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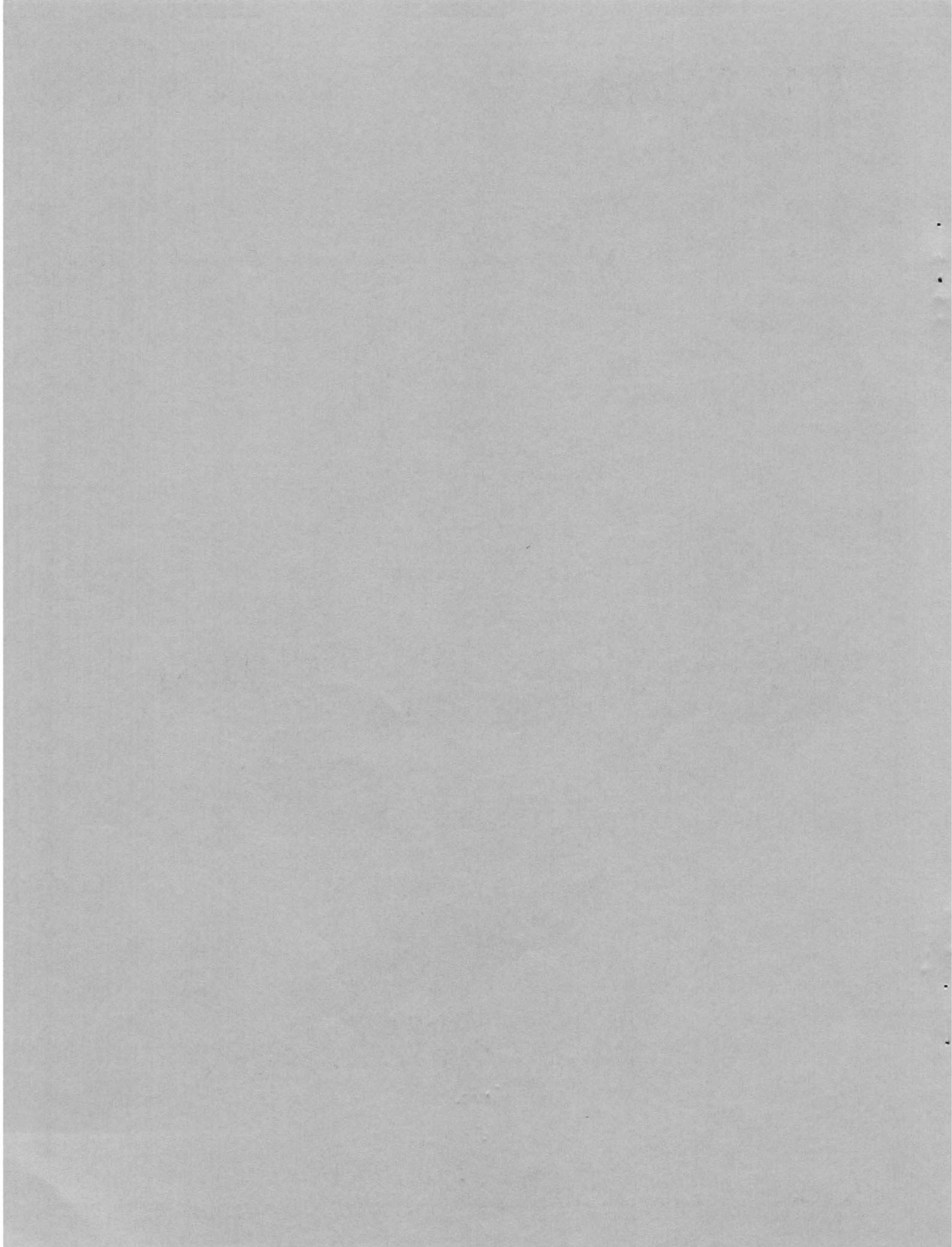
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# JOAN TRACKS WEST'S UFOS

JOAN AMOS has a substantial file of UFO sightings all over the West Country — detailed descriptions by men and women who are shy about subsequent publicity.

I had come to Lucy Cottage, Peter Tavy, where Joan Amos and her husband live. It is a delightful Devonshire village sitting high above Tavistock on the edge of Dartmoor.

Joan, who is in her early 60s, told me how her interest in the subject took root at 6.30 on a bright April morning in 1978.

The sun was shining out of a clear blue sky and Joan was in Tavistock Hospital with four other women waiting for the day to begin — and the early morning tea to arrive.

One of the group suddenly pointed into the sky above Cox Tor and asked: 'What's that?'

'We all recognised it as a UFO in the halo of light as bright as the sun. It hovered and then moved away towards the moors.

'Though we were all in hospital, we were perfectly okay. None of us was ill at that moment. All five of us had our full faculties,' said Joan.

Other events intensified Joan's deepening interest. In May a policeman saw a 'green fire ball' hovering over Mary Tavy, not far from the Amos's cottage. Then a terrified fisherman, fishing for trout, was chased across a field by a flying saucer.

## Hovering

Even more astonishing, though, was the experience of Denise, a 19-year-old girl from St Budeaux, Plymouth.

In **SUPERNATURAL ADVENTURE**, a new book published by Bossiney, price £2.50, Cornishman **MICHAEL WILLIAMS** investigates a whole range of Supernatural subjects. Today in a **SUNDAY INDEPENDENT** series, extracted from this, the 151st title from the cottage publishers of St Teath, Michael Williams concentrates on the subject of UFOS.

This is how she recalled her frightening experience to the Plymouth UFO Research Group: 'I was coming into my house at approximately 11.15pm, and as I approached the corner of the bungalow I saw some lights behind the house.

'When I got to the back door and could see up the hill behind our house, I saw an enormous UFO hovering above the houses on top of the hill.

'The object was unlit and a dark metallic grey, but coming from underneath and shining down on the rooftops beneath it were six or seven broad shafts of light.

## Frightened

'These were lovely pastel shades of pink and purple, and also white. I saw all this in an instant and I was terrified.

'I hurriedly reached for the

door but as I put my hand on the handle, from the unlit side of the ship, a lime green pencil of light came down and hit the back of my hand.

'As soon as it hit my hand I couldn't move. I was stopped dead in my tracks. The beam stayed on my hand for at least 30 seconds, in which time I could only stand and watch the UFO.

'I was very frightened, although the UFO was a fantastic sight to see. It was huge and silent. In fact, the whole area seemed very quiet.

'The green beam, which didn't give off any illumination and was rather like a rod of light, then switched off and I continued to open the door.

'It was as if a film had been stopped then started again. I had been stopped in mid-stride and when the beam went off continued the same movement. I opened the door and rushed into the house.

'As I did so the UFO lifted into the sky slightly and moved away and out of my sight.

'Rubbing my hand I ran in and told my sister. We went

back outside but there was nothing to be seen. Coming in again my sister examined my hand but there was nothing there.

## Sting

'I went and sat down, and a few minutes later my sister's dog sniffed my hand making it sting. On looking at it I noticed spots of blood and after washing I saw it was a burn,' her account says.

Joan Amos, on my visit to Lucy Cottage, handed me a coloured photograph of Denise's hand, clearly showing the burn.

Moreover, Joan had no doubts about the authenticity of Denise's experience.

Bob Boyd, chairman of the Plymouth UFO Research Group, had taken the photograph and had interviewed the girl between 3.15 and 5am that night — the family having been given his telephone number by police.

Joan has personally had as many as five UFO sightings: two, on separate occasions, in the vicinity of Brentor Church on the edge of Dartmoor.

I asked her how she had felt. 'It's like being alone in a bubble,' she said. 'You're somehow isolated. We call it the OZ Factor. It's a special state of consciousness.'

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# 'A lime green pencil of light hit my hand'

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UFO BURN: a Plymouth girl's hand she says was burned by a UFO

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## The thin green beam

**MYSTERY**  
surrounds a strange green light which has been piercing the night sky over north Bolton recently.

The pencil-thin beam can be seen quite clearly as it flickers on for several seconds at regular three-four minute intervals.

One man who says he's "baffled" is the Town Mayor of Blackrod Council Graham Farrington. "I've seen the light for several nights now and for the life of me I can't figure out what it is.

### FLASHING

"It's very, very strange. It lights up the whole sky and seems to be coming from the direction of Blackburn or Darwen."

The flashing light may add credence to those UFO watchers who insist that the Rivington area is a prime landing site for extra terrestrials.

But several years ago a similar phenomenon had a more down to earth explanation. On that occasion the mystery light turned out to be nothing more than a laser beam show atop Blackpool Tower.



● COUNC  
FARRINGTON

Joan is as Devonshire as the moor itself. Plymouth born and bred, her maiden name was Exworthy and her family originally came from the Hexworthy area of Dartmoor.

But there's nothing narrow or parochial about Joan when it comes to UFOs. Her files contain reports of sightings from all over the world.

### Kidnapped

One account by UFO investigator Gordon Creighton, editor of *Flying Saucer Review* claims that extra-terrestrials are visiting our planet to make love with earthlings.

One report in his casebook

refers to a Brazilian farmer and a beautiful alien girl.

The farmer was kidnapped in a field and taken aboard a flying saucer. There he was stripped, washed and left naked in one of the cabins. Half an hour later a naked woman alien with bleached hair, very high cheekbones and cat-like eyes came into the room and made love to him.

Gordon Creighton says it is one of many cases of sex between man and aliens and he further reflects: 'Usually a post-hypnotic suggestion is given to people who are kidnapped so they don't remember what happened.

'Maybe the aliens want to salvage our stock in case of a nuclear war, or they may need some of our genes to revitalise their own stock.'

### Inspired

The whole UFO business has been treated seriously in that the 8th Earl of Clancarty, an expert, has spoken on the subject in the House of Lords and chaired the all-party UFO study group in the upper chamber.

According to the Earl, Stephen Spielberg's films *Close Encounters of the Third Kind* were inspired by extra-

terrestrials.

*Close Encounters* was based on a real life meeting between UFOs and President Eisenhower, who is supposed to have met aliens by arrangement at a secret base, claims the Earl.

'Five aircraft of different shapes flew into the base. The aliens looked like us but were dressed in outfits similar to motorcycle clothes.

### Sightings

'Eisenhower decided that the aliens were so advanced that the world was not ready for open contact yet. But the aliens suggested an education programme should go into operation to prepare the way.

'I believe *ET* and *Close Encounters* are part of that education programme.'

Joan Amos, for her part, believes UFOs could be keeping an eye on us on Earth. The number of sightings has leapt dramatically in recent years while we have been developing nuclear weapons and rockets.

'I believe they have an interest in Earth,' said Joan very seriously, 'and they would probably intervene in the event of a war between the Super Powers. They would want to stop all-out war and save us and our world.'

**the paper that really CARES about Bolton**

# The hills are alive — with UFOs

## 'The Moors are the ideal place to touchdown'

By **ALAN WRIGHT**

Steve said: "The Ministry of Defence say that these things do not exist but why is the all the hullabaloo and hushing things up. Why do they want photographic evidence which never appear again?"

He asks the question: "Why is there a special department at the MoD in Chippenham set up for top secret research into the subject? Have they tried to contact them on a number of occasions but they just hang up without saying a word."

Steve said: "The more information we get the more chance we have of finding out about UFOs. I am sure they are trying to contact us."

He is a member of the Direct Investigation Group on Aerial Phenomena and can be contacted by writing to 10, Woodlands Avenue, Pennington, Leigh.

around the reservoirs. One theory is that they could be taking on water.

"The area is also the ideal place for these things to come down because it is very very isolated, especially with this type of weather when the areas are cold and inhospitable."

Steve also has a number of rather confusing theories about "lines of navigation" on the moors around Bolton and such scientific ideas are coming to the forefront of UFO investigations.

Steve is also one of the many Ufologists who are certain that there is a cover up by the major Governments. He is also sure that Governments have made contact with UFOs.

THE BRIGHT lights of the city pale into insignificance compared to the lights over Belmont Moor.

The BEN and local Ufologist Steve Balon have been inundated with calls about the strange lights.

Steve says that over the past two weeks alone he has had more than a dozen calls from people in the Horwich and Belmont areas.

