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# UFOs

## OVER FLORIDA

Some people swear there's a strange breed of tourist visiting the Sunshine State.

By SID KIRCHHEIMER  
Staff Writer

**T**hey're out there. Not little green men with ray guns tooling around in overgrown pie plates. Not Klingons or Cyclopean monsters or weird little dudes with antennae, demanding to be taken to our leader. But they're out there.

They've been out there for 40 years now, ever since a fire extinguisher salesman named Kenneth Arnold reported the first sighting of "flying saucers" as he piloted a small airplane over Mount Rainier in Washington state, starting the nation's UFO craze (as well as his own two-book writing career).

And they're still out there, all those unidentified flying objects. Florida doesn't lead the nation in UFO sightings. We don't even come close. But once in a while, strange things — some say beings from another world — are sighted over the state. Just ask those who have seen them.

Like Ron Perdue who, as a Winter Haven police officer in January 1979, saw what he says was a UFO flying about 1,500 feet over Polk Community College in Central Florida:

"It was a big ball, perfectly round and orange-yellow with white spaces in the middle. It moved real slow at first, then kind of got faster. I tried to call the station over the radio, but I couldn't get through because of some kind of interference. Another officer also saw it, and we tried to follow it. But we had a hard time keeping up with it, because it kept moving faster, about the same speed as a jet. Then it got away.

"Most people thought I was nuts when I told them, but what saved me was that night, there were all kinds of reports from across the state from other people who also saw the same thing as me."

Or Wayne Miller, head of the Lee County Mosquito Control Department: "It happened over 30 years ago and my wife and I were returning from the Panhandle when this glowing light just appeared in the sky. It started descending down toward us in a path as if to intersect us. It came within 100 yards of our car, and then just kind of disappeared. A couple of seconds later, a second light appeared where the first one was. Then a third light. In all, there were five of them.

"I didn't see a spaceship, but I don't know what I saw. I'm a pilot, so I know it wasn't a plane. And it wasn't a satellite or a weather balloon, I'm sure of that.

What I saw was a very strange light — five very strange lights — that no one can explain."

Or even Shirley C. Fox, a Fort Myers stargazer who thought she was going crazy when she saw her first UFO. She wasn't alone in that opinion. After all, it was 1953 and even though a movie called *War of the Worlds* had just been released, nice, respectable people didn't see flying saucers. Well, at least they didn't admit it.

"I just sat there silently, watching this hazy green globe just kind of circulating over our house. I couldn't believe what I was seeing. I really did think I lost my mind.

"Then I got a call from a captain's wife — we lived near an Air Force base — and she had seen the same thing. So I started getting involved in UFOs. And the more I got involved, the more I knew there was something to it."

Fox got so involved that she is now one of two Florida "investigators" for the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON), the world's largest and most active agency exploring sightings of unidentified flying objects — reports usually made by sober, church-going folk with no interest in changing their leading-citizens-in-the-community status.

So involved that while most of us go through life without seeing a single UFO, she claims three — the green one in '53 and two others in later years, both "brilliant orange lights shaped like a football" that first hovered and then zoomed upward faster than the profits from *Close Encounters of the Third Kind*.

In fact, Shirley C. Fox got so involved — at least in the non-seeing eyes of neighborhood doubting Thomases — that once, an E.T. phoned her home.

"This Martian kept calling me all night," she quips. "I could hear the bar noises in the background." Right until closing time.

Still, she's more convinced now than ever before. As the MUFON investigator for South and Southwest Florida (a counterpart handles sightings in the Panhandle and North Florida), Fox is on a mission — spacey as it may seem.

"We're very careful to check out all the logical explanations," she says. "We try to disprove that they are UFOs. And usually, we can. A lot of the time, people will mistake planes or weather balloons or even planets as UFOs. But other times, we can't."

Last year, she says, those "other times" amounted to between eight and 10 good sightings in the Fort Myers-Naples area. There were several sightings in other parts of the state as well.

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ty, dozens of respected businessmen, scientists, astronauts and pilots. Even Jimmy Carter.

In fact, a recent Gallup Poll reported that 9 percent of those surveyed — roughly 1 of every 11 — said they had seen a UFO. Half of those polled said they believed in the existence of UFOs, although they hadn't witnessed one.

The late Dr. J. Allen Hynek, who headed the U.S. Air Force's Blue Book Project — the 1947-1965 study of UFO phenomena by the federal government — went from skeptic to believer. Before he died last year, he ran the Center for UFO Studies in suburban Chicago.

"The Air Force was very reluctant to discuss it," says Joseph Cybulski of Coral Springs, a retired Air Force colonel who worked with Hynek on the Blue Book Project. "But even Hynek changed his mind and began to believe there was something to it. There was so much evidence that they just couldn't put their finger on."

Even NASA spends \$2 million a year on a project to monitor radio waves from outer space. It's called the SETI project, an acronym for Search for Extra Terrestrial Intelligence.

"The purpose of SETI is to search for radio signals from other civilizations," says Peter Backus, an astronomer with the 5-year-old project, based in northern California. "In the past 25 years, in a total of four dozen searches by radio astronomers, no one has ever contacted life from another planet or received a confirmed signal. But just about everyone has gotten an interesting signal that no one can explain."

"NASA's official position is that we feel it is very likely that there is another form of life out there," Backus adds.

So, you may be wondering, if all these folks say that other life forms exist, why aren't they flying over your house?

While Homestead Air Force Base officials say there have been "a maximum of two" sightings in the past year, by and large, South Florida is "unidentified" with these flying objects.

"Traditionally, there are fewer sighting reports in urban areas than in rural ones," Andrus says. "Probably it's because in urban areas, there are lots of street lights and air pollution that cuts down on visibility. In Florida, most of the sightings have been in rural areas

"Several people saw one over the Gulf," Fox says. "There was one the morning of the shuttle disaster, several hours before *Challenger* took off. And there was one very close sighting at 3 a.m., at tree-top level in Fort Myers that someone saw while going home from work. It was so close that he could see windows across the center and a bright light coming out of the windows. It just sat there for a few minutes, then he panicked and took off."

The witness, that is.

Every year, about 300 unidentified flying objects are reported, says Walter Andrus, director of MUFON, which is headquartered in Seguin, Texas, and has, in most states, monitors such as Fox investigating sightings.

"We find that between 80 and 90 percent of the reports turn out to be mundane, things such as satellites, balloons, advertising planes, falling stars or planets," says Andrus, a retired Motorola executive who started the UFO investigative service in 1969 — 21 years after seeing four UFOs while vacationing in Phoenix with his family.

"But through a thorough investigation of flight patterns with local airports and other things, we find that the other 10 to 20 percent are things we're looking for, something unexplainable that meets the criteria to be considered authentic. It's what we call 'Close Encounters of the Second Kind.'" (Encounters of the First Kind are sightings, and those of the Third Kind, as we know from the movie, involve contact with an alien species.)

So what makes for an authentic "Second Kind" encounter?

Physical evidence. Things such as radiation sickness or heat burn on those reporting the sighting; destroyed vegetation or baked soil in the area of the sighting; automobiles and watches that suddenly stop functioning; trees whose bark mysteriously peels off.

"And those things happen quite often," Andrus says.

As if that weren't spooky enough, Andrus says that in thousands of UFO sightings — including hundreds showing 'Second Kind' evidence — similarities keep popping up.

"The objects they see are round, as a rule, either shaped like a balloon or cigar. They often have large humps on bottom or top. The color usually is a deep orange to a high white, although there can be a whole series of colors."

And who are the folks spotting these things? They include the president of Notre Dame Universi-



A 1950 photo of a UFO in Oregon, from MUFON files.

of the Panhandle and the smaller cities in western Florida rather than South Florida, which is cosmopolitan.

"Even in the fall of 1973, when there were tens of thousands of UFOs over the entire Eastern seaboard, they seem to have skipped Florida."

Cybulski of the Blue Book Project has an explanation: "South Florida doesn't have the land mass. The popular opinion is that whatever is out there, is there to observe us. Land area is the controlling factor — the Florida peninsula doesn't have enough of it."

Be thankful for that, because Andrus says there have been about 300 reports from people who claim to not only have seen UFOs, but to have been abducted by them.

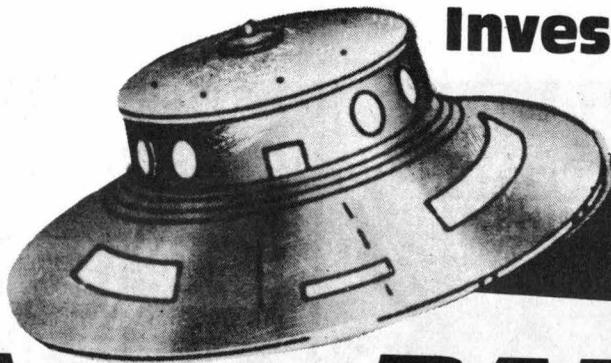
"Again, even in the abduction cases, there are consistent patterns in the reports we get," he says. "The creatures are always described as being very small in stature, from 3½ to 4 feet tall, with short legs, long arms and a large head in proportion to their bodies. They are bald, have two large eyes, no ears, a small mouth or a slit where our mouths are, and are gray to white in color. They usually wear a one-piece suit and there is nothing green about them and they don't have antennas."

So frequent are the reports that even the once UFO-laden *National Enquirer* is grounding many of these high-flying stories.

"We now have a number of parameters before we print a UFO story," publisher Generoso Pope says. "We do hypnosis, lie detector tests, voice stress tests. We get people to discuss the reliability of the witness. And there needs to be more than one person watching it."

"The real problem with UFO stories, is trying to find something new."

**Investigators wonder: What are they looking for in Wisconsin?**



**A** RASH of dramatic UFO sightings over Wisconsin's farmland has investigators puzzling over why that state has become the prime target in a flying saucer epidemic.

Now, researchers believe local people are being used in experiments performed by space aliens.

Since January, there have been dozens of instances where objects bigger than a jumbo jet and longer than a football field have been reported hovering in the sky.

Federal Aviation Authority (FAA) radar screens 150 miles away in Chicago picked up a stationary craft, but were unable to communicate with it. And all normal explanations — like weather balloons, stars, planets, blimps and manmade aircraft — have been ruled out by investigators.

"I think that people in Wisconsin are the subjects of some kind of alien experiments," says Marian Anderson, an investigator for the Chicago-based Center for UFO Studies. "That's why all these spacecraft are visiting this area.

"Our conclusion is that these were legitimate UFO sightings. The reports are from very credible people."

Among the strange happenings:

# BAFFLING UFO BLITZ SHAKES MIDWEST



**Gregg Kahl watched in amazement as a series of lights performed maneuvers above a hill on his farm**



**Harvey Funseth points to where he spotted a formation of UFOs that initially appeared as one**

● Four police officers from three different jurisdictions witnessed mysterious lights in the sky.

● A surveyor and a construction worker say they watched one UFO detach itself from a stack of four and pass so close to them that they could see the glow of silent exhausts — in broad daylight.

● A farmer was jolted from his bed by a thunderous roar from what he claims was a low-flying giant spaceship.

● An astounded fisherman reported observing a glowing

orange sphere sink into a small lake.

● Another farmer tailed mysterious red, blue and white lights before fleeing in fear when they turned around and started chasing his car.

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**F**ARMER Gregg Kahl, of Mount Vernon, says he spotted an unexplainable group of white, red and blue lights in early January — and several times after that — over a hill about 300 yards from his house and barn.

Kahl says the lights were in a group, but were moving around within the formation. He says the object made several right-angle turns as it flew through the



Karen Stampfl models one of the T-shirts she sells, as her town cashes in on UFOs

sky. Belleville police officer Glen Kazmar was on patrol when he sighted a UFO.

"At first, I thought it was an aircraft with some odd lights. But an hour later I realized it was still in the same place. I radioed the sighting in."

Kazmar called the FAA in Illinois, which confirmed it had something large on radar, but couldn't make radio contact. Three other officers reported watching the stationary cluster of lights for 45 minutes.

