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# Close encounters of many kinds: UFOs won't go away

By L. Stuart Ditzen  
Inquirer Staff Writer

It was a bright, clear afternoon last April, and John Velter, a Harrisburg businessman, and his company bookkeeper, Sandra Schell, were driving west on the Pennsylvania Turnpike near Valley Forge.

Far ahead, a shining silver object like a Frisbee tilted on edge descended from the sky and flew directly toward them. For several seconds, the object advanced along the line of the highway, 500 feet or so in the air. Then when it was almost overhead,

it veered north, flew over a meadow and vanished.

"All of a sudden it wasn't there," said Schell. "I did not take my eyes off of it, and then, it just wasn't there."

What they saw that day — apparently — was a UFO. Velter, owner of Blue Mountain Spring Water Inc., and Schell reported the sighting to police and then to a UFO hot line in Western Pennsylvania.

"I thought a crackpot had built an airship of some kind," Velter said. "I was waiting to see something in the newspapers."

But the sighting was just one — a comparatively undramatic one at that — of many UFO reports that are made regularly to police, government agencies and UFO organizations around the country and the world.

It has been nearly four decades since the first major wave of UFO sightings in the United States in 1947, and the mystery concerning them has refused to go away. There are thousands of new sightings every year.

As many as 90 percent of UFO re-

ports turn out to be aircraft, planets, meteors, space debris, weather balloons, kites, unusual atmospheric conditions and other explainable objects and events. But there are many sightings that even dedicated skeptics and debunkers are unable to explain.

"People want quick answers — Where are they from? What are they doing here? I wish I knew the answers," said J. Allen Hynek, retired chairman of the astronomy department at Northwestern University and director of the Center for UFO

Studies with offices in Lima, Ohio, and Scottsdale, Ariz.

The only discernable trend, Hynek said, is that a changing pattern in sightings seems to suggest that UFOs, whatever they are, are getting closer.

In the 1950s and 1960s, there were reports of "flying saucers" zooming about the sky. Now, according to Hynek and other researchers, the reports are frequently of "close encounters" in which UFOs are said to hover above treetops and to land. And in a growing number of cases,

sightings of "humanoids" also are reported.

"The strangeness index has gone up," said Hynek, 74, who is widely regarded as the elder statesman of UFO studies in America.

He and a small coterie of other scholars believe that UFOs hold possibilities for a spectacular development in human history — the opening of a window to the universe.

There also is a dedicated clique of skeptics. Its leader, Philip Klass, a senior editor of *Aviation Week & Space Technology* magazine, contends that UFOs are "popular myth."

Klass said he cannot explain every UFO sighting, but "we've had nearly 40 years. There is not a single piece of physical evidence. All these people claim to have been aboard a UFO, not one has brought back a souvenir."

Officially, the United States government has conducted no research on the subject for the last 16 years.

The Air Force collected reports on UFO sightings from 1947 until 1969, at which time it concluded that, although not all sightings could be explained, UFOs did not represent a threat to national security.

Since 1969, the Air Force has referred reports of UFO sightings to local police departments and to private UFO groups. All research on the subject has been done by individuals and a few scantily funded nonprofit organizations such as Hynek's Center for UFO Studies, which operates on \$40,000 a year.

The most dramatic — and seemingly preposterous — of UFO sightings are those in which witnesses report seeing, and sometimes being abducted by, human-like creatures.

To describe these cases, Hynek several years ago coined the term "close encounters of the third kind," which became the title of Steven Spielberg's 1977 movie about a UFO landing on Earth.

The Mutual UFO Network (MUFON), based in Seguin, Texas, has collected 2,300 reports of close encounters of the third kind from around the world, dating back more than 40 years. According to MUFON figures, there were about 300 such reports in 1967. In 1975, there were 1,000. And in 1981, the number had grown to 2,300.

As a rule, researchers say, the people who make such reports appear to be sane, stable citizens. Rarely do they seek publicity. Often their accounts come out reluctantly, sometimes years after the event, and sometimes only through hypnosis.

Budd Hopkins, a New York artist who published the book *Missing Time* in 1981, has studied more than 50 cases in which UFO witnesses recount abduction experiences.

A common trait among the cases, Hopkins said, is that the subjects have memory blocks associated with UFO sightings.

In a typical case, Hopkins said, an individual reports seeing a UFO briefly at close range but later discovers that what had seemed only a momentary experience actually lasted for as long as an hour or two.

To probe the time gaps, Hopkins enlisted a New York psychologist, Aphrodite Clamar, who hypnotized the subjects and led them back through their experiences.

A pattern emerged, Hopkins said: Many subjects told of being confronted by small human-like creatures with bulbous heads, large liquid eyes and frail, emaciated bodies.

They told of being taken inside UFOs, into large lighted rooms, of being placed on tables and examined, as in a doctor's office, and then of being released.

Hopkins said his subjects sometimes told of having a sense of telepathic communication with their

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Monique O'Driscoll, one of those who said they sighted boomerang-shaped object in the skies over

The Philadelphia Inquirer / MICHAEL MALLY

New York City suburbs in 1984

captors and a sense of paralysis. Some, Hopkins said, came away with small bloodless wounds — an incision on the back of a calf or a plug of missing flesh on a shin — that healed into scars.

"Nobody has any idea what really is going on here," Hopkins said. "We have no answer to any of the big questions. We just know it's going on, and it ain't the Russians."

Nine of Hopkins' subjects were given psychological evaluations by Elizabeth T. Slater, another New York psychologist, in 1983.

Slater concluded in a written report that the purported UFO experiences of the nine could not be attributed to mental disorders.

"One can conclude that the test findings are not inconsistent with the possibility that the reported UFO abductions have, in fact, occurred," Slater wrote. "... There is no apparent psychological explanation for their reports."

Hopkins declined to release the names of his subjects. "These people do not want any publicity," he said. "They don't know what the hell has happened to them. Every one of them is afraid it's going to happen again."

Hopkins played a 1983 tape recording for The Inquirer of a Nebraska woman recalling, under hypnosis, an experience she had in 1959, while driving home from a date late at night with her boyfriend.

Hopkins said the woman had a conscious recollection of seeing a blinding light, a human-like creature descending in front of the car and nothing more — a blank memory. There were two hours of missing time from that night, Hopkins said, that had troubled the woman for 24 years.

As the tape played, the woman's voice rose in distress:

*"Do you see that light? Oh my God, did you see that light? My God, I've never seen nothing like that. What is it? Oh God, what is it? ..."*

*"Oh my God, do you see that? We're going to hit him. What is it? What is it? We're going to hit him. My God, we're going to hit him. ... Some kind, some kind of being. Oh my God. Oh God. There's no feet. There's no feet to him. ... It's just hanging in the air. He has some kind of metallic gray suit on. His hands hang to his sides. He has some kind of hooded top on his head. And, oh my God, his eyes, oh my God, oh my God, his eyes ..."*

As the woman's account moved into the realm of forgotten time, her voice became more tearful and terrified:

*"I feel numb. Paralyzed. I can't, can't, can't move. I can't talk. ... Oh my God, they're in front of the car. Oh my God, there are three in front of the car. ... The same beings, same beings, the eyes, dark, oh God, the dark eyes, and they're just looking at us. Jesus, just looking at us. They say to me, 'Get out of the car. Get out of the car.' I open the door, and I just stand there like a zombie. ... And one comes around the door and takes, takes ahold of my arm. And there's lights all over. Lights all over. I can feel myself going someplace. ... On the road, going north. ... I'm numb. I can't fight him. I can't, I can't get away, can't get away. We're going north, up the hill. Oh God, oh God ..."*

"What do you see now?" Hopkins asks on the tape. "What is happening?"

*"Some kind of vehicle. Oh my God, it's round. Bright. Very bright light ... And he's trying to get me to walk up some steps. Oh my God. There's about 10 steps. The door slides, like into the wall, and we go inside. A large room ... And there are three beings, and they don't do anything. They just feel around on me. ... I'm by the door. They just look at me. Piercing eyes. And next thing, I'm*

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outside again. I'm back in the car.

Asked about such cases, Allen Hynek replied: "The only thing I can say is that to the people I've talked to — and I've talked to quite a few now — it is absolutely real. . . . You cannot fob off the [accounts] as coming from a bunch of dodoes and crackpots."

The accounts are widely ridiculed by UFO skeptics.

"People see all sorts of things. They see pink elephants. They see fairies," said Paul Kurtz, professor of philosophy at the State University of New York in Buffalo.

Kurtz, chairman of the Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal, said abduction stories are "a product of the creative imagination or science fiction. . . . It seems to be a psychological, sociological phenomenon."

"All these are tales," said Philip Klass. "Do you believe in Santa Claus?"

Astronomer Louis Winkler of the Pennsylvania State University, who contends that UFOs are bits of debris entering earth's atmosphere from comet trails, regards people who tell of UFO abductions as lunatics. In keeping with his theory about comets, he said, "I call them cometics."

A researcher who takes abduction stories more seriously but has developed a completely earthly explanation for them is Alvin H. Lawson, a professor of English at California State University at Long Beach.

Lawson contends that the people who relate UFO abductions under hypnosis in reality are recalling experiences from birth.

The descriptions of bright lights, of emergence from darkness into a lighted room, of strange beings and of loss of control are all birth images, Lawson said. "There isn't a single case that I've read of that isn't just oozing with birth imagery." His theory, he added, has not been widely embraced.

David M. Jacobs, a professor of history at Temple University, has studied UFOs for 19 years.

"This is not just a nonsense subject," said Jacobs, who has written a carefully documented book, *The UFO Controversy in America*, and who teaches a course at Temple called UFOs in American Society.

"We are dealing with huge numbers of sightings," Jacobs said. "The sightings do not appear to be related to societal events, societal stress, mass hysteria. Many people think it's a hysterical contagion. Not true. Also, publicity about UFOs does not generate UFO sightings."

As a rule, said Jacobs, people who report UFOs are not cultists, kooks or hoaxers. "What we are talking about here is your normal, average, everyday citizen. What people see around the world are objects that fit within fairly narrow parameters. They see geometric objects in the sky."

Walter H. Andrus Jr., international director of MUFON, said his organization continues to catalogue about 350 UFO sightings each year for which no explanation has been found.

Stan Gordon, director of the Pennsylvania Association for the Study of the Unexplained, which operates a UFO hotline in Greensburg, Pa. (412-838-7768), said that about 20 unexplained UFO sightings occurred in Pennsylvania last year. The Center for UFO Studies has raw data on 80,000 sightings from around the world.

Hynek recently conducted a computer analysis of 400 cases and identified a series of characteristics which, he contends, defy natural explanation. In 68 cases, Hynek said, UFOs were reported to hover silently; in 23 cases, they were reported to silently accelerate with tremendous speed.

"In our physical world," Hynek said, "we don't have objects that can do those things."

The most sensational recent UFO sightings occurred in suburban counties north of New York City in 1983 and 1984, when large numbers of people saw a huge boomerang-shaped object with panels of bright lights gliding at low altitudes through the night sky.

The Federal Aviation Administration and local police contended that several pilots were flying small planes in close formation to create a UFO hoax.

Philip J. Imbrogno, who investigated the sightings for the Center for UFO Studies, found that some pilots did attempt to perpetrate a hoax, but only after reports of the "boomerang" had created excitement in several communities.

