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## Poland's army paper reports UFO sightings

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — Poland's official army newspaper reported that several military pilots spotted mysterious objects flying silently over the country at high speeds, and it asked readers to report any similar incidents.

"Object Sailed Without Sound — Unidentified Flying Objects Over Poland" read the headline Sunday in the army daily *Zolnierz Wolnosci* (Soldier of Freedom).

"I saw a plane passing about 60 yards below me with a plume of bright fire trailing it. I was surprised, because I should have heard the roar of a jet engine, while the plane passed by me without a sound," the article quoted the pilot of an AN-2 plane as saying. The Soviet-designed AN-2 is not a jet. It is a single-engine craft capable of carrying 12 passengers.

The newspaper did not say when the incident occurred but said similar reports had been received from other pilots.

The article also gave a report of another military pilot describing a UFO sighting but did not say when.

It quoted him as saying, "That night we were to practice interception. All of a sudden someone cried out to look up.

"Right above us an object was sailing eastwards at an altitude of some 600 yards. . . . It was literally sailing by, as no sound could be heard. Physically, it seemed impossible."

A third incident reportedly occurred in July 1983 when two pilots received orders to intercept an airborne object.

"After I got to a distance of 300 yards, I noticed its strange shape," the article quoted a Lt. Marek J. as saying, without giving his last name. "It was something that did not resemble anything flying in the air. The object was an oblong cylinder."

According to the lieutenant's account, the object seemed to toy with his jet fighter until finally, "as if bored," it sped out of sight.

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## British jet crew spots UFO

### *Dodged weird light over Soviet Union*

LONDON (AP) — A British Airways jetliner made a diversion over the Soviet Union to avoid what the crew reported as an unidentified flying object, airline spokesman Alan Solloway said yesterday.

The incident occurred in April, but first came to light in a front-page article yesterday in the *Times* of London.

Solloway confirmed that the crew of the Boeing 747 jumbo jet reported seeing a UFO over the Soviet Union on April 22 while flying from London to Bangkok, Thailand.

He said it was the first such case in the airline's history.

"We have had crews report seeing space debris burning, but we can't recall a UFO being sighted and being logged as a UFO," Solloway said.

"Usually, there is a scientific explanation for whatever was seen, but there doesn't seem to be a scientific explanation for this."

The *Times* said all five crew members reported seeing an object with twinkling lights fly directly toward them and then vanish quickly over the Kazhakstan horizon.

"It was definitely not an aircraft," the paper quoted First Officer Anthony Colin, 42, as saying. "Of that I am positive. None of us had ever seen anything like it before. We are all bitter, cynical aviators who like a scientific explanation for everything. But this has got us foxed."

Howard Miles, director of the artificial satellite section of the British Astronomical Association, told the *Times* that the crew could have seen a satellite re-entering the atmosphere after falling out of orbit.

But he said satellites normally burn up at an altitude of about 80 miles and the aircraft was flying at about 10 miles.

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## UFOs Cited In Pentagon Documents

Reuters

WASHINGTON — A group that monitors reports of UFOs has made public Pentagon documents that report sightings of unidentified flying objects by soldiers at military bases in the United States.

Dale Goudie, president of the UFO Information Service in Seattle, said Thursday that the Defense Department documents were provided to him under the Freedom of Information Act.

One U.S. Air Force document, dated Sept. 9, 1980, describes a sighting of UFOs the previous month by security guards at Kirtland Air Force Base in New Mexico.

It said three guards, interviewed separately, described an "unidentified light in the air" or a "disc-shaped object" that swooped over a weapons storage area just before midnight on Aug. 8, 1980.

It "traveled with great speed and stopped suddenly in the sky," the report said.

The document continued: "The three first thought the object was a helicopter, however, after observing the strange aerial maneuvers (stop and go), they felt a helicopter couldn't have performed such skills. The guards "witnessed the light take off and leave proceeding straight up at a high rate of speed," the document said.

Thirty minutes later, it said, another guard reported seeing a similar craft at a nearby military research station.

"The guard was a former helicopter mechanic in the U.S. Army and stated the object . . . was not a helicopter," the report said.

Mr. Goudie said the incident in New Mexico was one of many reported at U.S. military bases.

Mr. Goudie, an advertising consultant, suggested that the U.S. government was covering up what it knew about UFOs to avoid causing panic.

Skeptics such as Philip Klass, who has long debunked reports of UFO sightings, said this past week that documents obtained by Mr. Goudie and others are not definitive evidence that space aliens exist.



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# Close Encounters

## *Books allege UFO abductions*

By Scott Sublett  
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

**H**er name isn't Leigh, but we'll call her that. She's at UFO investigator Budd Hopkins' Manhattan town house to be hypnotized. Troubling memories have prompted her to suspect she might have a history of alien abductions. Mr. Hopkins has agreed to help unlock the memories.

A pretty, plumpish mother of two, Leigh lives in an affluent New York suburb and has a good job with a large corporation. Her hair is ash-blond and she's dressed fashionably for city summer in a white cotton sweater and full print skirt.

Mr. Hopkins, a tall, kindly-looking man with salt 'n' pepper hair, wears blue jeans. His glasses have trendy, translucent amber-colored frames, the ends of which he's absent-mindedly chewed down to the wire. Aside from being an author of UFO books, he's an artist, and the cool, white-walled studio where he conducts this session is decorated with abstract sculptures.

He tucks Leigh into the sofa bed. It's quiet and still. He switches off the light so that he's a silhouette in a director's chair. A dog barks and the hypnosis begins.

He coaxes Leigh back, "back to 1980, back before that to the 1970s, when you were leading a different kind of life," when she was a hippie living in a converted chicken coop with a pot-bellied stove and one night her friend "Jim" came to visit her and, she says in a little, little voice filled with pauses: "... the dogs are acting oddly. ... Jim says maybe there's a UFO outside, so we sat up



From the jacket of "Communion"  
Jacket design by Cheryl Asherman

and there is a UFO outside ...

"I'm afraid and I'm telling Jim I don't want them to get out ... and he's telling me not to be afraid. ... I've put my head in Jim's chest and I'm crying ... he's real happy. ... I keep seeing this underneath part and it's got lights but I'm not outside of the [cabin] and I don't understand how I can see it. ... I'm hiding my head and my fists are clenched and I've told Jim I don't want to go and Jim says it's OK and I don't want to go. ...

"I'm in the air but I'm hanging on. ...

"The thing's got a scary face like a skeleton ... he doesn't have any hair. ... I keep whirling around ... he's not like a human being and not like a bug. ..."

After about 40 minutes of halting, partially successful efforts to remember, Mr. Hopkins brings Leigh out of hypnosis. He says she'll remember even more next time.

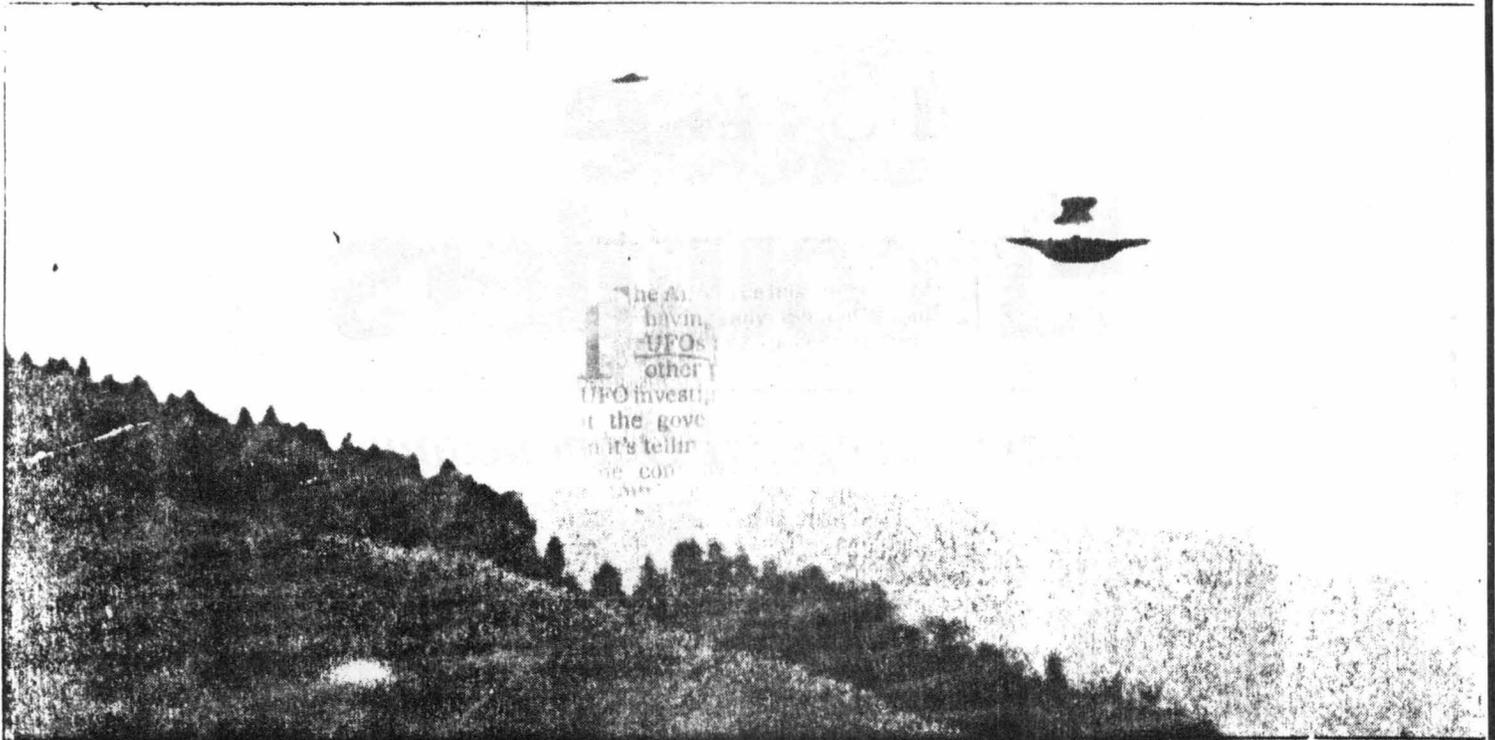


Forty years ago this week, the sighting of nine, shiny flying discs over Washington's Mount Rainier launched the modern UFO era. And now — they're bAAAAAAAAaaaaack, spookier than ever. Interstellar drop-ins, long a staple of supermarket tabloids and Steven Spielberg pictures,

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1976 photograph of a supposed Unidentified Flying Object

## CLOSE ENCOUNTERS CONT



A jet fighter on maneuvers with the Swiss Air Force flew into the picture when this supposed UFO photo was snapped near

are starring in three big, new books from respectable publishing houses: "Communion" by Whitley Strieber (Morrow); "Intruders" by Mr. Hopkins (Random House); and "Light Years" by Gary Kinder (Atlantic Monthly Press).

As flying saucers hover atop the best-seller lists, they're also beaming across the airwaves and zigzagging through the Freudian recesses of the national subconscious in tales of extraterrestrial sex. Mr. Hopkins alone has talked to 140 persons who believe they have been abducted by aliens, many of them subjected to mysterious manipulations of their reproductive systems.

Mr. Strieber, whose "Communion" has been on The New York Times best-seller list for 17 weeks, also wrote several horror novels and was previously best-known for "Warday," a story about the aftermath of a nuclear war written in a pseudo-documentary style (a credential which critics of his "Communion" find suspicious).

Nevertheless, the author vows that "Communion" truthfully records what he says he's almost sure were encounters with humanoids from another planet. What's more, he claims he's run into them since finishing the book and for the first time he had the presence of mind to ask them questions:

Strieber: Where are you from?

Humanoid: Everywhere.

