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Hello out there

It's the period of unidentified flying objects again and the man who perhaps chased more UFOs than anyone alive is still convinced they're a product of fertile imaginations. Major General Andrew Lohi was commander of the western area NORAD (North American Air Defense) until his retirement in 1969. "We



spent a good part of our time trying to run down any reported weird visits from outer space. We couldn't take any chances during the Vietnam war because there was a possibility of the enemy coming up with something brand new. It's amazing what strange shape a plane, bird or passing cloud can take in one person's eye on a wintry dark night." For the past 10 years, Gen. Lohi has been "grounded" — owner of Castagnola's restaurant at Fisherman's Wharf.