One incident was reportedly witnessed by Mrs. Claire Semaza and her entire family, who say they were awakened in their home in Orange about 3:30 a.m. Saturday by a loud, bizarre humming noise.

"I can't explain it. It was an extremely loud humming. All of a sudden our dog Susi began to set up a howl. I was kind of

afraid to look out the window," Mrs. Semaza said today.

The family gathered and looked skyward, claiming they spotted and watched a round, dish-like UFO which hovered at high altitude, emitting revolving beams of light.

A neighbor also heard the noise.

"It looked like a flat, round dish and it was surrounded by a gray cloud of smoke. There was a reddish glow in the sky around it that lasted for awhile after it disappeared," says Mrs. Semaza.

She said during the object's presence, their whining, whimpering dog finally picked up her fresh litter of puppies out of their bed, one by one, and hid them elsewhere in the house.

The Semazas called the Orange Police Department which referred them directly to

Dr. Lawson's UFO Report Center based in Garden Grove.

A professor of English at Cal State University, Long Beach, Dr. Lawson runs a clearing house for sighting information, sifting data for accuracy, plausibility or natural explanations.

He said the Semaza family's sighting of whatever it was shortly before dawn Saturday followed by about six hours a report of a UFO filed by two Fullerton youths.

Jeff Jones and his companion claimed they saw an odd, box-shaped object hovering in the vicinity of Chapman and Raymond avenues in Fullerton.

During the past four years, Dr. Lawson has interviewed several hundred persons who reported seeing UFOs and is convinced there is something to the phenomena, based on his findings and studies.

DAILY PILOT, Costa Mesa, CA - Feb. 7, 1978

UFO Sightings Told

Four HB Residents Report 'Strange Object'

By ARTHUR R. VINSEL
Of the Daily Pilot Staff

Four Huntington Beach residents, unknown to each other but living in the same area, have reported seeing a UFO zip over the south-central city during night and early morning hours Sunday and Monday.

They contacted Dr. Al Lawson, director of the UFO Report Center of Orange County Wednesday after his published appeal Tuesday for any more eyewitnesses who saw a strange object over north Orange County Friday and Saturday nights.

"What is unusual is this

number of people offering an identical description of what they saw," says Dr. Lawson, professor of English at Cal State Long Beach.

The spherical object seen on the two latest occasions—early Sunday and shortly before midnight Monday—was a reddish-orange and left a vapor-like trail that dissipated after a few minutes, he said.

Witnesses who live around or were driving through the area of Adams Avenue and Magnolia Street said it moved rather slowly, was totally silent, and visible for about 45 seconds.

Huntington Beach police say they received no reports of apparent UFO activity, but said it couldn't have been their patrol helicopter. The chopper was just landing at their heliport near Central Park at the same time.

"There was also some interaction with dogs," says Dr. Lawson, explaining in many such sightings of aerial phenomena that animals and especially dogs go into a nervous frenzy.

Eleven months ago, five Huntington Beach policemen reported seeing two brilliant white UFOs streak across the sky.

DAILY PILOT, Costa Mesa, CA - Feb. 9, 1978

NEWS, Longview, WA - Feb. 13, 1978

Couple reports UFO above Lake Sacajawea

By Donna duBeth
Daily News Staff Writer

Whether it was swamp gas from Lake Sacajawea or a real UFO, Karen and David Mace of Kelso reported a strange sighting Sunday night to Longview police.

Today Mace told The Daily News that he and his wife were on Tennant Way approaching the lake when they spotted an "orange triangle with a hole in it" hovering above the lake near the Washington Way area.

Mace said the object stayed there for about 15 seconds before taking off to the west and disappearing.

"I was gunning my Volkswagen trying to get to where it was," said Mace. "But it just took off too fast."

The sighting was about 11 p.m. as the Maces were returning from bowling.

"It didn't look like any plane I've ever seen," said Mace. "My wife pointed out that it didn't have any red or blue lights like they're supposed to."

The "orange triangle" was about 2½ trees up in the air, according to Mace and didn't make any noise.

He said he and his wife both believe in UFOs. "There are just too many reports for them not to exist," he added.

When asked what aliens might want in Longview, Mace surmised, "I don't know anything they'd be looking for here. They must have been just checking us out."

HUBBARDSTON POLICE CHECK UFO REPORT

HUBBARDSTON — An unidentified flying object with orange, red, yellow and white lights that flitted from Oakham to Old Westminster Road and then north to Mount Jefferson Road about two weeks ago was reported again last night.

Police said a cruiser was sent to check on the reports and did see a flying object with the colored lights.

The reports came in between 8:03 and 8:15 p.m.

CR: B. Greenwood

TELEGRAM, Worcester, MA - Feb. 4, 1978

Grenada Backs UFOs

TRENTONIAN, Trenton, NJ - Feb. 24, 1978 CR: P. Bontempo

UNITED NATIONS (UPI) — One thing you have to give Grenada credit for is persistence. The tiny Caribbean nation is determined to get the rest of the world to take close encounters of the third kind seriously.

Wellington Friday, Grenada's roving ambassador, called a news conference Thursday, ostensibly to discuss his country's stand on the proposed Panama Canal treaties (it supports them).

But, predictably, discussion turned to the subject that has made something of a name for Grenada — flying saucers. Specifically, Grenada Prime Minister Sir Eric Gairy's almost messianic drive to get them debated in the United Nations.

Friday conceded it wasn't easy.

"Some people seem to think there's a bunch of kooks in Grenada who have nothing to do but look into the stars," he said.

UNIVERSITY DAILY KANSAN, Lawrence, KS - Feb. 9, 1978

CR: S. Hicks

KU librarian chronicles UFOs

By MARY HOENK
Staff Writer

George Eberhart, a librarian at the University of Kansas law library, is a self-proclaimed "ufologist."

Reports of unidentified flying objects will be included in a book Eberhart plans to publish as a guide to scientific oddities in North America.

"It's going to be far from complete, but it's going to be comprehensive," Eberhart said.

The idea for the book evolved from a vast personal file that Eberhart says he has collected for seven years. The plan to assemble the information into book form was accepted by a publisher last month and the book could be available by the summer of 1979, he said.

"It's not going to be a mass market book, but it should appeal to librarians and people who are really into this thing," Eberhart said.

THE INFORMATION Eberhart has gathered from books, magazines and newspapers began with a lifelong interest in science and a special interest in UFO reports, especially from before World War II.

He said the book, entitled "Geobibliography of Anomalies," would become outdated quickly, but it was possible that he could compile updates to the guide. There is also the possibility of future volumes based on reports from other continents.

Eberhart said the two-volume book would be organized by geographical regions and would include a subject index.

A few of the incidents that Eberhart is

compiling from this region include livestock mutilation in the Midwest that started in 1973 and was reported at the same time as the work of a UFO. The list also includes a UFO report filed in Lawrence and one in Salina and an area report that a fish fell from the sky in the early 1960s.

EBERHART SAID classifying UFOs for the book was a particularly complex problem.

"It's complex because most people assume that UFOs come from outer space, but another theory is that they are from the earth and live in another dimension of time," he said.

But he said there were certain UFO sightings that could not be rationally explained as normal phenomena, such as airplanes or hot air balloons.

Eberhart said the classification system he would use in his book also considers the probability that witnesses are not telling the truth.

Entries for UFOs in the book will be identified under a system developed by J. Allen Hynek, director of astronomy at Northwestern University in Chicago. The system includes classification as close encounters of the first, second and third kind, Eberhart said.

A CLOSE ENCOUNTER of the first kind is defined as a sighting at 500 feet or closer. A close encounter of the second kind means traces that a UFO might leave, such as soil depressions. A close encounter of the third kind means a form of life is reported, Eberhart said.

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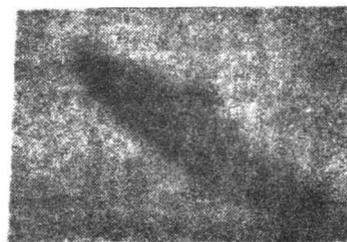
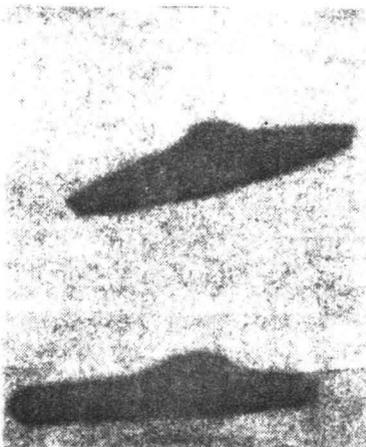
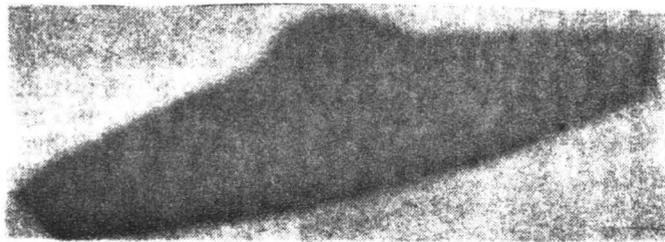
Fact: or Fiction?

by Richard Burnham

Ever since the movie "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" premiered people have been talking about the phenomenon known as UFO's. Many people have stated that they have witnessed the appearance of one, but few have ever had actual evidence.

Well a student in the Commercial Art department, Kent Peterson, believes he has such evidence in the form of photographs. He was at his mother's and father's in Murray taking photos of the family (on February 4, 1978) when he realized he was low on film. He went out to his car to get more film. As he exited the house he happened to look up and out from the clouds they fell — 2 vehicles. At first he thought they were Phantom jets, but immediately realized that they were not. He grabbed his camera, hanging from his neck, and started shooting pictures! One UFO stayed approximately thirty seconds then it shot back up immediately. The other UFO drifted left to right for a few moments, then it too tilted toward the sky and vanished into the clouds. To quote Mr. Petersen: "When both vehicles took off the clouds they would tip about 45 degrees, started glowing a fluorescent white with a bright red base, and flight ass hauled back into the clouds." unquote.