Strieber: Why did you come here?

Humanoid: We saw a glow.

Strieber: What is this place?

Humanoid: It's a school.

"The voice I was hearing seemed to be in my ears, but I didn't see any mouths moving," says Mr. Strieber, speaking by telephone from the isolated cabin in rural New York where he contends most of the encounters took place. "I've always been much too excited to notice where the voices are coming from. . . . What do they mean, it's a school? A school for souls? That would be in keeping with Christian understanding. It's the Buddhist idea, too, and Hindu."

Most students of the phenomenon begin the modern UFO era with Kenneth Arnold, a respected businessman and former congressional candidate, who, piloting his plane past Mount Rainier, saw nine shiny objects flying in formation in 1947. He said they looked like saucers.

The press dubbed them "flying saucers," but the U.S. Air Force imposed the more ambiguous designation "Unidentified Flying Objects."

We are *not* in the midst of a new rash of sightings, but rather, a wave of memories. The UFO rage of 1987 isn't about swamp gas, weather balloons or inexplicable lights darting through the sky. It's about abductions.

From "Light Years," by Gary Kinder

Schmarduel on April 14, 1976.

These books are filled with tales of "abductions," most of which took place years ago and, because of the mind control purportedly exerted by the aliens, were forgotten until recalled under hypnosis.

The first reported abduction, one of the most famous cases in UFO history, was that of Betty and Barney Hill in 1961. At the time, the Hills' reports suggested a more than casual alien interest in human reproduction.

Mr. Hopkins asserts that earthlings are apparently being used as guinea pigs in an ongoing genetic experiment. Their purpose? To breed hybrids, part earthling, part alien. Mr. Hopkins surmises this from patterns that emerge in the descriptions of dozens of kidnappees he has interviewed while researching his books "Missing Time" and "Intruders: The Incredible Visitations at Copley Woods." The latter book, published this spring, is already in its third printing.

Far from being a pack of obvious nut cases, Mr. Hopkins' witnesses include numerous mainstream types, including five psychotherapists, a microbiologist, a museum curator, a solid businessman and a well-known musician. It was his own idea to welcome a reporter into his Manhattan

home to witness a hypnosis session. Everything looked above-board, and if the alleged abductee was a psychopath, she was certainly coping nicely.

And she would have to be a psychopath to make up the story she told.

Elizabeth Slater, a New York psychologist who worked with Mr. Strieber and examined a number of his abductees, wrote, "In broad terms, if the reported abductions were confabulated fantasy productions, based on what we know about psychological disorders, they could only have come from pathological liars, paranoid schizophrenics and severely disturbed and extraordinarily rare hysteroid characters subject to fugue states and/or multiple personality shifts . . . it is important to note that not one of the subjects, based on the test data, falls into any of these categories. . . . In other words, there is no apparent psychological explanation for their reports."

The weird thing about the descriptions in Mr. Hopkins' book — and their congruence with descriptions given to other UFOlogists — is that they're all so uncannily similar, even though the people hadn't met previously and sometimes had no previous knowledge of UFO literature.

On the other hand, according to a study published in *Science News*, people picked at random and asked leading questions about UFO experiences can be induced to describe "experiences" very similar to the ones in question. Still, Mr. Hopkins insists it's a myth that these stories emerge only under hypnosis and says he's had a number of cases in which no hypnosis at all was needed.

Typically, the abductee remembers seeing the UFO, then remembers it being gone, and later notices that time has passed for which he cannot account. Mr. Hopkins calls this "missing time," and under hypnosis the abductee is urged to remember what happened during it. Occasionally this can be remembered without hypnosis, and the hypnosis often prompts later recollections unaided by hypnosis.

According to "Intruders," the archetypal UFO experience, 1987-style, generally begins with the earthling driving through some sparsely populated area and suddenly feeling an urge to take a turn

or go a direction he has no logical reason to go. This is the beginning of the mind control, the loss of will, that abductees say they feel.

According to the book, the rest is usually remembered under hypnosis, and is experienced as a zombie-like thrall to the will of the aliens:

The hapless earthlings are beamed out of their cars, through the air, and into a round room where they land on an examining table. Two operations are usually performed (though not necessarily both at the same session).

In one, a tiny sphere is injected up the nostril and into the brain. Second, men are made to render sperm samples through the use of a vacuum device that ends in a clear, plastic cone. Women are deprived of ova (unfertilized human female eggs) in an operation that bears a great resemblance to a laparoscopy, the procedure used by doctors on Earth who are removing ova for the development of "test tube babies."

A number of women also have remembered "presentation" scenes, in which they were shown their half-breed babies, and some men have recollections of mating with alien or part-alien females.

In these accounts, the aliens communicate with the earthlings mainly through a form of telepathy. They're short — between 3 and 4½ feet tall — hairless, and have thin lips, small noses, gray skin and huge, all-black, slightly slanted eyes.

Lest one think Mr. Hopkins has seen "Mars Needs Women" with Tommy Kirk and Yvonne Craig a few too many times, it should be noted that Mr. Hopkins is a well-regarded artist; three of his works are in the permanent collection of the Whitney Museum of American Art.

As for the abductees he interviews, they're a cross section of the population. Far from being publicity hounds, most wish to remain anonymous. Rather than feeling "special" for having been chosen by the aliens, they feel terrorized and violated, like rape victims, and want only for the abductions — which characteristically take place initially during early childhood and then several times again — to stop.

It's no wonder abductees prefer anonymity, says Mr. Hopkins, who recalls the story of one of New York's finest who was paralyzed, taken into a craft, disarmed, put on a table for an investigation and, a sperm sample taken, given back his gun and put outside.

"Can you imagine a person reporting that and then going in to request a promotion from his sergeant or something?"

The big question is: Did any of this really happen?

Little physical evidence is offered aside from flattened, irradiated patches of ground where the spacecraft supposedly landed, and tiny scars that seem to be characteristic of abductees.

Mr. Hopkins predicts that the tiny spheres that the aliens inject into people's heads will probably be the first physical evidence, but if they're too small to be seen with X-rays, then we'll have to wait until the people who've been implanted with them die, before they can be found.

There are intriguing photographs

around, but skeptics maintain they don't prove anything. Using the Freedom of Information Act, Bruce Maccabee, a Maryland UFOlogist, has assembled government documents that indicate Uncle Sam knows more than he's saying, but in the view of many critics there's nothing definitive.

Philip Klass, a professional UFO debunker, has insisted that UFO believers "revel in unexplained cases. UFOlogists do not have one strong case, not one, that they would be willing to take to the Academy of Sciences and say, 'Here is your proof.' All they have is a large number of weak cases, which are supposed to add up to a strong statement on behalf of UFOs."

Still, you don't have to accept the abduction stories to believe in extraterrestrial intelligence (ETI). According to sociologists, interest in extraterrestrial intelligence in America has been divided into three categories: religious groups, UFOlogists and scientists.

The religious groups, mostly urban and suburban white fundamentalists whose beliefs are an extrapolation of their Christianity, see Christ as an early representative of our benevolent "space brothers," according to Douglas Curran, who wrote "In Advance of the Landing: Folk Concepts of Outer Space."

There are thousands of such people, concentrated in California and the South, and while they often have a history of dabbling in mysticism, they are outwardly quite normal, says a 1966 study published in *Society* magazine.

UFOlogists investigate reports of sightings or abductions. These dedicated amateurs dig around in a field that most "respectable" scientists prefer to ignore.

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Within the scientific community, the most prominent UFOlogist was the late Northwestern University astronomy professor J. Allen Hynek, whose book "UFO Experience" did much to dignify the study of UFOs.

Most scientists affect an attitude of haughty disdain toward the UFOlogists, but this is not to say they discount the possibility of extraterrestrial intelligence, according to sociologists Ron Westrum, David Swift and David Stuppel.

They found that scientists poo-poo the idea that aliens have actually visited Earth but consider the possibility of intelligent life on other planets a statistical probability. In fact, there is great enthusiasm within the scientific community for the search for extraterrestrial intelligence (SETI).

Among the scientists who regularly urge Congress to allocate more money for radio telescopes with which to sweep the sky is Carl Sagan. His novel "Cosmos" is about a scientist who detects a radio-wave message from a nearby star, only to have her findings subjected to a government cover-up. The novel shows Earth turning away from war and embracing world brotherhood as a result of the message from the aliens. This is a theme that the UFO religious groups play on, too.

The descriptions of aliens in recent UFO literature are frustratingly ambiguous. So far, they've neither significantly hurt nor helped us, if they've been here at all. //

THE INDEPENDENT  
LONDON

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### Polish UFOs

Warsaw (Reuter) — Members of Poland's armed forces have reported seeing several unidentified flying objects in recent days, PAP news agency said. There were a number of separate sightings of an object trailing orange flames and making no noise.

# 'Evidence' shows Uncle Sam is also interested in UFOs

The Air Force has long denied having any evidence that UFOs are spacecraft from other planets.

UFO investigators, however, claim that the government knows more than it's telling.

One controversial case is "the Roswell Incident," the alleged crash of a flying saucer in Roswell, N.M., during 1947's wave of UFO sightings. An Air Force press release said the military had recovered a flying disc. The following day, the story was changed to "weather balloon."

In 1984, UFO researcher Jaime Shandera, a Los Angeles television producer, received an alleged government briefing paper in the mail from an anonymous source. He says he believes it to be genuine, after a detailed, three-year investigation, and released it to the press in May.

Dated Nov. 18, 1952, and marked "Top Secret," allegedly it was written by the Majestic-12 group, a team of investigators appointed by President Harry Truman, and addressed to then President-elect Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Some excerpts:

"On 24 June 1947, a civilian pilot flying over the Cascade Mountains in the State of Washington observed nine flying disc-shaped aircraft travelling in formation at a high rate of speed. ... Public reaction bordered on near hysteria at times.

"... little of substance was learned about the objects until a local rancher reported that one had crashed in a remote region of New Mexico located approximately 75 miles northwest of Roswell Army Air Base.

"... aerial reconnaissance discovered that four, small, human-like beings had apparently ejected from the craft at some point before it exploded. These had fallen to earth about two miles east of the wreckage site. All four were dead and badly decomposed due to action by predators and exposure to the elements during the approximately one week time period which had elapsed before their discovery ... news reporters were given the effective cover story that the object had been a misguided weather research balloon.

"... the disc was most likely a short-range reconnaissance craft. This conclusion was based for the most part on the craft's size and ap-



From "Intruders" by Budd Hall  
Drawings are similar in (top) a UFO investigator's sketch based on an abduction case and (above) a woman's observation of a UFO occupant on several occasions

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*An Air Force press release said the military had recovered a flying disc. The following day, the story was changed to "weather balloon."*

parent lack of any identifiable provisioning... although these creatures were human-like in appearance, the biological and evolutionary processes responsible for their development has apparently been quite different from those observed or postulated in homo-sapiens...

"Implications for the national security are of continuing importance. It is for these reasons as well as obvious international and technological considerations and the ultimate need to prevent a public panic at all costs, that the Majestic-12 Group remains of the unanimous opinion that imposition of the strictest security precautions should continue without interruption into the new administration..."

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\* Meanwhile, officials at the National Air and Space Administration report that NASA has no official position on UFOs. And despite legend to the contrary, the agency has never had an office looking into the phenomenon, said a NASA spokesman.

NASA is, however, concerned with the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence (SETI), which involves the use of radio telescopes to scan the heavens for signals.

"I don't want SETI associated with this article," says Lynn Griffiths, program manager of Advanced Missions and Special Proj-

ects, NASA Life Sciences Division. "The UFO phenomenon is not a scientific study, but NASA's SETI is."

She then asked, "Do you intend to do a credible article or do you intend to go for sensationalism?"

