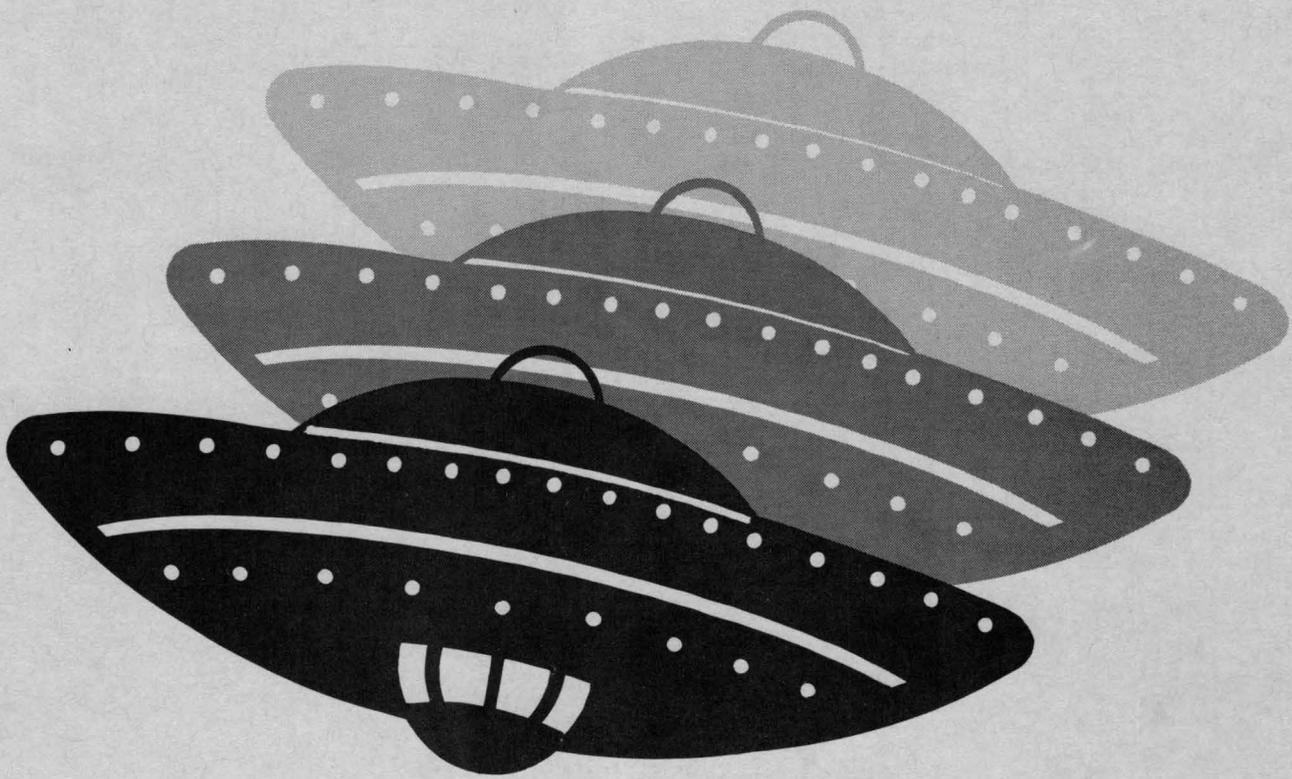


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# Encounters with UFOs unforgettable

By MARTHA FREEMAN  
Bee staff writer

SONORA — Bruce Sullivan, an information technologies consultant, saw three elongated discs doing zig-zags in the sky over Minnesota when he was a child.

Postal worker Bill Banks was a third-grader on the school playground when he looked up and saw "teeny rocket ships, like chubby V-2's" leaving contrails in the sky.

Science teacher Tom Page was driving through Oregon with two buddies in 1960 when they saw two large white lights, one ahead and one behind, behaving unaccountably.

D.J. Long, a broadcasting student, was 13 when he watched a silver disc gliding up the slope of Mount Palomar for 15 minutes.

Those firsthand experiences piqued the

curiosity of those men and resulted in their lifelong interest in UFOs. Saturday afternoon they were among about 150 people attending a symposium on the subject sponsored by the Mutual UFO Network Inc. (MUFON) at the Mother Lode Fairgrounds. Another symposium was held last night.

The event continues 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. today, with a panel discussion among people who say they have been abducted by extraterrestrials scheduled for 2 p.m. Admission will be \$6.

Among the speakers Saturday evening was Richard Haines, who works as a senior research scientist for NASA.

Haines said before his lecture that he has never had a close encounter himself, but 20 years of researching the phenomena has convinced him that something unexplained is going on out there.

"But that's different from saying these objects are from outer space," he said.

Haines emphasized that he is not speaking for NASA but as a private citizen whose hobby is investigating reported sightings of UFOs.

The scientist has done hundreds of investigations and in the early years thought about 80 percent of them could be explained as natural phenomena. Now, because of better research techniques, he thinks 90 percent are explainable.

But there's still that 10 percent, among them some reports of abductions.

## UFO: Seminar speakers offer explanations of extraterrestrial phenomena



Manuel Dias/The Bee

These characters represent what some think extraterrestrials look like.

"As time has passed, I am confronted with higher and higher quality data about abduction," he said. "We're learning how to ask questions that don't bias the witness. And there's an increasing correspondence between stories that is very intriguing."

Haines said researchers through the years also have improved the types of questions they ask people making reports.

In questioning, a researcher might ask what significance the event had for the person who experienced it. For example, was it "a message for mankind"? Did it leave him or her with evangelistic fervor?

One person whose experiences with UFOs have left him with that kind of fervor is Allen Michael, a 71-year-old Stockton retiree who says he has spent \$40,000 to publish four books that intertwine the Bible and his experiences with extraterrestrial beings.

Michael says he has met with the beings, whom he believes are part of the universal mind, three times since 1947.

"The first time I was drawn out of my body into a big room in outer space," he said. "I was told I would act as a new world comforter. At the time I didn't know what that meant, but it's in the Gospel of St. John and in Revelations."

A different interpretation of extraordinary events comes from speaker Bruce Sullivan, who has worked as a United Nations consultant. Sullivan said people's preconceptions about the world make them less than receptive to all sorts of phenomena, including advances in medicine and physics as well as UFOs.

"Native cultures all over the world say they have their origins in the stars," he said. "The Hopi Indians say they came from the Pleiades. I think we're about to find out there's a linkage between these folk tales and UFO phenomena. Once we're better able to manage our own technology and ourselves, we'll be ready to make a quantum leap in our knowledge."

Sullivan's work with the U.N. has convinced him that people in the upper levels of the world's governments take UFOs very seriously. If that's so, why don't we see interviews with Caspar Weinberger on the subject?

"Look how poorly we handle even our own environmental issues," he replied. "The people we empower have trouble disseminating education and information."

# 1381 Stargazers see it, now they don't

## What appeared to be a planet appears to have disappeared

By CARLE HODGE  
Arizona Republic Science Writer

What appeared two years ago to be a startling discovery has become a celestial mystery.

An Arizona astronomer agrees that he probably did not, after all, sight the first planet beyond our solar system.

If Donald W. McCarthy failed to find such a stranger, what did he detect? Or was nothing there at all?

Suddenly, science is rife with speculation. But no one, not even the University of Arizona astronomer himself, can offer a real answer.

Two years ago in December, McCarthy and colleagues Frank Low and Ronald Probst announced they had spotted in the summer-sky constellation Ophiuchus a Jupiter-like mass of gases.

Too cool and too dark to be a star, the body seemed to hover around an unspectacular star called Van Biesbroeck 8, about 134 trillion miles from Earth.

Van Biesbroeck 8, or VB8 in astronomical shorthand, is 10,000 times more dim than the dimmest star a naked eye can perceive.

The Tucson trio had attached infrared detectors to telescopes atop Kitt Peak and used a technique for making lightninglike electronic images. Relatively nearby "reference stars" provided comparisons. Because planets emit no visible light of their own, infrared devices are best suited to studying them.

"In terms of the best astronomical knowledge today, what we have is a planet," McCarthy insisted at the time.

Because humans always have dreamed of planets elsewhere in the universe, his report set off a burst of excitement. No planet had been located anywhere since 1930, when Pluto was pinpointed from Lowell Observatory in Flagstaff.

Some other astronomers, however, soon suggested that what the Tucson team discovered was not a gaseous planet but a theoretical cousin called a brown dwarf.

Brown dwarfs could not support life and, unlike Earth or Mars, they supposedly generate energy only internally. None actually has been observed.

Over the past two summers, three groups, including McCarthy's, stared into Van Biesbroeck 8's neighborhood, intently and in vain.

A year ago, two Frenchmen searched from the European-

Southern Observatory in Chile but came across nothing resembling either a planet or a brown dwarf.

Neither did a University of Rochester team led by William J. Forrest, which will report its results soon in the *Astrophysics Journal Letters*. That group focused an infrared telescope from Mauna Kea, Hawaii, around the star.

Ruefully, the Rochester researchers describe the 1984 Arizona data as "the best candidate yet for a truly substellar object orbiting an-

other star." But still, no buddy for VB8.

All this "doesn't necessarily mean the object has vanished," McCarthy said last week.

"It doesn't mean it's there, either," he said. "It's just that if it is there, the two objects are close enough together now that no one can really tell. It's basically one image."



Donald W. McCarthy, at Kitt Peak National Observatory near Tucson, says, "If it is

there, the two objects are close enough together now that no one can really tell." Republic

One disappointment, he added, is that equipment problems prevented him from scanning the VB8 sky more diligently in 1985 and 1986.

By now, he opts "50-50 either for the object not being there at all or being a more massive companion that moves fast.

To flee so soon from where it presumably was seen, the mysterious sphere, if one existed, must have soared rapidly. What he first labeled a planet, McCarthy continued, "would have to be more massive than thought before, because a faster orbit means more mass."

To stay in orbit, a body has to go fast enough to counter gravity.

One candidate for the elusive or illusory target might be a dying, cooling, shrinking star known as a white dwarf, McCarthy said.

On the other hand, he said, turbulence in the atmosphere could have fooled him. He might have been looking literally at nothing.



# Lawmen Watch in Amazement as . . . UFOs Light Up the Skies Over Colorado Mountains

**POLICE OFFICER** Scott Koch (inset) observed the flying objects over Colorado mountain range.

**A spectacular UFO display over Colorado was witnessed by a county sheriff, five other lawmen — and a county commissioner, who says that the sighting has strengthened his belief in extraterrestrial life.**

The drama began about 8:30 p.m. last April 21 when a ranch hand called the sheriff's office to report a brilliant UFO near his ranch. When lawmen arrived, the object vanished over a mountain range — but then three more UFOs appeared in the night sky.

"I saw a triangular formation of unknown lights — three bright objects — high in the sky!" said Summit County, Colo., Sheriff Delbert Ewoldt.

