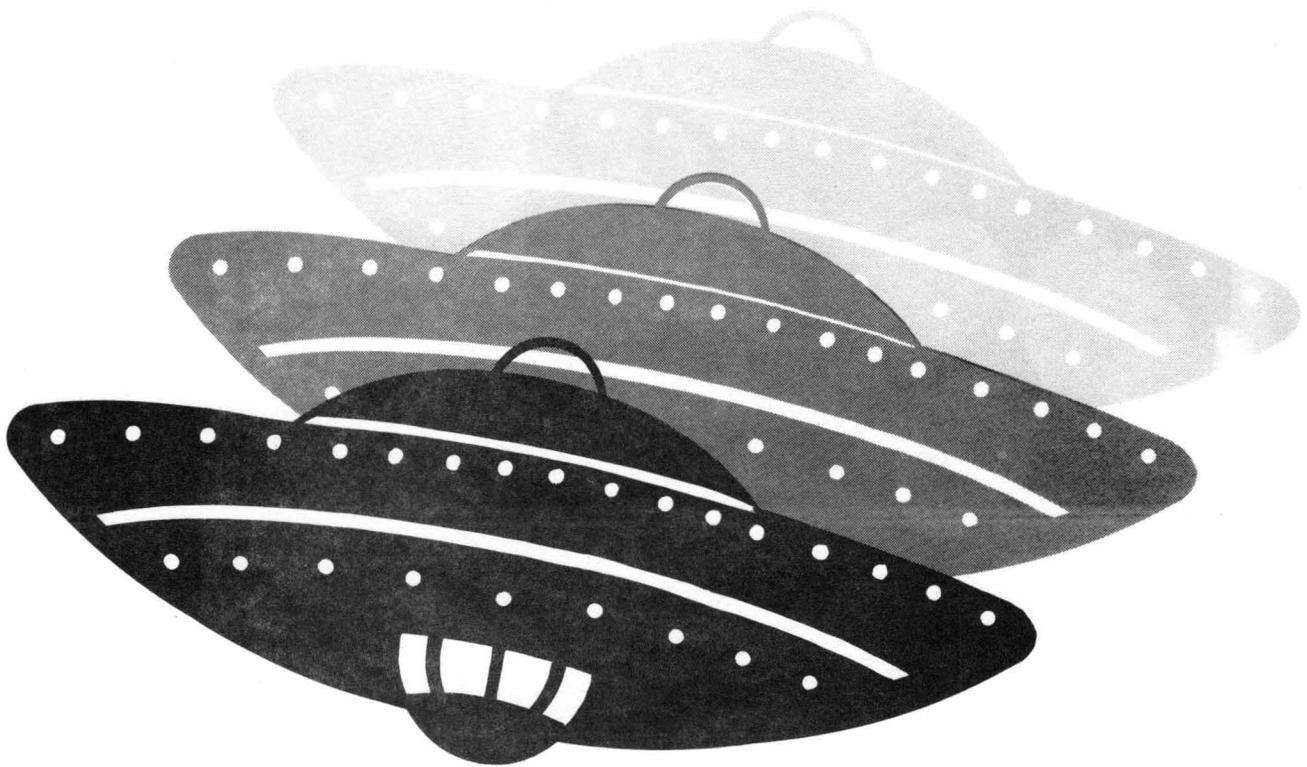


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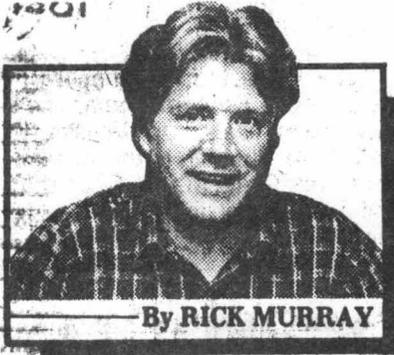
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By RICK MURRAY

## Moon Dust Gets In Their Eyes

Flying saucers are a little like ghosts. We all have an idea they might exist, but since none have ever showed up on the White House lawn or the Johnny Carson show, we can generally disbelieve them with impunity.

But it seems everybody knows somebody who's sighted one in, say, the pinelands at midnight. For awhile, this newspaper was getting phone calls from a local guy who swore he had once been kidnapped by aliens, beamed up to a flying saucer, and then impregnated.

He sounded sincere, too. But you don't have to be an engineer at the Federal Aviation Administration Technical Center hereabouts to figure this guy's story had to have a hole or two.

You only need FAA Tech Center experts to debunk the really good stuff — like the widely reported sighting of a flying walnut the size of two aircraft carriers sighted by a Japan Airlines crew over Alaska last November.

What made the flying walnut story pretty interesting was that both FAA and military air controllers initially reported observing evidence of the thing on their radar scopes.

The military soon determined the second blip on their controller's scope was simply "ground clutter" due to radar signals ricocheting off buildings and such. But UFO buffs had to hold their collective breath until recordings of the FAA radar readings were reviewed by the experts at the Tech Center.

It was ultimately determined that the control system at the FAA's Anchorage facility created a false second blip because it failed to properly correlate radar signals. "This phenomenon is not unusual," FAA officials said.

Well, that explanation sounds sincere, too. It's not such a wild notion that two multimillion-dollar pieces of avionics would go on the blink during the same crucial time frame. But when a reporter asked to interview our local high-tech heroes, the FAA turned thumbs down.

Bob Barry thinks the government is hiding something. But then Barry, a broadcaster from central Pennsylvania who has made a vocation of studying UFO reports, says he has good reason. Over the years, he has compiled secret memos once circulated among top officials of the CIA, FBI, and sundry branches of the military.

Barry sent The Press copies and many are pretty impressive looking, but in truth, there's no way of telling whether the documents are authentic. After all, you can't very well go to the CIA and say, "Look, about that 30-year-old secret document on 'flying discs' ... Is that for real, or what?"

Another flying saucer buff, Fred Schaefer, a truck driver from Clementon, says these documents were actually declassified years ago and are stock stuff among all serious students of UFO phenomenon. You be the judge.

Among the scarier memos is one that purports to be from the Strategic Air Command to J. Edgar Hoover, then FBI director. Dated March 22, 1950, it reads: "An investigator for the Air Force stated that three so-called flying saucers had been recovered in New Mexico. They were described as being circular in shape with raised centers, approximately 50-feet in diameter. Each one was occupied by three bodies of human shape but only three feet tall, dressed in metallic cloth of very fine texture..."

The memo goes on to say the saucers were apparently victimized by high-powered U.S. radar which apparently "interferes with the controlling mechanism of the saucers." The documents don't mention what happened next, but Barry said the government stashed the bodies somewhere in a freezer. The saucer wreckage, he says, is being used as the basis for "Star Wars" era technology.

As for the local guy, he never called back to say whether it was a boy or a girl.

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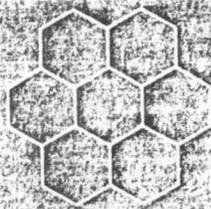
Associated Press

A streak of bright light was seen in the sky Monday night from Arizona to California and south of the Mexican border, but officials were at a loss to explain it.

"It was described as something on fire, like a ball of fire in the sky," said Martha Pfrommer, a dispatcher with the California Department of Forestry in Riverside. "Apparently everybody was reporting it as a plane crash."

Beth Kilgore, a spokesman for the North American Air Defense Command in Colorado Springs, Colo., said the light did not stem from any man-made object such as a satellite or missile.

Pfrommer said numerous military and civilian agencies got calls about the phenomenon about 9:15 p.m.



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# CONTINUUM

## CENSORING THE PARANORMAL

**W**riter Charles Fort called them "the damned." Debunkers call them superstitious nonsense that threatens to undermine the fabric of science. Christian fundamentalists call them satanic manifestations that undermine faith in God. Other people simply call them anomalies.

Anomalies are things, or alleged things, that don't fit. They can be minor oddities, of no interest to anyone except a scientist in a highly specialized discipline. Or they can be something else, something hinting at dramatic possibilities and attracting widespread attention and controversy: a UFO sighting, a psychic experience, an encounter with a poltergeist, a report of an unusual animal not known to conventional zoology. Anomalies are nothing new. As long as there have been human beings, people have claimed experiences with phenomena that, according to the prevailing religious or scientific orthodoxy, were not supposed to exist. Some, such as those unfortunates who made such claims during the Inquisition, were burned at the stake for it. Today the burning goes on, if only metaphorically.

In 1977 a group of prominent academics and journalists—few of whom had firsthand experience with anomaly research—formed the Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal (CSICOP). The committee, whose members included such luminaries as Carl Sagan and Harvard zoologist Stephen J. Gould, declared as their mission nothing less than the salvation of Western civilization from "irrationality" and "dangerous sects," which, because they accepted the reality of anomalies, opposed science—or so CSICOP charged.

Not long afterward CSICOP complained to the Federal Communications Commission about an NBC documentary that treated paranormal phenomena more sympathetically than the debunkers liked. Although CSICOP alleged that the point of view the documentary represented was harmful to the public, the FCC, unimpressed, refused to act.

In one strange incident CSICOP official Philip J. Klass, learning of a forum on anomalies research that the University of Nebraska was sponsoring, called the school to protest that CSICOP's views were not being represented and that, moreover, in questioning the United States government's word on the nonexistence of UFOs, speakers at the conference were seeking "what the Soviet Union does—to convey to the public that our government cannot

be trusted, that it lies, that it falsifies. . . . As a patriotic American, I very much resent [this]." After Klass threatened legal action against the university, it canceled its sponsorship of future conferences of this kind. Klass withdrew the threat and pronounced himself satisfied with the university's action.

Since then satellite groups of debunkers have proliferated all around the country, determined to do battle with "pseudoscience" real and imagined. Not content simply to argue the issues on their merits, they have harassed colleges and universities into dropping (usually noncredit) courses in parapsychology, conducted vituperative campaigns against anomaly proponents, and done—in the words of Philadelphian Drew Endacott, one of their number—"anything short of criminal activity" to get "the point across to people who have no demonstrated facility to reason."

As the antianomaly hysteria has escalated, even some skeptics have begun to express alarm. Psychologist Ray Hyman, a respected critic of parapsychology, speaks of a "frightening fundamentalism" in all this, a "witch-hunting" mentality that has nothing to do with real science. CSICOP cofounder Marcello Truzzi, a sociologist who left the organization when he grew concerned that it was becoming an "inquisitional body," says that some debunkers have gone "berserk."

In fact, many scientists do not share these skeptics' certainty that all anomalies are bogus. In 1969 the Parapsychological Association was accepted as an affiliate of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS). Ten years later the AAAS's newly elected president, Kenneth Boulding, declared, "The evidence of parapsychology cannot just be dismissed out of hand." In recent years polls of scientists and academics have revealed a considerable degree of open-mindedness on the subject. And in 1976, when physicist Peter Sturrock polled the members of the American Astronomical Society, fully 80 percent agreed the UFO phenomenon deserves scientific attention. Several of the astronomers described their own UFO sightings.