Witnesses who saw the boomerang, Imbrogno said in a report, were certain that what they saw was not a formation of planes. They described the object as traveling slowly and silently low in the sky, hovering and having a grey metallic shape.

Another spectacular series of UFO sightings occurred in 1980 near Bentwaters Air Force Base, a U.S. facility in England.

A Jan. 13, 1981, report written by Lt. Col. Charles I. Halt, deputy commander of the base, said a "strange glowing object" was seen by Air Force security police in Rendlesham forest near the base in the early morning of Dec. 27, 1980.

"The object was described as being metallic in appearance and triangular in shape," the report said. ". . . It illuminated the entire forest with a white light. The object itself had a pulsating red light on top with a bank of blue lights underneath. The object was hovering or on legs. As the patrolmen approached the object, it maneuvered through the trees and disappeared."

The craft, according to the report, left three depressions in the ground in a triangular formation.

The following night, the report said, an extended series of additional sightings occurred in the forest and in the sky.

The Rendlesham forest sightings were detailed by UFO researchers Lawrence Fawcett and Barry J. Greenwood in a 1984 book, *Clear Intent*.

The sightings also were the subject of a recent series by Cable News Network that included an interview with an airman who said he and several other Air Force personnel saw three humanoids near a UFO as it hovered in the forest on the second night.

The sightings at Rendlesham forest have generated great excitement among UFO researchers. "It's an excellent, excellent case," said Fawcett. "It's one of the best cases in 30 years."

To date, the Air Force has declined comment on the sightings.

Klass calls the sightings "a typical UFO story in that there's lots of nonsense."

Hynek thinks they are yet another indication that something big is on the horizon.

"We are wandering close to the edge of 20th century science," said Hynek. "I think UFOs are introducing us to an aspect of reality that science hasn't touched yet."

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# It's Boeche and Colborn,

## urging release of UFO data

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By Catharine Huddle

By profession, they are employees of a printing company and a real estate agency.

But Ray Boeche and Scott Colborn, both of Lincoln, also devote untold amounts of time and money to the investigation of unexplained phenomena.

They talk about flying saucers, 3-foot-tall entities with large heads and dark eyes and contacts between UFOs and military bases dating back more than 30 years, including bases that house nuclear arms.

Boeche and Colborn are dead serious about their work and they think the public has a right to more information.

The men will not say that UFOs are from another world or that they're piloted by alien beings. But, they say, many questions could be answered if the government would release information they think it holds about such phenomena.

"If there are no UFOs, then why all the secrecy? We believe the public has a right to know," Colborn said.

They met recently with U.S. Sen. J.J. Exon, D-Neb., in an attempt to convince him to push for the release of such information.

Their current project is the investigation of a December 1980 incident in a forest between the Bentwaters and Woodbridge NATO bases in England. Boeche and Colborn, who have interviewed U.S. servicemen involved in investigating the alleged landing site, say they are among about six people worldwide studying the incident.

The men said their fellow investigators in England have acquired a U.S. Air Force document dealing with the incident by using the Freedom of Information Act.

The group also has copies of a British Ministry of Defence document and a tape recording they say was made during an on-site Air Force investigation conducted during the days following the incident.

### Driven to frenzy

According to the tape and the document they say was obtained through the information act, an unidentified craft or crafts landed in the forest, driving nearby farm animals into a frenzy, damaging surrounding trees and leaving moderate levels of radiation.

The voices on the tape are muffled, possibly because the men from the Woodbridge base wore face masks to guard against radiation, Boeche said. But the voices are calm at the beginning of the inspection; the first clue that something is amiss is that their radios don't work.

The voices become animated, however, when the team gets readings on Geiger counters and finds strange abrasions and mysterious white streaks on the trees.

After one man says the animals in a nearby farmyard are raising a ruckus, the men say they see strange, reddish-yellow lights in the trees. After the Geiger counters click, a man is heard saying: "It's coming this way. It is definitely coming this way. There is no doubt about it. This is weird. Get the flashlights off. This is very, very strange.

"Let's go carefully. It looks like an eye winking at you. It's still moving from side to side and when you put the starscope (a heat-sensing device) on it, it looks like it sort of has a hollow center, a dark center. It almost burns your eye."

The men on the tape said the lights remained in the area for an hour or more, dancing around and beaming streams of light down to the ground, before disappearing.

In their meeting with Exon, Boeche and Colborn asked the senator to help them get a film that they think was shot during the Bentwaters investigation. They also want help getting other possible evidence: plaster casts made at the site, lab analysis of residue left by the craft and copies of reports, photographs, memorandums and notes.

### 17 witnesses

"Something did land at RAF Bentwaters. There were 17 firsthand witnesses

who know that something did happen. We know that the event was filmed," Boeche said. "We know the Air Force does have this information and we know that (there have been) contacts between this type of craft and Air Force bases since 1960."

The British investigators — Dot Street, Jenny Randles and Brenda Butler — have written a book, "Sky Crash: A Cosmic Conspiracy," about the incident and have been interviewed at least twice by the British Broadcasting Corp. But, with the exception of a recent segment broadcast on the Cable News Network, there has been little or no U.S. publicity on the Bentwaters incident, Boeche said.

The men went to Exon, both as their senator and as a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, in hopes that they could convince him to push for a series of informational congressional hearings on unexplained phenomena.

They also have government documents discussing UFO incidents in the United States as far back as 1950 and as recent as 1980. One of those documents, dated March 1950, discusses the recovery of a "so-called flying saucer" and of three bodies from inside the craft.

Boeche and Colborn have requested that Exon ask the Air Force to disclose what it knows about such incidents.

They described Exon as concerned that, as a member of the Armed Services Committee, he has not been fully apprised of this and other UFO incidents, and they hope that he will push committee Chairman Sen. Barry Goldwater, R-Ariz., to release more information.

An Exon aide confirmed that the senator met with Boeche and Colborn but did not know whether Exon planned to pursue the matter. Exon could not be reached.

Boeche and Colborn say there also have been reports that "entities" were seen near the craft in the first incident near the NATO bases in England.

### Trip planned

"No one will deny and no one will con-

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firm," Boeche said. "One witness said there were three entities, 3 to 3½ feet tall with large heads and dark eyes," who first looked like little kids in snow-suits.

Investigators also have acquired from the British Ministry of Defence unauthenticated documents that describe entities observed during the Bentwaters incident as being 1½ meters tall, having clawlike hands with three digits and an opposable thumb, and wearing what appeared to be nylon-coated pressure suits with no helmets.

Boeche is planning a trip to England, where the British investigators and others are pushing their government for the release of information. He wants to visit the Bentwaters area and to make people, both here and in England, more aware of such phenomena.

"We want to start a grass-roots effort and we hope" the attitude will be: "Hey, there's something going on here and I'd like to know what it is. I think I'll call (a senator)," Boeche said.



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"Why all the secrecy?" asks Scott Colborn (right). He and Ray Boeche think the public has a right to UFO information.

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The U.S. government's project to track UFOs

Operation Starlight is ostensibly an electronic network operated by the United States government in order to catch outerspace radio signals. In fact, Operation Starlight is a tracking station for Unidentified Flying Objects. The trackers activate alarms when radar spots UFOs and spotters, armed with cameras and binoculars, set out to sight them. All this in spite of the fact that our government's official position is that UFOs do not exist.

Operation Starlight has been in existence, we speculate, about

three years and so it would be interesting to wonder if the concept came into being after Aug. 1, 1981, at 2 a.m., when a spectacularly beautiful and absolutely fascinating phenomenon appeared in the northern sky over Lake Michigan in full view of all the surrounding states. The phenomenon went unreported in all the papers, including our own, which, upon inquiry, said they had no proof — from the paper that the summer before sent one-half of Lake County racing to Lowell in search of strange lights.

It is also interesting that Prof. Hynek of Northwestern University and had of the center for UFO Studies, took a sabbatical from his teaching position about the same time without disclosing his relocation. Is he part of Operation Starlight?