She said that SETI is in the research and development stage, plans are to enter the "operational" phase in 1989 and monitoring the sky for signals could begin in 1992. The NASA SETI budget for fiscal 1987 is

\$2.4 million, not nearly enough to do the job, according to Ms. Griffiths.

While the existence of the SETI program implies a belief in the probability of extraterrestrial intelligence, do not infer that NASA's SETI enthusiasts therefore also believe that the extraterrestrials have visited Earth in UFOs.

Ms. Griffiths argued that if the government had recovered debris from a flying saucer crash, they would have consulted eminent scientists involved in SETI. To her knowledge, the government has not done so.

John Rummel, a scientist in exobiology at NASA and involved in SETI, agreed. "Imagine what a budget would be if the government actually had evidence?"

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Readers interested in learning more about UFOs can do so at a symposium this weekend. All the best UFOlogists will be there, including Whitley Strieber, Budd Hopkins, William L. Moore and Jean Jacques Velasco (director of GEPAN, a UFO study group within the French national space agency).

Registration opens 8 a.m. Sunday at The American University, Ward Circle Building. The cost is \$35. For more information call 683-2786.

— Scott Sub

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# What Was Soaring Over Citra? UFO Group May Investigate

By LAURA KNIGHT  
Staff Writer

A no-noise unidentified flying object seen in north Marion County Wednesday night, described as about the size of a sedan and with no wings, may be checked out by the Mufon UFO Network, which investigates such sightings.

Witnesses, including a sheriff's deputy, said the UFO had headlights and one red light and one blue or green light on its front.

Allison Zaleski, a Mufon spokeswoman, said a decision on the investigation will be made today. She said witnesses may be interviewed by the organization.

"People have asked me if I thought it was operated by remote, and I've said no," Citra resident Stephanie James said. She said the object turned and moved toward her as

she sat in her car with three children and her sister on Pine Church Road. She said they watched it for about 10 minutes before they decided to leave because it got too close.

"We had never believed in (UFOs)," Mrs. James said. "The kids said it was a plane, but no, we had seen planes before."

Mrs. James said the object was about one-half mile to a quarter of a mile from the car when they first noticed it. They drove to railroad tracks so they could see more clearly and stopped at the side of the road. The object, moving just above the power lines, moved slowly toward them. Mrs. James said they decided to leave when it got about 50 feet from them.

The object was silent and had wheels on the back of it. She See UFO on page 4B

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said the wheels were about the size of a car's.

Deputy Jay Manifold said he saw the UFO "for only a few seconds." He said it was moving faster than a car, about 30 feet above the ground.

"It was about the size of my car," Manifold said. He watched the object fly over the county line into Alachua County, where he said, officials had told the Marion sheriff's communications center that no UFOs had been reported.

Manifold suggested the object may have been a military helicopter. He said all boats and planes he has seen have had the red and green lights that this object displayed. He said one of its two

headlights was aimed forward and one was aimed down to the ground.

Two witnesses saw the object hover, and then fly over them. They said they did not think it was remote controlled, because it had paused in the air and then moved on.

The sheriff's department contacted military authorities and the electrical and railroad companies to verify that nothing like the UFO was in operation at the time, according to department spokesman Sgt. Ken Ergle.

"Basically all I can say," Manifold said, "is that, yes, they did see it and no, I don't know what it was."

No sightings were reported Thursday night. //

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## Marion residents report seeing UFO

By BRYANNA LATOOF  
Times Staff Writer

OCALA — Stephanie James was driving home over a winding blacktop road in rural Marion County about 11 p.m. Wednesday when a 10-year-old passenger in her car pointed fearfully to the sky.

It took James, a 24-year-old Citra woman, and two other passengers a few seconds to see what Rickey Monroe was trembling about:

Then they saw it.

Hovering at treetop level was a strange, brightly lighted aircraft.

"We thought it was lightning at first. But then we knew it wasn't. It was going real slow and came on top of the car," said Wanda Lasher, James' 21-year-old sister.

Lasher, James, Rickey and his 13-year-old brother, Jason, watched in awe for several minutes before speeding home to call authorities.

Lasher said the aircraft looked like "a large Volkswagen," with green and red lights forming a half-circle along what appeared to be the back of the object. Two wheels also protruded from the back.

Two lights were on the front of the vehicle, with one large white beam shining down from underneath, lighting up the car.

"It shot something out of the back. It looked like sparks," Lasher said.

Other Citra residents called the Marion County Sheriff's Department late Wednesday to report an unidentified flying object over their rural community, which is about 20 miles north of Ocala.

Rickey called the sheriff's department at 10:57 p.m., but a deputy wasn't dispatched until 11:43, after two more calls came in.

Deputy Jay Manifold arrived in Citra about 12:03 a.m. to find the aircraft still in the area. He reported seeing "an object hovering over the railroad tracks just above the treetops, going slowly," said sheriff's spokesman Sgt. Ken Ergle.

"(Manifold) couldn't tell the shape, but it was the size of a car with sparks coming from the rear. The vehicle then took off at a high rate of speed and disappeared within two seconds," Ergle said.

Manifold, who could not be reached for comment Thursday, said in a written report that the object made no sound as it streaked northwest.

According to his report, Manifold did not see the object at first. Then he drove toward U.S. 301, and about 300 yards south of the Marion County line he "observed a flying craft," the report says.

Manifold wrote that he "was unable to identify the object, but did notice that it made no noise and did not have the shape of any aircraft" he had ever seen.

In response to the reports from residents, the sheriff's department contacted the U.S. Navy Air Station in Jacksonville, and utility and railroad officials, all of whom said "they had no equipment or aircraft in the area at the time of the sighting," said sheriff's Cpl. Otto Wettstein.

A spokesman for the Naval Air Station in Jacksonville said that training flights do take place both day and night around the Citra area, but he could not say whether there were any Wednesday night.

The aircraft probably was not a weather balloon from the Naval Oceanographic Command Detachment at Jacksonville, said Lt. j.g. Greg Beck.

Dick Lewis, manager of the Ocala Municipal Airport, said he was unaware of any unusual sightings in the area and there are no unusual aircraft headquartered at the airport.

Wettstein said he thinks the hovering object was a legitimate aircraft headed northwest to Payne's Prairie, a large, open area just south of Gainesville and the University of Florida. The university is about 20 miles northwest of where the sightings occurred. Payne's Prairie has an aircraft range transmitter that guides planes and helicopters.

Wettstein said the lights on the aircraft "are identical to those required of most aircraft in the country. This report in no way describes any extraterrestrial machine, which everyone has blown this up to be," he said.

Tell that to James, Lasher and the Monroe boys.

James, quick to emphasize that she does not smoke or take drugs, said what she saw in the sky was "definitely not an airplane or helicopter. It was close enough for us to tell that."

— Staff Writer Barbara Behrendt  
continued to this report. //

## Assignment:

## Wisconsin

# UFOs light up skies, but only questions are left hovering

By Rogers Worthington  
Chicago Tribune

BELLEVILLE, Wis.—Police officer Glen Kazmar was on night patrol Jan. 16 when he reported seeing a cluster of lights in the sky. He saw them earlier and ignored them, he said, because the area is on a flight path. But hours later when he looked again, Kazmar was startled. "It's not moving," he recalled later.

Kazmar picked up Jeff Furseth, his partner, and drove to a bluff southwest of town. What they said they saw there, a mile or two south and a thousand feet or so up, were flashing red, blue and white lights arranged horizontally.

The cluster was motionless and the lights were intense, more like spotlights than aircraft running lights, Kazmar said. There was no sound, and it was too dark to discern a shape. Kazmar and Furseth were joined by a Dane County sheriff's deputy, who reported seeing the same thing.

Soon afterward came a sheriff's deputy from nearby Green County, who also reported seeing the lights. Eventually the lights moved southwest, picking up speed until they disappeared.

This was the first of a number of reports this year of strange lights, objects and doings in the sky near Belleville, a bedroom community of 1,300 south of Madison.

Other reports followed on March 6. Several described cigar-shaped objects in the late afternoon sky. The objects appeared to have pop can-shaped or tank-like objects nearby or beneath. According to the reports, some of the objects departed in, or were obscured by, a cloud of vapor.

This is what Lavonne Freidig says she saw from her home shortly after 5 p.m. that Friday in March. Her son, Bill, 18, summoned from the shower, said it looked more like a flock of geese to him. But she did not see any signs of wavering in the shiny khaki-tinted object she said she saw.

Harvey Funseth and Fred Gochenauer described a similar object with blinking, strobe-like lights while driving home on Wis. Hwy. 69 from their jobs in Madison. For 15 minutes they watched the object move slowly away in the sky "like a missile taking off," Gochenauer said.



There were other reports of the same sighting, and there were reports of other sightings. All in all, more than a dozen people in Belleville, and nearby New Glarus, a tourist town, reported seeing strange things in the sky from January to April.

"It seemed like they were all describing the same thing; red lights on the left, and blue lights on the right," said Michael Burke, editor of the New Glarus Postin.

Unlike more skeptical times in past years, those reporting such things in present day Belleville have not become the object of town jokes.

Of course, Kazmar has been ribbed by his fellow officers. And Freidig's children bought her a "Belleville, home of the UFOs" T-shirt, a sellout at Belleville's Frenchtown Spirits liquor store. "Belleville UFO" buttons are sold at Main Street Paraphernalia.

But UFO spotters in Belleville generally are considered reasonable and serious folk. Kazmar is respected as the local officer. Freidig is on the office staff of State Sen. Lloyd Kincaid. Funseth is a surveyor for the state Department of Transportation.

"That's the amazing part: Nobody thinks we're crazy," Freidig said.

All these reports prompted an investigation by the Chicago-based Center for UFO Studies. But since none of the sightings was a close encounter, the kind ufologists get excited about, the center sent Donald Schmitt, its Milwaukee investigator.

Ordinary UFO sightings, after all, come and go with frequency. They are the small change in the currency of ufology. And Belleville, it seems, was but a minor jingle in the cosmic pocket.

"You can't help getting a little blasé after a while," said Jerome Clark, president of the UFO center, of the large number of sightings over the years.

Three weeks ago in the high school gym, Schmitt reported on the sightings to the people of Belleville. After eliminating stars, blimps, weather balloons, and conventionally powered man-made aircraft as possible explanations, Schmitt and his colleague concluded that the Belleville reports were legitimate UFO sightings.

Many who attended were more or less satisfied with this. "I guess I accept their opinion," Kazmar said. But others went away disappointed. "I felt they didn't go much beyond the information they had initially," said Arthur Code, a professor of astronomy at the University of Wisconsin at Madison.

Clark said this points out a problem for ufologists—the frustration of never being able to show anything concrete for their efforts. Despite thousands of sighting reports over the years, no one has ever produced a credible photograph of a UFO. Harvey Funseth tried, but the film did not come out. Some of science's best minds, in fact, are still debating even the possibility of intelligent life beyond Earth.

The whole question of UFOs and extraterrestrial intelligence, Clark said, has always been, and remains, "a bottomless pit . . . a quagmire of ambiguity."

"If you can't tolerate ambiguity, stay away from UFOs," Clark said.

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**Nightmare from 'Nightline'**

special

Ted Koppel was telling us about unidentified flying objects. I was bored and my eyes were droopy. I had thought people had forgotten about those pesky things.

Supermarket tabloids haven't reported any "strange" sightings by "ordinary people" in six or seven weeks. But UFOs are hot again; I suppose; it's not likely that Koppel's "Nightline" would lead us astray.

I lost interest in UFOs long ago, and it seemed I'd heard all of Koppel's experts' reports before — from other experts. Nevertheless, I watched, mainly because Happy hasn't yet lost interest in reported weird shenanigans in space.