If history is any guide, most supposed anomalies will eventually be explained in conventional terms, either as delusions or as misinterpreted, mundane events—and a few will prove rather more interesting than that. Meanwhile, it's time to defuse the hysteria and get back to the serious business of dispassionate investigation.—JEROME CLARK

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## UFOs moving away from the New England region

SOUTH KINGSTOWN, R.I. — UFO sightings have decreased in Rhode Island over the last several years, but an investigator said they aren't out of vogue, just out of New England — temporarily.

Donald Todd, a field investigator for the Arizona-based Aerial Phenomena Research Organization Inc., said the state hasn't been hit by a rash of UFO sightings in at least four years.

Back in the days of such hit movies as *Close Encounters of the Third Kind* and *Star Wars*, he said, the skies were alive with the lights of strange craft.

"It's very quiet right now in Rhode Island. It has been for a while," he said during a recent interview. "But you never know when there's going to be another flap here, or in South America, or anywhere."

Todd, a retired University of Rhode Island purchasing agent, acknowledges some UFO skeptics think his pursuit of alien visitors a bit strange. But he says he does not feel he has to convince anyone that he speaks the truth. He said people generally take UFOs seriously in the 1980s.

Close encounters, Todd said, are rare these days, alien abductions rarer. He said he gets a call about once every three months and those alarms are usually false.

While investigating a call a few years ago, Todd said he spotted an unearthly craft buzzing southern Rhode Island. The object, he said, followed him home, hugging the contours of the landscape as it went.

Todd said he has experienced two other sightings during 30 years of UFO investigating, the first while in the Army in North Carolina and the other while a student at URI in the 1950s.

"In all the years I've been investigating UFOs, I've only come across two wackos," he said.

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## UFO Study Group charts meeting

ALLIANCE — Anyone who has sighted an unidentified flying object or a Bigfoot-type creature is asked to attend the monthly meeting of the Tri-County UFO Study Group at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the Perkin's Pancake House on Route 62.

At the meeting, a look at tornado detection and safety will be presented by study group co-chairman Paul J. L. Rozich, who recently completed a Tornado Spotters Course taught by personnel from the Akron-Canton Weather Bureau.

A slide presentation of the planet Jupiter, using official NASA slides from the Voyager 1 and 2 flyby missions will be presented by Rozich.

Rozich and co-chairman James Rastetter will bring the group up to date on the latest reported UFO activity in the area, including information on a recent sighting in the Minerva area. Don Keating of Newcomerstown will report on the latest sightings of Bigfoot in eastern Ohio.

The meeting is open to the public at no charge, and cameras and tape recorders are welcome. Anyone wishing to eat should come an hour early and ask to be seated in the group's meeting area, the banquet room.

APRIL 8 1987

## Callers claim they saw UFO

By Kimball Perry  
Of The Journal-News

OXFORD — Several residents called radio station WOXY about 11:30 p.m. Tuesday, saying they saw what they called an unidentified flying object in the skies above Oxford.

Michelle Topham, a disc jockey at WOXY, said she had four listeners call the station just before midnight Tuesday, claiming they saw a red and blue light over Oxford that remained stationary in the sky.

"Looking from the radio station (on the northeast side of town) towards (U.S.) 27, it appears to be south of Oxford, Topham said. She said she went outside and started watching the red and blue light after several calls.

"It flashes red and then it flashes blue and then red and then blue again," Topham said. "It's been hanging there for about a half-an-hour."

The Oxford Police Department responded and acknowledged they could see a flashing light.

"The officers think it's stars," an Oxford police dispatcher said. "They think it may be something about the atmosphere. The stars are flashing a lot tonight."

Topham said it may have something to do with the earth's atmosphere, but "stars are not red, white and blue."

Topham said she watched the light drop once and then return to the position it had been in. She also said a caller informed her it had dropped twice.

by Michael Wolfert

**R**emember UFOs—unidentified flying objects—alien spaceships supposedly from galaxies light-years away?

Thousands of people said they saw them speeding across the sky as lights, discs, globes and spheres.

Reports told of strange craft that landed and then left behind big patches of scorched or radioactive earth.

Some people even said they had met their unearthly occupants.

UFO—or “flying saucer”—sightings were all the rage throughout the 1950s, 60s and 70s.

A 1978 Gallup poll revealed that 20 million Americans had seen one.

Another 100 million believed UFOs were real.

UFO “flaps”—clusters of sightings over brief periods—regularly made the news.

Public controversy smoldered, with UFO debunkers and the U.S. government on one side and UFO buffs on the other.

The believers said the government was covering up proof that UFOs were interplanetary craft. The debunkers scoffed. The government, whose own UFO investigation, Project Blue Book, came up dry and ended in 1969, wanted to hear no more about it.

And now, it seems the government has gotten its wish: Over the past few years, UFOs seem to have evaporated.

“We haven’t had a major wave of sightings since 1973,” says UFO chronicler David Jacobs, a historian at Philadelphia’s Temple University, who teaches the only course on UFOs at

a major American college.

“The last three years have been virtually without UFO activity nationwide,” concedes UFO buff Dan Wright, who works for the Michigan Department of Social Services and, on his own time, is an amateur volunteer who tracks UFO sightings in 17 states for the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON).

“It does seem that whatever was out there just isn’t there as much these days,” admits Jerome Clark, an editor at *Fate* magazine.

The faithful maintain that UFOs are simply not coming around anymore for some reason. Of course, many critics say there never was anything there in the first place, ex-

cept misperceived weather balloons, aircraft, stars, planets, meteors, fragments of satellites, swamp gas and atmospheric effects, along with hallucinations and hoaxes.

Sightings of strange objects in the skies are record-

ed as far back as biblical times, but the first contemporary UFOs were sighted in 1947 by private pilot Kenneth Arnold, who was flying near Mt. Ranier, Washington. He said he saw several flying disc-shaped objects. A newsman coined the term flying saucer, the press played it up and this country’s first UFO flap was off and running. Across North America, thousands reported UFOs. Most sightings could be dismissed, but some seemed genuinely unexplainable.

The idea of UFOs was cemented in the public mind.

After that, cycles of UFO sightings periodically swept the country—in 1952, 1957 and in 1965.

Among them were these classics:

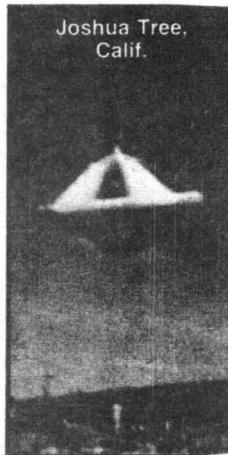
- a widely circulated 1950s story about an Air Force pilot chasing a UFO, who crashed—or was shot down by the craft—as he neared it;

- Betty and Barney Hill, who claimed they were abducted by UFO aliens in 1961;

- dozens of sightings of



San Carlos, Calif., December 6, 1966.



Joshua Tree, Calif.



Archives (Major Von Kevinsky)

Passaic, N.J., 1952.

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# Whatever Happened to UFOs?

## Were UFO sightings the product of vivid imaginations? Or are there closer encounters still to come?

Fact or fantasy? Photos of UFOs purportedly sighted around the U.S. have never been authenticated.

low-flying, brightly glowing UFOs in Exeter, New Hampshire, in 1965;

- a UFO that was chased across Ohio and Pennsylvania by police in 1966;

- a Delphos, Kansas, UFO in 1971, which left a strange circular ring of deadened earth where it supposedly landed.

Believers theorized the planet was being visited by beings from other worlds. The Air Force mounted its investigation, which culminated in 1969 in the Condon Report. It dismissed UFOs as explainable common phenomena or harmless fantasy.

Four years later, in 1973, the largest UFO flap to date took place, with almost 10,000 sightings. Again, most were easily explainable or shown to be hoaxes, but 5 percent remained unsolved.

Around this time, astronomer and Air Force consultant J. Allen Hynek, Ph.D., tried to bring scientific respectability to UFO studies by forming CUFOS, the Center for UFO Studies, at the University of Illinois in Evanston.

Hynek—who had worked on the Condon Report and later coined the term close encounters of the third

kind—set up a 24-hour CUFOS hot line and developed a nationwide network of volunteer UFO buffs to look into promising cases. He hoped that the data gathered by CUFOS would shed some light on the true nature of UFOs.

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the Third Kind would spark a resurgence of UFO sightings. Surprisingly, they didn't, and that fact has been used by pro-UFO groups to show that the UFO phenomenon is not a product of media influence and public hysteria.

But UFO buffs cannot agree about why there are now so few sightings. Some, like Walter Andrus Jr., director of MUFON, say there are fewer sightings but they are of better quality—with fewer misidentified airplanes, balloons and planets and a higher percentage of truly mysterious objects.

Others, like sociologists Ron Westrum and Marcello Truzzi of Eastern Michigan University, believe that the fear of ridicule is now discouraging people from reporting UFOs. "There's definitely a stigma attached to



Kanab, Utah, March 21, 1968.

FON Archives (Major Von Kevinsky)

reporting UFO experiences," Truzzi claims. "People think you're nuts."

Larry Bryant, administrator of Citizens Against UFO Secrecy (CAUS), blames government policies. "We're talking about a cosmic Watergate," asserts Bryant, who, along with several other UFO buffs, plans to use the Freedom of Information Act to uncov-

er proof that the U.S. government has secretly captured UFOs and their alien occupants.

Gabriel Green, president of the Flying Saucer Clubs of America, Amalgamated, believes we're experiencing the calm before a new storm of UFO sightings to be followed by personal contacts by UFOonauts.

Professor David Jacobs believes there has been a

definite change in focus, away from sightings and toward reports of personal encounters with space aliens. They usually take the form of abductions by the UFO aliens. "The sheer numbers of people telling these stories is surprising," Jacobs notes. "We have heard of about three-hundred cases. It may be the most important development since the UFO boom began in 1947."

Philip Klass and other skeptics dismiss stories of UFO abduction as tall tales, hoaxes and delusions. Hypnosis and lie detector tests, they say, only add to the circus atmosphere and have never proved conclusive.

Nevertheless, people are still talking about UFOs, even though hardly anyone still reports sighting them.

"I have no way of knowing whether the UFO mystery will ever be solved," John Timmerman, vice-president of CUFOS, says. "What happened to UFOs?" he says, chuckling. "Nothing. They are still out there."

Or are they? \*

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ment have made people leery of reporting UFOs. Some skeptics take credit for the lull.

"UFOs have really gone out of public consciousness. To a great extent, that is due to our efforts," claims philosophy professor Paul Kurtz, chairman of CSICOP, the Committee for the Scientific Investigation of the Paranormal. "Our studies have shown that virtually all sightings can be explained in terms of ordinary causes." Kurtz says the small residue of unexplained cases is due

to insufficient data or unreliable testimony.

James Oberg, NASA consultant, author and a skeptic who has debunked major UFO cases in North and South America, says: "UFO groups accept my solutions, but they always say, 'OK, you solved that one. How about this one?'"

"If someone

comes to you with a bunch of golden eggs," he continues, "and you crack one and it's an ordinary egg inside, and you crack more and they're all ordinary eggs—how many do you crack before you don't believe it?"

"UFOs are nothing but a media creation," says Philip Klass, an editor of *Aviation Week and Space Technology* and the dean of UFO skeptics. Klass has offered to buy back every copy of his widely selling debunking books if an extraterrestrial craft ever crashes or lands, or leaves behind any artifact that can be identified as being from another planet.

