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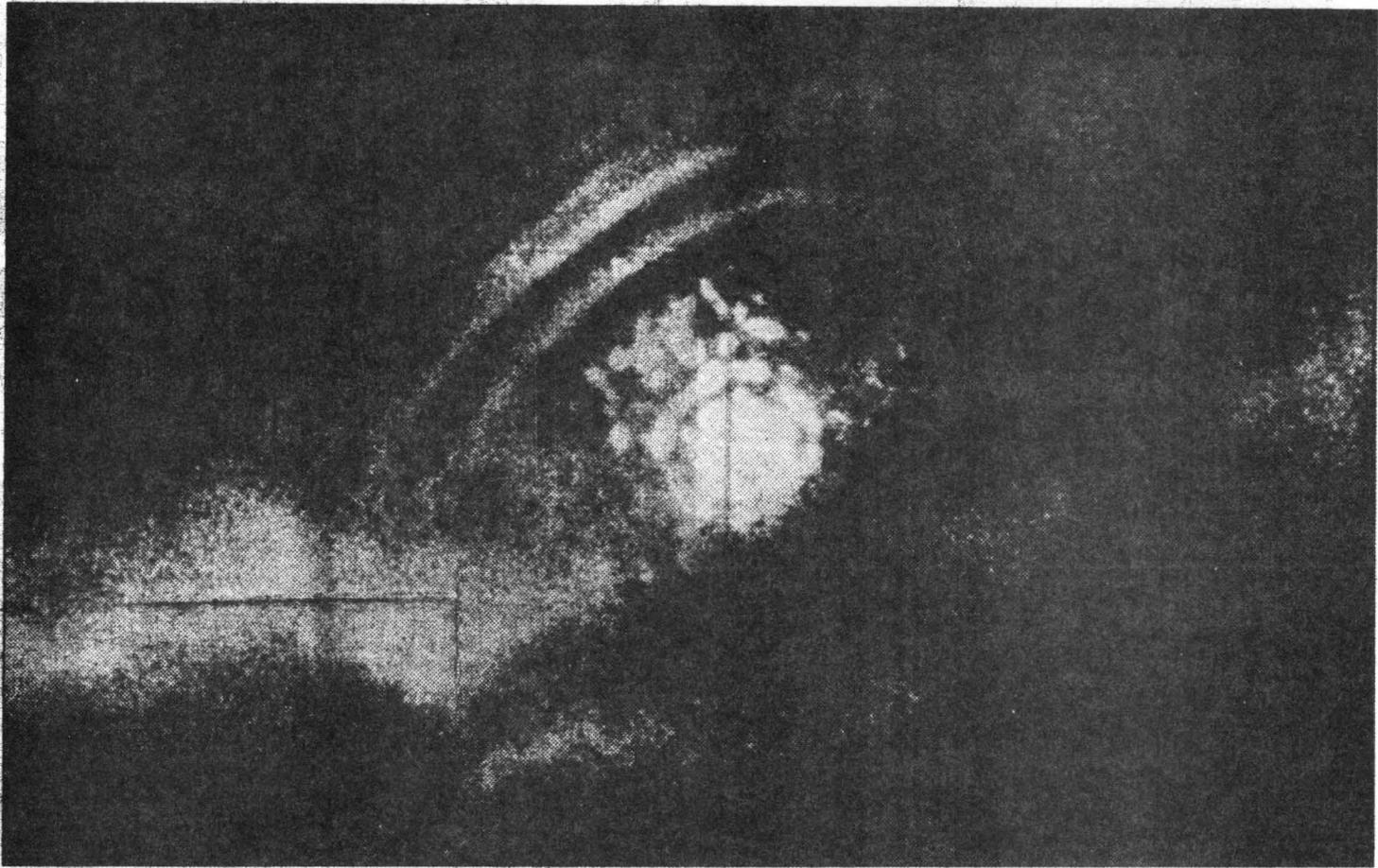
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# Britons who believe we've got visitors

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SCIENCE FACT: It's either a swirling star formation or an alien visitor to Rochdale, where this picture was taken in 1978

# It came from outer space

by FLEUR BRENNAN

## (OR DID IT?)

**O**NE hot July night last year, Neil Gardner saw something "out of this world" in the sky over Bisley rifle range, where he had spent a day's shooting.

Struck by the vivid colours streaking from the object, he looked through his marksman's telescope.

"I saw a craft about four times the size of a jumbo jet. It was changing shape as I watched, from bell-shaped to saucer-shaped and back again."

He stood spellbound for more than an hour while smaller saucer-shaped craft constantly left and returned to the "mother ship".

"It was like watching a kaleidoscope with brilliant laser lights of different colours," he said.

A former crew member with British Airways, Mr Gardner, 53, is convinced they were not aircraft.

Eventually the objects disappeared into the clouds and Mr Gardner and his companions, who also saw them, went home.

### PUZZLE

Mr Gardner, of Iver Heath, Bucks, is one of a growing number of people who are fascinated by Unidentified Flying Objects. They present a puzzle that seems to defy solution unless life from other planets really has, at last, decided to visit Earth.

A survey by the Aetherious Society—an international pressure group which promotes and researches the idea of inter-galactic travel—has shown that 16 percent of people in Britain (but only ten percent in London) believe they have seen UFOs.

Are they cranks and hallucina-

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# IT CAME FROM OUTER SPACE CON'T



**SCIENCE FICTION: How they saw it in Close Encounters**

tors, or do they know something that the rest of us don't?

A call to the press office revealed that the RAF does not keep check on sightings unless they appear over military installations. Most sightings are explained away as the red, green and white lights of aircraft or the searchlights of helicopters on practice landings, or by natural phenomena.

Surely that must mean the RAF is sceptical? "Oh no. I have seen one myself," said the duty officer.

Although he did not want to be identified, he described the mysterious, round metallic object he and fellow officers came across when flying in formation over Cyprus some years ago. "All 24 of us saw it and it had to be a UFO because it was moving at a speed no earthly craft could achieve."

This week the Aetherious Society opened a hot-line and the phone never stopped ringing with reports of lights in the sky.

David Succamore saw unidentified flying objects only this week over his home in Shrewsbury.

"I went and got my next door neighbour and we looked at them together for nearly an hour between 9pm and 10pm," says David. "They were extremely high in the sky, moving very slowly with red, green and white lights."

Nick Mockler, of Chiswick, saw the lights last year when he was driving to Wales along the A40 at Shipton and stopped to take a rest. "I was just about to fall asleep, when I heard a noise like hundreds of jets and looked up to see a strange object with red lights and a yellow glowing base above my head. It was in the shape of a cross." Nick was not

frightened, but just wished he could go with them on a flight.

He is one of a growing number of people who believe in beings on other planets. Seventy two per cent of Britons think there is life elsewhere in the universe.

The survey also found that three quarters of the population would like more UFO information.

The authorities are noticeably coy about spilling the beans — in 1982 Lord Clancarty in the House of Lords asked the Ministry of Defence to give an explanation of 600 sightings. He is still waiting for an answer.

## SIGHTING

The Aetherious Society in London this month obtained from America 200 documents which show an attempt by the Federal Aviation Administration to cover up a sighting of a UFO reported by Japanese Airline Pilot Kenju Terauchi when he was flying across Alaska last November.

At first, the FAA confirmed radar tracking of the UFO, but when they later claimed it was an error, a public outcry led to them releasing all their documents. Copies clearly show reports of UFO sightings on the radar screens of air traffic controllers in Alaska.

Captain Terauchi and his crew say they watched three UFOs flying with them for more than 400 miles above the Arctic, for 32 minutes. The captain tried to photograph them, but his camera would not work. He said the objects moved with amazing speed and abrupt stops. "We did not feel threatened by the space ships."

John Holder of the Aetherious Society says the documents vindicate their campaign for more information about UFOs.

If you have seen lights in the sky, call the Aetherious Society's hot-line (01 731 1094) between 10am and 10pm any day.

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### Identified object

Nearly eight years after a Lake City, Minn., man found two scorched, flattened circles in his cornfield that he claimed were evidence of a unidentified flying object landing, his uncle has fessed up about what came down.

David Olson, a 44-year-old chemist, said it was a butane torch and a posthole tamper. He said he took care to tamp about seven areas to make the landing gear impressions appear symmetrical. He would have confessed immediately, but the site was investigated immediately by the Wabasha County sheriff, a county extension agent and the Center for UFO Studies of Evanston, Ill.,

Olson said Monday. But Curtis Olson isn't convinced. "(Experts) concluded that something came down with tremendous force," he said. "He could have been out there a week and not do what they found."

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### Possible UFO sightings probed

● CORYDON, Ind. — Southern Indiana is the site of an investigation into possible unidentified flying objects.

The Mutual UFO Network, which conducts such investigations, says it is looking into sightings near Corydon.

Residents have reported glowing and blinking lights in the sky, but an investigator who spent two nights in the Harrison County community said he saw nothing out of the ordinary.

# Says Government Wants To Prevent Panic UFO Researcher Cites

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THE UNION LEADER, MANCHESTER, N. H.

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By PAT GROSSMITH  
Union Leader Staff

For the last 40 years, the U.S. Government has conducted a cover-up concerning Unidentified Flying Objects according to UFO researcher Robert Hastings.

Hastings told about 50 people attending his slide show and lecture on "UFOs: The Hidden History" yesterday at New Hampshire College, there is no doubt UFOs exist. The government, he said, has conducted a campaign to convince the public that unexplained sightings are natural phenomena. It's an effort, he said, to "minimize concern and prevent panic."

Hastings' presentation included slides of CIA, FBI and U.S. Air Force documents obtained under the Freedom of Information Act by the National Investigation Committee on Aerial Phenomenon and other private UFO research groups.

The papers list unexplained UFO sightings concentrated around military bases, nuclear research and development installations and atomic energy facilities.

A number of the papers refer to UFOs repeatedly violating highly sensitive airspace over nuclear weapons laboratories and ICBM sites. Other government papers reveal military jets' unsuccessful attempts to intercept UFOs. As the craft approached, the UFOs zoomed off at speeds in excess of 5,000 m.p.h.

Another government document told of a 1976 case involving two U.S. jets over Iran, piloted by Iranians. As the phantom jets approached the UFO their instrument and weapon control panels failed. When both jets veered from the craft, however, the instrument and weapon control power was restored.

Prior to the slide program, Hastings said the information given may seem like "science fiction, paranoid delusion or a practical joke. I assure you, it's none of these things."

He said he became interested

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Robert Hastings  
UFO Researcher

## Cover-Up



in UFOs when in 1967 he was in an air traffic control tower at Malmstrom Air Force Base near Great Falls, Mont.

