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# The media land on proposed UFO site

By Dave Matheny  
Staff Writer

## Elmwood, Wis.

"Envision in your mind's eye an area of 2 square miles, with a lighted border, transmitting a message up into the sky," said Chippewa Falls businessman Tom Weber Saturday to an audience of more than 100 people in the Elmwood school gymnasium.

He was talking about the just-created UFO Site Center, a facility that has no location, no buildings and no money — only four officers, a nonprofit charter, the general support of the townspeople of Elmwood, population 991, who formed

the bulk of his audience — and heaps of news media attention.

At least five TV cameras rolled and a half-dozen reporters took notes as Elmwood Mayor Larry Feiler told the crowd, "This is not a gimmick."

The City Council would like to see a landing strip for UFOs nearby, he said, and "There's no fear of the center here. Everybody's talking about it."

UFOs have been reported around Elmwood since at least the mid-1970s. Among many others, a police officer, George Wheeler, now

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One of the images he said he might transmit would be a drawing made by Wheeler of what Weber calls "the spacecraft;" another could be a picture of a human making a welcoming gesture, or a picture of an alien based on various reports and drawings

made by people who say they have seen aliens.

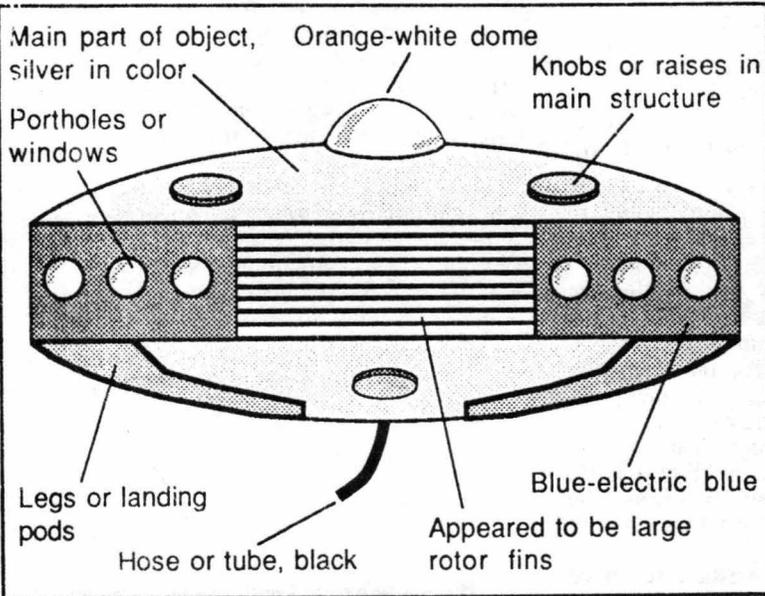
Weber later said privately that he had been amazed at news media reaction to the Feb. 8 announcement of his plans. He said that he had been in Texas on vacation at the time and returned to find his baby sitter being interviewed live on radio, and that he and his officers have been on more than 50 radio shows in the past week.

When informed that there have been at least four other places in the United States designated as UFO landing sites by various groups since 1975 and that none evidently has been contacted by aliens, Weber said he was not aware that there had been such places and said they may have

failed because they were not equipped properly. He would like to staff his site with 100 scientists from around the world, he said.

Dolores Radtke, eighth-grade teacher at the Elmwood school and unofficial town UFO historian, said the town began holding a yearly "UFO Days" 10 years ago just for fun, but she was surprised at the Site Center proposal. "But I'm all for it," she said.

Carole Forster is not. She said she had a 1975 encounter with a saucer-shaped lighted object that frightens her to this day — although that's not why she opposes the site. "I just feel a landing strip like this will change Elmwood too much," she said.



Star Tribune graphic

This drawing is based on the rendition of a UFO that Elmwood police officer George Wheeler said he saw in 1976.

dead, reported two near encounters. Weber, who owns a metal-finishing business, said he had selected Elmwood for that reason.

Weber said he would accept any private donations. Plans are not even in the drawing-board stage yet, but he says that by using some type of light display, a message could be transmitted "that could be clearly understood by these advanced civilizations that have been observing our planet for a number of years."

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## Flying objects

Throughout the country there are a great many ex-members of now disbanded UFO investigation groups.

These people have a great amount of experience in the research and investigation areas of this subject. Skyscan of Worcester are now looking into the possibility of expanding its organisation to cover such areas where groups no longer exist.

If you are one of these

people, and would like to join and represent Skyscan in your area, please write to the address below giving full details of your past experience in this side of the subject. We will send in return detailed information on Skyscan and membership. We are attempting to gather

together all investigators where groups no longer exist, to once again cover as much of the country as possible. If there is a group operating in your area please contact them first.

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# UFO group plans landing site for aliens

By Chuck Rupnow  
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ELMWOOD — UFO Site Center Corp., a Chippewa Falls-based organization, plans to build a multi-million dollar facility near Elmwood to provide a safe landing site for alien spacecraft.

Chippewa Falls businessman Tom Weber is the founder of the corporation, which has filed for non-profit status. He and other members of the group have thought for many years that another intelligent life form exists and has been trying to make contact with humans.

"There have been numerous sightings of unidentified flying objects, particularly spaceships," Weber said. "We believe these spaceships are manned by an in-

telligence that has been watching us for a long time. They are simply waiting for us to take the next step and give some kind of invitation to them."

The village of Elmwood is the corporation's "logical first choice," according to Weber. The Pierce County community has reported numerous UFO sightings in recent years and annually celebrates "UFO Days."

"We're talking with Elmwood officials about possibly locating the site center near there because the people there are familiar with UFO discussions and sightings," Weber said.

An estimated two square miles of space would be needed for the site center and receiving station, Weber said. Eventually it would be staffed with professional scientists who

would be able to "carry on a dialogue with the other life form."

Weber said the site center would include a light system on top that would "show visiting spacecraft that this is a safe place to land. We believe, because of their intelligence, that they would understand this as an invitation.

"There have been so many sightings, so many real good sightings, that we believe this intelligence is trying to tell us they are there and simply want to be recognized and accepted," Weber said.

Weber equates that claim to what the United States is doing in its space exploration program.

"In a number of years, we may be exploring other planets where there may be life forms as well," he said. "Would we make ourselves known to them, and if so,

how? I think we would do exactly what this intelligence is doing to us, let them know we are out there and are waiting for an invitation."

Weber believes this intelligence has a body structure and central nervous system similar to humans, and it has monitored our television and radio broadcasts to the point where "they perhaps know more about our civilization than we do."

Dave Martinek of Eau Claire, another corporation officer, said he became interested in UFOs while in high school.

"The biggest question we have to face is, what if? What if there is another life form out there waiting for this site center? I think we have some obligation then," he said.

Martinek and Weber said they received numerous calls about their organization after running one ad in the Leader-Telegram.

"We know we are going to have skeptics," Weber said, "but if successful, we don't know under what rock we'll find them. The flak we receive will be well worth the gain."

The organization plans to go international in its fund-raising efforts, Weber said. The organization can be reached at P.O. Box 822, Chippewa Falls, WI 54729.

"We think we've planned well," Weber said. "We'd like to establish local support groups, not to have everyone come to the center."

The exact cost of the proposed structure has not been determined, Martinek said. Corporation officials have a number of ideas on the design of the center.

"We (the corporation) see our job as primarily getting this center started," he said. "The scientists and others who know more about it will take over. We feel it is our duty to mankind to make such a facility available."

But some excited callers from New City, Piermont, Garnerville and Congers scoffed at the explanation that the UFO was simply motorized hang-gliders with flashing, colored lights.

"That's the easy excuse to avoid a panic," said Bill Maher, who lives on Main Street in Garnerville. "Myself and my wife saw it. It was moving very slow, with no noise or anything like an engine. It scared the heck out of me."

An astronomy-buff from New City was not scared by the sighting, but he too did not believe the official's theory on the craft.

"I personally think if they (the police) went into the newspaper saying there was a UFO in New City all hell would break loose in the county," said Eric Verga, who lives in the New City Condominiums. "I'm not scared, it kind of fascinates me."

A Clarkstown police officer said the calls began shortly after 9 p.m. Thursday night.

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## Sky was the limit for phone callers

Rockland County had visitors in the sky Thursday night.

Police officers, between numerous phone calls from anxious residents, said the large, slow-moving object was probably a small group of ultra-light aircrafts flying in formation.

# Fishermen net UFO alien off Florida coast

IN WHAT MAY qualify as the most outrageous fish story of the century, a group of fishermen have reported netting a 5-foot-long greenish space alien with bulging eyes and a grouper-like mouth off the coast of southern Florida.

by CHRISTOPHER LUKE

The incredible-looking creature was described by Jim P. Reindt, captain of the U.S.-based seven-man crew, as having a slick green body, a dorsal-type ridge running up the top of its head and gill-like ears.

## Shocked

"We were shocked," declares Jim, who says he and his mates were fishing near the island of Bimini in the Bahamas, some 60 miles off the Florida coast, when they netted the mind-boggling specimen.

Interestingly, the amazing catch occurred the morning after strange activity was observed in the

area. "I was keeping watch on deck," recalls crew member Angelo Harisse, 27, "when I saw a thing resembling a rocket ship break the ocean's surface and shoot into the air with blinding speed.

"A white light flashed in the sky, and the thing disappeared. It was really moving!"

"The next morning, we netted this incredible-looking creature," captain Jim, 48, notes. "We were so shocked at the sight of it that we almost cut the net and let him go, but he seemed to be kind of human-like also, with

webbed hands and feet. The thing even seemed to be wearing some type of clothing, so we hoisted it on board to get a better look.

"Well, as soon as we got the thing on the deck, we realized it wasn't like anything we'd ever seen before — except maybe in science fiction movies.

## Worried

"The creature was panting and gasping for breath, and we were all worried he might somehow catch a second wind and give us trouble.

"So we blasted him with a tranquilizer gun to subdue him and radioed

ahead to shore," says Jim.

Before the boat could reach port, however, it was met in the open sea by a U.S. Coast Guard vessel.

"These guys boarded our boat and took the creature away," Jim says. "I guess the government wants to study him."

Not surprisingly, a Coast Guard spokesman denies the existence of such a creature.

"Fishermen are notorious liars," Jim admits, "but I swear we really netted this thing. It's the most bizarre experience any of us ever had. To say we were all stunned is a gross understatement.

"I guess the only thing to do now is try to catch another one so we can prove we aren't going nuts or something.

## Convinced

"I'm convinced there are more of these space aliens out there under the ocean, so maybe we can land another one and find out what they're doing here.

"Who knows? Maybe they hold the secret behind the disappearances in the Devil's Triangle."



● A SPACE ALIEN was scooped from the briny by fishermen, whose description provides artist's impression

# UFO 'flap' still unexplained

By Mark Holmberg  
Times-Dispatch staff writer

"Go, UFOs!" hollered an excited young woman. The orange orb bounced up and down briskly before arcing high through the air and slicing through the net of the Wytheville Community Center basketball court.

Two points. It was too little too late for the Wytheville UFOs, who were trounced at the hands of the Community Hospital team during the senior's league game.

"We invaded earth a long time ago, but we still haven't learned the game of basketball yet," said R.C. Scott, sweating on the sidelines after the game. "Gravity's different down here."

Team members joked that the team name stands for "Unidentified Fat Objects," but they admitted that they, like the rest of the Wythe County community, were fascinated by the more than 2,000 UFOs that were spotted in the crisp skys back in the fall.

"We saw it back in September, two weeks before everybody else started seeing it," said team member Johnny Turner, nodding to his son Chris. "There was a row of red lights and a row of green lights, shaped kind of like the back of a car — it was flying as low as a tall tree. We just passed it off."

Chris, a National Junior Honor Society member, said they've been wondering what it was: "After seeing that, it's hard to keep from looking up now."

The sightings began in earnest in October.

No one was immune: hunters, secretaries, housewives, even a police chief and a state police dispatcher admitted seeing objects that were described as "a flying school bus" (one of the more popular descriptions), "something bouncing on a string," "a large sphere with red spheres on each side," "an upside-down ice cream cone" and "a humongous mother ship."