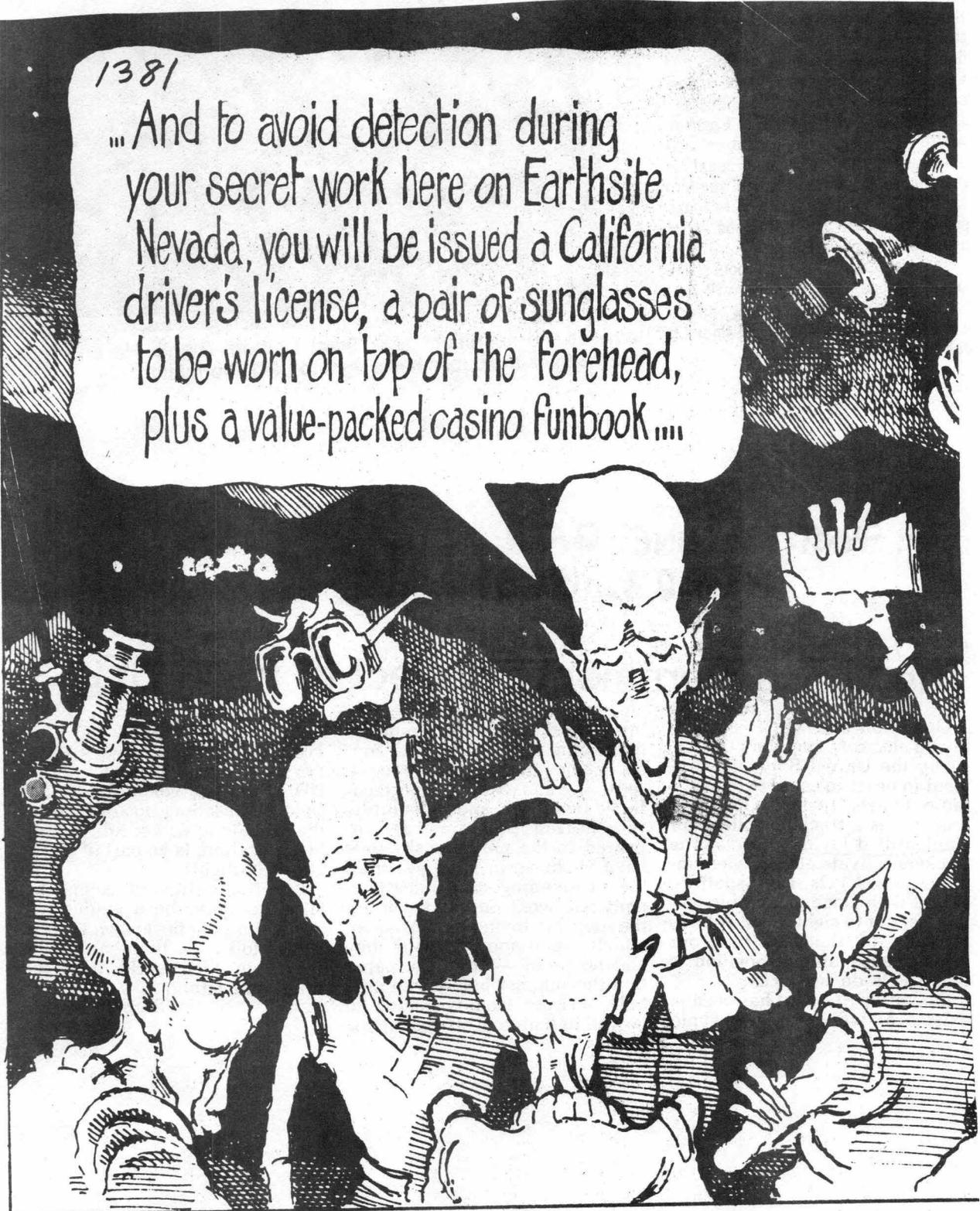
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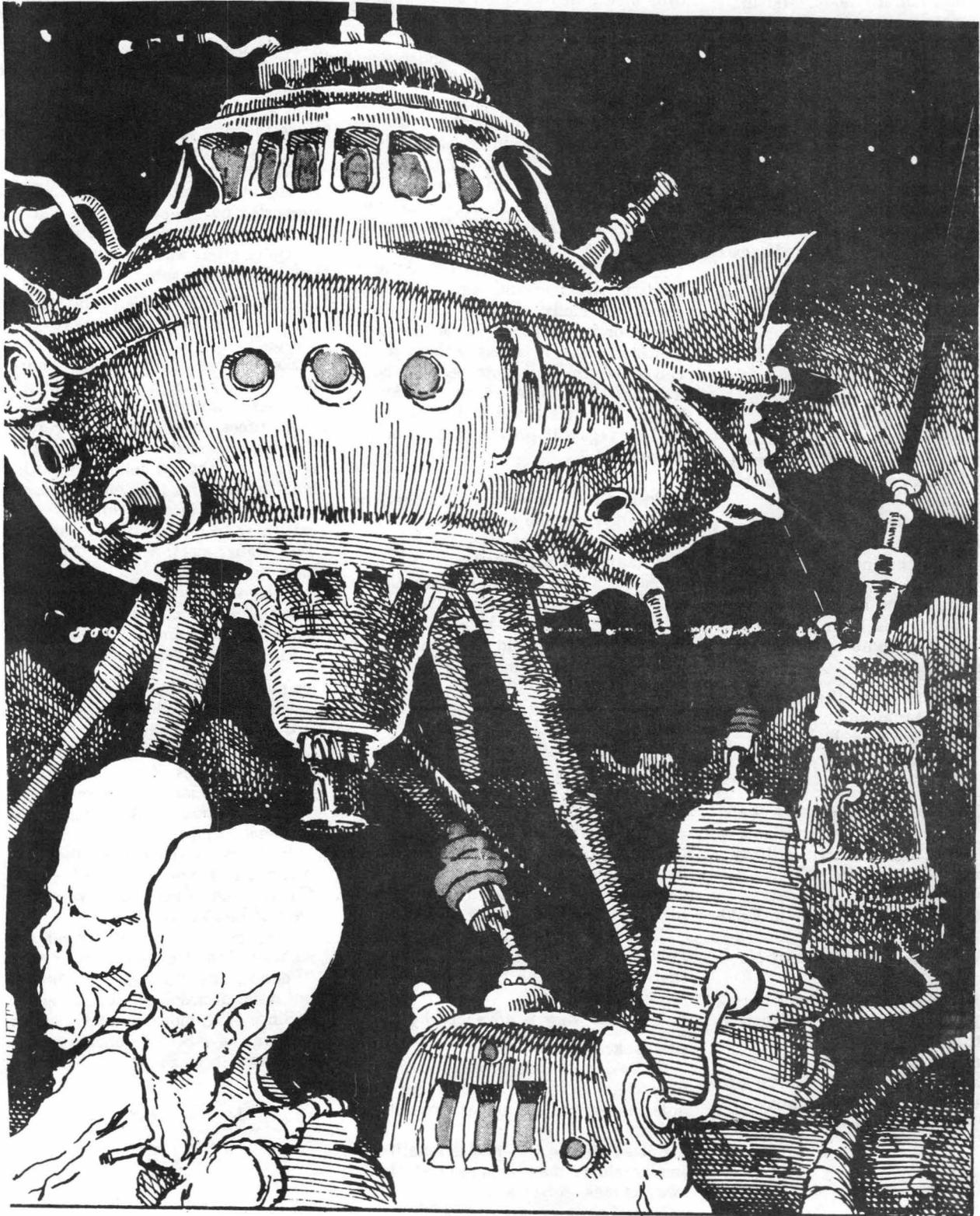
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# Experts ponder Vegans' reports of tremors, lights in sky

By Ed Vogel  
Review-Journal

**O**n a mild fall afternoon, Martin Rice watched incredulously as the basketballs bounced slightly on a department store shelf. Several small items fell as the apparent tremor increased in intensity.

Rice wondered if there had been an unreported earthquake in the Las Vegas area.

On many evenings last fall, Richard Arnold spied a series of four or five orange lights hanging in the sky as he drove home along the Pahrump Highway.

"They were visible for 10 or 15 minutes. I brought binoculars so I could see them better. I have no idea what they are."

On warm fall evenings, Sal Cinquegrani liked to walk out in his backyard in Spring Valley to gaze at the strange lights in the sky.

"There were flashes of laser beams across the sky. They lasted for several seconds and then came back. I thought it was a fascinating thing."

These men are hardly crackpots. Each holds a responsible position in Southern Nevada businesses.

They are not alone in what they have seen or felt. Las Vegas frequently feel unexplained tremors or see unidentified flying objects.

Many conjecture what they felt or saw was caused by an unannounced test at the Nevada Test Site, by a sonic boom or some secret military aircraft maneuver.

Typically news authorities have been baffled in trying to find explanations. Nellis Air Force Base officials will say it isn't them. The test site will give a similar response and the National Earthquake Information Center in Golden, Colo., will indicate nothing moved on the Richter scale for Southern Nevada.

These people, however, are not crazy. They wish there was an explanation for what they see or feel.

"I realize people have seen a lot of things," said Bill Patterson, assistant tower chief at McCarran International Airport. "Everything we have seen has

been proven to be of man-made origin."

Patterson has seen rainbow-colored tails in the night sky on at least three occasions.

He found the tails were caused by rocket tests conducted at Vandenberg Air Force Base near Lompoc, Calif. Although more than 300 miles away, the tails under certain atmospheric conditions can be visible in Southern Nevada.

It may not be UFOs, but the planet Venus that Las Vegas have seen in recent months, said Dale Etheridge, astronomer at Clark County Community College.

"When Venus is low in the sky it tends to shimmer and take on different colors, especially when the air is turbulent or it is windy," Etheridge said.

Just before Christmas, Etheridge received several calls from people who saw a bright light streak across the sky. They thought a plane had crashed south of Las Vegas. It proved to be a bright meteor.

Despite such explanations, Etheridge does not doubt the existence of UFOs, although he never has seen anything that cannot be explained.

"About 10 percent to 15 percent of the objects seen by responsible people cannot be explained," he said. "It is something that should be studied but unfortunately isn't being studied enough."

UNLV geologist Bill Fiero has felt tremors that were not detectable from earthly origins.

"If it doesn't show on the seismograph, then it is not coming out of the ground," Fiero said. "I can't explain it."

Fiero, however, speculates some of the rattling of windows and mild tremors felt by Southern Nevadans may be caused by sonic booms from aircraft flying considerable distances away.

"I have been told that under certain atmospheric conditions, there are patterns that skip across the sky and magnify sonic booms."

A similar view is advanced by test site spokesman Jim Boyer.

He said sonic booms may bounce from cloud to cloud for 200 miles to 300 miles across the sky under certain conditions.

Rather than a test site detonation, small tremors may be caused by the far-away booms, Boyer said.

Nonetheless, chances of Nellis aircraft causing booms that would be felt in Las Vegas are "rare," said Col. John Kuminecz, the base's chief spokesman.

Kuminecz said Nellis' sonic speed flying range is about 100 miles north of Las Vegas in the Delamar Valley area.

"There might be some window rattling in Vegas on an infrequent basis," he said.

Sonic booms are not caused just by an aircraft breaking the sound barrier at about 640 mph. The nose of the aircraft must break airwaves at a certain angle to cause a ripple in the air flow and create a boom.

The theory that tremors may be caused by distant sonic booms also is supported by the staff at the National Earthquake Information Center.

"Quite often what is felt is acoustic noise caused by sonic booms," said Max

Jacobs. "We have this problem frequently. It happens in all areas of the nation."

Southern Nevada is not as tremor-prone as other regions, particularly Southern California, he said.

At times, some Southern Nevadans have blamed the tremors on the testing of the so-called 'Stealth' bomber. Reports frequently surface that this advanced technology aircraft may be tested on the Tonopah Test Range or the secret Area 51 base.

"I have no idea at all about the Stealth," Kuminecz said. "If I did, I still couldn't comment."

The National Weather Service discounts theories that residents may be seeing strange sights that in reality are weather balloons.

No weather balloons are ever released over Las Vegas, said Frank Taylor, official in charge of the weather station at McCarran International Airport.

Balloons, however, are released at 4 a.m. and 4 p.m. each day from old Camp Desert Rock, 65 miles northwest of Las Vegas.

"We get a lot of calls about the sights and the tremors," Taylor said. "I don't think it is weather balloons, but other atmospheric phenomena."

Since 1951, more than 630 nuclear weapons have been detonated on the test site. It is Energy Department

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policy to announce any test that may cause ground motion that can be felt in Las Vegas.

The unannounced tests presumably are those too small in magnitude to be detectable. Still, some people wonder if these unannounced tests are the cause of tremors.

"I can say categorically that we preannounce or postannounce all tests that can be felt in Las Vegas," Boyer said.

Since 1977, seismologists at the California Institute of Technology have detected 138 underground nuclear tests. During the same period, test site officials have announced 120 tests. //

## Eyewitnesses Claim:

# Huge UFO Appears as Thousands Flock to See Housewife in Religious Trance



**EERIE UFO** hovers over Spanish town. This unretouched photograph was declared "absolutely genuine" by a Kodak official.

**Thousands of pilgrims are flocking each month to a meadow in Spain to watch in awe as a humble mother of seven goes into a trance — and speaks in a strange voice many believe is that of the Virgin Mary.**

And last May 5, say eyewitnesses, a massive UFO appeared over the meadow near the mountain town of El Escorial — hanging over the crowd for 20 minutes while the mother, Amparo Cuevas, was in her trance.

Mrs. Cuevas, a gray-haired former maid, occasionally also bleeds from her palms and forehead — and these stigmata have even been witnessed by a local priest, Father Jose Aranz.

"This bleeding happens when Amparo is in a state of ecstasy," revealed Father Aranz, of the diocese of El Burgo De Osma.

"She is clearly suffering the agony of Jesus. The blood flows from the places where nails were driven into His hands during the Crucifixion. The bleeding from her forehead is similar to that caused by the Crown of Thorns. These stigmata have been witnessed by scores of worshipers."

Father Aranz believes the UFO "is a sign from God that He is present in the meadow."

Among those who saw the UFO was Eduardo Bustos, a professor of philosophy at Madrid University. He recalled:

"My wife and I were walking down a hill to look at the crowds gathering in the meadow when I glanced up and saw a huge, disc-shaped object in the sky east of town.

"My wife and I watched amazed as it moved directly over the crowd. It remained stationary over them for about 20 minutes before silently moving away and disappearing over the mountains."