Five UFOs hovering near an ICBM silo, he said, were tracked by military radar for about 30 minutes. Two jets were scrambled to intercept the unknown craft but as they approached, the five UFOs took off at about 4,800 m.p.h. To this day, he said, the incident remains classified.

The slide show presented a history of UFO sightings, beginning with the first wave in April 1947. Private citizens reported seeing disc-shaped objects in all but two states. People described the UFOs as traveling at high speeds, performing incredible maneuvers and hovering in areas. Military personnel also reported sightings at military bases and rocket test sites.

The government's official explanation was the sightings were solar reflections from low-hanging clouds, small meteors or flattened hailstones.

A study called Project Sign, however, was launched by the U.S. Air Force. After a six month investigation, the study concluded there were interplanetary spaceships engaged

in systematic investigation of earth for unknown reasons.

That study however, wasn't released because the military feared a "massive national panic." The conclusion was only one piece of information UFO researchers obtained under the Freedom of Information Act.

The next wave of sightings occurred in July 1952, when UFOs were reported hovering above the White House. Hastings said jets were launched to intercept them but, once again, they were easily outdistanced by the UFOs.

Nine days later, more UFOs were reported hovering over the U.S. Capitol.

The government's explanation for the events, according to Hastings, was they were "atmospheric illusions."

Hastings also revealed a document from 1953 which showed the CIA took over the UFO issue from the Air Force. This, he said, is counter to the government saying the Air Force researched UFO sightings.

A "debunking campaign" was recommended under which UFO sightings were to be described as either a case of misidentity or natural phenomenon.

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## "COVER UP" CONT

That policy, Hastings said, continues to this day.

The next biggest event in UFO history was Betty and Barney Hill of Greenland revealing, under hypnosis, that in 1961 they were abducted by aliens and taken aboard a spacecraft.

In 1969, Hastings said, a Pease Air Force Base radar report indicated that on the date the Hills said they were abducted a UFO was tracked in the area from which they said they were abducted.

Hastings also believes that the nation's biggest blackout on Nov. 9, 1965, affecting nine northeastern states and part of Canada, can be attributed to UFOs.

On that night, there were 100s of UFO sightings in the northeast and particularly over the heart of New York City, near a Niagara Falls power plant and a Syracuse, N.Y., power relay station.

The official explanation was a relay broke at a Canadian plant, causing the blackout. Yet, according to Hastings, the power companies' investigation was that the outage was tripped by a huge unexplained surge of power.

Hastings, in his slide show, describes 1973 as the "Year of the Humanoids," when 50 "reliable" people reported they were abducted by aliens.

Five years later, an international wave of sightings were reported with one New Zealand television crew, which was airborne, filming UFOs.

One FBI document, dated March 22, 1950 and sent to J. Edgar Hoover, reported the secret recovery by the Air Force of three UFOs which crashed in New Mexico. The memo states that aboard the craft were bodies of human shape but only three feet tall, which, were also recovered.

Hastings cautioned the audience that that particular document is the subject of dispute among UFO researchers. Many feel because it is vaguely worded and lacking an exact time and documentation, that it could be a hoax.

Hastings, however, believes such events did occur but "documentation for them are very marginal at the very least."

He believes the government's policy regarding UFOs is shortsighted and that the public has the right to know.

He said an easy, and less costly way, for people to obtain copies of up to 600 government documents is by contacting a private UFO research group. For a small donation, the Fund for UFO Research, P.O. Box 277, Mount Ranier, Md. 20712, will send the writer documentation of sighting.

EXAMINER APRIL 21 1987

# UFOs turn wild ponies into skeletons

**D**zapped 15 wild ponies in a remote valley — and turned them into skeletons!

Investigators, wearing face masks and using metal detectors and a geiger counter, spent two days scouring the marshy grassland where the animals lay.

All of the ponies died at the same time, but their bodies turned to skeletons within 48 hours, which is virtually impossible.

Their bones had been shattered and heaped on top of one another, almost as if the ponies were sucked up into the air and dropped.

Animal experts admitted they were baffled by the mass deaths, at Cherry Brook Valley, near Postbridge, England. However, top British ufologists believe an alien craft was responsible for the grisly slaughter.

Says John Wyse, a spokesman for the UFO Center in Devon: "We believe flying saucers flew

over the area creating a vortex which hurled the ponies to their deaths. We found no evidence that the

ponies had been shot or killed in any normal way."

He adds: "This incident uncannily resembles animal mutilations reported in the United States. It may happen again and it's not something we're looking forward to."

— GEORGE GLIDDEN



FLYING SAUCERS hurled the ponies to their deaths.

APRIL 9 1987

# They're back: U.S. gripped by UFO-ria

By Curt Suplee  
Washington Post

**H**eads up, America. They're here. Again. After a 10-year lull in public interest about UFOs, 1987 looks to be the Year of the Saucer—if not a whole cabinetful of cosmological crockery. According to Leading Susceptibility Indicators, we're in for a deluge of UFO-ria that'll make the Galveston flood look like a bathtub ring.

Three reputable publishers—Random House, Morrow and Atlantic Monthly Press—are releasing major non-fiction accounts of humans contacted, abducted or tortured by extraterrestrials.

Popular infatuation with the UFO sighted by a Japan Air Lines pilot in November has grown sky-high—forcing the Federal Aviation Administration into the mail-order business. To meet the ravening demand, the agency now is selling information packages at \$194.30 each containing tapes of the crew, statements by air controllers, the pilot's drawings and color photographs of radar images.

"Our membership has gone up 10 percent in the past two months," says Walt Andrus, international director of the 1,500-member Mutual UFO Network, "and our mail has doubled. People are realizing that there is something to this after all."

The sour malaise and doomsday anxiety seeping across the nation are the sort that, in the past, have proved propitious for cosmic omens in general and airborne dinnerware in particular. (Recently, a puny 20-second flare over New York and Connecticut resulted in hundreds of phone calls.) Add the shambles of the Reagan regime (maybe they'll skip that "Take-Me-to-Your-Leader" stuff this time), and who knows what demons will rise from the baleful psychic murk?

Whitley Strieber, best known as a novelist (*Warday, The Hunger, The Wolfen*), was the first out of the UFOlogical gate with *Communion*

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(Morrow, \$17.95).

"E.T." it ain't. The gruesome "true story" of how Strieber and his family were tormented repeatedly by creatures he calls The Visitors includes such delectable interludes as needles stuck into the brain ("What can we do," a female alien inquires, "to help you stop screaming?").

Of the 13 publishing houses to which he submitted the manuscript, five "turned it down with contempt and a number rejected it as a favor to me—with the recommendation that I never ever publish it" lest his reputation be ruined. But four houses felt otherwise, and the bidding reached \$1 million for hard-cover, soft-cover and other rights.

It would be easy to dismiss Strieber as a guilt-sodden wacko who concocted his nightmare avengers from obsessive apocalyptic fears (*Warday and Nature's End* concern nuclear holocaust and environmental devastation, respectively) combined with remorse at his father's death. And by his own account, he's a bit odd. But he preempts much criticism by his obstinate skepticism. Even after psychoanalysis, hypnotic therapy and a CAT scan found him sane and healthy, Strieber does not, finally, insist that The Visitors exist independently of his family's experience of them, and his book ends in a plea for further research.

It can't come too soon for the agnostic subjects Budd Hopkins describes in *Intruders* (Random House, \$17.45). Hopkins, a successful New York artist with works in the Corcoran and Hirshhorn museums, has spent the past 12 years studying 132 persons who claim to have been abducted by aliens. He employs psychiatrists, psychologists and lie-detector experts to screen his subjects.

In *Intruders*, he recounts the experiences—often revealed through hypnosis—of more than a dozen victims and their relatives. Despite wide divergence in region, age, sex and social class, the subjects share an alarming similarity: Members of the same family "seem to have been systematically abducted, at varying times and locations" for anatomical examination.

There are accounts of sperm and ova ripped from their donors, tubes inserted and withdrawn while victims lie there like laboratory meat, babies artificially birthed and stolen. The stories are so alike in pattern and detail, writes Hopkins, 55, that they reveal "a central purpose"—namely, "a genetically focused study of particular bloodlines." A hideous notion, "but I have the case material and I'm stuck with it."

The book's credibility chiefly depends on the assumption that so many people could not be lying in such eerily identical ways when they have nothing to gain except public humiliation.

Without physical evidence, he concedes, "There's no smoking gun. But we're gonna find it one of these days."

Gary Kinder's book, *Light Years* (Atlantic Monthly Press, \$17.95), re-examines the notorious case of Eduard Meier, a Swiss laborer who in the late '70s convinced thousands that he was in constant contact with an amiable outfit from the Pleiades.

Meier amassed hundreds of photographs of the aliens' saucers, thousands of pages of notes on their science and moral lore, and yards of film of UFO maneuvers. For months, fans, reporters and film crews flocked to hear the one-armed, self-educated Meier sermonize; no one, however, actually saw his mentors. Then, in 1980, it all came apart. Several UFOlogists, after more or less research, declared his photos bogus, his story

The case is hogwash.

headquarters in Seguin, Texas. "An absolute hoax," says Sherman J. Larsen, director of the Center for UFO Studies in Glenview. Andrus and several other UFOlogists were so worried that a resurrection of the case would open their pursuit to ridicule that—without reading the book—they implored the publisher to dump it.

"I'm catching so much hell," says Kinder, 40, an Idaho lawyer-turned-writer. The original investigators in the Meier case (who hold the copyright to much of the film, tape recordings and other primary materials) were looking for someone to write a book on the subject. After seeing the films and photos in 1983, Kinder was hooked.

He has turned up a number of name-brand scientists, technical experts and eyewitnesses who stipulate that Meier's films, metal samples and recorded saucer sounds are no simple hoax. (Research chemist Marcel Vogel, a 27-year veteran of IBM and holder of numerous patents, examined a metal specimen Meier allegedly got from the aliens. Though he wouldn't say it was extraterrestrial, he confirmed that "with any technology that I know of, we could not achieve this on this planet.") Though "the truth of the Meier contacts will never be known," Kinder says, "I thought the field fascinating. There really is something flying around out there."

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THERE BACK UFO.  
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**I**t's still a minority opinion in the science establishment. Astronomer/exobiologist Carl Sagan, who regards the search for intelligent life in the universe as "exceedingly important," thinks the odds against its landing here are, well, astronomical.

Philip Klass of Washington, contributing avionics editor of Aviation Week & Space Technology, dean of UFO debunkers, says he was expecting the spate of new books: "Since the mid-'60s, the UFO movement has grown so desperate to sustain momentum that they have embraced such tales of abduction."

Assuming that the stories are merely the products of disturbed minds, a pattern so consistent and so geographically widespread suggests a definable mental illness. Yet apparently there is no such syndrome in psychiatric literature. "Of course," says Dr. Harvey Ruben, public affairs chairman of the American Psychiatric Association, "there are all sorts of people with delusions who are suggestible"—that is, who tend to mimic symptoms they hear about. "We see that in mass hysteria, in psychological epidemics."