With 20 years in Ufology behind him, Steve said: "It all started off with Mrs Dorothy Lomax from Dunscair spotting a bright light from her kitchen window. I went up there to speak to her and found it was not astronomical.

"I checked with air traffic control in Manchester and the Met. Office in Stockport and it was still unexplained.

"This started an avalanche of calls concentrated in Horwich and Belmont. They are different people who have witnessed something strange in different locations in Bolton."

Steve also mentioned a woman's sighting of a "brilliant white sphere" which appeared to land in hills near to the Turton and Entwistle reservoir.

Steve commented: "The sphere was whizzing backwards and forwards over the moors at a very high speed. It stopped in mid air and started to fall slowly to the ground and then disappeared behind a hill."

At 9.15pm on Monday, Jan 11, another woman spotted an oval-shaped, bright light "lighting up the whole sky" while she was driving near to Doffcocker Lodge. She said that the object went down at a steep angle towards the lodge.

Steve said: "Over the past five years I have had about 100 calls about the Belmont area. When you think that many people are embarrassed or afraid to admit seeing UFOs the number of sightings could be in the thousands.

"There is a concentration of sightings in Belmont and Horwich



● Steve Balon, high on

Belmont Moors, searching for local traces of 'close encounters'.

Picture by MARTIN BIRCHALL.

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# FLYING SAUCERS, BALLS OF FIRE!

## PREVIOUS local sightings of UFOs include:

Sept 17, 1954: Farnworth couple Mr and Mrs James Clayton of Lupin Avenue see a "flying saucer" racing backwards and forwards along the horizon at Holcombe Brook.

Sept 2, 1957: Headline "Yellow Ball of Fire seen in Rivington Night Sky".

Aug 25, 1967: Myths that there were flying saucers over Winter Hill were in fact the reflections of headlights from vehicles ferrying staff to and from the television masts.

Oct 27, 1967: Two policemen chased a mysterious cigar-shaped object which hovered over Bacup police station.

Apr 29, 1969: Dogs in the area began howling and whining when UFO 'landed' on golf links in the Plodder Lane area of Farnworth.

Aug 26, 1969: BEN intro: "Watched by a terrified woman and her 14-years-old daughter, a mysterious flying object hovered for 10 seconds over the rooftops of Bolton and then vanished in a flash of light."

Mar 26, 1976: Schoolboys took a picture of a UFO in Leigh.  
Sep 24, 1976: Bolton couple William and Edith Eastham describe how a "flying saucer" hovered over fields near their home.

Sep 17, 1978: Linda Barlow and Susan Mahub had a close encounter at Linda's house in Padbury Way, Bolton.

Jan 6, 1986: A couple claim to have been chased at 50 mph near Belmont.

Nov 30, 1987: Green lights in the sky over Bolton explained as reflections from a laser light show at a new shopping complex in Walton-le-Dale, near Preston.



Gannett

Terence Hines, left, and Philip Imbrogno check each other's books.

## Reality ... or tricks of human perception?

### New UFO sightings in area stir debate

By Paul Kirby

Staff Writer

To hear Philip Imbrogno tell it, a mysterious airship — sometimes oval, sometimes shaped like a boomerang — is surveying northern Westchester and Putnam counties.

But listen to Terence Hines, and the UFO becomes nothing more than a trick of the mind.

Imbrogno, 37, of Bethel, Conn., has been a UFO researcher for the past 15 years. Hines, 37, of Thornwood, is a psychology professor at Pace University in Pleasantville and a UFO skeptic.

Both have written about the local sightings, Imbrogno claiming they are indeed evidence of UFOs, Hines saying they are a matter of human perceptions.

The two men debated the issue recently at Gannett Westchester Newspapers' regional office in Yorktown Heights, after new sightings renewed interest in an object reported seen in the skies over the two counties since 1983.

Imbrogno claimed more than 5,000 people have reported an object hovering over their homes, appearing as big as a football field at times. He is convinced it is "something more than aircraft, more than misperception, more than blimps. . . . It's something else."

"This has been witnessed by police officers, IBM executives and trained observers," Imbrogno said. "These are not people who run to the phone and cry 'UFO!'"

"I look to explain sightings. I'm not saying a spaceship is flying around the Hudson Valley, but something is, and I think money should be used to study it."

Hines disagreed with Imbrogno's conclusion that proof of the UFO rests in the fact that professionally trained people report seeing the same object in the sky some time and distance apart.

"If you are aware of perception as it is studied by psychologists, you know that people who perceive something are telling the truth about what they perceive," Hines said. "But does it make it really true?"

Hines cited a case involving two police officers who became convinced they were being chased by a UFO. It was later determined that the light they saw was the planet Venus, which appeared to move as they watched it from a moving car.

"They were terrified, and rationally so, clearly frightened, that they were being chased by a UFO," Hines said. "But this case illustrates how badly misled even trained observers can be. It's a very compelling experience."

Hines said he thinks aircraft are responsible for the UFO sightings in the area. Reports several years ago credited the sightings to pilots flying light aircraft in formation.

Imbrogno said airplanes could explain perhaps 30 percent of the sightings.

"People are saying this is hovering over reservoirs, and illuminating them," he said. "I don't know how you can misinterpret that."

"It's either high or low, and it's right in front of you, lighting up the water. It's very real," Imbrogno said.

While Imbrogno and Hines disagreed about the explanation for the Westchester and Putnam sightings, both shared a skepticism about reported abductions by UFOs.

What would it take to convince Hines that UFOs — either government-sponsored or spacecraft from other planets — exist?

"A hunk of UFO, a little green guy or a government guy showing up at Pace University and saying, 'Take me to be interviewed, I'm ready to tell the story,'" Hines said.

But Imbrogno said Hines' attitude will keep investigators from learning what is happening in the skies.

Imbrogno recently co-authored a book called "Night Siege: The Hudson Valley UFO Sightings." Hines included a chapter on the UFOs in another recent book, "Pseudoscience and the Paranormal."

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# UFO sightings around state: 'If you're crazy, I'm nuts, too'

## UFOs: 'If you're crazy, I'm nuts, too'

By Mark Holmberg  
Times-Dispatch staff writer

Rural Retreat Police Chief Bob Lewis wishes he could find a lid for the can of worms he opened two weeks ago when he spotted an unidentified flying object.

"I didn't see anything," he joked as he opened the door of his modest brick home to confront another reporter. He stepped into his front yard and glanced at the mountains on the edge of town: "Man, I wish I hadn't said a word to anybody about it."

Lewis is one of dozens of Southwest Virginia residents who are certain they've seen large, silent objects hovering — or creeping along — in the crisp air over the multicolored mountains.

He carefully looked at each of the composite drawings of other recent sightings, made by Times-Dispatch artists with the help of the witnesses.

"I don't know what it was I saw up there," he said calmly after looking the sketches over, "but that's it right there."

He jabbed a finger at one of the drawings, a black-and-white version of the cone-shaped object drawn by the artists. It wasn't a depiction of one of the Wythe County sightings, but a drawing of an object spotted over Richmond skies.

A Southside woman was driving north toward Richmond on Interstate 95 Wednesday night. The following is her explanation of her close encounter:

"I sound crazy, I know. When I saw it I thought: 'This isn't me that's seeing this.'"

"It wasn't all the way dark; the news had just finished. I was driving to Cloverleaf Mall to go to the Toys-R-Us. Right past the Willis Road exit, the boys [ages 2 and 4] started being calm. That's highly unusual.

"The kids said, 'Look at all those lights, mommy.' The traffic slowed. My radio stopped working and my lights got dim. The charge light came on. I looked over and oh, God! Oh, God! I started ripping apart my glove compartment, looking for my camera." She pulled her car over.

"It was about as high up as a telephone wire, maybe lower, and it was about the size of that house" — she pointed out her back door to a house about 1,000 square feet in size, 50 yards away — "and it was that close.

"The lights were flashing; red, blue, green, yellow, yellow, blue. It was so beautiful. There was no noise. The sky was so quiet. I didn't want to take my eyes off of it. Other cars had pulled over. I asked one of the drivers, 'Am I crazy?' She said: 'If you're crazy, I'm nuts, too.'"

She continued to watch for about two minutes. A round, red object, much smaller and glowing brightly, approached the larger object, as if the two were playing hide and seek, she said. Once the small object "found" the other, both disappeared instantly, followed by a "shower" of white lights, like a tangle of shooting stars.

She then tried her ignition. The car started right up.

No one else called to substantiate the Richmond story, but have the Wythe UFOs strayed east?

After nearly a dozen interviews with UFO spotters there, a clear picture emerges:

- The UFOs are silent except for an occasional "little hum. Reminded me of a little bee or something," Patricia Aker said. She and her family saw two airplane-shaped objects before sundown more than a week ago, flying low at low speed. She and her husband, Elmo, helped with the other composite drawing.

- The UFOs can hover or fly so slowly that they appear to be hovering.

- The objects appear in groups of two or three. The red, green, yellow and white lights usually don't flash.

- Many spotters believe the objects are part of a secret military project.

- Dogs, usually alert to visitors, haven't paid any attention to the UFOs.

- The objects are being spotted by people who have never seen a UFO before.

- Witnesses say they feel the objects are not hostile; in fact, most smile while discussing their encounters.

It's hardly a laughing matter. Residents of Wythe are no strangers to aircraft, particularly military planes on maneuvers, and they say what they've been seeing are not normal aircraft.

"They'll jar your windows out," Elmo Aker said of the military aircraft that frequently fly by. "This one didn't hardly make any noise. What struck me was it was flying so slow. I don't see how anything that big could stay in the air going that slow." He said it was larger than a bomber.

The Aker sighting was rare in that it was still daylight, although the light was fading fast.

"If I'd seen one after dark, it would have scared me to death," Mrs. Aker said. As it was, their children were terrified and cried: "Daddy, get out of here!" she said.

Many of the other sightings coin-

cide with that one. Lighting patterns match almost exactly.

"It was big, lights aflashin' all the way around," said Gerald Musser, who spotted the object while bow hunting for raccoons "down in Black Lick. It was a humongous thing, then came another right behind it, just in a straight arrow." He then saw a big reddish-orange ball. "My buddy said it was their mother," Musser said with a laugh.

## LIFO SIGHTING CONT

Billie Rosenbaum was watching the baseball game Wednesday night when he stepped outside to get a little air. He said he saw two objects almost exactly like those Musser saw. He ran over and woke up his neighbor and together they watched the objects make a slow tour of the ridge above his house.

Rosenbaum described his encounter while playing pool in his basement. "I'd give anything if he'd land over here," he said as he hunkered down for a shot on the 12-ball. "I'd go with them in a minute."

That same night, Jack and Carolyn Ellison spotted objects creeping through the air above their mobile home on the outskirts of Rural Re-

tract. The composite sketch of what they saw matched that of the Aker sighting.

Retired from the Air Force, where he worked on flight simulators, Ellison is no stranger to aircraft.

"I told her [his wife] that maybe that's some of the new Star Wars defense," drawled Ellison. "The next day that Stealth bomber went down ... made me think about what I'd seen."

Bettie Patton saw the same thing the others did, except she noticed the smaller glowing ball coming out of the top of the larger object. "The little one flew off a little bit and curved toward Cripple Creek. The big one followed it. ... It was strange. It was like you were being stared at." She, too, heard a low humming sound.

After the UFO left, Mrs. Patton remembered thinking, "I don't believe in this bull," and went outside to look up into the crystal clear skies to see if she couldn't spot the object again.

The air was crisp; the stars were brilliant. Everything was quiet.

"Then the hog snorted," she remembered. "It just about scared me to death."

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## Unidentified objects spotted in Dutch sky

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands — Police deployed a dozen patrol cars and a helicopter in a late-night chase for unidentified flying objects, a police spokesman said yesterday.

The hunt, accompanied by dozens of calls from all over the Dutch capital reporting unidentified flying objects, failed to yield anything extraterrestrial, spokesman Klaas Wilting said.

"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.

After a 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," said Wilting.

## BIRMINGHAM EVENING NEWS

### Mum and daughter 'caught in UFO beam'

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Mrs Thomas, of Dyce Close, Castle Vale, said she and her daughter were walking through an alley near their home when they were suddenly caught in the beam.

