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Mystery sparked after many night

sightings

'1,000FT-LONG UFO' LIGHTS UP DEVON

SIGHTINGS of a massive cigar-shaped UFO covered in light sparked a Devon mystery today.

Reports of the object have come from various parts of the county with claims that it was 1,000ft-long and moved back and forth in a straight line for about an hour before shooting off into the night sky.

Amateur astronomer Mr Ian Platt, of Beacon Heath, Exeter, watched the strange object through his telescope and said today he had never seen anything like it before.

"It was massive and brilliantly lit. I couldn't believe it at first so I got some of my neighbours to come and look as well," he said.

"It must have been about 5,000 ft up and moving at about 100 mph. I first saw it in the west and then it moved north east, stopped, came back along the same lines and then went back to the north east again before it shot off."

A similar brilliantly lit object was also seen by Mr Peter Doyle and his wife in the St David's area of the city. The whole underside was covered in lights and it was cigar-shaped, he said.

A report of the object also

came from a man in Dartington who phoned Devon and Cornwall police HQ in Exeter to say he had seen a series of lights moving west to north, shortly after midnight.

RAF Chivenor in North Devon and Exeter Airport both said they had had no reports of the object and did not know what it might be.

One of Devon's best known astronomers, Mr James Hedley Robinson of Teignmouth was convinced today that whatever it was in the sky was not of extraterrestrial origin.

"I am satisfied that whatever it was it was a man-made gadget. Probably something to do with the military.

"If it had been a meteor travelling east to west it would have been travelling incredibly fast and even if it had been going west to east it would still be going too fast to be an object like that sighted last night."



Juan and Lorita Green of rural Adams County say the electrostatic generator operates on a principle

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learned from extraterrestrials.

The vanishing UFO

Sightings less prevalent as excitement dies down

By **STACEY BURLING**
Rocky Mountain News Staff Writer

The way some UFO historians tell it, flying saucers appeared soon after World War II and roamed our skies regularly until about the mid-'70s.

With their strange lights and dazzling aerobatics, the craft were both frightening and fascinating. Enthusiasts surmised that extraterrestrials were studying our primitive planet. They would land soon and save us from nuclear devastation or perhaps a more natural calamity.

Well, where are they?

"There just isn't much going on this year," said Lorita Green, president of the Denver UFO society, which, at 27, is one of the oldest UFO organizations in the country.

Actually, there hasn't been much going on this decade.

Mark Rodeghier, a researcher for the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Ill., estimates that reports in the United States alone are down 50 to 75 percent since 1973 when about a thousand sightings were reported. That was the year of the last national flap — the aficionados' term for a rash of sightings — although several UFOs were reported in the Northeast last year.

THE AIR Force closed its formal investigation of UFOs in 1969. Membership in amateur groups interested in UFOs has dwindled. It's possible these days to find an edition of the National Enquirer that doesn't include a UFO story.

R. Leo Sprinkle, a Wyoming psychologist who has been investigating UFOs for 23 years, wonders how history will treat UFOs and those who claim to have seen them if sightings don't pick up.

"The big question is: Will we be in contact with UFO beings or will they go away?" he said. "It may turn out

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that we'll never have any contact with flying saucer occupants, so this will be seen as nonsense."

A cadre of faithful UFO believers continues to investigate UFO reports and spread word of the strange phenomenon.

About 30 members of the Denver UFO Society meet once a month at the Glendale Fire Station. Gray is the most common hair color in the room and leaders talk of members who have taken sick or died.

Green, a plainspoken, heavyset woman, joined in 1963 when UFO stories were all the rage for newspapers and magazines. She saw her first UFO that summer while working in her garden in Commerce City.

"EVERYBODY SAW UFOs that summer," she said recently in the kitchen of her Adams County home. "I tell you, they was thick."

She and her husband, Juan, moved to the rural area partly because "contactees," or people who said they had met with UFO occupants, were suggesting at the time that people move to the country. A sticker on their refrigerator reads: "Flying saucers are real. The Air Force don't exist."

Nowadays, without waves of reports or the impetus of a new UFO movie, it's hard to maintain interest in UFO meetings.

"I get awful frustrated sometimes," Green said. "Just about the time I say, 'This is it,' we have a helluva sighting and I get right back in it again."

At the May meeting, two group members told of recent UFO sightings. A woman said she had seen 38 gray-blue disks over her garage. "They were probably turning into third-dimensional vibrations when you saw them," a man told her. "They were fourth dimensional before that." The crowd did not comment.

Juan Green, a longtime member of the society who wears a jacket with a flying saucer stitched on the back, was the featured speaker. He talked about everything from free energy to how short-wave radiation affects the edibility of plants.

Victor LeRoy, a founding member of the group, believes the UFOs are still here and will show themselves in greater numbers soon.

"Just because they don't happen to be dramatically here today doesn't mean they're not here," said LeRoy, an energetic man whose 91-year-old face remains remarkably unlined. "I just don't happen to see them and nobody else does and they're not landing."

"I think we're getting close," Lorita Green said, referring to landings by the UFOs. "Of course," she added with a laugh, "I've thought that for 10 or 15 years."

WHY UFOS are less common now is just as mysterious as why they showed up in the first place. Some amateur researchers suggest that UFOs are exploring Soviet bloc countries. Others believe the extraterrestrial visits are cyclical and that the UFOs will return. Some say the UFOs are still here, but are smart enough to keep mere humans from seeing them. People also have become more sophisticated and don't mistake blimps and planets for UFOs as often as they did.

Then, of course, there's the possibility that there are no UFOs and people finally have enough sense not to make them up. Philip J. Klass, senior electronics editor for Aviation Week & Space Technology magazine, who has become the country's best-known UFO debunker, takes that view.

He also credits the decline in UFO reports to a version of Gresham's Law, the economic rule that bad money drives good out of circulation. UFO reports have become so outlandish, with more and more stories of abductions by aliens, that more believable stories are no longer considered interesting, he said.

The modern wave of UFO reports began in 1947 in a world not quite ready to accept the idea of visitors from outer space. Less than a decade earlier, Orson Welles' fantasy "War of the Worlds" had started a national panic.

J. Allen Hynek, an astronomer who was once the chief UFO debunker for the Air Force and is now considered the top authority on the phenomenon, said the government had little choice but to deny the existence of the craft.

Officials could not say, "UFOs are real, but we're helpless," said Hynek, who founded the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston and has recently opened a branch in Phoenix, Ariz. "That's not good P.R."

People who said they had seen UFOs, or who openly believed in them, were considered crazy.

"Years ago, when they were first presumably coming, a person that believed in UFOs was a nut," LeRoy, a retired electrical engineer and contractor, said. Green said some members lost jobs for belonging to her society.

THE NUMBER of reports began to make UFOs more acceptable. Hynek, who is 75 and has never seen a UFO, estimates there have been 80,000 reports, most of which are "just nonsense." But 1,000 from 140 countries merit investigation, he said. Hynek is to speak at Denver's Temple Center, East 16th Avenue and Pearl Street, at 7:30 p.m. June 17.

UFOs described in those reports had similar shapes and movement patterns. People who said they had been abducted often told of short humanoids. Their descriptions formed the basis for creating the visitors in the movie "Close Encounters of the Third Kind," a term Hynek coined for face-to-face meetings with extraterrestrial beings.

While the sightings are less frequent, they have gotten better, Hynek said. The UFOs are less likely to be easily explained. They also tend to be more bizarre, with increasing reports of people being taken aboard alien vessels.

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"This is a subject that is extremely persistent and extremely consistent and it will not go away," said David M. Jacobs, a Temple University history professor who wrote "The UFO Controversy in America." "This has been going on for so long and there have been so many reliable people who have claimed this, it's just plain crazy to say everybody is wrong."

THE WEST'S most recent encounter with UFOs took a strange twist that still baffles UFO believers and skeptics alike. From about 1975 to 1981, 5,000 cattle were mutilated in the Rocky Mountain and Plains states, according to Tom Adams, who runs a mutilation reporting service in Paris, Texas. About 80 cases were reported in Colorado's Elbert County. Adams says there have been 20 or 30 interesting cases in the last three years, compared to hundreds in 1975, the height of the killings.

Odd lights, as well as helicopters, were often seen near where cattle were found dead, their bodies stripped of genitalia and other parts with surgical precision. Some cattle appeared to have been dropped from the air.

No explanation has been found for the mutilations, which have not stopped. Adams does not see enough evidence to tie the killings to UFOs, but adds, "I really think it's as valid a connection as any."

Bill Jackson, the agriculture reporter for the Greeley Tribune, was a reporter for the Sterling Journal-Advocate in 1975. He was returning to Sterling one fall night

with his pregnant wife and young son when he saw strange lights ahead. When it looked like the craft was heading straight for the road, he stopped the car. A vehicle the size of a football field passed over the family. Its bottom was covered with row upon row of red, green, amber and white lights. It didn't make a sound.

"The fact that it made no noise, that's what scared me about it," Jackson said recently. "I know of nothing on this earth made that big that could make no noise."