If such events actually happened, Klass wonders, "Why has not a single one of them ever reported the abduction to the FBI?" Moreover, "We Americans love to collect souvenirs. But not a single one of these 100 or 200 alleged abductees has brought back a physical souvenir" or even the explanation of a new scientific fact. "There's not a single piece of physical evidence."



This photograph, called "the sunlight scene," was taken March 29, 1976, by Swiss laborer [name obscured]. His claims of meeting with aliens [name obscured] were [name obscured].

# WAY OF THE WORLD

## Subjectivity

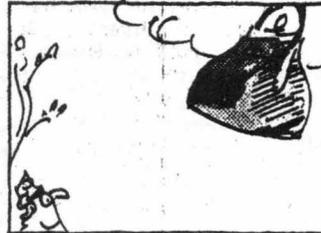
MORE THAN 20 people in central China, reports the China Daily newspaper, claim to have seen an unidentified flying

object shaped like a straw hat and of a reddish orange colour.

This is exactly what you would expect Chinese peasants to see, if they thought they saw "UFOs" at all. It is a further proof, if proof were needed, of the subjective nature of these phenomena.

They always appear in the shape of familiar objects. If Chinese peasants wore top hats or trilbies "UFOs" would appear to them in those forms.

In the West, where people are used to complicated electrical gadgets, they appear in the



form of "flying saucers" with bright lights streaming from their portholes.

Why are they always round? Because that is the shape which objects skimming through the air are most likely to be.

Typical housewives in the Stretchford Conurbation claim to have seen "UFOs" in the shape of enormous handbags. But when questioned, they invariably describe them as "sort of circular, with green rays coming from holes in the sides and with kind of huge sawn-off umbrellas poking out of the top grasped by what look like housewives from planes in some distant galaxy".

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## UFO reports increase in southern Indiana

**CORYDON** — A national organization that investigates unidentified flying objects is checking into some strange lights that have been popping up in southern Indiana in recent weeks.

The UFOs reportedly appeared almost nightly for two weeks near Mickey Shawler's home.

James Delehanty, a field operative for the Mutual UFO Network, spent two nights this past week in the Harrison County community, investigating the reports. He saw nothing resembling the lights that had been reported.

But the lights have been seen by enough credible witnesses to generate an investigation by Delehanty's network, a 400-member international organization based in Texas.

Witnesses have reported seeing as many as six lights or objects at one time. They are described as blinking lights in the sky or glowing orange balls. Shawler has reported that the phenomena have followed their cars. //

# Mail: UW, UFOs, towns

## UFOs and mirages

Perhaps the recent "UFO" sightings near Belleville are really due to a mirage effect.

One evening last September when we were camping on North Trout Lake in Vilas County, I noticed strange moving lights above the lake. Fellow campers confirmed the sightings. One suggested the source might somehow be outdoor lights at buildings on the south shore of South Trout Lake, five miles away, and seen through the "narrows" between the lakes.

With binoculars, I could see from the lake shore the set of fixed lights on buildings, and above these a floating set of presumably reflected lights which constantly moved from left to right and back, at varying and somewhat erratic rates.

On quiet summer evenings a layer of much colder air tends to settle over the lake. The sharp interface between warm and cold air forms, in effect, a reflecting surface as in a mirage, which bends the reflected rays around so they appear to the eye to be coming from high above the lake. The constantly undulating interface, due to slight wind effects would naturally cause the apparent origin of the reflected lights to move from side to side.

This situation could occur in any saucer-like land contour, such as a stream valley like Belleville's Sugar River. The effect is startling, if one bothers to watch the sky for a few minutes.

- Charles C. Watson, Madison

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**Southern Indiana UFOs probed:** A national organization that investigates unidentified flying objects is checking into some strange lights that have been popping up in southern Indiana around Corydon in recent weeks. The UFOs, described as glowing and blinking lights that hover and move, reportedly appeared almost nightly for more than two weeks near Mickey Shawler's house. The lights have been seen by enough credible witnesses to generate an investigation by the Mutual UFO Network, a 4,000-member international organization based in Texas.

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<sup>1381</sup>  
**UFOs "GLOWING" OVER INDIANA?** - A national organization that investigates unidentified flying objects is checking into strange lights that have been reported in southern Indiana.

The lights, described as glowing and blinking, reportedly appeared almost nightly for more than two weeks near Mickey Shawler's house near Corydon.

James Delehanty of the Mutual UFO Network spent two nights last week in the Harrison County community, investigating the reports. He and other observers saw several airplanes pass over, but nothing resembling the lights that had been reported.

Witnesses have reported seeing as many as six lights or objects at one time. They were described as blinking lights in the sky or glowing orange balls.

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You'd be forgiven for thinking that the Aetherius Society is pretty cranky itself.

They believe that Jesus Christ lives on Venus—or at least started life there. In the Bible Jesus says he comes from the bright and morning star in the House of David, which, working out the latitudes, is Venus.

Adds Ms Aubry, "Jesus certainly came from Venus, but I wouldn't like to say whether he's there right now."

Fine. And what about the society's founder, former cab driver "Sir" George King, who has claimed that Martians have twice saved Earth from attacks by the Fish Men.

"He's in America in the middle of a UFO campaign," says Ms Aubry, who is not

keen to discuss the Fish Men further. "That was a very specific happening. We believe there are beings, both outside and inside the solar system, from Mars, Jupiter and Venus, to name but three planets."

## AD LIB Peter Holt



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# Hot Line is out of this world

**S**TAND by for Britain's first ever UFO hotline! The Aetherius Society, a gloriously eccentric organization dedicated to extra-terrestrial matters, has launched a new campaign aimed at members of the public convinced they have seen things go whizz in the night.

Telephones at the society's Fulham HQ will be manned 12 hours a day for people to report their sightings—the number is 731 1094—and there'll be a special open UFO meeting at Kensington Central

Library on April 24.

"A lot of people see UFOs, but don't know how to report them," says the Aetherius spokeswoman Christine Aubry. "Cranks? I'm sure we'll get a few so we'll have to discriminate carefully."

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David Mannweiler

## 'Kathie' and the aliens

Did a flying saucer land on the night of June 30, 1983, in a wooded area on the Eastside of Indianapolis?

Was "Kathie Davis" immobilized and taken onboard for a "missing hour" while aliens surgically planted something in her ear?

Did aliens artificially inseminate Davis in 1977 and remove the fetus in another abduction in March of 1978, as part of on-going genetic study of the human species?

Budd Hopkins says all of that is true.

He also says Davis' story "will almost certainly strain your credulity to the breaking point."

He's got that right.

The multiple UFO abductions of Davis are the subject of "Intruders: The Incredible Visitations at Copley Woods," Hopkins' new book from Random House.

Hopkins will be in town April 22 as part of a national book tour.

"There is no 'Copley Woods.' He made that up to protect the location of my parents' house," said Davis, a 28-year-old Indianapolis beautician who doesn't want her real name used.

Is the book accurate?

"Yeah," she said.

Did the events described in the book happen to her?

"I don't know what happened, if it's all a big, scary nightmare or something. The mark in the yard is still pretty much there. That's definitely strange."

### 8-foot circle

Divorced, Davis and her two sons were living with her parents when something seared an 8-foot circle and a 49-foot-long swath in the backyard grass on June 30, 1983.

Hopkins calls it a UFO's "landing trace."

"The outline is still there. It's like a wound that's still healing," Davis said.

It took three years before anything started to grow back, she said.

"The grass on the ring finally came back in purplish clumps. The strip is real visible. That grass withers in cycles and turns purple, too. That burns my father up. Boy, he loves his yard."

Hopkins first heard from Davis in September 1983 when she sent him 15 color photographs she had made of the backyard markings.

"At that time, I didn't have much money. My favorite form of entertainment was going to the Warren Library," Davis said.

That's where she found Hopkins' first book, "Missing Time," about seven UFO abductions.

Davis made three trips to New York to be hypnotized and questioned by Hopkins. He made four trips to Indianapolis to interview her, her family and her neighbors.

"I almost had a heart attack when he called the first time," Davis said.

"I don't know what I was hoping (by talking to Hopkins). That he could tell me I was all right and I wasn't crazy, maybe. That he could explain it, maybe.

"A lot of people laugh at this stuff. A lot of people think I'm crazy to say this happened," Davis said.

"If that's what they want to think, that's fine with me. People who care about me don't judge me just by this.

"I feel anything is possible. When it hits this close to home, it is a little bit different. I don't know what any of it means, or could mean.

"Maybe," she said, "I got a glimpse of whatever else is out there besides us."

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LIGHT YEARS: An Investigation into the Extraterrestrial Experiences of Eduard Meier

Gary Kinder. Atlantic Monthly Press/Morgan Entrekin, \$18.95 ISBN 0-87113-139-0

Hired by a group of UFO enthusiasts, Intercept, a Phoenix industrial counter-espionage firm, conducted a three-year investigation into Swiss farmer Eduard Meier's claim that he had experienced 130 encounters with extraterrestrials from the Pleiades, beginning in 1975. Kinder (*Victim: The Other Side of Murder*), who conducted some 120 interviews in his own follow-up investigation and spent 13 weeks in Switzerland with Meier, notes, "No case had ever offered so much evidence"—daylight color photos and 8mm film of the Pleiadean "beamships," sound recordings, landing tracks and metal samples.

IBM research chemist Marcel Vogel, who examined a metal sample on a scanning electron microscope, comments here, "With any technology that I know of, we could not achieve this on this planet." No scientist or lab researching the claim has discredited Meier, and no one can explain how a poor, one-armed farmer with a sixth-grade education could have fabricated such evidence. Kinder documents the reactions of various scientists and summarizes key events in the UFO controversy since 1947. He writes in a dispassionate manner that adds to the fascination of this unusual story wherein the incredible takes on credibility. Photos. 50,000 first printing; major ad/promo; first serial to *Playboy*; author tour. (May 26) //

# Villagers report a mysterious glowing UFO

## Official agency explanations cite booster rockets and meteorites

By HAL BERNTON  
Daily News reporter.

Shortly before midnight Tuesday, several dozen villagers from four Northwest Alaska communities reported seeing a glowing, haze-shrouded object flitting through the Arctic sky.

The reports from Elim, Gambell, Savoonga and Tununak were funneled to the Alaska National Guard by Eskimo scouts who live in the region. The reports describe an object bedecked with flickering lights that at times appeared to hover, then move rapidly across the sky.

Guard officials believe the mysterious object or objects were fragments of a satellite or other spacecraft re-entering the earth's atmosphere, said Mike Haller, a spokesman for the Alaska National Guard.