The next night, a farmer had the fright of his life when he went to investigate similar lights. "I

was concerned that it might be a threat to my cattle, so I drove out there," he told UFO researchers. "I was on a road alongside a field when I saw something humongous — longer than a football field — rise straight out of the trees.

"I knew then it wasn't anything ordinary, so I turned around. The lights then turned around very quickly and followed me back to the farm. I ran inside."

**A**NOTHER farmer reported a large object went over his house at two o'clock one morning and rattled the solid, log-built structure.

He said the roar was "like a large turbine."

Its lights were so bright that he could see the ground outside.

Surveyor Harvey Funseth and a friend saw what they thought was a strange cloud formation. As they drove nearer, they saw it was four craft, about twice the size of a jumbo jet's fuselage.

"They had no wings, but were stacked one on top of the other," Funseth says. "One of them detached itself from the top of the stack and came our way. It passed us about 1,000ft. up and went out of sight fast.

"It had no side windows and was totally quiet. I took some pictures, but they all came out blank. Yet other pictures on the roll were fine. As it moved away, it was as if we were looking at the red-hot exhaust pipes of a jet plane."

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# Top researcher reveals startling event... UFO aliens warn US astronauts off the moon

**U**FO ALIENS warned American astronauts not to get any ideas about colonizing the moon, says a top researcher.

When Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin stepped on the moon 18 years ago, E.T.s aboard two alien spacecraft perched on a nearby crater watched them make history, reports Timothy Good in a fascinating new book, *Above Top Secret: The Worldwide UFO Cover-up*.

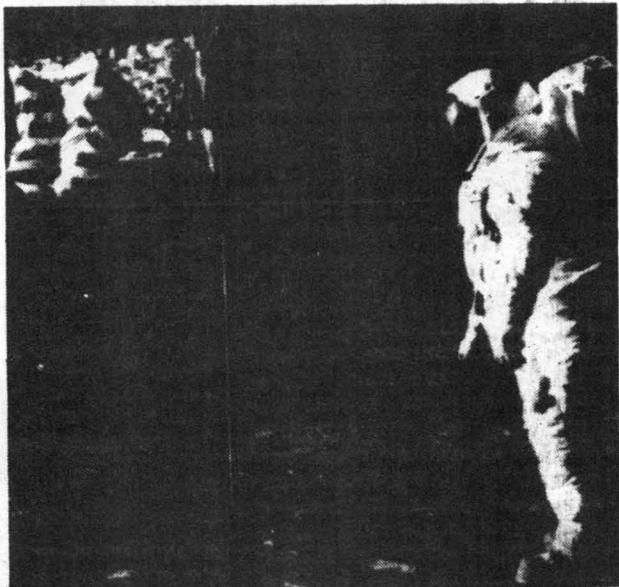
Armstrong — who has repeatedly denied reports about UFO aliens — later confessed that Americans were "warned off" the moon by the aliens, alleges researcher Good.

By PATRICK COTTER

"There was never any question then of a space station or a moon city," Good quotes Armstrong as saying.

The reason was simple, added the famous astronaut. The aliens' spaceships "were far superior to ours."

This and other mind-boggling revelations made by Good are not the work of a "nut-case," says Great Britain's former Chief of Defense Staff Lord Hill Norton.



ALIENS in spaceships far superior to ours watched astronauts erect the American flag.

He says Good's report is "based soundly upon fact" and contains a "a great deal of convincing evidence" that he has never seen in print before.

Good's bombshells include:

- When a new president takes office, he is informed of the existence of a top secret intelligence group, Majestic 12, that investigates reports of UFO sightings and then covers them up to prevent public panic.

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● He is in possession of a copy of a top-secret 1952 US government report confirming that a UFO crashed in New Mexico in 1947 and that corpses of

"four, small human-like beings" were recovered from the wreckage."

For decades the government has been accused of covering up the crash and the discovery of the alien corpses, which many believe are now being held at Wright-Patterson Air Base, in Dayton, Ohio, home of the Air Technical Intelligence Center.

● So many UFOs are sighted in Britain every year that a tracking station and research center is manned 24 hours a day to monitor the spacecraft traffic.

Good, a world-renowned former concert pianist, and Hill-Norton, aren't the only well-respected Britons to believe wholeheartedly in UFOs. Even Prince Phillip, Queen Elizabeth's husband, subscribes to the magazine Flying Saucer Review.

And Britain's former top air force officer, Air Chief Marshal Lord Dowding, made public his beliefs.

"I am convinced that these objects do exist and that they are not manufactured by any nation on earth," he said.

The late Lord Louis Mountbatten, another top military man, believed that UFOs could help bring about peace on Earth.

"If the human race wishes to survive, we may have to band together," he said.

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Officers Kevin Plendl (left) and Scott McElroy stand in front of the duplex on Division Street over

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which they spotted the mysterious light.

# Whatever it was, it didn't return

By JERRY AMBELANG  
Area News Chief

WAUNAKEE — The UFO sighting early Tuesday morning by two Waunakee police officers still has this town buzzing — and looking skyward.

"There were no additional sightings reported last night," Waunakee Police Chief Frank Balistreri reported today.

Some had speculated that the object observed by Waunakee police officers Kevin Plendl and Scott McElroy was a red and blue hot-air balloon.

"We've discounted that," Balistreri said. "I talked to the person who was in the balloon. It took off at 5:30 p.m. Monday and landed in the DeForest area at 6:45 p.m."

"I have to go along with what they say they saw," he

added. "They are very responsible officers.

"I have to admit I have never seen anything like that," he chuckled. "I don't know if I would admit it if I did."

The two officers described it as a glowing, one-half to one-quarter moon-shaped object with red and blue lights that periodically dulled and brightened. It occasionally moved from north to south and back again.

McElroy said at a press conference Tuesday that the two officers did not want to admit seeing the object because they thought "nobody would believe us."

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But after maintaining visual contact with the UFO for a couple of hours at two different sites, and watching through binoculars "as a part of it appeared to break away and move at extremely high speed," they agreed there really was something up there.

A surprised and stunned Plendl also admitted he did not have a logical explanation of the phenomenon.

Don Schmitt of Milwaukee, Wisconsin director of the J. Allen Hynek Center for UFO Studies in Wisconsin, has already started a probe into the UFO report, according to an associate.

The reported sightings in the Belleville-New Glarus area by a Dane County deputy and two Green County officers and a Belleville police officer in January also came under scrutiny by the national organization.

Their finding on the Belleville sightings, according to Schmitt: It was not a weather balloon or airplane; it was an unidentified flying object.

He told residents there at a followup meeting that a UFO does not necessarily mean it is a space ship, just an unexplained occurrence.

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# One man's adventure in space

I have a little book, "My Trip to Mars, the Moon and Venus," written by a man who sat in my house and told me about it. He had come to Topeka to make a talk to the UFO club here and had been brought to my house by the president of the club, Harry Fleenor.

He was Buck Nelson and Buck seemed to be his name, not a nickname. He was 65 years old and lived on a farm in the Missouri Ozarks near Mountain View. He wore bib overalls, nicely faded, and I feel certain that the fading had come from long wearing.

ON JULY 30, 1954, Mr. Nelson was listening to his radio at 4 p.m. when it began to go crazy. His dog started barking and his pony showed signs of excitement. He went outside to quiet them.

As he went out the kitchen door he saw three huge disc-like objects over his head. He had never heard of flying saucers. He went back to the house to get a camera and flashlight and waved the flashlight at these "things" as a signal for them to come down and land.

"Instead of coming down, they shot some kind of ray at me, brighter and hotter than the sun. It knocked me down and I waited till the 'things' left before trying to get up," he said in the book.

He had suffered from lumbago for 15 years and had pain in his back. When he started to get up, easy-like, the pain was gone and he has never had it since. The ray also had helped his eyesight. He no longer needed to wear glasses.

SIX MONTHS LATER, Feb. 1, 1955, they came again, "circled low over the house and asked in a friendly voice whether I was friendly." They did not land, talked a few minutes, then said goodbye and "We'll see you again."

A month later, March 5, 1955, about midnight, "they landed and came up to the house. One was a young earth-man who had gone to Venus two years before. He was called 'Bucky.'"

The next man was old and wrinkled, a trainee, learning to operate the space ship. Then there was one called Bob Solomon, 200 years old, but he didn't look any older than Ruckv.

They stayed about an hour, interested in everything in the house. He told them the radio battery was for power and they exclaimed, "What, with all this power overhead and you use that!"

On March 22, 1955, they came a fourth time, circled low but did not land. They told me to get ready for a trip into space.

They asked to get water from three springs below the house. At some time when they had been there they had cleaned them out and placed 12 rocks in a circle, a symbol of the 12 laws of God.

"WHEN MY FRIENDS came after me on April 24, 1955," he said in the book, "it did not take long to get ready to go. I was asked to put on a clean pair of overalls and to put nothing in the pockets." He left milk for his cat, "Krazy." "Trixie," his horse could feed on the range. He took his dog, "Ted," with him. Ted and the space dog, Big Bo, had a bath in the springs.

Then they all got into the ship and they showed him how to manage it. Seat belts were put on, and a good thing, for he had the ship upside down "and every which way." He pushed every button and turned every dial.

He nodded off and awoke to find they were near Mars. The ruler had a good meal ready for them. The people didn't know he was an earth-man until they were told. The Mars people used solar and electric power.

THEY PROCEEDED ON to the moon, where the ruler's home was built in a crater. No vegetables were on the Earth side of the moon. He walked out and looked about, saw children playing with dogs.

Soon they were off to Venus, where there were two rulers and each had a rock and steel home. Three cars were parked near one. He said their taxes compared to ours as a nickel to a hundred dollars. He left flags on Mars, the moon and Venus with his name on them and said, "In the years to come, anyone from the earth who reaches these planets will find them."

These things Mr. Nelson told me as easily as though he was talking about the corn crop at Mountain View.

# UFO hunter is a serious sleuth, not a space case



Pat Tehan/The Register

Ron Regehr of Huntington Beach, an aerospace engineer, never has seen a UFO, but he has devoted five years to studying the subject.

By Edward Humes  
The Register

HUNTINGTON BEACH — Ron Regehr has spent 20 hours a week for the past five years compiling a 5-foot-high stack of documents that prove nothing at all.

But there are tidbits in that stack, hints of something big, and that's more than enough to keep him going.

Regehr is a UFO hunter.

His tools are not telescopes or cameras, but telephones, typewriters and the Freedom of Information Act. He never has seen an unidentified flying object and really doesn't want to; his search is on paper alone.

Over the years, he and his partners have amassed oblique references to a shadowy government project called Majestic-12, supposedly concerned with UFOs.

He has photos of military bases with no official missions and, in some cases, no official existence. Captured UFOs are test flown there by Air Force pilots, according to a supposedly top-secret government docu-

ment he can't authenticate.

Regehr's theory is that UFO technology is being exploited for the nation's Stealth fighter and bomber programs. The secret Nevada installations reputed to house the Stealth prototypes also are mentioned prominently in his UFO documents.

"What does all of this prove?" Regehr asked, sitting at his dining-room table heaped high with Chinese takeout and piles of documents. "Nothing. But we haven't disproved anything yet, either.

"We want to confirm it, or we want to refute it. Either way, I want to know."

Regehr is well aware of the stereotype of UFO enthusiasts: wild-eyed crackpots clutching hazy Polaroid snapshots of the sky and sporting aluminum foil on their heads for deflecting alien thought beams.

"Sometimes people might think that, until they sit down and talk to me and see what I've got. It doesn't bother me," Regehr said.

According to the U.S. government, Regehr is no crackpot.

After extensive investigation, he was issued a "secret" clearance as part of his job at Aerojet Electro-Systems in Azusa, where he works as a specifications engineer on a classified space project.

Regehr, 44, has a wife, three daughters, two cars, a camper, numerous pets and a well-appointed home in Huntington Beach. His passions for decades were fast cars and exotic aircraft — not too unusual for an aerospace engineer — but UFOs have supplanted them with the force of obsession.