"These objects were observed by my deputies as early as 8:30 p.m. and as late as 1 a.m. I observed the lights from 11 to 11:20 p.m.

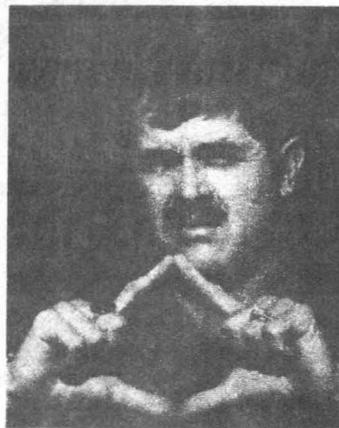
"Each object was flashing both red and green lights. I observed them with the unaided eye and with a telescope.

"What I saw was extremely unusual — I have never seen anything like it before!"

Sheriff's Deputy Paul Szymanski added: "At one point we saw a jet plane make an abrupt left turn, apparently to avoid one of the objects. The plane then returned to its original course."

Colorado State Trooper Sid Micklich said the objects looked stationary to the naked eye — but when he observed them through high-powered binoculars they appeared to be "jumping about quite rapidly."

"The objects were in a



**STATE TROOPER** Sid Micklich describes the triangular formation of lights in the sky.

triangular formation, and each object itself appeared triangular in shape," he said. "We have no idea what they were — but we definitely saw them."

Officer Scott Koch of the Kremmling Police Department said he, too, observed three triangular objects with flashing red and white lights. He added: "Before this sighting I wasn't really a believer in UFOs. But now I am firmly convinced we are not alone in the universe."

County Commissioner Dan Ulmer, who heard about the sighting over a police radio he keeps in his office, arrived on the scene about 11 p.m. and also saw the three UFOs.

Checks with the Federal Aviation Administration, Civil Air Patrol and North American Aerospace Defense Command revealed there were no planes, missiles or debris from a falling satellite that could have explained the objects, Ulmer said.



**WITNESS**  
Paul Szymanski

"And the UFOs were too high to be weather balloons or pranksters' jokes. They were hovering at an altitude of roughly 30,000 feet," he added. "Around 1 a.m. the UFO formation broke up and the three unknown objects slowly moved out of sight over the mountains.

"My eyewitness sighting has simply strengthened my belief in the existence of extraterrestrial life. Seeing is believing!"

— FRANKLIN R. RUEHL

# Cleveland speaker shoots down UFOs

By Hank Kozloski  
Journal Staff Writer

CLEVELAND — This may come as a shattering, heart-wrenching disappointment, but there is no "ET."

What's more, even unidentified flying objects — best known as UFOs — are figments of the imagination.

That, in part, was the message science fiction buffs heard Thursday night when Philip J. Klass, retired senior electronics editor for Aviation Week and Space Technology magazine, addressed the Cleveland Astronomical Society at Case Western Reserve University.

Klass, who holds an electrical engineering degree from Iowa State University, has been debunking UFO theories for more than 20 years. But that doesn't stop him from enjoying, or even disliking, science fiction and space movies — he doesn't have the time to read books about them, even though he has written three himself.

He didn't like "2001: A Space Odyssey," for instance, because "it made the computer the villain, and I look on technology as being man's

friend." But he loved "ET, The Extraterrestrial" enough to see it twice.

One of his early UFO investigations was into a story that a U.S. Army Reserve helicopter flying between Mansfield and Cleveland in October 1973 encountered an outer-space craft.

Klass interviewed Capt. Larry Coyne, the copter pilot, at length. He was told Coyne and four others on the aircraft spotted a fiery red light coming at them from the east.

"Captain Coyne put the helicopter into a crash dive from 2,500 feet, but the light kept coming on a collision course," Klass recalled. "But when it got close, it flew over them and flooded the cockpit in a ghostly green light, then departed to the west."

When the fiery light passed by them, the copter seemed to pulled upward to about 3,500 feet, which Coyne believed to be caused by the UFO using some force to draw them up, he said.

Klass determined that the fiery red light in reality came from a meteor

shower prevalent at that time called the Orionids that originates in the east. The "green light" was the meteor's long, luminous tail made of electrified air shining through the copter's green-tinted plastic overhead cockpit canopy. He also felt Coyne instinctively pulled the copter out of its crash dive without realizing it.

He has continued to debunk hundreds of UFO stories, both in his writings and talks on television and before interested groups. He has written three books, but only "UFOs: The Public Deceived" is still in print.

Klass said he recently has become involved in debunking claims that the Korean Airlines 007 was on "some sort of espionage mission" when it was shot down by the Russians.

"A young man told a mutual acquaintance he suspected (that) I was on the U.S. payroll, otherwise why would I be defending the U.S. government," he said. Klass offered the man \$10,000 if he could prove he was a government agent, but was turned down.

As to the possibility that a UFO has visited Earth, Klass emphatically says, "I've been investigating some of the most mysterious UFO cases for more than 20 years. Based on that, 98 percent of the reports come from basically honest people who are honestly mystified by what they've seen. The other two percent are hoaxes, nonsense, and into that category go the 200 people who claim they have been abducted by UFOs. I have encountered cases I could not explain. But I have yet to find one, not a single one, that would make me think or suspect that we have alien extraterrestrial craft in our skies."

A large portion of so-called UFO sightings, he is convinced, are balloons, ranging from weather balloons to giant balloons with reflectors attached sent aloft by impish teen-agers to confound the public.

When UFOs were reported, the government refrained from discussing them for fear of giving the Soviets classified information, such as how high the balloons could travel.

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## Mysterious Light In Sky Identified

ROCHESTER, N.Y.—"It was the scariest thing I've ever seen," said Brenda Newton of Rochester, N.Y.

It was a strange doughnut-shaped cloud that glowed, said an observer from Texas. It was a bright, starlike object that moved slowly across the sky and became brighter before producing a cloud, said an amateur astronomer from northern Maine.

The "it" seen one late summer night in the skies over the U.S. prompted hundreds of people to call police and radio stations to find out what the mysterious object was. Although scientists at first couldn't explain the cause of the glowing cloud, James Oberg, an aerospace engineer from

Texas, later determined that the glow was probably caused by the release of gas from a rocket.

Mr. Oberg noted that several hours before the sightings, a rocket had been launched from Japan. The rocket had deployed two satellites one hour after the launch.

Calculating the path of the satellites and the rocket, Mr. Oberg figured that the satellites and the rocket would have passed over the United States when the sightings were reported.

Mr. Oberg thinks that the rocket may have exploded over the eastern U.S., producing the doughnut-shaped cloud that was widely reported. Several astronomers who had been peering through telescopes did report seeing two separate points alongside the cloud. These points may have been the two satellites, said Mr. Oberg.

# Out of this world

## Women say they were abducted by space aliens

By Tom Richards

Post-Crescent staff writer

MENASHA — Judie Woolcott said she and her friend and colleague Bonnie Meyer have been abducted by aliens from other planets seven times. She said that the aliens put microscopic implants behind her ears. They have seen numerous spacecraft from other worlds.

At one point in the conversation, she looked at the reporter and said, "You think we're weird, don't you?" It wasn't a hostile remark. Neither she nor Meyer is like that. Truth to tell, they are effusive and jovial, especially about their odd dedication.

The reporter had to admit that he did.

"I knew that," she said.

But the two Menasha women, who have been chasing unidentified flying objects together for a dozen years, insist "We're not kooks."

Meyer added, "We've gotten so used to being called kooks and crazy that we don't pay any attention to it anymore."

They are nominal heads of a loosely knit group called the Fox Valley UFO Discussion & Support Group that meets Sunday nights in the little room where they agreed to be interviewed.

It is at the back of 64 Racine St., in a building Woolcott owns and in which she formerly operated Custom Cakes and Catering. It contains the "library," a collection of books that includes such varied volumes as studies of UFOs and books on spiritualist Edgar Cayce. The walls

*Bonnie Meyer, left, and Judie Woolcott compare notes in their UFO library in Menasha.*

are plastered with clippings, mostly from the grocery-store tabloids, that tell of encounters with space aliens.

Woolcott first got involved years ago when she photographed the streaking light of a UFO. And Meyer got involved, she said, when she wanted to have her long-time friend Woolcott committed to a mental institution because of it. They laugh about it now.

Meyer and Woolcott only within the past year discovered that they have been abducted, they said, though these abductions date back as far as 11 years.

"We didn't know we were abducted," Woolcott said.

"A lot of people are abducted and they don't know it," said Meyer. "Your mind blocks it out."

The two women, from their long association and their common interest, are inclined to finish each other's sentences.

They made the discovery about the abductions, the implants behind Woolcott's ears and other things through hypnotherapy, they said. They have periodic sessions with a Milwaukee hypnotherapist who is sympathetic with the UFO cause.

On six occasions, they said they found through the deep hypnosis, they were abducted together. Each had one separate abduction from home at another time.

Woolcott declined to elaborate on her single abduction, but Meyer said she was taken from her home while her family slept. She said she attempted to call out to them for help, but the space aliens had placed the others in the house in a state of suspended animation, and they were unable to respond.

Woolcott recalled that the implants were placed behind her ears on one occasion aboard an alien craft. It was extremely painful, she said,

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Post-Crescent photo by Dave Pieper

and she hears "static" in her ears when she rattles items in a silverware drawer or rummages in her jewelry box. Sometimes she hears a buzzing for hours.

She believes that the aliens use these implants to force feed information into her brain, information that she will be able to use as the need arises.

"I'm not supposed to understand yet," she said. "We are being taught to help the people of Earth. We are being taught to be teachers.

"When the time is right, the information is there. I don't have the faintest idea what it is."

One of their joint abductions, they said, occurred after a UFO meeting in Appleton. Meyer said that their two families were camping at New London at the time. The two women left Appleton at 10:30 p.m., after the meeting. They did not arrive at the campsite, a drive they since have timed at 32 minutes, until 1:30 a.m. They were not certain what had become of the lost time.

All of this emerged, they said, from their hypnosis, which is a common form of such discovery among UFO believers, they said.

They were shaken to tears when they learned of the abductions, they said.

"I said, 'Oh, my God, we really were aboard a spacecraft,'" Woolcott said. "It's one thing to say it, but it's another to find out that it's true."

"Thank fully, we've had each other, otherwise we wouldn't be able to handle it," Meyer said.

They also have been on another planet, Woolcott said, one 93 minutes away aboard the alien's craft, according to their subconscious memory under hypnosis.

Periodically they receive tapes of such sessions from a woman in Texas who shares their interest, and they said there are amazing similarities between their own experiences and hers.

One of the things they found, too, is that the space creatures don't look like Earthlings.

## OUT OF THIS WORLD CON'T

"That's one of the things we want to share, that we don't look like them," said Woolcott.