Jackson saw about 100 mutilated cattle around that time and heard constant reports of UFOs. "I'd talked to so many people who had seen so many strange things. It was just kind of a spooky time period out in that whole area for about a year."

It was hard to be skeptical about UFOs. "There were so many of them that you couldn't really not believe," he said.

"**THERE'S STILL**, I think, quite a bit of skepticism among some people," said Harley Rutledge, a physics professor at Southeast Missouri State University who has studied UFOs since 1973. He says he has seen 149 UFOs. "It is possible to talk about the subject if you're somewhat choosy. I never bring it up in class."

Others concede that UFOs have been the subject of so many newspaper articles, books, movies and television shows that they may have gotten boring. Although reports of sightings still make the news in small towns, Jacobs said, they have to be spectacular to get air time in big cities.

"I think they're getting somewhat blase about it," Rutledge said. "You can't get a lot of people excited about it any more."

Even Green, who spent years talking about UFOs, said her enthusiasm for making UFO converts has waned. "Now, after 30 years, you find something else to talk about," she said.

Leaders of many UFO groups blame science fiction for making people see extraterrestrials as benign, almost cuddly, creatures.

"I think Hollywood has done a tremendous disservice to research," Hynek said. "People say, 'We all know the answer: E.T.'"

THAT ATTITUDE has made life difficult for people like Hynek, who rely on volunteer help and donations. Practically no money is available for UFO research.

"To get real evidence, you have to have real cash," he said.

He would like to see a "mini-NASA" devoted to UFO research. Instead, he operates on a skimpy budget.

"Either this is one of the most important scientific events in the history of mankind or it is an interesting and fun footnote to history," Jacobs said. "There is virtually nothing in between."

"My conclusion is that it's extremely important."

Aviation Week's Klass, on the other hand, says all UFOs have "prosaic, earthly" explanations. The myth has survived so long, he says, because it has timeless appeal.

"This is a great hope. It's sort of like, I wish there's a fairy godmother that could appear and pay off the mortgage on my house. It's the universal dream that we are not alone."

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Flying object

By Terrence Poppa

El Paso Herald-Post Juarez Bureau

Juarez state judicial police claim an unidentified flying object passed over Juarez early Wednesday and was seen by hundreds of people.

They included at least 30 Juarez policemen, said Commander Rodolfo Avalos Saenz.

"I saw it, but I can't say if it was a UFO," Avalos Saenz said. "It was something very brilliant, that you could see from the west side of the city around 4:30 a.m."

Avalos Saenz said he watched the object through binoculars.

It appeared to be checkered, like a hand grenade, with brilliant lights around the squares, he said. On top of the object was a circle of red light and another light was on the bottom, he said.

Several Juarez police agencies received telephone calls reporting sightings of the object, Avalos Saenz said.

The control tower at El Paso International Airport was not in operation at the time of the reported sightings, a Federal Aviation Administration spokesman said today.

El Paso police said they had received no reports of a UFO.

The cosmos explained

Life's mysteries in one easy

IL. WHEATON DAILY
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WHEATON — The flyer, headlined "UFO's!!! A 2 Day Seminar," sent shivers oscillating up and down my spine. A UFO is, of course, simply a flying saucer with a bit of respectability. The Air Force, which has no sense of fun, insists on labeling these "unidentified" objects as swamp gas, paper airplanes or falling Coke bottles. But we all know that the vast majority of Unidentified Flying Objects are actually highly advanced alien spacecraft piloted by beings who look like overgrown fetuses. Thus my interest in the flyer.

I read on, and saw that the first day of the seminar would include an intergalactic tour, featuring the Galactic Confederation, followed by discussion of the hollow earth, the Luciferian Rebellion, psychotronic warfare and other topics. Day two would continue with a first-hand account of being on board a UFO, along with information on the coming mass landing and evacuation. All this and much more for only \$115! The seminar would be held at the Sheraton O'Hare, presented by the famous Michael and Aurora El-Legion.

Money was a problem, though. I didn't have \$115, in fact I was only dimly aware that such huge sums exist. I wondered if Michael and Aurora would accept a check drawn on the Galactic Bank. I doubted it. Finally I had to settle for the \$10 introductory lecture. Perhaps I'd still learn something of cosmic significance.

ON THE DAY of the lecture I dressed entirely in black. I was sort of hoping to be taken for one of the mysterious Men in Black who populate so many UFO reports. As I drove toward the airport I reflected on my past experience with UFO's: I hadn't any. But I read a lot about them in my younger days. Many a night had been spent gazing up at the sky, hoping that a glowing ball of light would land in my yard and deposit a ten-speed bicycle and lots of other prizes. Lingering behind this wish was a sobering thought: Maybe the aliens wouldn't be nice



lesson!

God is my bombardier

Rolf Luchs

after all. With my luck they'd be the nasty black slimy kind, with giant mandibles and more tentacles than you could shake a stick at.

The lecture was held in a ballroom at the Sheraton. It was about 45 minutes late starting (it's so hard to synchronize with earth time), so I browsed through the many books and pamphlets available.

My Friend From Beyond Earth is the heartwarming story of Space Brother Valiant Thor and his friendship with the author, Dr. Frank Stranges. It seems the good doctor's life was saved a number of times by Val from "the negative forces here on earth." It is, I hear, a book "brimming with unforgettable and awesome situations."

Even more unforgettable is *UFO Contact From Planet Iarga*. This is the "fascinating firsthand account of a Dutchman's experience after saving the life of an alien being from drowning and is invited inside an underwater UFO base." Soon to be a major motion picture.

OTHER FAVORITES include *A Spiritual Bouquet From the Ascended Lady Masters* and *World Message for the Coming Decade*. This last is a collection of speeches by members of the Angel Kingdom, the Great Central Sun Government, the Heavenly Host, the Great Karmic Board, the Chohan of this Solar System, the Universal Masters and the Alliance of the Intergalactic Confederation.

I should also mention that there

were plenty of conspiracy theory books on sale. These weren't very interesting, since they only rehashed what is common knowledge — that Lucifer controls the earth through the Trilateral Commission, international banking, CIA/KGB, the mass media, etc. But the presence of these books proved that my hosts were good, solid Americans, no matter how many antennae they had.

When Michael El-Legion finally took the podium, he started off with a group meditation. I took the opportunity to survey the audience. There were about 40 people, with chairs for around 150. Everyone looked quite normal, even the little old man who had been waving a pendulum over the books for sale to see which ones were safe for him. A large minority were dressed entirely in black. Michael was a decent-looking, curly-headed fellow of about 30. Aurora was about 10 years older. In one of their brochures they called themselves a "striking young couple."

Michael had a nonstop, earnest way of talking that gave me a headache. Aurora was slower, more down-to-earth (so to speak). She had the light, constant smile of a tranquilized horse. Together, they wove a tale of intergalactic intrigue that brimmed with unforgettable and awesome situations.

BRIEFLY SPEAKING, earth is Satan's last stronghold. After his Fall, none of the other planets would give him the time of day.

Soviet space junk lights up the sky

Debris from satellite burns

By SEAN LOUGHLIN

STAFF WRITER

A spectacular display of lights early yesterday got the attention of some area residents who, officials said, were witnessing entry into the atmosphere of debris from a Soviet space satellite.

David Melito, a Euclid resident, said he was driving north on E. 266th St. when he saw "a red ball going up in the air." Melito said lights traveling in the sky emitted white smoke.

"The only thing that was visible were red tails. They were long, and they were big," he said. "I know it wasn't a meteor, because I've seen a meteor." He said he thought it was a missile being used for target practice.

According to a spokesman for the North American Aerospace Defense Command in Colorado Springs, Colo., the debris entered the atmosphere shortly after midnight.

"Our NORAD Space Surveillance Center said there was debris from a Soviet satellite re-entering the atmosphere at the time," said the spokesman, Del Kindschi.

Kindschi said the debris was from the Cosmos 1530 satellite, which itself had had re-entered the atmosphere Jan. 25 last year, after being sent up into space 14 days earlier. He said the fairly large size of some of the debris, about 4½ square meters, and the speed, estimated to be more than 10,000 mph, caused the bright lights.

"One lady saw it enter the atmosphere, and she described it as a big spray of white light," said Clyde

Simpson, a worker in the observatory at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History. He said the observatory received about 15 calls from people who said they saw the lights.

The Associated Press reported several pilots mentioning the lights to the control tower at Cleveland Hopkins International Airport.

James Long, a Berea resident, said he was at work in Bedford Heights when he spotted several lights traveling "very fast," but without noise, across the sky. "(They) looked like a cylinder or something, and there was a lot of lights — green, blue, red," Long said.

Kindschi said while a display of lights such as this one was rare, falling debris is not. "It's fairly common actually. More than 500 man-made objects in space come down each year," he said. Most are either too small to be seen, fall during the day, or drop into remote areas, he said.

Kindschi said yesterday morning's lights were spotted by people in other states, including Georgia, Virginia, Pennsylvania and Illinois.

Simpson said from descriptions relayed to him, the debris traveled southeast. "The path would suggest the satellite was in a polar orbit going around the Earth," he said. He said the observatory is collecting information about the path and forwarding it to the Scientific Event Alert Network in Washington D.C. "Astronomers can put together an accurate account of its orbit . . . and perhaps retrieve some material," he said.