My head rested on three pillows and my eyes were bleary. I could barely see the reporting scientist through the space between my toe that had gone to market and the one that had stayed home; my lids hung heavily over my eyes. I knew I'd never make it to the next commercial.

"I'll never forget that night one of those things landed in our back yard," a voice said.

I thought I heard someone say that something landed in our back yard.

"I'll never forget that night."

There it was again. Had someone said she'd never forget the night that something landed in our back yard?

"I was just petrified."

It was real. I'd heard someone say they she was petrified the night that something landed in our back yard.

My eyes popped open. Lights flickered on the ceiling. Koppel was interrogating another scientist.

"I don't think I'll ever forget that night."

"What night?"

"The night that thing landed in our back yard."

"What thing?" I asked, looking wide-eyed at the windows.

"I don't know, I was so frightened. I just heard it."

"You heard a thing land in our



**Second Cup**  
 Frank Schneider

back yard but didn't see it?"

Koppel was interviewing a woman who said she'd been captured by strange creatures who tortured her with magical electronic devices in their space ship.

"I kept my eyes closed. All that buzzing and whirling right outside our bedroom windows. I was petrified."

"Why didn't I hear it?"

"You were sleeping."

The woman on TV said that she had terrible headaches after the strange creatures released her.

"I don't remember anything about that. You never told me."

"I told you the next morning. There was a story about it in the newspaper quoting people in the lake area who'd heard strange things that night."

A scientist was telling Koppel that the government is hiding the truth from us and is keeping reports of the strange creatures locked up in a secret vault.

"You see, it's all secret. I know what I heard."

"Maybe it was a train."

"It was not a train."

"Maybe a train stopped suddenly and all of its cars collided and..."

"No. No. I know what I heard that night — a strange, weird whirling, beeping sound; you know how those space ships sound. It landed in our back yard." Koppel said goodnight and she zapped off the TV.

Actually, I don't know what space ships sound like, but I was listening. My eyes were stretched open to their limits and my ears were cocked in the darkness. Why is she telling me all of this now? What was that?

**Name calling:** Remember when building custodians were called janitors, sanitation engineers garbage collectors, flight attendants stewardesses and domestic engineers housewives?

Pat Patterson stumbled upon a new job classification when he was in a camera store. The clerk who answered questions about a photographic item handed Patterson his card.

"You know what he is? An imaging consultant."

**Sealed lips:** Frank "Kin" Hubbard had this to say about names: "When a woman says, 'I don't wish to mention any names,' it ain't necessary."

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**More UFOs**

<sup>3128</sup> Barton-under-Needwood could have been visited by an invisible UFO. A very strange hissing noise was heard, but no lights were observed. The great UFO riddle continues. — James Price, Station Road, Barton-under-Needwood.

# CHRIS MARROU

## They saw a thing coming out of a sky



Summer is here once again, and with it come at least three certainties of the season. First, you are going to eat a lot of bad barbecue, most of which you will cook yourself. Second, the Cubs will disappoint us once again, followed a little later by the Astros. And third, you're going to see a UFO.

Oh, don't try to deny it. You *want* to see that UFO. You want it to be a flying saucer, and you want little green men to get out of it (you also *want* to eat that barbecue and see the Cubs blow it, but that's for another column). The trouble is, most people don't know what they're seeing when they look up in the sky. That doesn't stop them.

"What people typically think is a UFO is the planet Venus, or a regular meteor — nothing you could qualify as a UFO," says Bryan Snow, who has been director of the San Antonio College Planetarium for a decade. Snow grew up on a farm south of San Antonio and has spent much of his adult life either showing people what's in the sky and trying to take pictures of astronomical objects. He *knows* what should be up there, and the only thing he ever saw that might have been a UFO he believes was a meteor, and he certainly doesn't think it was an interstellar space ship. But what most people will think is a UFO is simply a bright planet like Jupiter or, more often, Venus.

"People don't believe something that bright can be a natural phenomenon," Snow points out, adding that Venus can easily cast a shadow on a moonless night in a dark sky. When it's an evening star, as it will be later this summer, his planetarium gets dozens of calls from people. But, Venus doesn't move very fast, does it?"

"To some people it does. We have people who swear on a stack of Bibles. 'It moved to the left — it moved to the right — it moved by that power line over there.'" Snow says this is understandable, since it's something called *autokinesis*, the tendency



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of the brain to think something is moving when there is nothing nearby to compare its motion to. He often points this out by projecting a stationary dot of light on the darkened planetarium dome. Most everyone will decide it's moving, if he suggests it. And people often suggest

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it to themselves.

"People have a feeling they want to see something in the sky, and I believe that taints their observation." When people call because Venus is so bright, Snow points out they've seen nothing unusual. "60 percent of the time they believe us. The rest of the time they don't. Some have a preconceived idea — 'It's so bright, it's moving, it's gotta be a UFO.'"

If we're still alone in the universe, South Texans aren't alone in believing in flying saucers and other signs from above. Sam Barden, a Ph.D. astronomer at Kitt Peak National Observatory in Arizona, told me about a Soviet booster rocket that re-entered the atmosphere above that state last year, tumbling, burning and putting on quite a show.

"People were calling us up for six hours. Some guy said he was going to Nautilus (to work out) — nothing keeps him from that, he said. He saw that and felt it was a message from God." When Barden told him otherwise, "He just refused to accept that. He said he was going to tell all his friends about this message from God that changed his life, and hung up." Barden never heard from him again.

Both Barden and Snow hope the general public stays interested in astronomy, and they don't mind the phone calls. But they express a little displeasure with how quickly the average guy thinks he's found something new in the universe.

That disappoints them and other serious amateur and professional astronomers. These guys are *experts*. They've spent thousands of hours observing the sky. They know what they are looking at when they look up there. The rest of us spend 99.9 percent of our time watching TV movies about Close Encounters, walk outside and look up for the first time in a year, and proclaim we've spotted the first invasion from outer space, all by ourselves. It's sort of like tripping on the sidewalk near your house, picking up a rock and declaring it to be a world-record diamond in the rough, or thinking you can discover a new energy source after completing high school algebra.

That doesn't mean the pros don't *want* to see alien civilizations. "I cannot believe we're alone here," Snow says. Are there others? "I think there's gotta be," Barden told me. "I can't fathom that we're alone." But both, like most serious astronomers, say they have seen no evidence of such.

What he means is we live in such a backwater, nobody much cares to come by. Barden also thinks recently discovered bursts of gamma rays from other parts of the universe may be the aftermath of far-off nuclear wars in other galaxies. Hmm. Maybe we don't *want* these guys to drop by.

So, enjoy the summer. Eat the barbecue and watch the baseball. But when it comes to looking up at the sky, just enjoy the view. If something looks unusual, tell yourself it's either Venus, if it's moving slowly, or a meteor, if it moves fast. And if something comes down, lands next to your campsite and little beings from another planet get out, take some pictures, have them developed, make sure those guys are on the prints and call Harvard Observatory. Bryan Snow, Sam Barden and I will be glad to eat our words.



**About New York**

**Group Therapy For the Victims Of Space Aliens**

By WILLIAM E. GEIST

Oh, sure, it's an enormous thrill and you do suddenly become the focus of attention at parties, but being abducted by aliens from outer space is not all it's cracked up to be.

Right off the bat, you are going to be late to wherever you were going, depending on how long those big-headed, bug-eyed extra-terrestrials keep you. And what's your excuse for being late? Try telling your friends about your exciting experience with flying saucers. Try keeping quiet about it. What if your boss hears about this?

It helps to go to group, the abductees say, meaning the group therapy meetings for those who have been abducted by aliens. They are run by Budd Hopkins, author of "Missing Time" and "Intruders," two books about contacts with aliens, which grew out of research by Mr. Hopkins, a 56-year-old artist.

"The abductees are veterans of a trauma," Mr. Hopkins said, noting that about 20 people show up for the meetings that are held every month or so. He described the experience as "a severe, nightmarish thing that none of them wanted to happen." He added, "Some are in awe, some are bitter, others are ashamed and questioning their own sanity."

Group therapy for New York's U.F.O. abductees would seem to be the latest outgrowth of a U.F.O.-mania. Several U.F.O. conventions are being held around the country, a U.F.O. book has been atop the best seller list, there are

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charges of a U.F.O.-gate government cover-up and membership in U.F.O. groups is rising dramatically along with a rise in reported sightings and abductions.

One would think New Yorkers have enough to worry about without being snatched by aliens from sidewalks, parks and rooftops. The rapidly increas-

ing number of abductees usually report that they are carried off by beams of light to spaceships, where they are given physical examinations by these funny-looking gray people. Some return with small patches of skin removed. They are often hazy on the details until put under hypnosis by Mr. Hopkins, who said he has investigated 145 abductions.

"Luckily we live in New York," said May Pang, who said she has twice sighted U.F.O.'s over midtown, once with John Lennon. "People see everything else here on a daily basis," she reasoned, so why wouldn't they believe she had witnessed flying dinnerware?

Her latest sighting was outside the Tavern on the Green restaurant last year, and the previous sighting with Mr. Lennon was in 1974 on the terrace of her 52d Street apartment overlooking the East River. "No one else saw it," she said. "It was an August Friday night, and everyone was in the Hamptons."

Ms. Pang, who wrote a book about her relationship with Mr. Lennon, thinks New Yorkers have gone beyond having a simple willingness to believe. "It's almost like a status symbol now in some circles," she said. "You say you've seen a U.F.O. and people say, 'oh, so have I.' It's very in right now."

Rosemary Osnato is a graphic artist who said she was abducted from the roof of her Bronx apartment building by gray people in a space ship. "When I say I was abducted, a lot of people envy me," she said. "Some of them treat me like a saint. I tell them it was horrible and frightening, and they don't want to hear it."

"But they still wish it had happened to them!" she said. "They think it is like a spiritual experience that would make their lives better or more meaningful. Fanatics want to form a church around my experience."

Ms. Osnato said: "They hate it when I tell them I felt like a trapped animal. The aliens treated me with no respect at all."

"It's not fun," she added. "Many people are very leery of fruitcakes in New York. When they find out you think you were abducted by aliens, they treat you like a weirdo, like you wear unmatched outfits or something."

Helen Wheels, a stage name used by Helen Robbins, a rock group singer, said she and her brother were abducted when they were children from their front porch in Rockville Centre, L.I., by a huge space ship in broad daylight. She said she sighted another U.F.O. recently on the Long Island Expressway, at exit 44.

"The aliens keep taking me for medical tests," Ms. Wheels said. "I feel like a high school science project. Maybe I am, like a turtle we would tag."

Ms. Osnato, sounding almost eerily down to earth, like so many of the others in the group, said, "I had no interest at all in the U.F.O.'s, except to laugh at those Enquirer headlines."

Mr. Hopkins said: "We serve supper at the meetings and there is a lot of social chatter. If you walked in you would think you were at any other New York cocktail party."

Kris Florence, who worries that her story of five abductions will adversely affect her dancing career, said, "We talk about our concerns."

And Constance Morgan, an aspiring actress whose agent is not altogether thrilled about her abduction story, said, "I mean, Shirley MacLaine was famous before she was nuts."

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**Was glowing object a UFO?**

A SOUTHCOURT man set his sights high on Friday night when he thought he spotted a UFO.

Mr. Sidney Coomber, of Hampden Road, Aylesbury, was on his way home from a drive with his wife, Nancy, when he saw a red glow in the sky.

He said he first saw the UFO on his way to Bishopstone from Princes Risborough. He saw it from Eythrope Road, Stone, and

later from Oxford Road, Aylesbury.

"It was as plain as the nose on your face," said Mr. Coomber, who has never seen a UFO before.

"It was so fantastic when we saw it through the trees.

"It was very red, like the sun, but it was huge. It was glowing red and like a mushroom on top of another. Then all of a sudden it had disappeared.