She added: "It was like a huge torch shining down from what looked like a round object with a flat top.

"I felt dizzy and very confused and we just held on to each other."

Helen Thomas said said the object made a humming noise.

The recent spate of UFO sightings in the Midlands has taken an unusual turn with a mother and daughter on their way to work in Birmingham having a "strange encounter".

Mrs Carol Thomas and her 18-year-old daughter Helen were walking to their cleaning job at 5.30am yesterday when they were caught up in a "torch-like beam" shining down from something in the sky.

The matter is being taken seriously by Mr John Hurley, secretary of UFO Studies Investigations, the local organisation specialising in UFOs, who has no doubt the story is true.

## ROTHERHAM & SOUTH YORKSHIRE ADVERTISER

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### Sightings in night sky

Sir - I am a Sheffield University student and local investigator for the Independent UFO Network. I have recently collected a large number of reports from members of the public throughout the north of Sheffield and other parts of South Yorkshire who have observed unusual flying objects in the night sky.

On February 2 a large number of people, including police officers, reported seeing a V-shaped object carrying a number of coloured lights flying at low level from Rotherham over Ecclesfield, Shiregreen and Grenoside just before 8pm.

A week later, on Wednesday, February 10, a large triangular or diamond-shaped UFO carrying a number of red and white lights was observed at very low-level by a group of witnesses at Hoyland, near Barnsley, and later the same night by a car full of people travelling on the Woodhead Road near Penistone.

I would very much like to hear from anyone who may have observed these particular flying objects on the nights in question, or indeed who has observed any unusual lights or objects in the night sky recently. All reports will be treated in the strictest confidence.

I can be contacted on Sheffield 694537, or you can report your sighting to our 24-hour UFO hotline service number, which is Batley (0924) 444049.

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# Mars draws nigh

## May touch off 'UFO sightings'

MIAMI (AP) — Mars makes its closest approach to Earth in a generation this year, and astronomers say the red planet's appearance in the night sky may be the astronomical event of 1988.

"I see 1988 as a great Martian adventure," said Jack Horkheimer, the "Star Hustler" of the Public Broadcasting System and executive director of Miami's Space Transit Planetarium. "I'm like a kid in a candy store."

When Mars is at its closest on Sept. 21 — just over 36 million miles away — it will rival Jupiter as the brightest object in the sky after the Moon and Venus.

"It won't be this close again until 2003," Horkheimer said. "And there are a lot of kids out there who have never seen it this bright."

Unlike the comets Halley and Kohoutek, Mars will not disappoint viewers, because its brightness is more predictable and the planet will be easily visible from almost everywhere.

Horkheimer expects a spate of UFO sightings to accompany Mars' visit as people unaccustomed to the unblinking red-orange light in the night sky mistake it for more exotic extraterrestrial visitors.

Like planetarium directors around the nation, Horkheimer is preparing a series of Mars shows.

Although Earth passes Mars every two years, it is only every 15 to 17 years that the orbits of the third and fourth planets bring them as close together as in 1988. The year began with Earth and Mars separated by 200 million miles.

The close encounter comes four years before a scheduled Mars probe by the Soviet Union.

# Have UFOs visited Tier?

By ROQUA MONTEZ IV  
Staff Writer

The possibilities are infinite, but the probabilities are limited.

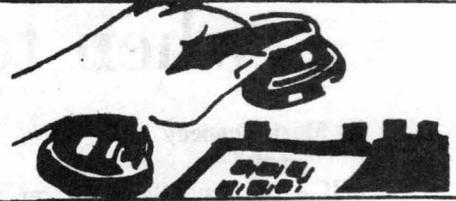
Sky-riding bright, blinking lights reported in Southern Tier skies this week kept official star-gazers and sky-watching residents guessing at the source of the glow.

Exactly what caught the attention of several residents and law enforcement officials this week hasn't been determined. But there are a few theories.

E. Jay Sarton Jr., Kopernik Observatory director, says the sightings — reported as early as Jan. 7 — were of a meteor. Others, such as Peter Santangelo, a field investigator for the Texas-based Mutual UFO Network, says the object was a fireball — a large, brilliant meteor that may trail light sparks. Still others have their own theories. Residents' claims range from a brightly lighted, hovering object to a blinding ball of light.

All of the telephone calls to the *Press & Sun-Bulletin* reporting the incident stopped short of any outlandish tales recounting little green men with laser guns or big-headed, sloe-eyed creatures mum-

## SPEAK OUT!



798-1173

**TODAY'S QUESTION:** Recent sightings of bright, blinking lights in the Southern Tier sky have prompted discussions of UFOs. Do you think the Earth has been visited by extraterrestrials?

"Speak Out!" is your opportunity to comment on issues of the day. Dial 798-1173 to respond to today's question. Please speak slowly and clearly, and limit your comments to 30 seconds. To encourage a free, full exchange of views, names and addresses won't be published without the caller's permission. We do ask that you leave your name and telephone number for our records.

We'll publish a story next Saturday with responses to the question.

bling "phone home."

And as of yesterday, no additional sightings and no tall tales had been reported around the area. But does anyone really know what's out there?

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## 'Bright light' baffles 2 police agencies

SHERBURNE — A "bright light" in the sky last night left police from two different departments wondering about what they had seen.

The Village of Sherburne Police Department and the Chenango County Sheriff's Department said representatives of both departments reported seeing something in the sky between routes 12 and 12B shortly after 7 p.m.

Federal Aviation Agency representatives at Edwin A. Link Field in Broome County said they had no radar sightings then.

"It was bigger than a meteor," said Sherburne Police Chief William Excell. "It was extremely bright, like a flash. It caught my eye. It was coming down at an angle, short of half-moon shaped."

Sheriff's Deputy Henry Campbell said he also witnessed the light while on patrol north of Sherburne.

"It was the brightest white light I have ever seen," Campbell said, adding that another motorist also witnessed it. "It was almost like an electric transformer had blown up," he said.

There were no reports of any electrical problems in the area, Excell said.

# With a self-built detector, you'll know when to look for flying saucers

By Mark Kennedy  
The Chattanooga Times

If a hovering flying saucer fries your Magnavox, zaps your wife and X-rays your puppy, will you have any warning?

Last week, a four-line classified ad, which ran in both of Chattanooga's daily newspapers, offered blueprints for home UFO detectors. The plans cost \$4.

The designer insists the do-it-yourself detectors will toot, buzz or otherwise alert you if flying saucers are circling in your neighborhood.

Tammy Silvers, of Calhoun Ga., is the exclusive mail-order representative for the blueprints, which, she says, include easy, step-by-step instructions. She runs the business out of a post office box in Sugar Valley, Ga.

"I just handle the mail and the phone calls," says Ms. Silvers, noting that business has yet to take off. "I haven't checked the post office box in a few days."

The UFO detector blueprints are the work of an associate who works for the military and declines to let his name be used publicly, Ms. Silvers says.

For this story we'll call the UFO expert Joe.

In a telephone interview, Joe said the detectors are simple devices that can pick up electromagnetic funny business in the air — sort of an extraterrestrial jet wash associated with UFOs.

Joe explains: "In the study of UFO-ology, ever since they began being reported in the 1940s, UFO sightings have been associated with strange, or bizzare electrical phenomenon."

These electromagnetic storms, Joe says, have been blamed for everything from stalled jet engines to compasses that fail to point north.

People who answer the ad will be sent

plans for three UFO detectors of different complexity. Most parts can be bought at a K mart or Radio Shack for under \$10, and take from five minutes to a few hours to assemble, Joe says.

The designer is not disturbed by the fact that his own home detectors have never snagged a UFO.

"They're like a smoke detector," Joe says. "I've got a smoke detector in my home, but I've never had a house fire either."

At least one of the detectors can be built to about the size of a pack of cigarettes and can be carried in one's pocket, he says.

The bigger, more sensitive UFO detectors should not be placed near stereo speakers or electrical wall outlets lest they give off false alarms, Joe explains.

Joe, who has a college degree, says he has turned down requests for interviews before. He plans to let Ms. Silvers keep most of the mail-order profits. "But it depends on how many she sells," he adds.

The detector is simply an advance warning system. What to do if the alarm beeps is not covered in the instructions.

"If you're in bed, get out and grab your camera," Joe advises. "You've got to be ready for this stuff. It's not going to wait. If the thing went off in my house, I'd just tear out of my house — in my underwear, nude or whatever."

Joe says that unlike some gung-ho UFO enthusiasts, he must see hard evidence before he puts stock in a flying saucer sighting. He has studied the UFO phenomenon for 20 years. Still, he says some of his buddies in the military "poke fun" at the idea of UFO detectors.

"I don't like being called an idiot, because I'm not," Joe says. "I'm an educated person."

Once, while he was skygazing, Joe says, a point of light he mistook for the planet Venus suddenly shot out of view. That was his only encounter with a suspected UFO.

"People don't take UFOs seriously," the UFO detector designer says. "I really can't blame them. Look, we don't have a flying saucer we can show them."

"It's a phenomenon that some people think occurs, and some people think it doesn't. Me, I'm objective about it."

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# Tier is in the dark about flying object

By ROQUA MONTEZ IV  
Staff Writer

The object that's been brightening Broome County skies continues to keep residents and sky-watchers in the dark.

Theories abound about the object that was reported overhead since Thursday. Meteors, the planet Venus, and a military helicopter that landed at Edwin A. Link Field Monday night have all been linked to the sightings.

"You have to take all observations with a grain of salt," said E. Jay Sarton Jr., Kopernik Observatory director. "Most people are inexperienced observers and they may draw conclusions based on what they see."

Sarton believes Sunday's sighting was a meteor. The Quadrantid meteor shower, which peaked in the east at the beginning of the month, could still be shooting stray space rocks into Earth's atmosphere, local authorities said.

However, observers claim the object changed direction, hovered and presented a ball of light rather than a meteor's characteristic streak.

A Windsor woman yesterday reported a blinding ball of light 3 feet in diameter Monday evening. Two other observers made their sightings Thursday.

Victoria VanOstrand of Blatchley Road, Windsor, said she saw the object while driving 1½ miles from home. It was 20 feet above the treetops silently traveling north to south across Trim Street about 7 p.m. when it suddenly veered west, she said.

"I was nearly underneath it. The light was so blinding, I had to jam on the brakes," VanOstrand said.

VanOstrand watched the object hover over the trees in her back yard before she went inside. It was gone yesterday morning.

Edwin A. Link Field officials yesterday confirmed a military helicopter landed briefly Monday before lifting off that night. Witnesses say the copter was traveling unusually low.

"There were two bright white

lights, and they were too high to be street lights," said Celeste Pazzaglini-Mack of Binghamton. "It wasn't moving at all; it was just sort of hovering."

Pazzaglini-Mack said she saw the bright object about 6:15 p.m. Thursday as she was driving on Hooper Road in Endwell.

Peter Santangelo, a field investigator for the Texas-based Mutual UFO (unidentified flying object) Network and a member of the board of the Roberson-Kopernik Observatory in Vestal, said he's going to take a closer look at the latest sightings.

As far as Santangelo can determine, the object seen Sunday was probably nothing more than a fireball — a large, brilliant meteor that may trail light sparks, he said.

Once the object exploded, possibly leaving fragments somewhere in Pennsylvania, a burst of red, green, blue and other colors resulted, Santangelo said.

"I was at the observatory at the same time (of the Sunday sighting)," he said. "It was one hell of a fireball. There's no doubt in my mind that's what it was."

A Chenango County sheriff's deputy and the Village of Sherburne police chief, William Excell, reported seeing "bright" "white light" shortly after 7 p.m.

A sighting by two Conklin women between 6:30 and 7 p.m. Monday in the west was probably the planet Venus, Santangelo said. The blinking reported by the women was apparently caused by clouds hiding and revealing the bright planet.

One of the women took three pictures of the object before it disappeared, Santangelo said. The pictures will probably show the planet, he said.

Binghamton resident Claudia Wilkins and her children are sure they saw flashing red and white lights on what looked like a blimp. She saw the "huge" object just before 6 p.m. Thursday.