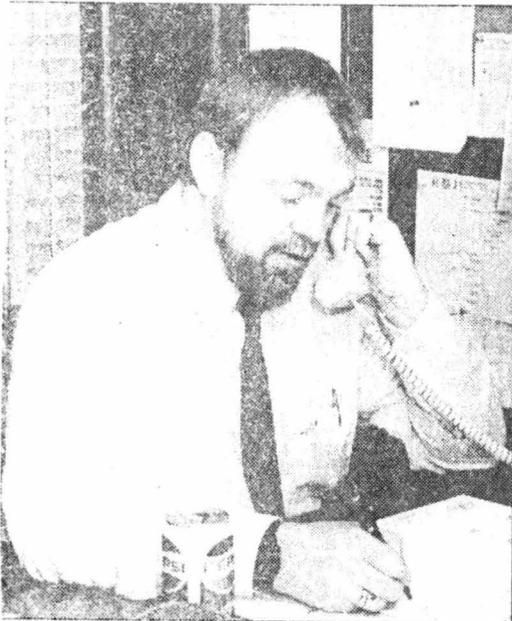
The strange craft silently hovered or drifted just over the treetops of some of the most beautiful countryside anywhere: Piney, Speedwell, Cripple Creek, Big Walker Mountain, Elk Creek, Rural Retreat.

Were the vehicles secret military aircraft or aliens from outer space? That was the big question. Very few believed that so many of their solid, good-hearted neighbors could be going crazy.

"Our people are not daffy. They're seeing something," said Dr. Carl E. Stark, mayor of Wytheville, roughly the geographic center of most of the sightings. "I'm very proud of our community; they're approaching this thing

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Photos by Randy Lilly

**BELIEVER** — Radio newsman Danny Gordon is convinced of UFO's validity. "Once you've seen it, it changes your perception."



**UNBELIEVER** — "They been up to the moon they claim. They'd-a seen something. Ain't nothing out in space but rocks ... " says James E. "Coaldust" Moore.

CONT

# Wythe County still trying to explain UFO 'flap'

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very sensibly. But they're concerned. If there are secret things going on, they deserve to know about it."

Although he said his wife has seen the objects, he's not ready to push the panic button: "Nobody has been zapped, there's been no damage and nobody's gotten hysterical."

Besides, added Stark, town mayor for 26 years, "it helps the restaurant and hotel business. We're glad to welcome all those interested in UFOs."

The UFOs have been a boon for Dick Phillipi, co-owner of the Texaco Travel Store and the Comfort Inn on Interstate 81 in Wytheville.

"We put up a sign: 'UFOs, Come On Down!'" said Phillipi, laughing. But he's had no respect to his advertised offer of "Free fill ups for any UFO craft and free rooms at the motel for aliens."

In the local paper, one of his ads read: "One of the reasons you can't hear those UFOs is they're running on Texaco gas."

Phillipi also had T-shirts and caps made with a UFO emblazoned on them, along with the words: "Wythe County — The UFO Capital of Virginia." He's sold about 800 shirts.

Phillipi reported that some people driving vehicles bearing the NASA logo stayed at his hotel for "four or five days. They were also seen in town. Who knows what's going on out there?"

Anyone driving through the cozy town nestled in the early slopes of the Appalachian mountains would see at least one "unidentified flying object." That would be the large green one perched atop the marquee of the Millwald Theater in the heart of Wytheville, right down the hill from the giant pencil that leans out over the street in front of an office supply store.

George Jordan, who works for the theater, made the craft out of styrofoam for a special showing of "War Of

The Worlds," screened in honor of the sightings.

"Boy, we really had a big weekend with that — we're not going to take it down."

Jordan, like most of the people interviewed in Wythe County, proved to be warm and friendly, willing to spend a few moments visiting with a stranger. As soon as UFOs were mentioned, his face, like those of his neighbors, brightened with an indulgent smile.

But not James E. Moore's face.

"All this UFO stuff is a buncha damn lollygag," growled the man known around Wytheville as Coaldust. A well-known local character, he wanders around town searching for aluminum cans and wire.

"They been up to the moon — they claim. They'd a seen something. Ain't nothing out in space but rocks — something's a-wrong with their brain."

Famous locally for his songs about a Nashville bus and the local jail, Coaldust said his greatest desire is to sing and play on "Hee-Haw." Currently, he's working on a song about UFOs.

"If you get something started in this town, it'll get spread all over, and they'll make a bunch a damn gossip out of it," Coaldust said, warming to the topic. "They're just trying to fool people. It's a buncha damn hootenanny."

Danny Gordon, news and sports director for WYVE-AM, thinks the UFO sightings are anything but "hootenanny."

Through hustle and determination, Gordon became the central figure in the Wythe "flap" (as a rash of UFO sightings is called), encouraging his listeners to come forward, taking calls, correlating information and replaying what he felt were the most reliable sightings on the air.

"I refuse to stop until it [UFOs] stops or we find out what it is," Gordon said. As of last week, the calls --

while down to a trickle — were still coming in.

Gordon, like many in the community, wasn't relieved by the wire service story announcing that the alleged UFOs might actually be Tennessee Air National Guard refueling operations, which had been stepped up in the area during the sightings. The area is frequently used for such operations and other military maneuvers, said Gordon, and those living in the area are used to them.

"We don't have the technology to do what these craft have done," said Gordon. He said the craft have been seen hovering at altitudes of 300 feet several times the skyline of the mountains was seen above the craft.

"That's much lower than the ceiling for the refueling operations," said Gordon, who has seen the UFOs on a number of occasions. He added, "I kind of scoffed at it until I saw it. Once you see it, it changes your perception. It blows your mind to watch it."

He described the UFO as "a big craft with a lot of smaller craft attached to it. People are seeing it from different angles — that's why we're getting different descriptions."

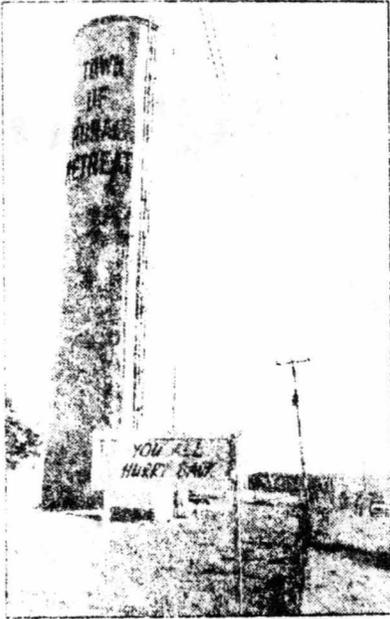
He said he's called the Pentagon, NORAD, Langley Air Force Base, any place that could be sending aircraft over the area. "I want to be able to tell my listeners what it is."

For Gordon, there has been no satisfactory answer.

In November he set up "the first and only UFO conference in Southwest Virginia" at the Wytheville Community College. Four UFO specialists were invited to address the community. One of them, Leonard Stringfield, was hooked up to the meeting via telephone.

About 150 people jammed into the small auditorium, straining to hear every word. Residents got up and described their sightings while a local television camera flooded the room with its stark lights.

## UFO FLAP CONT



**UFOS, TOO** — Visitors, extra-terrestrial and otherwise, receive a warm welcome when they visit rural Wythe County.

After listening to several of the sighting reports, including one that described how a woman's dog was upset by the UFO, Stringfield (considered by many "ufologists" to be one of the top experts), informed those who could hear his barely amplified voice that the craft they have been seeing "are definitely extraterrestrial in nature."

This revelation might have caused a furor in other communities, but those present only looked on calmly. Some nodded their heads.

Ufologist Barbara Finney got no more of a rise when she discussed how one can find out if he's been abducted by an extraterrestrial. "Look for a surgical scar on the back of the calf or knee... missing time... sinus infections."

The cold atmosphere of alien spacecraft often causes sinus problems, she explained. The scar marks the spot where the abduction victim was medically monitored.

Some in the audience asked questions, but most looked as if they still weren't overly concerned about aliens from outer space.

Then ufologist Victor Jackson, who had traveled from San Antonio, Texas, for the meeting, addressed the crowd on the dangers of aliens, which he called "hostiles."

Some in the room whispered that Jackson, with his shaved head and melodic foreign accent, was himself an alien. The fact that he had been seen walking into town added fuel to the speculation.

Jackson warned those who see the UFOs "not to get too close. I'm not trying to scare you; I'm just trying to enlighten you."

Gordon closed the meeting by asking all those present who had seen a UFO to raise their hands. Nearly everyone did.

With the coming of winter, most of the calls reporting UFOs have, like the brilliant fall leaves, "dried up and blown away," said Capt. K.L. Osborne of the Wythe County Sheriff's Department.

But while they lasted, the calls brought the department plenty of excitement. Judging from the smiles they still bring on, they're not likely to be forgotten for some time.

"You wouldn't believe the calls," said Deputy Sheriff C.M. Collins, who is convinced the UFOs are "Cobra choppers being refueled."

Other smiling deputies came over to listen to what must have been one of their favorite stories: "One lady called and said a UFO had landed

nearby. She said she knew it was a UFO because... 'It's got it wrote on the side of it.'"

The investigating deputy "broke all speed records to get there," said Collins, a former Air Force paratrooper. "When he got there, she said it was just car lights."

On Wytheville's main drag sits the Red Barn, a large, old building where antiques and collectables are sold. Owners Ed and Bonnie Dillon like to sit on the crowded porch, rocking in the sun and watching cars go by.

What do they think about the Wythe UFOs?

"Well now," said Dillon with a glance at his wife, "I don't think we've even discussed it, have we?"

His wife smiled and shook her head.

On the wall beside her chair, a sign reads: "Historical fact: On this spot, in 1891, as far as we know, nothing happened."

Perhaps one day Ed and Bonnie Dillon will have a hankering to change the date on that sign.



T-D photos by Mark Holmberg

**THEY HAVE LANDED** — In the Wythe County Sheriff's office, the map of the county (population 25,000) shows that UFOs can be fun, even though more than 2,000 sightings were reported in Southwestern Virginia.



HUGH GRANNUM/Detroit Free Press

Author Budd Hopkins says many people he has worked with in his UFO research "were first abducted as kids and tested by aliens."

## His book is out of this world

By BOB MCKELVEY  
Free Press Book Editor

UFOlogist Budd Hopkins doesn't look like a wild-eyed freak — no pointy ears, no third eye in the middle of his forehead, no speaking in tongues.

Quite the opposite: Hopkins looks and acts like a sober family man, a prize-winning artist and sculptor, a hard-working researcher.

That's not surprising, since Hopkins is all of those, as well as being a best-selling author.

His book about alien invaders, "Intruders: The Incredible Visitations at Copley Woods," sold 60,000 hardcover copies last year and probably will sell half a million more in its current paperback edition (Ballantine, \$4.50).

"Intruders" involves what Hopkins calls "the most complex — and inconceivable — UFO case history to date." It focuses on Kathie Davis, one of scores of subjects Hopkins has studied in his UFO research. The mother of two young children, Kathie seems like a typical Indiana suburbanite with the usual friends, neighbors, parents. What makes her different from most people is that she can describe in detail a series of abductions by aliens who performed genetic experiments on her, a process Hopkins calls extraterrestrial rape.

What makes Hopkins' case so plausible is similar testimony from other reliable witnesses, whose cases are similar to Kathie's.

"I've worked with 170 people, who supply similar details," Hopkins said during a recent tour for his book. "Many of these people were first abducted as kids and tested by aliens."

**HOPKINS HASN'T ALWAYS** been a UFO believer. He was just another skeptic until one afternoon in 1964 when he and a carload of friends paused on their way to a

party to observe a metallic-looking object hovering in the sky. "I wasn't even remotely interested in UFOs up to that time," he said.

What Hopkins and his friends saw that afternoon "was lens-shaped, somewhat larger than a car and didn't seem to be moving. Then — whoosh — it zoomed into a cloud and disappeared."

Hopkins went on to the party, described his experience and discovered that others had had similar sightings. "I started investigating and found what I called an 'underground of experiences' not made public," Hopkins said.