Folks like the El-Legions are extraterrestrial souls who have volunteered to be born as humans so as to help lead earthlings out of darkness. Their task, sad to say, is a hopeless one, and soon earth will be blown to hell. Nice people will be evacuated first, though.

The life of a space person is a dangerous one. Government assassins once unleashed a psychic attack on Michael that nearly cost him his life. Only the timely intervention of a UFO piloted by his friend, Korton of Venus, saved him. Another problem is that you can't trust the mass media, which is basically just a tool of evil. On the other hand, the El-Legions have given, by their count, over 200 TV, radio and newspaper interviews, so maybe there's some hope after all. Then there is the subtle danger of fluoride poisoning. You thought you had heard the last of that when you saw "Dr. Strange-love," didn't you? It turns out that fluoride is one of the greatest dangers to human health. The El-Legions drink only distilled water.

One of the biggest problems in being a space person is that you might go for years and years before realizing your true nature. You might never learn that all your strange little idiosyncracies are proof of your extraterrestrial origin. Therefore, Michael and Aurora presented a list of 30 characteristics to judge yourself by. Aha! I thought when I first saw the list. Now comes the moment of truth! Did I have compelling eyes and personal charisma? Of course. Unusual blood type? Yes indeed. Extra or "misplaced" ribs? Well, now that you mention it . . . Did I feel that my earth mother and father were not my real parents, and did I yearn for my true place of origin? Constantly. In short, I soon learned that I, Rolf Luchs, am a space person.

Nowadays, glowing lights never pass me by without at least a "hello" wink. My yard is full of ten-speed bicycles and lots of other prizes.

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UFO sightings: Just give me the facts

By SUSAN BAILEY
LIVING Editor

People from Alaska to Exeter, New Hampshire tell stories of strange objects in the sky, objects they can't explain.

The stories are remarkably similar.

They see lights and think it's an airplane. Then they notice the lights aren't moving. They pulsate, connected to a huge object that hovers without making a sound. The object comes as close as 50 feet. From that distance it resembles nothing ever invented by man.

In what is still considered one of the most dramatic cases of a flying object, in 1961, Betty Hill of Portsmouth not only saw the hovering bright lights, but was abducted by creatures from the strange craft.

Even if someone had seen such a thing, who would they tell?

Despite movies like "Close Encounters of the Third Kind," the average man on the street thinks UFOs belong in the imaginations of people they don't want to know any better.

If you tell a story of spotting a flying object you can't identify, you must be crazy. Or at least, everyone will think so.

"The fear of ridicule is very strong," says Peter Geremia, the New Hampshire state director for the Mutual UFO Network. "Most of the people I interview require me to keep their names confidential."

MUFON, an international scientific organization, investigates sightings of UFOs. Three major groups study UFOs across the country and the world: MUFON; The Center For UFO Studies; and Aerial Phenomena Research Organization, Inc.

As the state director for MUFON, Geremia often interviews people who report seeing strange objects with strangelights.

Usually, the people are disturbed by the sight of something they consider irrational. And they are disturbed because they do not know who to talk to.

"It's almost like I'm a family psychiatrist," he says. "It's like they are getting something off their chests."

In talking to people, Geremia collects information on the sighting, much like a police officer would.

"All I do is report the facts, just like Jack Webb on "Dragnet," he says. "Just the facts."

If the facts assemble into what looks like a genuine sighting of an unknown object, Geremia mails a report to the MUFON headquarters in Seguin, Texas, where it goes on file.

He keeps his opinion out of it. "I just present the facts as they come to me," Geremia says. "I consider myself an open-minded skeptic."

Reports of genuine sightings land in state MUFON newsletters or in the international MUFON UFO Journal. Across the country and the world, MUFON information increases the awareness of UFOs.

"Our main purpose is to try to get actual information to the public," Geremia says.

While MUFON is dedicated to the scientific investigation of unidentified and unknown flying objects, some of the sightings prove unscientific.

"There are plenty of people looking for notoriety, or looking to make a buck," Geremia says. "There are the lunatic fringe. I go to these meetings and there are women there who say they have babies by aliens. People have made every claim you can make."

Nevertheless, most claims share certain elements.

"The great majority are unexplained lights in the distance," Geremia says. "Next will be the passing of lights close to an individual, or an individual's car."

Because unexplained lights in the distance could be anything, Geremia seldom investigates them. Instead, he sticks with what he calls strong CE-1 cases, or Close Encounters of the First Kind.

In the classification system initiated by UFO specialist Dr. J. Allen Hynek and borrowed by Steven Spielberg for the movie "Close Encounters of the Third Kind," there are three categories of contact with unexplained objects.

"CE-1, that's an aerial sighting of an unexplained object, a huge white light passing over a car with no noise," says Geremia.

"In a CE-2, a white light came down, killed the engine of the car, interacted with an individual or the environment," he says. "A Close Encounter of the Third Kind includes interaction, but an entity is seen in the

area, a small creature."

In the area around Pease Air Force Base, the C5 aircraft is often mistaken for a UFO.

"It has 12 to 17 lights," Geremia says. "It can be a mile away from you, and it looks like it isn't even moving. The only way that you can really tell what is going on is to get out of your car and watch. It will eventually move. If you don't do that, you will be left with the impression that you've seen a UFO."

Many of the sightings Geremia looks into turn out to be nothing more than a C5. In fact, supposed UFO activity has dwindled across the state.

"Our area of the Seacoast was very active a few years ago," he says. "We had one heck of a flap in the '60s. Right now it's dead."

Geremia, who lives in Rye, has collected UFO data for MUFON the past 10 years, and has been the state director for three of those years. In his opinion, one recent case is a newsmaker.

"I have no qualms about writing this up as a definite unknown," he says.

On the night of Oct. 15, the Keene, N. H. police got an anonymous phone call. The man refused to give his name because he said his wife would think he was crazy. He told the police something strange was hovering over

the city.

A skeptic familiar with crank calls, Sgt. John Zeller was in no hurry to reach the section of Route 12 where the object was reported.

As he drove from West Street to Route 12, the car coming toward him

screached to a stop, and two people got out, pointing at the sky.

"There was something, mostly lights, hovering five to 700 feet off the ground, red, green, white pulsating types," Zeller says. "All you could see was the lights, you couldn't see any outline. The strange thing was, this was absolutely still, like it was stuck there. There was no sound. I stood there probably two minutes."

Then Sgt. Zeller aimed his 200,000 candlelight power spotlight at the hovering lights.

"You could see the light beam through the dark," Zeller says. "The minute the light beam was put on it, it came toward it, at an angle, lowering at the same time. It was so clearly unconventional. The thing kept coming about 100 feet from the cruiser, traveling as fast as you'd ride a bicycle."

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The strange craft hovered over the cruiser, barely moving. Zeller saw no markings, no openings, and can't remember if he saw wings, but he described the object as 40-50 feet long, 10-15 feet wide, cream-colored with blunt ends, ridged on the bottom like an old-fashioned bathtub.

"It gave out a two-tone hum," Zeller says. "It went over to a car wash and it did something which I assume was turning around, then it went — boom — over toward the Ramada Inn."

Zeller admits he'd never seen anything like the thing that hovered over his cruiser the night of Oct. 15, 1984.

"It doesn't mean it came from Mars," he says.

Like Zeller, Geremia won't speculate.

"What you have is a very credible witness seeing the classic," he says. "I will write up a report and send it down to Texas."

He is sure of the object's unknown quality. He speculates no further than that.

"When you have a device 50 feet overhead and it doesn't make a sound — I don't know of any propulsion system we have that can do that," he says. "You can only think you've seen a UFO."

Once the report is at MUFON headquarters, Geremia's job is done. Like every state in the MUFON network, and every state investigator, all he has is words on paper.

"After it's all over, what do you have? You don't have a photo, you have data," he says. "You don't have something to grab hold of and show people."

There is no way to prove or disprove the truth of what Zeller saw.

"You're left with nothing more than the word of the people who have seen it," Geremia says. "The only way to shoot down his story is to shoot down the reputation of the officer, and he has an excellent reputation in the community."

So the Zeller case, like countless other UFO sightings, remains a mystery.

And Geremia sticks to the facts, just the facts.

"There's plenty of other people that are willing to speculate," he says. "I think that's a little premature."

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Was it really a UFO?

IT WAS flying, covered in lights and silent — and so far no-one has been able to identify it. But was it a UFO?

That's the question Potters Bar businessman Gaetano Avogardi wants answered after seeing a strange object over his house in The Avenue.

Still shaken, the former Italian resistance fighter now feels sure that the strange object he saw was a UFO.

And investigations by the Press have so far been unable to come up with any other rational explanation.

The object was seen by Mr Avogardi and his wife, Irene, about 2 am on Friday as he was

By Gervase Webb

working late at home. He takes up the story: "I saw what I thought was a floodlight go on behind the curtains. I looked out and saw an object — I can't describe the shape — covered with lights.

