

E.T.s? Phone him

Washington man wants UFO stories

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LOS ANGELES — Semjase came from Planet Pleides to warn a Swiss farmer that the fate of Planet Earth was bleak. The blond, female Pleidian told the farmer, Billy Mier, that Earth's clock was winding down and soon this planet would be history.

Earthlings can hear such reports of extraterrestrial visitations when they call the UFO Contact Newline, which 31-year-old Paul Shepherd began in March. Even though the stories may be taken as entertainment, Shepherd sees the recording as spreading the word about visiting aliens.

"I'd like people to get an education. This is not only the latest sightings but gives in-depth documentation that exists behind face-to-face encounters with extraterrestrials," Shepherd said. Most of the material used in the recordings comes from documented sightings received by computer from the UFO Reporting Center in Washington, D.C., Shepherd said.

Sometimes, firsthand information will be used, when Shepherd travels to investigate UFO sightings. Last year he spent four days in Switzerland with Mier and plans to visit Brazil, where several sightings have been

reported.

Just like the human species, aliens explore space for different reasons; some go out in the name of science and some in the name of love, said Shepherd. The Pleidians visit because "they are concerned about us as younger brothers. They feel our technical advances have surpassed our spiritual advances," Shepherd said.

And the extraterrestrials who kidnapped a factory worker in Mirassol, Brazil, and "forced him into a biogenetic experiment with an extraterrestrial woman" are looking for a hybrid base between humans and the four-foot-high, big-eared, pug-nosed alien species, Shepherd said. (Investigators know what the aliens look like from the kidnapped man's reports, Shepherd said.)

But the word Shepherd wants to spread is that Earth is being visited by aliens (extraterrestrials, Martians, space creatures — whatever the title) and that people should have access to legitimate information about their stays here on Earth.

"People are more open and receptive to looking at documentation so they can make up their own mind," Shepherd said. The

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In a 1967 photo, Betty Ann Luca of Cheshire, Conn., holds a model of an extraterrestrial she said she encountered. A Washington, D.C., contact service is looking for similar stories.

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phone service, either (213) 976-UFOS or (818) 976-UFOS, costs \$2 per call. Shepherd receives "a small revenue" from the business but said he loses \$20,000 a month on it and considers it mainly a "labor of love" for him and his

partner, 28-year-old Rusty Weaver, son of actor Dennis Weaver.

Documentation of the case histories and sightings reported on the call-in line will be mailed to listeners for a fee. Prices vary, but for a 250-page report on "daily reality" for beings from the Planet Koldar and 150 pages of documentation, the cost is \$15.95.

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