His partners are fellow Aerojet worker Lee Graham (also a recipient of a "secret" clearance); John Andrews, who made headlines recently for designing and selling a reportedly accurate model of the F-19 Stealth fighter — a supersecret plane the Air Force won't even discuss; and Bill Moore, author of several UFO books, including "The Roswell Incident."

A tall, soft-spoken man, Regehr feeds his parrot Chinese food from his plate while he talks UFOs. The parrot says, "Thank you," after each nibble.

"For me, it started in 1981, with the Goldwater letter," he began.

The "Goldwater letter" came about after his friend Graham had gotten into an argument with a fellow worker, who had heard through the aerospace workers' grapevine that then-Sen. Barry Goldwater of Arizona had been denied access to a secret facility called the "Blue Room" at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio.

The Blue Room, legend held, contained devices and wreckage recovered from the crash of a UFO in 1947 in Roswell, N.M.

Graham claimed the rumor could not be true, and he wrote Goldwater to prove it. To his surprise, the senator wrote back, said he indeed had been denied access to the Blue Room and confided that he believed in the existence of UFOs, according to a letter Graham keeps in a 3-inch-thick loose-leaf binder crammed with UFO documents. He has 20 other binders just like it at home.

Meanwhile, Wright-Patterson officials denied the incident, and denied having any facilities devoted to UFOs or bearing the name "Blue Room."

"Somebody was lying," Regehr said. "Either a U.S. senator or the Air Force."

Correspondence with the National Archives in Washington produced old documents confirming the existence of a "Blue Room," Regehr said. And with that, his pursuit of UFOs began in earnest.

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# UFO: Hunter has 5-foot-high stack of documents that prove nothing but hint at something big

"I'll play along with anybody's game," he said. "But don't lie to me. I can't stand to be lied to."

Regehr and Graham then began their research. This led them to Andrews and then Moore, who one day called them and said he had received amazing documents from an Air Force source.

Regehr has a photocopy of one document that purports to be a top-secret 1952 briefing for President Eisenhower by Rear Adm. Roscoe H. Hillenkoetter, the first director of the CIA.

The subject was "Operation Majestic-12," a 12-member committee of prominent military officers and scientists originally appointed by President Harry S. Truman.

The paper describes a secret government inquiry into "disc-shaped aircraft" sighted in the

United States. In particular, it focuses on a highly publicized UFO sighting and apparent crash in July 1947 in Roswell, later dismissed as a crash of an experimental weather balloon. The briefing calls the balloon explanation a cover story.

"On July 7, 1947, a secret operation was begun to assure recovery of the wreckage of this object for scientific study," the paper says. "During the course of this operation, aerial reconnaissance discovered that four small humanlike beings had apparently ejected from the craft at some point before it exploded. ... All four were dead and badly decomposed due to action by predators and exposure to the elements."

The bodies and wreckage were removed to several military bases for study, the paper says. The wreckage contained numerous examples of indecipherable symbols. Nothing resembling a propulsion system, electric wiring or recognizable control systems was found.

A second object crashed and was mostly destroyed in December 1950, along the Texas-New Mexico border. Its wreckage was taken to the nuclear-arms facility at Sandia, N.M., the paper says.

UFO debunkers have dismissed the paper as a hoax. All 12 of the named Majestic-12 members are dead, and no verifiable references to such an organization can be found, critics have said.

Spokesmen for the White House and the National Security Council denied the existence of any organization called Majestic-12 or MJ-12 or Majic-12, two abbreviations used in the document.

An Air Force spokesman said the military had several UFO projects in the 1950s and 1960s, the last of which was called "Blue Book."

"It was closed in the late 1960s," said Capt. Martin Hauser, spokesman for the Air Force Systems Command. "As far as I know, they didn't find enough evidence to make it worth continuing."

But Regehr says he has uncovered authenticated records showing that Majestic-12 existed, although the records do not describe Majestic-12's purpose.

From the National Archives, Regehr obtained a memo for Air Force Gen. Nathan Twining from Robert Cutler, special assistant to Eisenhower, dated July 14, 1954:

"Subject: NSC/MJ-12 Special Studies Project.

"The president has decided the MJ-12 SSP briefing should take place during the already scheduled White House meeting of July 16."

Regehr concedes this proves only that there was an MJ-12. It does not prove MJ-12 was a UFO program.

More National Archive inquiries uncovered an Air Force memo appointing Twining to a program created to attempt to validate or disprove UFO sightings. Long days at the library uncovered newspaper clippings from 1968, in which a retired Hillenkoetter is reported to have testified before Congress about a government cover-up of UFO evidence.

"If we were paid for all the hours it took to find this stuff, I could retire by now," Regehr said.

Another document — describing "Project Aquarius" — purportedly was leaked to Moore and given to Regehr. It describes actual contact with aliens by the U.S. military.

"This project met with positive success when in 1959, the United States established primitive communications with the aliens. On April 25, 1964, (an Air Force) intelligence officer met two aliens at a prearranged location in the desert of New Mexico. The contact lasted for approximately three hours. ... This project is continuing at an Air Force base in New Mexico."

The paper also describes a "Project Snowbird," established in 1972. "Its mission was to test fly a recovered alien aircraft. This project is continuing in Nevada."

Regehr and his associates believe Snowbird is located at the Tonopah Test Range or a secret facility at Groom Lake, both of which are in deserted areas of Nevada. Although aerial photos in Lockheed Co. publications show Groom Lake to have one of the longest airstrips in the world, the base does not appear on maps or aviation charts of the area, Regehr said. The Air Force has not acknowledged the existence of a Tonopah airfield.

He has collected eyewitness accounts from military pilots describing a strange, disc-shaped aircraft flying out of the area.

He believes that the Stealth program, reportedly operating out of those two Nevada bases, is using information gleaned from UFO technology. He said UFOs consistently are sighted but often do not appear on radar, a Stealth characteristic.

The description of the crashed alien vehicle in the MJ-12 briefing — including the absence of vacuum tubes and electrical wiring — fits recent developments in fiber electro-optics and computer-chip technology, Regehr said. Such technology would be largely unrecognizable in the early 1950s, he said.

"It's really just a gut feeling, of course. We can't prove any of this," he said.

Meanwhile, Regehr and Graham keep pounding out the Freedom of Information requests. They ask for records on MJ-12, they ask for autopsy results on the alien bodies, they ask what's going on at Groom Lake. They get back a lot of letters referring questions to other agencies.

They took the MJ-12 briefing paper into the Defense Investigative Services office at Aerojet last year, asking officials what they should do with it and if it could be authenticated. Instead, an investigation of their backgrounds was launched to see if they were a security risk, according to their personnel records, Regehr said.

Neighbors, relatives and co-workers were questioned. Regehr said he was questioned for three days, eight hours a day. The agent

investigating him was named James Kirk.

"No kidding," Regehr said, noting that James Kirk is the name of the fictional captain of the starship Enterprise from the television series "Star Trek."

Nothing happened to the men as a result of the investigation, although they never received any word on the authenticity of the documents, he said.

Regehr's wife, Sydney, said she admires her husband's persistence — even if it does spill over into evenings, weekends and vacations. They'll be camping later this month, and they'll "just happen" to swing by Sandia, N.M., to see what they can see, she said.

"It's human nature to want to know these things, to ask why,"

she said. "It's a challenge to the mind, to think about the unknown. These guys have worked hard. They're going to see the fruits of their labor some day."

As much as he wants to know the truth, Regehr isn't so sure anymore what would happen if his pile of documents one day contained proof positive of UFOs. He worries that the public may not be prepared for full disclosure. Perhaps that is why information is "leaking" slowly through people like Moore, he suggested — a kind of testing of the waters.

"We think the (Majestic 12) project is so far along, it's about to explode," he said. "After 40 years of deceit and cover-up, it's going to catch up with them, and the truth will come out."

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3128 UFO info

HAVE you seen anything strange in the skies lately? If so, staff at the Lancashire Centre for UFO Studies would like to hear from you.

Mr Declan Blackburn, the director of research, is keen to hear from anyone who may have seen UFOs in the Burnley or Pendle area on Thursday, September 10th, between 9-42 a.m. and 9-50 a.m.

If anybody did see the objects, which left no vapour trail, they can write to Mr Blackburn at the research centre, 222 Brunshaw Avenue.

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# UFO man probes Midland mystery

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ENGLAND

By EDWARD STEPHENS

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## UFO tale is out of this world

<sup>3128</sup> THE extraordinary hype, which may soon grow to cosmic proportions, about Eduard Meier, the one-armed Swiss farmer and ex-Legionnaire who allegedly took a stunning series of flying saucer photos and recorded conversations with a 33-year-old female alien, is so much eyewash.

So, at least, groans author Jenny Randles, of Stockport, director of investigations for the British UFO Research Association, which she calls the oldest serious UFO group in Europe.

For the past decade it has been known as the Billy Liar case, a rhyming condemnation of Meier, whose "saucers," says Randles, turned out to be models suspended from strings when Nasa scientist William Spalding studied the snaps with computer enhancement techniques developed for long-range probes to Jupiter and Saturn.

Randles also claims that field investigators found small "saucer" models in the garage at Meier's home.

"This was a hoax beyond any question at all. There is no room for doubt," she says. "In view of the difficult task we face attempting to persuade science that UFO researchers do not believe in little green men or alien spaceships, we wish to put the truth on record so that nobody need be fooled."

Let any Sunday newspaper or other publication which may again be misled by wild intergalactic claptrap take note of what she says.

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## UFO calls flood in

<sup>5128</sup> Birmingham-based UFO Studies Investigations today reported its telephone had been "red hot" with witnesses anxious to report sightings of the mystery object seen in the sky over the Midlands.

"Since the story of the sightings appeared in the *Evening Mail* the telephone has never stopped ringing," said chairman Mr John Hurley today.

"Until people saw the story many were obviously reluctant to report what they had seen in case they were laughed at."

Mr Hurley said there had been more than 50 sightings of the mystery object spotted on Monday night around midnight.

Witnesses said the UFO was orange with a green light on the top and about the size of a cara-

van. Most people said it travelled at great speed and then stopped dead.

Mr Hurley added that even though the majority of the sightings had been in the Birmingham area he had also received reports of sightings from as far afield as the Lake District — where a couple who were camping spotted it — and Huddersfield.

# Lima Bank Executive Doubles As

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## UFO Researcher

*"She described it as having a rectangular upper section with a single steady white light on top and sloping sides with red and blue light at the left and right corners, respectively. . . . Both witnesses agreed that it appeared to be as large or larger than the nearby house."*

— excerpt from "A Giant Triangle," by John Timmerman in "The UFO Reporter," July/August, 1986

By TOM FORD  
Blade Staff Writer

LIMA, O. — It doesn't bother John Timmerman that some people may think the cheese has fallen off his cracker.

He believes in what he does, not what he hears.

Since 1976, Mr. Timmerman, a Lima bank executive, has doubled as a researcher of reports on unidentified flying objects for the Chicago-based Center for UFO Studies.

He has, in that time, investigated hundreds of reported UFO sightings throughout the Midwest and has at-

tempted to document and explain them.

"I believe that some of the sightings are easy to explain," he said, from his office in Southside Savings and Loan. "On the other hand some reports may be evidence of intrusion by something."

### Interest Led To Friendship

Mr. Timmerman has been interested in UFOs for many years, and that led to a friendship with Dr. J. Allen Hynek, an astronomer and consultant to the air force's Project Blue Book, which sought to document UFO contacts.

Dr. Hynek founded the Center for UFO Studies as a clearinghouse and information source for UFO sightings, and, in 1979, asked Mr. Timmerman to be on its board of directors. The next year, Mr. Timmerman was named chairman and has since served as the center's treasurer.

"Although I am not a scientist by trade," Mr. Timmerman said, "I have enough curiosity and interest

to document cases as scientifically as possible."

He said there are many sightings in Ohio, the most recent on Aug. 1, when a couple reported seeing an unidentified object while driving east of Delphos about 2 p.m.

"They saw a metallic tubular object coming toward them. It had no visible means of support. It was hovering above the ground and traveling in a northerly direction and the couple saw it for 8 or 10 seconds at a distance of less than half a mile," Mr. Timmerman said.