"It seemed to be flying very low but what made it so strange was that it made no sound."

Mr Avogardi explained: "If it had made any noise at all I might have discounted it as a plane or a helicopter. But it was com-

pletely silent.

"It was uncanny. I hardly got any sleep for the rest of that night. I just lay there thinking 'I wonder...'"

He added: "If someone can provide a rational explanation for it I'll be happy — but until then I'm baffled."

Checks this week with the police and with local aerodromes and flying clubs have revealed no unusual traffic in the air over Potters Bar on Thurs-



● Gaetano Avogardi day night or Friday morning.

An Elstree air traffic controller, suggested the object could have been a civilian airliner approaching Luton airport.

But the object seen by the Avogardis matches no known airliner. So there the story ends, with no satisfactory ending. Unless...

Junk falling from space lights sky

WASHINGTON (AP) — Over Florida, a string of bright lights sweeping across the sky early this week prompted thousands of phone calls from people alarmed about UFOs. And across Greater Cleveland and the northeastern United States, startling displays last week brought concerned calls from Michigan to Virginia.

Henny Penny was right. The sky is falling in many ways she never imagined. She sounded her "goodness gracious, me" alarm after an acorn fell out of a tree and struck her head.

Nowadays there are 5,594 pieces of junk in the sky large enough to be tracked and to come back to Earth.

When they come in at night, it's Fourth of July time.

A Japanese freighter in the Sea of Japan was struck by the wreckage from a Soviet spacecraft and five crewmen were hurt, in the only reported injuries from a piece of the sky.

The North American Aerospace Defense Command says 1,451 satellites are whirling around Earth. Of those, 473 are from the United States and 838 are Soviet.

There are also 4,022 pieces of debris — rocket stages, platforms, rocket bodies that exploded and produced fragments; 2,289 are American, 1,655 are Soviet.

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Probably the biggest piece of junk to come back to earth was Skylab, the U.S. space station visited by three different astronaut crews in the early 1970s. The 77.5-ton Skylab strewed pieces across the Indian Ocean and the Australian outback.

The most frightening was a five-ton Soviet nuclear-powered ocean surveillance satellite that scattered debris over hundreds of square miles of sub-Arctic Canada in 1978.

Astronauts have been among the worst space polluters. The crews on the Gemini flights of the 1960s used to put their waste into bags, open the hatch and let fly.

UFO aliens are killing livestock

A NEW wave of gruesome livestock slaughter is the work of UFO aliens, says an expert.

The most recent episode of brutal killing came to light when sheep farmers found 21 lambs dead in their fields, each with a puncture wound the size of a half dollar in the side that caused fatal internal injuries.

All had the same lethal wound and none were marked in any other way, say farmers, police, and veterinarians who investigated the rash of killings near the town of South Gwynedd in Wales.

The attack has all the earmarks of extraterrestrial cattle killing, says Dr. Jasper MacIntyre, who has tracked the grisly phenomenon for 15 years.

"Many people are quick to blame the killings on satanic cultists, but in this case the evidence points to extraterrestrials doing research on our animals," he adds.

"The fact that the bodies



ALIENS, SUCH as the one in the artist's sketch (inset) are believed to be responsible for the gruesome slaughter.

... all over the world

were otherwise untouched and that they all had the exact same wound in the same spot indicates a high level of sophistication on the part of the killers."

MacIntyre, a veterinary pathologist, points out that

the Welsh case differs from all previous episodes in that there were no UFO sightings reported at the time of the slaying.

"This is most unusual, for often there is a spate of sightings at the time when

such killings occur," he explains.

"It may be that the extraterrestrials are aware of how upsetting these episodes are and have decided to keep a low profile when they're carrying out their studies."

The slayings in Wales are the latest in a new wave that is spreading across the U.S. and around the world.

Killings

In recent months, killings have been reported in Marysville, Ohio, Tacoma, Washington, and Dallas, Texas.

"Both the animals — and their owners — are completely defenseless in these cases," says Dr. MacIntyre.

"It's possible that extraterrestrials might decide to experiment on humans someday in the same manner."

— PETER BEMIDJI

Deputy sees UFO

A SHERIFF'S DEPUTY spotted a UFO and a dozen witnesses back the amazing sighting.

Bright white with red rings, it rotated for three hours above Rockport, Texas, but was not picked up on radar screens at the Corpus Christi Naval Air Station.

Glowing brightly from 4 a.m. until 7 a.m., the UFO could not have been the planet Venus because it was located too far south, says Arkansas County Deputy Joe Veases.

Another witness said the headlights went out and her car stalled when she saw the baffling object. When it disappeared, her car restarted.

UFO sightings a passing fad to all

but the most faithful believers

By The Associated Press

Sightings of unidentified flying objects in the United States reached a high 12 years ago, when more than 1,000 were reported and the topic was a favorite subject of debate.

Today, even the most sensational tabloids are ignoring stories about flying saucers.

Reports of odd-shaped, fast-moving, flashing objects in the sky are down 50 to 75 percent since the last rash of sightings in 1973, said Mark Rodeghier, a researcher at the Center for UFO Studies in Illinois.

Amateur groups interested in UFOs also have dwindled. The Air Force closed its formal investigation of unidentified flying objects in 1969.

This has not deterred a small but faithful group of UFO believers. About 30 members of the 27-year-old Denver UFO Society still meet once a month at the Glendale Fire Station.

Lorita Green, president of the society, joined the group in 1963 after she saw her first UFO that summer while working in her garden in Commerce City.

"Everybody saw UFOs that summer. I tell you they was thick," she said in the kitchen of her Adams County home, where a sticker on her refrigerator reads, "Flying saucers are real. The Air Force don't exist."

Green and her husband, Juan, are so convinced that UFOs are real that they moved to a rural

area at the suggestion of "contactees" — people who have met with UFO passengers.

They both believe more UFOs will start to appear soon. "Of course," she said with a laugh, "I've thought that for 10 or 15 years."

Some UFO researchers suggest the sightings have declined because the spacecraft are exploring Soviet bloc countries.

Others say the visits are cyclical

and will resume. Some also maintain that the aliens are too smart to let humans see them.

In the past, those who saw UFOs were thought to be crazy. But the increased number of sightings has helped make UFOs more acceptable. Believers include people like the Greens, as well as authors, professors, and scientists.

J. Allen Hynek, an astronomer who was once the chief UFO debunker for the Air Force and is

now considered the top authority in the field, estimates there have been 80,000 reports.

Most are "just nonsense," but 1,000 sightings from 140 countries merit investigation, he said.

Hynek, 73, helped found the Center for UFO Studies in Illinois and has opened a branch office in Phoenix, Ariz. Practically no research money is available, so he operates with donations. He's never seen a UFO, but he hopes that someday there will be a "mini-NASA" devoted to research.

David M. Jacobs, a history professor at Temple University, wrote a book called "The UFO Controversy in America." He said, "This has been going on for so long and there have been so many reliable

people who have claimed this, it's just plain crazy to say everybody is wrong."

But others disagree, like Philip J. Klass, senior electronics editor for Aviation Week & Space Technology magazine and the country's best-known UFO debunker.

He said UFO reports have declined because they have become so outlandish, with frequent stories about abductions by aliens. The more believable stories are no longer considered interesting.

Klass said all UFOs have earthly explanations and the myth has survived for so long because it has a timeless appeal.

"This is a great hope," he said. "It's the universal dream that we are not alone."

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UFO sighted by hundreds in Australia

By The Associated Press

SYDNEY, Australia — Hundreds of early risers reported sightings of a UFO today that gave off a "mysterious bright light" as it hovered in the skies over Sydney.

Radio stations were inundated with calls from people saying they saw a brightly colored object as they went to work.