"If I'm wrong, I have to come up with about five-hundred thousand dollars," he says. "Nevertheless, I sleep very soundly."

It might have been expected that blockbuster films such as *E.T.* and *Close Encounters of*



Ringwood, N.J., March 12, 1966.

AFSCA

At the same time, the *National Enquirer* offered \$1 million to anyone who could provide verifiable physical evidence that UFOs were extraterrestrial in origin and also formed a panel to award smaller cash prizes to the best UFO case each year. Cutty Sark Scotch offered a million British pounds (about \$1.5 million) for any hard evidence of a UFO with otherworldly origins.

Neither prize was ever awarded. The *Enquirer's* panel no longer meets. And Hynek died last April at the age of 76, without ever seeing a UFO himself or deciding what they were.

Typically, even the absence of reported sightings has become controversial. The believers claim the dry spell means either that the craft are now bypassing Earth or that the attitudes of debunkers and the govern-

# Scientists say life exists on other planets

AMERICAN Scientists searching for intelligent life in outer space say the odds, if not the evidence, tell them extraterrestrials exist.

"I'd be willing to bet 100 dollars that between now and the time I die, we'll find evidence of intelligent life", said Al Hibbs, a retired space scientist at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

Hibbs moderated a debate on the issue recently during a meeting of the U.S. Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal, a group that debunks claims of supernatural powers.

Committee member Carl Sagan, a Cornell University astronomer, said

a universe of 100 billion galaxies, each of which have a few hundred billion stars, the idea that our sun is the only star with an inhabited planet is laughable".

"Where do we come off to imagine we're the only kind of life in the Universe" he asked.

The speakers agreed there has yet to be a single confirmed report of an unidentified flying object, or UFO, from another planet, but most said they believed intelligent life must exist beyond earth.

Because there is evidence planets may exist around a dozen nearby

chemical evolution that produced life on earth exists throughout the known universe, the probability for intelligent life elsewhere is 100 per cent, said Frank Drake, dean of natural sciences at the University of California's Santa Cruz campus.

Drake said it's possible extraterrestrial tourists view earth as a "a zoo" and already are here but choose not to reveal their presence.

"We are, as best we can tell, the result of completely normal processes, therefore life should be abundant in the

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## Post Times

# Mysteries in the air

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FLYING saucers and monsters from outer space began to excite the West during the 1940s—and, by the end of the decade, eager Americans were reporting more than 600 U.F.O. sightings a year.

The official sighting that started it all was made by American pilot Kenneth Arnold on June 24, 1947. Flying near Mount Rainier, Washington State, he was astonished to see

"nine peculiar-looking craft", moving at an estimated speed of 1200 mph.

"They looked," he said, "like a saucer would if you skipped it

across water." In 1977, 15 pupils at Broadhaven Junior School in Wales reported seeing a silvery-yellow, cigar-shaped form in the sky.

When the headmas-

ter asked them to draw, independently, what they had seen, he had to admit that the pictures bore "a remarkable similarity to one another".

Three years later, a West Yorkshire policeman claimed to have been beamed aboard a flying saucer by a "tall humanoid", who was assisted by eight robots.

SARA DRIVER



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# Couple in UFO mystery

TWO unidentified flying objects hurtling through the skies above Cheltenham have left a shopkeeper and her husband "baffled and bewildered."

"I'm no crank," said Mrs. Maureen Vernon, of Lambertgardens, Shurdington. "But I looked out of my kitchen window and I saw something in the sky. It was like a silver-grey rugby

ball turning over from top to bottom. It frightened me.

"It was frightening because it was travelling so fast and it didn't make a sound. My husband Robert saw it and then spotted a second one which was partly hidden in a cloud formation. The rest of the sky was clear.

"The one I was watching sud-

denly stopped, changed direction and hurtled off to the north, disappearing in seconds. I rang the control tower at Staverton Airport but they said they had seen nothing."

An airport spokesman said: "We had been on a radar watch all the time. There were no flights over the area when Mrs. Vernon rang."

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# A strange encounter

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SKYWATCHER Denis Proud is puzzled over speeding lights which he spotted late last night.

The Hartlepool man says the unidentified flying object came too late to be a plane bound for Teesside and was too far off to be an incoming holiday flight to Newcastle.

"I couldn't believe my eyes. I have never seen anything like it," said Mr Proud, of Teesbrooke Avenue.

"I saw this yellowish light at 11.45 as I was getting ready for bed. It moved west to east, pausing straight in front of the house, veered south and sped off at great speed.

"Three minutes later I was surprised to see it come across again towards the sea, and all of a sudden it split into two with the bottom half falling to the ground and the top going straight up at great speed.

"I was watching it for five minutes. At first I thought it was a large yellowish star. But then it moved. It was far too fast for a plane.

"I used to be sceptical about U.F.O.s, but now I am convinced. I just have no explanation for what we saw."

Self-employed tyre repairman Mr Proud said his son Michael (20), had watched the phenomenon with him.

Teesside Airport information centre supervisor Elizabeth Kershaw said the airport closed down at 9.30 last night.

A Newcastle Airport spokesman said they had a holiday flight arrival at 11.35, but he doubted this was what Mr Proud saw.

"It could have been a military aircraft, because night-time exercises are being carried out," he said.

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# A Hotline is flooded by UFO spotters

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By SUE JOHNSON

HUNDREDS of callers have been flooding the country's first UFO hotline to report sightings.

Organiser Richard Lawrence of Fulham, West London, said: "Of course we get the odd crank who says 'Beam me up Scottie' and then puts the phone down.

## Dismissed

"But generally they are serious professional people. Some have never even told their husbands or wives about what they have experienced for fear of being dismissed as

mad." He says the callers range from policemen, firemen and housewives to radio operators and pilots.

There are two common objects the callers say they have seen.

One is large and cigar-shaped and the second is a round, silver metallic object with port-holes.

Some callers give details of craft that sound strikingly similar to reports given for the same day in different parts of the country.

A pensioner in Ramsgate, Kent, has rung in to say she saw a strange craft last week hovering

in the distance at seven a.m. Visibility was good and she described the object as bright orange on one side and yellow on the other.

It held its position for 15 minutes before disappearing. Later the same day, in Doncaster, three teenage boys reported seeing a fleet of around 20 objects moving rapidly across the sky.

## Hovering

"They described them as changing colour from red to blue to green to white—so that would effectively rule out any meteors or satellites," said Mr Lawrence.

"They were absolutely convinced that the things they saw were UFO's."

People rarely report having seen people in the craft, or that they have landed. Mostly they just see the space-ship and its lights hovering in the sky.

● The hotline number is: 01-731 1094 and is open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. every day.

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# Hotline link for UFO spotters

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by PHILIP SHERWELL

THE Tibetians call them pearls in the sky and the Bible talks of chariots of fire. We know them by the somewhat less prosaic name of flying saucers.

The name itself implies a certain degree of scepticism in their existence and it is this attitude that the Aetherius Society is battling to overcome.

The latest move by these flying saucer lobbyists is the installation of a UFO telephone hotline — the number is 01 731 1094.

"For years people reporting sightings to the authorities have been made to feel foolish by

the totally ludicrous explanations they have been given," says Dr. Richard Lawrence, the full-time secretary of the society in Europe.

"The hotline offers these people the chance of being taken seriously."

The Westcountry has always been a good source of sightings and two UFO reports from Devon and Cornwall have already come in since the hotline service was introduced earlier this month.

One couple spotted two UFOs at Seaton. One of the objects was a very bright orange light which appeared immense and hovered low in the sky for about five minutes

before blinking out. Then a red light flew past at an estimated 300-400 mph.

At St. Breock an Essex holidaymaker saw a cigar-shaped UFO shoot past at a "phenomenal" speed before suddenly disappearing. The Aetherians believe the cigar-shaped craft are the mother ships from which the saucers emerge.

It is the ability of extraterrestrial objects to "blink out," travel faster than the speed of light, in flight paths that no known phenomena can repeat, that Dr. Lawrence says makes standard Ministry of Defence explanations ridiculous.

The Aetherians travel

to Devon each year to visit Holdstone Down, near Combe Martin, which they regard as a holy mountain. This annual pilgrimage attracts enthusiasts from all over the world.

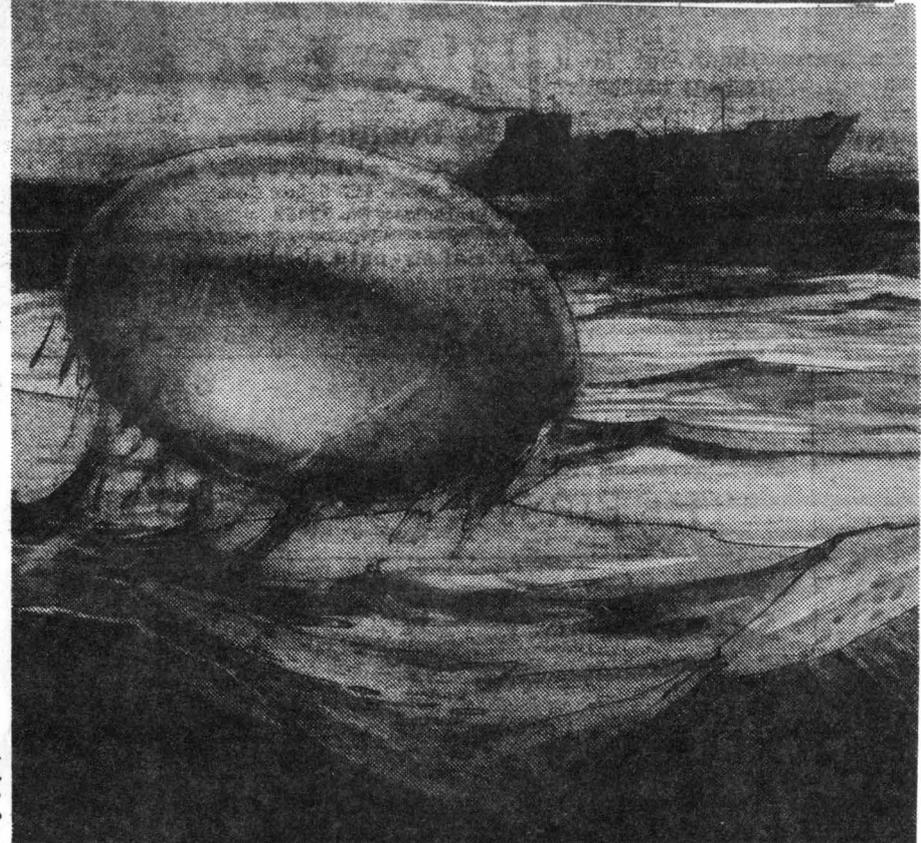
Dr. Lawrence, who has had sightings himself at Holdstone Down and Bude, believes flying saucer activity in the region ties in with its history of mysticism.

"Significant magnetic forces are at play in certain parts of the earth and the Westcountry is one of them. These forces are of great importance," he claims.

But that's another story.

# Ship's crew menaced by giant flying saucer

# UFO from the depths of the sea!



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A saucer-shaped UFO blasted out of the ocean and circled a Japanese freighter for 15 terrifying minutes last month before it returned to the water and vanished without a trace, Japanese newspapers report.