Two days later, he said, two other reports were made about a similar object flying high and moving in a zig-zag pattern not common to aircraft.

"What I'm interested in is something verifiable," he said. "There are many single-witness reports, and numerous reports of actual contacts and abductions every year."

He said the reports of abductions and other actual physical contact with aliens are probably aberrations.

"Most of them have to do with humanoid entities," he said. "And I really believe that these people think something like this happened to them."

### Object The Size Of A House

In the 1986 case of "The Giant Triangle," relating two different sightings on consecutive days by an Ohio couple and a housewife, the witnesses described seeing a huge triangular or trapezoidal shape hovering object the size of a house. The reports were especially interesting because they matched in several ways, were seen under good conditions, and within only miles of each other within a 24-hour period.

But Mr. Timmerman concluded that no connection could be made between the two sightings because no calls were reported to the local police, sheriff, or highway patrol and no one answered his newspaper ad.

"I'm convinced that people actually see real things, and that some things can be explained," he said. "Others can't." //

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## Sky's the limit in explanation for UFO's

By MITCH WEISS  
Associated Press

LIMA, Ohio — When John Timmerman gazes at the night sky for stars, he also looks for unidentified flying objects.

Timmerman, a marketing vice president for a Lima savings and loan, is also vice president of public relations for the Center for UFO Studies in Chicago. He has interviewed hundreds of people who claim to have seen UFOs and some who said they had been abducted by extraterrestrials.

He says he's not trying to persuade anybody that space aliens exist.

"I'm just trying to let the people who have these experiences know that we'd like to talk to them and make their cases part of our study," he said.

Timmerman said a man in Delphos had recently seen something that looked like a UFO on the outskirts of the northwest Ohio town. He said he would investigate the sighting.

### Many can be explained

"I'm not saying it was an extraterrestrial craft or UFO . . . it's just that we don't know yet what it was. Many of these things end up being explained. But the ones that don't . . . are the ones that remain in the file as the material from which we do studies of the phenomenon. And we have thousands of those. We have over 80,000 good cases on file in Chicago."

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## SKY'S THE LIMIT CON'T

Timmerman has never seen a UFO but says he asks a battery of questions of those who have to determine if the sighting can be explained.

"Often they see the planet Venus, and they don't recognize it," he said. "Sometimes, under the right conditions, Venus, and sometimes Jupiter, can be seen in the daylight. You have to know a little bit about astronomy and a little bit about human psychology."

He says there have been 40 to 50 UFO sightings in the Lima area that he considers valid. Because he has gone public with his research, he feels more people in the area are apt to come to him if they see something in the sky they can't explain.

"They know I'm interested in the subject so they're willing to talk," he said. "That might occur elsewhere if there were a John Timmerman in Toledo or someplace else who had equal visibility to trust and take the information."

### Interest was sparked

He became interested in UFOs shortly after graduating from Cornell University in 1947; the year he read a newspaper account

of a pilot who said he had seen nine silver objects hover near his plane. Timmerman calls that the first publicly discussed UFO sighting.

Later that year, he became involved in a study at Ohio Northern University which examined UFO sightings in the Midwest.

His interest in the subject waxed and waned until 1979, when someone from Ohio State University who was active in UFO research spoke to a local group. After the lecture, Timmerman told her of his interest, and she recommended he contact the Chicago center.

He was asked to join its board of directors. He now helps the center with publicity and recently attended the 40th annual Mutual UFO Network International Symposium in Washington. About 450 people attended to listen to UFO specialists talk about developments in the alien world.

### Abduction phenomenon

The major topic at this year's symposium was the abduction phenomenon.

He said reports of abductions by some type of space entities were not new, but that widespread understanding of them was.

"I believe the people are thoroughly convinced it happened to them," he said. "I can't say I'm thoroughly convinced it happened to them myself. It's possible that things may be occurring and we just don't comprehend them because at this point it's beyond our understanding."

Alien beings are thought to impose some sort of memory loss on victims so that the event may be recalled only by reaching into the subconscious, he said. No one knows what these entities hope to gain from abducting humans and subjecting them to various physical indignities, but Timmerman hypothesized that perhaps they come from a dying planet and enter our environment for a genetic boost.

### Entitled to own opinion

Timmerman says those who ridicule his work are entitled to their opinion.

"I think there are things in our environment that we can't begin to understand . . . I think that really we are not as far from the door of the cave as we sometimes think we are.

"One of the things we need to explore carefully is the human mind," he said. "If these events are not occurring as people think they are, if they're not really happening in real time and in our environment as we think they are, then there's something very interesting about the human mind and its ability to perceive this. So either we should examine these events as people say they happen, or we should examine the people who say they have (happened)."

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# UFO Conference lets people discuss their tales of the unknown

By David McKay Wilson  
Staff Writer

The last time the "visitors" dropped by writer Whitley Strieber's Hudson Valley summer house, he was sitting at the table with his wife when he heard the voices. Strieber decided to have a chat.

"I asked 'Why did you come here?' and the voice said, 'Because I saw a glow.' I asked 'Where did you come from?' and the voice said, 'From everywhere.' I asked 'Why have you come?' and the voice said, 'Because it's time.'"

Strieber, author of the best seller, "Communion," was the final speaker Saturday at a daylong UFO Conference at the Wells Mid-

dle School in Brewster. By 9:30 p.m., when Strieber had concluded his talk, about 300 of the 600 conference participants were still there.

As a crystal healer led many in a group meditation, a crowd huddled around a tape deck outside the hall, listening intently to a recording of a UFO sighting. About 30 others surrounded Strieber,

asking him about his "contacts," and the mystery of extraterrestrial life.

His book's success has catapulted Strieber into the national spotlight, bringing him both adulation and derision. The audience on the "Phil Donahue Show" jeered him, and a reporter is delving into

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his background in an attempt to prove him a fake. It doesn't appear to faze Strieber, who is working on a new book, "Transformation," and is making "Communion" into a film.

"The reporter discovered when he spoke to my family and friends that when I was a little boy, I was always telling people I was being taken by aliens," said Strieber, who wrote horror novels before his best seller. "Maybe it's time for people to recognize that there really is something here."

Strieber, who looked professorial in his horned-rimmed glasses and tweed jacket, said the filmmaking experience has provided its own drama. The Australia-

lian director came to his summer house, only to be awakened one night by a stream of light outside his room, and a visit from some ugly thin hairless creature.

Strieber invited anyone in the audience to come forward and tell of their experiences with the unknown. One woman told of a large, boomerang-shaped object that floated over Kent Cliffs in Putnam County one eerie night in 1983. Another man told of a globe of light he spotted in Florida, which would appear and reappear on command. Then June Pope of Putnam Valley recounted her tale of the basketball-sized flashing light that settled in her backyard outside her bedroom window on Fa-

ther's Day in 1985.

She was so startled that she called the local constabulary to investigate.

"When they arrived, they did a lot of laughing," she said. "But they didn't go in the backyard."

Those attending the conference were the believers, those who find that science cannot explain everything on earth, who believe in other realms. Organizing the event was Peter Gersten of Peekskill, an attorney who fought the federal government and won the release of hundreds of reports on UFO sightings.

The battle continues because people like Gersten and Larry Bryant, who works for the Citizens

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## Cases of alien kidnapping to highlight UFO conference

By Geoff Walden

Staff Writer

You are about to enter another dimension.

A place where human beings are kidnapped by little gray men with large heads and bug eyes who have journeyed to Earth through space.

Where the victims return to their homes suffering from symptoms ranging from vomiting to recurring dreams, and only gradually remember what happened to them, but then only part of it.

You are about to enter . . . the UFO Conference, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday at Henry H. Wells Middle School on Route 312 in Brewster. And if the bug-eyed monsters themselves won't be there, people who purport to have met them will.

At least 12 unrelated earthlings in the Hudson Valley and Connecticut have reported being kidnapped by aliens, according to Peter Gersten of Peekskill, organizer of the conference. Some of the abducted dozen will be at the free event, he said.

The focus of the program — a follow-up to the 1984 conference on the boomerang-shaped object sighted in the nighttime sky in this area — is extra-terrestrial contact. Although the boomerang turned out to be light planes flown in formation by pranksters, Gersten contends some of the sightings are still unexplained.

Mark Plummer says, however, that most UFOs can be dismissed as natural phenomena. Plummer is executive director of the Committee for Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal, an international group based in Buffalo.

"We don't believe anyone's been kidnapped," Plummer said this week. He said no one claiming to have been a hostage has produced physical evidence of captors or their spacecraft.

Plummer said people who foster belief in kidnappings do it for one of two reasons. "You can write a book on UFO abductions and make hundreds of thousands of dollars," he said, "or you're deluded."

Gersten says 12 is too large a number for the hostage reports to have been coincidental fantasies. "I think the chances of that happening are astronomical," he said, "unless there's actually something there."

Gersten, a criminal lawyer in New York City, made the observation that if a dozen people said they were taken hostage by the same motorcycle gang their claim would generate a massive investigation.

"I've represented people for a lot less than abducting 12 people," he said.

Against UFO Secrecy in Washington, D.C., want to be able to explain the unexplainable one day.

"It's a cosmic Watergate," Bryant said. "The Central Intelligence Agency is still withholding 58 documents, and the National Security Agency has 135 it won't give out. We are going to keep knocking on the door so that we can get to the bottom of this mystery."

For Manhattan resident Diana Gold, the conference gave her the opportunity to learn about these issues in a setting that was conducive to meaningful discussions.

"It's great to be able to talk to others and not have them stare at you like you are from outer space," she said. "It makes you open your eyes."

Saturday's affair features an all-star lineup of authors who have written on close encounters of the third kind. The highlight promises to be an experiment in extra-terrestrial contact at 9 p.m.

The experiment will involve group meditation, Gersten said, in an effort to get a message from outer space. The message could be channeled, whereby an individual's body is taken over by an outside intelligence speaking words from the cosmos. Or it could come through automatic writing, whereby the alien occupier controls the individual's hand to write or draw an interstellar telegram.

A man who reportedly experienced automatic writing, Dean Fagerstrom of Putnam Lake, will attend the conference and show the drawings he produced, thought to represent a craft from another galaxy.

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Gersten said the goal of the event is to draw out unreported abduction cases and create interest in forming an organization — Contact — that would explore kidnappings from beyond.

"We want the people to come forward without fear of ridicule," he said. "We have to know what's going on. There is evidence that something's going on."

He said cases in this region conform to scenarios recounted around the country. People report being taken aboard a spacecraft, he said, and examined by BEMs (bug-eyed monsters). A discussion ensues, with the invaders saying they are interested in bettering Earth.

Gersten said the creatures are always described the same way: hairless, 5 feet tall and having large heads, wrap-around large eyes, a slit for a mouth, two holes for nostrils, and grayish white skin.

Those abducted later experience partial or total amnesia. Partial recall comes only after the passage of time, usually through hypnosis. The kidnapped suffer nausea, vomiting, red eyes, runny noses, nervousness, anxiety and recurring dreams. Leg scars have been reported.

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# Mystery <sup>3, 24</sup> as UFO sightings continue

Reports of a mystery object seen in the sky have been pouring in from throughout the country to the Birmingham office of UFO Studies Investigations.

After a series of sightings throughout the West Midlands, the British Aerospace-funded organisation has now received reports from as far afield as Yorkshire and the Lake District.

Mr John Hurley, chairman of the organisation, said: "All of the local sightings were within 30 minutes of each other, at about midnight on Monday.

Most victims are kidnapped again after a certain period of time. They're thought to be monitored, and there are reports of implants being inserted in some.

"The abductors are noted for disinformation and deception," Gersten said, explaining that the spacemen report various home planets. "No two have said they're from the same place."

Gersten is bankrolling the conference with \$3,500. He said sales of T-shirts and sweatshirts will recoup only some of the investment, adding, "It's worth it."

He said the 12 documented reports could be just the tip of a universe of close encounters. People who are abducted exhibit the same trauma as rape victims, he said, and are similarly unwilling to discuss their experiences. The higher their economic class, he added, the more likely they fear being humiliated for summoning up their time with the little gray men.

