

WHY 80% OF AMERICANS

A MIND-BOGGLING 20 million Americans claim to have seen UFOs — and four out of five of the population are convinced they exist.

So say polltakers who insist the number of UFO witnesses and believers is growing despite efforts by the U.S. government to suppress evidence that proves aliens are ex-

tremely interested in Earth and pay us regular visits.

A Gallup survey in 1966 showed only 40 per cent of Americans thought UFOs were real. By 1974, the number had climbed to 54 per cent. By 1980, it was 60 per cent. And today, the figure is an amazing 80 per cent.

Dr. Leonard Gallaway, a psychologist at

the University of Illinois in Chicago, attributes the trend to several factors, including the incredible number of scientific breakthroughs in the past 20 years.

"Things that were once considered impossible have been proven as fact," he told GLOBE. "As a result, most Americans feel virtually anything is possible — including

alien spaceships and contact by extraterrestrials."

This second part of a fascinating GLOBE series gives chilling examples of close encounters that have helped to convince millions that we're not alone in this universe — encounters that have dramatically changed the lives of the unfortunate victims.

AN AMAZING encounter with a UFO on a quiet country road outside Houston, Texas, resulted in radiation poisoning for two women and a seven-year-old boy.

Their nightmare began on Dec. 29, 1980, when Betty Cash, 52, Vickie Landrum, 56, and Landrum's grandson, Colby, saw "an extremely bright, luminous object" in the night sky.

Cash stopped the car they were in and were struck by an incredible surge of heat from the light.

"The outside temperature was about 40 degrees, but I had to turn on the air conditioning inside the car — and we could still feel the heat," she says.

Both women say they felt a sudden compulsion to leave the car. Cash says she actually went several yards toward the UFO before the heat drove her back. After 15 minutes, the object drifted away. The trio drove on, but after three miles they saw it again.

"Only this time we saw what looked like helicopters circling around it," Cash says. "I counted 23 of them."

They watched for several minutes until both the UFO and the "helicopters" vanished.

"When I got home, there was a burning sensation that seemed to go right through my body," Cash recalls.

She later developed knot-like boils on her neck and head. Then, patches of her hair began falling out.

Landrum says she and Colby "felt like we had a bad sunburn around our faces and necks. I lost some hair, but most of it has grown back."

Cash began developing cataracts and spent a month in the hospital. Her doctor confirms that "she had all the signs of radiation poisoning." The women's account of their encounter convinced veteran UFO investigator Bill English, of the Aerial Phenomenon Research Organization in Tucson, Arizona.

The military denied having any aircraft there that evening. English says he believes the "helicopters" were "unmanned probes," like our moon landers.

THIRTY-EIGHT people, including an Anglican priest, watched in stunned disbelief as humanoids appeared again and again from a hovering spaceship for two amazing nights.

Rev. William Booth Gill was apparently the first to spot the UFO when he walked out his front door at



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the Boainai Mission in Papua, New Guinea, at 6:45 p.m. on June 26, 1959.

"I saw this sparkling object," he reported. "It was very bright and descended toward us."

Within minutes, 30 people gathered around Gill and watched a mothership and three smaller disc-shaped UFOs hover over the quiet South Pacific Ocean.

Without warning, a shaft of blue light angled upward from a deck on the mothership. "As we watched, men came onto the deck of the huge ship," Gill later recalled. "There were four men in all."

The ship, which was about 40 feet wide, took off in a blaze of red light. The crafts appeared again the following evening and the four humanoids once again emerged from the starship.

"I stretched my arms

BELIEVE IN UFOs

The astounding close encounters that have convinced millions

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above my head and waved," said Gill. "To our surprise, one of the figures did the same. Others waved, and two other figures returned the waves. There seemed to be no doubt that they were answering our movements."

After the aliens left, dozens of witnesses signed their names to an account of the spaceship's movements, making it one of the most detailed UFO sightings.