"It must have been traveling at thousands of miles an hour."

## ENQUIRER NEWS SERVICES

Forty years ago today, pilot Kenneth Arnold saw nine silver discs flying in close formation near Seattle. They zigged. 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. Three books about alien visits are selling briskly; one of them has topped the non-fiction best seller list for weeks. Clubs, newsletters, movies and lectures about unidentified flying objects are generating revenues at a pace exceeded only by 1940s and '50s figures — during the first wave of UFO sightings.

Enthusiasts now charge that for 40 years the federal government has harbored physical evidence of an earthly encounter with extraterrestrial creatures, including their lifeless bodies and damaged spacecraft. That startling report, dismissed by skeptics and government officials as a laughable hoax, is contained in what is purported to be top-secret papers from the Eisenhower era.

Leonard H. Stringfield, a Cincinnati UFO researcher, says the 40th anniversary of the Kenneth Arnold sighting will have special significance at the annual symposium of the Mutual UFO Network this weekend in Washington, D.C. One of the most significant aspects of the anniversary involves the recent discovery of documents verifying the existence of Majestic-12, a secret panel of 12 researchers set up to study the UFO situation.

"I know that (the panel) has run through the many years. They've been very clever about it for years in how they've hoodwinked the public and the media," he says.

**Belief is almost religious**

Why the fascination with aliens, despite repeated failures through the decades to document their earthly arrival?

In interviews, psychologists, historians, philosophers and writers of science fiction say belief in alien encounters is rooted in such things as the need for secular messiahs and the search for explanations for terrestrial troubles.

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## Interest in aliens out of this world

"The urge to investigate and believe in this stuff is almost religious," says Ben Bova, former editor of *Omni* magazine and a writer of science fiction. "We used to have gods. Now we want to feel we're not alone, watched over by protective forces far beyond us."

But others — often sober, respectable scientists who have studied UFO reports for years — say the skeptics are missing the biggest story of the age.

"People who haven't been paying attention to this stuff are in for a shock," says Dr. Bruce Maccabee, a full-time Navy physicist in Washington, D.C., and a part-time UFO researcher. "Some sort of things have been flying around for decades, and they aren't ours."

**UFO books in demand**

The current UFO flurry is led by new books: *Communion* by Whitley Strieber (Morrow), *Intruders* by Budd Hopkins (Random House), and *Light Years* by Gary Kinder (Atlantic Monthly Press). *Communion* has been on the *New York Times* best seller list for 16 weeks.

All three tell of personal encounters with aliens. In this they differ from the last great period of UFO enthusiasm, in the 1950s, says David M. Jacobs, author of *The U.F.O. Controversy in America*, and a historian at Temple University in Philadelphia. In the 1950s, UFO sightings were in vogue. Now, he says, we are in a new era in which aliens are taken as fact and attention had turned to people's experiences with them.

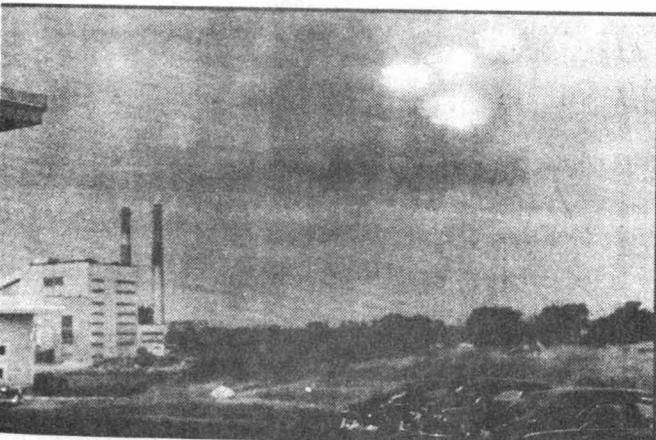
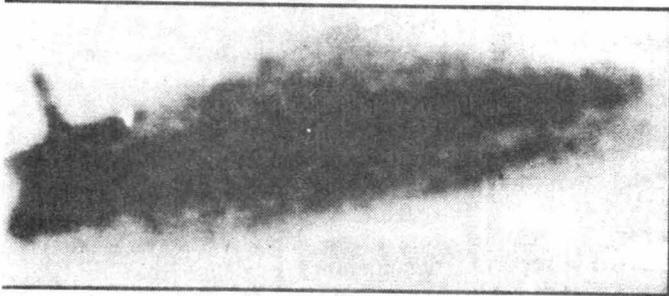
Indeed, the hottest topic among UFO enthusiasts is what they describe as the federal government's experience with aliens, especially the *Roswell Incident*, one of the oldest UFO episodes on the books. Timothy Good, a British UFO researcher, and a group of UFO investigators in the United States say they have documentary evidence that the government hid its knowledge that a flying saucer crashed in 1947 near Roswell, N.M., killing its crew of extraterrestrial creatures. The charges are contained in Good's book *Above Top Secret: The Worldwide U.F.O. Cover-Up*, to be published in Britain in July.

**A weather balloon?**

The government's position is that the 1947 incident was nothing more than the sighting of a weather balloon. But the UFO researchers say a newly discovered document, dated Nov. 18, 1952, proves that explanation is false. The document purportedly a top-secret briefing paper for President-elect Dwight D. Eisenhower discusses the secret Majestic-12 team, MJ-12, established by President Truman on Sept. 24, 1947, to investigate the remains of the spacecraft and its crew.

"It appears to be genuine," says William L. Moore, who wrote a book about the incident and who investigated the document for more than two years after his colleague received it anonymously in the mail.

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The photograph above was taken in 1967 by a highway department investigator at Santa Ana, Calif. Air Force experts have been unable to identify the photograph, top left, taken in the Midwest in 1967. The 1966 photograph of lighted circles in the sky, bottom left, was taken by a Coast Guard photographer at Salem, Mass.

### 'The Skeptical Inquirer'

"Nonsense," replies Philip J. Klass, a leading UFO debunker and chairman of the UFO subcommittee of the Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal, a respected group of scientists that publishes *The Skeptical Inquirer*. Klass says he has seen the document and considered it "an outright hoax."

Reflecting on the scope and intensity of the current flurry of interest, Jerome Clark, vice president of the J. Allen Hynek Center for UFO Studies in Chicago and

editor of *International U.F.O. Reporter*, says: "What's interesting is that all this is happening in the absence of a sighting wave. There hasn't really been anything sighted since the 1970s. If I were paranoid, I'd say it's quiet, too quiet."

"Our plane encountered three brilliant balls of light," he says.

The objects came close to his aircraft, causing a temporary malfunction in the left engine, he relates. When the objects retreated into a cloud bank, the aircraft returned to normal.

Stringfield is not alone in his belief that he has witnessed possible visitors from space.

Bonnie S. Miller of Southgate, Ky., remembers sighting a UFO one summer in the 1950s. She was sitting in a car, waiting for her husband to come out of a Walnut Hills drug store. "I looked up . . . I saw this huge thing move past my area of vision. I couldn't see the beginning or the end."

It was brassy colored, she says, and had windows or portholes that appeared to be made of the same brassy material. Its movement was silent.

Miller says she never reported the incident "because back in those days, you were so ridiculed for it. I didn't think anyone would believe me."

Ted Ogden of Loveland remembers seeing an unknown object cross the sky at tree-top level in the early 1960s. His young son came into the house: "Dad, there's a flying saucer outside."

Ogden and the boy ran out the back door, stopped and looked up. They saw a silver cigar-shaped object, about 2 feet in diameter and about 7 feet long, traveling slowly. It made no noise.

Ogden, a member of the Ohio UFO Investigators League, says people must remember that UFO means unidentified flying object. "No matter what it is, if it's a bird with a balloon tied to its tail, it's a UFO."

"I hate the term UFO because it can mean anything," says Charles Wilhelm, who founded the Ohio UFO Investigators League in 1973.

"The bottom line is there is no hard documented evidence that would prove beyond a shadow of a doubt that we have been visited," says Wilhelm, who has been investigating UFO sightings for 25 years.

Ninety percent of the cases can be explained as a hoax, a military operation or a natural occurrence, he says.

But then there's the other 10%. Such as three women from Liberty, Ky., who claim to have been taken aboard an alien spacecraft in 1976, Wilhelm says. "I'll say that (judging) from hypnosis sessions, these women were not lying."

# UFOria

## 40 years after the Mount Rainier sighting, interest in flying saucers is still sky-high

by Bill Dietrich  
Times staff reporter



**F**orty years ago this month, a Civil Air Patrol pilot named Kenneth Arnold spotted *something* near Mount Rainier that produced the most enduring, baffling and popular controversy of the 20th century.

Arnold was searching for a military plane that had crashed on Mount Rainier. On June 24, 1947, he reported a flight of nine bright, crescent-shaped objects flying in formation from Mount Rainier toward Mount Adams. Timing their flight between the two peaks, he estimated their pace at more than twice the speed of sound,

despite the fact no known pilot had yet broken that barrier.

Two days later, reporters met Arnold at the Pendleton, Ore., airport and heard him describe the line of objects undulating like a kite tail as they flew, like "a saucer skipping across the water."

Thus the term "flying saucer" was born, and the popular image of unidentified flying objects instantly shifted in the public mind from the boomerang-shaped craft Arnold described to that familiar report around the globe, there were 85 in the next two months. UFO speculation about the phenomenon.

Arnold's sighting was not the only strange objects in the sky. World War II reported

mysterious lights they labeled "foo fighters" and believed were a Nazi secret weapon. The Army Air Force dismissed the lights as ball lightning, or hallucinations produced by fatigue.

So it was left to Arnold to touch off "uforia," the wave of public sightings and speculation that has fascinated the media and inspired Hollywood. In March, a Gallup Poll reported that 9 percent of those surveyed had seen a UFO, and 49 percent believed UFOs to be real.

Such persistent public interest has in turn led to "ufology," the frustratingly imprecise field of UFO research where systematic seriousness has been undermined by quacks and crazies.

Today, Seattle is home to at least three major UFO-reporting organizations. In 1982 Dale Goudie, a freelance television commercial producer, began the UFO Information Service International and its companion, CUFON, a computer data bank of UFO evidence. A self-described skeptic looking for hard evidence, he specializes in Freedom of Information Act requests for government documents on UFOs.

Robert Gribble runs the National UFO Reporting Center full time. Since 1974 the center has collected 1,000 to 1,500 UFO reports per year from around the United States.

And Aileen Edwards, a Boeing secretary, heads the UFO Contact Center International, which started in 1981 and now has 22 branch offices collecting reports from people who claim they have been abducted by aliens.

A fourth Puget Sound-area group is Tacoma's New Age Foundation, which was created by longtime Tacoma UFO enthusiast Wayne Aho and for a quarter century has held annual gatherings near Mount Rainier. On June

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26-28, the foundation will hold a New Age convention at Pierce College, near Steilacoom, to commemorate Arnold's sighting. Aho, 70, predicts that "1987 will be the breakthrough year" in public acceptance of UFOs and New Age beliefs.

Interest in UFOs has surged again. First there was the Nov. 17, 1986, sighting of a giant, walnut-shaped UFO over Alaska by Japan Air Lines pilot Kenju Terauchi, 47. Terauchi's credibility as a Boeing 747 pilot with 19 years' experience guaranteed his story enormous media attention, although skeptics have theorized he actually was looking at reflected Eskimo village lights and the planet Jupiter.

More down-to-earth, Dreyer's Ice Cream has recently used 72-year-old Ida Kannenberg of Hillsboro, Ore., as an "unbelievable spokesman for an unbelievable product." Kannenberg said she was abducted for 40 minutes by a UFO in the California desert in 1940, and since 1977 has been in telepathic communication with the aliens.

Seattle itself is home to several people who claim to have been abducted by UFOs but are reluctant to go public.