For information about the conference call the UFO hot line at 739-6830.

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Another sighting was made by Mr Lyn Gunter, aged 67, of Wash Lane, Yardley.

Mr Gunter, who was reading in bed when he looked out of his window, said: "There was an exceptionally bright light in the sky which is never normally there."

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"Apart from the first sighting, everyone reported the object, which was about the size of a caravan, travelling at great speed and then suddenly stopping dead."

Mr Hurley said the telephone had not stopped ringing with reports of further sightings after a newspaper article appeared on the UFOs.

He asked anyone else who saw anything to contact him on 360 4580.

## Schedule of events for UFO conference

Peter Gersten of Peekskill, who represents Citizens Against UFO Secrecy, will open the UFO conference from 10 to 10:30 a.m.

Phil Imbrogno, who wrote "Night Seige," about Hudson Valley UFO sightings from 1983 to 1986, will speak until noon.

From noon to 1 p.m., the speaker will be Bud Hopkins, who wrote "Intruders" and has placed Hudson Valley "hostages" under hypnosis.

After lunch, John Keel, who wrote "The Mothman Prophecies" and has written about contact for 20 years, will speak from 2 to 2:30.

From 2:30 to 3 it's John Fuller, author of "The Interrupted Journey," speaking about the 1961 case of Betty and Barney Hill, the first publicly reported kidnapping.

Connecticut investigator Perry Collins will speak from 3 to 3:30, followed by Dean Fagerstrom until 4.

Ellen Crystal, author of "Invasion: They Come in Silence," about UFO sightings in Pine Bush, in Orange County, has the floor from 4:30 to 5:30.

The conference will be open to questions and unscheduled speakers until 6:30.

After dinner, Whitley Strieber, who wrote "Communion," about tri-state area cases, talks from 7:30 until the experiment for extra-terrestrial contact. Strieber, who says he conducts intergalactic communication regularly, will help foster the attempt to be reached by another world.

# So you're a skeptic: But lecturer says UFO file deserves long look

By ANNE COLDEN  
SPECIAL WRITER

**WELLFLEET** — The abductees, said Budd Hopkins, give strikingly similar descriptions: beings 4 or 5 feet tall, with large heads, oversized eyes, a small nose or mouth and fingers.

And Hopkins' Thursday-night lecture at the Masonic Hall included a tape of a man recalling, under hypnosis, how he was taken by alien intruders — whom he called "the little guys."

An almost visible uneasiness crawled among the 100 or so people in the room as the tape played: an older man with a Midwestern twang in his voice, overcome with fear: "Not again," he cried. "I don't want to. Leave me alone. Get away from me."

Hopkins further enthralled the crowd when he said, "There's at least one person in this room who has been abducted. And I wouldn't be surprised if there were more."

Hopkins is the author of the recent book, "Intruders — The Incredible Visitation at Copley Woods," which

chronicles one woman's account of her abduction by aliens. A painter and sculptor, Hopkins has devoted more and more time in recent years to UFO research. His first book, "Missing Time," also dealt with UFO abductions.

He is a summer resident of Wellfleet, and he says his interest started on Cape Cod, as he sighted a UFO on his way to a party in Provincetown from Truro on one August afternoon in 1964, near Pilgrim Lake and High Head.

"I'm pleased to say I was going to the party," he told his audience. There were two other people in the car with him. "We all said, 'What is that?', none of us daring to say 'UFO.'"

When all of a sudden the pewter-colored, lens-shaped object took off out of view, "We knew at that time we were seeing something quite extraordinary."

Then, as he put it, "I got curious." He started reading and asking people about UFO sightings and found that while it seemed that many people had seen unexplainable objects, few reported what they saw.

About one-fourth of the audience raised their hands when asked if they had ever seen anything they couldn't explain in the sky. When asked how many reported the object, only two or three raised their hands.

Some people in the crowd nodded as Hopkins spoke. Others cast wary glances at their friends. Hopkins said that when he first started looking into the topic, he was as skeptical as anyone. But countless interviews and letters describing otherwise unexplainable events have, if not changed his mind, have at least kept it open to the possibilities.

There are three ways to approach the incredible accounts of abductions, he said: You can say, "these people are lying." In that approach, he said, people look for a childhood trauma or a mental illness to account for the experience.

Or you can think, "It didn't happen but the person thinks it happened." Or you can believe it. For his own purposes, Hopkins said, "You must proceed as if this really happened."

He writes at the end of "Intruders": "None of us know what the UFO phenomena really is or what its

ultimate purposes may be, but in the absence of answers, we must at least act upon our feelings. In place of the simple-minded ridicule and dismissal so often encountered, we must offer understanding and heartfelt emotional support to these human beings who have endured such profoundly unsettling, unfathomable, truly alien experiences."

Hopkins said abductees have several things in common. One is a "period of missing time" — a couple hours that seem lost, that they can't account for.

The abductions seem to happen to people in the same family, across generations, as chronicled in "Intruders."

Others have scars, either circular gouges taken out of their flesh or straight gashes that don't really bleed or hurt, but are clearly visible.

The abductees have strikingly similar recollections of what the aliens look like — large heads with oversized eyes, a small nose or mouth, and fingers. They are described as 4 or 5 feet tall.

"There's never a sense of malevolence, nor nothing approaching be-

nevolence either," Hopkins said. "They (the aliens) seem to be neutral." That, Hopkins said, is somewhat disappointing to our notions of what aliens should be like.

We have fashioned them as "body snatchers that are going to conquer us," or creatures that have come to cure us of all the ills we can't cure ourselves.

"There's a tremendous human need to interpret extraterrestrial contact as the best or worst thing that ever happened," Hopkins said. Instead, he said, there appears to be a "down-the-middle neutrality. They are using us, taking what they need."

The abductees are made helpless, as if they are the object of someone else's experiment. They report an inability to resist the aliens' pull. Hopkins told how one man, a tall man who towered over the aliens, said, "I was a giant in that room, but I was a baby."

The aliens are apparently interested in our genetic material, and in our reproduction, Hopkins said. He says he knows of 15 cases of women being impregnated by aliens. The women have then been taken back by the

aliens who removed the developing fetus. Abductees have reported being shown fetuses, babies or small children.

Most, but not all, of the abductees' experiences are recollected through hypnosis, Hopkins said. Since it is generally a horrifying experience, victims have tried to bury it, and many don't want to believe it might be true.

"If it's true — and I think it's true," he said, "it's the biggest story of all time."

And, as if what Hopkins had just described wasn't enough to send most minds reeling, he introduced the man who he had previously identified as "the abductee" as "Paul."

An ordinary-looking man in his 30s stood up. The crowd seemed dumbfounded. Here was someone who had supposedly gone through this, in the flesh, right before them. They didn't know what to say.

Someone managed to get out a question about whether attending things like this was helpful. "Yes," Paul replied. "If you talk about it, it's easier to incorporate the experience into the rest of your life."

# Aliens from Space — is there a cover-up

ARE WE being studied by visitors from space? Jenny Randles, a leading British authority on UFOs, thinks we are and that we are being skilfully prepared for the eventual revelation that this is so.

She believes there exists a official cover-up which is preventing the truth from emerging before we are prepared to receive the news. In her book, *The UFO Conspiracy* she claims that "the public is being deceived on a colossal scale."

Jenny Randles provides many reports of UFOs as alien spacecraft. And if just one report is true it would mean that we are not alone in our part of the universe, and that a race of beings with the ability to cross interstellar space is studying our planet.

We've been to the Moon — and it was quite achievement. But the nearest stars where Earth-like planets could exist are 100 million times more distant than the Moon. So alien astronauts would have quite a journey to reach Earth.

My own reaction, as an outside observer of the UFO scene during the past decade, who has looked for a scientific approach to the subject, is that no one is trying to cover up evidence of UFO landings.

The fact is that hardly anyone has studied the UFO phenomenon using the techniques of

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## By EDWARD ASHPOLE Science Correspondent

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science in a consistent way. Almost all investigations are carried out by non-scientists.

The reports in the UFO literature are not scientific and technical, as Randles's book shows. At best they are the kind of investigations that would be carried out by the police or investigative journalists.

Nothing wrong with that, of course, except that it is not the way to find acceptable scientific evidence.

What interests scientists is physical evidence. They are not interested in the reliability of witnesses, or the clear visibility when the UFO and its occupants were sighted, or that witnesses were in a state of shock and their clothes torn — by aliens trying to capture them.

It seems that UFO investigators are not aware of what could constitute scientific evidence. And they're usually not exacting enough in their investigations — with the consequence that their reports are mostly insubstantial. One frustrated scientist has said that his attempt to unearth facts from UFO report was "like trying to shovel smoke."

Let me illustrate this: Randles describes a UFO crash near Corona in New Mexico in 1947. "As for the debris at Corona, it was remarkably light, yet exceptionally tough, metallic in appearance, but different from any known metal and covered partially by pictorial markings not unlike hieroglyphics."

She claims there are many witnesses to the event — the crashed UFO — and to the exist-

ence of its wreckage. Due to the Freedom of Information Act in the United States, the previously secret written evidence is now available.

But still the main questions remain unanswered. Who has the alien debris? And what about the scientists' reports on it? Who, specifically, established that it was "different from any known metal?" Presumably, if this is true, certain metallurgists provided their conclusions about the alien materials, but this information is not provided.

She also describes another reported crash in Arizona in May 1953, a 30ft diameter disc buried in the sand and a small humanoid body that one witness observed!

Jenny Randles then refers to dead UFO occupants that were supposed to have been found in the crash. "There are even medical men who say that they have studied these bodies. All their accounts generally agree with one another."

The obvious unanswered questions here are, "Who are these 'medical men?'" and "Can I read their reports which 'agree with one another?'"

Of course, scientists do not expect UFO investigators to offer evidence as conclusive as bodies of dead aliens. They would be quite happy with anything that might be left behind by a visiting UFO: a small piece of alien technology or a peculiar pattern of trace elements on the soil — or plants — at reported landing sites.

But nothing of that sort has even been presented to the scientific community as far as we know.

Some years ago, when writing a piece called *Science and the Saucers*, I tried without success to obtain scientific papers on the investigations of UFO landing sites. It seems that none had ever been published — apparently because no one has consistently investigated reported landing sites.

I had suggested that reported landings could easily be studied. It is difficult to get to grips with fast-moving lights in the sky, but landing sites could be analysed with the latest technology for chemical and physical evidence. A small team would suffice, consisting, say, of an analytical chemist, physicist and microbiologist.

Either a pattern of consistent evidence would be found, or it would not. And if nothing was found after a reasonable number of investigations, we might assume that the future witnesses of UFO landings themselves should be the actual subject of research.

The science writer Arthur C. Clarke once said that the subject of UFOs is a barrel of rotten apples which he did not wish to delve into. Personally, I wouldn't go that far. It's not impossible that a sound apple exists in the UFO barrel.

And the implications of finding just one item of positive evidence would be so great. Perhaps, with advanced aliens on our doorstep, we might get our national differences into perspective and begin to work together for everyone's good.