No one was injured in the April 17 incident, which reportedly took place in broad daylight 175 miles east of Kanazawa in the Sea of Japan.

The 165-foot-long freighter *Taki Kyoto* did suffer some structural damage, however, while riding out the towering swells that the UFO kicked up when it rose out of and

later returned to the water, the press said.

"It was at least five times the length of our vessel and glowed like blue neon," Taki Usuda, the 54-year-old captain of the *Taki Kyoto*, told reporters at a belated press conference in Kanazawa.

"When it first came out of the water we couldn't believe what was happening to us. The swells in its wake almost sank us.

"And the needles on our instruments almost spun out of their casings. It was everything I could do to keep the

crew from leaving their posts.

"Some of my best men were huddled below deck crying just like women and babies."

The enormous starship

## Bizarre spacecraft leaps from ocean touching off tidal wave

hovered about 50 yards off the freighter's starboard side for several minutes after it emerged from the ocean, said Usuda.

"It was terrifying," he con-

tinued. "The thing just sat there, motionless, in midair.

"We tried to radio for help but something was jamming our signals.

"Suddenly the UFO took off. It flew right over us and

dived back into the water, Usuda radioed authorities, who scanned the area with ships and aircraft without finding so much as a trace of the alleged starship, the press reports said.

circled for at least 15 minutes.

"It really was like a nightmare. It was moving so fast all we could see was a blur."

When the UFO finally

dived back into the water, Usuda radioed authorities, who scanned the area with ships and aircraft without finding so much as a trace of the alleged starship, the press reports said.

"Based on interviews with the *Taki Kyoto*'s captain and crew, as well as the unusual structural damage the ship sustained, we do suspect that they encountered something very unusual out there," said coastal authority spokesman Hoshi Ishido. "Officially we're calling it an unidentified object, a simple UFO."

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# Kidnapped by aliens!

**A** BEST-SELLING novelist has discovered truth **A**is indeed stranger than fiction after being abducted by UFO aliens.

Whitley Strieber, 41, author of *The Hunger* and *Wolfen*, says he was kidnapped on the evening of December 26, 1985, at his upstate New York cabin.

Strieber says he was awakened by a strange noise. His wife, Annie, was sleeping peacefully beside him and his faithful dog was snoozing beneath the bed.

Slowly, the bedroom door began to open. Strieber caught a glimpse of an alien. It was three feet tall, had a large head, no ears or nose, a slit mouth, and huge black eyes. It rushed towards him and he blacked out.

Recalls Strieber in his intriguing new book, *Communion* (Morrow, 1987): "My next conscious recollection is of being in motion. I was naked with my arms and legs ex-

## Top author's UFO abduction sparks demand for action by US government

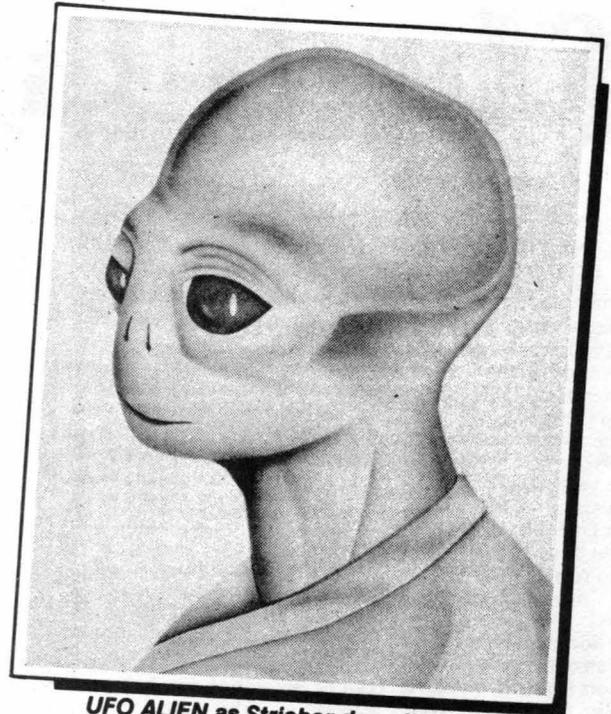
tended, as if I had been frozen in mid-leap. I was moving out of the room."

After blacking out again, Strieber found himself sitting in a small depression in the middle of the woods. He was completely paralyzed. Three beings were there with him.

Suddenly, he was whisked above the tree tops and placed inside a small, gray room that resembled an operating theater.

Aliens examined him, then inserted a hairlike probe into his brain. Strieber woke up in his bed the next morning wondering if he had lost his mind.

But with the help of Dr. Donald Klein, director of research of the New York State Psychiatric Institute, Strieber discovered that he was indeed perfectly sane and that he had not imagined the



UFO ALIEN as Strieber described it

By EDWARD MANZI

bizarre event.

Now the author is urging the scientific community and the US government to fully investigate the growing number of UFO abductions. He believes an accurate explanation might unlock the secrets of the universe.

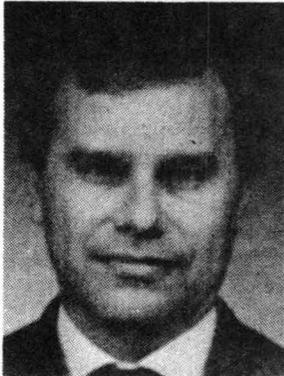
UFO expert David Jacobs, a history professor at Temple University, says hundreds of Americans may have been kidnapped by UFO aliens.

Jacobs recently told the

Philadelphia Inquirer: "We just have scores and scores of cases, and they are coming out of the woodwork. And they are all telling the same story, down to the minutest details."

He added: "The amazing thing about this is that it's absolutely impossible to explain what is happening to these people. There is no explanation in science, no explanation in psychology.

"They all have no ax to grind, and none of them ever exhibited anything like psychosis or mental disease or trauma."



WHITLEY STRIEBER: Startling abduction

# Close encounters of bureaucratic

HUNDREDS of reports of UFO sightings have been destroyed by the Ministry of Defence, it was revealed today.

The records were due to be released under the 25-year-rule. But a spokeswoman said: "I believe documents from the 1950s and early 1960s have been destroyed."

Members of the Aetherius Society - an international body believing in the existence of UFOs - are convinced the Ministry has been covering up the extent of flying saucer activity and has deliberately scrapped the records just before public release.

"The 25-year rule would have forced the Ministry to show us records we've been pressing to see for years," said society spokesman Dr John Holder.

"We want Mrs Thatcher and the MoD to release their files so we can investigate their findings."

Now the Society is to be call on the Government to come clean about visitors from other planets at a public meeting in Kensington tomorrow.

## Liars

"We have a taped interview with a Ministry official proving that there were some humdinger sightings during the 1950s and 60s," said Dr Holder.

"The MoD said previously that UFOs did not exist. But they are liars."

The MoD spokesman said her Ministry's duty was to defend Britain and her Nato allies.

By NICK NUTTALL

"We do not believe flying saucers pose a threat to Britain's security," she added.

The public meeting on Friday - at 8pm in Kensington Library - will be presenting new facts and figures from the United States, which has freedom of information legislation forcing civil servants to reveal files.

Dr Holder said: "We have documents from the FBI, CIA, National Security Agency and Airforce Intelligence.

## Release

"These organisations have HAD to release their records."

He believes the weight of information not only proves that governments accept that UFOs

exist, but should spur Britain to give its people the true facts.

"NORAD - the North American Aerospace Defence Command - admits that 10 million uncorrelated sightings have been collected by their personnel over the last 20 years," said Dr Holder.

He also says he has evidence from the United States Airforce Academy which concludes: "From available information,

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the UFO phenomenon appears to have been global in nature for about 50,000 years.

"This leaves us with the unpleasant possibility of aliens visiting the planet or at least of alien controlled objects."

## Aliens

Dr Holder said he would also be telling Friday's meeting about America's bizarre legal policy on contact with aliens.

"Dr Brian Clifford of the Pentagon has said that contact between US citizens and extraterrestrials or their vehicles is strictly illegal.

"According to Law 14 of the Code of Federal Regulation, anyone guilty of such contact is automatically subject to a year in prison or a \$5,000 fine."

During the last few weeks, as a build-up to the meeting, Dr Holder's society has been running a UFO hotline.

Since its launch more than 200 sightings have been reported, with over a dozen in the past week alone.

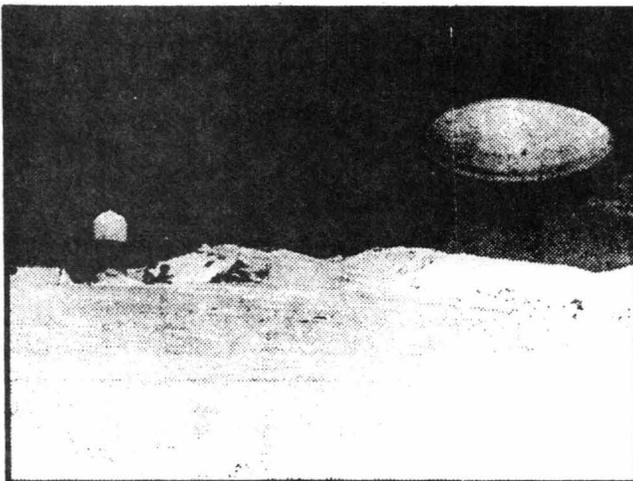
## Hotline

"The line has been red hot. We have three phones and they have been permanently engaged."

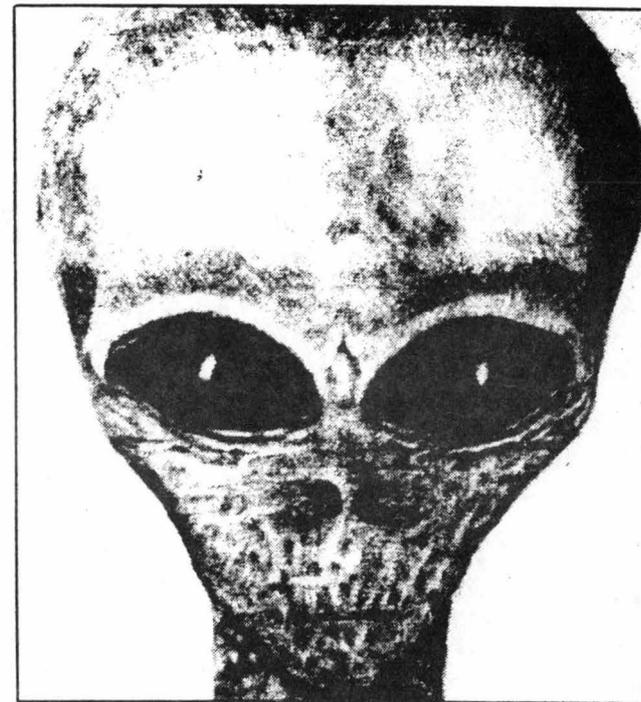
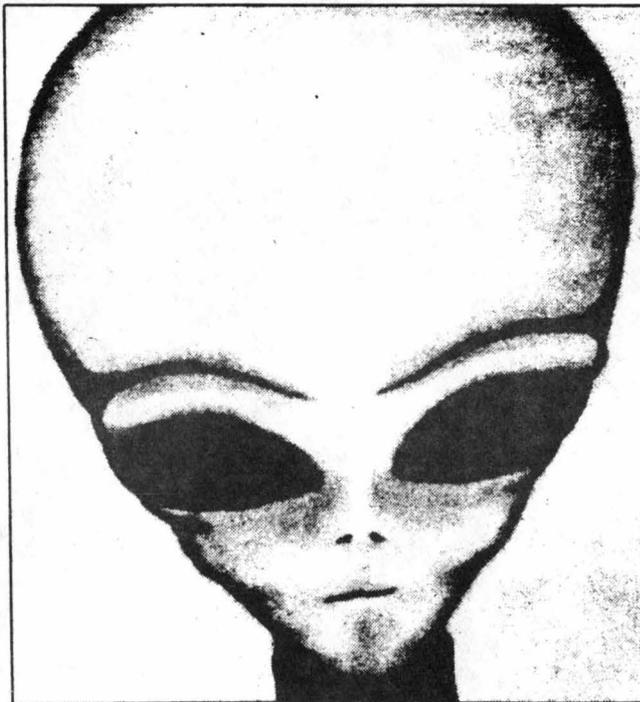
The most recent London sighting was early last Saturday morning at Whitechapel.