But it is publication this spring of three best-selling UFO books that has been most responsible for rekindling interest.

"Communion," by best-selling novelist Whitley Strieber of New York ("The Wolfen," "The Hunger," "Warday") is purported to be a true account of Strieber's abduction and medical examination by aliens. The best-written of the three, "Communion" drew a \$1 million advance for the author. By late May it had sold 225,000 hard-back copies and was being snapped up at a rate of 25,000 to 30,000 copies a week.

"Intruders," by artist and UFO investigator Budd Hopkins of Long Island, asserts that what happened to Strieber has happened to hundreds or even thousands of Americans. After interviewing women who claimed under hypnosis that their fetuses were stolen, Hopkins theorizes that short, humanoid aliens are conducting genetic experiments to create a half-breed race, for reasons unknown.

"Light Years," by Idaho author and attorney Gary Kinder ("Victims"), re-examines the case of Eduard Meier, a one-armed Swiss farmer with a grade-school education who claimed in the 1970s to have visited with human visitors from the Pleiades.

Giving all three books more believability is the authors' request not for acceptance, but investigation.

Strieber's tone is one of bewilderment. When interviewed, he asserted he had further contact with the creatures in 1986 after the book was written, though none since it was published. He made no claim that the creatures he encountered were from outer space, or even physically real.

"What happened to me in 1986 has thrown into a cocked hat all my ideas about the relationship of the physical world and the spiritual world," he said. "I have no idea where they came from or what they are. I don't know what happened to me. Neither believers or non-believers like that."

But Strieber recently passed a lie-detector test administered by the British Broadcasting Service, and said he has received 800 to 900 accounts of similar experiences from readers.



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Hopkins, who has also been deluged with new cases since publication of his book, wants scientific investigation of the abduction phenomenon. "I'm the first one to admit how outrageous this material is to accept," he said from his art studio. "I want other people, scientists, to do this investigation."

Kinder's conclusion in his account is "that the truth of the Meier contacts will never be known." He told The Times that investigating UFO reports is "like quicksand."

"It's a frustrating field," Kinder said. "It's elusive. I empathize with scientists who say they will have nothing to do with it." Yet, argues Kinder, "Anyone who looks at these (released government documents on UFO studies) can't come away and say there are no such things as UFOs. The problem is defining UFOs. Most people think of UFOs and flying saucers as synonymous, when they're not. *Something* is flying in the atmosphere that scientists can't explain. There are too many credible people seeing incredible things."

Hogwash, says Philip Klass of Washington, D.C., a retired editor of Aviation Week and Space Technology. He is the author of three skeptical books and has become the nation's leading debunker of UFOs.)

Klass recently offered \$10,000

to any UFO abduction case that the FBI can confirm, while adding a warning that there is a potential \$10,000 fine and five-year prison sentence for falsely reporting kidnappings.

"I put my money where my mouth is," said Klass. "In 20 years we have never had a (UFO) case that could not be explained in prosaic terms." He noted his own former employer has been dubbed "Aviation Leak" for its success in obtaining secret material about new airplanes. None of his military contacts, Klass said, has ever hinted he is wrong to be skeptical about UFOs. "Washington is a city that is like a sieve," he said. "There is just no UFO secret."

Klass pointed to the three best-sellers as an example of the problem. Kinder's aliens are benevolent human emissaries, Hopkins' dwarfish humanoids are conducting genetic experiments, and Strieber's are baffling, dreamlike humanoid creatures that in some cases resemble "a big bug."

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"They're as identical or similar as I am to a lizard," said Klass. Can all three accounts be accurate? And if at least one is a hoax, who is to say all aren't? he asked.

It is Klass who has attacked the account of the Alaskan UFO given by the JAL pilot, Terauchi. Klass points out that the walnut-shaped UFO was not seen by the other 747 crew members. It did not show up at all on a second ground radar used for a confirming check. It was not seen by a nearby United jet and Air Force cargo plane, which searched. The UFO could have been the combination of village lights reflecting off ice crystals in clouds, along with Jupiter, he theorized.

Klass has similarly dissected other famous sightings in articles and books such as "UFOs: The Public Deceived." Believers retort that his explanations frequently seem more far-fetched than the concept of alien spaceships.

The scientific community has neatly sidestepped the controversy by concentrating its search for extraterrestrial life on space probes and radio telescopes that search for radio signals from alien civilizations.

The media have been delighted to print UFO stories. But, aware of the conflicting claims and arguable evidence, it has been reluctant to spend much time investigating the phenomena in detail.

The government, depending on whom one believes, either tried to document UFOs for decades and gave up in 1969, or continues to compile UFO evidence through secret investigations.

Some findings have been published. The CIA's 1953 Robertson Panel concluded that UFOs couldn't be proved. The Air Force's 1968 Condon Committee Report concluded that sightings had no scientific value. Yet UFO enthusiasts argue that the evidence

cited by these reports refutes their own conclusions.

Adding to the confusion is that UFO organizations often have little use for each other. For example, it was established UFO groups that first condemned the Meier case in Switzerland as a fraud.

And Seattle's Goudie criticizes other Puget Sound UFO organizations for failing to be skeptical enough about reports and sometimes seeking to profit from the controversy.

Goudie, who has never personally seen a UFO, thinks he is close to establishing a government cover-up of UFO evidence and says he has found documents he thinks refer to secret UFO investigations called Project Aquarius and MJ-12.

But Goudie makes no claim about what the UFOs are or where they come from. Seattle's Gribble has no such hesitation. "I'm a total believer," he said. Although he estimates that only 10 percent of the reports his center receives warrant further investigation, those that do seem plausible are too consistent to be fakes, he argued. The same is true of the abduction phenomena, he said. "When there is that much smoke, there has got to be fire," he said.

Edwards makes a similar argument. "It's the weight of so many cases," she said.

In a famous 1954 essay, Swiss psychoanalyst Carl Jung theorized that the saucer shape represents a mandala, a spiritual wheel that has been a symbol of order and wholesomeness. Flying saucers, he theorized, are an unconscious projection of our hopes that some outside force will provide salvation from nuclear war.

In his book "Flying Saucers," Jung said "there is a tendency all over the world to believe in saucers and to want them to be real."

In the fall of 1977, Alberta photographer Douglas Curran began a seven-year, 125,000-mile North American odyssey to find and report on UFO believers. The result was a book called "In Advance of the Landing: Folk Concepts of Outer Space" Curran

## Believers describe alien beings differently

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found a well-developed mythology, or what author Tom Wolfe described in his introduction to the book as a religion: the belief that flying saucers arrived after Hiroshima to save us from ourselves.

"The key moment in history was the first use of nuclear weapons on this planet," Tacoma's Aho recently lectured some college students. "Intelligences other than us are concerned and trying to awaken the Earth people to a new consciousness that will raise us above war."

Interestingly, Strieber now calls his alleged abduction by 4-foot-high creatures that crept into his bedroom "a spiritual experience."

The hypnosis he used to uncover blocked memories of the kidnappings, he said, has helped him confront vague fears, improve his personality and "increase my awareness of myself as a human being."

"'Communion' is a testament of perceptions, of what I believed was happening," Strieber said. "It is not necessarily a true story as a physical event. All this may have more to do with the growth of human consciousness than alien

visitors. Something is going on with the mind that is more complex than it seems."

So what is the reader supposed to conclude? "This is not the time to draw any conclusions," he said. "I hope it arouses questions in people's minds, about what the universe is, what people are, what we are. We need to investigate."

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# Space visitors? Read the arguments

Here are some of the key arguments for and against the existence of extraterrestrial visitors to Earth:

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■ There have been at least 60,000 reported sightings of UFOs in the United States alone — by pilots, astronomers, radar operators, astronauts, even Jimmy Carter. Can all these people be wrong, or lying?

■ Astronomers estimate there are 100 to 300 billion stars in our galaxy, and as many as 100 billion galaxies. With so many potential solar systems, isn't it likely superior civilizations have arisen elsewhere?

■ Although some believe biblical and historical passages refer to UFOs, there has been a sharp increase in sightings since radio and television transmissions (which escape into outer space) and atomic explosions. Isn't such technological development a logical explanation of why aliens would suddenly show an interest?

■ Although there are numerous differences, there is also a certain consistency to many UFO reports: silent, wingless craft doing astonishing maneuvers, driven by short, humanoid occupants. People claiming to have been abducted and examined by UFO occupants also tell similar tales.

■ The U.S. government has still not released all the documents compiled on UFOs, despite Freedom of Information Act requests. Doesn't that suggest a cover-up?

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■ Even UFO organizations admit at least 90 percent of all sightings have been found to have a prosaic explanation — aircraft, balloons, planets, ball lightning. Experienced pilots have mistaken Venus or Jupiter, under certain atmospheric conditions, for UFOs. So, reportedly, did Jimmy Carter.

Although the number of potential solar systems is immense, the distances between them are huge. If Einstein is right and nothing can travel faster than the speed of light, the number of stars within feasible commuting distance of Earth drops to a handful.

■ Isn't it suspicious that UFO sightings accelerated with the number of human aircraft in the sky, the popularity of science fiction, mass communications that make us all familiar with UFO stories, and Cold War paranoia caused by the atomic bomb?

■ There are remarkable inconsistencies about the size, shape, appearance and behavior of alleged "flying saucers," which range from discs to triangles to spheres to cigar shapes. Moreover, the described occupants are usually human or humanoid, oxygen breathing, and communicate by word or telepathically in English. How likely is that? Finally, if they just want to say hello, why use spaceships at all — why not use radio signals that travel at the speed of light?

■ After 40 years of alleged UFO visitation, there is not a single incontestable photograph, alien artifact, message or scientific investigation that offers undeniable proof of UFO visits.

# Writer describes his abduction by aliens

by Bill Dietrich  
Times staff reporter

If nothing else, Whitley Strieber's new book, "Communion," has created a supreme horror story for the late 20th century.

Alien beings emerge from the shadows of his isolated New York cabin and move to the foot of his bed. Paralyzed and stripped naked, he is transported outdoors and

upward into what seems to be a sterile room in a spaceship. A needle is plunged into his brain and with cold indifference the beings shove a spidery instrument up his rectum. "Is there something we can do to help you stop screaming?" one blank-eyed creature inquires. This nightmare encompasses our worst images of invaders, rape, an impersonal and all-powerful bureaucracy, and sterile, painful medical procedures.

But is any of it real? Or are these just the feverish imaginings of an accomplished horror novelist?

"I think he's telling the truth," said Dr. John Gliedman, a research psychologist in New York

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City who describes himself as a "sympathetic skeptic."

"And as a friend (he knew Strieber for a few years before the alien abductions emerged from the author's memory) I think he's as sane as I am, and I consider myself pretty sane," said Gliedman. Dr. Robert Klein of the New York State Psychiatric Institute gives a similar testament to Strieber's sanity in the book itself.

But that doesn't mean Gliedman necessarily thinks alien visitors are abducting Americans from their bedrooms. It may just be imaginings triggered by some unknown mental mechanism, he said. Or perhaps 1 percent of the population is somehow sensitive to subtle environmental changes, such as shifts in the Earth's magnetic field, that somehow trigger the same nightmares or hallucinations.

Professor Michael Swords, a natural sciences teacher at Western Michigan University, suggests "the concrete evidence is not compelling" in "Communion" that Strieber had actually been abduct-

ed by space visitors. "It seem more internally originated than externally originated," he said.

But that doesn't mean Strieber is lying or crazy, Swords added. There may be equally exotic explanations: contact with the spiritual world, for example, or a parallel universe. He also found Budd Hopkins' "Intruders" more persuasive because it cited several similar cases and some physical evidence, such as marks of UFO landing gear on grass and tiny scars on abduction victims. Using "Intruders" as supporting evidence, Strieber's story is more persuasive, he said.