"We watched it for 10 or 15 seconds," she said yesterday. "We're not nuts."/>

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# UFO labeled as

## merely meteorites

SYDNEY (AP)—An Australian woman who said a UFO chased her car, picked it up and tossed it to the ground on a lonely outback highway may have lost control of the vehicle during a meteorite shower, an expert said Thursday.

"There is nothing known that could physically pick up a car and do what apparently happened," said Charles Morgan of the Sydney Observatory. "Either they went into fright and went into a spin without realizing, or it is an unexplained phenomenon."

Police accepted Faye Knowles' account of her drive with her three sons from Perth across the Nullabor Plain in Western Australia before dawn on Jan. 20.

At about the same time, a tuna fishing boat's crew in the Great Australia Bight, 50 miles from Knowles, told police a bright object buzzed their boat and slurred their speech.

Knowles also reported her and her children's voices became distorted while the car was airborne and said the encounter had left their vehicle covered in ash.

Morgan said the car could have been hit by a meteorite shower, which would explain the ash and the Knowles' claim of "the smell of dead bodies" inside the car. //

# UFO Conference Draws True Believers and the Curious

By SHERYL STOLBERG,  
Times Staff Writer

Patty Wolfer, a soft-spoken computer operator for a Torrance law firm, does not usually tell strangers about her rides aboard spaceships from other planets.

But this weekend, in the ballroom of a hotel in Inglewood, she made an exception.

"Sometimes it's at night," she said quietly, "and I'll just be taken. . . . I saw or was in this place and my energy was all different. And as I turned around, I saw all the panels of the spaceship. I turned and I saw this person in the corner and he was very tall and he was wearing a black wet suit, sort of. I saw that he was beaming me through, to be up there in this spaceship. . . ."

"One time in Hawaii I was completely awake. . . . They came in a form of lights and they went into my body and they scared me. I screamed because I didn't know what was going on. It was like they were researching."

## Looking for Believers

Wolfer, 31, said she went to a weekend gathering at the Quality Inn because she thought she might find some sympathetic listeners.

She found a few. About two dozen, including believers and the curious, attended the two-day conference on Unidentified Flying Objects, sponsored by New Frontiers, a Malibu group that founder Marc Michaels calls "a metaphysical society."

The conference, which Michaels said is she once used psychic energy to will a spaceship to fly over her house.

Others included R. A. Amigron, a "psychic archeologist," who believes he has found evidence of an ancient city buried in the hills of Malibu, and Alan Vaughan, a

part of his "psychic journey seminar series," touched on a wide range of topics that, one might safely say, were out of this world.

For \$99.99, participants heard from, among others, Frances Steiger, who said psychic who—in addition to claiming that he predicted Watergate, the Robert F. Kennedy assassination and the Challenger space shuttle disaster—practices "channeling," in which he says a 1,200-year-old Chinese man named Li Sung enters his body and speaks through him.



THEODORA LITSIOS / Los Angeles Times

Marc Michaels leads the conference on UFOs and other "new age" topics. Behind him is a photograph of Richard Murray's sculptures of a futuristic city.

A former skeptic of such alleged phenomena, Michaels, 33, spent 12 years in business (marketing, retailing and advertising) before his self-proclaimed psychic awakening several years ago during a seminar in Sedona, Ariz., an area known in metaphysical circles as "an energy vortex."

Michaels founded New Frontiers a year ago and runs it full time out of a house on his Point Dume property.

His mission: to enlighten the skeptical public.

Enlightenment, however, does not come cheap. So far, Michaels said, he has spent \$80,000 on the venture.

## Sees Possibilities

"We're appealing to the guy and girl next door," he said. "The person who sends their kids to school, the guy that's been going to his office for the last 18 years and had some psychic experience that he didn't want to talk about, because he didn't want to be considered crazy."

"There's a lot of people like that out there."

For instance, there's Philip McAiney. A Beverly Hills film producer and director, McAiney said he has just finished a documentary about channeling narrated by actor Telly Savalas. However, he is mum

about his own experiences.

"I've just made a policy not to really discuss it."

Estelle Delgado, a retired schoolteacher from Hawthorne, has never seen a UFO.

"I'm just interested," she explained. "I think there's a genuine possibility there are UFOs of some sort, and I think they might help us save our planet."

Edith Santos, a retired apartment manager from Los Angeles, said she saw a UFO 30 years ago, but has not seen one since. She said she has always maintained a curiosity about life on other planets, but is leery of people who say they have been scooped up into flying saucers and carried to faraway galaxies.

"There's so many loony tunes around," she said. "You don't know whether they're telling the truth."

Just as there are skeptics, however, there are believers. And where else to find believers but in Los Angeles?

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## CONFERENCE CONT

"I just saw a UFO coming back from Sedona, Ariz., and the harmonic convergence [last summer]," said Topanga resident Tony Selvage, who plays New Age music on an electric violin-violola. "I've sighted them many times. I've played to them. My music is where they come from."

Among the most fervent believers on the weekend's speaking roster were Sherie Stark and Vicki Cooper, editors of UFO magazine.

The two journalists used to call the publication "California UFO." But Stark said it is difficult enough trying to establish a national magazine about a topic like UFOs without having California's name attached to it.

"They [others in the publishing industry] told us California was too flaky," she said.

Stark and Cooper say they are trying to do what they say the



Los Angeles Times

Patty Wolfer

conventional press hasn't: report the UFO story in a non-sensational, unbiased and serious fashion.

It's a tough assignment, Stark said. After all, she explained, how can you report the facts on something that disappears without warning, changes form and renders witnesses incapable of describing what they have seen?

Despite such obstacles, the magazine carries articles about UFO sightings and alleged government cover-ups of such activity, and also advertises therapy and support groups where abductees (that's UFO-talk for people who, like Wolfer, say they have been taken away by aliens) can talk about their extraterrestrial experiences "in a safe environment."

Wolfer does not seem to yearn for such support. Nor does she doubt the reality of her alien visitors.

"I've always been responsible," she declared. "I am a normal person. I go about my daily work and I've had experiences with extraterrestrials."

As for the possibility that her experiences were drug- or alcohol-induced, Wolfer quickly dismisses it.

"I'm not on drugs," she said. "I don't need them."

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# Bonkin' Beings

BRITAIN has become a pick up point for bonking beings from outer space, it can be revealed today.

Sexy spacemen are landing in our secluded villages for close encounters of the physical kind with pretty girls.

But after whisking the wenches away for out-of-this-world sex session, the ET rats dump them back on earth just an hour later.

## Alien sex fiends hit Britain in lust hunt

The amazing claims by UFO boffin Jenny Randles are set to shock busty blondes and buxom brunettes who live in quiet rural areas.

"They're most at risk," Jenny said.

The author of a blockbuster new book - The

By RUKI SAYID

UFO Conspiracy - Jenny said: "Evidence clearly shows entities go for young women who are the subject of their experiments."

"For some strange reason they pick on girls from rural areas rather than from the city."

"And every woman who is abducted has been personally chosen by them."

"There have been some



HAVE you been an alien's plaything? Do you:

- Suffer from the same nightmare every time your head hits the pillow?
- Panic about going back to a place you visited but don't know why?
- See the same handsome stranger in your dreams?
- Think you've had a crazy experience but can't figure out where and why?

If you answer yes to all these, Jenny reckons you've had an away day with an alien.

amazing cases where they have snatched someone, decided they were too old and ditched them again."

Many victims of the sex starved beings in silver boiler suits are so distressed by their experience, they try to block it out.

One woman kidnaped by a gang of weirdos in a space machine took three years to come to terms with her ordeal.

Betty Hill was snatched in Portsmouth, New Hamp-

shire, America while driving with her husband.

It took hypnotists and medics years to coax the truth out of her.

Jenny, a director of the British UFO Research Association said: "In the last ten years Britain has proved very popular. Before 1976 there wasn't one case of someone being taken away," she said.

"After 1976 there have been 52 reported abductions."

# UFO report filed

POLICE in Chelmsford are filing an official report to the Air Ministry, after a UFO sighting was reported over the county town at the weekend.

The sighting was reported by a Witham man who was driving home along the A12 near Hatfield Peverel on Sunday evening when he saw a mysterious object in the sky over Chelmsford.

He said it was a bright light which travelled across the sky from left to right for about three seconds, then burst into flames and left behind it a vapour trail.

"He said he thought it might be an aeroplane or possibly a meteorite," said Insp David King of Chelmsford Police. "It was quite a serious report and we have been taking the sighting seriously."

Insp King added that checks with air traffic control at Stansted and Southend airports and with the Ministry of Defence had confirmed that the airspace over Chelmsford should have been clear at the time.

"We are now in the process of compiling a report for the air ministry," he added.

# MYSTERY OF CITY 'UFO' SIGHTINGS

<sup>3127</sup>  
**BAFFLED** police and airport officials have admitted they are stumped by reports of a close encounter with a mysterious flying object over Nottingham last night.

accompanied by a deep hum.

But inquiries revealed there were no aircraft in the area at the time.

"I just don't know what it was," a police spokesman said. "We checked with the Civil Aviation Authority, East Midlands Airport and RAF bases but no one was able to help."

But police have had no reports of anyone being beamed aboard the mystery craft.

Calls from the Broxtowe, West Bridgford and Sherwood areas reported sightings of strange lights in the sky on an object the size of a football pitch, travelling very slowly and

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# Mystery sky sight remains a mystery

**PUZZLED** police have drawn a blank after investigating reports of a huge UFO hovering over North Humberside.

A man alerted police, saying he had seen a 250ft. long triangular object flying above a farm at Fitling, Aldbrough.

He said it was covered in about 150 red and white lights and was making a roaring noise.

And at Bilton, two men said they saw a series of large objects, also bearing lights, moving across the sky at 5.15pm on Wednesday.

### Stars

Tony Bibby (36), of High Farm, and Phil Ready-

By **SUSAN CRITCHLEY**

martcher (39), of Limetree Lane, said the objects were moving slowly and were making a noise.

Mr Bibby said: "I have seen shooting stars before but I have never seen anything like this."

"I have not got the faintest idea what it could have been."

### Airports

A police spokesman said that such sightings were reported to civil and military airport authorities and weather centres.

"If we receive reports we investigate them seriously," he said. "In this case, we have drawn a blank."

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# More sightings of UFOs are reported

<sup>3128</sup>  
**UNIDENTIFIED** Flying Objects... **Mystery** airships, dancing lights, flying saucers or just elaborate hoaxes?

Recently the Chronicle ran a feature about a team of UFO experts who are carrying out a long-term anomaly research project on the Pennine Hills—where there have been more sightings of unexplained light phenomena over the past 100 years, than anywhere else in the country.

Among other things, the team are testing theories that the lights are caused by geological faulting, earth tremors or atmospheric phenomena.

And following the publication of the article, a number of people called the team to tell of their experiences with these lights.

Two particular events relate to this area and team member Andy Roberts has appealed to readers to get in touch with him if they also saw anything of these two recent sightings.

"The two events happened quite recently and I am certain other people must have seen them."

"If they did, I would urge them to get in contact with me as soon as they can so we can use the information in our project. All calls will be treated with the strict

test confidence," he said.

The first sighting was by a couple returning from Lancashire over the Isle of Sky road to Holmfirth on Wednesday, October 28.

The couple claim they saw a very bright light in the sky and when they got to within a mile or so of Holmfirth, they stopped the car and were directly below the light.

The object had three bright lights at the front and two at the rear and it was almost circular. After a moment, it set off moving with a whooshing sound and moved off, gathering speed over the moors to the east.

At least three independent sets of witnesses claim they saw the second sighting at 6am, on Monday, November 16.

They reported having seen a large object with searchlight-like beams approach Castle Hill. It stopped abruptly then moved off at high speed towards the Holme Moss area.

It's lights were very bright and there was a ring of red and white lights around its centre.

Anyone who saw either of these two sightings should contact Mr Roberts at 84 Elland Road, Brighouse, HD6 2QR or by telephoning Brighouse 721993.

# UFO whirring 3128 scares Owen

DRUMMER Owen Morgan has heard a space ship — but he does not expect many people to believe him.

However, he can think of no other explanation for his mysterious early-morning experience in Braintree.

