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# Quirks in the news

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## His solution for Earth is out of this world

STOCKTON, Calif. (UPI) — Ilen Michael says he's running for president of the United States because a meeting with "ET" provided him with foolproof answers to inflation, unemployment, war and other world problems.

Michael, 66, is the founder of the new Age Synthesis Party, a 30-member commune, and the 100-member Universal Industrial Church of the New World Covenant. He ran for president in 1980 and for governor of California in 1982.

Michael said extra-terrestrial beings he met in 1947 gave him the solutions to mankind's problems when he was beamed aboard a flying saucer.

Michael said his goal as president would be to create a Utopian society with a bill of rights guaranteeing world disarmament, health care, environmental safety and "free cash flow money."