"Based on further evaluation of interviews with folks out there in those communities, we've pretty well concluded ... that what was seen by the majority of people was some sort of re-entry (rocket) of some sort of space vehicle," Haller said. "Perhaps a booster (rocket)."

A spokesman for the U.S. Space Command, a Colorado-based government agency that tracks space debris, told United Press International

Friday that no rockets or satellites fell to earth Tuesday night. But he said the object may well have been a meteorite.

"I'm not going to say with 100 percent surety that it is a meteorite, but that's my best estimate," said Doug Schamp, a Space Command spokesman.

The official explanations, however, are rejected by Marlin Paul, an Elim National Guard sergeant and Iditarod Trail Sled Dog race official. He reported spotting an unidentified flying object while manning a race checkpoint three miles outside his village.

Paul, who reported sighting the object at 11:56 p.m. Tuesday, described a blue-green globe. "It was basically shaped like an egg in a frying pan," he said. "The yolk part was spaceship and the white part of the yolk was a glowing cloud around the ship."

Paul, stationed at the checkpoint with his wife, said he first saw the object over hills northwest of town. It then moved straight above him. It stayed in sight for 15 minutes before disappearing in the southwestern skies, he said.

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Paul said the object gave off a glow that bathed several miles of snow-covered tundra in a green light. He estimated the size of the object as bigger than a football field.

"A satellite isn't that big when it comes in," Paul said of the National Guard's explanation. "If it were a satellite, when it comes back to earth, it would disappear in a split-second. This hovered low over the hills, then it moved up, climbed and moved backwards."

Meteorites, he said, "don't stop in mid-air, then start moving. When a meteorite falls, it falls with a red tail. I know what a meteorite is and it falls fast."

Five other Elim residents, as well as Iditarod mushers Joe Runyan and Ted English, also reported seeing an unidentified object. Their descriptions of the objects varied.

Charlie Saccheus, Elim's postmaster, described a cylinder-shaped object with a bluish-green light flying at an altitude of about 5,000 to 7,000 feet. "It looked sort of like those space rockets," Saccheus said.

Further west, in Savoonga on St. Lawrence Island, a group of villagers spotted something in the sky as they gathered outside a local teen center.

"It was really a weird thing to see. It was just kind of glowing," said Leroy Seppilu, Savoonga's postmaster.

At first the object was partially obscured by a cloud, he said. Its glow turned the cloud green, he said.

"It started moving towards the southeast, speeded up and then rapidly disappeared," Seppilu said.

Other Savoonga residents described a bright round object bigger than a jet, according to National Guard reports. In Tununak, where the object was spotted at midnight, villagers described a bright white light resembling a satellite, part of which glowed, the National Guard said.

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## VILLAGERS CON'T

St. Lawrence Island villagers also reported seeing an unidentified jet leaving a vapor trail in the twilight sky.

George Seppilu, a Savoonga resident, said he spotted the jet at about 8:30 p.m. coming from the west. "It made three turns, and then headed towards the southwest, Seppilu said. "I saw the vapor trail."

U.S. Air Force jets were not in the area at that time, according to Frank Singleton, an Air Force spokesman.

"We did have flights earlier that day but nothing at that time," Singleton said. "I think if Soviet jets were buzzing that area, we certainly would have responded."

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# 1341 FAA markets kits on recent UFO sightings

ANCHORAGE, AK - What did JAL pilot Capt. Kenjyu Terauchi really see over Alaska while flying his Boeing 747 cargo jet at 37,000 feet over a desolate stretch of Yukon wilderness during two separate UFO sightings last Nov. 17 and again on Jan. 11?

The answers, for UFO and aviation buffs alike, may be found in a kit being sold by the FAA's Anchorage office.

The kit is an unusual attempt to cope with the large volume of requests by the press and public about the incidents.

The entire package, which includes four full-color glossies of FAA radar screens,

taped interviews with crew members and drawings of the carrier-sized object Capt. Terauchi described as "not made by humankind," costs \$194.30. There are a total of 20 items, which can be purchased separately or all together. Exhibit requests under \$5 are sent free by the agency.

Longtime UFO investigator Philip J. Klass, an editor with *Aviation Week and Space Technology*, claims that the UFOs the JAL pilot saw were actually unusually bright images of the planets Mars and Jupiter. An FAA theory also advanced was that the object was the reflection of lights from the outpost of Ft. Yukon on a high-altitude cloud layer.

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## 1341 Challenge made to trance channelers

By TERRY YOUNG  
Daily News Staff Writer

"Yo! Carl. Come in. Carl."

If you've been having a hard time trying to channel a mental message to Carl Sagan, it is probably because the noted astronomer and scientist isn't taking calls. It is safe to say that Sagan, who wrote numerous books, including the acclaimed "Cosmos," is not connected to the cosmic party line that is currently abuzz with the vibrations of trance channelers.

Sagan, 52, told those attending a Friday conference in Pasadena titled Controversies in Science and Fringe Science that he doesn't buy the channeling phenomena that has plenty of people plugging into channels that reach out and touch new-age gurus like Ramtha, Seth, Agartha and actress Shirley MacLaine's friends from past lives.

Sagan said the "absence of critical thinking" is the reason why so many people are willing to be "bamboozled" by channelers. Trance channelers are people who claim they can make contact with entities who existed in bygone epochs or on different planets.

"When times are bad, there is an understandable feeling to want to believe that there are other lives," Sagan said. However, it is "mere alienation of current events," he said. While admitting that he has never attended a channeling session nor debated a channeler, he likened the phenomenon to fads that have been well reported throughout history.

Sagan, who spoke about trace channeling in addition to the search for extraterrestrial life, was the main attraction to a conference sponsored by the Committee for Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal (CSICOP).

### Channelers challenged

Officials of that committee laid down a challenge Friday to trance channelers.

Paul Kurtz, chairman of the 11-year-old organization that launches critical studies into subjects such as UFOs and ESP, said the committee "is making a public offer to provide scientific inquiries to test, under controlled laboratory conditions, the claims of trance channelers."

"(The committee) finds it surprising that trance channelers have been allowed to make uncorroborated and unverified claims, charge people hundreds or thousands of dollars for public and private audiences and offer advice on business and personal matters without providing evidence that they indeed have contact with discarnate beings. Many people have been misled by such practices.

### Offer proof

"We challenge the trance channelers to offer proof of their abilities," the committee said in a prepared announcement.

"We are just urging the public to be cautious," Kurtz said.

The conference, which continues through today, examines the probabilities of extraterrestrial intelligence, hypnosis, spontaneous human combustion and astrology. The group is presenting Sagan with the In Praise of Reason award for his "continued efforts to keep alive critical scientific rationality," Kurtz said.

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# If you, uh, have ever seen a UFO, please tell this skeptic about it

A few weeks ago, two Washington men on a fishing trip to Alder Lake claimed they were chased down Highway 7, for a period of about three minutes, by an airborne object in the shape of a "manta ray," as one of them described it, or a "flounder fish," as the other described it.



**Joe  
Mooney**

It's understandable that people with fish already on their minds might characterize what they saw in terms of aquatic life. But who can say what was on the mind of the Japanese pilot who recently reported a UFO in the shape of a walnut?

While there seems to be no standard terminology in UFO sightings, there is a very definite standard procedure. It consists of sparing no effort to uncover congenial balminess in the family of the person making the report.

As a result, people who don't wish to confirm such a harsh judgment about themselves and their ancestors are reluctant to come forward with reports of strange apparitions.

The two fishermen above, for example, will not permit their names to be used, but they contacted the UFO Reporting Center, which maintains a 24-hour phone line in Seattle (722-3000). And they submitted to separate interrogations by a group called the Mutual UFO Network.

During their sighting, the men pulled off to the side of the road and left their truck for a better view. As they did so, a "few" other cars passed them.

"I saw that the cars were going slow," said the driver, "I don't know if it was because I pulled over or if they saw what we saw."

By reporting the incident, the men hoped to encourage drivers of these other cars to come forward. For the record, the sighting took

place on March 7, at approximately 7:30 p.m., about two miles west of the town of Elba.

Perhaps I should point out here, in the spirit of full disclosure, that I am an absolute, unredeemed skeptic.

I refuse to believe in Santa Claus as long as I have to pay for Christmas. And I have roughly the same reservations about the Easter Bunny, Big Foot, Luke Skywalker and, in the suspicious absence of a phone bill, E.T.

Still, I felt obliged to call the man who sent in word of the Alder Lake sighting. His name is Donald A. Johnson, and he's the state director of the Mutual UFO Network.

I wanted to know what sort of man would serve as state director of such an organization.

And I wanted to ask him, among other things, why UFOs seemed curiously disposed to appear in rural areas, to people of little education. Why don't they ever land on the campus of Harvard, Yale or Oxford universities? And why this apparent aversion of extraterrestrials to people with advanced degrees?

Donald A. Johnson, as it develops, is a research psychologist, a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Washington, who plans to present his doctoral thesis later this spring.

A man in his field can ill afford to be considered screwy. Nor does he need me to explain the risk he runs in that regard. "It's not going to help my career, let's put it that way," he agrees.

So why do it? "I think it's

worthy of scientific study," Johnson says. "I think it's an issue upon which reasonable men can disagree."

He also thinks there has been a systematic disinformation program on the part of the government concerning UFOs — which is a fairly standard charge. Johnson makes it, however, without foaming at the mouth and *with* detail from an interesting number of instances.

As for the perception that UFOs appear only to rubes, Johnson says people with different levels of education employ differ-

ent modes of reporting. Though he has never personally encountered a UFO, people at his level of education very definitely have.

"What's happening," he says, "is that more educated people take more discreet routes of reporting. One discreet mode, for example, might be to say, 'Let me look in the scientific literature and see if any Ph.D.s have reported sightings.' And then to enter the dialogue."

Johnson refers interested parties to the writings, for example, of Peter Sturrock, a solar physicist at Stanford. So, no, stupidity is not a

prerequisite for a UFO sighting.

Personally, I remain skeptical. But I would be interested in hearing from people who have had these experiences. I can't promise that I'll believe a word of it, but it might make interesting reading,

and it could save everyone else the cost of a tabloid at the checkout counter.

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# UFO sightings leave Belleville-

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## area folks baffled

BELLEVILLE — Something creepy is going on in Belleville.

More precisely, above Belleville. And Barneveld. And Mt. Horeb. And New Glarus. And a number of other farm communities that dot the panoramic rolling hills of south central Wisconsin.

No, this isn't a commercial for the sequel to "Close Encounters of the Third Kind." In fact, nobody seems to know if the rash of unidentified flying object sightings in recent months has anything to do with supernatural beings, weather balloons, low-flying planes or brighter-than-usual evening stars.

But while many town residents have taken a bemused approach to the sightings — it has not yet reached the point where they're securing their double-bolt locks or taking a Louisville Slugger to bed — there are others who admit they're feeling a bit uncomfortable about the matter.