Still, a lot of UFO encounters take on the ghostly tone of myth or revelation. "For centuries," said Gliedman, "the only creatures western Europeans saw were devils or angels. Increasingly, those symbols (for the unknown) involve space and aliens. So sadly, we can't use the rough similarities between descriptions by abductees as evidence."

To the psychologist, the abduction tales eerily reflect our fears.

"There is a reflection of the suspicions a lot of people have that there is no easy fix to the nuclear and environmental dilemma we are in," he said. "That the universe is a cold, indifferent place at best. It's a bit like a religious experience except there isn't redemption, or damnation either. There's just the suspicion that these aliens would just as soon let us hang in the wind as intervene before we slit our own throats."

Still, Gliedman thinks that what UFO abduction victims are describing "cries out for study. Unfortunately, he estimates a minimum scientific effort would cost \$1 million and that the scientific establishment is unwilling to risk the ridicule to spend that amount on such a gamble.

"We need to treat these victims with respect and sympathy," he said. Whatever its reality, "it is an intense, frightening experience. Some people compare it to what they imagine it must be like to be raped." To dismiss them as crazy or liars is cruel and wrong, Gliedman said.

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# UFO 'close encounter'

By Graham Walker

UFO enthusiasts in Barnsley today published a report which claims that one in seven people have seen a "flying saucer".

And about 60 per cent of the population believe in visitors from other planets — according to the national street survey of more than 3,000 people.

UFO study group The Aetherius Society compiled the report, and organisers at the society's national northern headquarters in Barnsley have called a "Close Encounter" of

their own — a conference to debate the issue.

They say eye-witness reports and photographs secretly collected by UFO enthusiasts, will be on show at their local base at 350 Sheffield Road, Birdwell, on July 25.

A UFO telephone "hotline" — Barnsley 744659 — has also been set up to record possible alien spacecraft sightings.

Northern organiser Paul

White, aged 38, an engineering designer, claimed that even more people would see UFOs if they bothered to look.

"Results of our public survey are hardly surprising. Everyone has probably had a close encounter with a UFO flying overhead — but many have been too busy looking at the ground to notice," said Dr White, who has a doctorate of theology after studying the un-

explained at an American University.

"People often dismiss lights in the sky as aircraft when they are actually spaceships."

He claims to have seen several UFOs including a formation Red Arrows-style UFO display in Scotland and a mystery space craft speeding over the English Channel.

In Barnsley a sighting of a circular moon-sized space

ship, complete with portholes and landing pads, is claimed by Barnsley Aetherius Society HQ founder Hazel Moody, aged 51.

The UFO hovered for 20 minutes above homes in Clifton Crescent, Athersley North, she said.

"I pointed it out to friends and neighbours. They can all vouch for me — but I know it sounds crazy.

# (38) Freed by a UFO Crew? Try Group Therapy

By William E. Geist  
New York Times Service

NEW YORK — Oh, sure, it's an enormous thrill and you do suddenly become the focus of attention at parties, but being abducted by aliens from outer space is not all it's cracked up to be.

Right off the bat, you are going to be late to wherever you were going, depending on how long those big-headed, bug-eyed extraterrestrials keep you.

And what's your excuse for being late? Try telling your friends about your exciting experience with flying saucers.

Try keeping quiet about it. What if your boss hears about this?

It helps to go to group, the abductees say, meaning the group therapy meetings for those who have been abducted by aliens. They are run by Budd Hopkins, author of "Missing Time" and "Intruders," two books about contacts with aliens, which grew out of research by Mr. Hopkins, 56, who is an artist.

"The abductees are veterans of a trauma," Mr. Hopkins said, noting that about 20 people show up for the meetings that are held every month or so.

He described the experience as "a severe, nightmarish thing that none of them wanted to happen." He added, "Some are in awe, some are bitter, others are ashamed and questioning their own sanity."

Group therapy for UFO abductees would

seem to be the latest outgrowth of a UFO-mania. Several UFO conventions are being held around the country, a UFO book has been atop the best-seller list, there are charges of a UFO-gate government cover-up and membership in UFO groups is rising dramatically along with a rise in reported sightings and abductions.

One would think New Yorkers have enough to worry about without being snatched by aliens from sidewalks, parks and rooftops.

The rapidly increasing number of abductees usually report that they are carried off by beams of light to spaceships, where they are given physical examinations by these funny-looking gray people.

Some return with small patches of skin removed. They are often hazy on the details until put under hypnosis by Mr. Hopkins, who said he has investigated 145 abductions.

"Luckily we live in New York," said May Pang, who said she has twice sighted UFO's over midtown, once with John Lennon.

"People see everything else here on a daily basis," she reasoned, so why wouldn't they believe she had witnessed flying dinnerware?

Her latest sighting was outside the Tavern on the Green restaurant in Central Park last year, and the previous sighting with Lennon was in 1974 on the terrace of her apartment overlooking the East River.

"No one else saw it," she said. "It was an August Friday night, and everyone was in the Hamptons."

Ms. Pang, who wrote a book about her relationship with the former Beatle, thinks New Yorkers have gone beyond having a simple willingness to believe.

"It's almost like a status symbol now in some circles," she said. "You say you've seen a UFO and people say, 'Oh, so have I.' It's very in right now."

Rosemary Osnato is a graphic artist who said she was abducted from the roof of her Bronx apartment building by gray people in a spaceship.

"When I say I was abducted, a lot of people envy me," she said. "Some of them treat me like a saint. I tell them it was horrible and frightening, and they don't want to hear it."

"But they still wish it had happened to them! They think it is like a spiritual experience that would make their lives better or more meaningful. Fanatics want to form a church around my experience."

"They hate it," Ms. Osnato said, "when I tell them I felt like a trapped animal. The aliens treated me with no respect at all."

"It's not fun," she added. "Many people are very leery of fruitcakes in New York. When they find out you think you were abducted by aliens, they treat you like a weirdo, like you wear unmatched outfits or something."

"We serve supper at the meetings," said Mr. Hopkins, "and there is a lot of social chatter. If you walked in you would think you were at any other New York cocktail party."

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## Lines hot up as the space invaders go north

THE phrase 'flying saucer' was coined forty years ago this month in a newspaper report on an American pilot's observation of unusual flying objects.

To mark this anniversary, the Yorkshire Unidentified Flying Object Network has set up a 24-hour telephone hotline service to deal with calls of strange sightings in the Yorkshire skies.

The network is a very busy organisation of people whose hobby it is to try and find explanations for the sightings.

And it seems Yorkshire is very popular with UFOs — although the hotline co-ordinator Phillip Mantle is quick to point out the group are not "a little green man from space brigade".

"The area over Yorkshire is one of high activity for UFOs. Over a number of years it has been consistently above average in the number of sightings in the country," said Phillip, who lives at Lady Ann Road, Soothill, Batley.

Phillip's group has compiled a file of observa-

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tions over the years which they hope to present as a case study to the Physics department of Leeds University.

The network are anxious to make people aware of their existence, and to encourage them to report their sightings.

"The great majority of people who have an unusual observation very rarely tell anyone about it. They don't know who to report it to," he said.

People often fear being ridiculed for saying they have seen something unusual in the sky, and for this reason, the network guarantees complete confidentiality for anyone wanting the

make a report.

Reports are checked against star-charts and airport timetables to provide explanations for many sightings, but some are filed as "unknown".

"We feel there is an interesting phenomena that should be investigated scientifically, and that is what we are pressing for," said Phillip, aged 29, who became interested in UFOs through a childhood interest in astronomy.

The phenomena is taken very seriously. Phillip estimated his hobby takes up 80 per cent of his spare time outside of his job as a lithographic printing plate maker.

Luckily his wife Elaine shares his interest. They met five years ago on Carlton Moor near Skipton.

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# Arizona has history of sightings

## Discs, bright lights, abduction claimed

By J. RANDALL JUE  
Citizen Staff Writer

Have UFOs visited Arizona? Some people think so.

Internationally respected for its astronomy, Arizona also has had its share of unidentified flying object incidents over the past 40 years.

● On March 30, 1955, a Tucson musician reported seeing a "disk machine" about 100 feet in diameter and 25 feet thick while driving toward El Paso, Texas.

He said the vehicle wobbled and made electrical humming noises before it finally fired a beam of brilliant light at his car, bubbling the paint and burning his elbow.

● In 1962, a Davis-Monthan Air Force Base crew reported a brilliant light descending on a Titan II missile silo. Two jet interceptors were dispatched.

The light disappeared when the jets approached but reappeared briefly after the jets departed, the pilots said.

● A 14-year-old boy in 1967 said he observed a hovering craft near East Speedway Boulevard and North Harrison Road.

Two fairly good-sized swirls were found in the sand of a nearby wash at the spot where the boy said he saw the UFO. There were no footprints nearby or anything else to show that it was a hoax.

● On Aug. 26, 1968, Pearl Christiansen of Gleason reported seeing a UFO near Brown's Peak at Sierra Vista.

While driving home, Christiansen said she saw a huge silver circular object on the south side of the peak. When she arrived at her ranchhouse, Christiansen said she saw a second object that was very shiny and gold-colored. It also was stationary and once in a while both glowed simultaneously.

The objects disappeared around midnight, Christiansen said.

Nearly 43 hours after the incident, Christiansen and a friend went up to Brown's Peak. Both noticed a "queer, acid-like" aroma when they arrived at the top.

"Rocks on the peak also were hot — a terrific heat. You couldn't hold your hands on them. It was like a hot iron," Christiansen said.

The Tucson Citizen reporter who covered the incident in 1968 wrote that "cactus plants (at the site) were badly charred at their bases, but not burned at the top. A direct row of four plants — measuring about 40 feet in length — appeared to have been hit by a flame thrower. Still, a plant near the fourth one hardly was singed."

The Tucson-based Aerial Phenomena Research Organization concluded that Christiansen probably did see some kind of UFO.

● The most famous UFO abduction case in Arizona occurred in 1975.

Travis Walton, according to reports filed with the Navajo County Sheriff's Department, was transported aboard an unidentified flying object near Heber in November 1975 and spent five days as the guest/prisoner of seven beings.

Walton and six other loggers had spent the day thinning trees with chainsaws in the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest and were on their way home when they noticed a yellowish glow through a growth of pine trees. As they approached a clearing, the loggers later told investigators that they were stunned to see a glowing object hovering 15 to 20 feet above a pile of tree trimmings.

Walton jumped out of the truck and began walking toward the object.

The loggers said that a beeping noise came from the glowing object and then a narrow ray of intense, greenish-blue light came from the object and struck Walton, lifting him about a foot off the ground.

The other crewmen, terrified, sped from the scene in the truck. After retreating about a quarter-mile, the loggers returned to the clearing and Walton had disappeared.

Five days later, Walton called his sister's home and said he was in a telephone booth at a Heber service station. Walton's brother and brother-in-law found him slumped in the telephone booth.

Walton told his family that the light beam that hit him knocked him unconscious. He awoke to find himself lying on a table in a room with an apparatus of some sort resting on his lower chest.

Standing over him were three hairless beings, all about 5 feet tall, with large eyes and small noses, mouths and ears. They were dressed in loose-fitting coveralls of an orange-tan color.

Scared, Walton said he hit one of the beings with the back of his arm. The beings decided against further confrontation and left.

Walton said he went out the door and found a second room. In that room, he experimented with a chair with a lever built into the left arm

and series of push-buttons and a screen on the right arm.

Walton said later, three more human-appearing beings dressed in light blue clothing placed an object resembling an oxygen mask over his face and he lost consciousness.

He awoke on a hard surface and looked up to see a disc-shaped object rising into the sky above him. The hard surface was a road outside of Heber.