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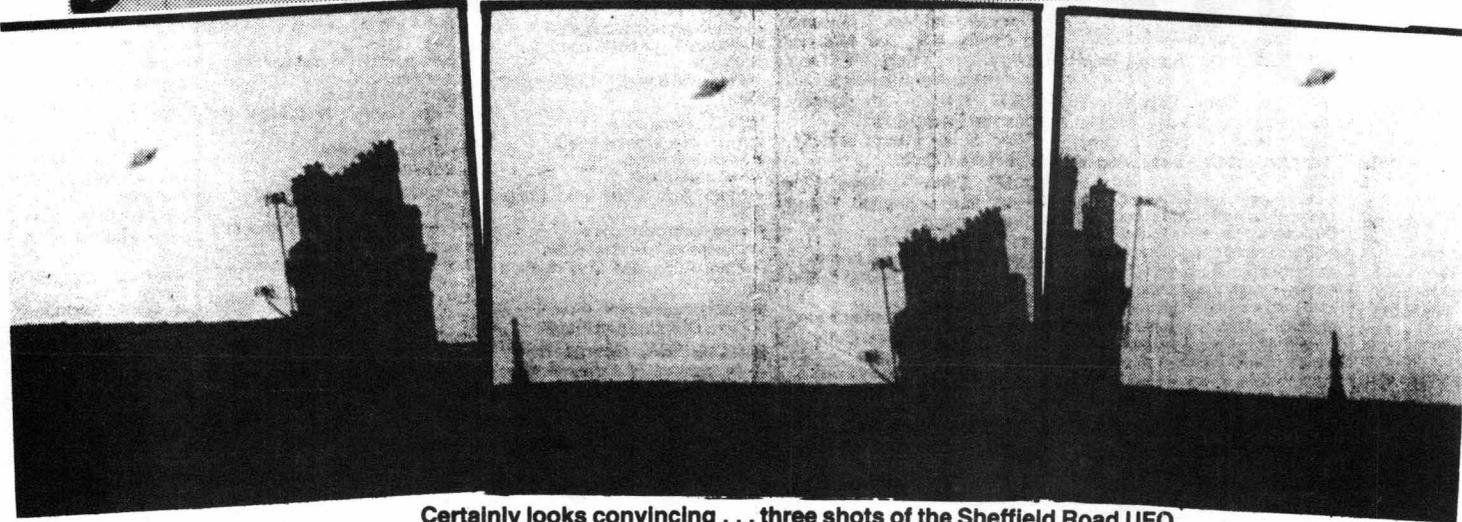
But to try and determine whether UFOs and their occupants exist it is necessary to study the UFO phenomenon with the latest techniques of science. It is the only way to tackle reports of UFO landings. Otherwise, like ghosts, UFOs will remain forever a mystery, a rich source of fascinating stories which most people will not take seriously.

Yes...

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# you are seeing things



Certainly looks convincing . . . three shots of the Sheffield Road UFO.

**... but  
we're  
not  
sure  
what!**

BACK from a long fishing weekend in Wales, a week or so back, a local angler was buzzed by a flying saucer.

"I was in bed most of Monday and Tuesday, but I was woken up at about five o'clock on Wednesday morning by a buzzing sound," he told the Chronicle. "It sounded like a fly buzzing on a window."

To spare the ridicule of his unbelieving friends, he wants to remain anonymous, but he knows he saw something.

And, if not an Unidentified Flying Object, it was in the sky and he couldn't identify it.

"I don't know how long it was there," he said, "but I had time to get out of bed and get my camera."

As soon as the extra-terrestrial craft was snapped by the fisherman, it made off: "The One That Got Away".

AND just in case you're thinking it's all bunkum, a 19-year-old Barnsley woman yesterday spoke of her terror after seeing two UFOs in the night sky over the town centre on Wednesday.

Amanda Senior saw the two oval-shaped objects with two lights at the front and around the sides from the back garden of her home in Old Mill Lane between 11 p.m. and 11.15 p.m.

Amanda said: "I couldn't believe it. I was so frightened I didn't sleep. I have seen planes in the sky and I am convinced I could not have mistaken this object for a plane."

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## Group investigates UFO sightings

HAVE you experienced ghosts, spooklights, UFOs, fairies, poltergeists or balls of light?

If so, a new group wants to hear from you to aid its research into mysterious Pennine sightings.

"Project Pennine" aims to collect and investigate reports of strange phenomena from the local moorlands and valleys.

"We are interested in receiving reports of any kind of phenomena," says organiser Andy Roberts, from Brighouse.

"We already have documentary evidence that strange lights have been seen in various locations in the Pennine Hill chain for as long as records have existed."

Notable areas for sightings have included the moors above Hebden Bridge and Todmorden.

"Usually these lights appear to be just simple 'balls of light' floating above the moors but on occasion people

have reported seeing shapes behind them," says Andy.

Project Pennine hopes its findings will eventually be considered by a university research department.

It has enjoyed co-operation from the police and mountain and fell rescue groups and promises to treat reports in complete confidence.

Mr Roberts can be contacted at 84 Elland Road, Brighouse, or by telephone on Brighouse 721993.

# RETURN OF THE UFO PEOPLE

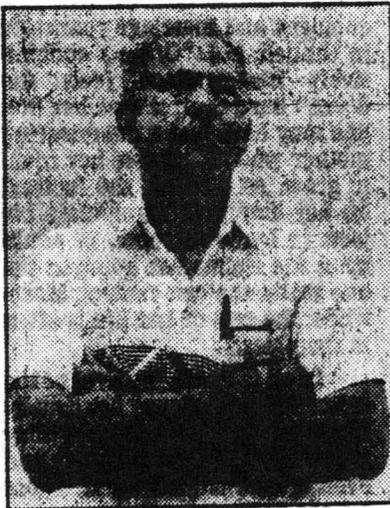
New interest in those old 'flying saucers'

BY NANETTE ASIMOV

**M**aybe the thing — whatever it was — just wanted some ice cream. Donna Marcinkowski and her little sister, Amy, may never know.

In any case, their drive back from Baskin-Robbins on the night of April 11 was pretty routine — until they got to the intersection of Leveroni Road and Fifth Street West in Sonoma. The Marcinkowski sisters were about to enter the ranks of UFO witnesses.

Its membership outclasses even that of the ivy-covered Bohemian Club, going back to early Egyptians who saw "fiery discs in the sky," and to Alexander the Great, who reported "burning shields" in the wild blue yonder. No doubt early man was even more mystified by freaky celestial stirrings, and probably explained them to cave-mates the same way UFO witnesses today make reports: with a bit of detail, a little defensiveness, and no end of



Marv Taylor is an accountant and UFO investigator.

wonder.

"It seemed really, really big," said Amy, 13, of the rectangular whatever-it-was that hovered above the tall oak trees for several seconds that night. "It was darker than the sky, bigger than a washing ma-

chine, bigger than a car. I don't know about a football field."

"I recall it floating," said Donna, 21. "Like a blimp or a balloon."

"There were four lights," said Amy, "one on each corner. They were, like, really bright. I saw a little red one in the middle."

Donna pulled the car over, and Amy got out. For about 30 seconds they watched as the dark square poised contendedly overhead. Then it began to move, they said, slowly at first, and then quickly over a field.

The sisters followed it along the road that led home, Amy keeping her eyes on what had become just a spark in the distance.

When the sisters pulled into their long country driveway, the spark appeared to be three lights, they said.

"Doesn't it look like it's spinning?" Donna said to Amy.

In three minutes it was gone.

"It went over us, turned and

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went toward Vallejo," said Amy.

So far, so typical.

## Close Encounters

In 1986, the UFO Information Service International in Seattle received nearly one UFO report for every day of the year, said Dale Goudie, its director. Those 352 sightings represent only "2½ percent of actual sightings," he said. The rest go to the cops, to the Air Force (which no longer keeps statistics), to local UFO groups, or to nowhere, and the Marcinkowskis' mystery fits the profile of most of them.

The most common sighting is an "LRS," said Goudie — a long-range sighting of 500 feet or more.

(UFO watchers are big on using initials. Moviegoers will remember CE1, 2, and 3 as close encounters of the first, second and third kinds. A CE1 is an LRS. A CE2 refers to a sighting paired with radio disturbance or similar "evidence" of communication by an ET, or extraterrestrial. A CE3 means that visual or physical contact with an alien has taken place.)

More facts from the UFO files:

■ Seventy-five percent of sightings take place at night, said Goudie.

■ Three shapes are most often reported: triangular, saucer-shaped and cigar-shaped.

■ The typical witness has never seen a UFO before. They are "pretty observant types," said Goudie, naming pilots as the most frequent witnesses. "Sheriff departments are second."

The inability to identify a flying object isn't the only criterion for UFOria, as it has been called. In the Bay Area, mathematical experiments, hypnosis, interviews with witnesses and "field investigations" of everything from UFO sightings to claims of abduction are all part of the . . . movement.

## Earth-Bound Explanations

Here is the backdrop:

In 1987 alone, three books about UFOs have been published to receptive reviews. One of them, "Communion," by Whitley Streiber (Morrow), is a national best-seller — on the nonfiction list. The others, "Intruders," by Budd Hopkins (Random House), and "Light Years," by Gary Kinder (Atlantic Monthly Press), are also listed as nonfiction.

At the 18th annual UFO Symposium in Washington, D.C., in June, about 500 people from the United States and at least 11 other countries spent much of the time discussing an alleged U.S. government cover-up of UFO evidence. With this possibility on the heels of Irangate, Pearlygate and Hartgate, interest in UFOs hasn't been as fiery since the '50s.

Locally, the most active UFO research group is the Bay Area chapter of Mutual UFO Network (MUFON), a Texas-based organization proud of the Ph.D.s sprinkled throughout its membership rolls. Nationally, MUFON has more than 1,100 members. In the Bay Area, there are about 300, including professors, scientists and engineers.

Meetings, every other month, are attended by about two dozen members, including "field investigators" — people who try to find earth-bound explanations of sightings — and an equal number of guests.

Other UFO enthusiasts, such as James Harder, 60, an engineering professor at the University of California at Berkeley, prefer independence.

"My interest is in talking with people who've had direct encounters," said Harder, who since 1973 has interviewed 10 to 15 people a year and who also reviewed UFO reports for the National Enquirer during the '60s and '70s. "I think the evidence is pervasive and extensive and beyond a reasonable doubt."

Harder, who said he has a "doctor-patient relationship" with UFO witnesses who come to him, uses hypnosis "and various ways short of that to discover things in a person's subconscious mind. People who encounter the truly advanced of the extraterrestrials never remember their encounter as it occurred."

Thus he has discovered that aliens "vary somewhere between being 3 feet tall and 7 feet tall. Generally speaking, they have larger heads relative to the size of their bodies than humans do. They have anywhere from two to seven fingers."

## Savory Alien Stew

Despite Rod Serling, these beings apparently don't come to Earth to harvest humanity for some savory alien stew. And despite Woody Allen, they don't bear laundry for people to press. Their purpose, said Harder, is altruistic.

"So if advanced humans are interested in saving whales, we might expect even more advanced societies to be concerned about saving us," he said.

James McCampbell of Belmont takes a different approach. McCampbell, 63, a retired theoretical physicist who worked on nuclear power stations for Bechtel and Westinghouse, has written 19 technical papers about the effect of UFOs on everything from tractor performance to puppy dogs. His book, "UFOlogy," sold about 40,000 copies.

"An engine will lose power and die in the presence of a UFO," he said. "At the same time, the driver

may become totally paralyzed. There is a metallic taste in the mouth, a sulfurous smell, a buzzing sound in the ear or a high-pitched squeal if the UFOs are quite close by."

McCampbell himself has never seen a UFO, but he said he is on the verge of figuring them out.

"You identify a physical mechanism, and that is always related to an electromagnetic field and/or a magnetic field, usually in combination. From known physiology, you can then establish the quantitative values of the parameters of the field. That's related to the propulsion system of the UFO.

"And that's what I'm trying to discover."

Martha Throne, who worked on turkey ranches for 35 years, knows beans about magnetic fields, but she knows her aliens. Ten years ago, on October 30, Throne, now 79, and her late husband, Ernest, were driving along State Highway 108/120 to their Sonora home. It was 7:30 p.m. Throne, who was driving, insists she had only milk to drink that night.

"The car lights went out and the engine stopped. The car jerked violently backward, and began to raise off of the ground. We were in complete darkness. I put my head out the window, and I saw a being about 4½ foot long, upside-down, floating on its belly by my window."

## \$11,000 reward for proof of ET

It's not that the Bay Area Skeptics are party poopers. It's just that they like proof — and will pay for it.

The going reward for a substantiated claim of contact with

an extraterrestrial is \$11,000, said Don Henvick, a San Francisco mailman who is the events coordinator for the Skeptics.

For more information on the Skeptics, call 528-7884.

Recalling the image still makes Throne laugh. She said she blanked out and came to on a steel gurney. Armless creatures in skin-tight suits brought her into a space ship, she said, and signaled her not to be afraid.