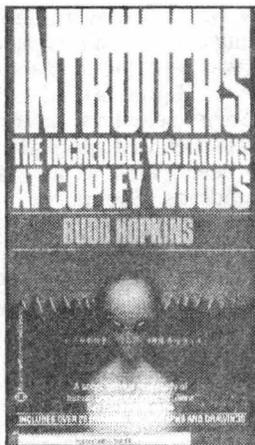
As Hopkins' interest grew, so did his research. In 1975 he investigated a friend's report that he had sighted a UFO landing in a New Jersey park. After finding confirming witnesses, Hopkins decided to write an article about it, which first appeared in the Village Voice, then in Cosmopolitan. "It ran," an amused Hopkins recalled, "between articles on 'How to Have an Orgasm' and 'What to Wear on Your First Date.'"

After that came a book, "Missing Time," which described how abductees suffer amnesia, then "Intruders." Hopkins is working on a follow-up, "Aftermath," that tells how abductees cope with their experiences.

**ALTHOUGH MOST** of Hopkins' subjects prefer anonymity, there's nothing half-baked about them. They include police officers, lawyers, a psychiatrist, psychologists, a microbiologist. A government lawyer named Michael Shea told about his UFO experience in the Jan. 3 magazine of the Washington Post. Words like eerie and bizarre fail to describe Shea's experience:

*"I see faces peering at me . . . It's those black faces . . . He has the most interesting helmet, it's — no . . . He looks like a damn grasshopper . . . Three of them are bigger, they're dumber, I mean, they're workhorses . . . long arms, bowed legs . . . simian-like . . . The fourth one, the one I'm fond of, is really in charge; he's older, he's smaller, he's ancient . . . I'm not afraid."*

While many scientists remain unconvinced that aliens are invading our planet, public acceptance of UFO visitations appears to be growing. "A recent Gallup Poll shows that most people think that UFOs are physically real," said Hopkins.



# Time for another UFO update

Gosh, I really need to bring you up-to-date on the news concerning unidentified flying objects and space aliens. Otherwise you may be going to parties and not understanding what all the excitement's about.

It's no wonder we've never, for sure, found the submerged lost city of Atlantis. People have always been looking for it on Earth. For example, in our last UFO-alien report about a month ago, we told you how, according to Weekly World News, our favorite supermarket check-out-stand newspaper, Soviet Union scientists had figured out that Atlantis was on the Atlantic Ocean floor some 400 miles west of Portugal. Those researchers claimed it was a long-ago colony of space aliens that apparently perished in a natural disaster.

But now we have a report that space aliens were involved, all right — but the Soviets' Atlantis location is wrong.

WWN now reports that Swiss scientists — all these supermarket weeklies seem to get most of their space and UFO news from foreign "scientists" and "experts" — claim they can prove beyond a doubt that Atlantis was a now-extinct technologically advanced civilization on the planet Mars. (In case you want to argue the point, WWN does quote a Norwegian astronomer as disagreeing and claiming that Atlantis was definitely on Earth.)

WWN also says the Swiss scientists claim that Martians from Atlantis traded with ancient Egypt for thousands of years, introduced the Egyptians to space shuttles (even took King Tut for a ride on one that crashed and killed him) and taught the Egyptians the art of mummifying bodies.

Is this partial confirmation? WWN has also reported a Soviet scientist has determined that a 4-foot-long mummy always thought to have been that of an Egyptian princess is actually the corpse of a space alien who died 4,000 years ago!

Then there are other bits of evidence in the news that may fit like pieces of a jigsaw puzzle into the big picture to show how wrong you UFO and space-alien unbelievers may be.

You mean you don't believe that Atlantis was an underwater place on another planet and its inhabitants were space travelers? Well, WWN quotes a Chinese scientist who says dolphins are the descendants of space travelers who came to Earth from somewhere 100,000 years ago. What about that?

According to this expert, the dolphins came here to escape deadly polluted waters, but now Earth's becoming too polluted and they're looking for another planet to inhabit.

The Chinese scientist, WWN says, claims researchers in his country have learned to communicate telepathically with dolphins, and the dolphins have specifically asked for a spacecraft



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to take them to an unpolluted planet. The expert was a bit "vague" about how the telepathic link was established, WWN says, but claimed that after years of research a male dolphin "started putting thoughts in" a researcher's head.

But there's even more new evidence associating space aliens with underwater life. According to the Sun, my No. 2 favorite supermarket weekly, several fishermen have reported catching a greenish, 5-foot alien in a fishing net off the coast of Florida. And this happened, one of the fishermen claimed, the morning after he saw a rocket ship shoot out of the ocean and disappear in the sky. The captured alien, having some features of humans and some of fish, must have been a bit late for the takeoff, or was left behind as a colonist or exile.

After shooting the captive with a tranquilizer gun, the fishermen said, they turned the thing over to a U.S. Coast Guard vessel.

"Not surprisingly, a Coast Guard spokesman denies the existence of such a creature," the Sun says.

Oh, well, you know how the government's always covering up things. Just don't overlook the fact that this catch was reported in the area of the mysterious Devil's (Bermuda) Triangle, and don't forget that Soviet scientists (according to WWN) recently claimed that space aliens have been using that ocean area as a waste dumping ground for hundreds of years.

Stay on the alert for more reports in this column from time to time on what's happening with UFOs and space aliens. We aim to keep you so informed that you'll never lack for something to say on the cocktail circuit.

# Brewster couple baffles experts with tape of UFO

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Robert Pozzuoli shows visitor his videotape of mysterious UFOs.

## By Paul Kirby

Staff Writer

As the television screen glows with images of strange, flickering lights on the backdrop of a night sky, Robert Pozzuoli's quavering voice spills quietly out of a speaker.

"Holy, good God. I'm going to tell you something, honey, I just don't know what the hell it is."

It was about 9:30 on a summer night in July 1984, when Pozzuoli and his wife, Lori, captured those words on a two-minute videotape of mysterious lights they and others believe to be an unidentified flying object — a UFO.

The events of that night and the videotape have changed the lives of the Brewster couple, former skeptics who are now obsessed with finding an answer.

The couple has been deluged with offers to buy the tape, which has been scrutinized by experts, printed in a book, and played over and over at UFO conferences. Yesterday, it was played on NBC's Geraldo Rivera show during a special on UFOs.

"There is something out there that defies normal existence," Pozzuoli said. "We just want to know what it is. We still want to know for the sake of our kids."

The Pozzuolis aren't the only ones baffled by the mysterious lights witnessed by thousands over northern Westchester and Putnam counties in 1983 and 1984 and, according to some UFO investigators, still seen today.

At the time, area police departments were deluged with reports of the object — most of them coming on March 24, 1983. Traffic stopped on the Taconic State Parkway, and motorists got out of their cars to gawk at the night sky.

Some UFO researchers like Phillip Imbrogno of Bethel, Conn., say the tape is probably the best piece of evidence in the world today depicting the flight of a UFO.

"It is one of the only pictures of a UFO that, through all the years, has survived criticism. Even the skeptics come away saying they don't know what it is," said Imbrogno, who has spent the past five years investigating the Hudson Valley sightings and has written a book.

A letter released last week from the director of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif. — a division of NASA — suggests that the lights depicted in the tape were attached to one "rigid" object.

That observation — based on a visual analysis of the tape — is at odds with the conclusion reached by police — that the lights were the artistry of pilots flying light aircraft out of Stormville Airport.

Imbrogno, who teaches science at the Windward School in White Plains, said he and his seven-member investigative team were preparing to pay for a private analysis of the tape.

But skeptics such as Terence Hines, a psychology professor at Pace University in Pleasantville, said the tape and eyewitness accounts were not solid evidence that the object was a UFO.

In his book, "Pseudo Science and the Paranormal," Hines, of Thornwood, devoted 10 pages to the Hudson Valley sightings.

"In the middle ages, people saw witches flying on broomsticks up in the sky. They weren't really witches, but the visual centers of people's minds

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## UFO watchers to gather tonight in Carmel

**By Geoff Walden**

Staff Writer

Until earthlings get more sophisticated transportation, they'll just have to carpool to hunt UFOs.

At least that's the case in Carmel, where limited parking on Route 301 means people coming out tonight to search the skies for alien spacecraft will have to share rides.

Tonight's watch along the West Branch Reservoir is being organized by UFO maven Peter Gersten of Peekskill. Gersten, who operates a "UFO hot line," believes an unidentified flying object is buzzing the region.

He organized a watch last week that drew more than 40 people to Route 301. The gathering was disbanded, however, when flashing lights appeared not in the heavens but on the ground. The lights were on patrol cars, and police ordered the watchers to leave because their cars were presenting a road hazard. A watch several weeks earlier on Interstate 84

was broken up for the same reason.

Therefore, the latest hot-line message advises UFO seekers to park elsewhere and carpool to Route 301.

Interest in UFOs has been rekindled by a letter from a division of NASA suggesting that lights seen here in 1983 and 1984 were attached to a single object.

Police departments in those years were deluged with reports of a lighted boomerang-, oval-, or V-shaped object hovering low in the skies over northern Westchester and Putnam. Police concluded the phenomenon was actually light aircraft flying in formation out of Stormville Airport.

Although the frequency of sightings has diminished, Gersten says observations are still occurring. The hot-line message tells watchers to bring "cameras, video equipment, binoculars" and jokingly, "heat-seeking missiles." The message concludes, "Thank you. Have a nice day, and watch the skies."

The hot line also takes messages reporting sightings. The number is 739-6830.

playing games," Hines said. "They weren't lying, but they saw what they perceived as witches."

Nevertheless, copies of Pozzuoli's tape have been broadcast on national television and touted by scientists as proof of the existence of UFOs.

Through all this, the Pozzuolis have not made a dime, nor are they willing to sell the original though they have had offers. One came from a religious organization that wanted to use the tape as evidence of a vision from God.

"If one day we ever find out what it is, maybe then we would sell the original to be used in a documentary, or movie or in a time capsule," said Pozzuoli, chief financial officer of a Yonkers electronics company.

Pozzuoli filmed the oval-shaped object while standing outside on a deck at the back of his home. He had become accustomed to pilots flying over-

head since 1968 when he bought his house, and decided to film them.

Pozzuoli said that before the tape was made he also shot a series of pilots flying in a V-formation on the night of July 24. He also was aware of the UFO sightings in the area from news reports.

"We went outside to walk the dog out back and glanced up. This time there's something that was totally different than the pilots," he said. "It was different because it appeared to rotate, and did not break up. Not like the pilots."

His wife said, "It was scary. Our daughter, a 16-year-old, couldn't get to sleep that night."

Before their sighting, the couple were not UFO seekers, nor did they believe in them.

"We were always the ones to look at people who did believe and say, 'Look at the crazy people,'" Lisa Pozzuoli said.

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**Bright Lights Prompt  
Dutch Search for UFO**

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands — Dutch police deployed a dozen patrol cars and a helicopter in a late-night chase for a purported craft from outer space last week.

The fruitless UFO hunt, accompanied by dozens of calls from all over the Dutch capital reporting unidentified flying objects, failed to yield anything extra-terrestrial, according to police spokesman Klaas Wilting.

"We were alerted late Thursday night by Schiphol (airport) air traffic controllers who observed bright lights in a stationary position over the port area which didn't show up on their radar screens," Mr. Wilting said.

After a late radio newscast had mentioned the Schiphol sighting, calls started pouring in from all over the city, describing objects ranging from "airplane-like things to fantastic contraptions with Darth Vader at the helm," he said.

So, 12 patrol cars and a police helicopter were called in. After several hours, "we found nothing except some strong lamps on top of a 50-meter (150-feet) high crane in the harbor," which might have been visible from the airport's control tower, Mr. Wilting said.

# Investigators hoping to verify UFO photos

By Michael Burke  
News Journal

UFO investigators are making a serious attempt to corroborate a set of photographs that appear to show spaceships hovering over Gulf Breeze.

"If it's a hoax, Steven Spielberg needs to hire this guy," said Gary Watson of Pensacola.