Five of the six loggers who were with Walton the night he disappeared passed a polygraph test that concluded that they did see some object that they believed to be a UFO.

In this case, APRO concluded that Walton was telling the truth. But many experts, including the editor of Aviation Week and Space Technology believed that the Walton abduction was a hoax.

● The most recent major UFO sighting in the Tucson area occurred the night of Oct. 7, 1985.

Federal Aviation Administration radar operators at Tucson International Airport that night reported tracking about 15 groups of aircraft, at least 60 in all, as they flew from the Avra Valley area in the southwest, across the city, and out through Redington Pass northeast of Tucson.

The UFOs also were seen by various residents across the city. One witness said that one big UFO slowly flew about 500 feet over her head. She said it was cigar-shaped, had a light on each side, and had a fuselage like an Army transport plane.

Officials at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base and at other military installations in Arizona have said that no military exercises were under way during the aerial display.

To this day, no one has been able to explain what the objects were or where they came from.

Yorkshire has been identified as a hotspot for the UFO. SUSAN MITCHELL investigates

# Pie in the sky . . . or real visitors from space?

A WOMAN from Wakefield who stood and watched as a saucer shaped object carrying three silver suited spacemen landed in her garden may not have been imagining things, according to UFO researchers.

In fact they say Yorkshire has become a hotspot for UFOs and experts are so keen to investigate sightings that they have launched a 24-hour UFO hotline for the region.

One Yorkshire family contacted the UFO enthusiasts after seeing a dazzling blue and white spacecraft above the A1 near Grantham. When they pulled into a lay-by to investigate the object disappeared.

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### Fiery object in sky reported by dozens in San Diego vicinity

**D**ozens of citizens in the San Diego area said they saw a fireball falling from the skies in broad daylight yesterday, and authorities said it may have been a meteorite.

"We've had calls from everywhere in the county," said U.S. Forest Service dispatcher John Steadman. "People say they saw something bright plunging down" about 11 a.m.

In Riverside County, callers "called it anything from a fireball to a meteor," said fire dispatcher Bruce McJunkin.

The Jet Propulsion Laboratory determined it was not a man-made space object, said spokeswoman Mary Beth Murrill.

FAA investigator Scott Crosier said two pilots reported seeing "something that was described as a bright light."

It is claimed that the first flying saucer in modern times was identified on June 24, 40 years ago, when Mr Kenneth Arnold, a pilot, spotted nine bizarre objects zig-zagging over the mountains on America's west coast.

He described them as: "a chain of saucer-like things" and they became dubbed "flying saucers." In an attempt to solve the mystery

he later wrote a book called "The Coming of the Saucers".

Since then there have been thousands of sightings of objects ranging from flying saucers to cigars, triangles, rectangles, spheres, blimps, tops and lights.

And reports have not just come from people walking dogs at closing time — doctors, business executives, police, servicemen and even the former United States President, Mr Jimmy Carter, claimed to have spotted UFOs.

The co-ordinator of the UFO hotline, Mr Philip Mantle, of Batley, a member of the British

UFO Research Organisation, believes that thousands of people have experienced Encounters of the Third Kind — actual contact between people and alleged alien craft.

"The 24-hour hotline, which covers Yorkshire, Derbyshire and Lancashire, should encourage people to come forward and tell us what they have seen. We can then begin the process of investigation," he said.

Yorkshire, he says, is particularly renowned for its UFO sightings: "We have had reports of startling lights coming from the

sky in South Yorkshire and of circular objects spotted in Leeds: North Yorkshire is also very good for sightings."

Past mysteries include bright shapes seen over Carleton Moor, near Skipton; three large white glowing balls of light seen mid-way between Skipton and Grassington and reports of white lights moving from a valley in Halifax.

In Leeds two 14-year-old girls reported seeing a large cluster of lights as they played in Meanwood Valley. A grey low-flying object landed on the grass and then, with

a low humming noise, took off again.

"Yorkshire is known as something of a hotspot for UFO's and we have been amazed by the response we have had from people — we are busy investigating all reports," said Mr Mantle.

Some reports turn out to be clouds, meteors, aircraft, ball lightning, lighthouses, tricks of the light, reflections, the planet Venus, alcohol, hallucinations, and even badgers.

Others are harder to explain away — in 1976 a fighter pilot

chased a UFO the size of a Boeing 707 across the skies above Tehran.

He described it as an intensely brilliant object with flashing lights. Suddenly a smaller bright object descended from it and rushed towards him at unbelievable speed.

He attempted to fire a missile, but all his weapons and communication systems suddenly failed.

The smaller object rejoined the mother ship which landed on the ground casting a glow up to two miles around it.

This comes not from a science fiction movie but straight from the pages of a CIA report which was kept secret until the enactment of the Freedom of Information Act.

According to Mr Mantle this is just one of many sightings which are kept from the public's attention: "We have set up the hotline so that people can come straight to us."

The hotline number is 0924-444049.

Lights in sky baffle police

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# Mystery of UFO sightings

**A MYSTERY object with flashing lights has been spotted hovering over Kettering, but police are baffled as to what it might be.**

The unidentified flying object was sighted by several people on Sunday night including Noel Ginns, from Federation Avenue, Desborough, and his wife Jose.

He told the ET: "It was nine minutes past ten when my wife spotted flashing lights in the sky to the west of Kettering. It couldn't have been an aeroplane as they were stationary.

"Ten minutes later I

rang Kettering police to report it and they said they'd already had a number of calls about it and were trying to find out what it was."

Mr Ginns' neighbour, John Marlow, also saw it and said: "I thought it could have been a large airship."

After about 15 minutes the UFO began to move slowly towards Desborough, said Mr Ginns, who by this time was watching through his binoculars. "There was a dark blur, a white flashing light underneath and what appeared to be cabin lights on the left hand side. I could hear an engine which wasn't very loud. It

sounded like a propellor-driven thing."

The object disappeared from view in the direction of Market Harborough at about 11pm, said Mr Ginns.

Rothwell couple Clive and Teresa Austin spotted the UFO above the town at about 10pm.

Mrs Austin, of Magellan Close, said: "It really was amazing. I have never seen anything like it.

"It was massive, hovering just under the clouds. It was making a droning noise."

Kettering police said they had no record of any calls about the UFO and they did not know what it was.

# UFO buff v NASA!

**NORMAN LARENCE** is a man with a mission. The Croydon space buff is determined to uncover the truth about UFOs and he has set up an organisation that he hopes eventually will be able to challenge NASA, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (US).

Mr Larence, who lives in Addiscombe, is convinced NASA have been covering up UFO sightings and he wants to know why.

So he has launched OFSEF, the Organisation for Facts on Space Exploration Findings, to research the world's baffling mysteries which he thinks may be linked, the Bermuda Triangle, the Pyramids, and even religion.

His aim is to be in a strong enough position by 1992 to challenge NASA, through the courts if necessary.

"I don't expect we'll ever understand UFOs in my lifetime, but I am determined to get to the bottom of what is known," said Mr Larence.

"There have been too many sightings to be dismissed. There was a report recently that a Jumbo cargo plane of Japan Airline's was buzzed for half an hour by a cigar-shaped craft.

"The American authorities had hoped to keep it under wraps but the Japanese crew had other ideas and the Americans were forced to admit that the object had been picked up by their radar. So what was it? Why all the secrecy?"

Anyone interested in joining Mr Larence's quest for the truth should write to him at OFSEF, The Rocks, St John's Road, Matlock, Derbyshire.

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# UFO with black lines and a lid!

**STRANGE** goings-on in the dead of night are confusing and intriguing Walsoken pensioner Mrs Eva Mann.

So much so that she is appealing for anyone who may have witnessed what she can describe only as an unidentified flying object hovering over the fens, to come forward to back up her siting.

Mrs Mann (70), of Legge-Bourke Court, cannot convince herself she was dreaming and has set her alarm clock to the early hours of the morning, in an

attempt to see the sight again.

Her vigil started on the night of July 8th, when she awoke at 1.45am.

"I looked out of the window, as I always do," she said "and I saw a fascinating and extremely bright light in the sky."

She thought it was the moon at first, but soon realised that the large light was moving and changing shape.

"It began to move slowly away and two horizontal black lines appeared at the top and bottom," she said.

"That left a light showing in the middle, which was now the shape of a mushroom with a smaller lid shape

on top."

In an effort to clear her mind, Mrs Mann made herself a cup of tea, but returned to the window to see the object moving further away, and gradually disappearing.

"I'm not psychic in any way, and I'm not a fanciful person but I know I wasn't dreaming," she said.

She decided after speaking to her scientist son-in-law, to find out if anyone else had seen it, but so far, she said, her siting had been greeted with scepticism.

"I don't want people to think I'm a little peculiar. I would just like to hear an explanation," said Mrs Mann.

# Flying saucer- theory as corn circles return

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By Philip Bowers

**MYSTERIOUS circles in the cornfields and a strange light in the sky look set to spark off a new outbreak of UFO-mania in the West.**

Flattened areas of barley appeared in a field beneath Wiltshire's famous Westbury White Horse — at the same time as a weird red light was spotted flying directly over the area.

And now sky-watchers from all over Britain, who flocked to West Wiltshire in the 1960s and 70s, could be attracted back by fresh "evidence" of extra-terrestrial visitors.

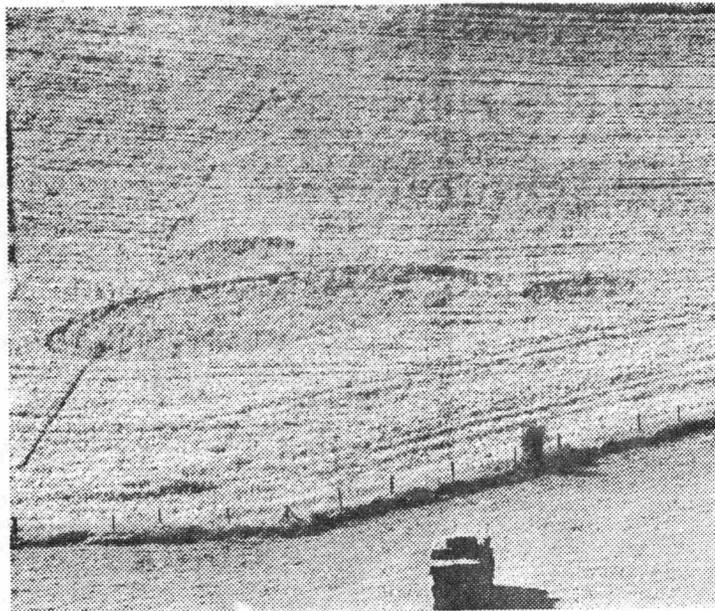
## Spacemen

The circles in the corn, on land farmed by Mr Peter Gale, are seen as landing marks made by the spacemen and the light, spotted by Community Centre manageress Molly Hopkins, could be their flying saucer.

Grandmother Mrs Hopkins, aged 56, saw the peculiar bright light from her garden in Trowbridge last Saturday night. "I'm no schmutz, I'm not going to say there are UFOs or there aren't," she said.

"To my mind these things have been seen in the area and somebody knows what these rings in the corn are — but if there is an explanation why won't they say?"

She said the light was directly over the Westbury hills which she can see clearly from her home in Alder Close



Was ET here? A strange circle in a West field

and it was not an army flare or a plane.

"I wouldn't really have thought any more about it if I hadn't heard about these rings. I felt excited and curious about it rather than frightened," she said.

Sceptical farmers in the area believe hoaxers could be walking in a circle with chains or ropes to make the marks in their crops. Another theory is that flocks of crows could be responsible.

But the light in the sky remains a mystery.

Despite the proximity of Salisbury Plain with its military manoeuvres, a spokeswoman for the Army said there were no exercises on the night in question.