Both women attended a convention in Seattle this summer, one that attracted mostly people, like them, who believe that they have had encounters with aliens.

The convention was not large, they said, but the number of believers is growing. That is evidenced by the reaction they get to the cable television program they do Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. over local access channel 8 on the Cablevision of the Fox Cities system.

It is live, with open phones, and most of the callers are serious in their inquiries.

And the network of those who are interested is growing, they said.

"We have contact with people all over the world," Meyer said.

"All over the universe," Woolcott corrected.

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# Flying saucer encounter haunts pair

By David Tirrell-Wysocki  
Associated Press writer

THORNTON, N.H. — Betty Hill shows no fear as she walks from a back road onto a wide path that leads into the woods, but the first time she remembers being here was different.

"They dragged me, kicking and screaming," she said of kidnapers who she contends blocked the road, took her and her husband, Barney, out of their car and yanked them into the woods to be examined — in a flying saucer.

The Hills arrived home in Portsmouth 25 years ago last week after a drive through the White Mountains, puzzled by stains and tears on Betty's dress, scuffs on Barney's shoes, shiny spots on their car, watches that had stopped and no memory of two hours of the trip.

After the void was filled for them through hypnosis, their account of being kidnapped by beings from another solar system made the Hills immediate celebrities. The book "The Interrupted Journey" tells their story.

"Right here is where they were standing," Hill, 67, said on a recent return to the spot where she says she was captured. "And this is where they took us," she said, heading into the woods.

Until their 1964 hypnosis, the Hills remembered only being followed by a bright object in the night sky as they drove south through New Hampshire from Montreal to Portsmouth, turning off the main road onto a dirt road and stalling out after being confronted by strange men in the road.



Betty Hill stands near the spot in Thornton, N.H., where she says she and her husband were abducted and examined 25 years ago by strange beings. (AP)

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## BETTY HILL CON'T

They tried to forget about it, but Betty had nightmares about being captured and Barney's health began to fail. When he didn't respond to medication a doctor suspected emotional problems and suggested hypnosis. During one session Barney mentioned being captured by strange beings. His wife, under separate hypnosis, recounted the same events and the story began to unfold.

The beings, they recalled, approached as Barney tried to restart the car. The aliens took them from the car and through the woods to a glowing object in the forest.

"I was fighting," Hill said. "I'm probably the first person in the world who took a sock at them."

As evidence, she still has the torn and stained dress she wore that night.

Standing in a clearing that she said was the landing spot, she described a thorough, medical-type examination that, when recalled under hypnosis, evoked terror in her and in Barney,

who died in 1969.

She said she and Barney tried repeatedly to retrace their 1961 route but did not find it until about a year after their hypnosis, when they rode through the mountains with relatives searching for a place to camp.

"All of a sudden we got up here and said, 'Oh my God!' We recognized the place immediately. We came down here, stopped the car, jumped out and ran up here, up the path," she said.

She said that for a while after the hypnosis, she tried to pass off the incident as a bad dream.

"For a while I tried to tell myself it never happened, because there was a lot of pressure," she said. "So I'd go to bed and say, 'I'll forget it. It never happened.' But then, after a while, I couldn't do that anymore."

Hill is not fazed by people who don't believe her story.

"I say, 'You're entitled to your opinion, but if it happens to you, you know who to contact.'"

Hill gives lectures on UFOs and her experience and says people who have never seen a UFO probably don't know what to look for.

"I say anytime you see a light in the sky, check it out," she said.

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### Betty Hill back to scene of UFO close encounter

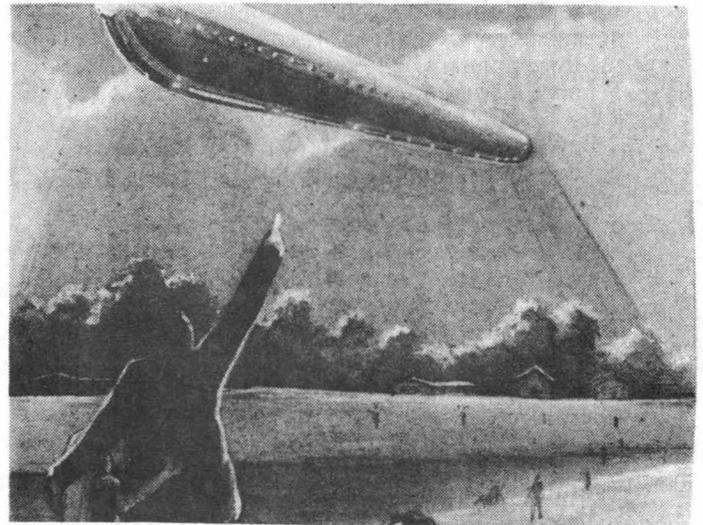
**Betty Hill** returned to Thornton, N.H., town where she says space aliens captured her 25 years ago.

Speaking to schoolchildren, Hill recalled the night she and her husband, **Barney**, saw "a bright star" hovering above New Hampshire's White Mountains and eventually were "dragged aboard kicking and screaming" and examined by diminutive humanoids.

"I was absolutely terrified," said Hill, now 67. "My husband and I said, 'We're never going to tell anybody about this. No one would believe us.'"

When a Boston newspaper broke the story, the Hills were flooded with calls from reporters throughout the nation and in Europe. Their story was recounted in the book "The Interrupted Journey" and the movie "The UFO Incident."

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## Cigar-shaped UFOs terrifying farmers

**FLEETS OF UFOs, shaped like giant cigars, are terrifying farmers by buzzing their homes.**

### In the sky

The UFOs, spotted near Wellington, Australia, were surrounded by a green aura and their sizes ranged from a compact car to a battleship, witnesses claimed.

Said one farmer's wife: "At six one morning, my husband woke me with a yell. He said there was something amazing in the sky."

"He was right. Hovering above the

trees was a huge cigar-shaped silver object. It was quite still."

And she added: "We called our two young sons — then we all stood and stared at the unearthly thing for about two minutes. Suddenly, it turned and zoomed off at a terrific speed!"

### Are similar

No injuries were reported after the bizarre incidents, but local farmers suffered from shock and anxiety attacks, police said.

All the sightings are similar in describing the UFOs as cigar-shaped.

# INVESTIGATING

# UFO

# SIGHTINGS

## A Sensational Science That Gets No Respect

By KAREN KREBSBACH

**N**ever mind that the conventioneer tucked the rolled tabloid underneath his arm; he couldn't hide the screaming headline, "I Gave Birth to a UFO Alien!"

He glanced mischievously around the room, presumably wondering if his colleagues - gathered for the third annual UFO Forum at the Beverly Golf and Tennis Club one weekend last month - would get the joke.

But no one seemed to notice.

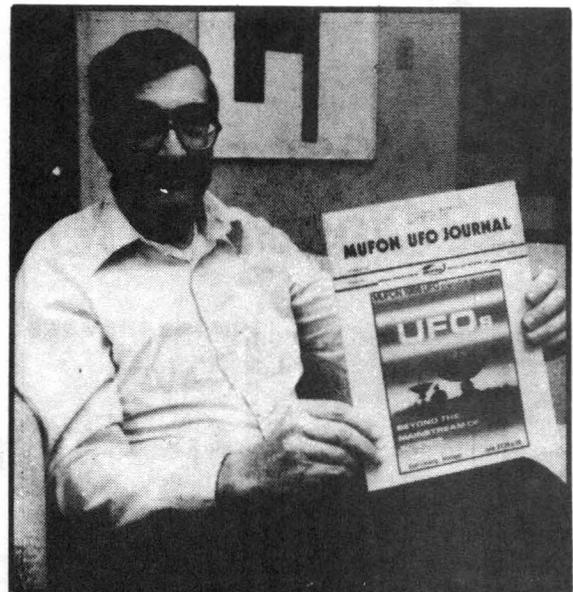
They were all too busy watching UFO documentaries, exchanging personal research tidbits or thumbing through the huge collection of pamphlets, journals and books for sale, ranging from classics like famed researcher Budd Hopkins' "Missing Time" to the recently released "Final Report of the Psychological Testing of UFO Abductees."

No story seemed too far out of this world for this crowd, gathered for a two-day conference sponsored by the 3,000-member Mutual UFO Network.

Convention topics ranged from the latest UFO sightings to the federal government's most recent public records disclosure about UFOs, but the audience's most spirited questions - and the most fascinating stories from those sharing the podium - centered on alleged alien abduction cases.

UFO experts agree that in 80 to 90 percent of all reported abduction cases the alleged victim has mistaken fantasy for reality. But the remaining cases, they argue, are worthy of consideration.

Joe Nyman of Medfield is one of a growing number of independent investigators struggling to uncover and study stories of alien encounters, most of which require hypnosis to unravel. He has interviewed dozens of people who claim to have been prodded by aliens' needles, zapped with limb-paralyzing lights and beamed aboard aircrafts crowded with all kinds of bizarre characters presumably from outer space.



**“ People usually reach the point where there's a bit of desperation in their lives. They know there is something deep in their subconscious, but they can't get at it... There's a kind of trauma involved. They don't want to be singled out for publicity or called crazy.**

Joe Nyman  
UFO investigator

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## INVESTIGATING UFO SIGHTINGS CONT

"I'm not out to convince anybody that UFOs exist. I'm interested in getting cases and trying to put them into a coherent pattern," says Nyman, a software engineer. "The only reason I believe they exist is what I glean from talking to people who claim personal encounters of one kind or another. The sincerity, variety and genuine puzzlement, and sometime traumatic experiences of people who claim abduction experiences of their own. (Aliens) certainly exist and they are interacting with humans in some quite unknown way."

Like Nyman, Jim Melesciuc, director of the Massachusetts MUFON, isn't out to turn skeptics into believers. "We want to preserve the data. We feel it's an important part of history and without the data, it would be lost forever."

Melesciuc says part of the credibility problem with UFOs - and most certainly with alleged abduction cases - is that these topics often are too hot for scientists to handle publicly. "Many involved are closet ufologists," he says. "They study it, but don't

want anyone to know because they don't want the 'ridicule factor.'"

Because only a couple hundred case histories have been chronicled, Nyman says, it is too early to reach any conclusions. He believes it may take another five to 10 years to do so.

Based on scanty evidence collected so far from the stories of alleged victims, Nyman speculates that hundreds - perhaps as many as hundreds of thousands - of humans have been abducted by aliens and may not know it.

In the UFO community, alleged abductions by aliens are referred to as "close encounters of the fourth kind." Encounters of the first kind include the close observation of a UFO; to be classified as a "second kind" encounter, there must be physical evidence of a UFO, such as scorched vegetation; the "third kind" requires sighting of aliens in or outside a UFO.

The modern era of UFO studies in this country dawned in 1947 when a reporter in Washington wrote about seeing crescent-shaped aircraft, whose movement he described as "plates skipping across the water." With that description, the term "flying saucers" was coined.