Watson is a member of a private group, the Mutual UFO Network, investigating dozens of UFO photographs submitted by a Gulf Breeze resident.

Since the initial publication of photographs in the Gulf Breeze Sentinel on Nov. 19, more than a dozen people have reported their own UFO sightings to the weekly newspaper. The photos, and the accounts of other witnesses, have attracted researchers and reporters from across the country.

The Miami Herald, for example, recently published a lengthy, tongue-in-cheek report that began: "OK, there is definitely something

strange going on in Gulf Breeze, Fla."

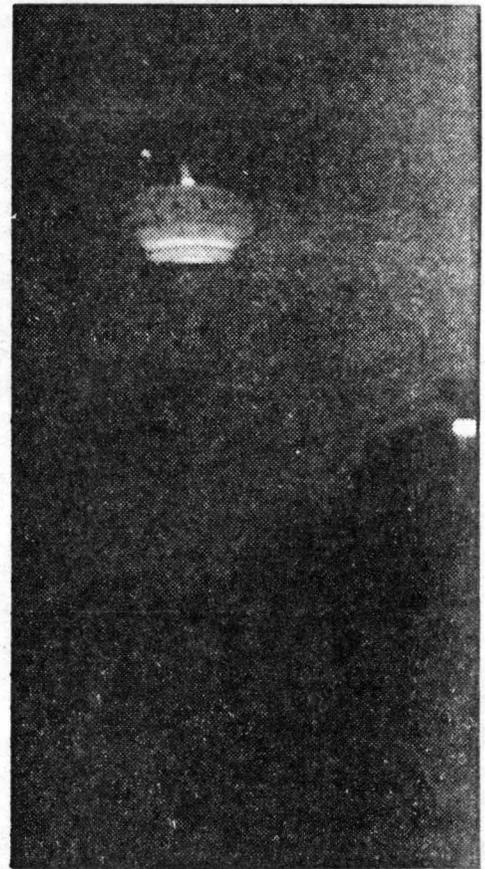
The photographer who began the story is a successful businessman who fears public ridicule if his name were to be revealed. He claims his photos were shot during a series of 16 sightings between Nov. 11 and Feb. 26.

One photo, reportedly taken on Dec. 23, shows three disc-shaped objects glowing above a line of silhouetted trees.

Another photograph published by the Sentinel, allegedly taken Jan. 12, shows the outline of what appears to be a spaceship hovering just above a road. Bright light from the bottom of the craft illuminates the road below.

In a published letter to the Sentinel, the anonymous businessman, who will be called "Jim" for this story, said he took his first five photographs with a Polaroid camera on Nov. 11, in front of his house.

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UFO experts are trying to determine whether this photo, taken Nov. 11, is really an UFO.

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Jim said the craft, which appeared to be the size of a house, hovered in the sky for several minutes "before it shot straight up and disappeared . . . It glowed from the bottom as if that may be the power source," he said.

Jim also told investigators from the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) that he used a Sony Camcorder to shoot more than a minute of videotape of the spaceship on Dec. 28. MUFON describes itself as an international scientific organization of people interested in studying UFO reports.

In a seven-page report based on interviews with Jim, MUFON investigators Charles Flannigan of Pensacola and Donald M. Ware of Fort Walton Beach said the tape shows a UFO moving across the screen before disappearing behind a tree.

In the interviews, Jim also

detailed a series of bizarre experiences. They include:

- Seeing a short, shielded creature outside his window.
- Being struck by a blue beam from the spaceship that temporarily immobilized him and lifted him off the ground.
- Hearing a humming sound in his head that occurred sometimes before an appearance of the spaceship. He also heard a voice talking "through his head, not his ears," MUFON investigators said.

As part of their investigation, MUFON members conducted an intensive stakeout of Jim's house, but they did not see the UFO. In a further attempt to establish whether the photographs were faked, MUFON provided Jim with a special, four-lens camera that was sealed to prevent tampering.

Investigators asked Jim to use the sealed camera when he witnessed the UFO again.

According to a report in the Sentinel, the businessman took 10 photographs with the MUFON camera when he saw the spaceship Feb. 26 at Shoreline Park South.

MUFON investigators plan to open the sealed camera in the presence of the news media.

The photographs have aroused interest from researchers outside MUFON.

Bruce Maccabee, an optical physicist and chairman of the Fund for UFO Research Inc., said he came to Gulf Breeze from Maryland to examine the photographs and Jim's video tape.

"It's either a hoax on a massive photographic and acting scale, or it's the real thing," Maccabee said Thursday.

Using one of Jim's photos showing a spacecraft above a road, Maccabee estimated the UFO was 10-15 feet wide and 8-10 feet high.

Walter Andrus Jr., international

director of MUFON, also came from Texas to Gulf Breeze to join the investigation.

"This is one of the most amazing UFO cases that I have investigated in the past 30 years in the United States," Andrus said.

Robert E. Reid, a MUFON investigator from Fort Walton Beach, said the businessman now wishes the UFO sightings never happened. Asked if he thought Jim was credible, Reid replied: "Absolutely."

Reid, a retired Air Force colonel, said he participated in a stakeout of Jim's house. On nine nights in late January, Reid said, he stayed in a camper, armed with a video camera, a still camera, and a CB radio by which Jim could contact him if he saw anything.

If Jim's photos are a hoax, Sentinel publisher and editor Duane Cook also stands to lose credibility. On Feb. 11, the Senti-

nel carried a story by Cook that detailed circumstances behind one of the UFO photographs.

Cook reported that on Jan. 24, he and Jim were driving on Highway 98 when Jim felt pain. They pulled off the road, Cook said, and Jim got outside, looking skyward for the spacecraft.

Cook reported that while he was inside Jim's vehicle, Jim shouted "There it is!" and quickly took a picture. Before Cook could get out of the truck to see the object, the UFO was gone.

But, Cook said, the men still had the photograph from Jim's Polaroid camera. Cook wrote that he "... carefully peeled the film apart to reveal the now familiar object with a brightly lit ring on the bottom and small portholes around its midsection."

According to MUFON's report, Jim said his closest encounter with the alien creature came on Dec. 2.

After photographing a UFO above his back yard earlier in the night, he got out of bed at about 3:30 a.m. Pulling up the blinds on a window, he was confronted by a creature peering at him.

He told MUFON investigators that the creature was about 4-foot-high, with large almond-shaped eyes and a shield over its head, chest and lower body.

Jim reported the creature ran when he unlocked the door. When Jim began to pursue, the MUFON report said, "he was hit with a blue beam."

According to the report, Jim fell to the deck, trying to escape the beam. When he did, he said he ran back into the house, retrieved his camera, and took a photograph. MUFON's report said Jim showed investigators a Polaroid color photograph depicting a blue beam coming down from a spaceship.

## Lighting up the night NY-D35 MOUNT VERNON ARGUS UFO watchers wait for sightings in Carmel FEB. 26 1988

By Paul Kirby

Staff Writer

The cold nipped at Calvin Jackson's hands as he clutched a pair of opera glasses and scanned the dark, clear sky.

"I am suspicious. That's what it is, I'm suspicious. I just got to know," said the 23-year-old White Plains man.

Jackson was one of 50 people drawn to a causeway over the West Branch Reservoir in Carmel last night by a sense of mystery, and the thought that maybe, just maybe, there was something a bit out of the ordinary in the skies above.

"I've seen the object three times, and it's a beautiful sight. It is just a magnificent sight," said Monique O'Driscoll of Kent. "It was so close to me one time I could have hit it."

The Thursday night UFO vigils have become a tradition since November, and the number of members has increased during the past few weeks with renewed interest in sightings throughout the Hudson Valley.

Sightings over Putnam and northern Westchester counties have been reported before — particularly in 1983 and 1984, when they were dismissed by police as a group of light aircraft flying out of Stormville Airport in Dutchess County.

Last night, Peter Gersten, a UFO researcher from Peekskill, said about the causeway hotspot:

"This is the spot people are hearing about. This is where it is happening, and they want to be a part of it."

But nothing much was happening.

About 9:15 p.m., a group of white, flickering lights could be seen through binoculars about 5 to 7 miles away in a mountain range. They flickered for about 10 minutes, then disappeared.

For most of the UFO watchers, the sighting was not astounding, and many thought it was just airplanes.

"I've been here three to five times before, and almost every time I've seen a large object, maybe not quite as big as a football field," said Lillian Wobach, 37, of Danbury, Conn.

"The thing is, this time, it was just too far away to tell. I'll be back next week," she said.

Gersten said the UFO sightings have been reported on Thursday nights, between 9 and 10 p.m. He normally gets three to five calls to his UFO hotline on Thursdays, he said.

Some UFO watchers say they have seen the object — described at times as oval-shaped, V-shaped, or boomerang-shaped — floating over the skies, and often hovering.

"We were driving near here, and we pulled over, and there it was right above us," said Desiree Anasio of Cortlandt. "It just stopped for about 10 minutes. Right there."

In 1983 and 1984, local police departments were deluged with reports of sightings — most of them on March 24, 1983. At the time, traffic stopped on the Taconic State Parkway, and motorists got out of their cars to gawk at the night sky.

Renewed interest in UFO sightings

has been sparked by a letter from the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif. — a division of NASA — that suggests the grouping of lights captured on videotape in 1984 by a Southeast resident were attached to one object.

Still, some observers have said that is not enough evidence to support the UFO theory, and contend the lights are the artistry of pilots flying out of Stormville Airport. Even some of last night's UFO watchers were a bit skeptical.

"I don't know, but I think it's just a bit odd that this happens every Thursday night at the same time. It's like getting up to go to work," said Faith McNeal, 23, of White Plains.

"My boyfriend dragged me up here to freeze," she said. "I wanted to go to a movie."

# 'This is not airplanes'

## Letter from space agency laboratory rekindles suspicions about area UFO

**By Paul Kirby**  
Staff Writer

A letter from a division of the U.S. space agency has renewed suspicions among UFO hunters that oval lights spotted in the skies over northern Westchester and Putnam counties — dismissed in 1983 as a formation of aircraft — may have been a UFO after all.

The letter from Lew Allen, director of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif., suggests the lights are attached to a single, rigid object, such as "an airship."

UFO researchers Peter Gersten of Peekskill and Philip Imbrogno of Bethel, Conn., said last week they will increase their investigations into the object, which sparked a swarm of UFO reports in 1983 and 1984.

Although the frequency of the reports has declined, both men said the unidentified flying object is still being sighted in the region.

Imbrogno, an independent UFO investigator who heads a team of seven, said the letter could be a crucial element toward "solving the puzzle of UFO sightings in the Hudson Valley."

"Although they are not saying this is a spaceship from another world, they are confirming this is not airplanes," said Imbrogno.

The letter was given to Gersten by a friend who submitted a videotape of the object to Jet Propulsion, a private division of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, in late November.

Jet Propulsion, which is affiliated with the California Institute of Technology, designs and tests spacecraft. It also serves as a base station for NASA in California.

The videotape was made by a Brewster man in July 1984 and was viewed by "several scientific folk ... and we would guess the lights were attached to a rigid object. Our guess is an airship (blimp) of some sort," Allen's letter states.

That observation is at odds with the conclusion reached by police and other observers five years ago: that this particular formation of lights was the artistry of pilots flying light aircraft out of Stormville Airport.

The letter goes on to state: "The exam-

“We would guess the lights were attached to a rigid object. Our guess is an airship (blimp) of some sort.”

— letter from Lew Allen  
director, Jet Propulsion Laboratory

ination has only been visual and I don't think we can apply the effort needed for a really quantitative analysis."

Robert MacMillian, a Jet Propulsion spokesman, confirmed the letter was written by Allen. But MacMillian stressed the observations in the letter were only "a guess" and no further testing is expected.

As to Allen's objection to studying the videotape further, MacMillian said, "Well, I think he's probably saying we don't think it's worth it."

Imbrogno disagrees.

"I can't believe they wouldn't make

further studies," he said. "Scientists are curious by nature. In fact, I think they have probably done a more extensive analysis."