Electrical engineer Martin Spencer, 24, saw "three to five white objects 400 feet above the ground."

"He said they looked like upside down saucers. They were flying in V-formation, in a straight line, at phenomenal speed. They gave out no sound," said Dr Holder.



A flying saucer ... or a crank's fake?



UNDER HYPNOSIS, several people have described encounters with pale, lipless creatures with huge eyes, bearing an uncanny resemblance to E.T.

# E.T. CHARGED IN KIDNAP

Roy Bonisteel still quips about extraterrestrials. But these days he does it with a nervous half-grin, the kind you might muster if you're trying to lighten the tension at a funeral.

"I keep having this disturbing feeling that all the articles in the *National Enquirer* are true," he says after we've watched footage of women under hypnosis reliving sup-

**Reports of aliens abducting people for repeated genetic experiments come not from the *National Enquirer* but from the rational Roy Bonisteel of CBC's *Man Alive***

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CON'T E.T.

# JIM SLOTEK



After 20 years hosting CBC's spiritually inquisitive *Man Alive*, the subjects he's earnestly covered have ranged from the merely thought-provoking (reincarnation, the afterlife, etc.) to the morally dispiriting (the holocaust.)

From time to time he's even dipped into the whimsical, such as an early show about supposed Soviet parapsychology experiments aimed at giving the U.S. president a bellyache. (Who do they think they are — Congress?)

But this segment called *The E.T. Hypothesis* — which airs on April 1, of all days — has made him worry. The amiable, open-minded but obviously-rational Bonisteel sheepishly admits some belief in the idea that aliens have been picking people up for genetic experiments for decades and "replanting" them minus any memory of what's taken place.

And, in believing, one not only sets himself up to ridicule. One is also forced to confront certain disturbing esoteric questions.

"What happens to our culture and religion (when contact comes), to our very sense of ourselves as a race?" Bonisteel says in the narration to *The E.T. Hypothesis*.

Bonisteel picked up the belief somewhat by osmosis from his enthusiastic producer David Cherniack, who is possibly the only CBC producer with a B.Sc in physics. Cherniack, in turn, was swayed by the work of one Budd Hopkins, the author of two books — *Missing Time*, and the just-released *Intruders*, published by Random House.

Hopkins, a New York artist by profession, has interviewed more than 120 people who claim strange phantom memories of abductions, many of them claiming repeated abductions through their lives.

The real tough nut to crack in his work is the seeming substantiation most of the cases provide for each other when details are siphoned out through hypnosis. From across the continent, descriptions of the aliens, of their methods and even of their writing and technology, seem to be consistent. Many, but not all, of the cases coincide with UFO sightings made by others.

In *The E.T. Hypothesis* Hopkins brings some of his interviewees from the Toronto area to tea at Bonisteel's farm near Trenon. Under hypnosis, Dorothy tells of being spirited from her bedroom in a kind of rance by small, whitish creatures with large black eyes and a barely-discernible mouth. She is artificially inseminated, then in a later visitation, the fetus is removed. Still later the aliens show her a tickly half-human, half-alien specimen which she understands to be her offspring.

Physical evidence: a patch of "cooked" earth on her rural property where no grass grows again and an unusual gouged ring on her leg, similar to other cases shown to us in pictures.

This story, we're told, is common to Hopkins' subjects, none of whom have prior contact with each other.

Also in attendance chez Bonisteel are Cherniack, general practitioner Dr. Michael Kaufman, astronomer Terence Dickinson, Ontario Institute for Studies in Education futurist Allen Tough and educational consultant John Musgrave. Not all accept Hopkins' hypotheses, but all are puzzled and impressed.

Dorothy also tells of being whisked away to a barn at a strange farm where she and another woman are being worked on. The description of the building matches a real local barn owned by Betty, who claims a similar dream. At the Bonisteel farm, the two women are united for the first time.

"Some of my parties have been pretty weird," says



ROY BONISTEEL (centre) consults John Musgrave and Budd Hopkins.

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Bonisteel, facetiously. Then he adds more seriously, "But I can honestly say I've never had a more interesting or diverse group of people there."

Adds Cherniack, "When I went into this, I was convinced it was some kind of psychological experience. Then I was scared because Dorothy was so convincing, I know she wasn't set up. She isn't that good an actress.

"Soon the stories from other abductees were affecting all of us, including the researchers. You were left wondering whether you'd go to bed, open your eyes and see a little grey guy in your room."

Easily the most celebrated case of 'UFO abduction' was that of Barney and Betty Hill, a New England couple who suffered a memory loss on a deserted stretch of highway in 1962. Later, suffering from stress and nightmares, they were treated with psychiatric hypnosis. Their subconscious told an incredible tale, similar to those produced by Hopkins' subjects — lipless aliens and all.

There was one bonus. Betty Hill sketched a star chart she "remembered" from the ship (she said the aliens had communicated, patronizingly pointing out their home star.) The chart turned out to be a reasonably accurate drawing of one segment of the sky. The 'home star' turned out to be Zeta Reticulum — ironically a 'twin star,' one which science tells us would be unlikely to support life.

## E.T. CON'T

The Hills' story has resisted debunking for 25 years and inspired a TV movie, yet there's obviously something about it and others like it that invites disbelief. It requires too much of a leap of faith — literally. People who find solace in religion, says Dickinson, would be forced to ask the Almighty, "Who were those little guys I saw in the parking lot, and are you their God or what?"

But it may gradually be taken more seriously by scientists. Cherniack refreshed his touch with physics and physicists during last season's *Man Alive* segment on Stephen Hawking, the superstar British mathematician who's on the verge of completing Einstein's 'universal theory' computations. Cherniack reports some mental barriers are falling.

Specifically, if they aren't all necessarily believers in UFOs, many scientists don't dismiss the possibility of hypothetical other civilizations having figured out how to transcend the speed of light, making star travel possible.

"Take 40 different physicists and talk to them about the speed of light as a speed limit and they'll look at you as if you're crazy," says Cherniack. "They haven't the math to back it up yet, but they're certain that relativity (as in Einstein's theory of) will be superceded.

"At the very least, you have to conclude that certain people ('abductees') seem to be suffering from a traumatic experience," he says. "It's time for scientists and doctors to examine the phenomenon closely and explain it.

"And if they can't, we'll have to face it from there."

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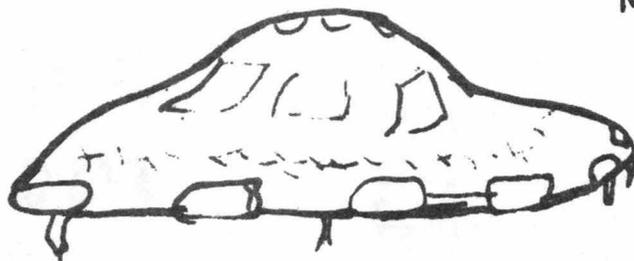
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## 1381 Satellite races

Indianapolis may be the home of the first surrogate mother of a spaceman, according to a book scheduled for publication later this month by Random House. *Intruders: The Incredible Visitations at Copley Woods*, by UFO researcher Budd Hopkins, tells the story of Kathie Davis (not her real name), who, under hypnosis, remembered being abducted after a large circular spot appeared on a grassy patch outside Indianapolis.

The book claims that large numbers of men and women throughout the country are being abducted to create a race of human-E.T. hybrids, says a review in *Omni* magazine. The women are impregnated on the first abduction and lose the children during a second encounter. Davis says she met her daughter in October 1983, when the child was about 4 years old—but the E.T.s led the girl away, saying that Davis would not be able to keep her alive on Earth.

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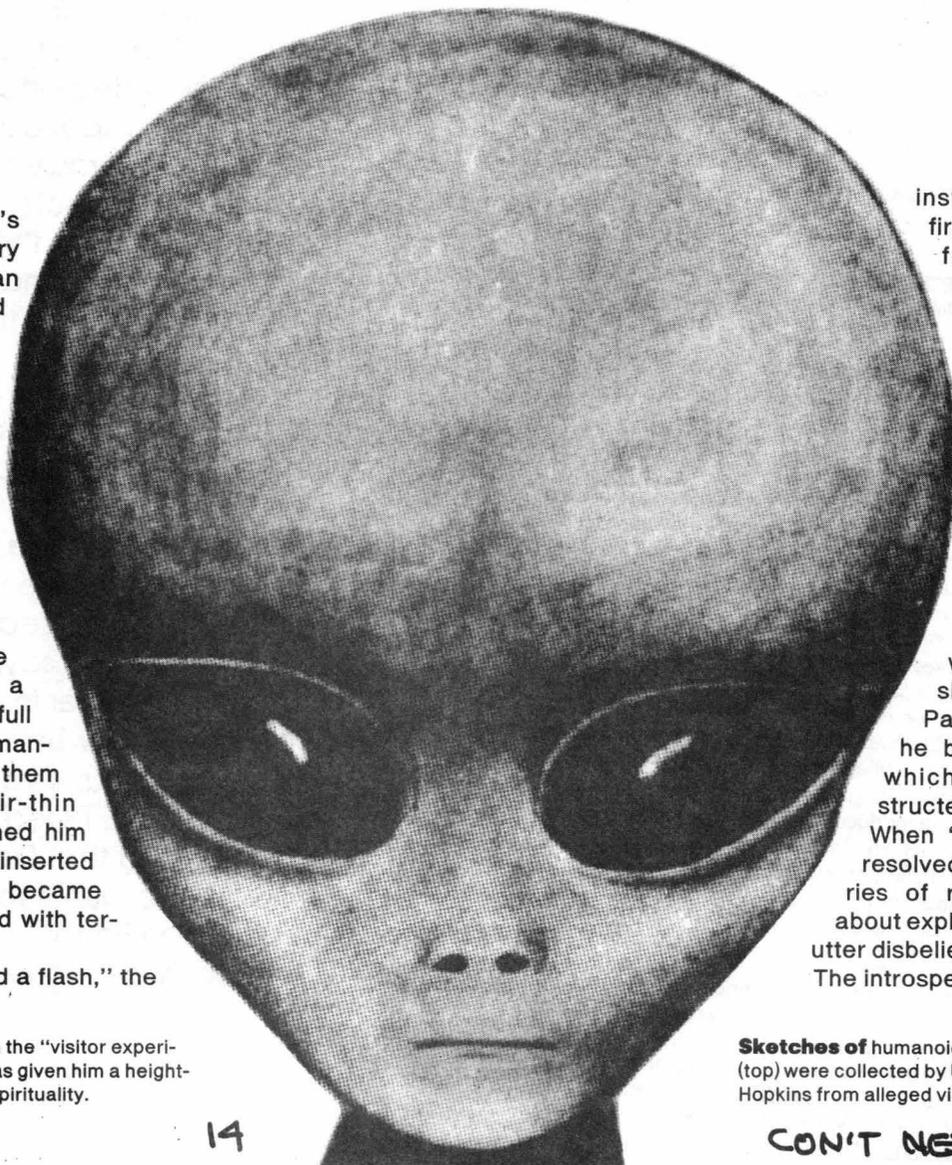
# Making Communion With Another World