Mr Morgan, a drummer living in Edinburgh Gardens, was walking his dog at 2am on Friday after finishing work.

He heard a high pitched whirring sound on his right hand side.

"I admit I was scared but I looked in that direction and there was nothing there.

"The noise continued as if I'd disturbed something and then it went across the road in front of me, all the way up Portland Close, and finally seemed to disappear into the air."

The whole episode, says Owen, took no longer than seven seconds, and he describes the noise frequency as four sounds per second.

"I don't suppose anyone will believe me but I know something was there.

## ALIENS

The extraordinary thing is that the dog didn't take any notice."

UFOs have been out of the news lately. Sensible aliens have probably chosen a different planet to observe — one without so much garbage drifting around in space to make space-flight hazardous.

But Owen Morgan for one would like to hear from anyone who has had a similar experience.

# UFO puzzler

BUTCHER Ray Fisher certainly doesn't believe in flying saucers. But he is still puzzled about some mysterious white lights he saw hovering in the sky.

Ray, who has a shop in Warrington Road, Leigh, was driving along the East Lancs Road and had reached Morley's Bridge at Astley, when he saw the lights ahead of him.

Said Ray: "I wouldn't like to say what they were, but I have never seen anything like that before. They were too far apart to be the lights on an aeroplane. It was a clear early morning and the lights were very prominent."

Ray was so fascinated at the sight he pulled into a lay-by, where he spoke to a lorry driver.

"He told me he had had the lights in view for about 10 minutes and had first spotted them at Haydock and watched them hovering."

Ray added: "I wouldn't like to make a guess at what the lights were, but I have never seen anything like that before."

Leigh Ufologist, Steve Balon, who lives in Woodlands Avenue, Pennington has been inundated with calls about strange lights in the sky, particularly over

# for Ray

the moors at Bolton. One of the most dramatic was a woman's sighting of a "brilliant white sphere" which appeared to land near to the Turton and Entwistle reservoir. Commented

Steve: "The sphere was whizzing backwards and forwards at a very high speed. It stopped in mid-air and started to fall slowly to the ground."

Steve, a member of the Direct Investiga-

tion group on Aerial Phenomena, is certain, like other members of the group that there has been a cover-up by the major governments on aerial phenomena.

He asks: "Why is there a special depart-

ment at the MOD in Chippenham set up for top-secret research into the subject? I have tried to contact them on a number of occasions, but they just hang up without saying a word."

# UFO claim 3128 by father and his stepson

ANOTHER sighting of a UFO has been claimed — this time by a 49-year-old Farnborough man and his teenage stepson.

Mr. Fred "Nobby" Clarke was driving to work at 6.30 a.m. on January 11 with his 17-year-old stepson, Darryl Robson.

They were travelling along the A31 towards Alton when they saw a bright light in the sky, with a less bright one below it.

## LARGER

On reaching Bentley, Mr. Clarke stopped to visit a shop. He said he was amazed what he saw.

"I looked up and there was a massive object moving slowly towards Farnham. It was shaped like a 50p piece and larger than an aeroplane," he said.

The object had a light at opposite ends and was making a droning noise.

Other sightings of UFOs in Farnborough, Yateley, Bagshot, Lightwater and Blackwater had been recounted to the "News" since Christmas.

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# Someone keeps an

# up there eye on us!

**SOMEWHERE in the skies over Plymouth someone - or something - is watching us.**

That is the message of the Plymouth UFO Group, a band of people who spend their spare time flying saucer spotting.

As well as holding skywatches, group members dedicate themselves to trying to make sense of the many sightings of strange objects in the Plymouth sky.

Co-ordinator Joan Amos, 66, will never forget her first sighting.

"I was in a Tavistock Hospital ward. It was 6.30 in the morning and one of the women looked out of the window and saw something," said Joan.

"When I looked out, there was a saucer-shaped object just hovering over Tavistock in broad daylight.

"I could see it clear as day and so could the other women in the ward. It had a kind of ring of bright light around it.

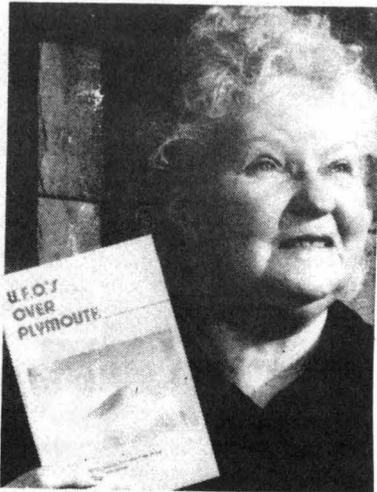
"It hovered there for a while before disappearing over the moors.

"A lot of people are very sceptical about UFOs. They think I've been watching too many science fiction films.

"Before I saw one, I never thought about it, but when you see something like that and there are witnesses, you start believing.

"We couldn't all have been seeing things."

Joan, of Lucy Cottage,



**EYE WITNESS: Joan Amos with a copy of the new booklet**

## PLYMOUTH 'GOOD FOR SEEING UFOs'

Peter Tavy, joined the Plymouth UFO Group soon after her first sighting.

Since then, she has had several other sightings, including a dark shape that swooped low over the A38 bringing traffic to a halt.

Photographic "evidence" has been collected in a 90p booklet called UFOs Over Plymouth by chairman Bob Boyd, which says the city is "very good" for spotting UFOs.

Now the group is trying to collect photos

and eye witness accounts for a book which will cover sightings in the whole of the South West.

"If people think they have seen a UFO, then we would like them to get in touch with us," said Joan.

"We get loads of letters from people who have seen UFOs and it's important that this information is collected.

### Study

"The government have been trying to cover up the facts for years and it's only the UFO groups in Britain who do any kind of study.

"We don't know what UFOs are, whether they are people from another planet, or another dimension.

"But they are not human and they do exist."

The Plymouth UFO Group can be contacted on 96 81233.



## Girl 'burned by a laser beam'

THE book tells of the experiences of Denise, from Weston Mill, who claimed she was struck by a laser beam from a UFO.

She said she returned one night from a night club to find a huge UFO hovering above her house (see picture).

Reaching the door, she was hit by a pencil slim beam of green light which hit the back of her hand and rooted her to the spot, before the UFO let her go and disappeared into the night.

Plymouth UFO Group chairman Bob Boyd interviewed her soon after the incident and photographed her hand which had been burned by the beam.

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# UFO 'over South Wales'

<sup>3118</sup> POLICE are taking seriously a report that a huge UFO paid a flying visit to South Wales yesterday.

The multi-coloured object was spotted above Pyle

yesterday morning before it beamed off into the sky.

The sighting was made by a man living in Pyle during an early morning walk along a lane near Meadow Street, North Cornelly, yesterday morning.

The man, who does not wish to be identified, described the object as being the size of three maisonettes with three rows of different coloured lights.

It was hovering roughly over South Cornelly near the M4 before it shot off.

Police have interviewed the man and are satisfied he is not a hoaxer.

South Wales has been a particularly notable spot for UFO reports and sightings of lights and objects in the sky are reported with some regularity.

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## Calls pour in on UFO sightings

<sup>3118</sup> Reports of an unidentified flying object "the size of a football pitch" spotted over the Midlands have been flooding in to the local office of UFO Studies Investigations.

Now the chairman of the organisation, Mr John Hurley, wants to hear from any other observers who might be too embarrassed to report their sighting.

"We received more than a dozen calls from people in Coventry, Birmingham and Four Oaks," he said.

"All the sightings were within 30 minutes of each other starting at 11.45pm on Tuesday.

"The object was first seen over Coventry, where witnesses reported seeing a very bright object at between 1,000 and 2,000ft," he added.

"Apparently it was an oval shape and giving off a loud whistling

sound and hovered for about two minutes before moving off at very great speed."

### Radar

Mr Hurley said all the reports had come from people he regarded as reliable witnesses, including a fireman on duty in Coventry.

"I have spoken to RAF Shawbury in Shropshire and they

told me they had an image on their radar screen for just four seconds, but they would give no other details," he said.

"The description is not unlike sightings in the past but it is the size which is unusual.

"People described it as about the size of football pitch," added Mr Hurley.

By EDWARD STEPHENS

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## 'Close encounter!'

<sup>3128</sup> OPEN-mouthed Mrs Georgina Jeyes has reported having a close encounter of the weird kind when she spotted a strange object passing over her Northampton home.

"It was a sack-shaped object with a glow of light underneath, like a hot air balloon, but I'm sure it wasn't a balloon because it was flying much too low in the sky and it was dark," said an amazed Mrs Jeyes of Abington Park Crescent.

"My 14-year-old daughter, Pippa, also saw the object otherwise I would have thought I was seeing things.

"It was about the size of a car and it was travelling quite fast. It came across Abington Park and then over the house."

"My daughter thought we were being invaded by UFOs and wanted to phone the police, but I'm just curious to find out what it was."

Police at Campbell Square have not had any sightings reported to them about the mysterious object.

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## UFOs on film?

Excited UFO-spotters claim to have captured two brightly-lit "doughnut-shaped" objects on cine film.

The objects were spotted flying from Wentworth on Tuesday night.

Rotherham UFO investigators captured them with cameras and a hand-held cine — and they now hope to show the results at March's national UFO conference in Rotherham.

Last week the Advertiser reported a January leap in UFO spottings — plus claims that jet fighters had been seen chasing the mystery objects across the night sky.

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## Town's second UFO sighting

<sup>3128</sup> A BOREHAM man has come forward to support the motorist who reported sighting an unidentified flying object over Chelmsford, last week.

Mr Andrew Pope, of Plantation Road, Boreham, rang Chelmsford police after reading the ufo story in the Weekly News, and told them he had made a similar sighting on the same evening — Sunday January 17.

Mr Pope claims he had the object in view long enough to go back into his house to fetch his binoculars, and to tell him wife to come and look too.

He described seeing a cylindrical shape travelling from left to right in the sky over Chelmsford, to the south of his Boreham home. No wings were visible, but the object had a bright metal finish and was emitting a red or orange vapour trail behind it.

The only difference between Mr Pope's story and the sighting first reported by Mr Rodney Cullum, of Witham, was the time. Mr Cullum put his sighting at 5pm. Mr Pope said he saw his flying object a little earlier, around 3.45pm while it was still just daylight.

Despite enquiries from the Air Ministry, and checks with controllers at Southend and Stansted airports, no official explanation is forthcoming.

# PC SUSAN'S UFO WIPES THE GRINS OFF

FARNHAM HERALD SURREY SURREY  
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FOLLOWING last week's report in the Farnham Herald of a UFO sighting at Wrecclesham on January 22nd., another incident has come to light.

Ms. Miranda Scolding was at home in Middle Field, Wrecclesham, on the same night that her two young brothers claimed to have seen a UFO.

Ms. Scolding told a Herald reporter: "It was about 1.20 a.m. and I couldn't get to sleep. Then I heard this really wierd noise like very loud breathing.

"I realised that it was coming from outside the house and it was

unlike anything I had ever heard before. It went on for about four or five minutes and sounded like it was in the front garden."

Ms. Scolding, who is 26, said: "I went and opened the bedroom window and could see lights

## UFO!

flashing across the road. After a short while it just stopped.

"It really terrified me. Nothing like this has ever happened before and I am really sceptical about such things. But

this did scare me."

The following morning Ms. Scolding went to her mother's home and described in detail what had happened. "I finished off by saying 'I think it was a UFO', but that was the last I thought about it."

Ms. Scolding was away last week and was surprised to learn that someone else had had an experience. She said: "This has got me wondering now. I had forgotten all about the incident but perhaps reading my account other people will remember something too."

NOTTINGHAM EVENING POST  
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## WHO SAW THE BIG RED UFO?

I WAS interested to hear on local radio of the recent UFO seen from Bestwood Estate. While in the area, I visited the witnesses, Mrs Elizabeth Brown and Mrs Sandra Blanchard of Gainsford Crescent, and discovered that the same UFO was seen on at least two separate nights.

I would like to hear from any of your readers who saw any unusual lights in the sky over the past few days, or during the following times.

It was about two hours after sunset on Wednesday January 20 that the residents were looking into the clear western sky and saw two brilliant star-like objects with flickering rays.