In 1983 and 1984, area police departments were deluged with reports of the object. Traffic stopped on the Taconic State Parkway while motorists got out of their cars and stared skyward.

Some people said the object — described at times as being boomerang-, oval-, or V-shaped, and as large as a football field — hovered over homes for 45 minutes, then flitted away.

Imbrogno has spent the last five years trying to solve the mystery of the object. He has written a book, "Night Siege: The Hudson Valley UFO Sightings."

Gersten said he was pleased with the observation in the letter and vowed to urge Jet Propulsion to conduct more analysis.

"I am pleased with the interpretation of the JPL," Gersten said, "but feel that it is important for them to engage in more study and pursue this matter based on the fact that this is not a normal blimp."

Gersten, a lawyer, has battled govern-

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ment agencies in court to obtain hundreds of UFO documents. The issue of the letter was brought to light during an interview with Gersten by Gannett Westchester Newspapers.

Imbrogno and Gersten admit some of the reported UFO sightings were aircraft flown out of Stormville. But in the case of the videotaped object, as well as other sightings, they are convinced it was a UFO.

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# <sup>1381</sup>UFO landing site in Wisconsin intelligent

When the paper carried a story recently that people in a town in Wisconsin — not that far from here, really — propose to build a multimillion dollar UFO landing site, I immediately cut it out. The story.

As has been well established in the body of my writings, I am intensely interested in flying saucers, which is what UFOs were called before they called them that. (UFO, incidentally, stands for "Under Milkwood.")

I have been interested in flying saucers — the name I prefer — since childhood when I was introduced to them by family members who say they saw one swoop over — yup — Wisconsin one time.

The incident was documented by me (here in this newspaper) quite some time ago — possibly years, I don't know — so I won't go into it again. Suffice it to say that people whom I respected and trusted and gave me genes saw a flying saucer over northern Wisconsin one warm, summer night when we were recovering from picking blueberries.

Have you ever picked blueberries? They grow close to the ground, and can only be gathered by getting down on your knees and bending low so that when you are finished, you are as if dead, or wish you were. It was under the hallucinatory influence of post-blueberry picking syndrome (PBPS) that "our"

"First of all, I've seen those pilots fly and only a child looking for a UFO would think they were a UFO," Imbrogno said.

Nowadays, Gersten said he gets about four or five calls a night on his UFO hot line describing sightings such as those reported in the early 1980s.

The UFO researchers say there are still groups of residents who gather at spots in Westchester, Putnam, Rockland and Dutchess counties to catch a glimpse of the object.

"It's been the same thing all along, but a lot of people are thinking, 'Well, it's just planes, why bother?'" Gersten said. "You don't get as many official reports because it doesn't fly over populated areas anymore, mainly around reservoirs." //

flying saucer was sighted, so that better be kept in mind. People who haven't picked blueberries won't understand, and probably should be excluded from the 1990 census on those grounds.

Anyway, it is in Elmwood, Wis., not that far from Chippewa Falls, that this idea to build the nation's first multimillion dollar flying saucer (UFO) landing site has been proposed by a local "businessman." For those who never get down Highway 53, you go south out of Superior and suffer single-lane driving until you get to a place called "Trego" (named after Dorothy's dog in "The Wizard of Oz"), where you will find, of all things, a four-lane, freeway-like roadway.

This is the first introduction to four-lane open-road driving loyal Superiorites ever get, so watch out (Hammond and Grand avenues in Superior used to be "divided" but they ripped up the dividers and paved them over a few years ago because neighborhood people complained that they were too pretty . . . the dividers, not the people). Anyway, the four-lane limited-access highway swoops down past Rice Lake and thence to Chippewa Falls, which precedes Eau Claire, which everybody knows because of the unique dining opportunity at the Country Kitchen there as well as the letters YMCA painted on a roof. (YMCA stands for Your Mother's Flying Objects.)

It is in the Chippewa Falls-Eau Claire area that Elmwood is located, and where, according to the Associated Press dispatch in the paper on Monday, Feb. 8, people want to set aside two square miles for construction of a multimillion dollar UFO landing site, funds to be raised internationally. "We know we are going to have skeptics" (for breakfast?), a leading promoter of the idea said, so it's obvious that these are not fly-by-night promoters just trying to raise a lot of money for a Brooklyn Bridge-type project. (It is merely coincidental that flying saucers often fly by night.)

Elmwood was picked, the story reported, because



**Jim  
Heffernan**

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"people there are familiar with UFO discussions and sightings," because Ed Gein played well there, and because the community has reported numerous UFO sightings — so many they have annual "UFO Days," an occasion when everybody has fun. These are mostly facts, by the way, lifted from the Associated Press story. Would the AP lie? Well, maybe about Ed Gein.

(Holy Mackerel. If I have to put in much more of this background, there won't be any room for me to comment and I might as well turn over my column to good people). One more fact, though. The beings, or aliens, on the flying saucers — referred to in the story as "this intelligence" — have a body structure and central nervous system similar to humans, according to the businessman, the AP reported, so now we know.

Now for the meat: I (that's me) am obviously a skeptic, in spite of the fact that certain relatives saw that flying saucer, because I didn't see it. However, I am not opposed to the Elmwood UFO Landing Site if it gets publicity for UFO Days and draws tourists. That's intelligence. Certainly higher intelligence than an oversized thermometer.

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# Light in Central Texas sky could have been space debris

By Tara Parker

American-Statesman Staff

The identity of a flying object seen speeding across the skies above Central Texas last week by more than 100 people remains a mystery, but experts say the bright light could have been space debris.

About 10 p.m. last Thursday, law enforcement authorities were flooded with calls from San Antonio to Austin about a large bright light moving across the western sky.

Among those who reported the light were: two pilots flying about 25 miles south of Austin, an air traffic controller at Robert Mueller Municipal Airport, numerous residents in northwestern Travis County and Hays County, and an astronomer in a University of Texas observatory.

"It was a very bright light. I tried to turn the telescope on it, but it had moved behind (a building) before I could get to it," said Justine Blackmore, a UT astronomy teaching assistant who viewed the object from the university's nine-inch observatory.

"It definitely wasn't a meteor because it was hanging in the sky and then it moved sideways. I think it must have been some sort of man-made equipment."

'There are 4,000 objects in the Earth's orbit. On any given day, pieces might be entering the atmosphere.'

— Terry White  
NASA spokesman

Terry White, a spokesman for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration in Houston, said officials there were not aware of any sort of equipment testing that could account for the sighting. If the object was not a meteor, the most likely alternative would be space debris from satellites or rockets, he said.

"There are 4,000 objects in the Earth's orbit. On any given day, pieces might be entering the atmo-

sphere," White said. "Not a week goes by or not even a day that some piece of that junk comes in and burns up."

Although nobody has been able to identify the object, several possibilities have been discounted. A Federal Aviation Administration official at Mueller airport said the light was not an aircraft, and National Weather Service officials said the object described could not have been a weather balloon.

Although there was some speculation that the object could have been debris from a Soviet spacecraft that malfunctioned and broke up in space, officials also have discounted that theory.

Bob Hollie, a spokesman for the North American Aerospace Defense Command in Colorado Springs, Colo., said the debris from the Soviet spacecraft has fallen south of Australia and near Turkey.

"None of it fell over Austin, Texas," Hollie said.

Hollie said, however, that the object could have been other space debris.

In the past week, Florida and Oregon have reported similar sightings, which the defense command has not been able to identify, Hollie said.

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## Dozen Dutch police cars and helicopter chase UFO

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands — Police deployed a dozen patrol cars and a helicopter in a late-night chase for a craft from outer space, a police spokesman said yesterday.

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"We were alerted late Thursday night by Schiphol (airport) air traffic controllers who observed bright lights in a stationary position over the port area which didn't show up on their radar screens," Wilting said.

# Experiences of chief made wife a believer

ELMWOOD — Doris Wheeler heartily endorses Elmwood as a landing site and communications center for extraterrestrial beings.

Mrs. Wheeler, 70, is the widow of the former Elmwood Police Chief George Wheeler, the man who spotted two unidentified flying objects (UFOs) in the mid-1970s. She said she was very skeptical about UFOs until George made her a believer.

"I know they're there," she said after Saturday's news conference called by UFO Site Center Corp.

George Wheeler, who died in 1978, always was looking for UFOs, Mrs. Wheeler said. He found his first about 2 a.m. one spring night while on patrol in the northeast side of the village, she said.

Wheeler told his wife that a light kept coming toward him. He thought it was a plane about to crash, and it came close enough that he dove out of his police car. But the light passed silently over him and headed to the south side of the village, Mrs. Wheeler said.

The police chief drove toward it, but the object headed off to the southwest. He contacted the Pierce

County Sheriff's Department and was told that office had received "all kinds of calls" about the object, she said.

Wheeler's second sighting, a year later, "was a little more traumatic," Mrs. Wheeler said.

Wheeler was on patrol at about 10:30 p.m. in Butternut Park when "he saw this big, bright light," she said.

Thinking there was a fire, Wheeler drove to the top of a hill near an old quarry with an electrical substation below and got out of the car.

Wheeler told his wife that he saw a bright "saucer-shaped" thing and "he said he could see the people moving around in it." A hose-like object seemed to extend from the object, she added.

"George said there was a blue light streamed at him. He said he didn't pass out, but he was stunned," she said.

Mrs. Wheeler said she heard him report the incident on the police radio. Another man and Pierce County authorities headed to the area, she said.

Afterward, Mrs. Wheeler took her husband to a doctor, who could not find anything wrong with him. Wheeler still did not feel well, and a few days later he was hospitalized, first in Menomonie and then in Eau Claire.

"They never diagnosed him with anything," Mrs. Wheeler said. "He had horrible nightmares afterward."

Mrs. Wheeler, who moved to Stillwater, Minn. a year ago, gave her reports and materials about the incidents to UFO Site Center Corp. She said she was delighted when Tom Weber, the firm's founder, visited her in Stillwater.

Weber said an Elmwood woman reported that an unidentified object followed her in her car for several miles. The woman was transporting children at the time, and "the children were terrified," Weber said.

Mrs. Wheeler said her husband's experiences convinced her that there might be something substantial to reports about UFOs. She



**Doris Wheeler**

Supports proposed UFO landing site

noted that she and her husband were married for 32 years.

"I knew when he was fooling and when he wasn't, and he wasn't fooling," she said.

—Jim Daly

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## Officials try to explain fireball over Wisconsin

MADISON, Wis.—A ball of flame reported sighted in the sky over southern Wisconsin could have been a meteor shower or the remains of a Soviet satellite, a National Weather Service meteorologist says. Ted Stimach of the service's Madison office said he received calls Sunday night about the the fireball from the U.S. Coast Guard, officials in Ozaukee County and Milwaukee's Timmerman Field airport as well as from the public. "It was a very bright streak in the sky," Marie Kohler-Cabot of Milwaukee reported. Another light display in the sky was reported Friday night in the Southwest U.S. when Soviet space debris reentered the atmosphere. But Lt. Col. Ivan Pinnell of the North American Aerospace Defense Command said the satellite remains did not cause the fireball sighted in Wisconsin.

# Flying saucer mystery at the Shore

By PATRICK JENKINS

Was it or wasn't it?

It was reported as a UFO to the Federal Aviation Administration Technical Center shortly after 9 p.m. Tuesday and hovering or slow-moving lights were confirmed by responding police officers, according to Tech Center spokesman Anthony Willett.

But in a statement yesterday, Egg Harbor Township police said what the officers saw was a slow-moving aircraft flying at several thousand feet.

The only problem with that explanation was that there were no aircraft in the area at that time, according to FAA radar, Willett said.

"We received the report of a green light or lights that appeared to be hovering over the Egg Harbor Township area," said Willett.

"We checked with the Atlantic City tower and nothing unusual appeared. The only air traffic in the area that evening was two large military planes coming up from Dover, Del., and they were in well before this. They also do not hover," Willett said.

In their statement, the Egg Harbor Township police said officers were dispatched to the area where the object was supposed to have been sighted and were told by a young male that his friends saw some UFO's hovering in the sky.