In other words, they've got the willies.

"There's been a lot of talk, that's for sure," says Glen Kazmar, a Belleville police officer who has been stuck in the middle of the controversy ever since he reported seeing a clump of red, white and blue lights hovering

over the town the night of Jan. 15.

"And to be honest, I don't know what to think. In my line of work you try to keep an open mind about things."

But, Kazmar admits, it hasn't been easy. He is tired of the jokes, the snide remarks. He knows that people who spot UFOs are often branded as loonies.

At the same time, Kazmar isn't about to back down from what he saw that night — and, apparently, neither are a lot of other people.

The Center for UFO Studies in Glenview, Ill., says it has been swamped with calls from residents in south central Wisconsin who claim they have spotted weird objects in the sky.

"One of our investigators, Don Schmitt, is looking into the situation," a spokesman for the center said in a phone interview. "But, quite frankly, he's up to his elbows in this stuff. He hasn't had time to form any conclusions."

## Up Close

with Rob Zaleski

Capital Times Staff Writer



Oddly enough, UFO sightings are nothing new to this area. They have been occurring on a semi-regular basis for several years now.

There was even a report two years ago of a woman who allegedly was nearly run off the road by a low-flying object while she was driving home late one night.

But Lavonne Freidig, a down-to-earth, middle-aged woman and lifetime resident of this area, says she can't recall people ever being as caught up in the phenomenon as they are now.

Freidig, who is employed at the State Capitol as an aide to state Sen. Lloyd Kincaid, D-Crandon, became a bit player in the controversy two weeks ago when she glanced out her dining room window and spotted a UFO suspended over a wooded area behind her yellow ranch-style home.

The object was silhouetted against a red sunset, Freidig recalls, and she says it was shaped like a cigar, or a plane without its wings. She says she shouted to her son, Bill, who was taking a shower at the time.

Bill, a freshman at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville and one of the most talented basketball players to come out of Belleville High School, says his first impression was that it was a flock of geese. Now, he's not so sure.

"The more I thought about it," he says, his eyes focused on the TV screen in the Freidig's living room, "the more I thought, 'There's no way it could have been geese.'"

His mother agrees. She claims the top half of the object broke apart after several minutes and streaked off into the clouds. Even more startling, she says, is that it left behind a long vapor trail.

"That was the strangest part," she says. "I mean, I didn't know what to make of it. I still don't."

As it turns out, the Freidigs weren't the only ones to witness the bizarre-looking object that evening. Belleville residents Harvey Funseth and Fred Gochenauer were driving south on

Wisconsin 60 when they spotted an object with a flashing light illuminated against the clouds.

Funseth, who works for the state Department of Transportation, says he pulled off the road, got out his 35-millimeter camera and started clicking. To his astonishment, none of the photos turned out.

"Every one was a blank," says Funseth, who speculates that the UFOs might be linked to the U.S. military.

Whatever it is that's out there, Glen Kazmar says he's gained a valuable lesson from all the turmoil. If and when he spots another UFO, he says, he's going to call the Center for UFO Studies and let them deal with the fallout.

"I don't need this," he says. "I've been bombarded with phone calls for the last month. That's all anybody wants to talk about."

"If it happens again, I'm just going to keep quiet. I don't care if the darn thing lands on the hood of my car."

# BEWITCHING

# SAUCERY...

By ROBERT JACKSON

FORTY years after they first hit the world's headlines, flying saucers are back in the news. It was in June, 1947, that American businessman Kenneth Arnold, piloting his light aircraft near the Cascade Mountain range, in the State of Washington, spotted nine huge gleaming objects flying at an estimated 1,200 mph — an unheard-of speed for any aircraft in those days. Upon landing, Arnold described the motion of the objects as similar to saucers skimming over water. The Press head-

lined them as flying saucers, and the name has stuck ever since. The latest sighting occurred early in January, when the crew of a Japan Airlines Boeing 747 freighter, flying

## It's 'official' 40th anniversary of UFOs

The 747's captain, Kenju Terauchi, described the object as huge and walnut-shaped — "very big, about twice the size of an aircraft carrier." He said that it closed to within five miles of the aircraft, and he asked U.S. traffic control for permission to take evasive action if necessary.

Controllers confirmed the existence of a large "blip" on their radar screens, and said that it might have been composed of three separate objects flying close together. The U.S. Federal Aviation Administration has launched an investigation, so far without result.

Flying saucers — or Unidentified Flying Objects, to give them a more scientific title — have intrigued and sometimes terrified mankind for centuries. In the 1950s, when the dawnning space age gave impetus to the notion that other intelligent beings might have the technology to cross light-years of space, flying saucer fever reached its peak — with the result that serious investigators have since found it

● This UFO was photographed over San Jose de Valderos, Spain, and is just one of many seen during the past four decades.

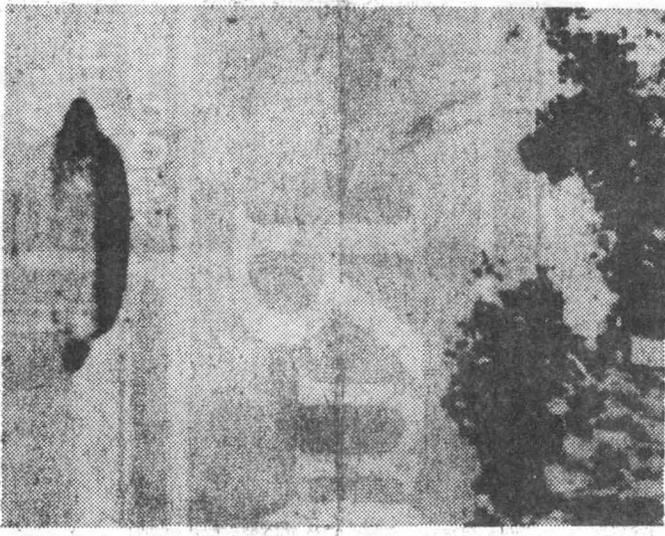
difficult to sort out hard, documented facts from the mass of nonsense and tritzery surrounding the subject.

Books claimed that the far side of the moon — which nobody had then seen — was a base for UFOs. Then Soviet and American probes photo-mapped the far side and showed that it was pretty much like the Earth side, except with more mountains — and never a UFO base to be seen. At that point the authors of the "authentic" flying saucer books quietly disappeared from the scene.

### Biblical

Nevertheless, there have been many well-documented sightings of UFOs throughout recorded history. The Bible itself contains a number of references that might apply to UFOs, if one's imagination stretches far enough; the most famous appears in the Book of Ezekiel, who described how "a whirlwind came out of the north, a great cloud, and a fire appearing itself, and a brightness was about it."

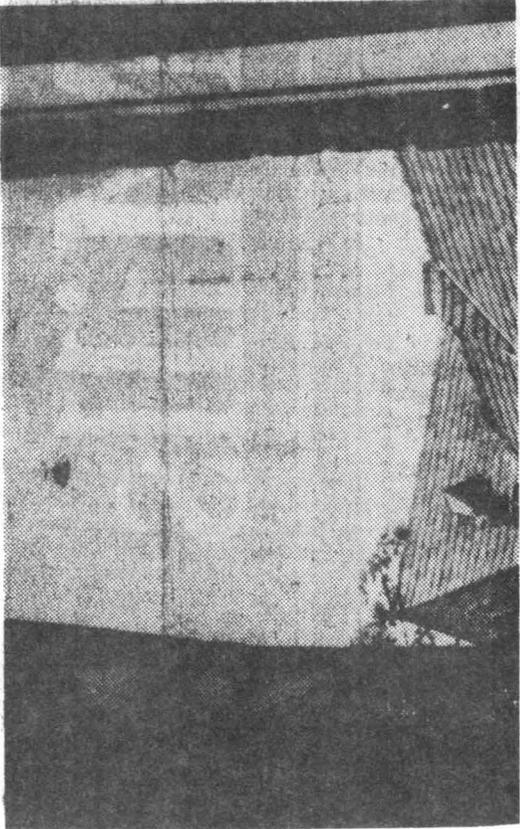
In recent years, there have been many UFO



sightings by pilots and air traffic controllers — people not given to flights of fancy. Unexplained objects are treated very seriously by the staff of RAF Fylingdales and other ballistic missile early warning stations around the world, but usually there is a rational explanation.

Falling satellites or rocket booster debris,

for example, can produce a brilliant display as it burns up on re-entering the atmosphere, and rocket launches can produce the same effect. Some time ago, a series of glowing lights in the night sky caused near-panic in parts of South America until it was realized that they were caused by expended boosters from Russian space launches.



● A photographer happened to be cleaning his camera near a window, when this UFO passed by.

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# Visitors from outer space in Old Arley

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Residents in Old Arley thought they were about to be invaded by Martians when they looked into the sky and saw a mysterious bright orange glow.

No one seems to know just what it was they saw, but it appeared at about 7pm on Wednesday, and disappeared without trace half an hour later.

Mrs Maria Merrick, senior warden at Rowland Court Old People's Complex, was first to spot the UFO.

"It was like a large orange-red sphere and had flickering lights, but it was too big to be a star," she said.

Thinking she might be dreaming, Mrs Merrick

hastily called out her relief warden Mrs Whittaker who was amazed by what she saw

"With the lights flickering we thought it might be an aeroplane, but it never moved. It just hovered," said Mrs Merrick.

She is sure other villagers must have seen the curious site because it was so bright and just could not be missed.

At first they thought it might have been a weather balloon, but Coventry Air Traffic Control have since confirmed that no balloons have been sent up in the area recently.

Coventry UFO Society, who keep a check on sightings throughout the area, said they had not heard from anyone about the object, but admitted it sometimes takes a while for information to be collected.

So what exactly did Mrs Merrick and her friends see? And was it spotted by anyone else?

One thing is for certain, Mrs Merrick is now a believer in UFOs.

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# Tales of the unexpected on UFO hotline

THE AETHERIUS Society, whose members believe in flying saucers, has had 50 reports of sightings of Unidentified Flying Objects, only three days after installing a UFO hot line.

The calls are being monitored at the society's European headquarters, a converted shop in the Fulham Road, west London.

"Most people, when they have a sighting, get fobbed off," Dr John Holder, a committee member, said. "Some of our callers had their sightings 30 years ago and they've just wanted to get it off their chest. People have said they're fed up with the Royal Air Force calling them fools and idiots."

The hot line has been opened to celebrate what Aetherians believe to be the vindication of their efforts to persuade the world that UFOs mean business.

By Peter Dunn

The society has obtained a copy of a 200-page report from the Federal Aviation Authority describing in detail "the astounding UFO sightings" by a Japanese pilot over Alaska on 17 November last year.