Ten pictures were taken but only seven turned out. Ron Ollis helped Mr. Peterson develop the film and states it was not a darkroom trick. The incident happened about a half a mile east of Fashion Place Mall at about 4:30 to 5:00 p.m. After he witnessed the incident he stood and kept taking pictures of the clouds in sort of a shocked condition. We present you the evidence and the story behind it. The paper does not confirm or condemn the evidence. That is your decision — believe it or not.



Leary Citizens Are Still Leery About Carter's UFO Report

By TOM TIEDE
Newspaper Enterprise Association

LEARY, Ga. Jimmy Carter had a close encounter of a highly mysterious kind here in 1970. He was a political hopeful then, making a speech at the local Lions Club, and he says he spotted an unidentified flying object 30 degrees above the horizon. He also says 10 to 12 others saw it with him.



James Spivey

As it happens, however, there is no one in Leary who remembers sighting a UFO in company with the future president. Carter insisted the object's brightness attracted a crowd, but it appears it only attracted him. Not one resident recalls anything unusual about that particular January evening.

The townsfolk are mildly amused by the inconsistency of the matter. They have in fact been chuckling ever since last year when the media carried belated news of the Carter encounter. Some think that Carter actually viewed the town's silver-colored water tower; from a distance it can look a bit odd.

But whatever Carter saw, he apparently saw it alone. Mayor Stanley Shephard says he has talked with everyone who may have attended the Lions Club meeting on the night in question, "and nobody remembers anything about flying saucers." People recall that Carter's speech was dull - but as for spaceships, no.

Some No Longer Around

Of course, says Shephard, some Lions Club members have died since 1970. Maxwell Dixon, for example, Frank Landsford and Jimmy Goode, also. Presumably, they could have been the crowd of Carter's reference. But if they were, they did not share the experience with anyone in this tiny farming community.

Mayor Shephard has even consulted the Lions Club records in hopes of substantiating Carter's report. Alas, he says, the minutes are in illegible disarray. The Lions Club disbanded a few years ago, for lack of interest, and Shephard says the files in the old meeting hall haven't been fondly preserved. Not that the mayor expected the records to serve

the Carter allegation. He does not personally believe in extraterrestrial visitors, and even if they are here, he asks, why would they be observing Leary, Ga? "All we got here to see," he says, "is that dust coming from the peanut processing plant."

Others in town agree with the mayor. J.M. Jordan, at the hardware store, says he doesn't waste time on science fiction. And 78-year-old Herman Balliatt, who was the Lions Club secretary in 1970, says Carter himself was the closest thing to a local UFO. "In those days, nobody knew who he was."

Last Year's Sighting

And yet, not everyone in Leary scoffs at the president's claim. Not in particular James Spivey, the former police chief. Spivey says he saw a spaceship here too, last year. "I can't describe it," he says. "It was just there, in the sky, lights flashing. I usually don't talk about it much."

Spivey's sighting was at 2 a.m. on a clear evening. He says he was in the town's one-room police station when he saw light reflecting through the window. "When I came out I saw it. I couldn't miss it. It was huge and all lit up. It turned everything into daylight. I couldn't believe my own eyes."

Spivey says the radio in his patrol car was affected by the UFO. But he managed to contact police officers in nearby towns and counties. He says several of them were witnessing the same phenomenon. "We all wanted each other to see it because we wanted proof we weren't crazy. It was there, all right."

Another Leary Witness

Fred Bellamy, a Leary night watchman, also saw last year's object. He describes it in much the same way as Spivey. "It was here 30 minutes or more," he says, "treetop high. It moved slow. It had flashing lights. Every now and then it would be so bright that you could see clear down the streets in town."

So it is that Spivey and Bellamy, at least, believe President Carter's story. Spivey says he knows of at least one motorist who could not get his car started during last year's UFO visit. "That man was real scared. He was terrified. When it was all over he asked me never to tell anyone what had happened." In fact, Spivey rarely tells anyone about the UFO. "But I know what I saw," he insists. "That ship was here, and it will come again. And I worry what's going to happen when it does."

Has anyone else seen the Shaw Island U.F.O.?

If someone else around Shaw Island in the San Juans has seen a blinding, white light in the sky during the past couple of weeks, Eve Shaw would like to hear about it.

"People will think I am just making up a story or something, but I certainly would like to know if someone else saw it," Mrs. Shaw said.

Mrs. Shaw said she last saw the object around 6:45 p.m. February 9. Her husband, Clayton, has seen the object at least eight times in the past 15 months, "but I never believed him," she said.

"It was an oblong object that was oval-shaped on the top and flat on the bottom," she said. "In the center there was a bright light like it had windows. I never saw anything so bright."

Mrs. Shaw said the object, which appears at 6:45 a.m. or p.m., first appears to be a star, "then gets bigger and bigger."

She said the object hovers over the bay for 5 to 8 minutes, "then it starts to fade away until it becomes a pink color and then in a flash it is gone."

Mrs. Shaw said the object looks something like a chicken brooder.

The Federal Aviation Administration in Seattle said it has not received any reports about U.F.O.s in the Shaw Island area.

Close Encounters?

by Tom Shapley and Deborah M. Smith

SHAW — A strange object has lit up the sky over Bell Island near Pole Pass a number of times in the last 15 months, according to Clayton Shaw and his wife, Eve.

The couple lives in the old farmhouse at the end of Broken Point on Shaw and report seeing the "UFO" a number of times, as recently as February 1 and February 9.

Clayton Shaw first told his wife about seeing the object last March. "I told him it must just be some sort of airplane and dismissed it," Eve Shaw told the Journal, "until February first when he called me from the front yard and I looked out and saw it myself."

What she saw was an object roughly 15 to 20 feet across with "an upper part and a lower part, and there are windows. It looks a lot like our chicken brooder," Eve Shaw said.

"We have looked at it through our binoculars and can see quite clearly the things that look like windows. Coming from the inside of it is the brightest light you have ever seen. It is the brightest red color."

"It is usually there for at least five or six minutes then the color fades from red to pink and back to a red glow and then it's gone in a flash," she said.

Mare Island 'UFOs' Spotted

A westbound motorist on State Route 37 Wednesday told Vallejo police he saw two UFOs over Mare Island.

The driver, who said the objects appeared to be silver and the "size of a tire," stopped his car on the Napa River Bridge to observe the UFOs.

He said one was hovering over Mare Island while the other appeared to be performing "acrobatics." The oval-shaped objects left a vapor trail.

The driver told police he looked away for a few seconds and the UFOs disappeared.

The driver "appeared to have a stable mind and was quite serious," wrote the Vallejo Police officer who filed the report.

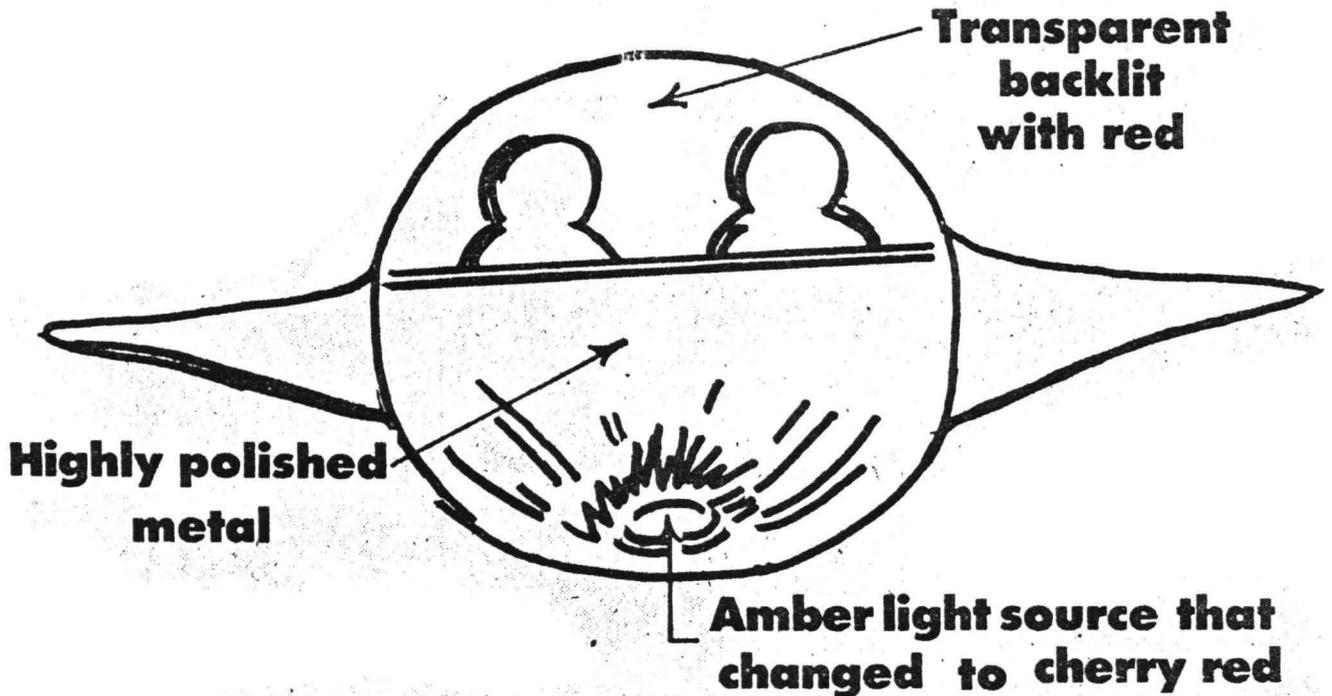
UFOs—For Real?

UFOs got you bugged? Still not sure whether they're weather balloons or extraterrestrial flying saucers? Well the folks in Washington D.C. can help you make up your mind.

The federal government is finally releasing films of unidentified flying objects, and cassette recordings of interviews with people who claim to

have had UFO experiences. The prices are geared to fit every pocketbook. Films are going for between \$5.75 to \$271. Recordings are priced from \$6.20 to \$18.40. You can obtain a complete catalogue by writing to the National Archives, Motion Picture and Sound Recording Branch, Room 20-E, Eighth and Pennsylvania NW, Washington D.C., 20408.