"Upon (the officers') arrival, nothing out of the ordinary was located except what appeared to be an airplane flying east to west north of that location several thousand feet from the ground," the police said.

But, again, there was nothing on the radar screen.

Could it have been lights from nearby Hamilton Mall reflecting off clouds?

"It was a crystal clear night with a full moon and visibility of 12 miles," said Willett.

Or maybe some kind of astronomical or weather phenomenon?

"We have nothing to do with UFO's," said a technician at the National Weather Service station at the Tech Center.

"I have nothing to say about UFO's, whether they're concerned with weather or anything else. We don't deal with anything like that at all. We're a weather office," said the man, adding, "This is just a weather technician speaking."

A spokesman for the National UFO Reporting Center in Washington said no reports of the incident had been received there.

Willett said there was no ongoing investigation of the siting.

"We just noted the report. As I've said on other occasions, reports of this nature are not uncommon. It's a very pig, dark sky in South Jersey," he added. //

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# UFO sightings may get heavy

Whether you're a believer in the extraterrestrial-intelligence origins of unidentified flying objects or, like most of us, just an intrigued skeptic, there's reason for close attention to a news item out of Chippewa Falls, Wis.

An outfit called the UFO Site Center Corp. is well into plans for a multi-million-dollar reception center for UFOs to be located in Elmwood, Wis. The facility will be equipped with beacon-like lights to invite UFO landings there.

Why that location?

It's logical, says Tom Weber, president of UFO Site Center, because of the numerous "space ship" sightings around Elmwood, a Pierce County village that annually celebrates "UFO Days."

Wait. There's excuse for more than raised eyebrows and an incredulous chuckle. For more than three decades, a Northwestern University professor, J. Allen Hynek, directed the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston. He was consultant for the "Project Bluebook" on UFOs for the U.S. Air Force, a study that concluded a large number of UFO sightings cannot be explained using natural phenomena as criteria.

Hynek was chief consultant for the popular movie, "Close Encounter of the Third Kind." This story about UFO sightings climaxed with the landing of an extraterrestrial space ship at a specially-designed reception site in Wyoming.

Something of that nature is what Weber and his colleagues have in mind for Elmwood, Wis. They're going after international money and scientific-manning for the facility.

Weber believes the beings manning the ubiquitous space ships have been watching us for a very long time; they are only waiting now for our invitation to a safe landing facility.

Prof. Hynek, who died shortly after he moved his UFO studies center to Phoenix, probably would approve of the Wisconsin venture. Although he spent much of his lifetime researching UFO sightings, he told of his regret at never seeing one himself.

If the Wisconsin invitation is received and accepted, UFO sightings could become a lot more common hereabouts. //



Photo by Debra Bates

Duane Cook, editor and publisher of the Gulf Breeze Sentinel, holds a special four-page section dealing with UFO sightings in Gulf Breeze.

# UFO report causes stir

## Gulf Breeze sightings draw media attention

By Michael L. Atcherson  
News Journal

Reported UFO sightings in Gulf Breeze have attracted as much attention as snow on Pensacola Beach.

Since the weekly Gulf Breeze Sentinel began publishing photographs of alleged UFOs last November, it has spurred the interest of media from Radio Free Europe to the National Enquirer.

The photos, taken with a Polaroid camera, were supplied by a man who declined to have his name made public but told the Sentinel he was given the photos by a prominent Gulf Breeze businessman who also wished to remain anonymous.

The photos feature a spherical object apparently taken during the evening hours in this quiet community. The bottom of the object was well lit, with a less distinct middle section and a bright light on top.

"I'm convinced there are aliens in those UFOs," said Donald Ware, a field investigator for the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) in Fort Walton Beach. MUFON is a private organization that researches UFO sightings and encounters.

"They (aliens) are staging these photographic opportunities. These multiple opportunities don't happen by chance," Ware said.

In a copyrighted report by MUFON, the organization's investigators met with the man who turned in the original photos. The man is identified in the report as "Mr. Ed." In meeting with Ed, MUFON investigators studied photographs, viewed video tapes provided by Ed and listened to his reenact-

ment of his experiences with the object.

On Nov. 11 the report said Ed observed a glow in the southwest sky while sitting at his desk. He picked up his Polaroid camera and began taking photos from his porch.

He said he walked to the front of his house and raised his camera for another picture but found himself frozen in a blue beam and lifted off the ground about three feet. The report said Ed was in the beam about 10 seconds, during which time he said he could not move his eyebrows, expand his chest or breathe. He said he also observed a strong odor and heard a voice.

The report said when Ed hit the ground, he rolled over and saw an airplane above his head. After getting to his feet, he told the investigators that his wife drove up and told him he was, "reeking with a smell of cinnamon and ammonia."

On that same night, Charles Somerby of Gulf Breeze said he saw an object that looked like an "inverted derby hat" moving at a steady flow over the East Bay.

Somerby said he saw the picture of the UFO in the Sentinel and showed it to his wife, who agreed that it was the same object they had seen.

"We went into the Sentinel office the next day and told the editor," Somerby said. "We figured that the guy who turned in the pictures would appreciate some support in what he saw."

Ware said MUFON, with the permission of witnesses, conducts thorough background checks on the subjects they interview. He said he has learned a lot about the witnesses in this case and their backgrounds are very good.

# UFO spotted Thursday in Central, South Texas

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An unidentified flying object that lighted up the sky for nearly 10 seconds was reported by citizens from San Antonio to Austin, including an air traffic controller and two pilots, authorities said.

The bright, speeding object was reported about 10 p.m. Thursday.

"A man who was driving with four other people from San Saba to Fredericksburg said they saw a big, round pool of light which lasted from eight to 10 seconds," a Gillespie County sheriff's office spokeswoman said Friday.

"It was so bright he said it almost night blinded him. They figured it was about 100 miles ahead of them," she said.

Several other citizens called the office to report the UFO sighting and a spokesman with the Hays County sheriff's department reported receiving several calls about a bright flash of light.

Air traffic controllers were contacted in San Antonio Thursday night by the Express-News after several callers said they had seen a bright light in the sky over the Alamo City, but tower officials said they had not sighted anything and had not received any UFO reports.

Curtis Weeks, spokesman for the Travis County sheriff's department, said officers investigated calls as well as reports from Robert Mueller Municipal Airport personnel.

"There was something seen, but what that something was is unknown at this time," said Brian Grady, Hays County sheriff's dispatcher. "Nobody can locate anything that might have caused it."

Allan King, area supervisor for the Federal Aviation Administration control tower at Mueller airport, said two pilots and an air traffic controller described the object as an extremely bright light traveling at high speed.

# UFO reported over Hays, Travis counties

## Pilots, air controller spot 'bright flash'

By Tara Parker  
American-Statesman Staff

An unidentified flying object was spotted speeding across the skies above Travis and Hays counties by at least a dozen people Thursday night, including an air traffic controller and two pilots.

Curtis Weeks, a spokesman for the Travis County Sheriff's Department, said officers were investigating calls from two residents on Trails End Road off FM 1431 in northwest Travis County, as well as reports from Robert Mueller Municipal Airport personnel.

The bright, speeding object was spotted about 10 p.m.

The Hays County Sheriff's Department also reported receiving several calls about a "bright flash of light" about the same time.

"There was something seen, but what that something was is unknown at this time," said Brian Grady, Hays county sheriff's dispatcher. "Nobody can locate anything that might have caused it."

Allan King, area supervisor for the Federal Aviation Administration control tower at Mueller airport, said two pilots and an air traffic controller described the object as an extremely bright light traveling at a high speed.

"It was a very rapid movement, just a matter of seconds. (The controller) saw the bright light overhead and watched it as it traveled west," King said. "Then two airplanes within about 5 miles of each other to the southwest about 25 miles outside of Austin sighted it. Just a little bit after that, I got my first call from the Sheriff's Department."

The air traffic controller said he thought the object could have been a meteor or a satellite re-entering the atmosphere, King said.

"He felt like it was probably way too bright to be even a satellite. I don't really have any answers myself. At this time, nobody really knows what it is," he said. "I've been here 17 years, and I'm not aware of anything reported of this extent."

## 2 UFO Sightings Over China Reported

Associated Press

BEIJING, March 20—Passengers on two flights to Xinjiang province reported sighting UFOs, an official report said today.

The state-run New China News Agency said a passenger on a flight from Beijing to Urumqi, the provincial capital, saw an unidentified flying object in front of the plane at 9:35 p.m. Friday.

When the flight crew contacted local airports, they were told that there was no plane in the area at that time.

The object was described as being about the size of a basketball and sending out a beam like a searchlight.

The object changed directions and headed north, then split into two, with a smaller ball above a bean-shaped object, spinning at high speeds and giving off a ring of green light, the news agency said.

Half an hour later, passengers aboard a flight from Canton to Urumqi spotted the UFO over the same area in western Xinjiang, the news agency said.

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# List of area UFO sightings growing

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By NORMA DUPPLER, MARC CONRAD, Tribune Staff Writers

**B**EULAH — A Beulah-area man has reported seeing strange lights over Lake Sakakawea in the latest in a string of UFO sightings that dates to Nov. 11 in central North Dakota.

Dan Huffman, manager of Dakota Waters Resort north of Beulah, said he spotted six bright lights just after midnight above Beulah Bay on Feb. 26. The sighting coincided with unidentified radar blips at the Minot Air Force Base and with a sighting a few hours later north of Zap by farmer Victor Walker.

UFO investigator Don Johnson said the rash of sightings is the most he can remember during the nine years he has lived in Bismarck.

"It may be another wave of UFO activity such as in the early '70s, or it may be due to the national and local coverage of UFOs that makes it easier for witnesses to report their sightings," said Johnson, an investigator for Mutual UFO Network, a tracking group with

members worldwide.

In the latest report, Huffman, a former reconnaissance man in the military, said the lights were stationary, evenly spaced and stayed around for at least an hour.

"The lights were much too bright to be ice fishermen having a party on the lake," he said. "Besides, the lights were so far apart for that. They were big half moon glows, like spotlights used at a construction site."

Huffman's wife suggested checking the lights out, but he didn't go to the area until the next day.

"I had a feeling when I saw the lights. It's not so much fear as caution. It was like in Vietnam when a whole line of enemy soldiers were marching down a

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path, and we were outnumbered. It was 'Hey, let's let these guys go.'

"I even joked that they were a UFO," he said.

"I sure wish I would have walked up over the hill to see. It's the first time I've ever seen anything like that. It's bothered me ever since."

Although the Minot Air Force Base did get unidentified radar returns in the area during the times of Huffman's and Walker's sightings, Staff Sgt. John Esser of the base's public affairs office said unidentified returns aren't unusual, and are often small aircraft.

The returns are unidentified

because no flight plan is filed.

Johnson said he would like to hear from anybody else who may have spotted UFOs.

Here's a recap of the sightings in the Bismarck area since November:

■ Nov. 11 — A rural Bismarck family saw an object with flashing red, green and white lights hovering above the road to McDowell Dam while driving east on N.D. Highway 10.

■ Nov. 15 — A mother and daughter saw a strange oval-like object about two miles west of Mandan.

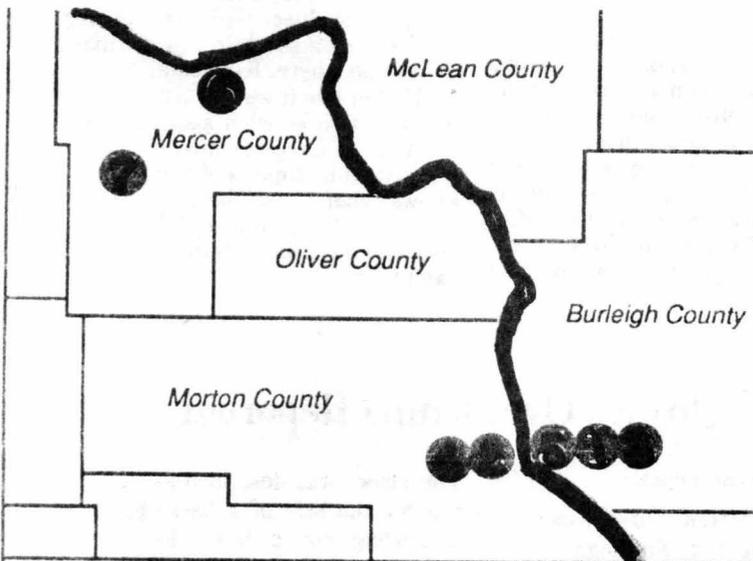
■ Dec. 4 — Ray Griffin of Bismarck observed an object with rotating red, green and white lights on the north side of Interstate 94.