"There was hundreds upon hundreds of little guys working on a work table. It was amusing in a lot of ways because they were so busy. When one of them got in the other's way, he'd just hop over."

Her visit involved a medical examination of her mind, she said, after which the aliens nodded to one another and Throne found herself slumped over the wheel of her

### UFO CONTACTS

For more information on the Mutual UFO Network, write to MUFON, P.O. Box 1072, Mountain View, Calif. 94042.

car.

"I said to my husband, 'Dad, what in the hell happened to us?'"

Years later she went to see Marv Taylor, an accountant who doubles as a MUFON field investigator. Through hypnosis, her story came tumbling out. She also gave Taylor the wristwatches she and her husband wore that night — both frozen at 7:30.

"I had the wristwatches examined at NASA," said Taylor, "and they're heavily magnetized. They won't run again. This is one of your better abduction cases."

### Agnostics and Believers

Like religion, the study of UFOs supports a range of views. Some people claim there is unequivocal proof of UFOs, others are merely faithful, and there are those who keep an open mind — they are the agnostics of UFOlogy, not to be confused with the substantial number of atheists.

Tom Page, a San Marin High School science teacher in Novato, says his mind is open. He is the assistant state director for MUFON, whom Donna and Amy Marcinkowski's mother, Carolyn, called when they told her what they'd seen.

"My role was to go over and see if I could get other witnesses to confirm or not to confirm," said Page, 47. "I found a kid on my track team who saw something unusual. I have not found any other witnesses. I can't at this point totally say it was not an aircraft. Trouble is, I couldn't find any aircraft to match that description. So either we have an unusual aircraft flying around the Bay Area or it's a UFO."

Meanwhile, Donna and Amy have filled out an official MUFON questionnaire, drawn diagrams, and answered enough questions to make them wonder if what they recall is what they saw or just their own descriptions of it.

Carolyn Marcinkowski regards the situation with even more wonder. Since April she's heard countless stories of UFOs that other people have seen — several along the

same stretch of road.

"I'm kind of jealous, actually," she said, glancing at her daughters. "I wish I saw it."

## NASA seeking signals from alien worlds

A world apart from the field of UFO research is the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence, or SETI.

"We do not expect visitors from other civilizations," said Bernard Oliver, chief of the SETI program office at NASA's Ames Research Center in Mountain View. "But we expect to be able to detect signals they may be radiating."

To that end, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration is developing the largest program yet to scan the universe with computers and radiotelescopes for radio signals put out by intelligent life forms.

"We expect to be operating, if all goes well, about 1992," said Oliver. "Maybe on Columbus Day — the 500th anniversary."

Christopher Columbus had just one New World to explore. These guys have, at last count, 10 billion galaxies to scan.

The difference between UFOists and SETIites goes beyond a debate about whether intelligent aliens will drive over or call first.

Oliver and other SETI researchers scoff at UFO proponents as scientifically naive.

"Any civilization has to obey natural law," he said, referring to the possibility of aliens traveling to Earth. "If we tried to go to the nearest star at present spaceship velocities, it would take 40,000 years each way...."

"I think the successful detection of another civilization by the SETI effort would be the most important discovery in the history of mankind. I do not believe any such discovery can result from UFO observations."

# 'Secret' <sup>3128</sup> tower at ring site

SECRET 'electronic towers' have been used by the Government to observe mystery circles in a cornfield near Winchester, claims a UFO investigator.

Mr Rex Dutta, director of 'Viewpoint Aquarius' magazine, says he has photographs to prove that a 300 foot five-storey tower made of steel girders was stationed at the Cheese-foot Head beauty spot, near Winchester, earlier this summer.

The photographs were taken by UFO watcher Robert Baker in July and revealed the upper-three storeys of a tower on the skyline, said Mr Dutta, who was not prepared to make the pictures available for publication.

By August, the tower had vanished from the spot and probably transferred to another site, he added.

Author of 23 books and former managing director of a fish tank firm, Mr Dutta claims the tower is one of several deployed by

the Government around the country to investigate phenomena such as UFOs.

A similar tower was photographed at Alfriston two years ago and it was clear that the Government now took the issue of the 'mystery' rings very seriously, he said.

He claims a huge covered-in platform on the tower would be capable of supporting and concealing bulky electronic spy equipment, used to try and establish how the cornfield circles were caused.

Mr Dutta claims the circles, which appear in the Devil's Punchbowl at Cheesefoot Head each summer, are the products of inter-planetary communication between extra-terrestrial forms of intelligence.

"They are obviously talking to us by making different circles and formations which they hope we will think about and sort out," he said.

A Ministry of Defence spokesman said he knew nothing about the mystery towers described by Mr Dutta.

# Mystery <sup>3128</sup> light in sky

A MYSTERIOUS object in the night sky over Rustington last week worried a local resident.

Mrs Mary Sheppard, of The Street, said she watched the object for at least 45 minutes late last Tuesday night.

Mrs Sheppard thought at first it was a plane in trouble but she saw an aircraft from Gatwick fly straight past.

She added the object was a bright light but it was not a star or Venus.

It was the first time she had seen such a sight and she telephoned the police.

A spokesman for Littlehampton police said no other calls had been received.

# UFO PROBE

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A CYLINDER which crashed on to the roof of a country house sparked off a UFO investigation yesterday.

Saddler Nathaniel Underwood and his wife Elizabeth narrowly escaped when the 12in. long, red-hot metal object fell from the sky at Wychanger Barton, Somerset.

Police who took it away said they assumed it was part of an aircraft, but West Drayton air traffic control said there were no planes flying over the area at the time.

# Lit-up close <sup>3128</sup> encounter of second kind!

THE mystery of a UFO spotted in the night sky over Luton has deepened.

This newspaper told last week how Mrs Win Crawley, 72, of Cowper Street, Luton, spent 20 minutes looking at the object through her binoculars.

She described it as being whitish silver, with a black hole in the middle and what looked like wires running through it.

After reading the front page story about the sighting, Mrs Mary Lovett, of Holgate Drive, contacted us and reported seeing a similar object the same night.

"The colouring of the thing I saw was very similar, but it also had orange lights," said Mrs Lovett.

## Window

"I got out of bed and looked out of the window at three o'clock in the morning because I couldn't sleep.

"I stared at the object for some time and soon realised it wasn't a 'plane. The next day, I told my father I had seen a flying saucer and then I told my husband after I read the report in the paper.

"I'm not the type of person who believes in UFOs, but this has made me think again."

Although Luton police said they had received no reports of mysterious objects in the sky that night, there was a BBC-TV news report about sightings of UFOs over North London early last week.

# Police close file on UFO

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An unidentified flying object which gave off an orange glow and created a huge bang above Newcastle will remain a mystery, police said today.

They have now closed their files on the UFO which left hundreds of people baffled.

One man reported an explosion followed by what appeared to be a rocket taking off.

Others said the glow, which sped over Chesterton, gave off a weird humming sound.

Police officers searched the area but were unable to come up with any clues.

"It's a complete mystery," admitted a police spokesman.

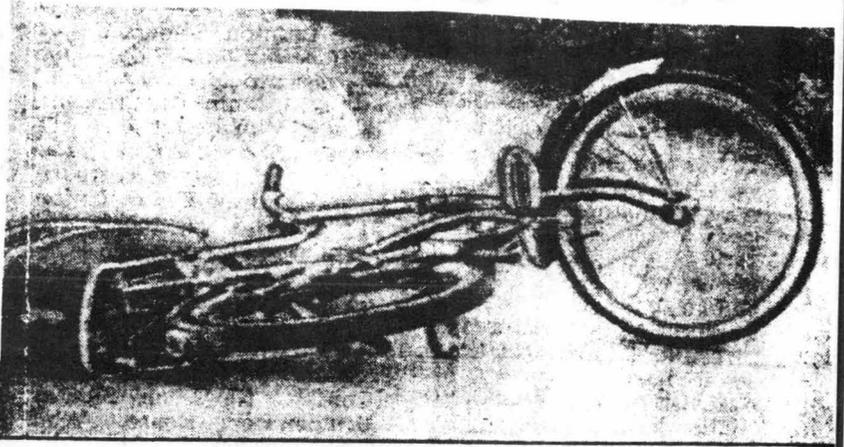
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TATE MYSTERY



## The girl who



■ Genette Tate: Still no clues

■ Genette's bike lies abandoned at the spot where she vanished

# cycled into thin air

**O**N the afternoon of Saturday, 19th August 1978, at 3.20pm, 13-year-old Genette Tate was pushing her bicycle along a lane and chatting with two friends.

She left them and rode on for 300 yards. A few minutes later her friends found her abandoned bicycle lying on its side in the road.

She had vanished in broad daylight...and has never been seen since.

### Disappeared

This week a spokesman for Devon police said they have as few clues now as they did almost a decade ago — which means virtually none. The case remains a complete mystery.

Genette, who according to her headmaster was of above average ability and well liked by everyone, had been filling in for her friend Peter Barthard on an afternoon paper round.

Genette disappeared in Within Lane, a small road flanked by high banked hedges leading from the village



■ Genette's mother Sheila

of Aylesbeare to the main Devon road.

She had delivered about 17 papers when she met her friends, Tracey Pratt and Margaret Heavey. She gave them a paper and they walked up a small hill together because Genette had to push her bike. At the top, she remounted and cycled off.

Tracey and Margaret scanned the paper for bargains in the advertising columns, and chatted about the front page story of a local UFO sighting, before ambling after Genette.

After about 300 yards, at a point where there are two small gravel lay-bys flanking the one-lane road, they found the bike lying undamaged in the middle of the road with newspapers from the pannier scattered all around.

In the biggest operation of

## 'A UFO could be to blame'

its type, Devon police interviewed 8,000 people and took 1,800 statements. Seven thousand volunteers searched an area covering 26 square miles.

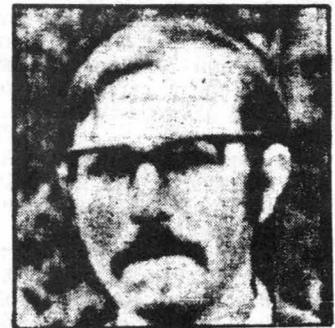
Despite rewards totalling £30,000, the lack of clues prompted Chief Constable John Alderson to say he would accept help from any quarter.

### Scorch marks

Over 250 mediums offered their services. Many said that Genette was under water nearby. Every pond in the area was searched but nothing was found.

Author Colin Wilson said a UFO could not be ruled out. In a field on the edge of the village, police discovered a series of scorch marks on the grass — long straight lines ending in a circle.

A farmer explained that



■ Father John Tate...remarried

they were caused by lime spilling off a trailer. Wilson remained unconvinced.

"I know the official explanation but the shape of the markings, a horseshoe intersected by a straight line, could be significant," he said.

"I cannot rule out the possibility of a UFO. After all, there were reports of one in the area the previous night. And of course, coincidentally, the headlines on the local papers Genette was carrying were devoted to a UFO sighting.

"One man arrived at the Tates home, saying he was the reincarnation of a 5,000-year-old Egyptian god and that Genette would be beamed down from Venus in a field at 2.30 the following Thursday.

"The Tates informed the police and secretly followed him, to see what he was up to. Just as we crept up to the field,

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the most amazing thing happened — flashing blue lights appeared over the horizon and we thought: My God, this is it.

"It was a police car which had also come to check him out."

Mrs Matilda Roberts and her daughter Gail were staying at a bungalow in Withri Road. The afternoon Genette disappeared they were walking back from the village when a car passed them.

The lane was so narrow they had to press themselves against the hedge. They got a good view of the driver but could only give the police vague details.

## Emigrated

At the request of BBC producer Peter Hill, they underwent hypnosis describing the driver as youngish, with short dark hair, a thin face and blue eyes.

Genette's family clung to the hope that she was alive. For over a year her room was kept exactly as she had left it.

Her father, John Tate, set up the international Find a Child Organisation. After a year he and his second wife, Violet, broke up. He has remarried and she has emigrated to Canada.

*The case is still open, Genette Tate is recorded as a missing person. Two officers act as caretakers on the case.*

ENFIELD GAZETTE & OBSERVER MIDDX.