However, it was the highly publicized alleged abduction of New Hampshire residents Betty and Barney Hill in 1961 that quickly became the standard scientific case by which all others are judged.

Twenty-five years ago last Friday the couple was driving back from Montreal when their car stalled out. They were allegedly yanked out of their car, brought through the woods to a glowing aircraft and taken inside for what they believe were rigorous medical examinations.

When recalling their stories separately under hypnosis, Betty and Barney Hill each became terrified.

The Hill case was a pivotal one because, for the first time, researchers received two independent accounts of what appeared to be the same abduction experience.

"Up until that point we had had inklings of this happening in out-of-the-way places," says Nyman. "But this story caught everybody's fancy. They became national personalities." The couple toured the country telling their compelling story, prompting scores of people throughout the world to come forward with suspicions about their own abductions. The Hills' alien encounter, splashed across the front page of many major newspapers, was eventually detailed in John Fuller's book, "The Interrupted Journey."

The case made a lot of sense to investigators who had been wrestling with the concept of "lost time." The Hills had returned home that night, having "forgotten" two hours of the trip and they were unable to explain why Betty's dress was stained and torn, why their watches had stopped and why their car had several shiny spots on it.

"We have many cases involving missing time," says Ray Fowler of Hamilton, MUFON's director of investigations. "But we didn't pay any attention to this for a number of years."

Fowler, who became interested in UFOs when he saw his first one as a teen in 1947, also credits Steven Spielberg's 1977 blockbuster film, "Close Encounters of the Third Kind," with prompting alleged abduction victims to come forward in search of answers to nagging questions about flashbacks, dreams and memories. The abductions in the movie were based on research Spielberg conducted at the Center for UFO Studies in Chicago.

"That movie may have possibly taken the stigma off of that particular kind of case," theorizes Fowler, who has written four books on UFO-related phenomena, including two which chronicled the alleged abduction of a family from South Ashburnham.

"In the past, people (who might have had abduction experiences) may have talked to their priests, their rabbi, their psychologists, rather than come to a UFO agency," he says. But now, more and more people are coming to the experts, he says.

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## Alien Encounters

**M**edfield resident Joe Nyman, who has been studying UFOs for more than 25 years, has talked to hundreds of people who claim to have been abducted by aliens. He has chronicled the stories of more than two dozen alleged abductees, whose experiences range from the tame to the bizarre. The following are some examples.

He is working to reconstruct the alleged alien encounter of a 37-year-old MetroWest woman artist, who several years ago suddenly became compelled to paint pictures with strong UFO themes.

The woman, whom Nyman believes may be trying to work through a suppressed childhood encounter with aliens, has only one conscious memory of seeing a UFO. She recalls seeing a bright light flash past the window of her Boston home one summer night when she was a teen-ager.

## ALIEN ENCOUNTERS CONT

She also remembers standing outside barefoot at 2 a.m. that same day, watching two vehicles with round lights make right-angle turns in the sky. Her mother called her into the house. When questioned about the incident, her mother said she does not remember how she knew her daughter was outdoors, according to Nyman.

Probing during seven hypnosis sessions revealed that the woman had apparently been abducted by aliens that night, taken aboard their aircraft, and examined, Nyman said.

The woman's description of the beings included pear-shaped heads divided into two distinct lobes. An independent researcher in Tennessee investigated a case in which the aliens had the same characteristics.

The woman, who Nyman says is quite defensive about the experience, has been unable to finish her story under hypnosis because of a psychological block.

Another case Nyman has researched centered on an incident involving a 13-year-old boy who lived in Foxboro in December 1980.

The boy, who was waiting at his home for a 6:45 p.m. ride to a Boy Scout meeting, ran out to the back yard to see if the ground was too frozen for him to ride his dirt bike to school the next day.

As he was bending over the ground, he heard a noise that he described to Nyman as "someone rubbing their finger across the tip of a wine glass."

When he looked up, hovering over him was a saucer-shaped object with an estimated 35-foot diameter and lights in its many windows. As the boy watched the vehicle, a beam of light shot from its base, striking him in the chest, Nyman said.

The boy recalled a tingling sensation in his legs, and found he was paralyzed. Ultimately - though the boy could not estimate how long it took - the light withdrew and he was able to free himself and run into his house.

His mother, who used to work with Mutual UFO Network member Ray Fowler, listened to her frightened son's story, but ushered

him off to his meeting. Then she called Fowler.

By 9 p.m., Nyman and MUFON member Ed Fogg had checked the Foxboro police log for reports of UFO sightings and had arrived at the boy's home, awaiting his return.

During the duo's interview with the boy, he recalled a "mumbling" in his head, as if someone was trying to communicate with him. He was unable to decipher the message.

Slowly, other details of the boy's experience emerged. When Nyman and Fogg asked the boy to remove his shirt, they discovered a marking similar to a sunburn, which ran from the top of his breastbone tracing a narrow line under both sides of his rib cage. The pair photographed the marking.

In subsequent research, Nyman found evidence of similar markings on a young man in Tyler, Tex., who claimed a similar abduction experience several years later.

The boy, who had the habit of talking in his sleep about events that had upset him during the day, went to bed that night about 11:15 p.m. Fifteen minutes later, he started mumbling. His parents placed a tape recorder next to the bed and let him continue.

According to Nyman, the boy relived his encounter twice that night over the course of more than 30 minutes.

"Oh no! What the hell, it's a UFO!" the boy shouted into the tape. "What's happening? What are you guys doing? I don't wanna go on. Don't do any more tests on me. Oh no, no, no. Don't do any more tests. Who are you? Are you an earth person?"

Months later, the boy was taken to a hypnotist, who allowed him to relive the night's encounter.

Under hypnosis, the boy immediately recognized the "mumbling" he heard that night. "Something's telling me something," the boy told the hypnotist and Nyman. "It's a calm voice running through my mind, soothing me. I don't understand... The ship comes closer. I'm able to run. I hit the baseball bat and fall down. I look up. It's looking at me.

Something's looking at me still! No one could hear me. I got to get out of here. This is it. The light really gets intense.

"I won't be harmed. They're just going to examine me... It's a person. Has a big head, small body. He's floating across the window of the ship. It's talking and looking at me. Then it stops. I can't understand it. I run and it just stays where it is... His eyes are big, nose long, no mouth."

Under questioning, the boy said the alien was a "friendly" person. Nyman also investigated a 1984 Framingham case, in which a man in his mid-20s awoke abruptly on a cold January night to experience what Nyman calls the classic "bedroom encounter."

The man recalls lying fully awake, with his eyes closed, about 1:30 a.m., feeling an irritation in his left eye. He did not wake up his wife.

He felt a slight breeze at the top of his head from the open window behind the bed's headboard. Year-round, he and his wife slept with the window about three inches open.

The man tried to rub his irritated eye, but found he could not move. When he eventually was able to open his eyes, he saw what appeared to be a mirror on the ceiling reflecting a green, pencil-thin beam of light that shot directly into his right eye.

In the mirror, he thought he saw a tiny head holding an object that he said resembled a hair dryer. The man had the strange sensation that his mind was being read.

He struggled to free himself. Ultimately, he succeeded, jumping up and rushing to the window. He pulled up the shade, just in time to see an aircraft the size and shape of a 55-gallon drum, with a set of tripod legs, rising from the ground. Green and orange lights glowed inside the craft.

According to Nyman, the man was very upset, believing he would soon die. The next morning, he awoke with continued irritation in his left eye. Several days later, the irritation disappeared.

Think you've encountered an alien in your lifetime? Call the Massachusetts UFO Network Hotline at 944-0686.

- KAREN KREBSBACH

## UFOs Over MetroWest

By JAMES J. BUCKLEY

A Marlboro cab driver, who had just dropped off a passenger at the Wayside Inn in Sudbury, claims that his headlights started flickering on and off as he approached Rte. 20 near the Martha and Mary Chapel on a rainy September night in 1965.

As he pulled off the road, he heard a noise overhead and saw a disc hovering about 200 feet over his head. He saw colorful sparks flying from its sides and heard a high-pitched whine. The disc hovered for about five minutes and then flew away to the west.

Following are a few of the other UFO sightings in MetroWest over the years. A Weston resident reported that at about 5:55 p.m. on January 15, 1966 his 11-year-old son dashed into the house shouting that a flying saucer was outside. The man grabbed his binoculars and went outside with his family to look. He saw what at first appeared to be an extremely bright star and immediately assumed it was a low-flying plane. But when a strange trajectory of light burst from the object, he was convinced that the object could not be an airplane. His wife thought it might be a satellite that had begun to disintegrate. However, there was no record of any plane or satellite in the vicinity that evening.

According to New England historian Edward Rowe Snow, a flying saucer was seen over Rte. 2 in Acton on Oct. 17, 1973. Waiting for a red light to change, Kevin and his sister, Ann Mary, who were returning from a funeral in Boston, suddenly saw a brilliant light some distance away in the sky. There were no stars out that night and it was very dark so the light was especially bright. As the object approached them, the light grew brighter.

When the light was hovering overhead, Kevin pulled the car off the road, hoping that some other car would come along to verify the existence of the strange light. But none came as he and his sister stood in awe of the light above them. As they became accustomed to the bright light, they saw a disc. They lost their nerve at that point, hopped into their car and sped away.

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### Explosion over lake reported; search on

Two Coast Guard boats searched last night for debris after two people said they saw an explosion over Lake Erie, off Euclid.

About 6 p.m. a resident of a Euclid high-rise near E. 260th St. reported seeing an explosion in the air over the lake. The woman said she saw smoke and debris falling into the lake.

Coast Guard officials called Federal Aviation Administration controllers and airports last night to see whether any planes had been reported missing. None were.

An official at the Cuyahoga County Airport in Richmond Heights also reported seeing a bright light descending from the sky about the same time, the Coast Guard said.

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### Search for debris in lake called off

The Coast Guard yesterday called off a search for debris begun Sunday after an explosion was reported over Lake Erie.

"Unless we see something else or get a report that an aircraft is over-

due, we won't go back out," said Petty Officer Rich Muller.

Two Coast Guard boats searched Sunday night for evidence of an explosion after receiving reports that a bright light and falling debris were seen over the lake.

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## Holmfirth UFO mystery

POLICE based at 3128 Holmfirth are at the centre of a bizarre UFO mystery.

Several officers reported sighting a huge, long object in the sky near Emley Moor early on Sunday.

The matter has been reported to the Civil Aviation Authority for investigation, but it has been unable to offer any explanation for the sighting.

The object, described as 200ft long with a white light at each end, was spotted shortly after 4am on

Sunday by officers in Holmfirth.

Chief Insp Brian Smith said other officers around the area were asked to investigate, and there were three confirmed sightings from high ground at Holme Moss, Pole Moor and Kirkburton.