**EXHAUSTED** Amparo Cuevas comes out of her trance.

The UFO was actually photographed by a local housewife, Mrs. Guadalupe Hernandez. Her print was tested at Kodak's Spanish headquarters near Madrid, and service director Mariano Hernandez — no relation to Guadalupe Hernandez — pronounced it "absolutely genuine."

Mrs. Cuevas has been holding prayer meetings every month in the meadow since May 1981, when she says she saw a vision of the Virgin Mary on an ancient ash tree in the field.

On the first Saturday of each month thousands of people flock to the meadow, 25 miles north of Madrid, by bus and car — and recently an ENQUIRER reporter joined them. He reported:

"For hours I stood with the pilgrims in the field, which was muddy from two days of rain. The people sang songs and prayed as they waited for Mrs. Cuevas to appear.

"Many scanned the sky, searching for another UFO, but none appeared.

"Finally, just before 5 p.m., someone whispered excitedly, 'She's coming, she's coming!' — and Mrs. Cuevas moved through the crowd surrounded by her family and guards. Her eyes were red and puffy, and it appeared to me as if she had been crying.

"She kissed the tree's trunk, made the sign of the

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cross, then sat down on a folding canvas chair facing the tree. She led the gathering in prayer for about 20 minutes. Several of the people cried and moaned.

"Suddenly Mrs. Cuevas fell to her knees, eyes tightly shut. Her breath came in

gasps... and then, in a rasping whisper that pilgrims believe is the Virgin Mary's, she began urging the pilgrims to turn to God and spread the Gospel to the four corners of the earth.

"The voice had an electrifying effect on the crowd. When she commanded them to kiss the earth, thousands of people fell to their knees in the thick mud and touched their lips to it.

"After about 30 minutes, the rasping voice said farewell. Mrs. Cuevas' son wiped her face with a towel and helped her back to her chair."

Explained Maria Gonzales,

a friend of Mrs. Cuevas:

"She has a weak heart and we worry about the strain on her when she's in her trance. She remembers nothing of the time when she is giving her message."

Dominican priest, Father Ignacio Diaz, who has attended Mrs. Cuevas' services, said he's convinced the Virgin Mary actually speaks to the world through the simple housewife.

As for the UFO, said Father Aranz, it's added proof that "God is present here at El Escorial, and He is making it known!"

— WILLIAM DICK

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### UFOs — 'This is for real'

By JIM SPARKS  
Staff writer

For credibility's sake, Robert Hastings wears a blue pin-striped suit when he gives his slide show.

He doesn't bring photographs of fuzzy round objects flying low over South Dakota, and doesn't claim to have chatted with aliens himself.

But his message is that UFOs are out there, they're buzzing our nuclear missile sites and the CIA is keeping mum.

"This is for real," Hastings told a group of six at Eastern Washington University's Higher Education Center on Monday. "It's not science fiction."

The son of an Air Force officer, Hastings backs up his claims with documents released by the FBI, CIA and the Air Force through the Freedom of Information Act.

The documents refer to the recovery of flying saucers containing 3-foot-tall aliens, a dogfight with a UFO over Iran and strange green fireballs spotted from Los Alamos, N.M.

"In a nutshell, what they indicate is that UFOs exist," Hastings said.

The UFOs, Hastings said, seem to show a special fondness for cruising over nuclear weapons sites.

Taking the view that they are benevolent beings, Hastings thinks they may be concerned that we are on the eve of nuclear destruction.

"They — whoever they are — may intervene if it appears we are about to commit the ultimate stupidity," he said.

Four months a year, Hastings does the college lecture circuit, spreading the word that the government is keeping the sightings under wraps.

He starts out by flashing a slide of a "Washington Whispers" page from U.S. News & World Report, which speculated that the Carter administration would reveal information about the government's UFO investigations.

It never happened, but the whisper helps give a certain authority to Hastings' claims.

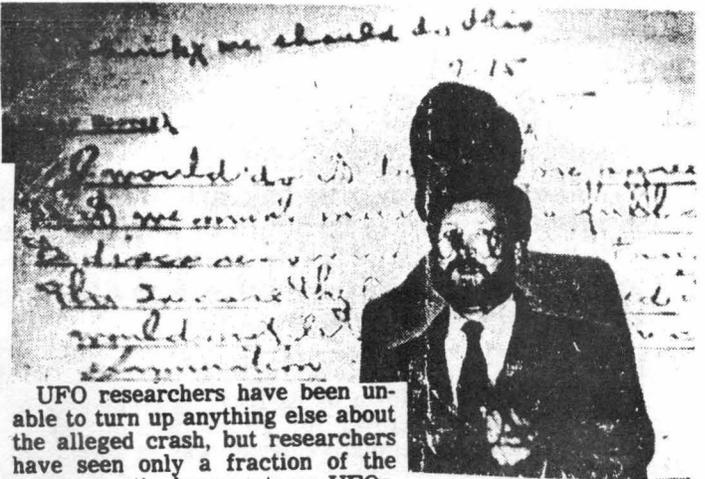
He said CIA documents from the early 1950s indicate that fear of public panic kept the documents secret, but he argues that eventually the information will be released, and that the public should be prepared for the shock.

Some of his audiences are already true believers, although Hastings doesn't necessarily agree with their deductions, such as Fundamentalists who tell him, "I believe every word you say, because the Bible says these things are in the employ of Satan, and Satan is the prince of the air."

On the other extreme are professors of physics and psychology who upbraid him for having gall to make such claims, but who are generally quieter at the end of the slide show.

One of the most interesting documents is a 1950 memo from an FBI special agent to FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover, concerning the recovery of three flying saucers in New Mexico.

"They were described as being circular in shape with raised centers, approximately 50 feet in diameter. Each one was occupied by three bodies of human shape but only 3 feet tall, dressed in metallic cloth of a very fine texture."



UFO researchers have been unable to turn up anything else about the alleged crash, but researchers have seen only a fraction of the government's documents on UFOs, said Hastings, who estimates that the CIA has 10,000 to 12,000 unreleased documents.

"Basically, the climate is much chillier under the Reagan administration, as far as releasing documents, than it was under Carter," Hastings said.

Documents could help explain a July 1947 memorandum from the Air Force to the FBI asking for help in interrogating witnesses of alleged UFOs. The postscript to the memorandum, written by Hoover, reads:

"I would do it, but before agreeing to it, we must insist upon full access to discs recovered. For instance in the L.A. case, the army grabbed it, and would not let us have it for cursory examination."

Hastings speculates that "L.A." refers to Los Alamos, the New Mexico town where the first atomic bomb was tested.

Working with a former National Security Administration employee, Hastings, a free-lance photographer from South Carolina, hopes to write a book soon about UFOs and the government's alleged coverup.

"We are simply, openly, publicly challenging the right for the deception to continue," he said.

# The most mindboggling UFO sighting of all time

**IN ONE of the most astonishing sightings in UFO history, more than 5,000 people are estimated to have seen a flying saucer armada — at the same time.**

The fact that so many people in Westchester County, Connecticut, and Upstate New York all saw the alien spacecraft at the same time makes it especially fascinating to Dr. J. Allen Hynek, one of the foremost UFO experts in the world.

"Highly credible witnesses, including computer experts, teachers, engineers and a meteorologist have seen a large, hovering boomerang-shaped pattern of lights," he explained in an interview.

"This case differs from other, similar cases be-

**By PETER BIMIDJI**

cause it has an abundant number of independent, as opposed to multiple, witnesses.

"When you have three or four people in a car, a psychologist can always argue that they were affected by one another. But when strangers separated by two or three city blocks report the same thing in some detail, that's something else."

Lieutenant George Lesnick of the New Fairfield, Connecticut, police department has been following reports of UFO sightings for 32 years. He

## 5,000 saw saucer with many lights

agrees that this mass sighting, which even stopped highway traffic, merits special attention.

"Something has to be going on here," he said at the time.

"These reports are being made by reliable people, not by drunks. I'm definitely a believer."

John Burdett, an IBM executive, was one of the scores of people Imbrogno interviewed about the sighting.

### Bright light

Burdett and his family were out on the deck of their home when they sighted the craft.

They noticed a string of bright string of lights low on the horizon approaching them.

The Burdetts watched the V-shaped formation of 15 lights move slowly toward their house and pass directly overhead — making no sound.

John Burdett called for his wife, who says "he was shouting for me to come out in such an excited manner that I thought the house was on fire."

The craft stopped after it passed over the house and then the lights simultaneously turned to blue. In all, the Burdett sighting lasted about 10 minutes.

### Witnesses

The police department in Mt. Pleasant, New York, less than a mile from the Burdett home, logged 10 calls about the UFO from area residents.

Imbrogno says that all witnesses report some type of dark mass behind the lights — and all the diagrams they drew of what they saw were amazingly alike.

The Dennis Sant family got an even better look at the huge boomerang-shaped craft.

It passed over them on their way home from a church meeting, and then hovered about 50 feet above their backyard for several minutes.



**BEAMS of intense light were reported.**

Sant ran out underneath the massive object that he says "just ate up" the entire section of the southwestern sky.

He jogged slowly below it, amazed that such an enormous object could move so slowly and still stay aloft.

At no time did Sant hear any sound, or feel any heat, coming from the craft.

He was, however, dazzled by an array of brilliantly colored flashing lights which continued until the craft suddenly cast out several beams of intense white light displayed on the ground.

Just as suddenly, the lights from the object went out and the craft began to slowly rise and head away to the northeast and pass out of view.

Some skeptics have claimed that what these thousands of witnesses saw was actually nothing

## Family watches craft 10 minutes

more than some mischievous pilots in private planes flying in a tight V-formation and coordinating their lights to give the impression that they were a UFO.

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While Hynek admits that some of the sightings may have involved the flippers and not a UFO, he notes that most eyewitness reports eliminate planes as an explanation.

"Single-engine planes cannot hover soundlessly and travel below stall speed," he explains.

Hynek believes that for some reason whoever is in charge of the UFOs is deliberately making it difficult for humans to verify their presence.

But that doesn't mean he is about to give up his investigations. He is currently setting up a new UFO Research facility in Phoenix, Arizona, to spearhead the effort to provide scientific evidence of UFOs.

He believes we should look for evidence of extraterrestrial intelligence right here on Earth instead of trying to contact civilizations light years away.

Syas Hynek: "It would be a tragic joke if all this money were spent searching in far places when the evidence might be under our very noses."

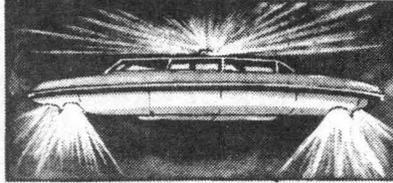
## Divers search for UFO

**D**IVERS ARE searching for a UFO that sank beneath the waves, after crashing into Puget Sound north of Seattle, Washington.

Witnesses on a fishing boat had seen an orange fireball execute a neat L-turn before splashing into the water and bubbling, prompting UFO investigators to seek out the remains.

The first team of divers to plumb the depths for wreckage reported seeing an object shaped like an upside-down teacup or satellite dish.

But subsequent divers have been unable to positively confirm that the gold 35 ft.-wide disc stuck is still stuck in the mud, says Dale Goudie, director of Puget Sound Phenomenon Research.