Mrs Blanchard, with her family, viewed one UFO through binoculars, though saw very little detail. It then moved off out of sight.

At the same time on Friday evening, Mrs Brown again saw the UFOs, this time through thin cloud. It was lying close to the moon in the western sky, and she described them as being bright, quite large and red in colour.

The only very bright object now visible in the western sky after sunset is Venus. One third as bright as the full moon, it is a brilliant starlike point of light. In the past a number of UFOs have been mistaken for this planet, so that this is one possible explanation for the Bestwood sightings.

PATRICK FLECKNEY

34 Caunton Avenue, Mapperley.

## POLICEMEN smiled when a woman PC radioed in to say she had spotted a UFO.

But the smiles vanished soon afterwards... when they heard its engines droning above their station.

PC Susan Jackson was sent to investigate when dozens of sightings were reported to Ecclesfield police station near Sheffield.

Minutes later she saw a V-shaped craft hovering close by.

Susan, 29, could hear its motors and saw a row of red flashing lights.

A few hundred yards away, PC John Boam spotted the mystery object for 30 seconds before it flew away.

As he watched in amazement, he heard Susan radio in to her

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control room.

And officers there heard a motor whirring overhead.

They checked with RAF Finningley near Doncaster, which covers the area by radar - but nothing had shown up on their screens.

A police spokesman said yesterday: "Visibility was not good. But we did hear it pass over the nick".

## Scot foiled space grab

THE most famous sighting in Scotland happened in 1979 when forestry worker Bob Taylor told how he was almost dragged into a space machine.

He claimed to have seen two objects with protruding spikes rapidly approach him at Dechmont, near Livingston, West Lothian, and try to take him aboard their craft.

He fell unconscious and when he awoke his trousers were torn and his legs scratched and badly bruised.

His story was thoroughly researched by members of the UFO Investigation Society who declared: "There is no way that Mr Taylor was lying. It was NOT a hoax."

The Ministry of Defence,

however, are not convinced. They have a department who log the sightings.

Another West Lothian happening took place two years ago when a police sergeant with 19 years on the force reported seeing a red-orange object falling from the sky.

Sergeant Jimmy Begg is convinced that he saw a UFO.

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DAILY RECORD GLASGOW

# Dawn-patrol Pcs spark UFO alert

TWO policemen who reported seeing mystery lights in the sky have set off a UFO puzzle for Manchester air traffic controllers.

Senior Civil Aviation Authority officials at Manchester Airport said it sounded as if it was just a British Airways jet landing at Ringway.

However, Pc Ian Walmsley, one of the two Panda patrolmen who saw it at 6.20 am yesterday said: "I've seen hundreds of planes flying over Cheadle ... but this certainly did not look like a plane or helicopter."

Piccadilly Radio's switchboard was jammed with calls after the sighting was mentioned in early morning news reports today. Listeners rang to say that they'd seen similar unidentified flying objects in the past few weeks.

A spokesman said: "We had to appeal to people to stop phoning us. We had more than 100 calls and the switchboard couldn't take them all."

## Sank down

And North West UFO researcher Steven Balon said: "The report did not surprise me ... I have been inundated with calls about similar events over the past two weeks."

The police UFO sighting came as Pcs Ian Walmsley and Chris Evans, from Cheadle Hulme, were driving in their Panda along Ladybridge Road, towards Bird Hall Lane, Cheadle Heath, just before dawn.

Said Pc Walmsley: "We both saw the lights absolutely stationary in the sky. We stopped the car to look. It was standing

By Bernard Spilsbury

still in the sky for about 20 seconds, then it sank down out of sight.

The two Pcs mentioned it to their sergeant at Cheadle Hulme police station later, but they did not file a report on the incident. But last night, on duty again, the two policemen decided to check with Manchester Airport.

"I only phoned air traffic control out of curiosity," said Pc Walmsley. "I talked to the air traffic radar people and a controller told me they had seen nothing unusual on their screens, but he did not think it could have been an aeroplane. He said they get a lot of calls about strange objects."

At Manchester Airport today Mr Wally Scott, the man in charge of air traffic control, said: "The report was of lights descending at about 6.20 am, and at 6.22 am a British Airways TriStar landed from New York.

But Mr Balon, of Woodlands Avenue, Pennington, Leigh, who has been researching and investigating UFOs for 23 years, said: "I have been getting a lot of letters and calls from people reporting things like this at the rate of about a dozen a day."

Things that go flash in the night

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## JOSE'S CLOSE ENCOUNTER...

**EAGLE-EYED** Jose Ludlam was stunned when she spotted an unidentified flying object from her flat window in Oldham town centre.

"I had to pinch myself to make sure I was not dreaming," said the bakery worker.

"I had it in view for perhaps 10 seconds as it passed over the Marjorie Lees Health Centre and vanished into cloud."

Jose, who lives in Jespersen Street, St. Mary's, spotted the mystery spherical object as dawn broke.

She described it as a large, jet-black saucer with a silvery centre and emitting a light.

"There was no noise — it simply moved slowly over the health centre. I was no more than 100 yards away and had a really good view of the object.

"I have never seen anything like that in my life."

Oldham police say that they received no reports of the mystery sightings and air-traffic controllers could offer no explanation.

But Jose was adamant: "I know people will scoff — but I know what I saw," she said.

STRANGE aircraft — beings from another world?

Hot on the heels of the unexplained UFO experience in Australia last week, when a car was lifted from the road, there has been a second reported sighting — this time in Wrecclesham!

This wasn't a close encounter of the third kind, but of the first. The UFO was seen by young brothers Scott and Jonathan Burnett, who were at their home on Wrecclesham Hill on Thursday last week.

"We were looking out of the window at about ten to eight. In the sky above the Wrecclesham sandpit was this UFO — round with lots of flashing

lights," said Scott, who is 13. The mysterious object, which was saucer shaped, flew past the Burnett's house, with its different coloured lights flashing all the way round the craft, they claimed.

"It was easily distinguishable from a helicopter or a plane," said Scott.

The brothers have had an encounter once before. "It was a long, long time ago. We were at home, in Wrecclesham, when we saw this round object high in the sky," said Scott.

Sceptics have discounted Scott and Jonathan's latest experience. Did you see the UFO on Thursday last week?

# Mystery light: more sightings

HAVE you seen any UFOs over Chelmsford recently?

A Witham man recently spotted a mystery object shooting across the sky above the town — and several other people have since come forward to confirm that they saw a UFO at about the same time.

Mr Rodney Cullum, of Chalks Road, Witham, saw the object while driving with his wife on the A12 at Hatfield Peverel, about 5pm on Sunday (January 17).

"We were travelling towards Chelmsford and we suddenly saw a small speck travelling at a terrific speed across the sky. As it passed it started to glow and then suddenly it lit up and disappeared. It left a vapour trail for several minutes.

"I am not a crank but my wife and I definitely saw something. I suppose it could

have been a satellite or something from an aircraft — but I'm not sure. I really don't know what it was.

"Since the incident I have received calls from several people in the area who saw the same thing."

### CONFIRM

Mr Alan Pope, of Boreham, this week called Chelmsford Police to confirm that he saw a mystery object flying over the Chelmsford area about 3.45pm on the afternoon of January 17.

Mr Pope said the object was visible long enough for him to fetch a pair of binoculars and call his wife.

The object was cylindrical with a bright metal finish and no wings. It was emitting a red or orange trail behind.

A police spokesman this week said that all reported sightings will be added to their files.

# RETURN OF THE UFO

OLDHAM'S mysterious UFO is back.

The dark, rotating object with a very bright, flashing light was spotted by a housewife in Eustace Street, Chadderton, at 2 a.m. today.

"At first, I thought it was a helicopter because it was completely stationary," said Mrs. Lynda Alker (29). "And there was no noise."

### Bright

"It had two lights on either side and a bright flashing light in the centre.

"I watched it from a landing window for about 30 seconds before it dropped vertically behind some trees and vanished."

A similar object was spotted early last Friday morning over the Marjorie Lees Health Centre in Oldham town centre.

# UFO 'seen on airport approach'

Police at Cheadle near Stockport called Manchester Airport to report the sighting of a 'glowing' UFO on the flightpath approach early today.

The object was said to have sunk slowly to the ground and disappeared. Air traffic controllers, however, said nothing unusual appeared on their radar.

\* The Evening News reported recently that since January there had been a number of unexplained sightings of lights and objects in the Horwich and Belmont areas.

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# Mystery light seen hovering

A mysterious light has been spotted in the sky above Dudley just weeks after reports of a strange UFO in nearby Staffordshire villages.

Workers at a Wolverhampton horse sanctuary claim they have now seen a huge light above Dudley twice

Their sighting comes less than two months after a large UFO shaped like Concorde was reported over Wombourne, Codsall and Penkridge.

The new sightings have been made by staff at the Tettenhall Horse Sanctuary, Jenny Walker Lane, Wolverhampton.

The sanctuary is on a hill and employees say they have seen the light hovering above the Kingswinford area before moving towards Dudley and vanishing.

The first sighting before Christmas was shrugged off but when staff saw it again on Thursday at the same time, 4.30 pm, they became concerned.

# Dawn UFO spotter no hoaxer — police

POLICE ARE taking seriously reports that a giant UFO paid a flying visit to South Wales yesterday.

The sighting was made by a resident of Pyle during an early-morning walk along a lane near Meadow Street in North Cornelly.

A statement from South Wales police said, "His attention was drawn to a large object in the sky roughly over the area of South Cornelly.

### Coloured

"He described the object as being the size of three maisonettes with three rows of different coloured lights.

"The object moved off, but he could not state in which direction."

Officers have interviewed the man, who does not want to be named, and are satisfied he is no hoaxer.

# Mother and daughter spot UFO

A UFO has been reported over Ash.

There has been a rash of sightings of mystery lights and shapes in the night sky throughout the "News" area in the past few weeks.

Mrs. Ann Hollis and her 17-year-old daughter Janet were at their home in Youngs Drive, off Shawfield Road, Ash, when they became the latest to see something strange.

Mrs. Hollis said: "It was like a huge pink fireball, with smoke coming from the back.

### EXPLANATION

"It came across the front of our house and was stationary for a moment — I know it sounds ridiculous — but almost as if it was looking at us.

"After that it moved up across the sky, then dropped down again, and disappeared behind the houses."

She said the object was

much too big to be a firework or a military rocket, and she also dismissed the suggestion it might be some kind of balloon.

She said: "It looked like the moon in size, but with the circle distorted, and bright pink."

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## UFO sightings being logged

LAST week's Gazette story about a group of seven people who spotted an unidentified flying object over the Brampton area caused a great deal of interest.

But what would you do if you spotted something out of the ordinary in the sky?

Well the first thing you should do is call Shuttlewood woman Elsa Lee who is the assistant director for investigations for the Yorkshire UFO Society.

The group, which was set up in Leeds but has now gone international, logs reported sightings and all data is fed into its computer.

To most people the letters UFO conjure up images of flying saucers manned by little green men from Mars, but Elsa is quick to point out that, after a little research, most of the "unidentified" objects

are after all, accounted for.

"Usually we manage to identify about 90 per cent of them, but of course it is the other ten per cent which intrigues us," she explained.

Elsa revealed that there had been a spate of sightings in the north of England since the turn of the year.

"We've already had around 100 reported 'sightings' this month including another particularly interesting one in Derbyshire close to the A38 between Burton and Derby," she said.

So, when you just can't believe what you are seeing in the night sky, give Elsa a ring on Cf'd 822300.

## Town's second UFO sighting

A BOREHAM man has come forward to support the motorist who reported sighting an unidentified flying object over Chelmsford, last week.

Mr Andrew Pope, of Plantation Road, Boreham, rang Chelmsford police after reading the ufo story in the Weekly News, and told them he had made a similar sighting on the same evening — Sunday January 17.

Mr Pope claims he had the object in view long enough to go back into his house to fetch his binoculars, and to tell his wife to come and look too.

He described seeing a cylindrical shape travelling from left to right in the sky over Chelmsford, to the south of his Boreham home. No wings were visible, but the object had a bright metal finish and was emitting a red or orange vapour trail behind it.