"I understand it was visible for only a few minutes. It remained static and we believe it was quite close to the Emley Moor mast. I am reluctant to use the term UFO as that does arouse scepticism, but this matter was properly reported and logged by our officers.

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## Mystery flying object spotted

WAS it a bird? Was it a plane? No — Musbury villagers say it was something "out of this world".

That's the only explanation they have to a mysterious flying object seen in the skies over the village last week.

At least six locals claim to have seen the UFO in the night sky and they are adamant it was no aircraft of natural phenomenon.

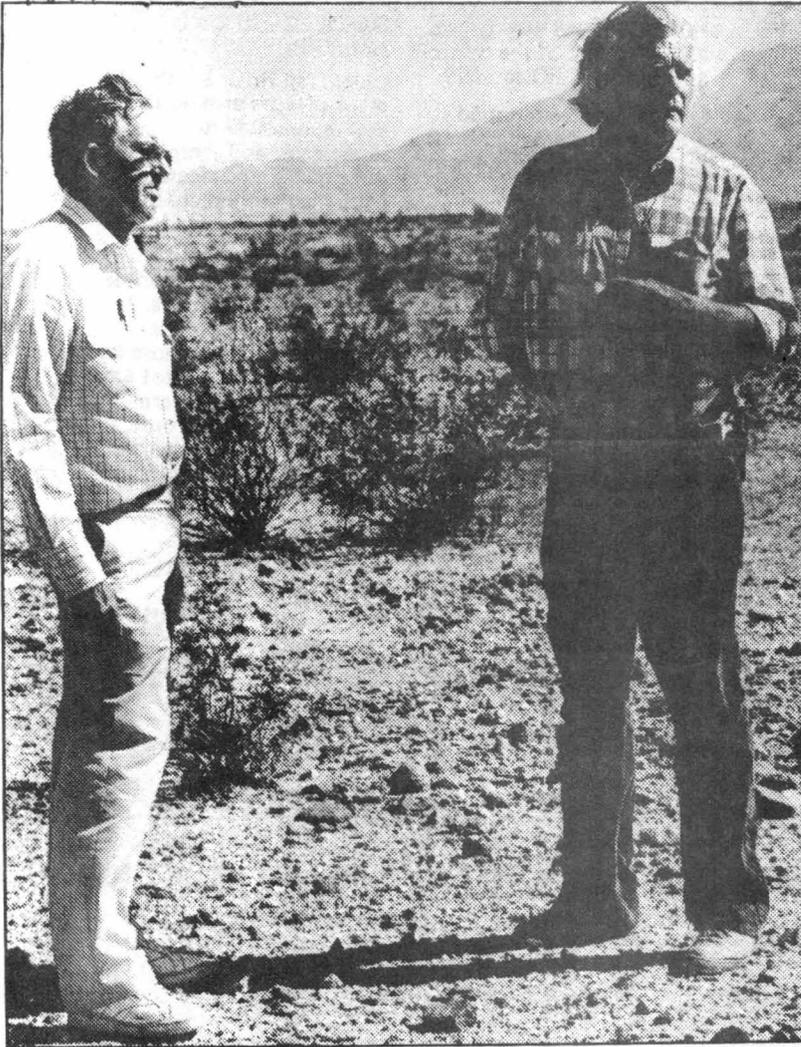
Aircraft spotter Edward Mellor, of Pyrland, Doatshayne, is certain it was no plane or balloon.

"It appeared to get bigger — it was a body of substance," he said, describing an unusual light in the east. "It moved forward jerkily and it made no noise at all."

Another to spot the orange light was parish council chairman Lawrence Littley. He described it as a ring of light with three or four brighter points of light shining out.

"I do not know what it was, I'm a level headed chap, but it was definitely something up there."

# They Seek Answers to Mysterious Geoglyphs



LILIANA NIETO

Harry Casey, left, and Jay von Werlhoff at a geoglyph site.

By ANN JAPENGA, *Times Staff Writer*

**BRAWLEY**—When Harry Casey took over the family farm, he committed himself to a life ruled strictly by the sun and seasons. For occasional escape from this routine, Casey pursued hobbies such as flying and photography.

It was while he was taking pictures of wildflowers in the desert that the alfalfa farmer noticed circles and other shapes that appeared to have been deliberately scratched into the earth. Casey wondered who put the pictures there, how long ago and why.

The answers came in a night class in archeology at Imperial Valley College in the late '70s.

Casey, now 55, learned that the deserts of California, Arizona, Nevada and northern Mexico are dotted with geoglyphs, large-scale ground drawings of humans, mazes, waterways, snakes and other symbolic figures that were made by people who lived from 500 to 10,000 years ago.

The instructor was Jay von Werlhoff. Where Casey is methodical, Von Werlhoff is intuitive. The archeologist has flowing white hair; the farmer keeps his own locks trimmed and tucked under a baseball cap. Von Werlhoff has been married for 15 years and has

two grown sons by an earlier marriage. Casey is single.

The two men were very different, yet, in Casey, Jay von Werlhoff found an accomplice for his work. And Casey found a Using Casey's skills as a pilot and photographer, the two set out to document every known geoglyph—as well as new ones they discovered—throughout the Southwest.

"Each of them contributes their different talents to the operation," said Boma Johnson, a Yuma, Ariz.-based U.S. Bureau of Land Management archeologist who also studies geoglyphs. "Jay is the one that comes up with the interpretation and Harry comes up with the photos." □

Though archeologists have studied individual groups of geoglyphs in the past, no one has previously attempted a study of this scope. There are famous geoglyphs in Nazca, Peru, which have been well-documented, but the collections in Australia and the United States have not attracted much attention from scientists, according to Von Werlhoff, 63.

San Diego-area archeologist Emma Lou Davis pointed out the need for documentation of the ancient earth drawings when she wrote of one figure in a 1983 paper: "It is as sacred as Westminster Abbey and as complex as Stonehenge. It is equally in need of respectful study and preservation."

One morning recently, Harry

Casey and Jay von Werlhoff towed Casey's Beechcraft Debonair out of a private hangar at the Brawley airport. Casey uses the Beechcraft for long-range exploration. For slower, lower geoglyph scouting, he pilots a Piper Cub. At his own expense, Casey has flown more than 600 miles over the last seven years in pursuit of geoglyphs.

Once they were in the air, Casey and Von Werlhoff looked down on a desert scarred with modern earth etchings. There were irrigation ditches, geometric farm plots, circular targets on a WWII bombing range, dirt roads and off-road vehicle tracks.

All these random designs made the appearance of the first recognizable geoglyph that much more startling. Tucked between two dry hills, far from a town or major road, it was a smiling face, 100 feet in diameter.

The face was brought to the attention of the researchers by a flying mortician. Many geoglyphs have been discovered accidentally by miners, rock hounds and outdoor recreationists, said Von Werlhoff; and one major find was made by a border patrol pilot on duty.

The smiling-face geoglyph, however, is a fake, Von Werlhoff said as Casey expertly circled the site.

There is no precise method to date geoglyphs. So in some cases archeologists must rely on clues such as climatic and geological changes, figure content and tools and pottery found nearby to determine whether the find is authentic. The modern content made it imme-

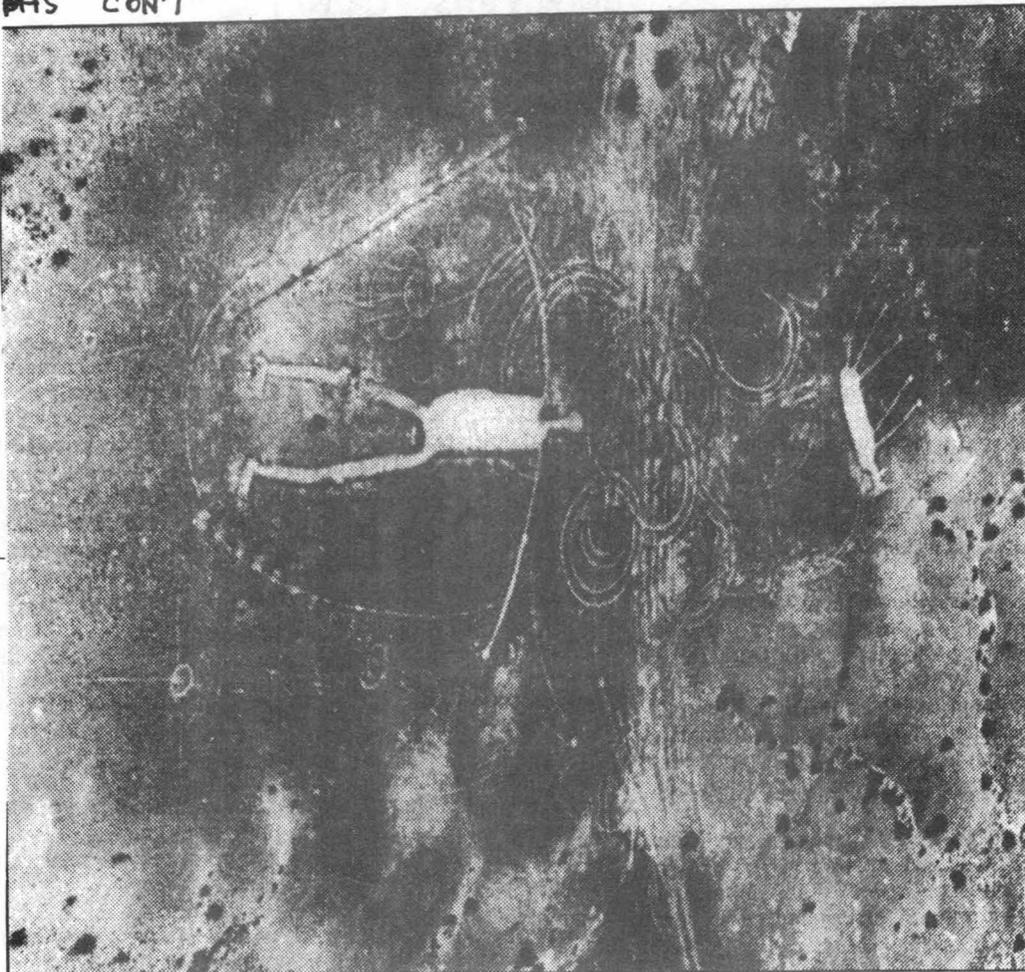
diately clear to Casey and Von Werlhoff that the grinning face had not been designed by ancient people.

Casey does most of his work in the air, flying overlapping circles and spirals above sectors of the desert in search of geoglyphs. Because of their scale—they range in size from 25 feet to 475 feet—the figures are difficult to spot initially from the ground. Once Casey discovers a geoglyph, Von Werlhoff returns to the site by car. He measures and studies the geoglyph, making sketches of it in his field book.