SPACE ALIENS made a lasting impression when they paid a visit to Chestnut Flat Ridge in rural Kentucky — and changed the color of a man's face and hands.

Cathy Gilpin was watching TV with her 19-year-old son, Arlin, on March 11, 1981, when she suddenly heard a strange noise outside.

"I looked out the back door and saw this bright orange light in a pine thicket not far from the house," she says. Fearing it was a headlight from a car that had driven into a ditch, she hopped into her own car and drove to investigate.

"Suddenly, I felt this weird sensation, like the light was pulling me toward it," she recalls. "I managed to get the car turned around."

Meanwhile, Arlin armed himself with a gun and set out to find his mom.

"As soon as I got to this little path, I saw something in the brush," he says. "It looked like two glowing pairs of orange eyes. I fired — and they disappeared."

He rushed back to the house, got his mom and went to the home of his aunt and uncle.

"We were talking about what we'd seen and drinking coffee when I got this strange urge to go outside," says Arlin. Once again he saw the eerie eyes.

"I could hear something,



ALIEN VISITORS: "There were four in all — I waved and one of the figures did the same"

like someone trying to talk, but I couldn't make anything from it," he says.

"The glowing eyes kept getting closer and closer. I couldn't move. All of a sudden, I felt something touch me. A shock went through my body."

Just then, someone called — and the eyes vanished. When Arlin returned to the house, the right side of his face was puffy and reddish. "And his hands had turned green," says his mom.

The youth adds: "Whatever it was, I know it wasn't something with a body like we have. And it had a power over my mind."

DAVID CROCKETT still cringes in terror whenever he recalls the night he was stalked by space aliens.

His nightmare began Dec. 31, 1978, when he and four newsmen took off in a small plane from Wellington, New Zealand.

Crockett, a photographer from Australia, remembers when the control tower alerted them that a UFO had been spotted in the area shortly after take off. "I

turned around and, about a mile behind us, was a huge light in the night sky," he says. "It just tailed us for 20 minutes. Then, without warning, there was a blur of light and it was alongside us."

"It was the most frightening experience of my life. Yet I somehow managed to grab my camera and focus on the UFO."

Another airplane had vanished a year earlier in the same area after a pilot had radioed that a UFO was on his tail. So Crockett's relief was enormous when the UFO suddenly vanished.

"A week after our experience, Quentin Fogarty, a

Melbourne TV reporter who had been with us, had a complete nervous breakdown," he says.

"This is something all of us will carry with us for the rest of our lives. I truly wish it had never happened."

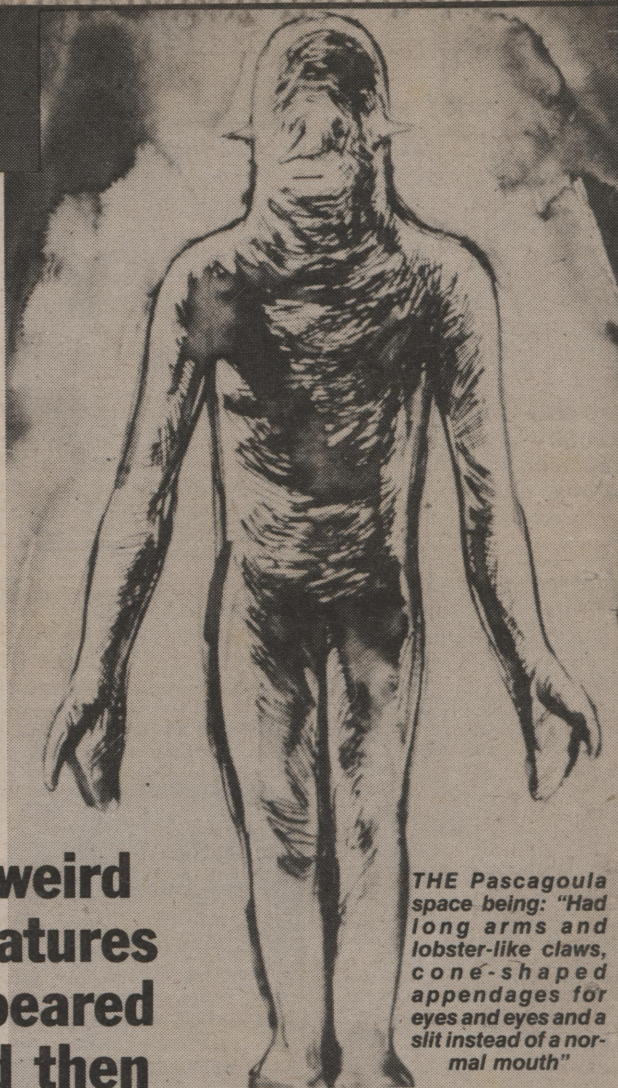
MANY PEOPLE who've experienced close encounters have even been kidnapped by aliens and taken aboard their spaceship.