"Whatever splashed down still has to be there in those waters," says Goudie, who has temporarily run out of funds to carry on with the search.

Other investigators involved in the case have concluded that the object may have been a meteor, but Dr. Keiji Nakamura disagrees.

"Whoever heard of a meteor making an L-turn before crashing?" asks Nakamura, a Japanese researcher.

"The evidence points to a crashed alien spaceship — and a rescue or salvage

mission by their companions."

Nakamura, a veteran investigator of UFOs and comets, believes that the witnesses aboard the fishing boat and the first set of divers are telling the truth.

"I'm sure they saw what they said they did," he adds.

"It just may be that the aliens have either resurrected the craft or buried it where we can't find it.

"In all the reports I have studied, this was standard procedure whenever an alien craft crashes."

# America's first star wars death

On Jan. 7, 1948, more than 5,000 residents of Maysville, Ky., saw the huge luminous object hovering over their town. They described it as 300 feet in diameter and so close to earth they thought it was circling to land.

The Kentucky Highway Patrol saw it, too. They bucked the problem to Goodman Air Base near Louisville, which sent World War 2 ace Capt. Thomas Mantell and two other fighter pilots to investigate.

The captain's two wingmen gave up the chase at 15,000 feet, but Mantell refused to quit. "It's everything they say," he radioed back, "and it's — my God, it's from another world!"

Seconds later the captain reported again. "I've got perfect visual contact, but the thing keeps a constant distance from me. Ascending to 20,000 now

— if I can't get closer, I'll abandon chase."

Those were his last words. Close to the unknown object, Capt. Mantell's plane burst apart in a ball of blue and orange fire.

Simultaneously, the UFO vanished.

Authorities issued a carefully phrased statement that Mantell had passed out from oxygen starvation and the pilotless plane had crashed.

Unofficially, Mantell's relatives and friends still believe he was the first victim of intergalactic visitors.

— BILL NUGENT

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# 17th century elves were space aliens

**T**INY ELVES reportedly seen by countless people centuries ago might really have been space aliens, says a top scientist.

"There are striking parallels between modern reports of alien visitors and traditional legends of elves and fairies," noted anthropologist Ronald James of the University of Nevada.

After studying Western folklore for several years, James has concluded there is a definite parallel between modern stories of visitors from outer space and tales of elves long ago.

One such tale involved Anne Jeffries, who lived in the 17th century. She was knitting on her porch one afternoon when she looked up to see six men dressed in green.

There was a humming sound, and suddenly Mrs. Jeffries found herself flying into the air. She awoke sometime later, weak and dazed, back on the porch.

Mrs. Jeffries was convinced the invaders were elves — but there is a strong possibility they were really space aliens.

Another eerie parallel between elf and alien tales involve strange deaths among livestock.

## Spanish guards in shootout with E.T

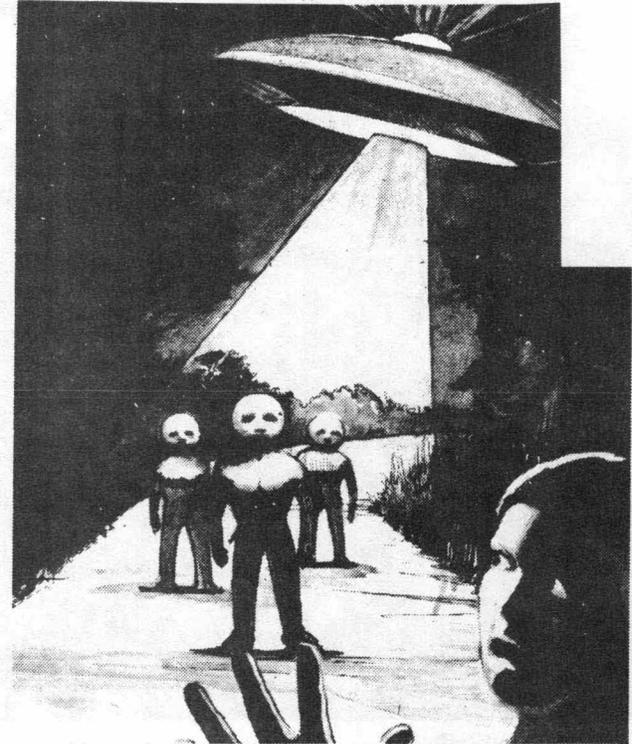
By LEONARD SANDLER

Modern UFO experts often report unexplained markings on the ground, just as the Irish once spoke of fairy rings left by elves after midnight romps.

And like Mrs. Jeffries, who believed she was spirited off by elves, many people today claim they've been abducted by small, humanlike aliens from other civilizations.

Renowned UFO researcher Juan Jose Benitez of Lejona, Spain, documented the incredible story of a shootout with a giant extraterrestrial outside a Spanish Air Force base.

Three guards at the base heard a high-pitched whistling noise, then saw



**WERE ELVES seen by people centuries ago really aliens from outer space?**

an enormous burst of light in the sky.

Suspecting sabotage, the guards went searching for the source of the weird noise.

In a small clump of trees near the base, they came face-to-face with a 10-foot-tall creature bathed in a bright green light.

One soldier who tried to fire his automatic weapon at the terrifying creature said he suddenly fell to the ground, blind and unable to move.

His two companions got off about 50 shots before the alien vanished into the air.

But investigators later couldn't find a single bullet or bullet hole.

The blinded soldier suffered recurring periods of sight loss, which finally went away.

Medical experts were unable to find the cause of the problem.

Another alien encounter Benitez investigated involved a Spanish woman, 20, who said she came across two bizarre beings as she walked to her grandmother's house.

They were dressed in strange shapeless tunics, and had no lips — only a straight line for a mouth. They had two slits instead of a nose, large eyes, and slanted brows, he said.

After talking to each other and pointing at the woman, the aliens disappeared before her eyes, and she ran home in terror.

# The pilot and the

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# playful UFO



**A**N ASTONISHING picture of an unidentified flying object was taken by a helicopter pilot on a routine flight.

It clearly shows the giant, saucer-shaped machine hovering low over the ground in New Mexico.

Pilot Ron Ellison's incredible encounter was on Labor Day, 1980.

"I was passing low over the treetops in search of any campers who might not have heard a bad storm was on the way," said Ellison.

"Then, about three miles off to my left, I saw an aircraft of some sort apparently heading in my direction."

Ellison radioed a nearby control tower after failing to contact the approaching aircraft — and was startled to learn he was the only authorized pilot flying in the area.

When he finally made out the shape of the approaching aircraft he dropped his microphone in

By **WILLIAM COLES**

astonishment.

"It was a flying saucer," said Ellison. "I didn't know what to do. I just froze for a moment then headed in another direction."

But the UFO stayed with him, closing to about 80 feet.

Badly shaken, he somehow managed to maintain a steady grip on the controls.

"Then I felt a flow of comfort all over me," he said. "I let the chopper hover in one spot and saw that the large metal ship was doing the same."

Not knowing why, the

pilot released the controls of his helicopter. And the UFO took over, guiding the machine around it in a full circle.

"It was during the free ride that I was able to take some pictures," said Ellison.

"When I felt a slight shudder, I put the camera

down and grabbed the stick again."

Ellison somehow sensed the alien craft realized he was again in control and he watched it move off toward the south.

He decided to follow.

"Suddenly, I saw their ship playfully rocking back and forth," he said. "So I

did the same."

For two or three minutes they played follow-the-leader. Together they swerved, soared, dived and raced.

Said Ellison: "I dropped out of the game when the saucer looped-the-loop a couple of times. It waited a few seconds and when I didn't copy, it made one huge final loop, came out of it and headed for the border at 300 miles an hour."

Ellison waited until it was out of sight. Then he returned to the heliport at Las Cruces, New Mexico.

No one believed his story — until he produced the photographs the following day.

"They can say what they want about me," he added. "I'm just too certain about the incident to let any accusations get to me."

# Flying saucer 'coverup' uncovered ...again

The idea of little green men and women visiting our planet in flying saucers has always intrigued me.

The "natural phenomena" explanation from the government and scientists has always irked me.

They're probably right. And that's boring.

I like the idea that there is something else ... someone else ... out there. Why should we be the only ones exploring the outer limits? Why shouldn't there be other forms of life (OK, maybe not cute little critters, like E.T.) out there trying to make contact with us or trying to learn about us while trying not to have close encounters with us?

With those questions in mind, I went to Delta College to catch Robert Hastings' talk about UFOs.

First off, Hastings wore a three-piece dark blue suit with a red tie. His hair and beard were neatly trimmed. In short, he looked like a lawyer. I decided to stay and hear him out, anyway.

Basically, he wants us to believe that the U.S. government has engaged in a coverup on the UFO issue.

He wants us to rise up and demand that the feds come clean — admit that the Air Force continues to keep records on UFO sightings, admit the CIA and FBI are involved in UFO investigations and show us the dead aliens recovered from UFO

Hastings is not a member of these or any other groups and, he said, is not paid by any organized group to speak about UFOs.

Hastings became interested in UFOs after seeing one in 1967 when, as an Air Force brat, he was in the control tower at Malstrom AFB in Montana. Five UFOs were tracked on radar, hovering over nuclear weapons silos and then speeding away at 4,800 mph.

Several years later, he began investigating UFOs.

His presentation at Delta included a slide show, "A UFO Story," which traced the history of unidentified flying objects, at least back to 1947 when the Army-Air Force reported "the phenomena is something real."

That year marked the first massive wave of sightings in this country.

In 1952, the Coast Guard released photos of four disc-shaped flying saucers and there were reports of UFOs over the White House.

In 1961, a man and woman reported they were taken aboard a UFO and given extensive physical examinations.

In 1965, a power blackout on the East Coast was blamed by the utility company on a mechanical failure in Canada despite UFO sightings over

Niagara and New York City.

Two years later, a Nebraska cop reported meeting three alien beings that emerged from a UFO.

In 1969, the Air Force terminated Project Blue Book, its UFO investigation program, after concluding that no UFO reported or investigated had threatened national security, that UFOs could all be explained scientifically and that there was no evidence of extraterrestrial vehicles.

In 1973, two men fishing in Pascagoula, Miss., said they were taken aboard a UFO.

Six years later, Ground Saucer Watch said it had statements from retired Air Force officers who said there had been at least two UFO crashes in which dead aliens were recovered.

That a coverup has occurred is "irrefutable," said Hastings, who wiped his brow repeatedly as he spoke. He reached that conclusion based on information obtained from the federal government's own documents. It's just a matter of time, he said, before the federal government will have to acknowledge its deception.

"Folks, this ain't science fiction," he said. "It's for real."

Oh, if only I could believe ...

*Pat Donahue's column appears Tuesday through Friday and on Sunday.*

## Pat Donahue

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crashes in the Southwest.

Wouldn't that be great? Really, now, you have to admit it would be a lot more fun than watching the uncovering of Richard Nixon and Watergate.

Hastings is not the first to accuse the government of a coverup. The National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena and Ground Saucer Watch, private groups formed in the 1950s to study UFOs, have accused the federal government of misleading the public on UFOs.

Each group has been credited with obtaining government UFO-related materials (under the Freedom of Information Act), which are now used to discredit the government's position that UFOs don't exist and sightings can be explained as misidentifications or hoaxes.