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## Duo spot UFO

A SILVER space craft with flashing lights was sighted in the skies of Enfield on Sunday, it's claimed. The British Unidentified Flying Object Research Association said the sighting was reported by two separate witnesses. 3128

GWENT GAZETTE

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## UFO sighting claim

The RAF are investigating a 'UFO sighting' by a Rassau resident Mr M Sullivan, of Graig Ebbw, who told police he spotted three 'revolving objects' in the sky through his binoculars at 9.30 pm last Thursday.

He said one of the lights zig-zagged around the others before they all disappeared.

A police spokesman said UFO sightings were reported to the RAF for aircraft flight path checks.

ONE of Britain's top UFO experts is to travel to Luton to probe sightings of a mysterious object in the night sky over the town.

Mr Ken Phillips, an investigator with the British UFO Research Association, wants to interview two women whose observations have been reported in the Luton News.

In the August 20 edition, we told how Mrs Win Crawley, 72, of Cowper Street, Luton, spent 20 minutes looking at the object through her binoculars.

She described it as being whitish silver, with a black hole in the middle and what

looked like wires running through it.

After reading the story about the sighting, Mrs Mary Lovett, of Holgate Drive, Luton, contacted us and reported seeing a similar object on the same night.

Another member of the British UFO Research Association, Mr Bill Dillon, of Hollybush Road, Luton, read the stories and contacted Mr Phillips, who lives in London, with the details.

Mr Phillips said this week: "I hope to come to Luton to interview these two ladies about their sightings, which

sound extremely interesting. There was a BBC TV news report about objects seen over north London around the time the sightings took place in Luton."

Worcestershire

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# Orange riddle in the sky

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## Humming UFO spotted

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POLICE today released details of an unidentified flying object which was spotted over South Wales at the weekend.

Military experts at RAF St. Athan cannot fully explain the sighting, made at Treharris near Merthyr late on Friday night.

The UFO was spotted by a local woman, who has asked not to be identified.

"She reported seeing a large blue light surrounding an orange centre," said a police spokesman today. "It was making a humming noise and this object was seen moving away in a north-westerly direction."

The police contacted RAF St. Athan, who stated that they had no air traffic in the area at the time.

"They did state, however, that the object could have been caused by a cloud in the area reflecting on a TV transmitter, but this would not account for the humming noise," said the spokesman.

A woman claims to have seen a UFO over Bromsgrove, the second reported sighting in the space of two months.

Barbara Hodgetts, who lives at Fordhouse Lane, said she saw the mystery object from her bedroom window last Wednesday night, at about quarter past ten.

"I had just gone to bed when I was woken by a very bright glare," she said.

"I went to the window and saw a brilliant orange light in the sky, which was stationary for at least three minutes before it drifted away out of sight," claimed Mrs Hodgetts.

Birmingham air traffic manager Ralph Eaton said there was a possible explanation:

"That week there were a great deal of electrical storms which could account for what the lady saw, or it could have been an orbiting body burning up on re-entry to the atmosphere," he said.

The Birmingham-based UFO society have said that a similar sighting was made over Lickey Ash just two months ago.

# Maltby UFO

3/28

## spotter says: 'I'm no loony'

**A MALTBY COUPLE** who spotted mysterious flashing lights in the night sky spoke this week of their 25 minutes of horror.

Welder Mark Jones (25) told the Advertiser that they were convinced that what they saw as an unidentified flying object.

While Mark kept an eye on the bright green, red and white flashing lights, Mrs Jones went to alert Rotherham police.

And what happened next really baffled them!

Explained a startled Mark: "What threw me was that we had been watching the thing for 25 minutes, but as soon as my wife began speaking to the police on the telephone it vanished.

"It really put the wind up my wife.

"If someone had told me what I'm telling you I would probably have said they were crackers. But I'm no loony and we both know what we saw."

The couple were at home at about 11pm on Monday when Mark's attention was aroused by a noise outside and he went to the window to investigate.

Then he called Mrs Jones, a clerical worker, to

look at the mystery lights.

He went on: "I couldn't make out any shape but as we watched, a white object came out from between the lights and flew off at speed. It was really shifting.

"Whatever it was we were watching it was not an ordinary aircraft because it stayed in one place for at least 25 minutes. How long it had been there before that I don't know.

"I don't think it was a helicopter because of the way it just disappeared as my wife was reporting it.

"That told me it wasn't an aircraft or anything like that and it was too low to be a star. I just rubbed my eyes."

The couple say they were unable to determine the height of the lights or their distance from Maltby, but said they were looking towards Rotherham when they spotted them.

Rotherham police said that after receiving Mrs Jones's telephone call they checked with RAF Finnerley who suggested the lights could have been on an aircraft waiting to make a landing.

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### UFO secrets

A GROUP of UFO enthusiasts say they have uncovered fresh evidence that President Truman covered up the crash of a flying saucer in 1947.

They say extra-terrestrials crashed near Roswell, New Mexico, and all were killed. A newly-discovered document, dated November 18, 1952, purports to be a top-secret brief for President-elect Dwight D. Eisenhower.

It discusses a secret Federal team established by Truman to investigate the spacecraft and its four "small, human-like beings" who "had apparently ejected from the craft at some point before it exploded. Three had fallen to earth about two miles east of the wreckage site".

The report said scientists had concluded "that although these creatures are human-like in appearance, the biological processes responsible for their development has been quite different from those observed in homo sapiens".

Said a Navy scientist: "People are in for a shock. Something has been flying around for decades."

HASTINGS OBSERVER

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### Flying fishing boats!

DID you see a bright white light on Saturday night?

Les Weston of Warrior Square did, and, to his astonishment, it flew right over his head before disappearing into the night.

He said: "I was looking out to sea when I saw a tremendously bright light out on the horizon.

"At first I thought it was a powerful fishing boat, as it stayed there for about five minutes. But then it started to get bigger.

"It then travelled towards Warrior Square before veering off over my head and disappearing."

# Couple see UFO over Flash

A COUPLE reported seeing a UFO over Leigh last week.

Roger Snape and his girlfriend Jennifer Gillan spotted a mysterious object hovering over the site of the old 'Yo-Yo' near Diggles Flash off Wigan Road.

They were driving back from Wigan and were in Smiths Lane alongside the opencast reclamation site when they saw a round tubular object, glowing bright red in the sky.

As they turned into Leigh Road at The Tamar they spotted it again. Roger decided to head towards the site of Diggles Flash but when he reached Edna Road the object disappeared.

The following day, still mystified by what the couple had seen, Roger went to Leigh

police station to ask if anything had been reported.

Roger, 40, of Richmond Drive said: "The police told me nothing had been reported but I am certain what we saw was something mysterious."

"At first we thought it was something similar to the Goodyear airship that was flying at night with all its lights on, but it was far too bright for that."

"We went back to check if there were any chimneys on the skyline but there was nothing there."

"I don't believe in flying saucers and things like that but what we saw has left us wondering."

Roger and Jennifer

contacted Steve Balon, North West representative of the group Direct Investigation on Aerial Phenomena.

He contacted Manchester Airport to check if any aircraft had been in the area at around 10pm on the night the sighting was made. He was told there were no aircraft in the vicinity.

Steve said: "People laugh at unidentified flying objects but we have records of many sightings."

If anyone saw the mysterious object on Sunday night (9th) or has other experiences, Steve wants to hear from them. They should write to him at 10, Woodlands Avenue, Pennington, Leigh.

# 'I saw UFO land in a cornfield

A MAN walking his dog at a beauty spot outside Winchester claims he saw a spaceship land in a cornfield.

And he is convinced that UFOs are to blame for the mystery rings which appear each year in the Devil's Punchbowl at Cheesefoot Head.

Mr Frank Barnes (58), of Vale Road, Winchester, says he saw the space ship at Cheesefoot Head when he was out with his dog one evening, seven summers ago.

He heard what he thought was a combine harvester, looked round and saw a giant grey "spaceship-like" object floating across the top of the cornfield.

The ship, which had portholes, then landed in the field and stayed there for five or six minutes before rising up and shooting off at a "tremendous speed" in the direction of Alresford, said Mr Barnes.

Nothing came out of the

spaceship but it left a ring of flattened corn in the field identical to the ones that have appeared each summer since, he added.

Mr Barnes said both he and his dog were frightened by the experience, which was also witnessed by a woman walker.

"There was this low humming noise and I felt terrified. My dog will never go up there again. When the object moved off it travelled far faster than an aircraft."

"I am convinced it was a UFO. There must be something up there trying to get in touch with us," he said.

Mr Barnes said he had kept quiet about the sighting until now because it frightened him so much and seemed so unbelievable.

Just two weeks ago a farmer in Alresford claimed that the mystery rings in his field were created by two hoaxers using a heavy chain to flatten the corn.

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# CLOSE ENCOUNTER FOR SKY-GAZERS

Heavensabove... a 24-hour UFO hotline has been invaded by hundreds of callers claiming to have had a close encounter of the third kind.

And two of the calls made after the hotline was publicised in the local press last month were by Derbyshire folk.

A Chesterfield couple told the hotline how they saw a bright object at the rear of their house two years ago.

"The object was stationary at first before moving off and displaying eight very bright lights."

Three photographs were taken which seem to verify the couple's statement," said UFO Hotline co-ordinator Philip Mantle.

Another sighting was from a Derbyshire couple who saw a large, triangular-shaped object covered in numerous small lights and moving slowly over fields at Matlock last year.

"These are still under investigation and no conclusions have been drawn yet but we appeal to the public to report anything they think is a UFO," added Mr Mantle.

So if you have had an encounter that came out of the blue, telephone the UFO Hotline on (0924) 444049.

# George tells of his close encounter with a flying lampshade



**RETIRED** chemist George Jolliffe swears he has had a close encounter of a very mysterious kind.

For the pensioner was sitting by the window of his Autumn Grove home in WGC when a strange object appeared in the sky.

At the exact time as there were reports of a ball-shaped "UFO" being sighted by sky-watchers from Highgate in London to Oxfordshire, George, 81, saw the strangest object.

"It was not an aeroplane, it was not a helicopter and as the sun was going down it was not a reflection," he said, amazed.

## IT WENT THAT-A-WAY!

"I was sitting by the window and I looked up through the trees and saw a round bright ball like an old-fashioned oil lampshade."

### Sped off

He was rooted to the spot. Then suddenly the unexplained object sped off.

"All of a sudden it seemed to shrink and go smaller — I would say it was about 20 miles away.

"Then just as suddenly it came back." The "saucer" then moved gradually and quickly disappeared from view.

George, who has never seen a UFO before, said he could not explain the strange

phenomenon, but has made detailed drawings of his sighting.

"I wouldn't say it was solid. It was like a white ball of mist.

"I am not nutty. I had that queer feeling when I watched it that there was something up there, but I didn't know what it was."

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## UFO mystery after orange glow in sky

**POLICE** were today investigating a UFO sighting over a Staffordshire town.

Officers at Newcastle heard a huge bang and then received a flood of calls about an orange glow hovering in the air.

One man from Knutton phoned in to say he thought what had appeared to be a rocket take off over the town following the bang.

Others reported an explosion followed by the glow which they claimed passed over Newcastle shopping centre at about 2.30 a.m. today.

A 58-year-old woman living in Gainsborough Road, Chesterton, saw the object hovering over the Loomer Road Estate.

"It was a large orange and gold glow which lasted for about 50 or 60 seconds," she said.

"It disappeared into a faint glow of light and minutes later we heard aircraft going over. We just do not know what it was, we were not imagining it and it was not a meteorite."

Police officers searched the area and contacted the MEB in case the glow had been caused by an electrical fault.

They came up with no clues to its identity or cause.

"It's a bit of a mystery," said a police spokesman today. "We heard the bang and went straight out to try to find out what it was but could not."

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### UFO over China

**Peking** (AP) — An unidentified flying object described variously as looking like an oval plate, an orange spinning clockwise and a comet with a tail like an umbrella was sighted over Shanghai, the official Xinhua News Agency reported.