The only difference between Mr Pope's story and the sighting first reported by Mr Rodney Cullum, of Witham, was the time. Mr Cullum put his sighting at 5pm. Mr Pope said he saw his flying object a little earlier, around 3.45pm while it was still just daylight.

Despite enquiries from the Air Ministry, and checks with controllers at Southend and Stansted airports, no official explanation is forthcoming.

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# UFO spotted over Brampton

A GROUP of seven people watched in fascination, some of them for almost an hour, as a giant UFO and her "chicks" hovered silently in the skies above Chesterfield.

Afterwards one of the watchers, retired college lecturer Geoffrey Thorneycroft, declared: "There have been so many sightings throughout the world I firmly believe there is another technolo-

gy, equal to or superior to our own, which is responsible for these manifestations.

His hour of wonder began as he descended the stairs at his home in Old Road, Brampton.

"My wife pointed out a static illumination, glowing green, blue and

red - a bit like Blackpool Illuminations," he said.

"She called in neighbours David Wheatcroft, a senior building inspector with Chesterfield Council, his wife and sister-in-law and shortly afterwards I alerted another neighbour and his son. They all saw the big disc-shaped UFO and the three smaller ones."

Mr. Thorneycroft added: "Most interestingly, during the time we watched the UFOs an aircraft proceeded towards the north-west and someone in the plane must have seen

what we saw, it was such a clear night.

"Eventually, the angle of elevation of the big UFO changed a few degrees until it went behind the trees to the north of us, although we could still see its brilliance through the trees.

"I could kick myself for not getting the car out and driving to Pudding Pie Hill at Wigley and taking the binoculars with me. It's just that we were all stunned by what we saw."

Mr. Thorneycroft, a lecturer in motor engineering at colleges in Sheffield until he took early retirement at age

55 three years ago, said he telephoned the police to report what he saw.

He went on: "It's not the first time I have seen anything like this. Three or four years ago I was travelling between Heath and Sutton-cum-Duckmanton late one afternoon when I saw three spheres travelling at high velocity across my path and disappearing from north to south."

A police spokesman said: "We gave Mr. Thorneycroft the telephone number of a UFO investigator, as we do with all such reports."

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# 'UFO close encounters' reported

Alleged UFO activity in Derbyshire and other parts of the country continues.

For more than four months there has been a string of reported sightings, including one of a gigantic object, estimated by one observer as anything between 600 and one thousand feet long.

A recent witness reported the circular object hovering over Nottingham and described it as having pink tear-shaped lights on top of the dome.

An even closer encounter is reported by Mr Dennis Harriman of the National UFO Investigation Society, who tells of an incident on New Year's Day.

A man and his wife with their baby girl were travelling from Horsley Woodhouse when they became aware of lights in the sky which were following the car. After a while the driver turned down a lane only to have two laser-like lights shine down upon the car.

He pushed the accelerator down but nothing happened and Mr Harriman reports that the family did in fact 'lose' 15 minutes. The family was frightened, but Mr Harriman reports that the baby, who had been fractious, was later found playing and singing and is now very contented.

Mr Harriman, always pleased to hear of Ashbourne area sightings, may be contacted on 033-17-4961.

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## Eileen sees a UFO

The UFO 'invasion' of Bolton continues with yet another sighting at the weekend of a mystery object in the sky.

Pensioner Mrs Eileen Martin, of Plodder Lane, told the Evening News of a "Large white ball, covered in bright white lights" hovering over Belmont.

"It was making a loud humming noise. Then it dropped down out of sight."

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## Mother backs tale of alien

Several unidentified flying objects have been sighted in the Cheswardine area near Market Drayton, a woman has claimed.

Mrs Margaret Bourne, of The Bungalow, Hopshort, whose 47-year-old bachelor son Malcolm was reported as having come face to face with a 6ft alien in his own bedroom, says she believes her son's story.

Horsebreeder Malcolm said the "muttering monster" terrified him and he is still haunted by the vision, which was in 1985.

Malcolm, who his mother claimed was offered money for the article, said the vision vanished in a circular swirl of white smoke.

Mrs Bourne said she believed Malcolm's story and claimed she saw a UFO herself one night last October.

She described it as a seven to eight-inch dinner plate floating outside her kitchen window. It was followed by a streak of lightning and a tiny rainbow.

THE STAR SHEFFIELD

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## Baffled by red sky at night

Police switchboards received calls from across the city about it

Inspector Tingle said: "We were driving along the road near Fanny's nightclub at Owl Bar when we saw a bright red light in the sky. It seemed to be hanging over the Greenhill, Low Edges area but it was difficult to make out its size.

"At first we thought it was just a flare, perhaps from a local Territorial Army unit, but when we checked they had no knowledge of the light.

"When we got back to the station we found there had been a lot of calls from members of the public but, as yet, we are unable to explain what it was," said Insp Tingle.

POLICE are baffled by a mysterious red light which hung over Sheffield late at night.

Inspector David Tingle and Sergeant Chris Thompson, from Woodseats, watched the light for more than half a minute as they drove back from the Derbyshire peaks shortly after midnight.

ALDERSHOT NEWS HANTS  
JAN 22 1988

## UFO sighted over garden

YET another UFO sighting has been reported in the "News" area — this time in Rushmoor.

Since Christmas a number of strange objects have been seen in the night skies around Bagshot, Lightwater, Blackwater and Yateley.

Now an elderly Farnborough woman has spoken about a mysterious craft she saw two weeks ago.

Miss Mary Sackley (78), of Prospect Road, says she was locking her garden shed one evening when she was startled by a large object coming into view from behind the rooftops.

"It was just like somebody running very quickly with a torch across the sky — I had never seen anything like it before," said Miss Sackley.

The noiseless craft then stopped for a matter of seconds and green and blue lights began flashing from the edge

of its circular body. It then vanished.

Miss Sackley did not think any more of it until she saw the drawing of a UFO seen by Andrew Findlay of Camberley, on the front page of the "News."

### SPATE

"I never thought about it until I saw the picture," said Miss Sackley. "I bumped in to my niece and I said 'you know that thing in the paper about

the flying saucer — I saw it out the back!"

Local UFO expert Mr. Rex Dutta said he believed that the current spate of sightings had nothing to do with an increase in extra-terrestrial activity in the area.

"Sightings are constant — they are happening all the time. It is the reports in the media that come in spurts. As soon as you do one story you uncover other sightings," he said.

**EXCLUSIVE on an amazing close encounter**

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# COP: I WAS KIDNAPPED BY ALIENS

By JOHN MAHONEY

**A POLICEMAN told last night of his close encounter with creatures from outer space.**

Alan Godfrey claims he was beamed up into their ship and wired to a table by a 7ft tall being.

Tiny robots buzzed around, peering at the shocked Earthling.

The next he remembers is being shaken by the shoulders, returned to reality. Then Alan, 40, began hobbling in pain.

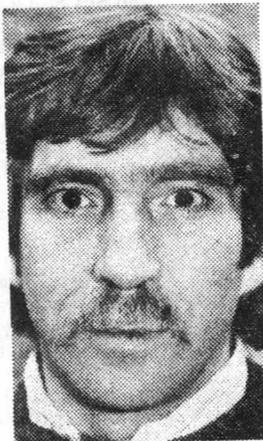
*There was a circular burn on his left instep.*

## 'Hush up'

The incident happened, says Alan, in a November dawn as he was driving his panda car just 150 yards from the police station at Todmorden, West Yorks.

Alan, twice commended for superb detection work and a highly-rated bobby on the Yorkshire Ripper squad, claims he saw a diamond-shaped UFO hovering only five feet off the ground. Its windows were tinted and the bottom half was rotating, he said.

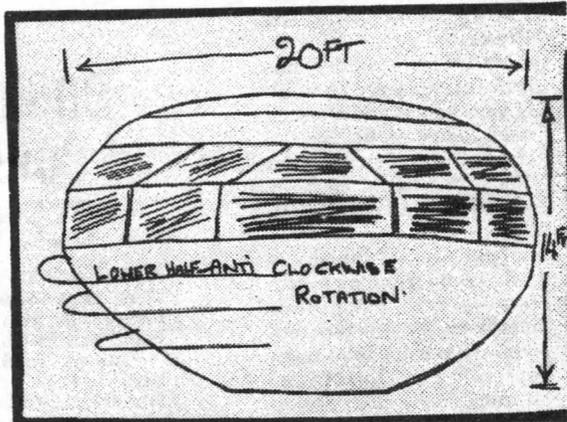
That was the start of his inter-galactic experience which, he claims, ended up in a huge police "hush up" so the public would not be alarmed.



Alan the club steward... "Forced to leave police"



Alan the cop... "I floated up, robots examined me"



How Alan remembers the hovering spaceship

## Hypnosis

He later had to quit the West Yorkshire force after being severely wounded in a brawl.

"And I bet they were very relieved to get rid of me," said Alan, of Summerfield Road, Todmorden.

They treated me badly after I told them of my sighting. One of my senior officers said it was probably best all round that I left."

Father of three Alan, now a club steward, added that when he saw the low-flying starship he tried to call for help.

**But his VHF car radio and personal walkie-talkie had both mysteriously stopped working.**

It was under intense regression hypnosis that Alan's space ordeal came to light.

Yesterday, with his solicitor at his side, the former PC said: "It was clear from the way I was talking that I had been supposedly kidnapped by this thing.

"After seeing this object on the Burnley trunk road in Todmorden I was full of panic. It was about 20 feet across and the bottom half of the craft was rotating.

"Under hypnosis I felt a floating sensation. I then spoke of being in an examination room.

"A giant VDU screen

filled the inside of the space ship," he went on.

**"I recalled a man about seven feet high looking down at me. His lips did not move yet he was speaking in a language understood.**

"He wanted me to lay down on a large table. They he strapped connection wires to my right wrist and left foot.

## Report

"Robot-type machine which came and plugged themselves into my connections. They made noise like morse code."

The British Unidentified Flying Object Research Association took up his case and compiled files on the 1980 encounter.

# Star men puzzled by 'light' over Barrow

MEMBERS of Furness Astronomical Society are to be asked if they spotted an unusually bright object visible from Barrow in the western sky on Thursday night.

The light was seen by Mrs Margaret Dacre of Laburnum Crescent, Ormsgill, just after 7pm and she watched its changing aspect for about half an hour.

And yesterday Furness Astronomical Society secretary, Robert Sylvester, said he too was initially unable to explain the phenomenon.

He said he would be consulting with members of the society in the hope that the object may have been spotted and conclusions drawn.

## ORANGE

Mrs Dacre said: 'I first saw it about 7pm and watched it for about half an hour. It wasn't an intense light and it changed colour through orange to beautiful red then an iridescent blue.'

She said it was clearly visible out to the west and she tried to ring Walney airfield to see if anyone there had seen it.

The police said they had not received any reports and Mrs Dacre rang the Evening Mail to see if

## 'It went orange, red, blue'

there had been any other sightings.

'It seemed to be moving with the stars as their position changed, I could see it over the top of the slag bank and the rooftops from my house.

## VENUS

'I don't know what it was, but I know I saw it — I'm no crank,' said Mrs Dacre.

Mr Sylvester said Venus and Jupiter were currently very bright and were indeed so last night. 'But the changing colour rather discounts them as they would have a very whitish light.

'That area of the sky is not visible from my house but I will ask other members of the society who may well have been observing on Thursday as it was a fairly clear night,' said Mr Sylvester.

# UFO alert by police

## 'SILENT GIANT' SPOTTED

By MARK PRENTICE

Police were today investigating reports of two sightings of a UFO over the Black Country last night — 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.

● 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 was far bigger than any aircraft that I've ever seen."

Sgt Griffiths and Pc Powell

contacted Sgt Clive Isherwood in the control room at Willenhall after their sighting.

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

"It was flying very low and went off at a high speed."

A spokesman for Birmingham International Airport said today: "There's is always the

possibility that it was a helicopter or aircraft heading for Halfpenny Green Airport, near Wolverhampton.

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

Sgt Griffiths, who said he kept an open mind on the question of UFOs, described the three-minute sighting.