# UFOs bring havoc -- to some

By David Vienneau Toronto Star

OTTAWA — Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) are killing our livestock, sending thought waves into our brains and exploring Mars on behalf of the federal government, some Canadians believe.

Others claim to have touched — and even boarded — flying saucers to communicate with the little green men inside. Some believe the UFOs are not here to harm us, while others accuse the government of covering up their existence.

These are just a few of the bizarre incidents that have been reported to the defence department over the years by Canadians who believe they have seen spaceships from another planet or another galaxy.

Through the Access to Information Act, The Star was able to obtain copies of some of the letters and reports. For privacy reasons, the identities of the people making the sightings cannot be released. Nevertheless, their accounts — from all across Canada — make entertaining reading.

## Stories 'hushed up'

"I want to know why the public isn't being told or informed about these things, and why stories in the newspapers or reports on the radio are being hushed up," says an Ontario man, who claims to have seen many UFOs.

"This is obviously the greatest discovery of our time."

Not so, says Ian Halliday, an astronomer with the National Research Council, which receives all sighting reports from the defence department. More often than not, the sightings are meteors, weather balloons or jet aircraft, he said in an interview.

"We receive one or two reports a week," he says. "But in the 15 years I've been here, we've never had anything we can't explain."

## Some citizens' tales are out of this world files reveal

While the government does not believe in flying saucers, many in the public certainly do. People who have seen UFOs say they come in all shapes and sizes. They have been described as: "tear-shaped," "a frying pan with a bright halo," "bullet-shaped, silver in color," "cigar shaped" and "a big ball of light with a beam coming straight out of it."

Some of these reports include:

□ A letter from a British Columbia man who claimed "to be receiving thought waves from beings from another planet" who took him aboard their UFO;

□ A man from St. Paul, Alberta, wrote to an MP, who is not identified, to ask him about the UFO the federal government has "in storage." The MP apparently believed him, because he included his own statement on UFOs when he passed on the letter to the defence department.

"With machines testing for life on Mars at this very moment, I suppose it would be out of touch with these modern times to immediately rule out the possibility of the federal government owning a flying saucer of some sort," he says.

"I must confess, though, that I am at a loss as to just how to go about gathering information on the vehicle. Any assistance which you might be able to give me would be greatly appreciated."

□ An Ontario school girl who claimed to have seen a flying saucer wrote to say, "I believe we are visited from

other planets. They are not here to harm us; they are friends;"

□ A Lindsay man wrote, "My 10-year-old daughter was found in shock when I arrived home from work at about 9.20 p.m. She was white in color and couldn't speak and it took me almost 1½ hours to get her to (tell) me what happened.

"Apparently she saw a cigar-shaped object hovering at tree-top level out in front of our place. The flashing blue lights drew her attention to look at what it was. She stated the lights were twirling;"

□ A Manitoba man told police that, while he was prospecting at Falcon Lake near the Ontario border, two UFOs appeared, and one landed nearby. A door on the spaceship opened, he said, and voices were heard coming from within.

The police report said, "He was unable to see inside due to a bright, yellow, bluish light, which blocked his vision. He endeavoured to communicate with the personnel inside the object, but without result."

The government appears not to take reports of UFOs seriously. A July, 1980, document released to The Star says no legitimate evidence exists to indicate that "visitors from outer space" have been in Canada or the United States.

## 'Demonstrable threat'

The document is a letter written by a Col. W. Niemy, director of air operations and training, and appears to be a response to someone who has asked the government to intensify its investigations into UFOs.

"Obviously, you will understand that unless a demonstrable threat to Canadian or allied national security exists from UFOs, the Canadian Forces cannot spend money on determining the nature of such UFOs," Niemy writes.

# UFO researcher chronicles

## Missouri sightings

Reeds Spring photographer has investigated more than 550 cases; many reports are similar, he says

**By Steve Cusick**

The News-Leader

REEDS SPRING — A Reeds Spring man has been recording sightings of unidentified flying objects since the 1960s, but he says that many people who see UFOs do not report the sightings for fear of ridicule.

Ted Phillips, a professional photographer and owner of an antique camera shop, has files full of UFO information. There have been 1,619 sightings in Missouri since 1857, he said Saturday, and he's investigated some of those cases.

"Missouri is one of the hottest states for landing cases," he said. He's investigated more than 550 cases in the state and elsewhere.

When Phillips investigates a sighting, he often takes soil and plant samples where the UFO was reported to have landed. He also interviews witnesses.

He will not investigate just any sighting — there must be at least two witnesses and physi-

cal evidence of the landing. He also considers the credibility of the witnesses.

Phillips said he frequently works with J. Allen Hynes, a Northwestern University professor and scientific director of the Center for UFO Studies, in his investigations of sightings.

Most of the sightings include UFOs that were shaped like saucers, he said, and many of the cases include reports of small beings coming from the UFOs.

Near Tusculumbia in 1967, for instance, a farmer said he saw little green-gray beings in a field where a UFO had landed. It took Phillips awhile to find the man, but he did.

"Boy, this guy didn't want to talk about it," Phillips said. But the man finally described the sighting to Phillips.

The farmer said he saw the UFO when he noticed all of his cattle looking at something in a nearby field. He walked toward the disc-shaped

thing and saw several figures about 3½-foot tall near a shaft below the disc, Phillips said.

"There have been thousands of reports of these little guys," Phillips said.

The "little critters or whatever they were" went back into the shaft, Phillips said.

He said the farmer attempted to walk up to the UFO but ran into some type of "pressure field" when he got to within 15 feet of the disc, Phillips said. He also attempted to throw rocks at the UFO but they, too, bounced off.

According to the farmer, the UFO then silently took off.

Phillips said he considered the farmer, who was 62, a reliable source. The farmer was reluctant to talk about the sighting because of what people would think.

He said there are probably many more sightings than those reported because many people share the same fear, he said.

"Americans fear to report for fear of ridicule," he said. "People are just not going to talk about it."

Phillips said he is not convinced there is other intelligent life in this universe. But he does not doubt the sightings.

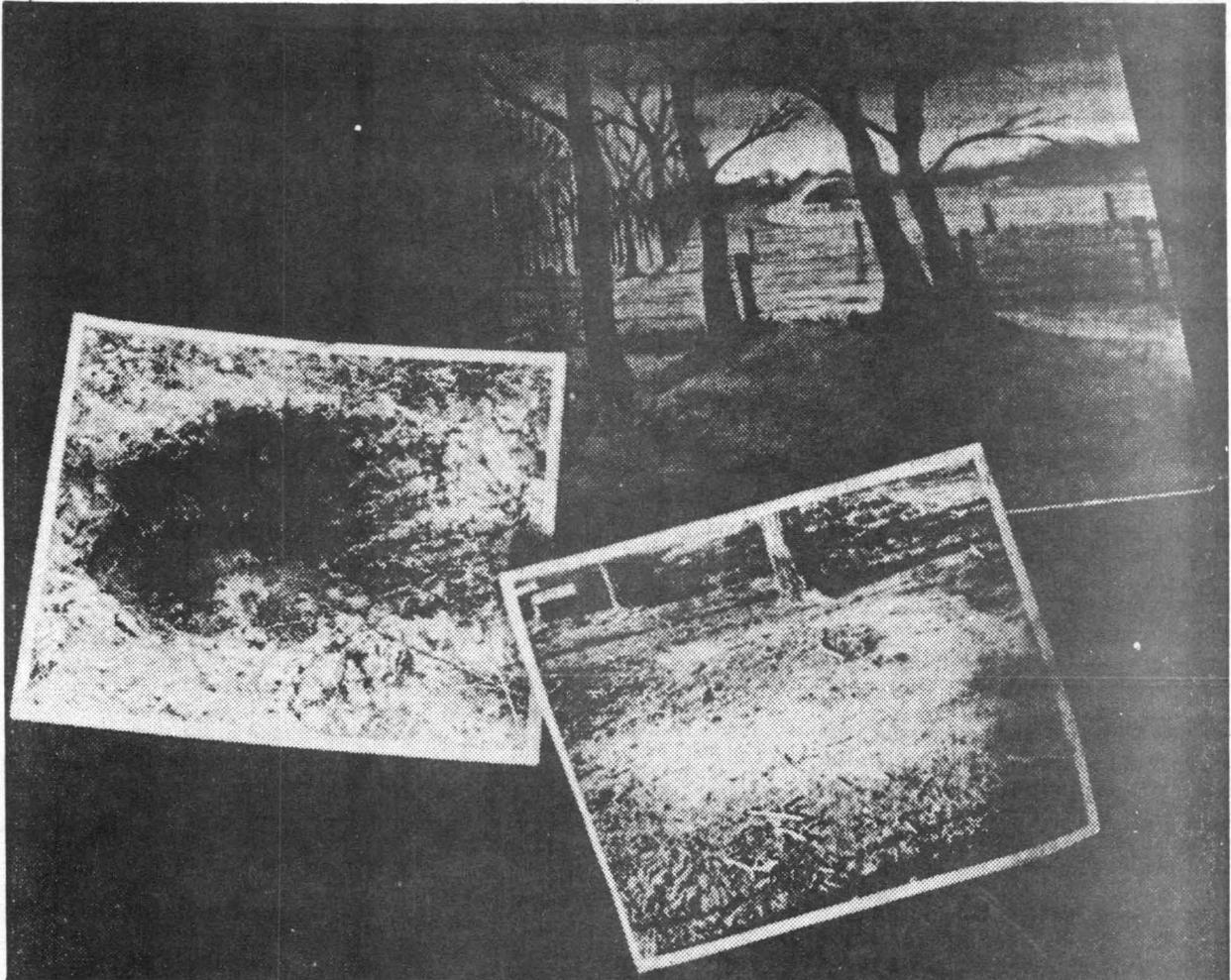
"I believe that something real is going on," he said. "I do believe that people are seeing real things."

He also said the study of UFOs has been hampered by the government, especially the Defense Department. Research into UFOs also has had trouble shaking an image problem, he said.

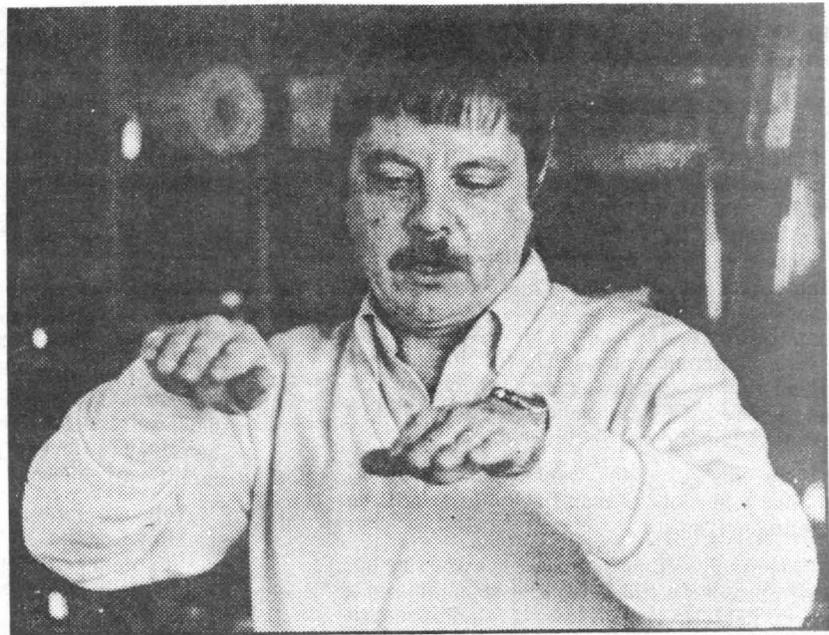
"I'm not a science fiction fan and I don't believe we're in the business of little green men," he said. "To the best of my knowledge there are no little green men."