On Oct. 11, 1973, Calvin Parker, 19, and Charles Hickson, 42, of Pascagoula, Mississippi, were fishing in the Pascagoula River when they noticed an object in the air with a flashing blue light.

"An opening appeared, and three weird-looking creatures emerged and sort of floated to the ground," Hickson recalls.

Hickson and his pal found themselves immobilized by some mysterious force and floated upward into the craft. Parker gave a sudden gasp and fainted. Hickson claims he was "floated" into an intensely bright room and held in a horizontal position while a large, round object moved over his body.

"After a while, the three creatures in the room with me left," he says. "I was paralyzed and could only move my eyes." Hickson says the



THE Pascagoula space being: "Had long arms and lobster-like claws, cone-shaped appendages for eyes and eyes and a slit instead of a normal mouth"

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creatures were about five feet tall, with gray, wrinkled skin, long arms and lobster-like claws for hands. They had small, cone-shaped appendages for eyes and ears, and had a slit instead of a normal mouth.

He says they didn't appear to use their legs, but floated. And even though he didn't

hear them speak, he could "sense emotions" coming from them.

Later, he and Parker, still unconscious, were "floated" out of the craft.

Parker says he can't recall any details of the encounter. But Hickson claims the aliens are still in touch with him.

ORON — COP WHO LOOKED LIKE NOTHING ON EARTH

VICTIMS of alien encounters often can't clearly remember what happened to them — until hypnosis unlocks the eerie secrets hidden in their memories.

Dr. Henry Keller, a Chicago psychologist who has examined more than two dozen UFO witnesses with hypnotic regression, adds that a voice-stress analyzer and lie detector can prove beyond doubt if the truth is being told.

"It's possible to fool one — but no one has ever been known to fool all three," declares Peter Mazzola, director of the Scientific Bureau of Investigation, in Staten Island, N.Y.

Take the case of Christine Bryant.

She was tormented by an eerie five-hour blackout until she learned — under hypnosis — that she'd been kidnapped by aliens and examined aboard their starship.

Robert Morgan, a UFO investigator from San Antonio, Texas, observed Bryant while she relived the episode under hypnosis and is convinced the technique smashed the "memory lock" the aliens implanted in her mind.

For six years, Bryant couldn't account for what had happened to her after she stopped at an apparent accident scene outside Alamogordo, New Mexico. All she could recall was a "policeman" touching her hand — then she woke up at the same spot five

hours later. But now hypnosis reveals that the "policeman" was really an almond-eyed alien who took her aboard a spaceship and examined her before erasing the event from her mind and putting her back in her car.

"He said his name was Oron," she is able to recall.

"And there were three more aliens with him. They were about four feet tall with pug noses, round mouths, sharp chins and no ears.

"They also had black, almond-shaped eyes and sharp jawbones. They didn't look like any creature on Earth. And they communicated with me through mental telepathy."

Says investigator Morgan: "I saw her relive the terror, awe and confusion of those five hours on the craft — and there's no way she could lie that convincingly.

"I'm convinced she was abducted and examined by aliens."

NEXT WEEK: Top-secret UFO bases in America