CR: H. Nelke



THIS IS S.A. MAN'S DRAWING OF WHAT HE SAID HE SAW
... Seguin-based organization is studying this unusual report

UFOs ARE BACK

By MIKE ULLMANN

A San Antonio man claims he had a close encounter of the third kind with two occupants of a UFO.

He was driving his pickup truck just south of San Antonio when he "was approached, spotlighted and nearly buffeted off the road by an unidentified craft," investigators report.

The 48-year-old sheet metal worker reported two short creatures with slit-like eyes inside a globular airship. "They weren't human beings like we see here," he said.

Almost three years later this incident and many others remain unexplained.

In the wake of renewed interest in UFOs spurred by the movie "Close Encounters of the Third Kind," many people are realizing that San Antonio has long been a prime site for UFO sightings.

With "Close Encounters" smashing attendance records across the country, Unidentified Flying Objects are getting more publicity than at any time since the last big UFO flap in 1973.

As defined by Dr. J. Allen Hynek, who also served as technical advisor for the movie, a close encounter of the first kind is merely seeing something that cannot be explained.

A close encounter of the second kind is when a UFO leaves some kind of evidence that it exists; such as burned rings on the ground or radar traces, Hynek says.

And a close encounter of the third kind "is when you actually meet them," as the movie explains.

Some UFO buffs have added a fourth kind of encounter to the list for those claimed instances when a UFO has actually kidnapped or interfered with humans.

Strange alien creatures and flying saucers have become dinner table conversation in just the few months since the movie came out.

A quick check of the magazine rack at a San Antonio grocery store this week turned up at least 11 different magazines with "Close Encounters" on their covers.

First of a series

NBC-TV started a new series Sunday called "Project UFO."

Jack Webb of "Dragnet" fame will produce the series which will fictionalize a different actual UFO sighting every week.

At least one local TV station is also jumping on the UFO bandwagon.

KMOL-TV, Channel 4, will screen a three-part UFO report during its evening news show this week. The report will be locally produced.

Channel 4 also has an hour-long locally done UFO special in the works, according to the news director.

Two UFO organizations in the San Antonio area are very active in investigating unexplained events.

The Mutual UFO Network, based in Seguin, made the report on the San Antonio sighting that began this story.

Investigator Gary Graber concluded that "the majority of events happened as related."

The occurrence took place on Mogford Road south of town shortly after 9 p.m., according to his interviews with the San Antonio man.

The man was driving to a nearby store when he noticed a strange amber-colored object rise rapidly from a grove of trees about 900 yards away.

The object then streaked toward the pickup truck "at a terrific rate of speed" as the light on the front of the vehicle changed from amber to bright, cherry red.

"When the craft got directly over the top of my pickup the lights went completely out and the engine was dead," the man said.

"As I was trying to get out of the pickup I thought it was a chopper passing on top of me, at first," he said.

"Then when they hovered over the top of me and I got a good look at it, I knew it was no chopper. I thought to myself, 'that's got to be a UFO,'" the man reported.

He said the craft was globular with a sort of shelf-like projection encircling the transparent upper section.

The bottom of the vehicle was highly polished metal and had the cherry red light apparently mounted towards the front of the craft.

The UFO hovered over the truck for between 10 and 20 seconds and the man got a good look inside. The two creatures were not over five feet tall with tight, firm skin, he said.

"They were bald, with long prominent ears and a long nose. Their eyes did not appear very plainly, they just looked like slits," he told the investigator.

The investigator speculates that the slits could have been lids or protective membranes to protect their eyes against glare.

Their skin "was not like our skin, it appeared to me to look sort of like sharkskin, sort of a grey color," the witness reported.

"There was no motor noise during the time it was over my truck, just a whirring (shriek) of wind. It was very loud, it sounded to me like a cyclone," he said.

When the craft left it "took off straight up. There was a terrible thrust that buffeted my pickup and then it vanished almost instantly," the man said. "It was just like turning off a light bulb."

He noticed a strong odor like burning copper or electrical wiring while the craft hovered over his truck. The odor lingered for several days, he said.

The man also reported eye strain from the intense red light, the report notes.

"I feel like they got a look at me, and maybe got my picture or something," the man told the investigator.

The report notes that he was familiar with the type of aircraft seen in San Antonio and discounts any possibility of the craft being a helicopter or other conventional plane.

Were lights at Estes Lake seen by Sanford men UFOs?

By MICHAEL LAFAVORE
Staff Writer

SANFORD — Was it a close encounter of the third kind in York County?

Last Thursday evening at about 8:45, three Sanford men, Richard Wakefield, his cousin, Robert Gammon, and Linwood Noble were snowmobiling on Estes Lake near the New Dam Road when, Wakefield says, he spotted two large, oval shaped objects covered with red lights hovering over the trees that surround the lake.

Wakefield says he pointed the objects out to his companions and the three approached for a closer look. The men say they shut off their snowmobiles and watched for a moment as the things hovered over the trees before "shooting off at a high speed in the opposite direction."

An encounter with unidentified flying objects? The men aren't sure.

"They looked like big tubs with lots of holes in them," says Wakefield, who, along with Gammon works at the Aerofab plant in Sanford. "They were spinning and had red lights all over them."

Gammon describes the objects as resembling "frisbees covered with red Christmas lights," and Noble, who works as a truck driver and mechanic in South Portland, says the objects rotates slowly as they hovered in the sky.

One fact made a distinct impression on all three men — the objects made no noise.

"We shut off our machines and there was no noise at all coming from the things," says Noble. "They couldn't have been planes because we were fairly close and there was no sound. I have no idea what they were, but I know I've never seen anything like them."

The men didn't have long to scrutinize the objects for, shortly after they stopped their snowmobiles, according to Wakefield, "the things zipped off and were

out of sight in seconds."

Noble says the objects, which traveled side-by-side at what he estimated as 40 or 50 feet apart, moved through the air smoothly "not like any helicopter or airplane I've ever seen."

"We were going to follow them but they moved too quickly and they were gone in seconds," says Gammon.

The men decided not to report the sighting to the authorities, because, says Noble, "people would just call us crazy."

Police in Sanford, Kennebunk and Wells say no reports of strange objects in the sky were received Thursday evening.

Shirley Fickett, who operates the East Coast headquarters of the International UFO Bureau out of her home in Portland, says she hasn't received any reports of UFO sightings in Southern Maine recently either.

However, she says a similar sighting was reported by three West Paris women last September and a few weeks ago an object "covered with red lights" was reportedly sighted in the Bangor area.

"The women in West Paris reported seeing two objects with similar descriptions," she says. "They said the objects were hovering over a field there."

"It's hard to explain how three people can see the same thing at the same time," she says. "I don't think people are seeing things out there. It's hard to explain but I don't think people are hallucinating when they see these things."

In her opinion, the objects are "extraterrestrial" (from outer space), and are here "to give us a good going over and check us out."

The three men from Sanford agree that they'll probably never know what it is that they saw.

Says Gammon, "I don't know what they were, but all I can say is I wish I'd had a camera with me at the time. That would have been great."

Suit Says CIA Has UFO Data

NEW YORK (UPI) — A research organization has filed suit in federal court at Brooklyn against the Central Intelligence Agency and its director, Admiral Stansfield Turner, charging they are withholding proof of the existence of UFO's.

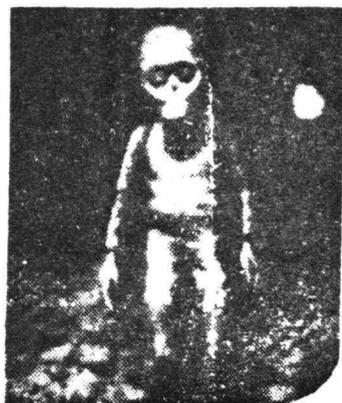
The organization, Ground Saurer Watch, Inc., is seeking under the federal Freedom of Information Act to enjoin the CIA from withholding certain reports and photos allegedly involving UFO's.

Judge Jacob Mishler has set March 17 for a hearing on the federal government's request that the case be dismissed on the ground that the court lacks jurisdiction. If the case is not dismissed, the government has asked that it be transferred to federal court at Washington.

In court papers, Ground Watch's director, Harvey Brody, said his organization has 600 members nationwide of whom more than 40 are scientific consultants affiliated with major universities or aerospace corporations.

Brody said Ground Watch is an independent, nonprofit outfit organized under the laws of Arizona for purpose of investigating, researching, analyzing and disseminating data on unidentified aerial phenomena.

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WC Couple Sight 'Flying Saucer'

By GAY LEE EDGAR
Times Staff Writer

WALNUT CREEK — "After it flashed by several times, and I saw how enormous it was in comparison to an airplane, I knew this was nothing ordinary," said Sonia Hofioni, who, with her husband saw something unusual in Tuesday night's sky.

"Whatever it was, it had incredibly bright lights and tremendous speed," said Said Hofioni, a businessman and civil engineer.

Both agree it was yellowish. "Like the sun," said Mrs. Hofioni.

"I'm a non-believer," added Mrs. Hofioni, "But this was something extraordinary. It was going very fast. I saw the light above an airplane. The plane had flashing lights, but then the plane continued on its way. The light came back again. I watched it for about 12 minutes," she said

"It looked round, maybe oblong, sort of platter shaped," said Hofioni. "The light, it was the light that fascinated me, it was so bright. They weren't blinking or flashing."

The couple live with their three sons at 29 Park Terrace Court. Both say they've not seen any of the latest science fiction movies about UFOs, and both admit they've never believed others who claim sightings.

"Flying saucer is a good description of it," said Mrs. Hofioni, who is reluctant to label the light a UFO. "But I'm curious now. It was absolutely not an airplane. I'm eager to know the explanation," she said.

"If I hadn't seen it, I wouldn't believe it," said Hofioni. "Now I think that somewhere in the universe there must be a different existence. Maybe whoever it is is as curious as we are," he said.

First to see the unusual object was Mrs. Ho-

fioni, who said she watched the light streak by several times and then woke her husband who was dozing. He grabbed his camera and snapped a Polaroid picture of the light. The photograph shows the corner of a deck outside the Hofioni bedroom the corner of a neighbor's house — and a light in the sky.

Police in the Central County area received no calls about unusual lights. Buchanan Field in Concord reported that an advertising airplane was in the vicinity at about 8 p.m.