America's fascination with UFOs booms again as three new books suggest that humanoids are here

**W**hitley Strieber's is a story that not every man would be bold enough to tell: On the evening of Dec. 26, 1985, says the novelist, he awakened in his Upstate New York cabin to find a strange being standing in the bedroom doorway. Sometime after blacking out, he found himself in a small, gray room full of quick little humanoids. When one of them brandished a hair-thin needle and informed him that it would be inserted into his brain, "I became quite simply crazed with terror," he reports.

With a "bang and a flash," the

**Coming to terms** with the "visitor experience," says Strieber, has given him a heightened sense of his own spirituality.



instrument was then fired into his brain. "I felt like weeping," Whitley remembers. "I recall sinking down into a cradle of tiny arms..." Taken into an operating theater of sorts, the distraught subject was probed and poked, and—finally—transported back into his bedroom where his wife, Anne, was sleeping peacefully. Paralyzed with horror, he buried the memory, which he later reconstructed under hypnosis. When "the confused swirl resolved into a specific series of recollections, I just about exploded with terror and utter disbelief," he says.

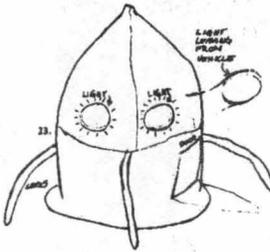
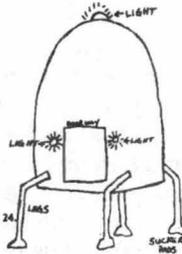
The introspective author of pop-

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**Sketches of humanoids (left) and alien craft (top)** were collected by UFO investigator Budd Hopkins from alleged victims of the aliens.

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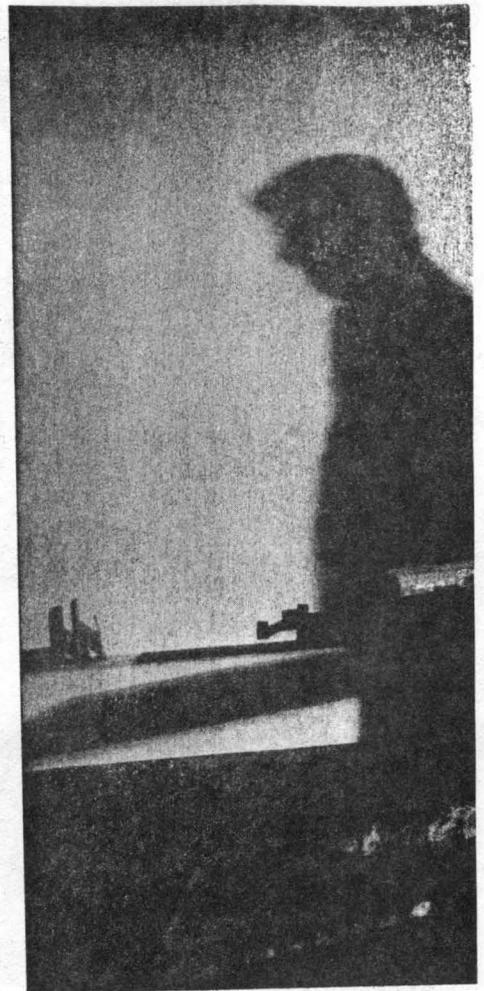
# COMMUNION CON'T



**An Indiana woman** who drew her captors and their craft for Hopkins is still tormented by "visitors." "I feel like a freak," she says.



**Author Gary Kinder** (near his home in Sun Valley, Idaho) says he saw a spectacular UFO in 1972.



ular horror novels like *The Wolfen* and *The Hunger*, Strieber is hardly the sort to risk his reputation in the service of mere sensationalism; there are easier ways for him to make money than chronicling his bizarre encounters with what he suggests are intelligent non-human beings. But *Communion* (Beech Tree Books/Morrow, \$17.95) is a book that he says he had to write. "I want to dispel the stigma and the fear," he says. "I thought I was going crazy in an extremely embarrassing way. I became rather suicidal. I suffered with this, and it was a great relief to find that others had had the same experience. It's a very scary thing, but I want to let people know that they can cope if it happens."

Published early in February and currently second on the *New York Times* best-seller list, *Communion* seems to signal a dramatic new era in UFOlogy. This time around an increasing number of everyday folk are claiming not merely to have spotted saucer-shaped spacecraft, but to have had disagreeable encounters with creepy travelers



**Hopkins' subjects** typically depict their humanoid kidnapers as bald creatures with domed heads and insect-like eyes. These sketches are based on "encounters" in New Jersey (left) and Kentucky.



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**An artist** whose work has appeared in the Guggenheim Museum, Hopkins has had little time for painting or sculpture since writing *Intruders*.

from another Time, Space, or Universe. Often signalled by the appearance of a dazzling white light, these so-called "alien abductions" allegedly leave the victims with periods of lost time for which they cannot account and hazy memories of frightening medical procedures at the hands of their captors. Descriptions of the offending aliens are fairly standard: The childlike figures are said to have grayish-white skin and round, black eyes set in grotesquely oversized, bulbous skulls.

Aside from *Communion*, two other nonfiction books recently issued by major publishing firms claim to chronicle meetings with extraterrestrials. The more plausible, *Intruders; The Incredible Visitations at Copley Woods*, (Random House, \$17.95) written by UFO investigator Budd Hopkins, offers up accounts of intimate, disturbing experiences that begin in childhood and engender psychic disturbances like the ones that Strieber suffered.

Strieber's account of "kidnappings" which may have begun when he was 12

has drawn serious reviews. And Middle America has risen up to declare that it, too, has witnessed weird things. On talk shows, callers check in not to poke fun, Strieber says, but to report their own close encounters. By this month readers had sent him more than 1,000 letters detailing everything from sightings of alien craft to crossbreeding experiments conducted by humanoids.

The Illinois-based Center for UFO Studies reports that requests for information have "increased greatly" in the last few months; membership in the 1,500-strong Mutual UFO Network, a Texas-based investigatory group, has increased by roughly 10 percent in the same period. And the public response to the November UFO sighting by a Japan Air Lines pilot has been such that the federal government now offers information kits on the incident; for \$194.30, one receives a packet that includes Kenju Terauchi's drawings of the craft that he encountered.

On the pop-culture front, the theme has emerged in one noteworthy context of late: The cliffhanger episode of *The Colbys* saw Fallon (portrayed by Emma Samms) disappearing into the sunset—not in a regulation plane crash, but in the bowels of a spacecraft that ambushes her car on a lonely desert road. "Richard Shapiro [the show's co-creator] has been aware of the recent interest in UFOs, and it was an effort to end the season on as provocative a note as possible," says supervising producer Bob Pollock.

There is no more controversial UFO tale than the one Gary Kinder, a 40-year-old writer based in Idaho, spent three years investigating. In the 1970s Eduard Meier—a Swiss caretaker offered films, tape recordings and shards of metal to support his claims of contact with emissaries from a distant star. Within the UFO community Meier is rejected as a fraud. Kinder still counts himself among the skeptics: In *Light Years* (Atlantic Monthly Press, \$18.95) he presents Meier's story without making hard-and-fast conclusions about the evidence. "There were times when I'd be sitting there watching Meier, and I'd think, 'This guy is just a very clever con man,'" says Kinder. "... If the contacts are true, of course it's the biggest story ever. If [not], it's a fascinating story about how this one-armed, sixth-grade-educated caretaker in Switzerland has been able to fabricate highly sophisticated evidence."

The scientific establishment has yet to embrace the notion that aliens are walking among us. "I think those books reach the height of malarkey," says Paul Kurtz, chairman and founder of the Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal. "It's possible there is life in outer space, but I know of no really hard evidence that we have been visited by extraterrestrial beings." Still a growing number of reputable scientists are refusing to dismiss people like Strieber. Research psychologist Dr. John Gliedman is a "sympathetic skeptic" and a friend who witnessed Whitley's struggle: "We should keep an open mind about what's happening to him and to others," Gliedman says. "I see no evidence that you're dealing with mental illness here. But it's not a pleasant experience; people who believe they've been abducted talk about it the way others might talk about a rape. They need to be given help."

## COMMUNION CONT

Budd Hopkins was the man whom Whitley consulted when the memories of his abduction began to haunt him. A successful painter and sculptor, Hopkins began to examine the UFO phenomenon after spotting an elliptical-shaped object hovering over Cape Cod in 1964. In 12 years he has recorded thousands of hours of interviews with more than 135 subjects. In *Intruders*, more than a dozen subjects describe kidnappings in which aliens perform skin grafts, probe orifices with needlelike instruments, appropriate sperm and ova and even present small hybrid beings that female abductees somehow know to be their own.

An abductee support group meets occasionally in the Manhattan townhouse Hopkins shares with wife April Kingsley, an art critic, and their daughter Grace, 13. When he saw Whitley last February, Hopkins says, "He was one distraught and disoriented man." Indeed—Strieber was undergoing a personality change so pronounced that his 17-year marriage was showing the strain. Hypersensitive, snappish, easily confused, he slept fitfully and felt as though he were being watched. Working was impossible—unable to concentrate for more than 10 minutes, he was wracked with chills and bouts of fatigue.

Whitley wanted to ignore the disjointed bits of evidence—his odd pains and inexplicable scabs, the UFO sightings near his country house, the confounding visions of "visitors"—but he presented them to Hopkins, instead. "As I sat there in that man's living room, listening to him tell me I wasn't alone, tears rolled down my cheeks," he wrote later, "and I went from wanting to hide it all to wanting to understand. . . ."