Floods, droughts, erosion and the passage of time haven't seemed to harm the figures, which were made by scraping away darker stones on the surface of the earth, revealing lighter soil beneath. (Rock alignments, another sort of ancient earth drawing also found in the Southwest, are figures outlined in rock.)

In recent years, dune buggies and dirt bikes have taken their toll on the venerable artworks. Casey and Von Werlhoff hope to finish recording the geoglyphs before any of them are erased permanently by vehicle tracks. To protect them from destruction, the Bureau of Land Management has fenced some major geoglyph sites. When he has time, Von Werlhoff also builds fences around unprotected geoglyphs.

Casey guided the plane over a cliff above the Colorado River where there was a geoglyph—genuine this time—of a giant human



The best-known of U.S. geoglyphs are "The Blythe Giants,"

LILIANA NIETO

found 15 miles north of Blythe, Calif.

form. The figure's legs were cut off by the edge of the cliff, giving the appearance of a man falling into the river below. Von Werlhoff said this effect was intentional, and that the figure might be a "courage building device" depicting the demise of an

evil being who existed in Mohave Indian legend.

Most of the geoglyphs in this particular area were made 500 to 1,000 years ago by tribes such as the Mohave, Cheneheuvi, Quechan and Kumeyaay. A few current

members of those tribes have been willing to share information about the geoglyphs with Von Werlhoff, but none of the Indians he has contacted claim to know who made the figures, and most will not discuss their function.

"These are sacred to them and they don't like to talk about them," Von Werlhoff said. "They have to get clearance from the elders before they can say anything.

"Archeologists have been asking Indians about them for years, but they mostly claim they don't know anything," he added. "The Mohaves say, 'Man didn't make them, gods made them.'"

Von Werlhoff said it was the job of the shaman—the tribe's "spiritual specialist"—to design, build and utilize the geoglyphs in order to contact powerful spirits, entreating them to "end the drought, replenish the animals, start rain, stop rain." Common tribe members were left in the dark about such matters.

Where the meaning of geoglyphs has been obscured by secrecy and reticence, Von Werlhoff is willing to fill in the blanks. He draws on intuition and studies of other primitive societies to help decipher the symbols.

"I'm not conservative," he said. "I try to make my interpretations reasonable and support them with evidence, but sometimes there is just no evidence."

## GEOGLYPHS CON'T

Casey, on the other hand, said, "I wouldn't venture a guess as to what they mean. I've looked at the glyphs long enough, but quite frankly, I simply don't know, and the Indians that made them are gone."

Casey lists an array of possible reasons for the geoglyphs' existence, refusing to give greater weight to any theory. Among the possible purposes: ceremonial, mythological, territorial, celestial observation, hunting magic, burials, habitation sites, and doodling.

Yet in a three-volume book he's writing on geoglyphs, Von Werlhoff sets forth very definite theories about what the ground figures signified to the people who made them.

At least one popular book and numerous sensational articles have proposed that geoglyphs are so large because they were intended to guide UFOs to earth. (Among his collection of legitimate newspaper and magazine articles on geo-

glyphs, Casey has one with the headline: Astronomer Discovers UFO Spaceport in California.)

Though they still run into people who are convinced extraterrestrials had something to do with building the geoglyphs, Von Werlhoff said the figures are actually aimed toward the sky because the shaman was directing a plea for protection to the outer world, or the heavens, where great powers were believed to live.

Just as human history was forever altered by the discovery of tools and—later—fire, Neanderthal man took the human race still another step forward 100,000 years ago when he stumbled on the concepts of fertility, renewal and

resurrection, said Von Werlhoff.

Once these ideas were introduced, the impulse to assure survival of the tribe became even more important to ancient people than the individual will to survive, he said.

"This is what turned man to art," Von Werlhoff said. "This is really what put the human quality in civilization. It's the most profound idea man turned up—this need for continuation, continuity. The idea

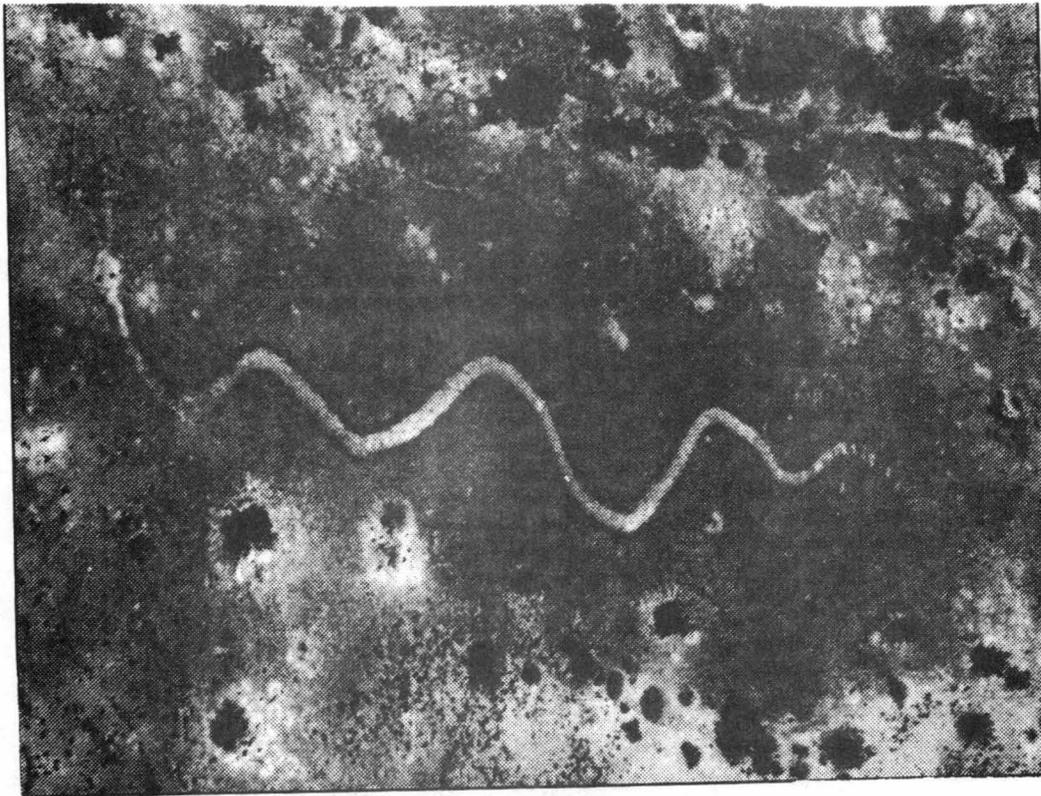
of history and the future all comes from that."

The 300 geoglyphs Von Werlhoff and Casey have documented are expressions of a people's urge to protect future generations in a changing and hostile environment, the archeologist said.

In the last 11,000 years, the desert became increasingly arid. Many families and at least one entire tribe (the Halchidoma) who relied on the protective power of

geoglyphs died out.

Their makers may be gone, but the spiritual power of the figures is considered by some Indians to be still active. Von Werlhoff said that some modern-day Indians continue to visit the remote geoglyph sites out among the spiny ocotillo and creosote bushes. And one Indian told the archeologist that he'd never physically traveled to the geoglyphs, "but my spirit has been there."



HARRY CASEY

This geoglyph in the shape of a snake is near Parker, Ariz.

Believers and skeptics gather at monthly meetings of UFO investigations committee

# Unidentified flying objects: hoax, hogwash or here

By ELIZABETH HARTIGAN  
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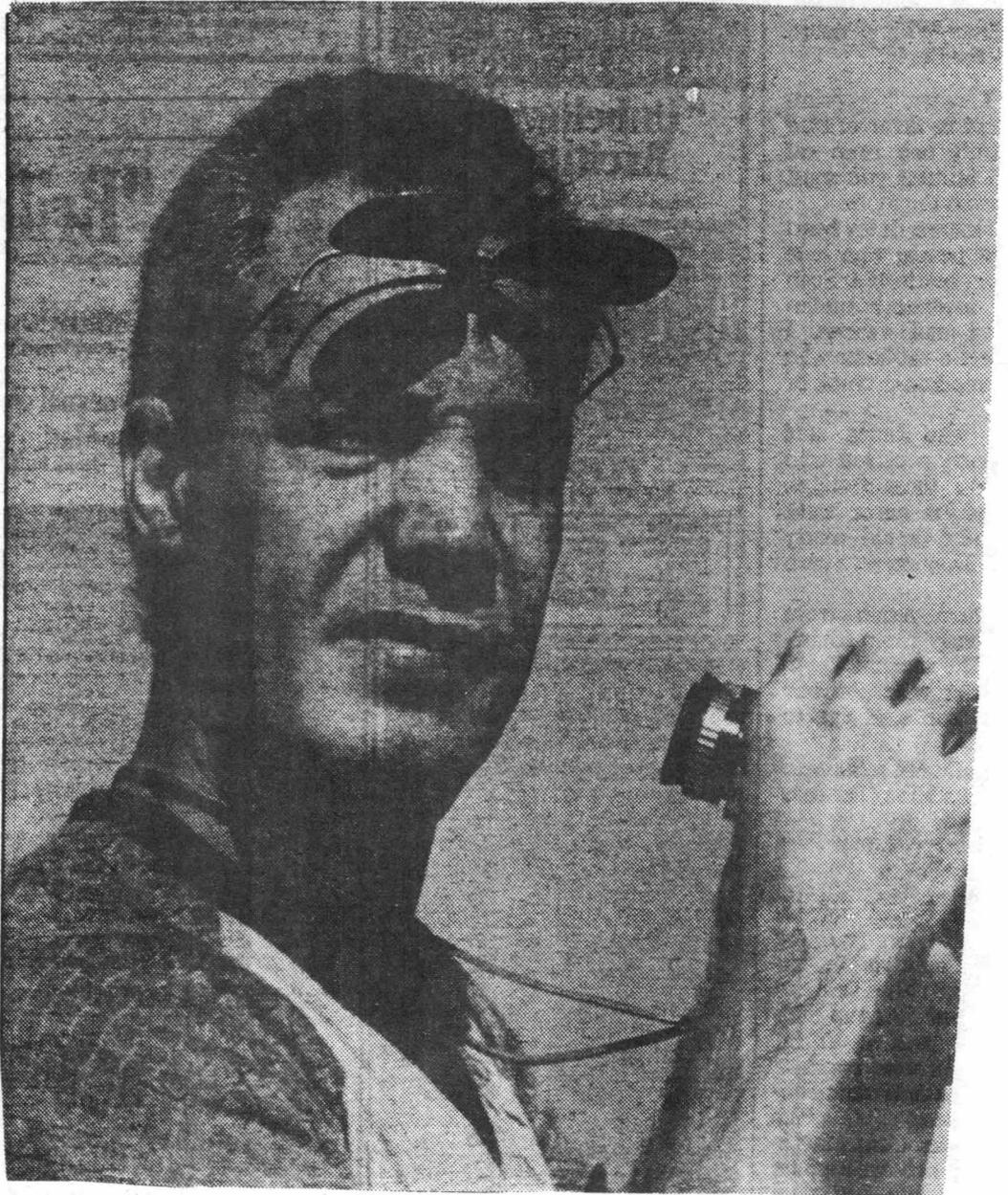
When it comes to UFOs, everyone is an expert.