The Hofionis said they saw the light in the sky at 10:40 p.m.

On Wednesday Mrs. Hofioni said she mentioned the light to several women in a Walnut Creek clothing store, and they admitted seeing the light too, she said. But no one had an explanation.

Hofioni said the light traveled from south to north and that there was no noise or odor. Just light.

UFO Tale Told; Reports Compared

By HENRY W. PIERCE

Post-Gazette Staff Writer

POST-GAZETTE, Pittsburgh, PA - March 4, 1978 CH: J. Jeffers

Nearly 30 reports of unidentified flying objects allegedly seen in the Pittsburgh area Wednesday night were logged yesterday during an experiment aimed at bringing more objectivity to UFO reports.

The experiment, carried out by a statewide group of UFO investigators based in Westmoreland County, was prompted by an initial report from a district construction worker and his girlfriend who claimed they saw a massive disc-shaped object settle about 2,000 feet over Highland Reservoir about 10:30 p.m. Wednesday.

At the suggestion of the Pennsylvania Center for UFO Research—formerly the Westmoreland County UFO Study Group—the *Post-Gazette* withheld details of the sighting so reports from other, asked by the UFO group to phone in any sightings, would not be influenced.

The investigators are comparing the reports received yesterday with that of the construction worker and his friend, published here for the first time.

The construction worker—Glenn A. Ricci, 22, of 6921 Bishop St., Morningside—said he and his girlfriend first saw the object at 10:15 p.m. in the vicinity of the O'Hara Township Municipal Building during a drive in the North Hills area.

Ricci said he and Claire Gallery of 1026 Woodvine St., Stanton Heights, paused for about two minutes along Fox Chapel Road to watch the object, which they agreed was "very bright, much brighter than a star."

A second object, which Ricci described as "incredibly fast, much faster than a plane," flew into view from the north, then turned abruptly and headed directly toward the first object.

They drew close and then disappeared over a hill in the direction of Highland Park, he said.

"I wanted to follow it and find out what it was," Ricci said. "So I drove up Delafield Road and across the Highland Park Bridge to Highland Park, where I figured I could get a better view."

A minute or two later, he said, the object reappeared from the general direction of Downtown.

The object approached from a fairly high altitude, he said, descended steadily and paused over Highland Park reservoir.

He estimated its size as larger than the reservoir itself and its elevation at about 2,000 feet.

He said Claire seemed "in awe of" the object and was asking, "What will we do if it lands?"

He said it carried three triangular lights on the bottom and two red lights at the end.

At the same time, he said, it emitted a low humming sound "unlike any plane I ever heard."

He denied it could have been a weather balloon.

Nearby city lights combined with lights from the object revealed structural features that resembled paneling, Ricci said.

It hovered briefly over the reservoir, then headed back in the general direction of Downtown and angled upward, he said.

When Paul Oles, program director for Buhl Planetarium, was asked whether he had noticed any unusual phenomena that night, he said he had seen "a peculiar thing I can't explain."

"I was on Perrysville Road (on the Northside) about 9 p.m. and observed a bright light in the sky,"

he said. "I initially thought it was a floodlight from a plane, but after watching it for a few seconds I became uncomfortable with that explanation. For one thing, it didn't seem to be moving in any direction, and for another, the light appeared to be scanning. I finally satisfied myself by saying it must be a floodlight from a lane and that the angle I was seeing it from made it appear stationary. Perhaps, I thought, the actual movement of the plane produced what appeared to me to be the scanning quality."

There appeared to be at least one major discrepancy between Oles' and Ricci's stories—the time. If they both saw the same object, it would have had to remain in the area for more than an hour.

But suppose other people in the Pittsburgh area had seen a similar object. A news account might encourage them to come forward with their own stories—but their stories might be colored by Ricci's description.

Readers were encouraged to notify the UFO investigating group at 863-3874 and let the Ufologists make their own comparisons.

The resulting calls are still being evaluated, but Robert Cowell, the organization's director, said late yesterday that it "appears that something very large, low and bright" did appear in Pittsburgh-area skies between 10:15 and 11 a.m. that evening.

DAILY RECORD, York, PA - March 10, 1978 CH: R. Barry

Huge Flying Orange Cleaner UFO

MILWAUKEE (UPI) — What is bright orange, shaped like a canister vacuum cleaner, larger than a helicopter and fast on the getaway?

Harold and Shirley Peters don't know after about three weeks of thinking and talking about their encounter of the first kind. But they believe it was a UFO.

And they say the reaction of their friends and neighbors — aside from a few prank telephone calls — has been one of curiosity rather than disbelief.

"... on the whole, most people, I think, really believe in it now, especially the people who know us," Mrs. Peters said. "They saw how excited about it we were."

The couple were en route to a bowling alley at Rhinelander in northern Wisconsin last month when they saw an object in the sky above their car.

"It was bright orange," she said in a telephone interview. "It was shaped like a canister vacuum cleaner — that's the only way I can describe it. It was going very fast."

The UFO appeared to move alongside their car for a time, they said, then crossed in front of it and hovered over a supermarket.

"Then it went up, straight up — real fast until we couldn't see it any more," said Mrs. Peters. She said the object — "larger than a helicopter" — wasn't a star, meteorite or balloon or anything she had ever seen before.

"At first, we weren't going to tell anyone about it. But we were pretty excited and when we got to the bowling alley we started talking. We just had to tell somebody. I guess most of the people believed us because they knew us. They said they wished they could see one."

The Peters, who have lived in Rhinelander for 27 years, said when they notified the sheriff's Department there was less than a lot of interest and no one in an official capacity has since contacted them.

"When I run into someone who doesn't believe it, I don't push it," said Peters, 52, a paper firm worker. "I just tell them: 'There's no sense talking about it with me when you don't know what I'm talking about.' I just drop it there."

Mrs. Peters, 50, office manager for a propane gas company, said she is reading everything she can find on the subject.

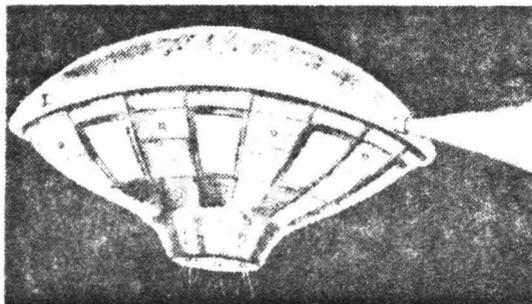
"But I'm not sure what it was. It was some kind of ship, I know that," she said. "I'm just glad it went up and not down."

Most of the calls, he said, came, not from the North Hills, but from eastern and southern districts — Monroeville, Penn Hills, Edgewood, and the South Hills.

The closest sighting, he said, was reported by three women who were standing in a golf house in Schenley Park, who described a circular object carrying small white lights, relatively close to the ground. "They insisted it couldn't have been a plane," he said.

"We are still studying the reports and, at the moment, have no firm conclusions to report."

Meanwhile Ricci and Claire, at the request of the *Post-Gazette*, cooperated with P-G artist Leo Walker to reproduce their impression of what they saw.



LFO WALKER/Post-Gazette

UFO described by Ricci, Miss Gallery.



His aliens wore 'bubbles'

SUN, Toronto, Ontario, Canada
Jan. 8, 1978 CR: G. Duplantier

By JOHN COSWAY
Staff Writer

It's starting again for Joe Edwards.

The telephone calls from reporters and UFO researchers wanting the Mississauga businessman to recall his startling close encounter with beings from an alien spaceship.

Edwards hasn't seen Close Encounters of the Third Kind — the main reason for a renewed interest in his 1967 sighting — because he says he won't line up for any movie.

But if Edwards (not his real name) saw what he says he saw beside Highway 15 between Kingston and Ottawa that early morning in August, the movie would be anti-climactic for him.

Edwards says he saw a huge, glowing flying saucer "as big as a house" come out of the darkened skies and land in a field beside the highway, where several occupants got out and walked around.

Edwards was a 21-year-old bachelor in the neon light business, travelling town to town. The total abstainer started that day with

breakfast after eight hours sleep in a Kingston hotel.

He was also an unshakable skeptic when it came to UFOs. But two minutes out of his life in the 5 a.m. darkness of a lonely stretch of highway, changed all of that.

"All I recall is the tremendous, powerful huge green light in the sky," Edwards said during a telephone interview. "The light was so bright it was like daylight. Never seen anything like it."

Edwards remembers how the object disappeared around a bend in the road and when he drove around the bend "the ship was sitting in the field, 500 to 1,000 feet away."

Edwards says he sat in his car with the lights off watching three beings about three-foot tall walking around.

"They seemed to be walking around picking up specimens of earth and plants," he recalls. "They looked white, with bubbles over their heads."

When Edwards turned on his lights at high beam to get a better look at the beings, they got back in their ship and vanished into the

air within seconds.

"The ship looked like an upside down bowl. It was on three legs. It didn't make a sound. Just zoom, zoom and it was gone. You tell yourself, 'this can't be happening.'"

Edwards sped off to the provincial police detachment in Smiths Falls to report what he saw and learned hundreds of other people in the area reported seeing lights that morning.

Police found burn marks in the ground and three impressions which indicated 100,000 pounds of pressure. Within 12 hours, Edwards was visited by two U.S. Air Force

investigators.

The lengthy "interrogation" ended with the investigators saying they would report their findings to him and advising him to keep his mouth shut about the sighting. He never saw them again.

Edwards didn't keep his mouth shut — but sometimes wished he had, to avoid the "circus" atmosphere which surrounded him after the news media got hold of the story.

That's why, even today, 31 and married, he is reluctant to tell his story to anyone and when he does, it's only with the promise his real name will not be used.

ACROSS ROAD

The saucer hovered over the heath near Fordingbridge for about a quarter of an hour before moving "very slowly" across the road towards Fordingbridge.

The Stovolds had been to visit Susan's mother near Fordingbridge and were headed back towards Cadnam when their three-year-old son Nicky saw the UFO.

At that point the UFO was hovering about 300 feet above the heath. But as they stopped their car it swung slowly across the road.

"It definitely seemed to be looking for something," said Mrs. Stovold.