Although Phillips has studied hundreds of sightings, he has yet to see a UFO, he said.

"It's damn frustrating, too," he said. "I tell you, I really feel left out."



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Ted Phillips, a professional photographer from Reeds Spring, talks about unidentified flying objects. Phillips has catalogued hundreds of sightings of UFOs. In the composite at left, the photo at left is of an indentation found near a site in Colorado. The bottom photo is of a burned ring at a site in Kansas. The top photo is an artist's depiction of a UFO sighting near Tuscumbia.



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## Russians see light on UFOs

A SPECIAL commission of the Soviet Academy of Sciences has officially acknowledged that the crew of an Aeroflot airliner on a domestic flight encountered "something that we call UFO's." Details of the incident appeared in the trade-union newspaper Trud. It was the first detailed Soviet account of an unidentified flying object based on air and ground observation.

Flight 8852 from Tblisi to Tallinn was 75 miles from Minsk when, according to the crew, the co-pilot noticed, at 4.10am, a huge, bright yellowish star. The object emitted a thin ray of light which suddenly widened into a blinding cone, followed by two more cones. Passengers were surprised to see streets below them bathed in bright lights, but they became alarmed when the "searchlight" settled on the plane itself.

The light vanished, leaving a greenish cloud that began to descend at extraordinary speed and eventually took up position behind the airliner. The pilot alerted ground control, which pinpointed the UFO flying behind the plane at 30,000ft and 300 miles an hour.

The cloud changed shape into a plum, then a square and finally "solidified" as a giant, needle-nosed, wingless aircraft with a curious animal-like tail illuminated by a green and yellow light.

This "cloud plane" followed the airliner over Riga and Vilnius. Ground control in both places picked up two aircraft when flight schedules showed only one airborne at the time, and tracked them all the way to Tallinn, where the intruder was again picked up on radar.

But a US space mission controller at Nasa claims UFO sightings are used by the Russians to cover up tests of strategic weapons that violate the 1963 outer space treaty. James Oberg says rocket launches and the fiery return to earth of dummy warheads cannot be concealed from the Soviet public, so they are presented as mysterious intruders from other worlds.

Gabriel Ronay

## UFO riddle has experts baffled

**BIZARRE** shining lights have been sighted above Dudley Hill near Pershore. And UFO expert Stanley Castle member Gordon Gregory is keen to get to the bottom of the mystery. He told the Worcester News: "I have received several calls this week about strange lights in the sky, stopping and starting again. "I saw a satellite break up and want to know whether this is what frightened people, or whether something strange went up there." Meanwhile, Tony Green of Worcester Systems, the organisation set up to monitor strange sightings, has been seeking of the British mystery.

# Now an even closer encounter with the ET kind

An internationally-known UFO researcher and adviser to the House of Lords on the phenomenon claimed in Leeds that extra-terrestrials have bases on earth.

Mr. Timothy Good, who has studied encounters with unidentified flying objects for 30 years, also claimed that Government intelligence agencies were aware of their presence.

Mr. Good, a professional violinist, was one of the guest speakers at a conference organised by the Yorkshire UFO Society in Leeds, entitled "Seeking the Truth." It was attended by a mixture of phenomena faithful and sceptics.

Mr. Good, of Bromley, Kent, produced dozens of documents marked "top secret" — leaked to him

from the American FBI and CIA — as well as a host of other stuff now available in the U.S. through the "Freedom of Information Act."

The papers, dating from the 1940s, told of mystery incidents involving the military and civilians throughout America and even included a highly-secret instruction to American Air Force pilots on the different approaches to UFO's and unidentified aircraft violating American air space.

Mr. Good gave detailed information about Encounters of the Third Kind — actual contact between people and alleged alien craft.

He described many animals found in deserted areas with surgical wounds and claimed there were in America 49 strong reports of landed UFO's

He said he was not prepared to guess where the spacecraft came from, but said he was convinced some of them had bases on earth and craft and bodies of aliens were now in the possession of the American military.

On the local scene Mr. Mark Birdsall, the Yorkshire society's research co-ordinator, reported that in 1984 there had been 52 reports of UFO sightings, of which 14 had been identified.

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which had been covered up by the American authorities.

Mr. Good also showed a recent Russian Government report on UFO's and other documents relating to experiences in countries such as France and Iran.

# Strange night lights trigger UFO theory

**A THORPE Edge couple claim to have had an extraordinary paranormal experience which has shaken their lives.**

**The couple, who wished to remain anonymous, were alerted in the early hours one morning by a bright light they saw from their flat window.**

They saw a glowing structure on four legs standing in Calverley woods, which both of them believed was a spacecraft.

The bewildered couple then passed a pair of binoculars to and fro to observe some small, almost reptilian humanoids collecting specimens around the spacecraft.

This, apparently, went on for nearly two hours, between 3 a.m. and 5 a.m. on July 22 last year. They retired to bed and

by the time they woke up later that morning they were gone.

This is one of the sightings reported to the newly formed West Yorkshire UFO Research Group who are appealing to people to come forward and tell them of any paranormal experiences they have had.

The story of the Thorpe Edge couple was just one of many they learnt about after an earlier appeal made in the Star in February.

Paul Bennett, of St. Paul's Road, Manningham, said: "The response we got from the Bradford public was quite astonishing and resulted not only in a substantial number of previously undiscovered UFO reports from the area, but an increased membership within our group of investigators."

Anybody who cares to contact the group will be treated confidentially. Please telephone Bradford 638338 and ask for Ann or Darren Chanter.

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## Odd light

A MYSTERIOUS moving light is causing people to scratch their heads in Gosberton.

The strange UFO shines over the Belchmire Lane area. And those who have spotted the bright object say it starts off low in the sky and gradually rises.

Apparently the light has been spotted shining since Christmas. It appears at dusk and lasts until 9 pm when it disappears again.

Some people think the strange sighting is a satellite.

## Researcher says feds 'hide' UFOs

CEDAR CITY — Robert Hastings was in an air traffic control tower at Malmstrom Air Force Base, near Great Falls, Mont., in 1967, he says, when he saw five domed disk-like objects at close range in the Montana skies.

He told a Southern Utah State College audience that UFOs do exist and that the U.S. government is covering up that knowledge.

Hastings' program is based on information he and other researchers obtained from previously classified CIA, FBI, and Air Force documents through the Freedom of Information Act.

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Hastings said UFOs do exist and the military is very concerned. Evidence such as instruments on military aircraft going haywire or completely out, and objects sighted in the sky that out-maneuver any aircraft that the United States or Russia has, are of great concern to the intelligence community.

Since 1947, several sightings have been made by both the military and the general public, he claims, and, without exception, agencies of the government have covered them up.

Hastings discovered from his studies that most sightings seem to be around sensitive military areas, such as missile sites and locations where the latest aircraft are being developed and tested.

# Amber lights appear again over Anchorage

By GREG GADBERRY

Daily News reporter

West Anchorage skies Monday were dotted with a flock of bright and unexplained amber lights.

The lights, which appeared at about 9 p.m., were apparently very similar to those that floated over Spenard Sunday evening. But spectators and officials were at a loss to explain the source of the lights.

"There were a couple lights but we couldn't tell what they were," said Roger Carpenter, team supervisor at the Anchorage International Airport control tower. "We didn't see anything on the tower radar."

Federal Aviation Administration reports that the Sunday lights were from hot air balloons were denied by balloonists.

As many as 12 lights appeared in the western sky Monday. Some of the lights glowed alone in the sky while others appeared in crude designs or in straight lines of three or four lights each.

The lights appeared to climb slowly into the sky before hovering and then disappearing. They faded about 30 minutes after they appeared.

A number of Anchorage residents apparently spotted the mysterious lights both Sunday and Monday night. On Sunday, skywatchers

called Anchorage police, the United States Air Force and the FAA.

On Monday night, police got even more calls. Randi Goode, communication supervisor at the Anchorage Police Department, said about 30 people reported the lights Monday night.

"Some of the same officers who saw the lights Sunday night saw them again tonight and said, 'Yep, that's them.'" Goode said.

Chris Hanson, who spotted the lights Sunday night when driving through Spenard, said he saw "distinct balls of light" moving over town. At

were something from the Fur Rendezvous celebration, perhaps flares or a child's trick.

"I thought it might have been little kids putting candles in paper bags," Hanson said.

But seconds after the first lights appeared, another moved silently across the sky, slowed, and joined the first group, he said. Then another came and hovered near the glowing flock.

"That was something that little paper bags and candles can't do," Hanson said.

"I've never seen anything like it," said Jim Minton, a commercial pilot. Minton and his wife were driving with Hanson Sunday when all three spotted the lights. "We

all felt it was extremely out of the ordinary."

Following Sunday's sightings, FAA officials declared the lights were perfectly ordinary.

"The controllers spotted hot air balloons, with their burners going on and off," said FAA spokesman Paul Steucke. Because of the distance, those controllers were unable to identify any individual balloon Sunday night, he said.

Local balloonists dismissed the FAA's findings. Many balloon pilots Sunday night were attending the yearly banquet for Alaska Air Musers Association. The banquet was in Rabbit Creek and was still going when the lights were

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spotted, balloonists said.

"Virtually all the commercial operators were at the banquet," said Mike Carnevale, owner of Balloon Central Station. "I heard that there were 10 to 12 lights. There is no way that many balloonists could have gone unaccounted for Sunday night."

Balloonists flying in controlled airspace are required to radio flight officials and report their movements, Steucke said. No such radio contact was reported Sunday night.

Night-flying balloons are required by the FAA to carry strobe lights, pilots said. Flying without one could cost a pilot a flying license.

"It's too easy to get caught," Carnevale said. "A balloon at night lights up the sky. But it looks like a seven-story light bulb, not like a group of street lights."

Although witnesses contacted Monday about the sightings were anxious to talk about the lights, they were reluctant to guess what the lights might have been.

"One part of me still feels it was a prank with kids and paper bags and candles," Hanson said. "But another part of me said it was something else."

"But I tell you, I'm going to go to the library and check out everything I can on UFOs. I'm interested now."

# No explanation, as Anchorage's strange

Associated Press

ANCHORAGE — Uh-oh, they came back. Those eerie amber lights that dotted the city's skies during the weekend showed up late Monday for an encore.

The lights appeared at about 9 p.m. and seemed to float over west Anchorage. Spectators and officials were at a loss to explain the lights' source.

As many as 12 lights appeared in the western sky. Some glowed alone, while others appeared in crude designs or in straight lines of three to four lights each.

"There were a couple lights, but we couldn't tell what they were," said Roger Carpenter, team supervisor at the Anchorage International Airport Federal Aviation Administration control tower. "We didn't see anything on the tower radar."