"It was a very large and bright round object and it appeared to

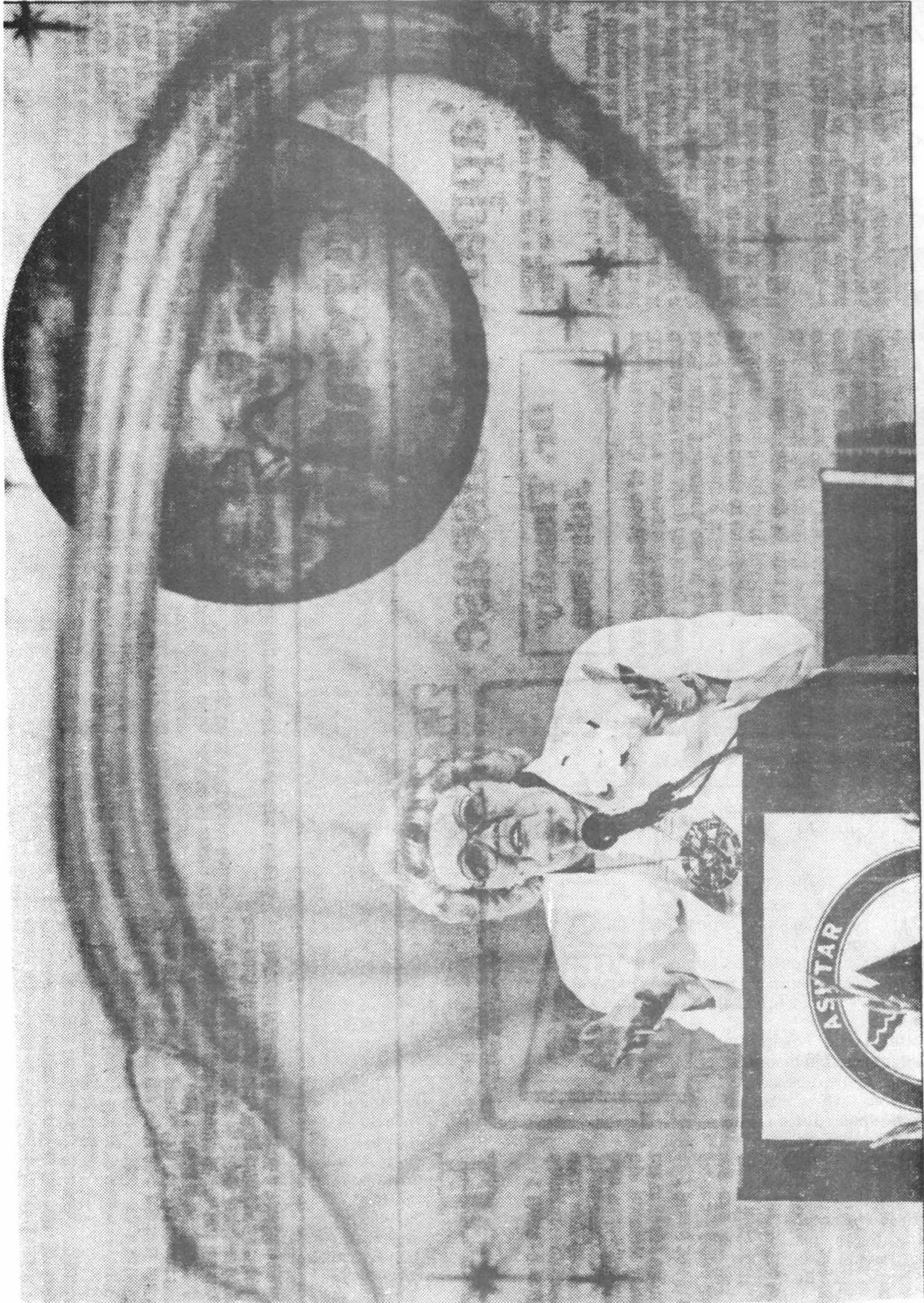
have steam coming off it," said radio commentator Grant Goldman.

Last week, the switchboard of a local radio station was jammed with listeners claiming to have seen blinding lights which appeared to explode before plummeting to earth.

The Meteorology Bureau suggested the flashes of light might have been a meteor shower.

'Flying saucers are real. The Air Force don't exist.'

UFO sticker



Tuella tells listeners in Anaheim, 'You realize there is something out there greater than us.'

Close encounter for UFO believers

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Loretta Jacobs, left, hugs Eva Culdice after Eya's testimony of UFO sighting.

By **STEVE COOPER**

Sun Staff Writer

ANAHEIM — It's time to tear the cover off the conspiracy. Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) were identified years ago. They were flown here by our intergalactic brothers and sisters.

But sinister conspirators in our government, military and big business don't want you to know.

This is the message of an author and lecturer who goes by her "cosmic" name, Tuella.

She spoke during the weekend to about 200 rapt listeners at the Hilton Hotel here.

"Commander Ashtar sends his blessings," she said.

Ashtar, as Tuella explains him, is a commander with the Intergalactic Space Confederation. He leads an immense force of space ships gathered near Earth for our protection.

In case of a disaster, such as a nuclear war, they will sweep the earth with "levitation beams" from their spacecraft. Those who are ready for rescue will be hauled into safety aboard Ashtar's ships.

If all this sounds like a Star Trek re-run, don't tell Tuella. She is quite serious about it.

According to Tuella, President Ford knew the truth, but "they" shut him up. President Carter saw a UFO himself, but kept quiet under pressure from "them."

And our current president? He sat and talked with one of the extra-terrestrials (ETs). But the conspiracy of silence was able to knuckle under even the strong-willed Reagan, Tuella said.

The meeting drew UFO believers from around the country. They were an average looking cross-section of adults wearing everything from suits to California casual summer gear to a cleric's collar.

They are part of a nationwide network of UFO watchers. Some join clubs for regular meetings. Others keep up with the latest through books and newsletters.

To look at the crowd, you might have figured it was one of those no-money-down real estate seminars. Until you heard a few "amens" as Tuella spoke.

There was reverent talk about Father-Mother God and an friendly space visitor named Sanada, whom we also know as Jesus Christ. One woman

fought back tears during a time of testimony as she explained how an ET presence had healed her.

It is a distinctly modern American theology — synthesizing smatterings of science, UFO theory, Eastern mysticism, New Age movement terminology and conservative Christian teachings about a coming apocalypse.

At one point in the proceedings, Tuella asked how many had seen a UFO. The vast majority of the crowd raised their hands.

"Didn't that just make a difference in your devotional life? No longer can you be taken in with this idea of us four and no more on this lonely little planet. Seeing one never leaves you the way it found you . . . You realize there is something out there greater than us," Tuella said.

Tuella seemed an unlikely evangelist as she urged the crowd to tell the world about their experiences. The white-haired woman could easily be cast to portray a grandmother in a cookie commercial.

But the Colorado woman has found a following — a large one if her book sales are any indication.

She said one of her best selling books, "Project: World Evacuation," has sold 8,000 copies at \$10.95. Her latest book, "Ashtar: A Tribute," has sold 1,000 since February at \$13.95.

Tuella's writings and talks are based on conversations she claims to have regularly with ETs, such as Ashtar. She said they communicate with her from their 1,500 square-mile spacecraft docked 500 miles above the earth.

The spacecraft and its inhabitants appear in a

dematerialized state ("demat" in UFO-ese) because they vibrate at a different frequency than the physical objects of our planet do, Tuella said.

Tuella compared the demat principle to a fan. At rest, the blades of the fan are solid, visible. Switch it on and the blades become invisible.

Tuella has been frustrated by the way UFO believers are treated by the government, the public and the press.

"Reliable people, as soon they make a statement that they have seen a UFO . . . become liars, neurotics or fools. At any other time these people would normally be accepted in court and in trials," she said.

She believes the evidence ETs exist is overwhelming. But it has been systematically buried by the conspiracy of silence.

"In the late 1940s, a certain powerful group decided you don't have the right to know that we are being monitored by people from other worlds," she said.

The conspirators wanted to keep the world in the dark so they



Staff photo by David Schreiber

Tuella's books for sale

could obtain whatever secret, superior technologies the ETs possessed. With these advanced energies and machines, they could rule the world.

Among those in on the conspiracy are military leaders, members of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Central Intelligence Agency and the Trilateral Commission, a private economic and

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political advisory group, Tuella said.

Whenever their conspiracy has been challenged, people have been killed in accidents, committed suicide or become strangely quiet, she said. "This group plays rough . . . They will go to any length and break any law to cover up the reality of UFOs."

According to Tuella, the military knows well UFOs exist. They fired on UFOs over Los Angeles in the early 1950s, she said. And the Air Force has the crashed craft and bodies of an ET mission that failed.

"But you know the attitude that's been generated in the media. Just mention UFOs and people laugh like it's a big joke. Well, it's a lot easier to ridicule somebody than to look at the facts," she said.

And the fact is, she maintained, we are on the brink of an Armageddon from which only the friendly visitors can save us.

The Russians have discovered anti-matter. They have built a space station with deadly rays aimed toward us.

In turn, we are developing secret bases around the world, including a flying saucer field of our own in Australia.

Natural disasters are coming. Financial collapse is not far off. And, yet, if the ETs reveal themselves and offer help, our military will try to kill them.

Despite all our bull-headedness and war mongering, Ashtar and his crews are still watching over us, Tuella said.

"They didn't come here to eat us."

But they have just about had enough of this planet's shenanigans, she said. "Just last Sunday Ashtar said he is about to end this stupid conspiracy . . . The (Intergalactic Space Confederation) has voted this week to expose this cover-up," Tuella said, as the crowd applauded and a few "praise the Lords" filled the air.

High ranking officials will be stirred into making confessions of their misdeeds in cooperating with the conspiracy.

"It's about time," Tuella said, her voice rising. "This will be a spiritual, cosmic Watergate."

For more information from Tuella, she can be reached by writing Guardian Action Publications, P.O. Box 2566, Durango, Colo. 81302.



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Lydia Stalnaker says she was given special powers.

Woman recounts story of her UFO abduction

By STEPHEN K. DOIG
Herald Staff Writer

One hot August night outside Jacksonville 11 years ago, Lydia Stalnaker was taken aboard a flying saucer, examined by frail, big-headed aliens with strange instruments, and then given powers beyond all earthly science.

Or so she said Thursday night to about 70 wide-eyed Miamians who paid \$10 each to hear her tale.

"I get tired of being made fun of, but God and the aliens keep coming on," she explained in her soft southern accent. "Sometimes it's just too weird for me."

