

JFO Sighting At Long Beach

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r's Market in St.
last Tuesday even-
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to close early. At
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Grand Prix and head-
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her home in Long

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conditioning on. A few
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"the blond 32-year
an said Monday. "I
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and following an-
strange occurrence,
s. Critzer told her
what she had seen.
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was bright yellow in
er and reminded me
sun," she recalled
while sitting in her
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Critzer said the ob-
orange lights all
s perimeter. "These
ashed," she said.
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by people seeing
objects in the sky -
ks stopping, lights
electrical systems
wire-- did not occur
at evening.

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r a mile and then I
tended. I had never
anything like that
It wasn't a
r or an airplane. I
ff on Flagg Harbor
ich is not the usual
home," she recall-

tire marks when I
ne turn. My only

thought at that time was to
get away," Mrs. Critzer
said.

Both Ed and Kay Critzer
appear to be normal stable
people, not given to flights of
fantasy. They have owned Ed
and Kay's Market for the
past two years where they
both work seven days a
week. Their neighbors
describe them as practical
hardworking people.

"I have never been inter-
ested in reading about this
kind of thing before. I am
now," Mrs. Critzer said.

Neither of the Critzers
have seen "Close Encount-
ers of the Third Kind"
saying they don't have time
to see movies or to watch
much television.

Thursday night after the
couple returned home from
work Mrs. Critzer heard a
"strange whirling sound."
"The dogs in the neighbor-
hood who are usually quiet
were going wild. Not just
barking but howling and
moaning," she said.

The noise continued inter-
mittently every 15 to 20
minutes from approximately
10:30 p.m. until daybreak.
According to her account
which was substantiated by
her husband, Ed, the noise
was a humming that al-
ternated pitch. "It was a
high pitch and then low
pitch," Ed Critzer said.

He had been awakened
around 4:30 in the morning
by the noise, "I have only 70
percent hearing so if I sleep
on one side I don't hear
things well," he said.

Neither of the Critzers
went outside to investigate.
"I don't know why we didn't
go out and look around," he
said. "That was the logical
thing to do but we just looked
out the window and didn't
see anything. Then I went
back to bed." Mrs. Critzer
stayed awake all night.

The Long Beach area is
located within five miles of
the Calvert Cliffs Nuclear
Power plant. Many reported
UFO sightings have been
near high tension power lines
where it is believed, by
people who support the
theory of extraterrestrial vi-
sitors, that the airships drop
down to recharge their
energy supplies.

Mrs. Critzer reported that
the lights at their house
flickered on and off a lot on
Tuesday night and again on
Thursday. She said this has
happened before but usually
it has been when there was a
high wind or electrical storm
in the area. Tuesday and
Thursday the weather was
clear.

Mr. Critzer's 80-year old
mother also heard the "eery,
whirling noise" Thursday.
She said it was like nothing
she had ever heard in her life
time.

"My mother is a student of
the Bible," Ed Critzer said,
"and the Bible speaks of
these things."

Mrs. Critzer's brother is
with Army intelligence she
reported. "I called him and
he said that it was quite
possible that I had seen a
UFO," she said. "He said
that there have been
numerous sightings near
nuclear power plants," Mrs.
Critzter said.

"I wouldn't drive away
from it again," Kay Critzer
said. "I would stop the car
and turn out the lights and
watch. I'm curious about
them now," she said.

The Critzer's next door
neighbor Donna Kline said
she didn't hear anything
unusual last week. "I've just
moved in and haven't been
here long enough to
know an unusual sound if I
heard one, I guess," Ms.
Kline said.

She did recall that one
night the dogs in the neigh-
borhood were barking but
couldn't remember which
night it was.

Francis Watts, who lives
up the street from the
Critzers, was working in her
garden on Monday. "My
husband and I were probably
asleep at the time the
Critzers heard the noise. We
didn't hear anything. I wish I
had. I vaguely remember
feeling something strange
was happening one evening
but now I can't remember
what caused the feeling,"
Mrs. Watts said.

Susan Miernicki, who lives
on the beach, said she didn't
hear anything last week.

Joyce and Jim Kennedy,
who also live on the beach,

heard dogs barking a lot on
Tuesday night and again in
the early morning hours Fri-
day.

Tuesday night their neigh-
bors were out of town and
Joyce and Jim were keeping
an eye on their house. "Their
dog started to whine and
kept it up for at least 45
minutes which is unusual,"
Joyce Kennedy said. "We
were just about to call the
police because we thought
someone might have been
breaking in the house when
he stopped."

Around 5 a.m. Friday
morning the Kennedys heard
the neighbors dog howling
and whining again. "The
seagulls were carrying on a
lot too. My husband asked
me if I heard that noise and I
said I heard something but
we went back to sleep,"
Joyce Kennedy said.

Randy and Sara Butler
were away from home most
of Thursday and arrived back
around 9 p.m. that night.
They said they did not hear
any strange noises and that
their dog, "Bruiser" was a
little restless but "we
assumed it was because we
had been gone all day," Mr.
Butler said.

The Butlers, along with
several other neighbors, said
that there are times when
steam is released at the
Calvert Cliffs plant. "This
usually goes on for 5 to 10
minutes and then stops,"
Mrs. Butler said. The de-
scriptions of the steam re-
lease did not coincide with
the sound reported by the
Critzers.

A spokesman for the Balti-
more Gas and Electric Com-
pany reported that one of the
reactors is presently shut
down for refueling so it is
unlikely that steam would
have been released from the
plant intermittently all night
the evening of May 10.



Kay Critzer, seated with her husband, Ed, describes the shape of the bright orange-yellow object she sighted near Long Beach Road. (staff photo by Ken Deats)