She and her husband went to the police house at Cadnam and reported their sighting.

"I have always thought that there might be something up there but my husband has had no time for it at all. This has really changed his mind," said Mrs. Stovold.

Enter a flying saucer wearing a tank top

THE New Forest is under observation — by visitors from outer space.

That is the opinion of Mr. and Mrs. Brian Stovold, of Bower Avenue, Holbury, who say they saw a flying saucer — complete with flashing lights — hovering over Fordingbridge.

The Stovolds were driving through the Forest just

after teatime when they saw the UFO just a few hundred feet above the road.

"It was saucer shaped," said Mrs. Stovold. She said it had a turret top — "a bit like a tank, with protrusions at the front."

"There were red and blue-white lights flashing on the top of it," she said.

EVENING ECHO,

Bournemouth, Hants.,
England - Jan. 4, 1978

Another UFO?

AN EXPERT in unidentified flying objects was today following up a report of a strange sighting in the sky after a Hebden Bridge woman said she had been rather frightened when she saw it.

Mrs Rose Bullock, of 24, Hurst Road, was looking out of her bedroom window at about 4 am on December 28 when she saw the oval-shaped object high in the sky.

A bright light was shining on it and it was silver. She saw it travel towards her, very fast, and then turn away sharply.

"At first I thought it was a shooting star, but it was brighter than any star I have seen," she said today. "I watched it for a few minutes, but I was rather frightened."

Mrs Bullock is sure the object was not an aeroplane because it was so big.

Calderdale UFO expert Mr Trevor Whitaker was interested in the sighting and could offer no immediate explanation.

The fact it had changed direction made it unusual, he said, and he would make more inquiries.

EVENING COURIER, Halifax, England
Jan. 7, 1978

WESTERN GAZETTE, Yeovil, Somerset, England

Jan. 13, 1978

MYSTERY VESSEL HOVERS OVER TOWN

AN unidentified flying object was seen over Blandford last week by a couple out walking their dog.

The object, black and cylindrical with a turret at one end, hovered over the town for about 10 minutes, according to Mr and Mrs. G. Blakemore, of 4, Holland Way, Blandford.

Then there was a puff of black smoke, a pair of brilliant headlights came on at the front, and the object climbed high into the clear, blue sky, travelling east until it disappeared. It was seen at about 4.15 p.m., just as the sun was setting.

A similar object was seen in the sky over the New Forest near Fordingbridge at about the same time by a couple who were driving their car. They said the object had a tank-like turret on top and red and blue lights flashing around the rim.

Said Mr Blakemore: "We turned into Holland Way and when we got to the top of the hill we could see a white glow like a small vapour trail in the sky over in the west."

To us it looked as if it was hovering above The Beeches, although it is difficult to say how high it was in the sky. It was a clear sky. There wasn't a cloud around, and that is what made it stand out so much. I suppose

Like submarine

Mrs. Blakemore said: "We could see only the glow, white and orange, while we were walking back to our house, and then we got the binoculars and we could see the actual shape."

"We took 10 minutes walking down to the house and getting the binoculars and it was still there, stationary, when we got back out on the pavement."

Mr. Blakemore, a 63-year-old retired nuclear research worker, said: "It looked just like a submarine, only with the turret at the rear instead of in the centre."

Mr. and Mrs. Blakemore could hear no noise from the U.F.O. and neither could they see anything inside the cylindrical shape.

The incident has set Mr Blakemore thinking. Before, he did not believe in U.F.O.s. "Unless I see something myself I do not believe it," he said. "Now I do not say it is impossible."

UFO-spotters probe mystery craft sighting

UFO ENTHUSIASTS are investigating reports from more than 17 people who saw a delta-shaped object circle Leicester and Hinckley last week.

The object was spotted by five Leicester people as it flew low over the Braunstone area between 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Tuesday January 24.

Eye-witness Miss Joan Bolt, of Cleveleys Avenue, Braunstone, said, "The object passed very low overhead, but made no noise."

The craft was lit by steady red, blue and yellow lights as it headed south towards Hinckley, where it was sighted by more than 12 residents.

"We have checked with R.A.F. Waddington, and no Vulcan bombers or other aircraft had been in the area and it is doubtful whether they would fly that low," said head of Leicester's Unidentified Aerial Phenomena Research Organisation, Mr Trevor Thornion.

"We are still investigating and would appreciate information from anyone who saw anything on that evening," he added.

Ferry motorist spots cigar shapes in Woolwich sky

UFO's are back. A sighting of two "cigar-shaped objects" low in the sky last Wednesday evening was reported to the Kentish Independent.

The man who saw them is Mr. Arthur Skingley, transport manager of a Charlton firm of timber merchants.

He said: "I was waiting for the Woolwich ferry on the north bank of the river. The objects were of similar size, silver-grey and with regular outlines. One was vertical and the other horizontal."

Mr. Skingley was in a queue of cars waiting for the ferry. "It was only because I was stationary that I saw them. If I had been moving I would probably never have noticed them," he said.

He waited about ten minutes for the ferry, and slowly came to realise that the horizontal one on the right was moving. It drifted to the right, until it was behind a tall office block in Woolwich. Mr. Skingley says he and his fellow passengers kept their eyes on it, but did not see it emerge from behind the building.

He added: "A short while later the vertical one moved too. It tilted to the left slowly moving upwards. It then picked up speed and shot

upwards, leaving behind it a tapered vapour trail.

"It arched round towards the ferry, which was by then heading for Woolwich with the cars on board, and headed off down the Thames in a westerly direction."

Mr. Skingley says he could by then see it as a dark object, leaving a trail. By the time the ferry had docked at Woolwich both objects had disappeared.

From his office Mr. Skingley phoned the Ministry of Defence and the British

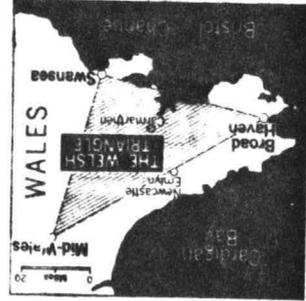
U.F.O. Investigators Network to report the sighting.

Mr. Andy Collins an official of the network says that other people on the ferry that morning confirmed what Mr. Skingley saw and that another sighting had been reported from Bexley.

Mr. Collins said: "We are very keen to hear from any other local skywatchers who saw strange things in the sky. This could be a very important sighting with multiple confirmations."

'Huge cigar-shaped machine'

...It had no wings, tail fins, cockpit or any protrusions. I do not know how it was flying at all. Mr Kandall Fugh, regional investigator for the UFO Association said: "We know there is something very strange going on in this area. Many of the reports are from intelligent, educated people who are not disposed to exaggerate or misconstrue what they have seen."



AMERICAN Astronomy Professor J. Allen Hynek has called on NASA to reopen investigation of flying saucer reports. He said: "The solution to the mystery of UFOs remains one of mankind's greatest challenges."

By John Christopher

path 100 yards ahead. It was flying so low it would have taken the top off a double decker bus. "It made no sound and we thought it was going to crash. "We braced ourselves for an explosion as it passed out of sight into the field there was nothing there at all." The two men, non-believers in Unidentified Flying Objects, were shaken and unnered. Mr Dyer said: "I have never seen any flying cigar-shaped machine at least 20ft long crossed our

circle in the mysterious Welsh Triangle. And the latest "spot" has excited investigators from the British UFO Research Association. After more than 50 positive sightings in the Triangle—formed between Swansea, Mid-Wales and Broad Haven—they regard this one as the most factual yet. It was "experienced" by company directors Peter Revan, and Elvet Dyer as they drove between Cardiff, Swansea and Broad Haven. Mr Dyer said: "A huge cigar-shaped machine at least 20ft long crossed our

Big UFO in the Welsh Triangle mystery

'SPACEMEN' OF THE TERROR TRIANGLE



By SUE FREEMAN

A TOWERING eerie figure in a glowing silver suit blocked the window of the lonely farm cottage.

It was one o'clock in the morning. Pauline Coombs stifled a gasp of terror. She tried to tell her farm-worker husband Bill, but fear had struck her speechless. Then came the chilling realisation that the 7ft-tall figure had no recognisable features

Coastline

Only a box-shaped helmet framing a dark square, like a blank watch face. Mr Coombs turned round and yelled: "Good God! What the hell's that?"

The Coombs telephoned for help. And by the time a neighbour arrived the figure had vanished.

That was last spring. Recently 33-year-old Mrs Coombs, of Ripperiton Farm, in Dyfed, Wales, had what she believes was her second close encounter with alien beings.

She says: "I was out driving with my mother and two of my children.

"Suddenly we saw a silver disc in the sky." The family watched in awe as the disc headed towards the distant coastline.

Vanished

"It looked just as if the object hit a large rock called Stack Rock," Mrs Coombs says.

"It seemed to disappear inside the rock."

Later with three of her children, Mrs Coombs headed across the fields to Stack Rock.

She says: "Two tall figures in shimmering silver suits were walking about on the rock, their heads down as if they were looking for something

"In the rock was a door, which kept opening and shutting.

"Then one of the fig-

Lights scared my dog

ANOTHER witness of the strange happenings in the Broad Haven Triangle was Louise Bassett.

But it was Jasper, her pet springer spaniel, who suffered the greatest after-effects.

The dog's character was totally changed the night Mrs Bassett, 31, saw flashing blue lights in the sky near her home at Ferryside, Carmarthen.

Mrs Bassett, mother of two, says: "I was driving home when I saw these lights. I thought there must have been a serious accident, so I took a detour.

"Two miles further up

'The 7ft figure had got no face'

ures went through the door, while the other disappeared round the back of the rock. The door vanished."

The Coombs' cottage is in the strange Broad Haven Triangle, an area of South West Wales where there have been more than 50 recent sightings of UFOs and mystery figures.

■ SHORTLY before Mrs Coombs' first sighting last year, her neighbour Josephine Hewison had a similar terrifying experience

From her bedroom window she saw a 50ft-wide silver-coloured craft standing beside her greenhouse.

Josephine, a 33-year-old agricultural graduate says: "It had no visible windows or openings."

After ten minutes the object took off.

the road I saw the lights again. At the same time, my car radio cut out."