■ Dec. 4 — Donna Mohl, Barb Grant and Carol Walter, all of Pick City, saw an object with green blue and white lights darting from spot to spot south of I-94 six miles west of Mandan.

■ Dec. 9 — A Bismarck mother and son saw an oval-shaped object with rotating green, red and white lights over Hillside Park.

■ Feb. 26 — Walker spotted a glow at 3:30 a.m. near his rural Zap home.

■ Feb. 26 — Huffman spotted a line of six bright lights glowing brightly about two miles from his Beulah home.



- Nov. 11, 1987: Five miles east of Bismarck
- Nov. 15, 1987: Two miles west of Mandan
- Dec. 4, 1987: East of Bismarck
- Dec. 4, 1987: Six miles west of Mandan
- Dec. 9, 1987: Over Bismarck
- Feb. 26, 1988: North of Beulah on Lake Sakakawea
- Nov. 11, 1987: West of Zap

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# The Savvy Reader

We can see five planets in the sky at night. Some people think these lights are flying saucers.

**P**olice in New Jersey got some strange calls this week. The callers saw two bright lights in the sky. They said the lights were *unidentified flying objects (UFOs)*.

Some people think UFOs bring spacemen from other planets. They think that flying saucers are coming from outer space. Most scientists say that's silly. Those things aren't real.

The callers really DID see two bright lights in the sky. But they were not UFOs or flying saucers.

People saw two planets shining together. The planets are Jupiter and Venus. They look like they are close to each other.

Venus and Jupiter aren't stars. They are planets, like the Earth.

You can see Venus and Jupiter at night most of the time. The sun's light bounces off them. It makes them shine.

The planets aren't really close. They are far apart in space.

Sometimes, their orbits make them seem close in the Earth's sky. An orbit is the path of a planet around the sun.

We can see five planets in the night sky at different times. They are Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn.

Three other planets go in orbits around the sun. But they are very dim. We cannot see them with only our eyes.

It is rare to see two planets close together. That is called a *conjunction*. A conjunction means the planets line up near each other in the Earth's sky.

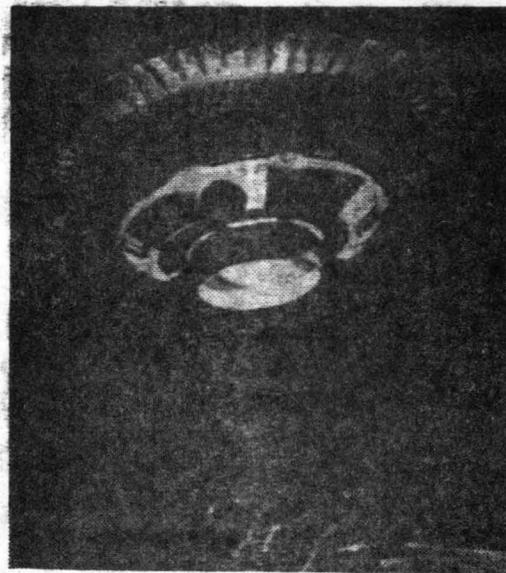
Late this summer, we will see a new bright light in the sky. It will be the planet Mars.

Earth and Mars are next to each other in space. They orbit between Venus and Jupiter. Even so, they are millions of miles apart.

Sometimes Earth is on one side of the sun. Mars is on the other. Then, they can be 249 million miles apart.

But Earth always catches up to Mars. It takes 365 days to go around the sun. Mars takes longer — 687 days for one orbit.

By July, both planets will be on the same side of the sun. And by September, they will be right across space from each other.



Flying saucer: often reported

This year, they will be closer than they have been for 17 years. On Sept. 28, the planets will be just 34 million miles apart.

Something else will happen as Earth gets closer to Mars. Mars will grow brighter in the sky.

Mars is called the "Red Planet." Its soil is red. It seems to shine red in our sky.

It will get a little brighter every night. Some people may not notice it. One night, they may look up and see a bright red light. They may think it is a UFO.

You can see Jupiter and Venus tonight if the sky is clear. Go out early in the evening. Look toward the west. That is the direction of the setting sun.

Venus will be the brightest light. Jupiter will be nearby, and lower. It is also very bright.

The planets still look like they are close together. But every night, they will move farther apart.

## Questions

1. Jupiter and Venus are (a) stars (b) dim planets (c) close to each other in the sky.
2. Earth orbits the sun in (a) 687 days (b) 365 days (c) 35 days.
3. Later this year, Mars (a) will get brighter in the sky, (b) will turn red (c) will move farther away from the Earth.

## Answers

1. (b) 2. (a) 3. (c) 1

## Talking Point

Why do some people confuse the planets with UFOs?

The Savvy Reader gives more information about stories in the newspaper. It appears Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. //

# Recent accounts reveal some close encounters are of the terrifying kind

By SUSAN RIFE COX  
Californian staff writer

**A** LIENS FROM OTHER worlds have become somewhat benign in 1980s American consciousness. Popular movies such as "E.T.," "Close Encounters of the Third Kind," "Starman" and "batteries not included" have portrayed creatures from outer space not as terrifying invaders, but rather as friendly, curious entities.

But get away from the Steven Spielberg mentality, into the lives of people who say they have had close encounters of their own with alien invaders, and a different, more threatening picture emerges.

Budd Hopkins, author of the 1981 book "Missing Time," has chronicled the case of an Indiana woman he calls "Kathie Davis." One of hundreds of people who say they have lost chunks of time during periods when they saw unidentified flying objects, Davis presents the most shocking — and frightening — story of all.

Her story, told in Hopkins' latest book, titled "Intruders: The Incredible Visitations at Copley Woods," is that of a series of abductions by aliens that began when she was an adolescent and are apparently part of a genetic experiment involving humans.

She claims to have been shown two half-human, half-alien children that she believes are her own.

"Intruders" presents three other cases where women who say they have been repeatedly abducted have been shown hybrid children.

Since the book was published, Hopkins has interviewed 25 additional women who say they have been shown hybrid children.

Davis, a divorcee with two young sons, also claims to have been told of seven other hybrid children who are the product of her ova and alien sperm.

Unbelievable though her story may seem, its presentation in "Intruders" has the ring of truth. Hopkins, an

artist and sculptor who began investigating UFOs when he saw one himself in 1964, has developed an in-depth investigatory style for dealing with cases involving missing time episodes. He uses doctors, psychologists, radiologists, chemists and other specialists to investigate his subjects' claims. His conclusion: that UFO abductees have nothing to gain by making up such stories. They typically shun publicity and often require counseling to overcome the anxiety they feel as the result of their experiences.

Hopkins also keeps secret certain kinds of information about abductions to corroborate other claims.

Hopkins, who has been in great demand on the radio and television talk-show circuit since the publication of "Intruders," is careful not to superimpose his own beliefs over the conclusions abductees have drawn. Yet he clearly believes what they have told him, primarily based on the striking parallels from one account to the next.

"The central point is that, as I began running into these missing time cases, they started forming a very strict parallel, one with another," he said in a telephone interview from his New York City home.

"After I wrote the book 'Missing Time,' I received hundreds of letters. I took the position of looking at it from a pattern point of view."

Consequently, the information in both "Missing Time" and "Intruders" is deliberately incomplete. In cases involving women being shown hybrid infants and children, Hopkins said he has withheld "a very, very big feature of how the little ones are presented that is bizarre. There is a physical characteristic of the babies that I've kept out. And in the ova retrieval operation there is a very precise sensation that has been omitted."

Hopkins traces his own interest in the UFO phenomenon to 1964, when he sighted a UFO in the daylight hours over Cape Cod.

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"I got very interested then," he said. His own experience, those of others he met and a terrifying experience a friend had in 1975 eventually led to the publication of an article in *The Village Voice*.

"That generated a tremendous amount of attention. Suddenly I'm getting all these letters and calls and I was receiving all kinds of cases. Some of them had missing time segments."

Although he found the UFO sightings credible, Hopkins was stunned by the missing time experiences and the implication that UFOs were systematically kidnapping humans for medical experimentation.

"I believed what I had seen, but I couldn't make the jump to abductions," he said.

Hopkins has worked with about 180 abductees on a person-to-person basis. Letters and phone calls from others who claim to have had similar experiences number more than 1,000.

He's also received 1,200 replies to a questionnaire accompanying an article in the December issue of *Omni* magazine.

"Twenty-five percent of the *Omni* letters deserve some kind of investigation," he said.

He wouldn't speculate on how many people in the United States may have had UFO abduction experiences, although he said, "It's a huge number, an enormous number."

He bases that on the reluctance people have to come forward with such information. Of the *Omni* letter writers, "a huge percentage had had UFO sightings. A tiny percentage have reported them."

Hopkins has yet to computerize the data he has gathered from people who have written to him, so the geographical distribution of incidents is unknown. But there seem to be pockets of interest in places like the Northwest, the Hudson Valley of New York and the areas of Indiana where Kathie Davis lives.

Hopkins sees himself as something of a sounding board for people who believe they've been abducted.

"One of the most crucial things, the one clear impression that you must give the person is of belief and acceptance," he said, "because you simply won't hear the story."

Hopkins spent two-and-a-half years interviewing and examining Kathie Davis. His evaluation of the truthfulness of her story:

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"She's vulnerable. A mutual friend in the entertainment field said, 'I don't think she has the ability to lie.' There is not the slightest problem with her veracity. I haven't the slightest problem with her credibility. She can't talk about the little girl and the whole thing without starting to cry."

Perhaps the most frightening aspect of the abduction stories is the seeming callousness of the aliens as they perform painful medical procedures on humans.

"It's almost like they don't quite understand what they're doing, the psychological harm that they're doing," he said. But in the minds of those who believe they've had such experiences, "there is absolutely no doubt of the shock and pain of what (the aliens) are doing."

In "Intruders," Hopkins postulates that the alien invasions may be an effort to revive a dying culture.

"I try very hard not to theorize," he said. "I have no way of knowing what the ultimate goal is."

But, based on what he's been told by abductees, "It's possible that they need something, and they learn something from us about emotional needs," he said.

Hopkins also is collecting information on UFO abductions of children.

"I've got 'em left and right," he said. Children's accounts of abductions typically are very specific about not being dreams. They sometimes come from children too young to have been exposed to any publicity about UFOs and alien beings.

Hopkins has been gratified by the public reaction to his published works. He believes skepticism about UFOs and alien abductions is on the wane, although many people don't believe the stories he presents.

"People should weigh the material for themselves," he said. "We certainly need a bunch more open attitudes."

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# UFO alert by 3128 police patrols



Sgt Stuart Griffiths:  
Bright oblong block

Police were today investigating reports of two sightings of a UFO over the Black Country last night — which was seen by four police officers.

Two separate police patrols spotted an unidentified flying object over the Walsall area.

One officer described the UFO as a giant oblong block of light which was spinning and moving silently across the sky.

● At 9pm Insp Roger Clarke and Sgt Steve Godwin, of Darlaston police station, sighted a UFO in Darlaston when they were on patrol in Delves Road, Palfrey, Walsall.

● Fifteen minutes later Sgt

Stuart Griffiths and Pc Michael Powell, of Willenhall police, saw a low-flying flashing object in the sky over Rose Hill, Willenhall.

Sgt Godwin said: "We were driving towards Caldmore when we saw a massive object in the sky.

"There were loads of lights but

it too far bigger than any aircraft that I've ever seen."

Sgt Clive Isherwood, in the control room at Willenhall, said: "They couldn't tell what shape it was, but it had four bright white lights and a flashing red and green one.