It wasn't too weird, however, for her audience.

Heads bobbed in recognition as she described the interior of the extra-galactic ship. Others murmured agreement with her description of the chief alien, the one with the bright red eyes that glowed. They listened longingly when she explained that she had been selected to receive the "seven powers of God."

"I am one of the five most

documented UFO abduction cases in the United States," she proudly claimed, adding that she's since had a couple of other UFO rides.

Alas, that's not what the nation's UFOlogists say. While Stalnaker cites a strong endorsement from the national Aerial Phenomenon Research Organization in Arizona, the UFO group's founders said Thursday that her claims are exaggerated.

"I think she believes what she is saying," APRO official Coral Lorenzen said. "But there are very few contact cases that we endorse, and hers isn't one of them."

Even so, Stalnaker tours the country selling her tale. Then she sells her belatedly-discovered healing powers to those who will pay \$30 each for her healing seminar. And then there are the \$7 T-shirts and the \$1 "Contact" buttons.

"It's really humiliating," she lamented, "being made fun of by the public."

But apparently, it's also lucrative.

— It happened tomorrow —

Flying saucery

BUSINESSMAN Kenneth Arnold looked through the windscreen of his private plane cruising near Mount Rainier in Washington State, just 38 years ago tomorrow and radioed back to base a message which put new words into the English language: "I'm surrounded by things that look like flying saucers."

What Arnold claimed he saw that afternoon in 1947 were nine disc-shaped objects moving information at a speed he estimated at 1,000 mph, nearly twice as fast as the current air-speed record.

Since then, there have been thousands of reported sightings, including one from a woman who said she knew she had seen a flying saucer because it had UFA pointed on the side.

While most governments have dismissed UFO-watchers as cranks, classified files, forced out of the American Government archives by the U.S. Freedom of Information Act, revealed that for 30 years the FBI, the CIA and the American forces have monitored all UFO activity, and continue to do so.

A spokesman for the UFO Research Organisation in Washington, which has saucer-watchers around the

world, claims: "There is considerable evidence to support the theory that some UFOs are extra-terrestrial spacecraft, but there isn't yet any proof."

The Russians have always officially scoffed at the possibility of flying saucers. Soviet Foreign Minister Gromyko, once asked to comment on UFOs, replied. "We know what they are. They're discuses thrown by Russian athletes training for the Olympics!"

New riddle of field circles

MORE MYSTERIOUS circles have appeared in a cornfield in Wiltshire, reviving speculation on the UFO, whirlwind or helicopter theories.

The latest rings — one large one with four equi-distant smaller ones — are in a field of cereals on the slopes of Westbury White Horse hills at Bratton.

One of the first to spot the latest crop of five rings of flattened crops was Mr Maurice Easton, from Coulston, former cement works manager.

He said, "It really is a mystery. There is no sign of anyone having walked to the

circles in the middle of the field. I first noticed them a few days ago and just could not begin to guess what caused them. The corn is still growing."

Local meteorologist Dr Terence Meaden, however, is convinced that whirlwinds are the answer. Helicopters do not appear to be responsible, although the police have been using the craft in the area since the hippie invasion of the hills.

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Hundreds Report Strange Light

Streaking Across Sky

Staff Report

Hundreds of worried Florida residents described a strange nighttime phenomenon Monday as everything from "a ball of fire" rocketing across area skies to their first UFO sighting.

Callers flooded National Weather Service telephone lines with reports of a brilliant light in the skies at 10:15 p.m. Monday. The Federal Aviation Administration's station in Tampa, law enforcement agencies and even the national UFO Identification Center in Washington, D.C., were alerted.

As it turns out, the eerie extraterrestrial flash may have been the best - and most unintentional - publicity gimmick of the year for a Tampa area commercial development's grand opening.

"We've had several calls about people reporting UFOs, but it's a laser light demonstration at Harbor Island in Tampa," explained FAA air traffic control specialist Charles Jackson in Tampa. "This demonstration is in conjunction with their grand opening, and the light show is scheduled for 8 p.m. to 3 a.m. today (Monday) and 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. tomorrow (Tuesday)."

Law enforcement officials quickly spread the word once they learned of the Tampa Bay Laser Light Theory, but not everyone bought it.

"Don't let anybody fool you about a laser light show. It was no light show. It was a craft, cigar-shaped, silver and with lights on it," insisted Sarasota resident Trey Miller.

"I stopped in the middle of the road

'Don't let anybody fool you . . . It was no light show. It was a craft, cigar-shaped, silver and with lights on.'

. . . Trey Miller.

and the people behind me in traffic stopped and saw it, too," he added. "It looked like it was 400 to 500 yards in the air. There's no way a laser light show can hover and move at that constant of a speed."

At the Sarasota County Sheriff's Department the light was variously de-

scribed as a meteor, a comet with a brilliant red tail and an airplane with its engines on fire. Fourteen calls came in within half an hour of the sighting.

Officials with Harbor Island could not be reached for comment.

Law enforcement dispatchers said au-

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thorities in Manatee County, Sarasota, Tampa, Lake County, Orlando, Gainesville and other areas had seen "a large blaze with fragments falling from it."

Officials checked with MacDill Air Force Base and other authorities to find out if a plane had crashed.

Several local callers indicated the object landed in Hillsborough County and some said it went into part of the Intracoastal Waterway north of Tampa Bay. Others said it went into Palma Sola Bay or the Manatee River.

The streak of light raced through the sky from the southwest to the northeast, according to those who saw it.

Good place for UFOs

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AFTER 15 years as a naval nurse, Cheshire-born Eric Morris has come home to Winsford - the only place in which he has ever sighted a UFO, an experience he has never forgotten and which he hopes will be repeated.

If it is, he won't allow his widowed mother, Nellie, to dissuade him from reporting it as she did 20 years ago when, at the age of 11, he glanced up one night to see this cigar-shaped object with a circular light at each end hovering over the house in Alamein Road.

"A few days later it was sighted in Stoke-on-Trent,"

says Mr Morris, who was so impressed by the visitation that he devoted much of his off-duty life in the Royal Navy to forming and helping to run a society dedicated to investigating and researching sightings in Cornwall, Devon and Somerset.

Now back in civvy street and looking for a nursing job in a hospital, he's hoping to form a new group in Cheshire. He reckons the North West's a good place for sightings.

"UFOs are mainly sighted in thinly populated places like the Pennines," he says.

“I know what I saw, and they’re real”



Story By Jode Vickerman

Photos By Craig Orosz
Of The Journal Staff Writer

AMHERST — “Do you believe in UFOs?” the old man asks with the fervor of a street preacher trying to make a new convert.

He’s seen UFOs before, and he continues to see them almost every clear night, and he believes they are real. Spend a few minutes listening to him, and soon, it becomes easy to visualize the huge spacecraft emanating blue and white spears of light as it speeds across the horizon. As he speaks, you can feel the urgency of purpose motivating the hidden beings within the craft.

“People may call me nuts or whatever,” says retiree Arthur Schindler of 235 South Lake St., “but I know what I saw, and they’re real.”

The first time he saw one of the UFOs was early this year. He and his wife, Eva, had just returned from Lenten services at St. Paul Church. Looking into the sky, he saw what appeared to be a bright star.

Making a closer examination however, he knew that he was seeing something much more unusual than just a star.

Schindler’s sighting coincides with that of another Amherst man, Steve Horosz, 885 Birch Lane.

Horosz was working overtime at his job as a material handler for U.S. Steel. About 2:30 a.m., he “took a breather” on a platform on the seventh story of the plant.

“At first, I thought it was a star, a real bright star,” he says, “but it didn’t move. I went back inside and came out again later, and the thing was still there. It was just hovering. I told myself, ‘this can’t be,’ and I went back inside. When I came out again, it was gone.”

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"I'm the kind of guy that doesn't believe in something unless I can see it, but I really saw this thing."

Schindler watched the object for more than an hour that night. Almost every night since then, providing the sky is clear, he searches the sky for UFOs through an old spotting scope salvaged from an abandoned tank during WWII.

He uses a small chalkboard to diagram the UFO.

"It looks like a huge dish with two sets of yellow lights around the rim," he says, using a stubby piece of chalk as a pointer. "On top of the dish, it looks like a castle. Kind of like a pyramid. There are lights all over it. The blue and white beams shoot out from the front of it. All you have to do is take one look at it, and you can see, it ain't no star."

One night several months ago, he phoned the Amherst police. A patrolman came to Schindler's

home but was unable to decide if the object was a UFO or not. Police later gave Schindler a phone number for the hotline at the Center for UFO Studies in Glenview, Ill.

Sherman Larsen, co-founder of the center, said he hasn't received any recent UFO reports from northern Ohio, though several have come from Pennsylvania. He also said he has never heard a UFO description similar to Schindler's.

"My first reaction is that he should get his eyes checked," Larsen said with a chuckle. "But, the humorous aspects aside, you just never know with these things. Who's to say what's really there or not? The best thing to do is report them."