"Everything is true, because it's a matter of perception," said Dore Bedell of Santa Monica. An open mind, he said, is the best preparation for lectures sponsored by the National Investigations Committee on Unidentified Flying Objects in Van Nuys.

Is there a lost race of humanoids living inside the hollow earth? Is the government deliberately covering up reports of UFO encounters? Wouldn't you like to know?

"We prefer that people make up their own minds," said Frank Stranges, committee director and author of four UFO books.

Believers and skeptics come from as far as Long Beach and Solvang to the group's monthly meetings, which take place at 7:30 p.m. the first Friday of the month at the Van Nuys Towne Hall. There is a requested \$5 donation. Lecturers address such topics as the hollow earth, government efforts to cover up UFO sightings and the mystery of the surface of Mars, which some people say is inhabited by intelligent beings.



Edward Lopez has spent a lot of time looking for UFOs but never has seen one and remains skeptical of photographs like one taken in 1984 by a young boy of an object flying over an apartment building in Malaga, Spain, top right.

Olga Shalygin/Daily News

## He's convinced

Bedell, 29, who has flown to Switzerland twice to investigate a UFO sighting, thinks alien craft do zip through the atmosphere. The seed sales representative has never seen a UFO himself, but he knows people who have, and he is convinced that extraterrestrials have been visiting Earth for years to teach people where Earth civilizations have gone wrong.

"As far as I know, 128 races have visited Earth. This is according to Billy Mier's cosmonauts, which I thought was a hoax until I went over there. Bedell visited Mier, a Swiss farmer, and saw the photos and films he shot of creatures from the planet Pleides. Pleideans

have visited Mier in their flying saucers numerous times, Bedell said.

Edward Lopez of North Hollywood hasn't seen any UFOs since he began looking in 1957, but he's not discouraged. His home is stocked with four cameras and a telescope, and he often scans the heavens with his zoom binoculars. He attended a

UFO convention in Culver City last year and has spent the night at Castaic Lake, hoping to spot a UFO where the air is clear.

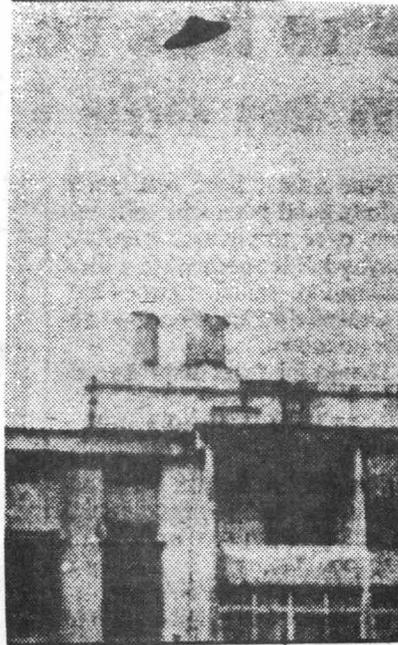
Lopez, 48, who helped edit a New York monthly magazine called Beyond Reality and quarterly UFO Update in 1978, then moved to California the following year because he thought he'd be more likely to see a UFO here. "The majority of the reports are wrong, are hoaxes," he said.

## Hidden information

His interest was piqued when he heard that Harley Bird, the nephew of South Pole explorer Adm. Richard Bird, was going to speak at the committee meeting about the government conspira-

cy to withhold information on UFOs.

Professorial in a blue jacket and khaki pants, Bird promised an audience of about 40 he would reveal information the government had kept hidden from the public for decades. "I'm a Virgo-Libra, so I deal with facts and figures," he said. He is familiar with the subject, he says, because he spent two years in the '50s working in the



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offices of the United States Air Force Blue Book Project, which examined UFO reports.

Bird's uncle made an important discovery he wrote about in an unpublished diary, said his nephew. "He flew into the center of the earth and discovered another race, but they wouldn't let him tell about it. We now know there's an inner continent in the earth." The opening to the inner earth, later photographed by U.S. astronauts, appears in photos as a black dot at the North Pole, Bird said.

He said more than 77 alien bodies are being studied in government holding tanks. There may be more than 100 now, because some have been recovered from the ice in Russia. "I've seen photographs as well as bodies in tanks."

Based on information from the Pleidians given to Billy Mier, Bird said there are 680 inhabited planets.

Bird added that no one should be afraid of extraterrestrial creatures, and that personally, he likes space aliens.

## Fond memories

Bird has fond memories of the time when an alien race contacted him on Aug. 19, 1964. He was driving north out of Big Sur and blacked out for eight hours. When he woke up, he was sitting by the side of the road in lotus position — and he knew aliens had beamed him up to visit with him during those missing hours.

After he finished speaking, one member of the audience criticized him. "I think you're a terrible lecturer. Your information is bad," said Edward Lopez.

Lopez said Mier faked his UFO pictures by photographing models of spacecrafts that were hanging on strings.

Bedell got up to defend the Mier case, because he has looked at the photos personally. "There's not enough evidence to prove that they're fake," said Bedell.

His friend Lou Duskin, 28, of West Los Angeles, who also has been to Switzerland, said he believed in the Mier visitations. "We saw holes burned in the trees where the craft had been," he said.

Lopez was not satisfied. He demanded a refund of his \$5 donation.

"Being an analyst, a Blue Book analyst, the strings he's

talking about are nothing but photographic errors," said Bird. "I believe 100 percent in Billy Mier."

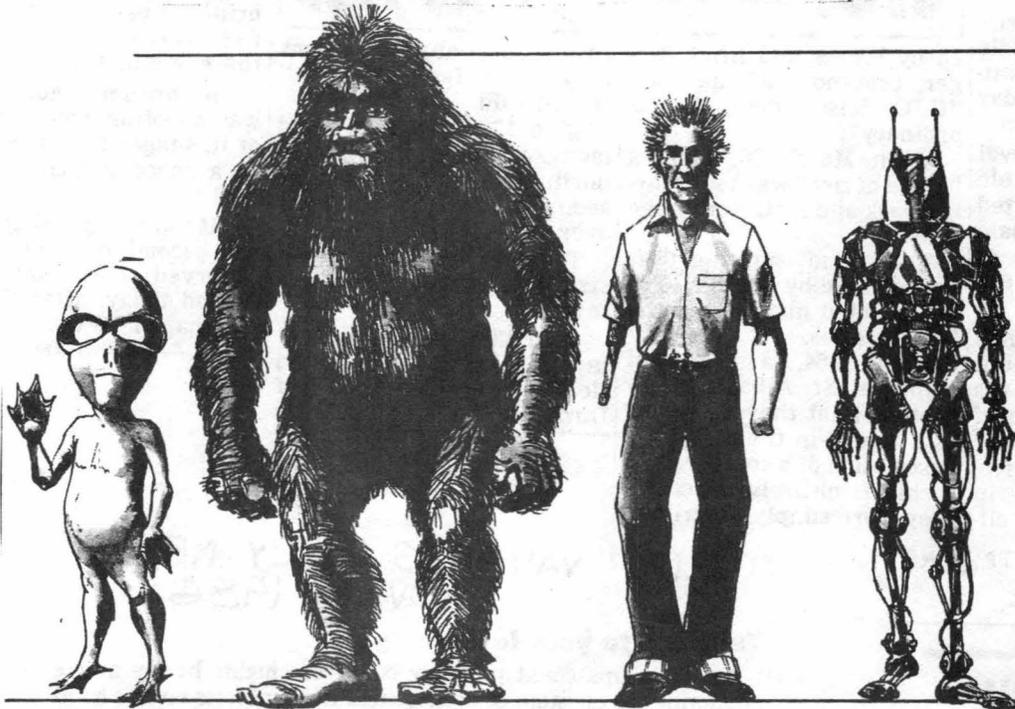
He went on to say that there have been 167,452 actual sightings of alien crafts.

Jamie DeZur of Panorama City, who works for a Los Angeles advertising agency, was disturbed by Lopez's anger. She said such an outburst had rarely occurred in the seven years she had attended UFO meetings. "I have found through the years for him (Stranges) to be a very credible man, and I'm a very doubting person."

She said that, outside of the meetings, she doesn't discuss her own sightings of inexplicable bright lights and dancing vapors. "I rarely do, very rarely, because people are so quick to ridicule. Somebody would be out there to destroy something that's really beautiful to me."

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**UFO Expert Claims:**

# These 4 Types of Space Aliens Are Regular Visitors to Earth



**MOST COMMON SPACE CREATURES**, say experts, are (l. to r.): Small humanoids, hairy Bigfoot entities, humanlike beings and robots.

At least four types of space aliens regularly visit the Earth — and they range from a hairy 7-foot-tall beast to a creature that looks almost human, say top UFO researchers.

"These four types have been developed based on the thousands of cases we have in our files from people reporting close encounters with such entities," said Walter Andrus, international director of the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON).

Here, from the files of MUFON, are the four most common types of aliens:

**Small Humanoid** — "Their average height is 3½ to 4½ feet, and their head is extremely large," said Andrus.

"They have two round eyes without pupils, and no ears or protruding nose — just two small holes in the nose area. Their mouth is a slit without lips. The alien is hairless and has no teeth. Its hands have four webbed fingers and no thumb.

"This is the type of alien most commonly reported."

**Experimental Animal** — "This is the large apelike creature sometimes referred to as Bigfoot," said Andrus.

beings have sent them on an exploratory probe to test the conditions on other planets."

**Humanlike** — "This type of alien often is almost completely human in size and form. Some are indistinguishable from humans, but most have characteristics that set them apart.

"A typical example was reported in a Wyoming encounter. The alien was about 6-foot-2 and 180 pounds, with bowed legs and no hands. One sleeve had a bar coming out of it. Every time the entity waved the bar, something around it moved or disappeared."

**Robot** — Just like our robots these can have many appearances, said Andrus.

"One of the best descriptions we have is of two identical robot entities encountered by two men in Missis-

issippi in 1973. The robots were mechanical in their movements as they assisted in a medical examination of one of the men.

"Both robots were about five feet tall. They had heads but no necks, and no eyes or noses. But they appeared to have antennas on top of their heads.

"These robots didn't communicate with the two men. They simply performed mechanical functions."

**By PETER FENTON**

"It's completely covered with thick, coarse hair; has extremely long arms extending below the knees; sharp, fang-like teeth, and a large spreading nose. It's estimated that they can attain a height of over seven feet and a weight of up to 400 pounds.