When she got home, Mrs Bassett, a caterer, let Jasper out for his nightly visit to the garden.

He returned half an hour later, and shot into the house, his hackles up, shaking and growling.

He did not leave his basket the next day.

Mrs Bassett says: "He behaved in the most peculiar way.

"For weeks he seemed completely terrified."



Pauline Coombs . . . speechless

■ ARTIST John Petts, who lives near Carmarthen, was working in his studio when he saw a shaft of brilliant light in the sky.

He said: "It was a cigar-shaped object. One minute it was there the next gone."

■ STEPHEN TAYLOR, 17, a shop assistant of Pen-y-Cwm, about 10 miles from the Coombs' farmhouse, had taken his girlfriend home when he came face-to-face with a figure

He says: "It was about 6ft tall, high-cheekboned like an old man, with large fishlike eyes."

Missile

The Broad Haven Triangle is an area of intense defence activity with missile ranges, an ocean research station and a huge RAF base.

Can the incidents be put down to defence operations? Or could they be visitors from another world?

Randall Pugh, regional investigator for the British UFO Research Association, says: "People who encountered these phenomena suffered severe headaches, trembling and sleeplessness.

"I believe UFOs exist."

■ PENSIONER Mrs Millicent Parr reckons she saw a UFO last June.

"It was a beautiful sight - fascinating and frightening," says 68-year-old Mrs Parr, of Waltham Abbey, Essex.

"It hovered over the lilac tree in my backyard, spinning like a top. It was oval shaped about as big as two large dustbin lids. It glowed with red and green lights."

"I wanted to get closer to it, but it didn't give me the chance. It took off very slowly, just missing the chimney tops of the houses opposite."

Mrs Parr later learnt that four of her neighbours had also seen the UFO.

U.F.O. sighting claim by boys

THREE CHALFORD boys sledging in a local field claim to have seen an unidentified flying object.

Brothers Ivan (14) and David (8) Judd were with their friend, Simon Morgan (16) playing in the snow at Barley Fields, Chalford when the boys heard the sound of a "plane".

Looking up to the moonlit sky the boys say they saw a dome-shaped object with red lights around the sides and an orange light flashing at each end. It was bigger than a car but smaller than a house, Ivan said.

"All the lights seemed to be wrong for it to be an aeroplane," Ivan told our reporter from his home at 'Avalon', High Street, Chalford.

"I have never seen anything like it before,

but we have told people and no one believes us."

Ivan's mother explained how the boys came home that night "big-eyed" with their account of the UFO.

"It was not very high up and flying quite slowly over Chalford Hill towards Aston Down," Ivan said. "I was not very happy about it."

Note: A spokesman at Air Traffic Control, Staverton, said that on the night of January 20 - when the boys claim to have seen the UFO - there was no scheduled aircraft over Chalford at the time the boys spotted the mysterious dome-shaped flying object.

Intelligent Life Stays Away

A commercial radio broadcasting company in Tokyo failed in its attempt Friday night to attract unidentified flying objects (UFO) from outer space through use of red, white and blue spotlights and sound tracks from the American science fiction movie "Close Encounters of the Third Kind."

The attempt was made by Nihon Shortwave Broadcasting Company on the eve of the screening in Japan from Saturday of the science fiction movie.

In the attempt, red, white and blue spotlights were flashed off the roof of the building in Akasaka where the transmitting station of the broadcasting station is located.

Sounds on the pentatonic scale, taken from the sound track of the science fiction movie, were also used during the attempt conducted in the course of a 50-minute live broadcast of "Young Eleven" show starting at 10.40 pm.

DAILY YOMIURI, Japan - Feb. 26, 1978

That UFO again

SIR — The UFO should have been seen by walkers travelling along the Ankerdine Road towards Broadheath Common at 8.10-8.20 a.m. on Thursday the 12th January. It was clearly visible in a cloudless sky and looked like a brilliant crescent-shaped new moon with both points towards the earth.

After hovering for some minutes over the Rushwick area it moved off to the left of the Malvern Hills, apparently towards the Cotswolds.

(Mrs) J. EDWARDS

Gillams Hill,
Cotheridge,
Worcester.

EVENING NEWS, Hereford, England
Jan. 20, 1978

HERALD, Buenos Aires, Argentina - Feb. 16, 1978 CR: J. Thomas

Man with space helmet in UFO

San Luis UNIDENTIFIED flying objects (UFO'S) have been reported from several parts of the province during the past week.

Manel Alvarez, 32, an employee of Aerolineas Argentinas says he was fishing at the La Florida club with five friends on February 4 when at about

4.30 or 5am. they saw something shaped like a saucer, poised in the air at about four metres from the ground. He says it was only 25 metres distant from where he was standing.

Suddenly a door opened and those inside the saucer let down a ladder. The figure of a man clothed in a material which let off a strange light, and with a sort of space helmet on his head, came down the ladder. Alvarez told the police. The strange figure which was of normal height, stood on the ladder

a few moments, waved his gauntleted hands and went back into the space ship, which then disappeared at great speed. All this occurred within one minute, according to Alvarez and his friends.

The San Luis chief of police yesterday held a press conference to explain that the police have made no official statements concerning the UFO's and have limited their action to making an examination of the ground where the saucer is reported to have landed. (NA)

WHERE'S GEORGE?

DOES anyone remember a man by the name of George Kraus? He lived at the now-demolished K Hotel in Smith St. in the early 1960s and worked as a technician in Gallo's radio factory.

He is a key figure in a bizarre UFO story that is how being investigated in Durban.

George certainly isn't around to day, for his real name is supposed to be Valder, and in 1962 he went up to Richards Bay, boarded a space craft on a beach there and departed for a group of planets known as the Confederation.

Before deciding that I have taken leave of my senses, read on a little. For the story doesn't end in 1962 ... it is still being acted out today, with various local people receiving through normal radio sets messages that purport to come from the Confederation.

In all this, one thing is a sure fact. These messages have been received, from whatever source, in many different parts of Durban. Tape recordings of them, which I have heard, are in existence.

The easiest answer is to write the whole thing off as a hoax. Most people will undoubtedly do this and to a very large extent, I go along with the sceptics.

Yet if it is a hoax, it is a very elaborate one that has been perpetrated for close on 18 years now, by some unknown person who is able to interrupt normal radio reception in many different areas. The messages just go on and on, elaborating the story of the Confederation and telling of supposed dangers to Earth and its inhabitants.

Why? Surely any normal person would have tired of such a hoax long ago, come

Star witness in a space drama

SCIENCE



BY BILL FAILL

this week

out into the open and had a good laugh at how he'd fooled many otherwise level-headed people.

Anyway, a serious attempt is now being made in Durban to get to the bottom of the business. Was there ever such a man as George Kraus, alias Valdar?

Members of the S.A. Society for Psychic Research will be discussing the Confederation tapes at Monday's meeting of the society. A group of them are now going through the available evidence in detail. Some favour the hoax theory, others wonder if there might not just be something in the communications.

The meeting will be held, as usual, in the T.B. Davies lecture block at the University of Natal at 8 p.m. on Monday. Hoax or not, it all adds a bit of colour to life.

NATAL MERCURY, South Africa - Feb. 23, 1978 CR: C. Hind



RICHARD Huot, left, Jacques Lavoie and their photos.

They caught 'UFO' on film

MONTREAL (CP-Special) — Two men say they had a terrifying close encounter of the first kind — and claim their pictures back it up.

Jacques Lavoie, 30, and Richard Huot, 36, of nearby Ile Perrot, said they were camping near Lake Baskatong — in the hills of La Verendrye Park about 320 kilometres northwest of Montreal — on Saturday night when a bright, glowing object hurtled out of the sky and sent them running through the snow in terror.

When it seemed to disappear the two came back and found it near the lake, "hovering silently over the water."

They say they photographed the object with a 35-millimetre camera. The coarse-grain prints show a blurred, oval-shaped white object in a sea of black. A faint outline of what could be trees and the surface of the lake is visible on some negatives.

Lavoie and Huot said the object appeared for about 30 seconds.

"If we get the (UFO) pictures, we will analyse them to prove or disprove this sighting," Marc Leduc of UFO Quebec told the Sun last night.

SUN, Toronto, Ontario, Canada - March 14, 1978 CR: G. Duplantier



NEWS-MESSENGER, Marshall, TX
Jan. 16, 1978 CR: T. Adams

Sand Hill Woman Says Bigfoot Growled Here

SAND HILL—A 10-foot growl was reported to the Harrison County Sheriff's Department Wednesday.

Deputy Othello Beckham was sent looking for a monster after a woman in the Sand Hill community reported what she believed to be a Bigfoot Wednesday morning. The creature was again reported Wednesday night, fighting with some dogs in the wooded area around the settlement.

Although no one actually saw the creature, it sounded 10-foot tall when it growled, a witness said.

Deputy Beckham said he found dog paw-prints around the area but no Bigfoot prints. Sand Hill residents said the monster had frightened the dogs Wednesday morning. It reportedly returned later around 9:30 p.m. and attacked dogs in the community about eight miles west of Marshall on U.S. Hwy. 80.

About a year ago, another Bigfoot was reported in about the same area. Bigfoot, also called Sasquatch, is an ape-like creature whose existence has never been documented despite sporadic sightings in North America.

ARKANSAS GAZETTE
Little Rock, AR
March 16, 1978

Dr. Jeremy Stone, director of the Federation of American Scientists, said at Washington that he thought many of the East Coast booms heard this winter were caused by Concorde supersonic jets, not military aircraft as reported by the Defense Department.

GLOBE, Worthington, MN - Jan. 31, 1978 CR: M. Hall

Would you walk barefoot in snow?

By RAY CRIPPEN

McLAUGHLIN, S.D. (Special) — It was 15 degrees below zero through the night once again on the Standing Rock Reservation. Snow is piled 20 feet high in some places.

"I guess these bigfoot creatures don't like the cold; for a month we haven't heard from them or about them," Merle Lofgren reported this morning from the office of the *McLaughlin Messenger*.

Lofgren said about the last information on the creatures — everyone now agrees more than one creature was stalking the reservation — was a report in December from an Omaha-based organization which explores mysterious phenomenon.