Since his first UFO sighting, several more have also appeared and taken up vigilant positions around Amherst, said Schindler. None of the objects have been picked up on radar, said officials at the Oberlin Air Traffic Control Center. Schindler thinks this may just be part of a government effort to cover up the existence of UFO's.

Adjusting his soiled baseball cap, Arthur Schindler leans forward intently, clasps his hands, and rests his elbows on his knees.

"Do you believe in UFOs?" he asks quietly.

Lights in the skies are stars, not UFOs

LEADER-POST, MAY 15, 1985 - Regina, SK.

CALGARY (CP) — At least one police officer only laughs at suggestions the strange twinkling lights spotted in the sky near Calgary early Monday were unidentified flying objects.

"At the ripe age of 43 I've seen a few stars in my day," said city police Staff Sgt. Tom Barrow. "I saw a few more last night."

Barrow was one of at least 20 city police officers who observed the lights which danced over Crossfield, about 30 kilometres north of Calgary. The objects varied in description from "weird, blinking stars" to "oblong discs with three levels of spinning lights."

Barrow doesn't buy the explanation they were balloons, airplanes or space crafts from another planet.

"It looked to me like it was a planet or an intensely bright star," said the former sailor who spent hours watching the sky while serving with the Canadian navy. "I'd bet my pension cheque it was a star."

Gene Milone, a professor with the

physics department at the University of Calgary and an astronomer, agrees.

He said the lights were probably the planets Venus or Jupiter and the star Sirius.

"Venus doesn't really twinkle very much," Milone said. "What can normally happen is it's so bright it captures your attention."

Venus was the subject of much myth and legend through the centuries because of its brightness as the planet made its two-year journey circling the sun, Milone explained.

Sirius, the brightest star in the sky, is often low this time of year and could account for the second light seen.

Clouds and star light refracting off air pockets in the earth's atmosphere could explain the twinkling effect and movement of the lights seen Monday morning, he said.

Like Barrow, Milone isn't a believer in UFOs.

"I'm a believer that people see things all the time they don't know."

UFOs near Calgary?

LEADER-POST, MAY 16, 1985

Bright, blinking unidentified flying objects sighted north of Calgary this week were probably nothing more than a low Venus or Jupiter sighting, an astronomer says.

"A lot of evidence seems to point in that direction," said Russ Sampson, community astronomer at the Space Sciences Centre in Edmonton.

The objects were seen early Monday morning by several RCMP and city police officers.

Sampson said a bright object in a starless sky all by itself tends to produce an optical illusion. "People, when they look at a particularly bright object without any other reference points around it, have a tendency to think it's moving."

"The blinking on and off... well, once you stick an object as bright as Venus or Jupiter close to the horizon, all the atmosphere the light has to pass through acts as a lens or prism and can make the objects flicker and turn all kinds of different colors."

UFO aliens are already living among us

EVIL ALIENS — in the form of subversive Men In Black — are infiltrating Earth secretly preparing for a takeover of our planet, say experts.

Electronics expert Oscar Magocsi reveals he's traveled through galaxies foiling their evil plans ever since he was contacted by

By GUS VANDERMEER

friendly aliens 10 years ago and told of the planned takeover.

He details his incredible experience traveling

around the universe with the aliens in My Space Odyssey in UFOs (Quest Group Publications, 1979).

The undercover battle for Earth is caught up in a universe-wide conflict between the peace-loving Interdimensional Federation of Free Worlds and the evil Imperial Alliance of Righteous Worlds, explains Magocsi.

He adds that he is one of the Federation's seven representatives on Earth. Members of the Federation, called Psycheans, have revealed to him that the Alliance uses Men In Black (MIB) and Illuminati to carry out their plan.

Humanoid

"We cannot identify the MIBs — they are humanoid in appearance," he told the EXAMINER.

"We know them by their actions.

"They penetrate every level of life."

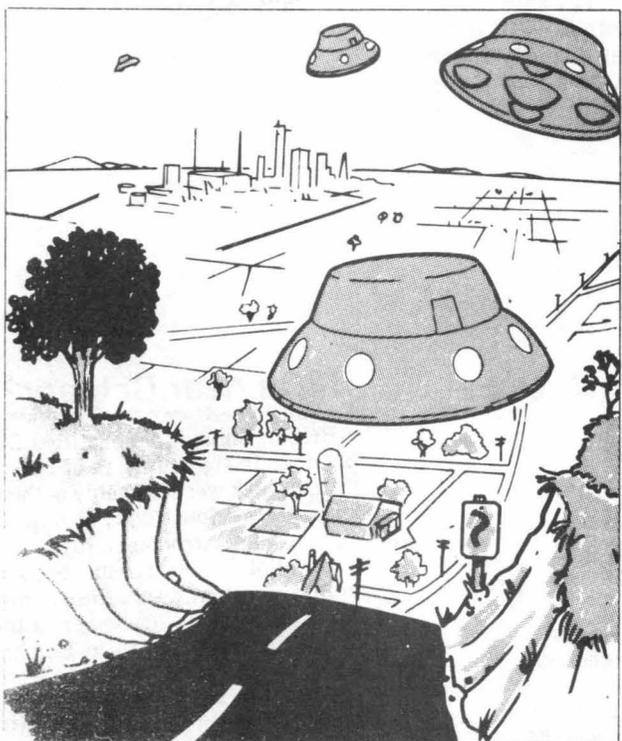
The MIB wear dark business suits and do the dirty work, such as terrorism. They drive big black cars. They have olive skins and Oriental eyes — the classic bad guy image. The Illuminati, however, manipulate politicians and financiers.

Anthony Sutton, a researcher at the University of London, agrees that such a conspiracy to take over the world does exist.

He says a secret society of



THE MEN in Black dress in business suits.



SPACESHIPS are standing by to evacuate.

... and they're getting ready to take over the planet

scheming aliens has already gained control of education, politics, private banking, major law firms, and philanthropic foundations.

Another researcher Jerome Eden, explains that evil extraterrestrials will use propaganda to subvert mankind so that no one will even notice they're in control until it's too late.

But even if the evil extraterrestrials do triumph, mankind will not be lost, says Magocsi.

"The Federation is standing by with a fleet of spaceships to evacuate the Earth in case of trouble," he explains.

Study of UFOs brings area man criticism, praise



Kal Korff shows a slide of a UFO photograph taken by a farmer in Oregon.

Dino Vournas — staff photo

By Barbara Wyman
Staff writer

Kal Korff doesn't see little green men in his dreams. He doesn't think every unexplained object in the sky is a flying saucer. And, please, he's not a starry-eyed whiz kid — though he's been labeled such before.

He just believes in, and has spent 10 of his 23 years studying, Unidentified Flying Objects — literally.

Flying saucers are just one type of UFO, Korff said in an interview in his Fremont home, which also happens to be the office for the SpectraGraphics printing company he founded in 1983. If all were flying saucers, he explained, "They'd be Identified Flying Objects."

Scattered among the drafting equipment and typesetting books in Korff's office are books and articles on UFOs, 4,500 photographs and films, and a drawer crammed with orange-labeled folders containing UFO cases he hasn't yet had time to research. His stack of photos and films is the third largest known private collection.

Korff, clad in a pressed gray business suit, his hair neatly styled, looked like someone with his feet firmly planted on the ground — the respected UFO researcher his colleagues know, not the flying saucer fanatic his critics describe.

Though his heart has been in the stars since he got his first telescope in second grade, Korff stressed that after checking out thousands of photographs and reported sightings of UFOs, all he believes is "there's something out there, I don't know what it is, but it's something." He bristles at the term "true believer" critics have used to describe him.

"I'm on the fence until someone proves there's no explanation in known terms (for a photograph or story of an odd-looking flying object)," he said. In fact, 90 to 95 percent of the UFO photographs Korff checks out prove to be phonies — from Frisbees thrown in the air to a more elaborate design of two plates, an upside-down cereal dish and cardboard. But that other 5 percent is enough to keep his interest.

He switched on slides of cigar-shaped and triangular objects, noting he's been unable to identify the objects even through a computer image enhancement that detects attached strings, measures the object's distance from earth and records the time between when two photographs were taken. Skeptics say the process is iffy. But Korff said the analysis, combined with checking all other possible explanations for sightings, abductions, radar readings and debris at what are believed to be landing sites, are enough to prove there are UFOs. A 1978 Gallup Poll showed 57 percent

of the population agreed with him, while another 16 percent weren't sure.

A sampling of Korff's evidence, and counter-theories by a well-known area skeptic, include:

- A photograph taken in 1950 by a farmer and his wife in McMinnville, Ore., showing a saucer-shaped object in midair. The photograph was analyzed by computer and still has not been identified, Korff said.

Robert Sheaffer, a founder of Bay Area Skeptics, said he found shadows cast by the sun on a garage and bushes in the picture. The shadows, he said, proved the photograph was taken in the morning, not after sunset as the couple said. "That's a major discrepancy" he said.

Korff said research by Dr. Bruce Maccabee, an optical physicist for the U.S. Navy Weapons Research Lab, showed the shadows were cast by cumulus clouds indicating the

sun had set. Sheaffer said the shadows are too strong for cumulus clouds.