Toward that end, Strieber subjected himself to a battery of physical and psychological tests. A neurologist found no evidence of organic abnormalities, and a polygraph operator found that Strieber fully believed his own stories. Dr. Donald F. Klein, Director of Research for the New York State Psychiatric Institute, took Whitley through a series of shattering hypnotic sessions in which he recalled his "abductions" in lavish detail. In an appendix to *Communion*, Dr. Klein pronounces the patient of sane mind, saying, "He appears . . . to have adapted very well to life at a high level of uncertainty." Whitley, his wife Anne, 40 (who is also a writer) and

their son Andrew, 8, have come to terms with the fact that something surpassingly strange has touched their lives. (Andrew, he says, had dreams about being kidnapped by "little doctors" before he heard his father's story; Anne has witnessed unearthly lights and the like, but has no clear memories of being abducted.) Whitley continues to receive the occasional "visit" from the now-familiar humanoids, but the fear has abated: "I am beginning to have an awful lot of fun with this from an intellectual standpoint," he says. He is not at all sure that his captors are corporeal, or that they come from other corners of this universe: "I'm 80 percent sure that it is visitors, not necessarily from another planet, but from another aspect of reality, whatever that may mean," he says.

Even those in the business, as it were, occasionally find the quest overwhelming. Hopkins is unnerved by his discoveries: "These are not welcome inroads," he says. "The one thing I share with the people that this has happened to and with the skeptics is that none of us like this material, none of us want it, and all of us find it almost impossible to believe." Hopkins is resolute in defending the credibility of his witnesses: "They're not people who have regular psychotic episodes," he says. "In court, testimony from any one of these people might put somebody in an electric chair."

Strieber is determined to go boldly where no man has gone before. A *Communion* sequel is in the works, and he plans to publish many of the letters sent to him by fellow travelers who are willing to go public. He knows that there are those who cannot accept his story, but he stands by it. "Behind these perceptions," he says, "is some kind of great wonder. Anything that prevents us from having the joyous experience of discovering what that is is simply a waste of time."

—Written by Michelle Green, reported by Meg Grant and Kristina Johnson

After a Mexican abduction case, the "victim" drew this sketch of a hooded humanoid.



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## Experts 3128 tackle visits from above

By Judith Pike

FLYING saucers come under analysis at a public meeting to be held in Bristol next Friday.

Arranged by the Bristol branch of the Aetherius Society, the meeting is entitled "UFO's — The Facts" and will be held at 300 Gloucester Road, Horfield, at 8pm.

Organiser Dr Edward Prempeh said: "People from other planets are coming to visit earth in flying saucers."

### Sighting

He claimed a survey in Bristol had shown that 10 per cent of the population had seen them and he felt interest would be strong enough to fill the hall to capacity at the meeting.

The most recent "major sighting" in Alaska last November will be examined.

The society claims to have answers to many of the questions posed about unidentified flying objects and Dr Prempeh, of Lodge Causeway, Fishponds, said he believed visitors from space came with the intention of bringing world peace.

# 1381 Outta this world: No one laughing about UFOs

By JOANNE WEINTRAUB  
Journal Madison bureau

Belleville, Wis. — Naturally, there was a lot of UFO talk back in January after Glen Kazmar saw the strange hovering thing with the cluster of lights, but the talk had just begun to die down in March when suddenly Lavonne Freidig and Harvey Funseth saw the same thing, or possibly another thing, hanging up there in the sky for minutes before departing, leaving only what Freidig says looked for all the world like three giant smoke rings blown by some cosmic nicotine addict.

And that, of course, started the talk right back up again.

Americans from Maine to Maui routinely report sightings of unidentified flying objects, and their neighbors routinely snicker. But Belleville — which sits on the Dane-Green County line, has 1,300 citizens and is as pretty as its name — isn't snickering.

Its aircraft spotters, after all, are not excitable little kids, sly teenagers or well-known kooks. Funseth works for the State Department of Transportation. Freidig works for State Sen. Lloyd Kincaid (D-Crandon). Most convincingly of all, in a lot of people's minds, Kazmar is a local police officer of sterling repute.

As one Belleville resident puts it, "If it were just the others — well, maybe not. But if Glen Kazmar says he saw something, he saw something."

Also, none of the accounts mentions little shriveled green beings, big luminous trapezoidal objects or that sort of thing. So you can just keep all those smart remarks about close encounters of the weird kind and "Belleville, phone home," to yourself.

What exactly did Kazmar, Freidig and Funseth — along with several others in Belleville and nearby towns — see in the sky on the nights of Jan. 15 and March 6?

Most people tell of a large, segmented

object, variously described as cigar-shaped, fuselage-shaped or Chinese-kite-shaped. According to Funseth, a surveyor for the Department of Transportation, it hung close overhead, no more than a quarter of a mile in the air.

Kazmar saw red, white and blue lights. Funseth saw flames and a vapor trail. Freidig saw those Brobdignagian smoke rings.

All have been interviewed extensively by representatives of the Center for UFO Studies in Chicago. Since it was established in 1973, the center has received and investigated hundreds of thousands of reports of saucer sightings, object observations and the occasional alien abduction. They

## 1381 There's no snickering over reports of UFOs

reportedly have cross-checked the Belleville accounts with those of airport officials, military personnel and others who regularly send things up into the air. So far, nobody has claimed any knowledge of the object or objects.

The UFO Center people have promised to return to Belleville June 5 with a full report on their study. Based on the buzz in town last week, there will be few empty seats at the meeting.

Main Street merchant Don Little thinks somebody — or, at the very least, something — was up there those two nights. Little, the proprietor of Frenchtown Spirits and Floral, is an amateur astronomer and a self-described realist. But he also thinks there are more things in heaven and Earth than even Steven Spielberg dreams of.

"When you think of the enormity of space," muses Little, "I really think it's egotistical of us to think we're the only things alive in the universe."

So maybe there really were extraterrestrials over Belleville, Little says. On the other hand, maybe it was just the feds.

"The government has been known to conceal things before," he observes. "There's a lot of people think this is experimentation."

That would be Mary Pilgrim's best guess. She thinks it was the US Army sneaking around up there without telling anyone. They're like that, she says.

Army, aliens or whatever, Pilgrim, a teacher's aide at Belleville Grade School, thinks the whole thing is kind of fun. The sightings are an active topic in the schoolyard, she says, with first-person reports of

considerable floridness still heard from day to day.

Belleville has even been mentioned on national TV, she adds proudly.

"It's put us on the map, that's for sure," says Pilgrim, interviewed during recess as she deftly put an errant kickball back into play.



Lavonne Freidig

When she and her husband visited relatives in Arizona last month, everybody wanted to know about those "UFO things." The Pilgrims have had to buy half a dozen "Belleville UFO" buttons because people from other places keep begging to buy theirs.

The buttons used to be available downtown at Main Street Station Paraphernalia, but owner Robert Belle says he's sold out of the first run of 250. He may have to order more if the UFO guys from Chicago come back next week with something interesting. He also hopes the meeting will help move his remaining bumper stickers, which for some reason never took off quite the way the buttons did.

On the basis of items sold per capita, though, the sightings have been only slightly less marketable than, say, the Los Angeles Olympics.

The 50 official Belleville UFO T-shirts designed by Don Little — a striking flying-saucer motif in glowing pink on midnight black — are just about gone. Little may re-order, however. Lots of people are still asking about them.

Lavonne Freidig actually dropped some broad T-shirt hints to her family, but no one caught them.

"I thought I'd get one for Mother's Day," she says, "but I didn't."

Surely an official UFO sighter deserves her own official UFO T-shirt. Freidig supposes she'll have to go buy one herself.

# UFO buzzed us says family



MRS. Jenny Bates with her four-year-old daughter Hannah.

By Antony Harris  
SWANSEA toddler Hannah Bates today told of her close encounter with an unidentified flying object last night.

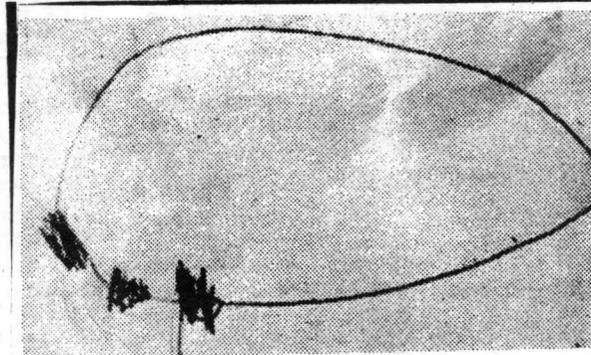
After calmly drawing what she saw the bright-eyed four-year-old said: "It was ghosties!"

Hannah and her mother Mrs. Jenny Bates say they were "buzzed" by the UFO which hovered silently 50 feet above their home in Curry Close, Upper Killay.

The child saw the object first and when her mother looked up she couldn't believe her eyes.

"It was just hovering there. It was tiny, about the size of my dining room table, and had four green lights on the bottom," said Mrs.

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HANNAH'S sketch of the UFO.

## UFO 'buzzed our home'

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Bates.

"I was rooted to the spot and I tried to call out to my husband but I couldn't speak," she said.

"I must have stared at it for five seconds before it shot off. There was a rushing of air, but no noise at all. It was really weird," added Mrs. Bates.

She wasn't convinced she had actually seen a UFO until Hannah sat down and drew the object.

"Ghosties is her word for anything unusual and that is

exactly what we saw," said Mrs. Bates.

The family had just returned from a long day out at around 10.30 last night when the encounter came while husband Nick was parked the car in the garage behind their home.

"I saw the reflection of green lights on the bonnet of the car, but nothing else," said.

Swansea police and airport authorities say they have had no reports of UFO sightings overnight.

# Documents contain proof 'flying saucers do exist'

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~~EDISON — Government agencies have been investigating reported sightings of unidentified flying objects since the late 1940s, but has tried to convince the public that the existence of alien visitors is nonsense, UFO researcher Robert Hastings said yesterday.~~

Government documents released during the late 1970s under the Freedom of Information Act show that other life forms exist in the universe, Hastings said during a presentation to Middlesex County College students.

"What the documents indicate beyond a reasonable doubt is that flying saucers do exist," Hastings said. "There is evidence despite repeated denials by the Pentagon."



ROBERT HASTINGS

Hastings presented a slide show outlining documented cases of UFO sightings between the late 1940s to about 1979.

The first wave of reported UFO sightings in the United States occurred in April 1947, Hastings said.

Official government explanation included solar reflections on low lying clouds, swamp gas, tempera

ture inversions, man made objects or meteor fragments.

Hastings said the CIA, U.S. Air Force, National Security Council and FBI have conducted secret investigations into the sightings.

There have been frequent reports of extra-terrestrial sightings at military bases and nuclear facilities

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Hastings said.

"From the mid 1970s to the fall of 1975, missile silos were the focus of increased levels" of reported sightings, Hastings said.

As an example, Hastings discussed several reported UFO sightings at Montana's Minuteman Air Force Base in 1977.

During one stretch, radar at the base detected an unidentified object, according to government documents.

In addition, personnel at the base reported seeing a 100-foot diameter sphere buzz the base.

"We have no firm answer as to what occurred there," Hastings said.

Hasting also said there is considerable debate over whether alien crafts ever have crashed on Earth.

According to an FBI document from March 22, 1950, crash sites of three unidentified crafts were discovered in New Mexico in 1949. Each craft contained three dead creatures, each about three feet tall, according to the document.

"But there's no information on the recovery operation nor a clue as to what happened to it," Hastings said. "It's so frustrating, but we have the testimony of people about this type of incident."

