

Have You Seen The Lights?

The Mineral Lights Make an Appearance - A Report By D.K. Hackett July 27, 1978 - The 'patient' persistence paid off. Saturday made the whole trip worthwhile. The lights didn't appear until about 10:30 PM. Four frustrated observers waiting cameras and field glasses poised and ready. There was a two minute display and then nothing. At 10:38 the lights returned and danced and blanketed the mountain until 11:11. Through field glasses little blue-white lights could be seen to be moving single file in a straight line. Twelve or more could be seen at a time, with hundreds passing in view. Calculations indicate a speed of 40-50 MPH. The effect called to mind a racing parade of motorcycles whose headlights lit up the canopy of trees for several acres around. Despite the comparison/analogies used, they differed from any lights I have observed. The lights seem to be some kind of a natural phenomenon.


The Mineral Lights of Brown Mountain in Western N.C. are an intriguing occurrence which can neither be explained nor discounted. Whatever their nature may be, they treat hundreds of observers to a "fireworks" display yearly. Their mystery remains yet unsolved. The 'oldtimers' of the region laugh at those who try to explain the lights. From their descriptions, and that of Hackett's, the lights appear as erratic moving balls of light with some angular dimension. They can be any color. They tend to move up and down the rocky outcrops of the mountain, and are often seen at fairly close range.

The ORION Organization is a group of scientists and lay persons interested in the investigation into the nature of the Brown Mountain lights. To date they have identified a number of phenomena, often confused with the Brown Mountain Lights. However, they have not seen one or more of the true Brown Mountain Lights. In order to plan an expedition to observe these rare lights, they are collecting as many eye witness accounts as possible. They wish to enlist your help in finding people who have seen the lights.

Confirmation of the existence of the mineral lights and explanations of what they are may remain a mystery for some time to come. Several Mars Hill students have seen the lights. If you are one of them, please write ORION giving the date, weather conditions, and a description of them, to Aztech Limited, ORION Project, PO Box 11852, Knoxville, TN. 37919. Your assistance will be acknowledged and appreciated.

Washington Report

by Congressman Lamar Gudger Eleventh Dist., N.C.



It was a disappointment to many of us that President Carter's visit to Asheville had to be postponed, but he was deeply involved in vital business. Peace in the Middle East is important to the whole world, not to just a few countries in that area.

It's always hazardous to predict events in that volatile territory. Nevertheless, President Carter's efforts should be applauded as being in the best interest of all of us, as have the efforts of every American president since Harry Truman who has had to struggle with the Middle East question.

The delay does serve one purpose. It gives us a little more time to better prepare an old time Western North Carolina welcome for the President. It's not often that the President of the United States makes a personal visit to our part of the country.

Everyone is welcome, so come on out to the Asheville airport at 4:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 22, and say hello to President Carter.

I CAN'T SLEEP, I CAN'T EAT, I'M IN LOVE

Two university of Toronto psychologists report that persons who quickly fall head-over heels in love are apt to be people who believe that the fates, the stars or cosmic forces guide their lives.

On the other hand, say psychologists Kenneth and Karen Dion, people who are highly rational or pragmatic almost never fall in love at first sight.

The Dions, writing in the *Journal of Clinical Psychology* say they have also discovered a difference between the way men and women deal with their emotions when they are in love.

Women, they report, are more likely to be elated and euphoric when in love; men, on the other hand, often find love disruptive and uncomfortable and commonly loose sleep over it.

A STUDY SUGGESTS WORKING STUDENTS ARE SMARTER

Maybe if you want to get better grades, you should get a job making hamburgers at Batam Chef. In any case, start working. A recent study found that students working part-time jobs under work-study programs get better grades than their non-working peers.

The study, conducted by the University of Texas - Austin's Financial Aid Office, indicated that both undergraduate and graduate working students averaged anywhere from .06 to .11 grade points higher than non-working students on financial aid, and than the general student body. UT's study results, moreover, were about the same as other such studies conducted nationwide, added Ben Stough, associate director of financial aid at UT.

Stough speculated that the higher GPAs might have something to do with workstudy students laboring as research or lab assistants in their field of study, thus giving them more experience and knowledge in those fields.

Kramer and Company

Not just anyone can float a woman in thin air... make a rabbit appear from an empty top hat... or cause objects to vanish into space. Bob Kramer can! But then again, he's not just anyone! A member of The Society of American Magicians and International Brotherhood of Magicians, Bob is regarded by his peers as one of America's top illusionists. A magician's magician.

Bob's career in magic began as a hobby in his early teens. Starting with simple sleight-of-hand tricks, he gradually grew into larger more complicated illusions. Somewhere along the line he decided to make magic/performing his life's work. Since then he has amassed a collection of fullscale magical effects valued at over \$75,000, many of which he created and perfected himself.

ILLUSIONS OF THE 21ST CENTURY spotlights Bob's mastery of the art of misdirection. It's the culmination of years of experience and experimenta-

tion, reflecting Bob's philosophy that magic should be a flowing, multi-sensory experience - not a series of unrelated tricks. The show features the world's most spectacular and unbelievable illusions, including: THE CREMATION, METMOTPHASIS, LEVITATION, SWORD CHAMBER, ZIG ZAG LADY and the incredible BUZZ SAW.

Although his home is Grand Rapids, MI., Bob is usually on the road. He does around 200 shows a year in colleges, clubs, cruise ships and state fairs... sharing the stage with the likes of Frank Sinatra, Robert Klein, Guess Who, George Carlin and more! He travels nationwide in his luxurious 40 foot mobile home with his wife Judi, an assistant and an assortment of ducks, dogs, birds and rabbits. Together they're KRAMER & CO.

Be sure you don't miss Kramer and Company on October third. He and his team will perform a teaser in the cafeteria during dinner before the night of the show.



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