- Then there's the case of Betty and Barney Hill, who entered counseling after their marriage began to fall apart and told, through hypnosis, how they were captured by aliens who had landed in a UFO in 1964. Mrs. Hill drew a detailed star map she said was shown her by the aliens. The map included only stars that could support life (5 percent can) and showed two stars that weren't discovered until five years later, Korff said.

Sheaffer said the map Mrs. Hill drew and the one plotted on a model by researcher Margerie Fish don't match. He noted Mrs. Hill has since claimed to see aliens who've landed and gotten out to do calisthenics.

Korff said the model was checked by several other noted researchers and though Mrs. Hill is "literally

crazy" since her husband died, that shouldn't discount what she saw 21 years ago.

- William L. Moore, a colleague of Korff's, co-authored a book on "The Roswell Incident," a case in Roswell, N.M., where, he said, the government found and covered up actual wreckage of a UFO. In a telephone interview, he said the authors talked to about 90 people who knew about the cover-up, more than 30 who were involved first-hand. "The evidence is compelling," he said.

Sheaffer countered: "They would have us believe the government can perfectly keep a secret of the greatest thing since the crucifixion of Christ. It took Watergate how long to leak?" The major faults, he said, are that all the witnesses now are dead and a closer look at the memo and claims shows discrepancies.

Amazing photo of UFO over Texas border town



ALEJANDRO snapped this photo as object disappeared into the clouds.

A GLOWING, rumbling UFO hovered over a town long enough to enable spell-bound residents to snap some amazing pictures.

And one resident's two dogs, who had barked furiously at the strange object, mysteriously vanished the next day.

The amazing phenomena was reported last August 11 on the outskirts of Piedras Negras, a Mexican city near the Texas border.

It began with the ominous sound of Alejandro Parafuentes' dogs barking loudly. "I tried to quiet them," he recalled.

Suddenly, the barking

By **LEONARD SANDLER**

stopped. Alejandro's family heard the distant sound of a rumble, which they thought was thunder.

But then they frighteningly realized the sound was too frequent for thunder — and was growing steadily louder.

"I ran outside," remembered Alejandro. "I saw several of my neighbors looking up through the trees behind my house."

They watched fascinated as a bright object moved slowly closer to the clearing. It was roughly 40 feet in diameter, metallic, and the glow on the underside fluctuated in unison with the deep rumbling.

"The craft remained sta-

tionary for three minutes, giving me time to set my camera," recalled Ignacio Norte, who lives across the street from Alejandro.

Norte snapped away frantically before the UFO rose and disappeared into the clouds.

"Before it left, I remember hearing one of Alejandro's dogs yelp," said Norte. "The next morning, both of them were gone."

After a week's futile searching, Alejandro concluded that his pets were somehow teleported into the strange vehicle.

"I know how crazy that sounds," he noted, "but I knew my dogs. They wouldn't have run away."

Have space visitors been among us for 40 years?

Armed with the government's own records, Robert Hastings 'proves' flying saucers exist

BY J. W. SCHOMISCH
The New Mexican Staff

Robert Hastings has been searching for the truth about UFOs for nearly 20 years.

Hastings, in northern New Mexico recently for lectures and research, said UFOs are real and that for nearly 40 years U.S. government agencies have kept secret evidence of their existence. He has a stack of evidence: records he says he's gotten through Freedom of Information requests from the U.S. government.

"I can sympathize with their motivations for keeping things secret but I personally believe the public has a right to know the truth," he said.

Hastings said government officials decided early in the 1950's not to reveal the evidence it had gathered since the first unidentified flying objects were reported in 1948. "A decision was made to keep the public in the dark about UFOs."

A major factor in deciding not to reveal the information was the concern over causing a public panic, he said. "They were worried about another Orson Welles panic. Remember that happened only about 10 years before this and the memory was still fresh."

Hastings was referring to the historic Mercury Theatre radio production of H.G. Wells' *War of the Worlds*, the sci-fi story of a Martian invasion of Earth. The broadcast, which modernized the tale, so alarmed the public that it created a massive panic.

And Hastings also believes the secrecy continues today because the "visitors" seem to have an extreme interest in U.S. nuclear weapons and military installations. "I think (the government) is worried about the public reaction if and when the public finds out about the nuclear weapons related activity," he said.

Hastings said for 18 months in 1948-49 there were more than 150 UFO sightings in New Mexico, mostly near Los Alamos, Holloman Air Force Base, White Sands Missile Range, and Kirtland Air Force Base.

Hastings has copies of what he says are Federal Bureau of Investigation memos from 1949 and 1950 that detail the New Mexico sightings. One of the 1950 memos from Guy Hottel, an FBI special agent, to FBI director J. Edgar Hoover said "three so-called flying saucers had been recovered in New Mexico." The ships were 50 feet in diameter and circular with raised center.

"Each one was occupied by three bodies of human shape but only three feet tall, dressed in

metallic cloth of a very fine texture," the memo continued. "Each body was bandaged in a manner similar to the blackout suits used by speed flyers and test pilots."

Hastings believes the craft crashed in northern New Mexico, perhaps in the Jemez Mountains near Los Alamos.

Other sightings were reported around Oak Ridge National Laboratory and the Hanford Military Reservation in Washington. Both are involved in the nation's nuclear weapon production.

Hastings said in the 1960s and 1970s there were a number of sightings reported around nuclear missile silos throughout the nation. The last sighting for which he has documented evidence was in August 1980 at Kirtland Air Force Base.

The intelligence report he has said a craft, which guards at first thought was a helicopter, was reported near a bunker containing nuclear material. When security guards arrived, they found a circular craft and when they approached it shot straight up into the air and took off.

Hastings said his information is based primarily on Central Intelligence Agency, Federal Bureau of Investigation, National Security Agency, and military files that were among 981 documents released to W. Todd Zechel, a former NSA employee, who received the documents after a lengthy Freedom of Information court battle in the 1970s.

"During the lawsuit the CIA conceded it had more than 10,000 classified files on UFOs. There is still a lot more information to get."

Hastings said he travels the nation telling what he knows about the UFO coverup because "I have a strong conviction in the public's right to know. This is tremendously significant information and very few people have the information and even fewer want to talk. Somebody has to do it."

Hastings said he was an Air Force brat and a close encounter of the first kind in Montana got him interested in UFO's and their relationship to the nation's defenses.

Hastings said he was in an air traffic control tower in Montana in March of 1967 when there were multiple sightings of unknown aircraft. As soon as they were sighted Hastings was "hustled out of the room."

He later learned the objects were watched for about 30 minutes around missile site locations and were neither airplanes nor helicopters. "They were observed at speeds of up to 4,800 miles per hour and doing things that neither ours nor Soviet craft could do at the time."

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He had a passing interest in UFOs and their sightings until 1973 when he started interviewing former and retired military — principally Air Force — officers about sightings and government reaction. "The deeper I got into it the more information I wanted to find out."

And his quest began.

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Field ring: 'don't rule out UFO'

A UFO expert claims mystery rings that appeared in a Worthing field could have been made by a visitor from space.

Mr Charles Walker, the former chairman of the Southern Area Paranormal Investigation Group, says people have been too quick to dismiss the marks as a hoax.

The rings of flattened wheat appeared in a field at Tolmare Farm on the A280 at Long Furlong.

He says five people reported strange lights in the area only a few days before the marks appeared.

"It is not the first time that strange marks have been found in that general area. In April, 1975, following the sighting of a V-formation of lights one evening and a disc-shaped object which appeared to land near the wood the following evening, a large depression was found at what was thought to be the landing site.

"Also at this time a number of dogs went missing in the area.

"The last batch of UFO

sightings and people reporting strange feelings in the area was a couple of years ago, until the sighting a few days before the marks appeared."

Farm manager Mr Anthony Wicks has said the rings were caused by hoaxers.

But Mr Walker, of Christchurch Road, said: "I am not saying we are being invaded by aliens from other planets, but I would not dismiss them.

"The farmer says there are tracks leading from them, but they could have been made by people who spotted the marks and went to have a look before he got there."

Mr Walker, who works part-time for Worthing Borough Council, has co-written a book, called *The Occult Connection in the Rape of Bramber*, with Toyne Newton, of Eirene Road, Worthing, about the strange happenings in the Clapham, Patching and Cissbury areas.

"I am still collecting information about happenings in that area and would like to hear from anyone who has made any other sightings," he said.

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Watching the sky for UFOs

SIGHTINGS of unidentified flying objects in the county skies are to be charted by a group in Market Rasen.

The UFO spotters will be going out looking for space ships and the like with the intention of compiling a file of cases across the county.

Their project follows the sighting of a UFO in Market Rasen, by two schoolboys back in March, 1979.

They claim they saw "an incredible yellow light shine down from the UFO, covering a large area."

The society is hoping to find a common factor linking

all the sightings over the county.

They want to hear from anyone with information about a UFO. Contact the Secretary, Ashgrove, Wickenby Road, Lissington, Lincolnshire, LN3 5AE.

They also want to hear from anyone interested in ghosts, poltergeists or the "I know this place" feeling when visiting somewhere new.