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# Interest in UFOs rises

## Earthlings' belief in aliens renewed by outer limits tales

By Dave Ferman

Staff Writer of The News

In 1947, pilot Kenneth Arnold saw nine silver discs flying in close formation near Seattle, Wash. They zipped. They zagged. They disappeared. And, when word leaked out to journalists of what Arnold claimed to have seen, the term "flying saucer" was coined and the modern era of "ufology" had begun.

Forty years later, UFOs are hot again — maybe hotter than ever. Cute little aliens are popping up on commercials for watches, beer and lawn mowers. The season climax of *The Colbys* featured a major character being kidnapped by aliens. Whitley Strieber's *Communion* — an account of many "abductions" into the hands of aliens — is No. 2 on the *New York Times* non-fiction best-seller list, and has prompted hundreds of people to come forward and say that they, too, have been abducted, and in some cases used as virtual guinea pigs.

National UFO organizations such as MUFON (Mutual UFO Network) and Chicago's J. Allen Hynek Center for UFO Studies report numerous "abductees" coming forward recently. And Seattle's National UFO Reporting Center says that, while the number of reports has held steady at about six a day for the past year, they are now getting people calling in about incidents that happened to them years ago.

Why now? Why all this renewed interest?

UFO experts point first to Strieber's book. Also, there's been a lot of interest in two other new books: *Intruders* by longtime UFO researcher Bud Hopkins, which deals with abductees; and *Light Years* by investigative author Gary

Kinder, which concerns a Swedish caretaker who claims, among other things, to have received information from a female alien from the planets of Pleiades. And finally, the experts say, people are just more responsive to the idea that there's someone else out there.

"Our mailing list has gone from 150 to about 270 since January — people are just intelligent enough to realize there's intelligent life in the universe," says MUFON Metroplex president Jerry Decker. "Strieber is such a well-known author — and suddenly he has experiences and comes forward. He cracked the ice a bit, because he's what people would call normal."

Dallas-area UFO enthusiast Rick Schneider — who says he saw a UFO measuring about 300 meters long hovering near Interstate 20 one night in August 1985 — believes that *Communion* has something to do with the resurgence in UFOs. But, he says, movies such as *E.T.* and *Close Encounters of the Third Kind* have simply gotten people over the "panic stage" of dealing with UFOs.

"I feel the planet is getting to a state where the consciousness of the individual is ready to accept the reality of UFOs," says Schneider, a Grand Prairie taxidermist. "Now children are being raised to accept the existence of UFOs. Ten years ago, when I'd talk about this, I'd get a lot of negative reaction, and there's a lot less now. There's talk on the street now — you didn't hear it 10 years ago. I mean, when your postman walks into the office and

asks what you thought of *Out On A Limb* . . ."

*Out On A Limb* is actress Shirley MacLaine's account of her "channeling" alien spirits — a book that has helped in people's growing acceptance of aliens and all things metaphysical, says Schneider. The fact that her account — like Strieber's — is finding such interest is a sign that people are more willing to accept that, as Schneider puts it, "there's more to the universe than you can physically see."

"People have seen that (Miss MacLaine's writing) and reacted to it and are now accepting the fact that people may believe in UFOs," says George Eberhart of the Hynek Center for UFO Studies. "Also, there's just the accumulation of 40 years of UFO sightings — there's not a lot of hard evidence but there is a lot of testimonials."

Robert Gribble of the National UFO Reporting Center points to an incident last year that also may be piquing people's interest: the case of a Japanese pilot who claimed UFOs accompanied him over Alaska. That incident, says Gribble, has led to three or four reports of old sightings. "That used to be a very rare thing," he says.

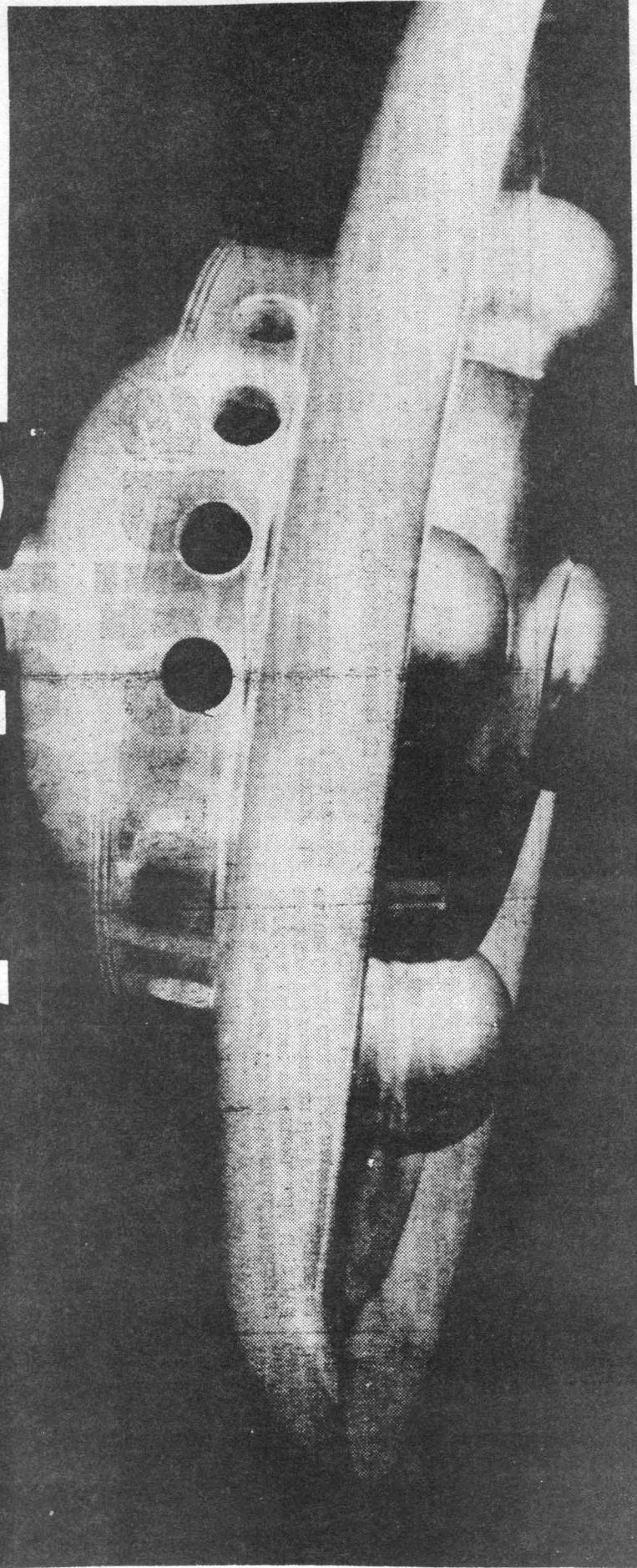
"People now know where to go (to report encounters)," says MUFON international director Walter Andrus Jr., who works with the Seattle group in investigating cases. "People are coming forward with things that happened years ago. And people want to know about UFOs — they want to find out about them. After all, it's the greatest mystery of the 20th century."

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# Objects

# Unlikely Flying



This is a model of a flying saucer made to the exact specifications of The Aetherius Society's founder, Sir George King, after he claimed to have had physical contact with it.

By ALLAN GILL

**T**HE "in-flight entertainment" took on a whole new meaning for the crew of the jet-liner JL 1628 flying over Alaska on November 17 last year.

For the Japanese pilot reported being tracked by a group of "walnut-shaped" UFOs for 50 minutes.

The captain constantly referred to the objects as space ships and said that they had suddenly stopped directly in front of the plane "and we could feel the heat from their lights in the cabin."

## Survey

The pilot's radar sighting was corroborated by two independent radar systems on the ground. The experience of flight JL 1628 has since been enshrined in a 320-page report recently released by the US government's Federal Aviation Administration.

And now the highly-publicised American sighting has spurred British UFO enthusiasts to renew their claim that, over the

years, governments throughout the world have indulged in a massive UFO cover-up.

The London-based Aetherius Society has been campaigning for the release of more official information for over 30 years, and it is currently touring major English cities preaching the word that we are far from alone in the universe.

Dr John Holder — a part-time staff member of the Aetherius Society — takes up the extra-terrestrial tale.

"We are holding a series of meetings to report to the public recent information that has come to us from the federal administration in the USA. We are also trying to prove to the public that flying saucers and UFOs are important and should not be ignored."

To this end, Dr Holder and his fellow society members have established a UFO Hotline (01 731 1094) which has 50 sightings reported in the first three days (see panel) with the prediction of many more to follow.

But perhaps more amazing was the result of a recently commissioned society survey.

"We carried out a public opinion poll of 3200 people in 12 English cities and their answers revealed that 72% believe in life on other planets, 74% would like more official information released about UFOs, and most important of all, 80% believe that some UFOs are extra-terrestrial spacecraft visiting earth.

"The Ministry of Defence have a UFO department and it has admitted to me that it has 100 cases every year which are filed away. But, according to the MoD, it has destroyed the files on all sightings prior to 1962."

Dr Holder said that the most common sightings were of "cigar or saucer-shaped craft" and he added that he had seen a UFO himself.

But the founder of the Aetherius Society has to be giddy of them all for sightings. This particular gentleman has even claimed to communicate with aliens.

"Sir George King is a western master of yoga and his training has attuned him to telepathic messages," said Dr Holder.

"He has claimed over 500 contacts of a telepathic nature — translated into sound through his larynx — and then tape recorded.

"Some of these messages last as long as 20 minutes from people who claim they come from other worlds and they cover a variety of subjects ranging from the dangers of nuclear war to the misuse of ecology."

## Aliens

But had Sir George described what any of these aliens look like? Dr Holder said there was a vast range of different descriptions which made it very difficult to be specific.

"But when they come to this earth they tend to use a humanoid structure and a normal mode of appearance would be around seven feet tall, clean shaven with blue or brown eyes, and dressed in a one-piece suit."

### Some of the UFO sightings recently reported to the Aetherius Society London hotline

#### Spain's Costa Blanca, 1978.



London journalist Anne Shepherd reported seeing a large object in the sky — "about the size of three double-decker buses" — moving at incredible speed for around 30 minutes. She claimed many more people saw the object.

#### Sutton Coldfield, 1986.



12.30 a.m. on a crystal-clear night, three Birmingham nurses reported seeing a cigar-shaped object moving noiselessly overhead with lots of lights showing underneath it. RAF Lynham confirmed that they had picked up a mysterious object on their radar screens and Birmingham Airport also later admitted to the nurses that they had detected the UFO.

#### Salisbury, 1978.



Robert Owen — an environmental consultant and private pilot with 15 years' experience — was flying near Salisbury when he sighted four UFOs for two-and-a-half minutes. Mr Owen said the UFOs were the size of a golf ball at arm's length and were moving very fast when the suddenly disappeared. He radioed air traffic control to learn that a Dan Air pilot had also reported seeing the objects.

#### Surrey, 1981.



Late at night, on a very clear evening, a young man was driving in his car with his girlfriend when he saw a "dark, silvery object hovering above the road." Then it landed in a field beyond a line of trees. He described the object as being saucer-shaped with observation windows and claimed to have seen a humanoid figure in silhouette.