Federal officials dismissed the

lights that appeared over Anchorage late Sunday as hot-air balloons, but the head of a balloonists' group says he doubted the explanation.

Alaska Air Musers Association President Don Reed said the city's hot-air balloonists were at a banquet Sunday when the lights were reported, and he said "nobody in their right mind" would attempt a night flight without proper gear.

"There is only one balloon in town that's equipped for night flying, and there's only one set of lights," he said. "And that set isn't even working."

The mysterious lights apparently were visible over the city between 10:30 p.m. and 11 p.m. on Sunday.

The police department said it got calls from about 30 people who said they had seen the lights. They also were seen by police officers.

"Some of the same officers who saw the lights Sunday night saw them again tonight and said, 'Yep,

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that's them,'" said Randi Goode, communications supervisor at the department.

Chris Hanson, who spotted the lights Sunday night, said he saw "distinct balls of light" moving over the city. He said at first he thought they may have been part of the Fur Rendezvous celebration, perhaps flares or a child's trick.

"I thought it might have been little kids putting candles in paper bags," he said.

But seconds after seeing the first lights, another moved silently across the sky, slowed, and joined the first group, he said. Then another came and hovered near the growing flock of lights.

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# UFO sightings

by L. Stuart Ditzen  
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It was a bright, clear afternoon last April, and John Velter, a businessman, and his company bookkeeper, Sandra Schell, were driving west on the Pennsylvania Turnpike near Valley Forge, Pa.

Far ahead, a shining silver object like a Frisbee tilted on edge descended from the sky and flew directly toward them. For several seconds, the object advanced along the line of the highway, 500 feet or so in the air. Then when it was almost overhead, it veered north, flew over a meadow and vanished.

"All of a sudden it wasn't there," said Schell. "I did not take my eyes off of it,

and then, it just wasn't there."

What they saw that day — apparently — was a UFO. Velter, owner of a company that sells spring water, and Schell reported the sighting to police and then to a UFO hot line in western Pennsylvania.

"I thought a crackpot had built an airship of some kind," Velter said. "I was waiting to see something in the newspapers."

But the sighting was just one — a comparatively undramatic one at that — of many UFO reports that are made regularly to police, government agencies and UFO organizations around the country and the world.

It has been nearly four decades since

the first major wave of UFO sightings in the United States in 1947, and the mystery concerning them has refused to go away. There are thousands of new sightings every year.

As many as 90 percent of UFO reports turn out to be aircraft, planets, meteors, space debris, weather balloons, kites, unusual atmospheric conditions and other explainable objects and events. But there are many sightings that even dedicated skeptics and debunkers are unable to explain.

"People want quick answers — Where are they from? What are they doing here? I wish I knew the answers," said J. Allen Hynek, retired chairman of the astronomy department at North-

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western University and director of the Center for UFO Studies with offices in Lima, Ohio, and Scottsdale, Ariz.

The only discernable trend, Hynek said, is that a changing pattern in sightings seems to suggest that UFOs, whatever they are, are getting closer.

In the 1950s and 1960s, there were reports of "flying saucers" zooming about the sky. Now, according to Hynek and other researchers, the reports are frequently of "close encounters" in which UFOs are said to hover above treetops and to land. And in a growing number of cases, sightings of "humanoids" also are reported.

"The strangeness index has gone up,"

said Hynek, 74, who is widely regarded as the elder statesman of UFO studies in America.

He and a small coterie of other scholars believe that UFOs hold possibilities for a spectacular development in human history — the opening of a window to the universe.

There also is a dedicated clique of skeptics. Its leader, Philip Klass, a senior editor of *Aviation Week & Space Technology* magazine, contends that UFOs are "popular myth."

Klass said he cannot explain every UFO sighting, but "we've had nearly 40 years. There is not a single piece of physical evidence. All these people claim to have been aboard a UFO, not one has brought back a souvenir."

Officially, the United States government has conducted no research on the subject for the last 16 years.

The Air Force collected reports on UFO sightings from 1947 until 1969, at which time it concluded that, although not all sightings could be explained, UFOs did not represent a threat to national security.

Since 1969, the Air Force has referred reports of UFO sightings to local police departments and to private UFO groups. All research on the subject has been done by individuals and a few scantily funded nonprofit organizations like Hynek's Center for UFO Studies, which operates on \$40,000 a year.

The most dramatic — and seemingly preposterous — of UFO sightings are those in which witnesses report seeing, and sometimes being abducted by, human-like creatures.

To describe these cases, Hynek several years ago coined the term "close encounters of the third kind," which became the title of Steven Spielberg's 1977 movie about a UFO landing on Earth.

The Mutual UFO Network (MUFON), based in Seguin, Texas, has collected 2,300 reports of close encounters of the third kind from around the world, dating back more than 40 years. According to MUFON figures, there were about 300 such reports in 1967. In 1975, there were 1,000. And in 1981, the number had grown to 2,300.

As a rule, researchers say, the

people who make such reports appear to be sane, stable citizens. Rarely do they seek publicity. Often their accounts come out reluctantly, sometimes years after the event, and sometimes only through hypnosis.

Budd Hopkins, a New York artist who published the book "Missing Time" in 1981, has studied more than 50 cases in which UFO witnesses recount abduction experiences.

A common trait among the cases, Hopkins said, is that the subjects have memory blocks associated with UFO sightings.

In a typical case, Hopkins said, an individual reports seeing a UFO briefly at close range but later discovers that what had seemed only a momentary experience actually lasted for as long as an hour or two.

To probe the time gaps, Hopkins enlisted a New York psychologist, Aphrodite Clamar, who hypnotized the subjects and led them back through their experiences.

A pattern emerged, Hopkins said: Many subjects told of being confronted by small human-like creatures with bulbous heads, large liquid eyes and frail, emaciated bodies.

They told of being taken inside UFOs, into large lighted rooms, of being placed on tables and examined, as in a doctor's office, and then of being released.

Hopkins said his subjects sometimes told of having a sense of telepathic communication with their captors and a sense of paralysis. Some, Hopkins said, came away with small bloodless wounds — an incision on the back of a calf or a plug of missing flesh on a shin — that healed into scars.

"Nobody has any idea what really is going on here," Hopkins said. "We have no answer to any of the big questions. We just know it's going on, and it ain't the Russians."

Nine of Hopkins' subjects were given psychological evaluations by Elizabeth T. Slater, another New York psychologist, in 1983.

Slater concluded in a written report that the purported UFO experiences of the nine could not be attributed to mental disorders.

Hopkins played a 1983 tape recording of a Nebraska woman recalling, under hypnosis, an experience she had in 1959, while

driving home from a date late at night with her boyfriend.

Hopkins said the woman had a conscious recollection of seeing a blinding light, a human-like creature descending in front of the car and nothing more — a blank memory. There were two hours of missing time from that night, Hopkins said, that had troubled the woman for 24 years.

As the tape played, the woman's voice rose in distress:

"Do you see that light? Oh my God, did you see that light? My God, I've never seen nothing like that. What is it? Oh God, what is it? . . .

"Oh my God, do you see that? We're going to hit him. What is it? What is it? We're going to hit him. My God, we're going to hit him. . . . Some kind, some kind of being. Oh my God. Oh God. There's no feet. There's no feet

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to him. . . . It's just hanging in the air. He has some kind of metallic gray suit on. His hands hang to his sides. He has some kind of hooded top on his head. And, oh my God, his eyes, oh my God, oh my God, his eyes. . . ."

As the woman's account moved into the realm of forgotten time, her voice became more tearful and terrified:

"I feel numb. Paralyzed. I can't, can't, can't move. I can't talk. . . . Oh my God, they're in front of the car. Oh my God, there are three in front of the car. . . . The same beings, same beings, the eyes, dark, oh God, the dark eyes, and they're just looking at us. Jesus, just looking at us. They say to me, 'Get out of the car. Get out of the car.' I open the door, and I just stand there like a zombie. . . . And one comes around the door and

takes, takes ahold of my arm. And there's lights all over. Lights all over. I can feel myself going someplace. . . . On the road, going north. . . . I'm numb. I can't fight him. I can't, I can't get away, can't get away. We're going north, up the hill. Oh God, oh God. . . ."

"What do you see now?" Hopkins asks on the tape. "What is happening?"

"Some kind of vehicle. Oh my God, it's round. Bright. Very bright light. . . . And he's trying to get me to walk up some steps. Oh my God. There's about 10 steps. The door slides, like into the wall, and we go inside. A large room. . . . And there are three beings, and they don't do anything. They just feel around on me. . . . I'm by the door. They just look at me. Piercing eyes. And next thing, I'm outside

again. I'm back in the car."

Asked about such cases, Allen Hynek replied: "The only thing I can say is that to the people I've talked to — and I've talked to quite a few now — it is absolutely real. . . . You cannot fob off the (accounts) as coming from a bunch of dodos and crackpots."

The accounts are widely ridiculed by UFO skeptics.

"People see all sorts of things. They see pink elephants. They see fairies," said Paul Kurtz, professor of philosophy at the State University of New York in Buffalo.

Kurtz, chairman of the Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal, said abduction stories are "a product of the creative imagination or science fiction. It seems to be a psychological, sociological phenomenon."

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# 'UFO sightings' over Bay

## Brilliant lights in night sky believed to be space debris

By Seth Rosenfeld  
Examiner staff writer

Reports about red, green and blue UFOs streaking over the Bay Area may have resulted from "space debris," possibly a satellite disintegrating in the atmosphere, according to an airport official.

San Francisco police, airport officials and an organization that monitors such sightings all reported receiving calls about an object speeding earthward between 9:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. Saturday.

"We saw it down here, moving north to northeast. The tower saw it — white, green and red, which normally is metal decaying in the atmosphere," said Bill Walsh, an operations supervisor at San Francisco International Airport.

Walsh said he checked the reports with NASA officials who said, "yes, space debris. And they said it's a possi-

ble' satellite decaying in orbit. They wouldn't go any further."

Airport tower officials said the glowing object was so high in the sky that there was no doubt it would disintegrate before reaching Earth's surface, Walsh said. This is the second time in about five years such a sighting has been made, he added.

Among those reporting the glowing object between was San Francisco police Sgt. Dennis Schardt.

Schardt said he was driving north on Highway 101 near Candlestick about 9:50 p.m. when he looked over at the stadium, visualizing what it would look like capped with Mayor Feinstein's proposed dome.

"I saw this round-shaped object — green in color — with a greenish glow around edges of it, streak across sky in an arch," the officer said.

Schardt said the object moved from the east and traveled north before it was lost beyond the rim of a

hill.

"It had tremendous speed. I didn't know what to make of it — I realized I'd just seen something I obviously couldn't identify."

When he mentioned it to his fellow officers "they were ready to call the mental ward," joked Schardt, until a check with dispatchers showed several calls reporting a UFO at the same time of night.

Robert Gribble, a spokesman for the National UFO Reporting Center, a privately supported organization in Seattle, said, he had about 30 to 35 calls from throughout the Bay Area of "a large glowing object streaking throughout the sky."

"Some people reported a large green ball, others reported a combination of blue and green leaving a long trail," he said.

"It sounded pretty much like a meteor," he said, adding, "there are no meteor showers listed for this period."