"This organization sent two people up here in early December," Lofgren said. "They took samples from some droppings that had been found. Later they sent us a report on the droppings.

"They said that the droppings were made up of the tissue of small animals and silage and berries. They said they determined the droppings were not human and not deer or other animals we have around here."

Lofgren said, "They also had some

hairs. Or they thought they had hairs that might have been from a bigfoot. But we never heard more about that."

Near Little Eagle there are springs which do not freeze in the winter. "A while back there were footprints at the springs that they said were bigfoot tracks. But there never has been a track reported in the snow," Lofgren reported.

In November Lofgren told the *Daily Globe*, "There has been a lot of speculation that winter will bring this thing to a head one way or another."

"Most people don't think they (bigfoots-bigfeet) could live out there after everything freezes and we get a snow cover. They will have to get out of here or come in out of the cold."

This morning Lofgren said, "All I can tell you now is that they must have got out of here. Or else they hibernate."

"For a month now it has been all quiet."

"It is a bad time on the reservation. That is for sure."

This is the assessment of *McLaughlin Messenger* publisher Lofgren, commenting this morning from the office of his newspaper where business was slow.

"You want to know if the people are talking about a bigfoot. I'll tell you. The thing people talk about now is bigfoot weather. We've really got a cold bigfoot pushing on us."

Lofgren said thermometers on the Standing Rock reservation have fallen below -15 for seven consecutive nights.

"It's hard for the people out there," Lofgren said.

"You know, they don't have insulated houses. There are a lot of them living in log shacks.

"In weather like this sometimes people huddle together in beds. A family will just stay in bed all day.

"There is very little movement of people out there.

"People don't freeze to death. You don't hear that kind of thing. They get colds. They get sick. But they survive generally.

"But it's pretty miserable. When it gets this time of winter — when you have a winter like this that just don't let up and just keeps going, people get in a bad way.

"Weather is what they're talking about now. Cold weather."

SPOKESMAN-REVIEW, Spokane, WA - Feb. 11, 1978

Bigfoot tracks claimed

A Spokane real estate man says he saw what he believes may be "bigfoot" tracks about eight miles northwest of Davenport, Wash., while showing property to a client Friday.

God Englund, 42, W225 Sixteenth, said he was driving Robert Horsely, Westport, Wash., to Davenport along a Bonneville Power Administration road Friday morning when his client shouted that he saw the giant tracks in the snow.

"We were going slow because the road was bad and he jumped out and ran over there before I could get the Jeep stopped," Englund said.

What Horsely had discovered was a series of footprints about 18 inches long and six inches wide running about 15 feet off the side of the road, he said.

Englund, who is part owner of Northwest Timberlands, N9405 Newport Highway, said "I've spent a great deal of time in the

woods over the years and I never saw anything like that."

The footprints were clear and even showed imprints of toes, he said. "They weren't like bear steps," he said, "I've seen those before."

He said the tracks were about two feet apart and in a walking pattern similar to a "normal human step."

The prints ran along the road for a ways, then angled off into a wooded area overlooking Hawks Creek, he said.

Englund said Horsely took a picture of the track with his foot alongside it for a size reference. But Horsely took the camera with him back to Westport and was not due to return home until today, he said.

"We didn't follow the tracks very far because we didn't want to disturb anything" in case someone else wanted to investigate the tracks, Englund said.

Blasts In The East Remain Unexplained

By Warren E. Leary

Of the Associated Press

Mysterious atmospheric explosions have jostled the East Coast. They have baffled the public and the scientists.

The window-rattling off-shore booms started in early December and have since resulted in periodic rumblings heard and felt from Connecticut to South Carolina.

The possible explanations have ranged from aircraft sonic booms to to gas escaping from undersea garbage dumps.

The military says it's not responsible. In fact, all federal agencies which conceivably could be involved with the booms concluded that they are innocent.

And the Defense Department commissioned the Naval Research Laboratory to coordinate a further federal study of the phenomena and to report conclusions, if any, in March.

The Associated Press asked scientists in several fields what caused the booms. Here, in part, are their responses.

Frank Press, a geologist who is President Jimmy Carter's science adviser:

"In my position, I can't speculate on them. But I am following the situation closely. Not only because I'm a scientist, but also officially because people are concerned about them."

George Cressman, meteorologist director of the National Weather Service:

"I don't have any information beyond what's been in the newspapers — some of which I believe and some I don't believe. My first thought was that something is going on that the military isn't telling us about. But that's only speculation. I really have a lot of other things to think about."

William Donn, head of atmospheric sciences at Columbia University's Lamont-Doherty Geophysical Observatory in Palisades, N.Y.:

He concluded from measurements that aircraft sonic booms were not responsible. He suggested that secret government experiments might be involved. This has been denied.

Thomas Gold, director of Cornell University's Center for Radiophysics and Space Research:

The booms are caused by methane gas venting from cracks in the earth's surface, Gold says. These giant gas bubbles burped into the air could ignite by static electricity or other means to produce the explosions. Cornell researchers found that every earthquake is accompanied by these gas releases and in some cases preceded by them.

"We have evidence of hundreds of these episodes occurring all over the Earth and it's been recorded for hundreds of years. These events seem more likely to make explosive noises over water than over land, where luminous displays seem more common than over water."

Gold and others discounted a related theory that the booms came from flammable gas generated by water treatment sludge deposits and garbage collecting on the ocean floor.



Were these tracks in the snow made by "Big Foot?" Robert Horsley, who took this picture of two footsteps with his boot beside them for size comparison, saw the tracks on undeveloped timbered property west of Spokane last week. Previous Sasquatch sightings had been reported in the same area a year before, he said.

Whatever it was, it had big feet

By BETTY BUTLER
World Staff Writer

WESTPORT — Was it a Sasquatch?

Robert Horsley of Westport, an operating engineer at the Satsop nuclear plant construction site, doesn't know. He does know that the footprint-like tracks he saw in the snow near his undeveloped timber property west of Spokane were made by something that had a "mighty big foot."

Horsley saw the tracks a week ago, while he was walking in with a real estate agent, Sed Englund, to see property he had bought by mail a few miles south of the Fort Spokane resort on Roosevelt Lake.

"THE TRACKS were 14 miles away from any town," he said. "It'd be a long ways to go for anyone to be playing a trick. They were about 16 inches long, with a heel mark, a rise where the arch of the foot would be, and then a real broad toe section, with five toes. The prints were more than two feet apart, like the animal was just walking along."

Horsley said that the tracks had a slight skiff of snow over them, about as much as had fallen on the men while they were hiking into the area, and they believed that they were not

far behind the creature.

"We didn't try to track it," he said. "We were just so surprised — Wow! I took some pictures, and we went back to the car."

AFTER HORSLEY left Spokane, Englund took H. D. Smith, a professional guide and tracker from Sandpoint, Idaho, to the area to investigate, and the two men tracked the creature "until the snow ran out."

Englund reported by telephone from Spokane that the prints were not nearly as distinct that day as they had been when first seen by him and Horsley the day before. Nevertheless, the tracker said he believed the prints were made by a two-legged animal weighing between 400 and 500 pounds.

"I'm out in the woods all the time, and I never saw anything like those tracks before," Englund said.

THERE HAVE been previous sightings of possible Big Foot tracks in that area, Horsley was told.

"I'd sure like to know for sure what it was," he said thoughtfully, looking at his wife and little son. "The tracks were right near my property — and we planned to move onto that land and live there some day."

"Garbage can make methane but it can't make it in big bubbles. The gas would dribble out a little at a time and large amounts have to be contained under pressure to get enough for an explosion," Gold said.

Allan Bromley, professor of physics at the Yale University and an official of the National Academy of Sciences:

He discounted the garbage idea as "amusing."

"The most interesting fact in all of this is that it is not new," Bromley said. "As far back as we have recorded history in New England, we have accounts of these booms off the coast. This all suggests very much that we are dealing with phenomena that are natural in origin."

Specialists with the U.S. Geological Survey say that the muffled booms are similar to those that have been reported periodically in the past, often unrelated to recorded geological activity such as earthquakes.

James Devine, head of the survey's earthquake studies, says that prior reports have come from the Finger Lakes region of New York, the Midwest, New England, Florida, Australia and the Middle East.

Allen Hynek, the Northwestern University astronomer who heads the Center for UFO Studies:

"There have been no reported sightings connected with this since it's apparently a perfectly natural phenomenon."

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Bigfoot Joins The Trek Into Florida

By HUGH A. MULLIGAN

VENICE, Fla. (AP) — As if Florida didn't have enough problems fending off alligators, armadillos, walking catfish and snow birds cluttering up the citrus groves with condominiums, a fellow down here is convinced the Sunshine State is being invaded by Bigfoot.

That's what he said, Bigfoot.

We always thought Bigfoot was California's exclusive answer to Yeti, the Abominable Snowman, something you might expect to find tip-toeing through the redwoods or stomping around the San Andreas fault with a surf board on his back. Or maybe terrorizing the movie colony by pounding on his chest and putting his big foot into everything, like the love child of Godzilla and Otto Preminger.

Not so, according to Mike Corradino, a veteran newspaperman who also happens to be a respected authority on primates, which is the word scientists use for monkeys so they don't get mistaken for organ grinders and circus performers.

According to Mike, who is founder and curator of the Florida Monkey Sanctuary, in addition to being the official monkey catcher of Sarasota County, there have been "hundreds of sightings of Bigfoot in these parts." In fact, from the log he has kept for the past two years, "Florida ranks second only to California in Bigfoot sightings."

Around here, the elusive anthropoid, or whatever, is called a "skunk ape" and to those who have seen it or him or her, "it's more real than a UFO."

MIKE FIRST GOT interested in Bigfoot from telephone calls related to his unpaid post as catcher of runaway and abandoned pit monkeys.

"At first I scoffed too and said impossible," Mike concedes, "but the physical evidence could not be ignored. Barn doors knocked down. Dead animals, chickens, rabbits, raccoons, with their heads bitten off and always the blood completely drained from the body. Not long ago 25 to 30 rabbits were found that way not far from here.

I figured it could only be one of three things. A crazy man running loose from an asylum. A bear, but none has been seen around here in 75 years and this thing always walks upright. Or a skunk ape, which runs 6 to 8 feet tall and can be larger than a gorilla."

