

# Spaceman Terrorizes Virginia Woman

A young Virginia woman swears she saw a man from outer space step out of a flying saucer parked under some trees in her home state.

"I was looking at a man — or a being — about five feet tall," Melinda Chow, 26, told MIDNIGHT.

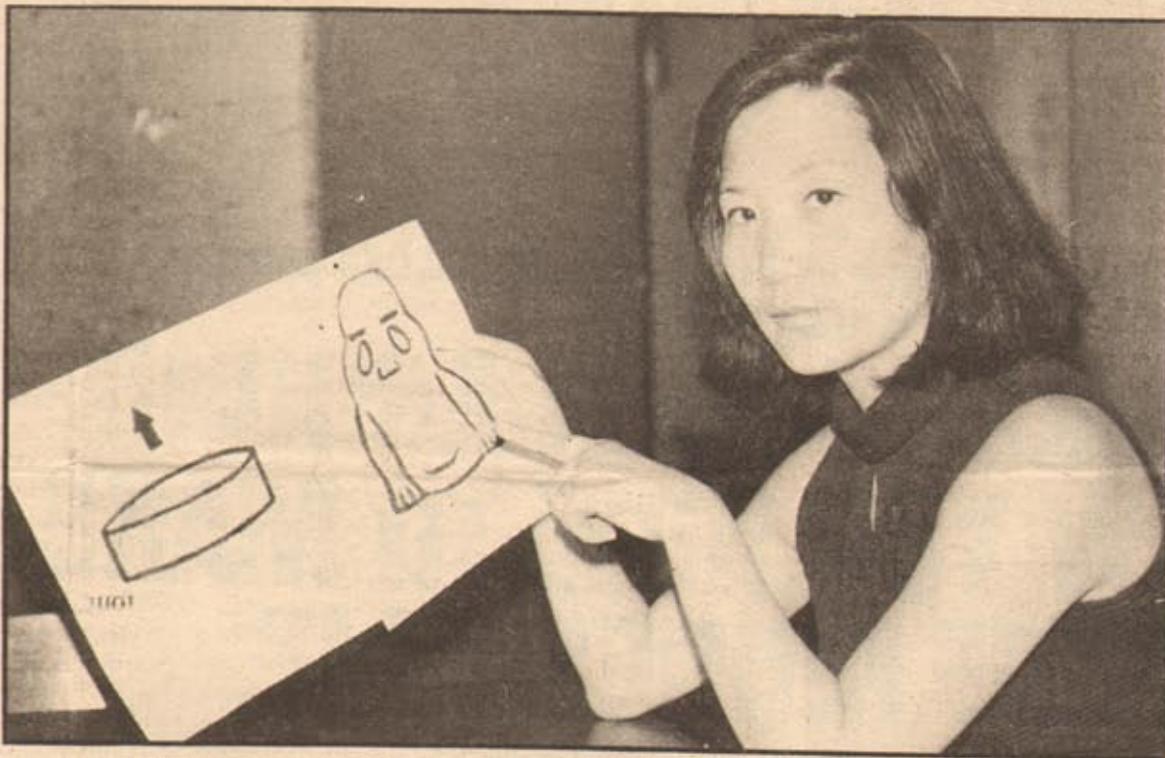
"He had two long, narrow legs and two very short arms and a face that occupied about half the height of his body.

"I think I saw two very oblong eyes, but I can't be sure. His skin was gray and rough, sort of leathery, and he walked in a bouncing, hopping motion."

Miss Chow, a receptionist for an insurance firm, saw the strange visitor about 9:15 on the night of Sept. 3rd. Shortly afterward, police officers in Manassas, Va., reported a "glowing light" overhead. Two U.S. Marine Corps pilots flying in the same area reported they'd been followed by a UFO.

The night of Sept. 3 was clear, Miss Chow remembers. And when she alighted from a bus in the rural area where she shares a house with two roommates, she saw an orange disk glowing above some nearby treetops.

"I was scared," she reported. "I saw the object dip



MELINDA CHOW displays sketch she made of the UFO and its occupant.

beneath the treetops. I felt it was an airliner about to crash, and it was dangerously close to our house. I was terrified, but for some reason I ran toward the scene instead of away from it."

Miss Chow sprinted through an undeveloped section of woodland only 1,000 feet from her house in a Manassas subdivision. She emerged at a clearing to see

the UFO standing "on stilts" in a clearing. Two days later, friends and a local UFO buff were unable to find scorch marks, broken branches or disheveled grass where she said the craft had landed.

"I just stared, not under-

standing what I was seeing," she recalled. "It seemed like some kind of spacecraft that had landed in the familiar clearing where I go for walks on weekends. At first, I had no idea that I wasn't alone."

Miss Chow said she was

standing about 200 feet from the UFO, which emitted a red-orange light, when she distinguished the shape of a human-like creature walking beneath the craft.

"I saw this apparition," she recounted. "I knew it wasn't human. And I ran. When I got to the house, I was hysterical, shaking and crying."

An hour later, police officer John S. Thomas, on Interstate 66 two miles from Miss Chow's home, spotted a disk-like orange light rising in the sky. Thomas's partner, officer Harry G. Schenk, also reported having seen a UFO shooting toward low, scattered clouds.

A UFO was seen the same night by pilots of two Marine aircraft near Woodbridge, Va.

"It was an odd, glowing object," reported Maj. Thomas D. Sah. "And it definitely wasn't a helicopter or a balloon."

Miss Chow submitted to a thorough medical and psychiatric examination after the sighting. Tests show her to be in good health and indicate she genuinely believes she saw an unexplained humanoid visitor.

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