Dr Holder, 36, a biochemist turned unit trust adviser, says he has seen more than 100 UFOs. One of the best, when he was at Hull University, was "as big as the moon".

"Another was at Putney about three years ago in the middle of a sunny day. Sir George King, founder-president of the society was with me. It flew from Putney High Street across the river towards Fulham football ground. Sir George looked at it and said 'Oh yes. That one's from outside the solar system'."

Dr Holder said that the Aetherians take their name from one of several extra-terrestrial voices which have been in touch with Sir George.

"In 1954, after 10 years of practising yoga, he was contacted by a voice in his room in Maida Vale. 'Prepare yourself,' the voice said. 'You're becoming the voice of inter-planetary parliament'."

"The words turned his life upside down. Since 1955 there have been more than 600 communications through Sir George. The aim of the society is to propagate the contents of these messages.

"The voices in the recordings are in English because Sir George is English. They come from Venus, Mars, the two main ones, and Jupiter and Saturn.

"We believe the extra-terrestrial transmission in the 1950s, inspired the Ban the

Bomb movement. That message was passed on to all MPs at the time. Feedback was, as usual, zero," Dr Holder said.

The society believes there is a government cover-up of UFOs. They discovered a department inside the Ministry of Defence, run by a Mrs Titchmarsh, to keep the wraps on sightings.

Inquiries by *The Independent* show that Mrs Titchmarsh, a clerical officer dealing with members of the public ringing up to say they have seen a flying saucer, has been replaced by a Mr Ross.

"In the old days," Dr Holder insists, "they actually put D-notices on sightings and photographs. A member who worked for *The Sun* had a picture of a sighting over the first Hyde Park pop festival. He rushed into his editor who was excited as well. Then they had a D-notice slapped on it."

# Believe it

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# or not . . .

**ARE we really being visited by alien spacecraft, menaced by mysterious big cats and haunted by gruesome ghosts? Andy Roberts thinks probably not, but the Brighouse man specialises in researching the paranormal with a sceptical eye . . .**  
**WILLIAM MARSHALL reports . . .**

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A LARGE part of Andy Robert's life revolves around UFOs, ghosts and phantom cats.

But if you look into his eyes hoping to detect a glint of cranky fanaticism you will be disappointed. What you will see — certainly what he hopes you will see — is the light of pure reason.

Andy had never been abducted by Venusians, has never seen a headless horseman and never, with a start of fright, sees a mysterious panther lurking in the shrubbery.

Neither does Andy really believe that anyone else has ever experienced such close encounters of the weird kind.

"I am a sceptic," he announces. "My interest in UFOs and other phenomena are not mystical. They are a perfectly legitimate interest.

"Whether they are true or not, people do experience these things and they have to be looked at, just like any other branch of science."

Andy, 31, lives in Brighouse, and has been interested in the world of bizarre since he was 16. He has been sceptical about UFOs for almost as long.

"I quickly came to the conclusion that there is a lot of rubbish talked about UFOs," he said.

He was referring to a tendency in many media reports of UFO sightings to suggest that maybe, just maybe, there is something in it all.

At least 90 per cent of UFO sightings are easily explicable, claims Andy Roberts. Take the Venus factor, for example.

Venus is a particularly bright planet which, on a clear night, can be taken, often is taken, for a flying object. Even policemen have been convinced, after glimpsing Venus, that they are being pursued by a UFO.

If it is a frosty night, Venus can refract colour, increasing the illusion of an alien-bearing spaceship coming in to land.

BUFORA, WYUFORG and ASSAP could be the first names of a trio of aliens from a distant galaxy.

In fact, they are the acronyms of organisations of which Andy Roberts is a member — the British UFO Research Association, the West Yorkshire UFO Research Group and the Association for the Scientific Study of Anomalous Phenomena.

If you think that God is a Venusian, or that Stonehenge was built by a team of contractors from Mars, you would probably not qualify for membership of BUFORA or WYUFORG, or ASSAP for that matter.

Rigorous scepticism is what these organisations encourage, and it is a quality which is certainly needed in this part of the world which, if you are a credulous person, you might imagine had become a popular holiday

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destination for extra-terrestrials.

Like most newspapers in this region, the "Evening Courier" has a bulging cuttings file of alleged UFO sightings.

"The Pennines in general have had more UFO sightings than anywhere else in Britain," claims Andy Roberts.

At the same time, West Yorkshire UFO Research Group has a particularly high clear-up rate. Only five per cent of the UFO sightings brought to the attention of WYUFORG remain unexplained.

And the files remain open for a long time.

## BELIEVE IT OR NOT CONT

Recently, a UFO sighting in Leeds was fitted out with a rational explanation, after three years of remaining a mystery.

A woman had seen a cross shape in the air consisting of about 20 lights. Eventually, a researcher managed to explain this phenomena according to the principles of temperature inversion.

The sighting had been above a crossroads. The ground had been cold and the air above relatively warm.

These conditions could have caused lights from the ground to reflect briefly on to a cloud above.

A theory which could explain the fact that the Pennines seem to be haunted by UFOs is that geological faults — of which there are a few in this region — can result in an electrical charge being despatched to the sky from the ground, causing strange lights which might catch the eye of an imaginative onlooker.

Andy Roberts rattles off scientific terminology with

practised ease. But isn't there part of him that wants to believe in UFOs?

"I am totally ambivalent about it," he says.

"There is no evidence that we have been visited by spacecraft.

"I think it is possible that there are inhabited planets elsewhere in the universe, but why should they come here and if they do come here, why do they behave in such a stupid fashion, just appearing to little old ladies at three in the morning?"

What Andy Roberts is really interested in is the social psychology of it all, and the fact that UFOs are the folklore of today.

"I think of myself as a modern folklorist," he says.

"A lot of people think of folklore as being something frozen in the past but in a hundred years' time, when people are writing about the folklore of our time, they will be writing about UFOs not fairies."

In the meantime, Andy Roberts finds plenty of time to investigate earthly phenomena and he has written and published a booklet called "Cat Flaps".

This looks at mysterious big cats which have allegedly been sighted all over the North of England in recent years.

They include the Harrogate Panther, the Rossendale Lion and the Skegness Cougar.

The Rossendale Lion was supposed by some to be the renowned witch Barbara Brandolini in another form.

Mrs Brandolini at one time wanted to buy the disused Slack Baptist Church near Heptonstall and turn it into the centre for a coven.

She boasted of her ability to change shape and claimed that she had been responsible, in feline form, for a series of sheep killings in Rossendale.

She also threatened to change into a panther and stalk the streets of Heptonstall, but if she did, nobody saw her.

At the end of "Cat Flaps",

Andy Roberts discounts the possibility that a menagerie of panthers, lions, pumas, is actually roaming the North.

If there really are flesh and blood creatures behind the frequent news stories, Andy Roberts believes they could be cross-bred wild cats.

So far, there hasn't been a Calderdale Cougar for him to write about, but Andy is now turning his attention towards this district and preparing a book about its folklore — from ghost stories to weird episodes such as the "Halifax Slasher" scare of the 1930s — which he hopes to publish later this year.

If anyone has a tale from the Calderdale's twilight zone to pass on, Andy would like to hear from you.

Andy is almost as sceptical about ghosts as he is about UFOs.

Almost, but not quite . . .

"I think there is more to ghosts than there is to UFOs," he admits.

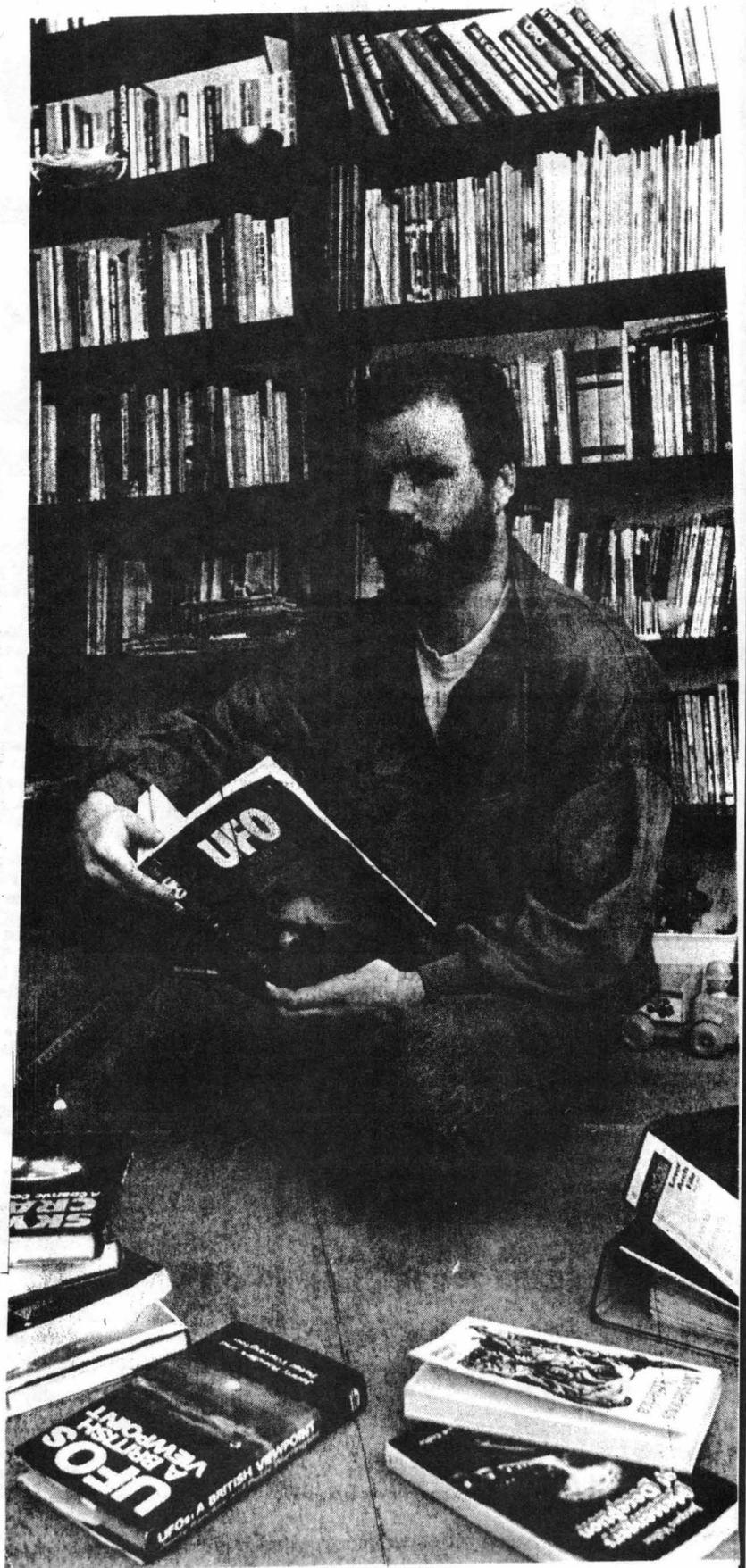
"This is because ghosts are more personal — people have received information from ghosts, information that is checkable, such as an episode in the history of a house, for example.