Since Venice is the winter headquarters of the Ringling Bros. & Barnum and Bally Circus, some people thought the decapitated, blood-drained animals might have been the victims of some wild animal or huge snake escaped from the compound, but none has been reported missing.

Recent sightings, almost always after dark, have been reported by a whole busload of Greyhound passengers, heading south toward the Everglades, and by construction crews clearing a condominium site in the scrubby pinelands just east of here.

MIKE'S LOG LISTS 74 sightings, including a report two months ago of two skunk apes frolicking in the farm lands just outside the city limits. "Some 200 to 300 people have seen it," he insists, "but most are too embarrassed to make a report. They feel they'll be ridiculed and treated as a wierdo at work."

The thing makes no noise, has so far left only one "good set of prints" and has yet to be photographed because most of the sightings are at night. "It can't be a chimpanzee, because chimps do not go out much at night," Mike adds.

The unidentified species already has been declared an endangered species. A Florida legislator has introduced a bill to ban hunting, trapping or harassing Bigfoot in any way. California already has put it on the protected list, like the bald eagle, the giant condor and original Milton Berle jokes.

If it ever shows its hairy face, the half-ten humanoid will immediately be granted 120-day temporary protection under the endangered species act by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

And according to Mike, the U.S. Corps of Engineers, which supervises most of the canals and inland waterways in this area, has put out a memo advising their people what measures to take if they encounter Bigfoot in the course of a day's work.

Like, don't lose your head, man.

Redwood Country

By Andrew Genzoli

A chronicler of Bigfoot

One of Bigfoot's best friends and one of the kindest men I have ever met, died recently in Oakland after a lengthy illness. He was 72 years of age. George F. Haas, who headed the Bay Area Group, a handful of truly dedicated men interested in Bigfoot, did much to winnow fact from fancy in his research, and has developed probably the best Bigfoot record on the Pacific Coast.

Joel Hurd of Arcata is one of the group of researchers who will miss George. I know I will miss his annual visits to our area — in which he seldom failed to make a call on me. He often furnished me with new material concerning Bigfoot.

George and his group spent many days in the country most frequented by Bigfoot. More than one vigil was maintained with the hope of seeing Bigfoot, and not everything witnessed has been made available to the public for Bigfoot and the wilderness' own good. George's father lived in Eureka for many years — he died last year at 93 years.

George had always urged a philosophy of protectiveness for Bigfoot, living or legend. The thought of possibly destroying this unusual chapter in our northern California story was abhorred by him, a thought deeply subscribed to by his fellows in the Bay Area Group.

Sanctuaries inhabited by Bigfoot, George believed, should be protected. The habitat should not be destroyed, and the individual who chooses to attempt to witness Bigfoot in his natural surroundings should never go armed with a weapon — if it is carried onto the scene, the intent is not good.

Redwood Country knows the spirit of George Haas will live on.

Baffling Booms Caused by Jets, Pentagon Says

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WASHINGTON (AP)—A strange atmospheric effect upon sonic booms caused by supersonic military aircraft produced most of the mysterious booming sounds heard over the East Coast this winter, the Defense Department said Friday.

The booms that have baffled coastal residents since December coincided in every case with supersonic training flights in designated offshore areas, according to a report compiled by the Naval Research Laboratory.

The report discounts other explanations, such as gas bubbles from undersea garbage, unidentified flying objects, secret government research, meteorites and gas escaping from the earth's crust.

The booms, heard from New England to South Carolina, caused so much concern that the White House ordered a Defense Department investigation.

"We are satisfied that each and every event could be accounted for by aircraft flying supersonically," Dr. Alan Berman, director of the Navy laboratory, said at a Pentagon briefing. "We see no reason to evoke alternative explanations."

The two-month Navy study supports an explanation offered by National Aeronautics and Space Administration scientists, who said the baffling noises resulted from sonic booms even though aircraft were often not in the vicinity of the noises.

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The Navy report concludes that the sonic booms traveled farther than normal because certain wind and temperature conditions deflected them back to earth.

The sonic nature of the booms and their timing were the first clues that led scientists to eliminate other possible explanations, Berman said.

"The events never or rarely occurred on Saturday, Sunday, or legal holidays," he noted. "Few were observed before 7 in the morning and there was a peak of activity at about 11 a.m. and again at 3 p.m. and none occurred later than 7 at night.

"If this was a completely natural phenomenon, one would have to conclude that God works civil servants' hours and not at night or weekends."

Supersonic aircraft normally produce a trailing sonic boom that travels downward in a path 15 to 30 miles wide as well as one that goes upward and usually dissipates in the upper atmosphere.

However, the report says that under special conditions, warmer air above 30,000 feet bounces the upward shock back to the ground, striking up to 200 miles ahead of the aircraft that produced it.

Berman said his group studied 183 booming events, including many not reported by the public, recorded from Nov. 1, 1976, to Jan. 12.

Pentagon officials said all aircraft involved were following existing regulations. But they added that corrective action is being taken to minimize future occurrences.

Berman said much of this distorted boom phenomenon could be avoided by better briefings for pilots and providing alternative flying routes during certain weather conditions.

Berman said the Concorde supersonic airliner was eliminated as a source of the booms because its flight schedule did not correspond with the mysterious noises.

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Big Foot--

Is He at Center Ridge?

BY LARRY MILLER
Of the Headlight Staff

Has a Big Foot monster invaded the Center Ridge area?

There's some evidence, some rumors and a lot of skepticism.

But in any event—some huge footprints have been found at two locations in the area, three head of cattle are mysteriously missing and a hog has been strangely killed.

The footprints, pressed into the soft earth, were described by Coach Jim Reynolds of Nemo Vista High School, as being 17 inches long and 7½ inches at the toes. One set of five-toed prints was found along Highway 124, which runs between Center Ridge and Cleveland, near Wayland (Tuffy) Ruff's farm from which three head of cattle disappeared.

The finding of the prints caused quite a stir at the school Monday as the students and Superintendent T. O. Adams turned out to see them and mark them off.

Bob Harrison said Weldon Flowers and Rick Paladino may have been the first to make the discovery about 4:30 p.m. Sunday near the Center Ridge telephone exchange.

Harrison viewed those and said he then found some more after driving west down Highway 124 about seven miles to a low water bridge.

"Looked like a human foot," he said, "but a little bit bigger than the biggest foot I ever saw on a human."

Harrison said he could tell that one print was made by a right foot and another by a left foot.

The stride, he said, was about three feet and the impression had to be left by a weight of some 300 pounds.

"It would take me two steps to its one," Harrison said.

Ed Andrews, who lives about two miles from where the prints first were found, said he had found one of his hogs, a 40-pounder, dead with its head pulled off but the carcass had not been eaten.

Ruff, Center Ridge postmaster, said the cattle had been missing from his 180-acre farm since Tuesday of last week. He said his cattle were fenced but not locked in, and that he found no evidence as to why or how the cattle had disappeared.

However, Harrison, Ruff and Andrews all doubted, in separate interviews, that any sort of monster was responsible for the big prints, the missing cows or the dead hog.

"I don't know what did it (kill the hog), but I don't think Big Foot did," said Andrews.

Ruff said he felt the prints were a "trick of someone."

Harrison said that he felt that if someone was trying to pull a joke, "they are doing the best I've ever seen" of making a big human footprint.

He added, however, that Flowers and Paladino had told him skeptics may think it's a joke "until they see what made the tracks."



—Staff Photo by Larry Miller

STUDENTS AT Nemo Vista School use their hands to show the size of the print left by "Big Foot."

Is it Bigfoot. . .

Cast of mysterious footprint is shown by Joe Cook of Appleton. Dark line is outline of print penciled in. Track was about an inch deep overall, as indicated by Cook's casting. Print was found near the Little Red River fire break road not far from Scotland.

—Courier-Democrat Photo

or just a big foot?



"Looked like to me he was cuttin' a trail on the way back. He must have heard a car nearby or something, because the prints were a lot farther apart. We found one place where he stepped flatfooted over a four-foot fence. That's big," said Cook.

He also said that near the bluff there are reported to be a number of caves. He said his father took refuge in one of them during a storm but had to yield it to a previous tenant — a mother bear and her cub.

"Those caves ain't for me," said Cook. "One guy wanted to take a .30-06 and go back up there with me, but I don't want any of that, and I don't want to see whatever made that track."

Cook's casting shows a very large human track, as if made by an immense person used to going without shoes. The toes are somewhat spread and the arch fallen. These are characteristics of natives' feet in tropical areas where they walk unshod on soft sand.

The tracks found by Cook are about 10 miles as the crow flies from the Center Ridge sightings, perhaps no more than seven miles.

Cook told the Courier-Democrat that if he could have found any other kind of tracks within a quarter of a mile of Bigfoot he would have believed the whole thing a hoax.

"But it can't be," he said. "We found the tracks and there hadn't been anything else through there since the snow melted, not only on the road but anywhere else around. And the Bigfoot tracks were made after the snow."

Is Bigfoot real? Maybe, maybe not. Cook said two fellows who saw the tracks and told about them in a little store at Jerusalem got themselves laughed out of the place. But another guy claims to have seen the creature, Cook says.

It might be pointed out here that if the trackmaker is an animal he's off limits to hunters. Anything not specifically permitted by Game and Fish Commission regulations is protected.

Near Jerusalem

'Bigfoot' leaves monster tracks

By ROGER SMITH
Staff writer

Bigfoot, as he is being called now, not only makes big tracks but makes a lot of them in a lot of places.

Joe D. Cook of Appleton, a Ladish Co. employee, found what appears to be some humanoid tracks about 45 miles north of Russellville near Jerusalem last week.

He and his brother went back Sunday and prospected around the area and made a cement casting of one track. The five-toed print with

unopposable thumb (big toe) measures some 17 inches in length and seven inches across.

This compares with a print found near Center Ridge by a group of students from Nemo Vista, as was reported Wednesday in the Petit Jean Country Headlight.

Cook's Bigfoot, he said, walked along the Red River fire break road just north of Persons Road for some distance, angled off near an area of bluffs, and then moved back along the same road in the opposite direction.