"According to some scientists, these are entities sent into space for the same reason that we've put chimpanzees into orbit. Intelligent

Incredibly, UFOs terrorized England during the 12th, 13th and 14th centuries — and among the astonished eyewitnesses were monks and clergymen.

What's more, the descriptions of UFOs in the Middle Ages closely match eyewitness accounts of modern-day sightings, say researchers.

"Many of the medieval cases are especially credible because they were reported by monks at abbeys," said Hayden Hewes, director of the International UFO Bureau in Edmond, Okla.

"Not only were these men known for their honesty, but they were scholars — the most believable witnesses of their era."

These fascinating descriptions of UFO sightings in medieval England were cit-

## Researchers Find . . .

# Monks & Clergymen Saw UFOs — 800 Years Ago

ed by Hewes and Brad Steiger, coauthors of the book "UFO Missionaries Extraordinary":

✓ On March 20, 1168, a "globe of fire" was seen moving back and forth across the skies.

The eerie sighting was documented by Nicholas Trivet, a noted historian of the Middle Ages.

✓ In 1254, a group of monks at St. Albans Abbey spotted what they described as a "ship" in the sky. "The description of a spacecraft as a ship is entirely logical — they were simply describing

an unknown object in terms they were familiar with," Hewes said.

✓ In 1290, the abbot and monks of Byland Abbey in north Yorkshire reported seeing a flat silver disk fly over the abbey.

They reported the object struck terror in those who saw it.

✓ In 1320, a moving light in the sky descended and floated over the Abbey of Durham, beaming out rays

of light and terrorizing many people who observed it.

"This was undoubtedly a UFO, probably a shuttle craft that was exploring the area with a searchlight," Hewes said.

✓ On Nov. 4, 1322, in Uxbridge, a pale gray "pillar of fire" soared slowly across the evening sky.

"A brilliant gold flame was shooting from one end of it, suggesting the exhaust of a space vehicle," Hewes said.

"It was cigar-shaped — the second most commonly observed UFO shape observed today, after the saucer-shaped UFOs."

— FRANKLIN R. RUEHL

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## News for you

### Close encounters

The UFO Contact News Service brings word from the "Culdasiens," the extraterrestrials from the planet Culda who have maintained a base here since 1960, that if earthlings can just change their warring ways, they have 500 million years left.

That tidbit, along with information about the latest sightings of unidentified flying objects around the world, may be obtained by calling a Los Angeles-based hotline at [213] 976-UFOS. It's a toll call.

Jim Spencer

### Take me to your leader:

Joe Hot Tips could probably count the nights he lay awake pondering the question of unidentified flying objects on one hand and still have five fingers left over. But that doesn't mean he forgot what his mother used to tell him. "Young Joe Hot Tips," she would say, "it takes all kinds to make a world."

So UFO aficionados may be happy to know about a new magazine called California UFO, a Forum on Extraterrestrial Theories and Phenomena. What you see is what you get. The September-October issue features such articles as messages from extraterrestrial visitors and an investigation of recent Brazilian UFO cases. Subscriptions are \$15 for six issues. For more information, call the magazine at (213) 273-9409.

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## Hunt for witnesses in UFO inquiry

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UFO enthusiast Mr Peter Ann has received a report of yet another "sighting" in the Ashbourne area and is anxious to contact a group of people he thinks may have seen something unusual.

Mr Ann, chairman of the Derby and Derbyshire branch of the National UFO Investigation Society, says a woman claims to have seen a suspicious object while she was driving down Swinscoe Hill at about 7.15 on Sunday.

She saw something in the sky which featured a square of four red lights and there seemed to be two white lights at either side. The woman did not think it was a plane, although it was definitely travelling across the sky.

She also noticed three or four people standing on the hill, looking up towards the sky, and it is these people Mr Ann wants to contact. Mr Ann can be reached on Derby 559293.

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**Working  
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## Sightings bolster belief in UFOs

They are active in community affairs. They have responsible jobs. They are long-time, respected residents of the area.

And this Hamilton husband and wife have, they believe, made constant sightings of unidentified flying objects (UFOs) and Men in Black (MIB). "Men in Black" are believed to be aliens who land and seek information for their outer space governments.

"Do you believe?" the man asks at the beginning of an extended interview. He hates to waste his breath on someone who is not going to believe what he says.

"I've had things happen to me all my life," he says. "As a boy I lived on a farm on Ross Road. It was about the time of the '20s. I wasn't allowed to venture far from the house when I went out to play.

"This one time I was in a little wooded area when a little girl came up. She had two boys with her. She called them her brothers.

"I remember they were dressed rather oddly. After about five minutes the brothers left. She came to me and placed her forehead against mine. "I asked her where she lived and she said: 'Up there and over there and there, as she pointed upward in all different directions. I didn't understand."

Later, when he was older he was inside his parents' locked garage when a man and a woman appeared and asked: "Are you all right?"

"I tried to explain to my parents but they didn't understand. I was perplexed."

His wife, who grew up in a nearby county on a farm, recalled a similar childhood experience.

"I was six or seven. We were hoeing corn when this huge thing came down to the ground. We ran to the house to tell our parents, but they just thought we were trying to get out of work and sent us back to the field. The thing was round and pretty and shiny."

"They seem to hover around where we are," he said. "When I see one I think: 'Who are you? What can I do to help?' I see them most often in the early morning hours when I'm on my way home from third shift work."

Once, when the couple went to Canada on a vacation trip and left at 3 a.m., a UFO stayed above their car all the way, they said.

"At Ypsilanti (Michigan) UFOs were all around the city. I got out a camera; a brand new one. It wouldn't function. On the way home, there it was going right along in front of us. At Celina we got lost looking for our camping area.

"We didn't see it for awhile, but when we found the campsite it was already there. It knew," he said.

He said he feels at times that the objects in the sky respond to his thoughts. When he mentally asked that one come closer, the light brightened brightly as though it was moving in, he said.

"Scientists say if you can't spell it, eat it, or touch it, they don't want anything to do with it. So we don't try to report them anymore," he said.

The two don't make a big deal out of their beliefs. The wife, who says author Leonard Stringfield ("Situation Red") is her idol, says she thinks the UFOs come "from the other side of the moon."

If beings or ships from other planets decide to land on earth for all to see, at least one Hamilton couple, Bill and Virginia Smith, will not be the least bit surprised.

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# Mystery lights return to Saratoga

By Kathy Holub  
Mercury News Staff Writer

A beautiful apparition has been glowing in the night sky over Saratoga, leaving viewers baffled and entranced.

About 15 people, all agog, called Santa Clara County dispatchers on Tuesday night to report a mysterious bright red light that hovered in the sky from 8:15 to 8:30 and then disappeared.

Dozens of callers described a similar phenomenon on Oct. 15, same time, same place.

"It was very exciting," said Maureen Denton of Los Gatos, who watched last week's display during a break in her real estate class at West Valley College.

"It was very bright, much larger than the lights you see on airplanes. At one point, something burning or flickering

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dropped from it. It was just a tiny little flicker that came down. We all went: 'Oooh, what was that?'

No one seems to know.

That includes Vicki Yauger of Saratoga, who spied the object Tuesday night while lounging with her husband in their backyard spa.

Yauger said the light appeared high in the northwestern sky, first moving toward them, then away.

Through her binoculars, the apparition became a cluster of lights.

"It was scary. When it started getting larger, it seemed to be coming down," she said.

Yauger didn't see the object fade from view because she had just gone into the

house. Her husband told her the light turned green and slowly disappeared.

Spokesmen at Moffett Field Naval Air Station said nothing flew out of their airfield Tuesday that looked like that. And officials at Vandenberg Air Force Base in Lompoc said they didn't launch a thing Tuesday night. Ditto for Oct. 15.

Other watchers of the night sky — air traffic controllers and astronomers at Lick Observatory — said they saw nothing unusual.

Sheriff's deputies scanned the heavens and saw nothing but a helicopter.

"We don't have a clue on this one," said a Lockheed official.

Denton said the light hovered in one place for quite a while, which she felt discounted the theory that the object was a night-time parachutist.

Oddly, however, a hood-like dome appeared briefly above the light, she said. It was rounded like a parachute and did not glow.

But the hood vanished quickly and the light burned on. After 10 to 12 minutes, it flickered and began to fade.

At the end, "it took off toward Moffett Field and, boy, did that thing go," she said. "Fast. Like if you moved a flashlight across the sky."

Denton said she wasn't afraid during the display and she wasn't embarrassed to report it. "In fact, I felt very special," she said.

Her attitude, which seemed to be shared by other callers, drew praise from Dr. Ted Peters, a Berkeley specialist in UFOs and mysterious nocturnal lights.

"The people who report these things aren't necessarily kooks and wackos. Sane, legitimate people can see these lights, and sometimes that needs to be said."

Peters said nocturnal lights can stem from airplanes, airborne advertising banners, ground lights and other rational causes. But sometimes they are "authentic mysteries," and people shouldn't be embarrassed to admit seeing them.

"There was a lot of prejudice against UFO witnesses in the 1950s and '60s," he said.

"We're better off now. People feel freer to talk about their experiences, and we can get more data with which to work. I think it's a big improvement."

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# UFOs in perspective

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I HAVE been giving a lot of thought to the goalpost-shaped object that flew over York City's coach.

Once in Liverpool — do these things only hang around football clubs? — I saw a great ball of red and blue fire descending over the Mersey, only to disappear behind the North Wales mountains. (I was on my way TO the pub at the time!)

Well, from the coin box in The Dog and Partridge I 'phoned Jodrell Bank. They had, as the man told me "been inundated with calls". It was an exceptionally large meteor.

Strange lights in the sky. Saucer shaped objects. And even accounts of folk taken on board by the little green men. Why do we see these things? Are they really there?



In all our stories about beings from another world, the aliens are 'baddies' half the time and 'goodies' the other half. In H. G. Wells's War Of The Worlds they are manifestly evil and so fair targets for the guns. (Actually, it's the common cold that kills them in the end).

But I remember that superb old film The Day The Earth Stood Still with the wonderful robot, Gort. He and his master came to warn us about our evil ways. And we rewarded him by turning the gun on him too.

Close Encounters gave us

'goodies' even if they did look a bit strange. Like ET.

Carl Jung, who died 25 years ago, wrote a book called Flying Saucers. He suggested that the UFOs are modern representations of the angels of light.

Every generation makes gods in its own image. Our image is technology. So our celestial visitors will not have wings and harps but they will come in steel, propelled by nuclear power or the like.

Jung said that the UFOs, whether they actually exist or not, are signs that we men and women are hoping against hope for extraterrestrial forces to come and rescue us from the mess we're in. They are modern visions. Contemporary prayers.

If I may end on a facetious note: after that 3-0 defeat, maybe that's what City were doing on the coach — praying for inspiration!