"The most promising theory is what are called 'crisis apparitions' — someone who is in great trouble or who has just died appears at that moment in a vision to a close relative.

"Research is being done on this, but it falls down a bit because it depends on telepathy, and there is no proof for that . . ."

Scepticism conquers everything.

IF you have a local legend to pass on to Andy Roberts, you can contact him at 84, Elland Road, Brighouse HD6 2QR.



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**TELLING  
TALES**



## OK, what do you say to an alien?

As if "Hoosier Hysteria" weren't enough, as if having the eyes of the nation fastened on our team and coach (via network television) and cornfields (seen "Hoosiers" lately?), now come these reports of UFOs in Corydon.

Haven't heard yet? Apparently credible observers, not just the usual yokel in the cornfield or bored hysteric, have seen "strange lights" over the southern Indiana town.

Cue the "Twilight Zone" theme, please. A Harrison County resident, Mickey Shawler, noticed them about two weeks ago. These lights include as many as six at a time, and, according to the Associated Press report, may either blink or simply be "glowing orange balls."

They've been spotted by residents, cops, even journalists. Apparently, swamp gas has been ruled out. A national UFO-watcher network is investigating.

"Everybody says, 'Mickey, you're crazy,'" Shawler told reporters. "But once they see them, they don't say that anymore."

Of course they don't. This is hot stuff. Is this state on a roll outer space-wise, or what? First we have close encounters in Muncie and now glowing basketballs over Corydon! Could a press agent have come up with a better extra-terrestrial tie-in for the NCAA tournament? Maybe they're pro scouts from Mars.

I love UFO stories. Always have, ever since someone told me, with an absolutely straight face, that my college town was a veritable hotbed of UFO activity. It had something to do with the configuration of the rolling southeastern Ohio countryside — the hills gave off some sort of magnetic force, he said, and that's what flying saucers run on. They come to refuel. Oh. OK.

(Personally, I always suspected the fact that the town had about a million bars packed into a three-block strip and some of the strongest home-grown marijuana in the Midwest had something to do with it. It was, after all, a great place to party, and no one would even notice your tentacles.)

But flying saucers right here in Indiana — now that is good news. Just that they would pick our little state to fly low over shows they have such fine taste. I mean, obviously they have nothing to say to Shirley MacLaine, despite what she might be hoping.

We must prepare ourselves, be on our best behavior. This chance may not come again. And just one rude reception, one "Jeez, is that an eye in the middle of your forehead, or just a horrible boil?" can ruin it for everybody, maybe send them over to Kentucky, or start a war of the worlds.

For instance, if such an extra-terrestrial approached one of us and asked to be taken to our leader, it could create real problems for a Hoosier.

For one thing, it might depend on which political party the earthling belonged to. Loyal Democrats might go straight to Evan Bayh's office, Republicans to the governor's office. Some, caught up in the excitement, might just settle for their county chairman. The rest would head for Bloomington and the pot-bellied guy in the red sweater.

So you see, this business of hosting the otherworldly isn't as easy as you might think.

What does one say in greeting? Which hand does one shake? Who gets the movie rights? What do we say when one asks why it's called the Hoosier state? And what about those glowing orange basketballs? Ms. Manners will try to answer your questions:

*Why did they pick Corydon and not Fort Wayne?*

They tried, but had a near miss with a Burlington jet at 4:30 a.m. They figured it would be quieter down there.

*What is the proper etiquette for hosting an otherworldly guest?*

About the same as any other. Make sure you have plenty of hand towels in the bathroom. Don't let the dog sniff them unduly. And offer refreshments that don't squirt or drip.

*What do you say when they ask why you're not fleeing in panic?*

"Frankly, buddy, after that game Monday night, I'm all tuckered out," will do just fine.

*Telling Tales appears Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday.* //

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## Seeing stars?

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MORE exciting news from the Fulham-based Aetherius Society, a splendidly nutty outfit, who—as regular readers of this column will know—believe that Jesus Christ lives on Venus and that we once narrowly escaped invasion by the Fish Men.

The society has just released figures of immense importance. From a recent opinion poll on UFOs, they conclude that 63 per cent of Londoners believe extra-terrestrial spacecraft are visiting earth.

More. One in 10 of all Londoners interviewed had actually had a first-hand experience of a UFO sighting.

And to think that the magic mushroom season doesn't start until the autumn...

# U.S. knows UFOs exist, activist says

By Simon Fisher  
Tribune writer

For five years, Robert Hastings has criss-crossed the country with one goal — to reveal what he calls facts about unidentified flying objects and the U.S. government's effort to cover them up.

In a two-hour talk Tuesday to about 150 Arizona State University students, Hastings presented documents after official document gleaned from military and intelligence agencies describing thousands of UFO sightings since the 1940s.

Dressed in a dark three-piece suit, Hastings spoke crisply, saying he refuses to use undocumented information in his presentations.

He said it's not that Robert Hastings says UFOs exist but that the CIA, the FBI, the National Security Agency, the Air Force and other agencies say they do, though not publicly.

"I guess you could say I'm a political activist," he said, who considers himself an independent expert. "The intelligence community is the chief repository of information on UFOs, and I am taking a politicized approach to getting that information out in the open."

Hastings' 90-minute slide show reveals dozens of photos, news reports and official accounts of eerie UFO sightings. Many were obtained through Freedom of Information Act lawsuits.

"While official Pentagon spokesmen were telling your parents and grandparents that nothing was going on, these documents show that there was," he said.

In one report, Air Force pilots who tracked a UFO in Iran said they found their weapons were rendered harmless and their planes out of communication while chasing a bright light.

In others, unsuspecting citizens said they were whisked into spaceships only to forget their experience and recall the "close encounters" under hypnosis.

## <sup>13581</sup> Sociologist to cover debate over what UFOs really are

By Patricia Swanson  
Staff reporter

See that funny light in the sky? Kind of shaped like a cigar? Or a ring? Holy Toledo, it's a flying saucer.

At least, that's what some people believe. Others, just as insistent, say anyone who believes in flying saucers or UFOs is a gullible nut who has never heard of science. UFOs, they claim, can be easily — and logically — explained as a bright star, a passing aircraft or a weather balloon.

William Tonso, head of the University of Evansville's sociology department, will discuss "UFOs: Meandering Through the Sociology of Science" at a UE College of Arts and Sciences Colloquium speech tomorrow. The 4 p.m. talk at the Bower-Suhrheinrich Room of the Union Building is open to the public, and admission is free.

Tonso himself says he is "an agnostic on the subject." A former Air Force officer who worked with radar, he had helped direct airplanes intercepting unidentified flying objects, and the results "were very interesting."

Once he and another man "saw an object in the sky I cannot explain." But he's not about to say it's a UFO. There could be a logi-

cal explanation, Tonso said, "because it's easy to be fooled."

Tonso is looking at the subject tomorrow as a sociologist, and he's found scientists often cannot discuss the issue with the impartiality and open-mindedness one expects of science.

Most scientists insist UFOs are merely natural phenomena that have been "misidentified or wrongly identified. They think of UFOs as just one of those psychological cranes that come along."

A few scientists do believe in UFOs, "but often they are not interested in publicizing their views" because of fear of ridicule from their colleagues.

Tonso said that many in the scientific establishment cannot even admit the possibility of the existence of UFOs because "they don't fit into their dominant frame of reference." Because they have already decided that UFOs don't exist, he said, they are not able to accept any evidence to the contrary.

Likewise, those who have decided UFOs are real often find it hard to accept a natural explanation of what they have identified as a UFO.

Tonso's talk is based on a paper he submitted a few years ago to a sociological association in Illinois. //

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The largest wave of reports in 1965 brought a government directive silencing commercial airline pilots from speaking out on them, but the pilots protested publicly, Hastings said.

Many sightings have been at nuclear missile installations and around power plants, prompting high-level investigations, he said.

A March 1950 FBI memorandum, sent to then-Director J. Edgar Hoover, reports the Air Force's secret recovery of a crashed UFO in New Mexico containing "bodies of human shape only 3 feet tall."

Typical responses by government boards of inquiry were to dismiss the sightings as the spontaneous illumination of "marsh gas" or "meteorological phenomenon."

The campaign to disprove UFOs occasionally backfired, drawing ridicule from the editorial pages of major newspapers in the 1960s, Hastings said.

His own introduction to UFOs came in 1967 at an air traffic control tower on Malmstrom Air Force Base near Great Falls, Mont., where five UFOs were tracked by radar until they disappeared at an estimated speed of 5,000 mph.

"Whether or not this deception of the public was and is justifiable, I think is open to debate," Hastings said. "The fact that it has occurred, however, is now irrefutable." //

# UFO ALIEN RULED ANCIENT EGYPT

**A UFO alien named Atum ruled an ancient Egyptian civilization more than 6,000 years ago.**

The alien landed its egg-shaped spacecraft on July 19, 4241 BC, according to historian H. Frederick Meeske.

The researcher says the intriguing story of Atum is contained in an ancient Egyptian text, *The Writings Of The Secret Chamber*.

Says Meeske: "The Egyptians placed great importance upon events of a first-time character. They recorded and transmitted over the course of their history all data they held to be of significance."

On that fateful morning of the alien encounter, priests of the temple of Re-Harakhty had assembled on the Nile River, at the city of Pe, to watch the sun rise.

Suddenly, the sun seemed to explode. A ball of fire shot over the heads of the priests. There was booming thunder and a rush of hot air.

In the midst of a nearby marsh, the priests discovered a pyramid-shaped mound of mud. On the mound they saw the space pod.

An alien emerged from the craft. It was male, tall, had a fair complexion, was dressed in a body suit — and smelled of perfume!

The alien addressed the priests: "I am Atum. I am alone."

Atum pointed to the sky and said he came from "the winding water in the sky" or the Milky Way. He reassured the priests his intentions were peaceful. The priests believed they were dealing with a god.

## Sacred

The pod, referred to by the Egyptians as "the egg," was first taken to Pe. A few years later it was moved to the holy city of Hermopolis where it remained a sacred relic for generations. Today, its whereabouts is unknown.