Sergeant Griffiths said: "It was a very bright, oblong block of light."

# Police in 3128 two UFO sightings

Do aliens hover in the skies above Walsall? That was the thought of two separate police patrols which on Tuesday night spotted an unidentified flying object over Willenhall.

At nine o'clock, Inspector Roger Clarke and Sergeant Steve Godwin sighted a UFO

in Darlaston while they were on patrol in Delves Road, Palfrey.

About 15 minutes later, Sergeant Stuart Griffiths and Pc Michael Pell saw a low-flying, flashing object in the sky over Rose Hill, Willenhall.

Sergeant Godwin said: "We were driving towards Caldmore when we saw this massive object in the sky.

"There were loads of lights, but it was far bigger than any aircraft that I've ever seen."

Reports gave it four bright white lights and a flashing red and green one, very low and travelling at high speed."

A spokesman at Birmingham International Airport said it could possibly have been a helicopter or aircraft heading for Wolverhampton's Halfpenny Green Airport.

"But Willenhall is not on any general flight path and the descriptions are very odd."

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# We saw a UFO, say police!

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By Roger Clark

## Sightings in local streets

Five people, four of them police officers reported UFO sightings in separate incidents in Darlaston and Willenhall last week.

The first sighting was made by Inspector Roger Clarke and Sergeant Steve Godwin in Darlaston.

They were on their way back to base in Walsall when they saw 'a strange object' in the sky at about 9.05pm on Tuesday.

They said it was a large object and travelled very fast.

Sergeant Godwin told us: "At the time we dismissed it as a very big plane but it is certainly the biggest thing

I've ever seen."

Minutes later at 9.08pm Sergeant Stuart Griffiths and PC Michael Powell saw an object in Willenhall.

They were heading towards the town centre after patrolling Rose Hill.

They saw a very large object, again travelling very fast, but this time the officers got out of their car to investigate.

The object was flying very low but there was no sound.

It had four lights on its side, two white and two flashing red and green. It

disappeared at high speed.

Sergeant Griffiths said: "I couldn't hazard a guess as to what it was. I have never seen one before or had a report of a UFO before.

"We kept it in view for around two minutes as it moved left to right.

"It was a constant speed and it has been reported to the Ministry of Defence.

"There may be a totally logical explanation but I will keep an open mind."

At around 9pm David Corser from Tyler Road,

near Rose Hill, also saw a strange object.

He said: "At first I thought it was a star, but after taking a closer look it was too big.

"I went into the bedroom to get my binoculars but by the time I'd come out it was gone."

Could it have been an aircraft? RAF Cosford said that a lady phoned them around 7pm claiming to have seen a UFO, but they explained it as a plane. They weren't open at the time of the other sightings.

RAF Shawbury nearby had some helicopters operating during the night but not over Willenhall and Darlaston.

## Sightings of UFOs flood in

Reported sightings of UFOs have been coming in from throughout the West Midlands today — 24 hours after two separate police patrols claimed to have spotted the unidentified flying objects in Walsall.

Mr Stewart Norris, his wife Teresa and their 16-year-old son Richard, of Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield, say they saw a "huge cream light" in the sky as they were driving home on the A38 13 days ago.

Mr Adrian Scott, of Harborne Park Road, Birmingham, contacted Birmingham International Airport a day before press reports. He claimed he saw a UFO two nights running.

Mr Stanley Cheeseman, a retired hotel designer, said he was walking his dog on Holly Lucas Road, Kings Heath, when he saw a "brilliant magnesium light" in the sky.

Birmingham International Airport said: "There was an aircraft to the North of Walsall, but not where you describe."

John Hurley, Chairman of the UFO Scientific Investigations said: "I can't really comment on what they saw as I haven't all the details and I haven't spoken to the officers.

"It is unusual for the police to announce that they have seen something as they usually put the block on it.

"I can't get over that, it's very unlike the police to say they have seen it."

There was a mixed reaction from residents.

One said: "Myself, and many others, are a little frightened, you don't know what it could have been."

Another said: "The UFO's are taking more interest in Willenhall than Walsall Council do!"

A Spokesman for the Ministry of Defence said: "It is being looked at as routine. We look at the operational roles of the radar and so on.

"We are interested in UFO sightings but we would be even more interested if they landed at our military bases and little green men jumped out! Over 90 per cent are explainable phenomenon.

"Seriously, though, the police are people to rely on and they are supposed to be truthful so we will look at the sighting."

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## One explanation of these UFOs

AT risk of reopening the long-running controversy about the mysterious objects seen over Lincolnshire shortly before Christmas, I must mention a letter I received the other day from William Richards, of Spridlington.

He put them down as a number of aircraft flying in formation.

"Each of the right-handed machines had a large red light showing, maybe on its wing, or it could have been under the fuselage," he said. "The red lights did not flash and I don't think the white lights of the other aircraft blinked either.

"I could not tell if they were British or American, but their engines were certainly very quiet."

# MY SPACE INVADERS!

AMATEUR photographer Andrew Farnaby believes he has captured real-life space invaders on film. 3128

The 20-year-old community programme database worker was with four pals when, he claims, they saw a strange bright object in the night sky above Coulby Newham.

Andrew, of Forber Road, Linthorpe, Middlesbrough, dashed into his home to get his camera and tripod before the "visitors" and their "UFO" disappeared.

By MALCOLM PICKERING

"I set it up on a long time exposure and the picture shows it quite clearly. It is like a bright tadpole with two tails."

One of his mates who also saw the "UFO" was Mark Savage, 18, of Rochester Road, who said: "It was really weird."

"There was no way it could have been a plane or a helicopter."

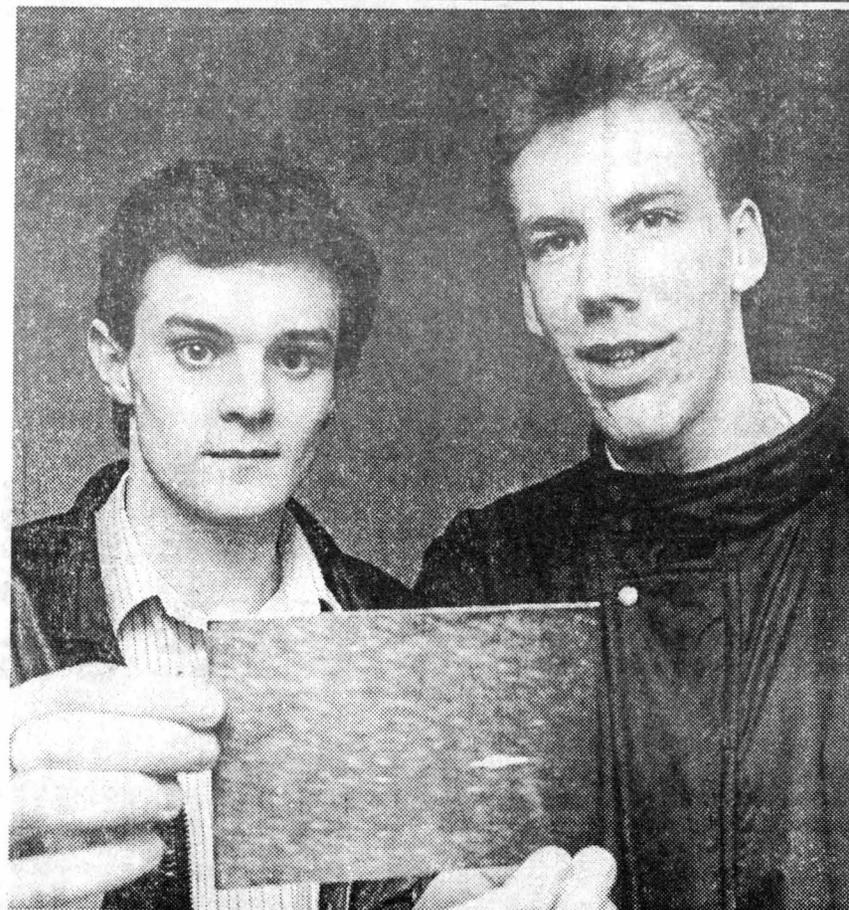
"It stayed too still. It was there for about 25 minutes, then it just went whoosh and vanished."

Said Andrew: "We did not tell anyone except our parents what we had seen, because we were sure no-one would believe us."

"But when the film came back, there it was. It wasn't a star. The stars show up on the photo in a completely different way."

Cleveland Police say they had no other reports of UFO sightings on the night in question, last Wednesday.

## Weird visitor in the night sky...



● UFO spotters Andrew Farnaby, left, and Mark Savage with the photograph they claim is of a "flying saucer" — shown below in an enlargement.



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## FURTHER REPORTS OF UFO SIGHTINGS

Reports of UFO sightings over Kimberworth are still on the increase, it was revealed this week.

Local UFO expert Mick Hanson, of Goldsmith Drive, East Herringthorpe, told the Record this week: "The number of recent sightings over the South Yorkshire area is unprecedented and we're still getting reports."

The latest sightings, on Sunday night, were again over Fenton Road, Kimberworth — the scene of two recent sightings reported in last week's Record.

Said Mick: "Our investigators Paul Garner and Ian Smith spotted a luminous red object, shaped like a diamond.

"The object rose into the air, hovered for a minute or so, over the Greasborough and Upper Haugh areas, and then descended again. Our investigators said they thought it appeared to be landing," said Mick, who is Area Co-ordinator for the S. Yorks. UFO Society.

Mick said that a search of the relevant area had so far revealed no evidence of a UFO landing.

But Mick and his colleagues hope to enlist the help of the South Yorkshire Microlite Society so they can carry out an airborne search for clues to the sightings.

Mick also provided the Record with photographs of the object seen over Kimberworth last week. The pictures show five points of brilliant orange light — shaped like a diamond!

These pictures were, regrettably, unsuitable for reproduction for technical reasons.

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## Hilda cops UFO too

UFO fever spread to Stafford this week when a stunned skywatcher backed up reports from two police crews who sighted strange objects in the sky.

Hilda Harding was peering out of a window in her Sydney Avenue home when she saw two white lines shoot by overhead.

"They were moving very, very fast and couldn't have been planes. Then I heard that other people saw them as well," she said.

Reports from the two West Midlands police teams who independently saw a giant block of light whizzing through the air are being studied by senior officers.

## Tower gave UFO landing instructions!

An unidentified flying object was spotted over Medellin airport, Bogota, Colombia, on February 9 by several pilots and flight control operators, it has been reported.

At one stage, the international Jose Maria Cordova airport control tower, believing it was a private plane, gave it landing instructions.

The crew of a Boeing 727 of the Colombian airline Avianca radioed the control tower, "It is following us."

The tower ordered the plane to circle instead of landing to avoid a collision.

An aeronautical board imposed a news blackout on the events, but a journalist reported that the object looked like a fast-moving giant star.

The crews of five different planes, including a military plane carrying army chief General Oscar Botero, reported seeing the object, which stayed in the area for half an hour.

## Teenager convinced of close encounter with UFO

TEENAGER Tracey Brown is convinced a 'silent, white craft' seen skimming across the Cold Ashby skyline was a UFO.

She has the backing of a friend who also spotted the strange object flitting across the sky.

Tracey (19), of Thornby Road, Cold Ashby, was out walking her dog with Maria Richardson when the 'alien' craft came into view.

"I thought I was going mad but when Maria said she had seen it, I knew I wasn't," said Tracey. "It was like a silent white frisbee hovering in the sky. It has made me quite nervous."

Tracey said she was convinced that the flying saucer, which flew off towards Creton and Spratton, was not a plane or helicopter.

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A UFO researcher said: "It is a classic type of UFO sighting in that the object seen follows a conventional shape. The fact that it was silent and the way in which it hovered and moved off at great speed is another classic characteristic of the UFO."

"As to what it was, I wouldn't like to hazard a guess. A lot more information would be needed before the object could be evaluated."

Inspector Gerry Wright, based at Weston Favell, said no other sightings had been reported.

A spokesman for the Ministry of Defence said they would only be concerned if the sighting had a military connotation.

"Ninety per cent of sightings are explained by natural phenomena or planes," he said.