He said: "It was a very bright block of light, like an oblong block. There were red and green lights on its perimeter, which gave the impression that it was spinning. There was no sound at all."

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## COURTING COUPLE SEE UFO

A COURTING couple claim that they spotted a UFO hovering above the Red Barn pub in Chadderton.

Andrea Needham and her boy friend, Julian Guerriero, noticed a yellow object in the sky as they walked the dog through Crossley Estate on Sunday night.

"We thought it was a plane at first, but there was a sudden and massive flash of light . . . I just ran for cover," said Andrea (17), who lives in Ramsdale Street and attends Radclyffe School.

The incident is the latest in a series of UFO sightings in Oldham recently.

The youngsters spotted the object above Broadway at about 10.45 p.m. Andrea added: "It was yellow, rectangular-shaped and had red flashing lights.

"Suddenly it shot high into the sky, then returned to hover close to some flats near by. It was at this point that there was a brilliant flash of light.

"I ran for cover, but Julian stood there staring at it. I never believed in UFOs before . . . but I do now."

# Astronomer confirms UFO 'blitz' on Manitoba

By John Picton Toronto Star

They're back.

Unidentified Flying Objects are "blitzing" Manitoba for the second time in 20 years, according to a U.S. tabloid. And Ed Barker confirms that.

He's a staff astronomer at the Manitoba Planetarium and he tells of "strange experiences" as recounted by people in dreams and through hypnosis.

In a recent block of sightings — called "flaps" in extra-terrestrial parlance — Barker claims that:

□ A priest travelling along a lonely road last August saw what he took to be a parked van with bright lights. When he pulled up beside it, the "van" vanished.

□ A 4-year-old boy says he was visited in his bedroom last summer by "ghosts" with large, almond-shaped eyes and big, smooth heads. When he suffered a nosebleed, one of them poured liquid from a silver cup into one of his nostrils.

"When she became frightened, the alien changed into the form of his best friend (a girl) in a pretty pink dress."

□ A boy who wandered away from his friends at school was found in front of the building two hours later, surprised that such

time had elapsed and thinking he'd been away for only a moment.

Then there's the strange story of the mother in Thompson who looked out the window and was surprised to see her 5-year-old daughter being transmitted upward inside a shaft of light and dust.

The girl's playmate, an 8-year-old boy, grabbed her ankle and yanked her back to earth.

"The parents told me about that," says Barker.

"I interviewed the boy, who's now in his 20s. He confirmed the story."

Barker adds he's in the "process of finding a hypnotist because a lot of this you can't just do by memory recall to bring out the salient features."

Features of those stories he has been told about people who, when they were children, "had strange dreams that were much more than dreams, in which they were confronted by three or four slimy creatures."

In one incident, "there was a possible abduction sequence in the country" in which two people shared the same experiences."

Were those experiences factual or fanciful? "I am being cautious because it's rather a spectacular kind of claim."

Eunice Bullerwell has a rather

spectacular kind of claim. Eunice, 40, and her husband, Mel, run a horse ranch at Spearhill, about 210 swampy (130 miles) kilometres north of Winnipeg.

And, she says, she got the fright of her life last Sept. 4.

"It was in the night time, about 11.30, and I was on my way to pick up my three teenage children from a dance.

"I was going fairly slow and happened to look to my left and that was when I noticed it" — a ball, about the size of a compact car, with an orange glow at its base "like putting a candle inside a pumpkin."

Says Eunice: "It rose slowly above the trees and tears of fear came into my eyes, and I drove like no one would ever drive."

Her children noticed the effect when she picked them up. "I'm normally a talkative person, but I was quite quiet."

Back home, she woke her husband — an achievement since "he sleeps like a grizzly in winter" — and he commented: "Well, I don't know what it could have been."

Later, Eunice checked the area where she'd seen the object but couldn't find any distinctive markings since "there was a fire there last spring and there are a lot of burned conditions."

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## Expert suggests UFO was meteor

SYDNEY, Australia — A woman who said a UFO chased her car, picked it up and tossed it to the ground on a lonely outback highway may have lost control of the vehicle during a meteor shower, an expert said today.

"There is nothing known that could physically pick up a car and do what apparently happened," said Charles Morgan of the Sydney Observatory.

"Either they went into fright and went into a spin without realizing or it is an unexplained phenomenon," he said.

Morgan said the car could have been hit by a large carbonous meteor shower, which would explain the ash and the Knowles' claim of "the smell of dead bodies" inside the car.

"Carbonous meteorites give off a smell. If it is large enough they also can give off a sonic boom that could explain the hearing problems they experienced," Morgan said. "But there's no explanation for the car being picked up unless they drove off the road, hit a bump and went into the air."

## Cozying of Jupiter, Venus light up sky

Reports of unidentified flying objects are being made, and the most likely explanation is the rare alignment of Jupiter and Venus.

Some Fairport Harbor residents reported seeing UFOs and large bright objects hovering over Lake Erie over the weekend.

The Fairport Harbor Coast Guard went to the area and saw a large bright object that seemed to disperse smaller, brightly colored objects. But when they called the Greater Cleveland air traffic con-

trollers, they learned that Jupiter and Venus were in alignment and that the colors were the result of spontaneous gas emissions from the two planets.

It's the celestial equivalent of colorful floor show, said Charles Stephenson, a professor of astronomy at Case Western Reserve University.

The Earth's atmosphere help create the color sensation in the same way that distant stars appear to twinkle.

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# UFO Or Not — Armco Welder Saw Something Unusual

By PEGGY MATTHEWS  
Staff Reporter

Could it be? A UFO flying over Colony Square Mall in Zanesville on a Saturday night?

Jeff Newlon, a welder at Armco Park and president of the Armco Association for employees, said he saw one.

As he was coming out of Sears at Colony Square Mall he said a group of people standing in the parking lot were pointing at the sky.

When he looked up — he saw it. He described what he saw as a completely round shaped object, glowing brightly and moving west, southwest over the Mall.

He watched it for 15 to 20 seconds and estimated it was about 4,000 feet in the air, moving slow, "possibly 100 miles an hour."

"The whole thing was a light. It had a pleasant glow, if I may say so. The light was a soft glow that didn't hurt your eyes when you looked at it," Newlon said.

The first thought (as the reader's might be) that passed briefly through his mind was he was seeing Sun TV's spotlight.

That explanation was dismissed as fast as UFO's fly because the object was a vehicle of some sort.

A space craft, he said.

"It was definitely a flying vehicle, a space craft, like a flying disk. No doubt about it — no if's, and's or but's. It was nothing like Sun's spotlight, nothing whatsoever. It was not an airplane, not a helicopter and not a light," he insisted.

When asked if he had seen unidentified flying objects before, Newlon replied, "No,

ma'm, I haven't. I've never seen anything like this."

His response was typical of any weekend Mall shopper merely headed for the car and home who chances upon a UFO overhead in the parking lot.

"It was like, 'Gee, there really is one.' And then, 'Is it alien?' About all I can say is it had my adrenalin going," he said.

Several calls to local police authorities turned up no other calls of UFO sightings for the evening.

However, to this reporter's surprise, the Federal Aviation

Administration had a national hotline number they give out for all reported UFO sightings.

A call to the National UFO Reporting Center produced a recording saying the station was not manned at this time but someone would get back to them if the caller would kindly leave his name and phone number.

Which raises the obvious problem of why a UFO reporting center would be closed during what should be its hottest business hours — at night and on a Saturday.

The Muskingum County Sheriff's office said they'd had a sighting not too long ago.

"Last one I got turned out to be lights from a tower. We got that one cleared up on the phone," the dispatcher said, although he admitted thinking these things might possibly exist.

Newlon said he was only one among many people in the parking lot that saw what he saw.

"There were groups of people watching it. It was about 7:12 p.m. If someone was interested in more information, I'm sure others would come forth," he said.

## UFO Perks Up Sunday Evening

By Ned Stafford

World-Herald Staff Writer

One man reported seeing two airplanes collide in the night sky. Others thought they spotted a hot air balloon or a helicopter. At least one person said he saw the planet Venus.

But all authorities knew for sure by the end of the night Sunday was that they had a UFO (unidentified flying object). The bright light first spotted in the Omaha sky about 7:20 p.m.

Barb Klinetobe, an Omaha dispatcher for the State Patrol, said the object perked up what had been a quiet Sunday evening.

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"That was the excitement of the night," she said with a laugh.

An Omaha 911 communications dispatcher said that a man reported seeing what he thought was two planes colliding near 60th and Q Streets about 7:20 p.m. Police officers who went to the area saw a bright object in the sky moving southwest, the dispatcher said.

The object caused a flurry of radio activity as four police officers followed it to the edge of the city.

"They said it was just a bright solid white light," the dispatcher said.

Officers speaking over police scanners were heard saying at times that they thought it might be a hot air balloon.

Ms. Klinetobe said State Patrol troopers, after being alerted by Omaha authorities, spotted the object still moving southwest towards Gretna.

She said troopers think the object might have been a Nebraska National Guard helicopter on maneuvers out of Camp Ashland.

A third explanation for the object came from Omaha police headquarters. An officer there said she was notified by an off-duty officer that the object was Venus.

"That's what he said," she said. //

# Notts UFOs: Aliens or a big secret?

**FLYING** objects seen over Nottingham last week remain unidentified.

Dozens of phone calls began to flood into the *Evening Post* offices last Thursday morning and have continued.

Callers reported a strange series of lights in the sky last Wednesday night. So what were they?

Reports also went to the police, to East Midlands International Airport and to local radio stations.

These were not people seeking publicity for their claims — they were just baffled by what they had seen and wanted answers.

With very few exceptions, they were ordinary people who had seen something in the sky they had not seen before — and that concerned them.

They were people used to seeing and hearing aircraft at night, yet these lights immediately drew their attention.

All said they had never reported a UFO before.

## Remarkable similarities

Their descriptions had remarkable similarities, as did the time of the sightings, but were not close enough to suggest a conspiracy.

From the reports, it appears that two very large objects displaying strange light configurations and emitting a constant low hum flew very slowly and low from Newark over Nottingham to the Derbyshire border and then back east over the south of the city.



Housewife Mrs Alison Evans, 26, of Henson Lane, Radcliffe-on-Trent, had friends visiting her at the time.

With Tollerton airport nearby, she is used to aircraft of all shapes and sizes.

"My friend was leaving to go. I went outside as she was getting into her car and I saw the lights coming over," she said

"We followed the lights coming over, walking round the side of the house.

"There were two rows of lights and red lights behind. It must have been quite low and was making a low humming noise."

They went back to the front and the friend, Mrs Lindy West, was about to leave.

● Alison Evans — "There were rows of red lights" "We saw exactly the same thing coming over

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● Post artist Tony Rose's impression of the UFO which sparked off so much interest

## AUTHORITIES ARE BAFFLED — OR SWORN TO SILENCE

again," said Mrs Evans.

"The objects left brown vapour trails which were still visible some time later. I knew it was big, bigger than anything I had seen before."

Another witness, Richard Breendon, 11, of Derby Road, Beeston, said: "It was a huge object twice the size of a football pitch and it was making a very loud humming noise.

"It had half a dozen red lights and on the right hand side was a very large bright white light. It also had two red lights trailing it in the air."

By IAN STEWART

Nothing showed on the radar screens at East Midlands Airport and the RAF said nothing came up on their screens at West Drayton.

A Ministry of Defence spokesman said 90% of UFO sightings turned out to be satellite debris, balloons, unusual cloud formations or aircraft.

The Civil Aviation Authority said there was no unusual aircraft activity at the time, but added

it could have been an aircraft straying into the area.

### Few alternatives

But from descriptions given, it is unlikely it was a type of aircraft normally seen — which leaves few alternatives.

One is they were aircraft of a type not known and operated by persons unknown.

The usual speculation is that they were top secret military aircraft and

everybody from the police to the MoD are sworn to secrecy.

Americans are believed to have strange-shaped secret aircraft that are said to be "radar invisible".

But if you want to keep something secret you don't decorate it with strings of fairy lights and fly it low over cities unless you accept that people are going to see it anyway — and if it looks like the popular idea of a flying saucer all witnesses are discredited.

Then again, it could have been aliens...