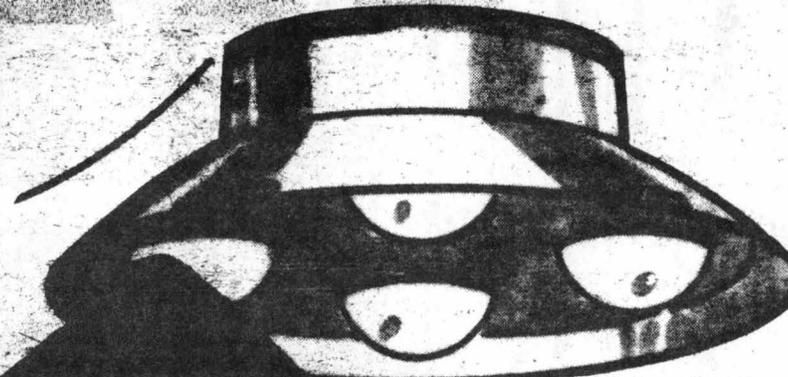
Says Meeske, of Great Neck, New York: "In memorial of the encounter, Egyptian temples recreated the marsh setting. Columns were in the form of reeds. The ceilings were painted as the sky.

"However, no temples were erected to Atum. Atum worship was never a part of the national, regional, or personal religion of Egypt."

He adds: "Atum passed

**“The sun seemed to explode. There was booming thunder and a rush of hot air”**

to the Egyptians a guide to moral and environmentally sound conduct, a legacy that was held by Atum's direct descendants who led Egypt until 2504 BC."



**THE ALIEN CRAFT landed on a pyramid. Inside the craft was the strange being known as Atum.**

# 1381 UFO site just uncle's antics

By Jim George  
Staff Writer

David Olson's conscience got the best of him and, by his account, the mystery of Lake City's corn-stomping UFO is a mystery no longer.

Olson has come forward after almost eight years to confess it was he — not extraterrestrials — who flattened two circles in his nephew's cornfield as part of an elaborate prank to fuel speculation that unidentified flying objects landed there.

He now says that what began as a practical joke on his nephew and friend, Curtis Olson, on a balmy September night in 1979 quickly ballooned out of proportion into a probe by authorities and a UFO center investigator.

"I thought my brother, Bruce, would ask me if I was responsible and I'd admit it," Olson said Monday. "But the first I heard of it was on television

where," Olson said.

His nephew farmed a few miles southwest of Lake City at the time and Olson decided to pay a visit to the cornfield in early September to set up a fake UFO landing. Olson's curving moustache and a glint in the eye lend a Mephistophelian aura that make him seem fully capable of such shenanigans.

"A good practical joke depends on patience and thoroughness," Olson said. "But I never realized it would be as much work as it was."

He said he drove his pickup truck from his home in Farmington to his nephew's cornfield about a half mile from the farm house about 11 p.m. on Sept. 7 or 8, and then lugged a posthole tamper and a butane torch into the field.

"I brought the tamper to simulate what would have been landing gear setting down and I spent a lot of time on that," Olson recalled. "I was disappointed when there was no mention of that in news reports."

He said he took special care to tamp in about seven areas to make the landing gear impressions appear symmetrical.

"I started stepping corn down and making progressively bigger circles," he recalled. "I used about two of the one-quart butane canisters to singe the corn on the ground and some of the standing corn surrounding the circle. That would have simulated a blast of energy."

## OUT FRONT UFO IDENTIFIED

and then it was too late.

"It developed so fast and people were so intense about it, I thought I'd better shut up. I thought they might be so angry around there, they'd string me up."

David Olson, who admits to being an practical joker, said the idea of the prank came to him in the summer of 1979 at a family get-together on a brother's farm near Kasson.

The talk got around to flying saucers, he recalled, and his nephew seemed strongly convinced of their existence. "Chariots of the Gods" was popular at that time and the talk got around to speculating on the possibility of intelligent life else-

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Associated Press

Curtis Olson and his young son Steven survey the "landing site" in a cornfield in this 1979 photo.

The largest circle was about 50 feet in diameter, he said. He then repeated the process nearby to make another circle about 30 feet in diameter — “an escort ship.”

Olson said he tied gunnysacks over his shoes to avoid leaving foot prints, another item he couldn't find in news accounts. “I'm not sure all that effort was worth it,” he said. “I got home just about the time the sun was coming up.”

His nephew spotted the flattened corn on Sept. 16 while mowing hay in an adjacent field and an official investigation quickly followed. The Wabasha County sheriff, a county agriculture extension agent and an investigator for the Center for UFO Studies of Evanston, Ill., were among those who descended on the farm.

Olson said he kept his secret until last summer, when he told his prospective bride and the best man at his fall wedding.

“She's worried about the reaction among the family members and that officials might still want to do something to me,” he said. “But I decided it was time to get it out in the open and put it behind me.”

The 44-year-old Olson, a chemist with an Eagan engineering firm, said he made the decision to “fess up” after seeing a letter to the editor in the Minneapolis Star and Tribune. In it, Robert McCoy, president of the Minnesota Skeptics, debunked a “flying saucer” picture



Staff Photo

David Olson now admits that he spent all night flattening the corn in his nephew's field.

appearing in the newspaper as a famous hoax.

“I decided to call him up and give him something more to be skeptical about,” Olson said. “He

convinced me to make the confession public.”

Curtis Olson, contacted Monday at his fur wholesaling business in Alzada, Mont., flatly rejects his uncle's “confession” and sides with investigators who say something unexplainable happened in September 1979 in that cornfield.

“Listen, I know he is capable of pranks,” the nephew said. “But we had experts out there who said it couldn't have been a prank. They concluded that something came down with tremendous force. He could have been out there a week and not do what they found.”

Curtis Olson said he initially thought a helicopter had landed in his field and reported it as such to the sheriff. He said he doesn't insist it was a UFO, but he maintains it wasn't his uncle.

David Olson, who now lives near Morristown, can understand the disbelief, but concludes: “There may be intelligent life out there in the universe, but I don't think it's going to manifest itself in somebody's cornfield.”

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By FRANKLIN R. RUEHL

UFOs are nothing new — incredibly, many were seen in the skies over Europe and America during the 18th and 19th centuries, say researchers.

Most of them were saucer-shaped, cigar-shaped or round — similar to UFOs reported in modern times — but others were triangular, rectangular, pyramid-shaped and even shaped like a dumbbell.

Eyewitnesses included clergymen, scientists, sailors, farmers and ordinary citizens,” said Brad Steiger, noted UFO investigator and author.

Here are a few of the fascinating UFO cases re-

## UFOs Have Been Seen for Centuries!

### ... Researchers Reveal Fascinating Cases

searched by Steiger and Hayden Hewes, coauthors of the book “UFO Missions Extraordinary”:

On April 3, 1707, Rev. William Derham observed a UFO shaped like a slender pyramid over Uppminster, England. He reported he watched the reddish object for 15 minutes after sunset.

An English nobleman, Sir Hans Sloan, saw a slow-moving, pear-shaped white-and-blue object soar across the evening sky on March 19, 1718. He reported that

it glowed so bright that it seemed like daylight outside, and it left a trail of orange flames.

On Dec. 16, 1742, a British scientist, strolling through a London park, saw a cylindrical object climb into the sky and slowly sail along for about a half mile. He described it as a “rocket,” and noted that its tail was on fire.

In Edinburgh, Scotland, witnesses reported seeing a cone-shaped UFO speeding overhead on Nov. 26, 1758. At one point, they said, three smaller disk-shaped objects emerged from the larger object.

An enormous 80-foot-long UFO flew over Baton Rouge, La., on April 5, 1800, emitting both light and heat, according to witnesses.

“It set off an explosion and tremors in the area, and later it was discovered that trees in the area were mysteriously charred,” revealed Steiger.

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## UFO HAVE BEEN SEEN CAN'T

On June 19, 1801, a brightly lit blue sphere that appeared to have a black bar dividing it in the center appeared over Hull, England, between midnight and 1 a.m. As townspeople watched, it appeared to break into five objects — then all five reunited and flew off.

"In America in 1873, farmers, in Bonham, Tex.,

observed a serpentine UFO moving slowly overhead," Steiger said. "It was also sighted over Fort Scott, Kans., and it even frightened cavalry horses at Fort Riley, Kans.

"Fifteen years later, in May 1888, a mammoth serpent-like UFO was again seen in the U.S. The site was Darlington County, S.C.

"The object glided overhead — and emitted a hissing sound!"

A mysterious dumbbell-shaped UFO appeared over Lexington and Madisonville, Ky., in 1880.

"It was composed of some type of machine in the center, with a sphere at either end," Steiger said. "The object was definitely under intelligent control, as it both descended to the ground and ascended into the air."

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# New efforts planned to photograph strange lights in Southern Indiana

By BILL WERONKA  
Staff Writer

CORYDON, Ind. — The strange lights that have been seen in the sky near Corydon continue to attract attention and investigation.

The latest investigation of the light phenomena, or unidentified flying objects, will send Dr. Burt Monroe and two of his colleagues to the site tonight. Monroe, chairman of the biology department at the University of Louisville, also is Kentucky director of the Mutual UFO Network.

The network is an international organization that investigates sightings of unidentified flying objects, or UFOs.

Monroe hopes to capture one of the lights on infrared film.

"I have never seen any strange

lights," Monroe said. "I did see a light I couldn't explain while I was on Mount Kilimanjaro in Africa once. But that may have been a balloon."

Jim Delehanty, a field investigator for the Mutual UFO Network, said a military journalist from Fort Knox came to Corydon recently and took a picture of the lights with infrared film. But, Delehanty said, no lights appeared on the developed film.

Delehanty is collecting reports from all those who saw the lights. He then will prepare a report for the UFO network's Indiana headquarters.

The lights have been seen regularly near the home of Mickey Shawler, who lives near New Middletown, about 12 miles southwest of Louisville. Shawler first saw the or-

ange glowing lights March 9. They appeared for 15 consecutive nights before bad weather disrupted that regularity. They have begun returning regularly at night for the past two weeks, Shawler said.

Monroe said there were similar sightings of orange lights in Powell County, Ky., about 100 miles to the east, just before the Corydon sightings.

Since the first story about the sightings, The Courier-Journal has received numerous calls and letters describing similar sightings or offering explanations.

One man said garbage bags illuminated by candles are often rigged up and floated through the area.

Others report that they have seen unexplainable "orange glows" in the sky more than once over the last 10 years in Southern Indiana.

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## <sup>138/</sup> \$10,000 awaits any UFO kidnap victim

NEW YORK (UPI)—A private investigator yesterday offered \$10,000 to anyone who can prove they have been abducted by an alien being from an unidentified flying object.

Philip J. Klass, a member of a group that debunks paranormal claims, said he made his challenge in response to two recent books that detail alleged abductions of

people by aliens from UFOs.

One of the books, *Communion*, is a personal account by Whitley Strieber of his own alleged abduction by aliens over a period of years. It is a No. 2 best seller.

The other, *Intruders*, by Bud Hopkins, contains accounts from different people who claim aliens subjected them to terrible indignities, including rape and abortion.