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# Interest in UFOs grows with time

By CARMELA MONK

**F**OR STEVE ZALEWSKI of Syracuse, UFOs didn't exist — at least, not until the night he saw one.

He was 16, on his way home from a Junior Achievement meeting, when he and a friend saw something out of the ordinary — an unidentified flying object — in the sky.

What he saw had an orange "aura" to it and three lights forming a triangle that blinked on and off.

"Whatever it was, to this day, I cannot explain," Zalewski said. He checked with the Weather Service and other sources. There wasn't anything that was supposed to be up there that fit the description he gave.

"That was my first and only sighting," Zalewski said. "I have not seen them in nearly 13 years."

Zalewski's interest in the subject has only increased since then.

At his suggestion, Penn-Can Mall has invited Don Schmidt, director of special investigations from the J. Allen Hynek Center for UFO Studies in Chicago, to conduct a three-day exhibition. It will open Friday.

Schmidt will lead a question-answer discussion at 7 p.m. Friday in the mall's community room.

Schmidt said he expects Syracuse to be conservative.

"By nature conservative people are slow to overreact in regard to phenomena. They're objective but opinionated," he said.

Schmidt, a technical illustrator, will bring pictures of UFOs.

"This is the best photographic evidence we have concerning UFOs," he said.

Interested observers can also read about UFOs at Onondaga Community College, thanks to Zalewski. His interest developed into a hobby that became a never-ending research project. With the help of a few experts, Zalewski collected UFO literature for OCC.



CARMELA MONK/The Post-Standard

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At OCC there are 109 books, a stack of studies and a file cabinet full of newspaper clippings, essays, studies and government documents, making it an extensive UFO collection, said librarian Bob Mackin.

"It's the first in the country, we understand," said Maxine Stryker, the reference librarian. "The quality is there, the quantity is there too."

Media and reserve librarian Robert O'Boyle agreed with Stryker that Zalewski was very selective.

"There are a lot of unique items, not easy to get hold of either," he said.

The OCC collection started with a small selection of materials when Robert Barrow began teaching an introductory course on UFOs in

1978. Zalewski has been adding to the collection since then.

Some of the items are hard to find. Others are harder to get. Through the Freedom of Information Act, Zalewski was able to obtain government reports of investigations of UFO sightings.

Zalewski said he believes the federal government is keeping a lot of UFO information from the public.

"People are more sophisticated than they were in (the time of) Orson Welles' 'War of the Worlds,'" said Zalewski.

And after seeing movies like "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" and "E.T.," the public can handle the information, he added.

"The public loves this. They go crazy over this," he said. "This has great social significance to our culture."

And that's why he collects the books. It is preserving a part of culture that needs documentation, he said.

As far as UFOs being a part of Syracuse culture, that's another thing. Zalewski said there have been three other sightings in this area: in Baldwinsville, Cazenovia and on Onondaga Hill.

There may have been more, Zalewski explained, but many people believe someone who sees a UFO is "mentally tilted," and people are afraid to report them. ■

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## Lucas residents on TV

LUCAS — Jeanne Elias of Lucas and her son John will be featured tonight during a six-part series, "UFOhio," on WBNS-10 TV in Columbus.

The series continues through Friday on the 6 p.m. newscast.

Tom Berman, special assignment reporter with Channel 10, interviewed the Eliases about their experience on Oct. 18, 1973, when a military helicopter pilot and crew flying between Cleveland and Columbus encountered what appeared to be an unidentified flying object.

Mrs. Elias said the helicopter hovered for some time over her house, and the sound awakened her. When she went to check on her son, he told her he had seen a green light in the sky.

Last fall when there was a UFO exhibit at Richland Mall, Mrs. Elias and her son went to see it. Jenny Ziedman, a UFO researcher who was there, taped their account of the helicopter incident. //

# Oh, those pesky UFO abductions

## Klass will pay \$10,000 for evidence

**By Bob Groves**  
Herald Examiner staff writer

**P**hilip Klass will pay \$10,000 to any humans who can prove they were abducted by space aliens and taken aboard an Unidentified Flying Object.

The catch, explains Klass, is that kidnapping is a federal offense, "so anyone really certain they have been abducted should report it to the FBI.

"If the FBI confirms the abduction," says Klass, a retired senior editor of Aviation Week and Space Technology magazine, "I'll pay the abductees \$10,000 out of my life savings."

If, however, the FBI investigates and finds you falsified a UFO abduction claim, you could face a \$10,000 fine and/or five years in jail, cautions Klass, author of four books on UFO phenomena including the just-published "UFO Abductions: A Dangerous Game."

"This may explain why none of these hundreds of alleged victims, who go on radio and TV talk shows, has reported this to the FBI," Klass said with a chuckle during a phone interview from his Washington, D.C. home.

Klass, who prefers being called an educator rather than a debunker, presents a free public lecture, "UFO Abductions: Fact or Fantasy?" at 7:30 tonight at the Chemistry Building on the UCLA campus. Klass' talk, which will criticize the best-selling books "Communion — A True Story" by Whitley Strieber and Budd Hopkins' "Intruders — The Incredible Visitations at Copley Woods," is

sponsored by the Southern California Skeptics.

"Communion" and "Intruders" both purport to be non-fiction accounts of abductions and genetic experimentation of earthlings by space aliens. When they were published independently of each other in 1987, the two best-sellers rekindled a wildly popular interest in UFOs.

Little green men from Mars and points elsewhere have long been staples of cartoons and tabloid newspapers. The May 16 issue of the Weekly World News, for instance, features a story entitled "Space aliens have contacted dolphins! E.T.s think the marine creatures are smarter than humans, says doc!" The same paper gives the account of a "respected young doctor" who went into a coma after a skiing accident in the Austrian Alps and later reported, "I was taken to heaven in a UFO." UFOs actually ferry souls to the hereafter."

Modern "UFOlogy" began with the first sightings of flying saucers shortly after World War II. During the 1950s, this public "UFOria" found its way into sci-fi films such as "The Day the Earth Stood Still" and "Earth vs. the Flying Saucers," as well as paranoia over alleged government cover-ups of UFO sightings.

In 1961, a New Hampshire couple, Betty and Barney Hill, were the first to go public with their account of being abducted by a UFO, and set off a wave of similar stories. Erich Von Daniken's "Chariots of the Gods," and other books and films claiming to document historical evidence of visits by ancient astronauts from outer space, kept UFO fever alive in the 1970s. Starting with "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" in 1977, sci-fi film

neofabulist Steven Spielberg spun a string of UFO stories such as "E.T." and "Cocoon" into the '80s.

The public was ripe for "real" UFO abductions by the time "Communion" and "Intruders" appeared, even though neither of the two authors were scientists or authorities on the subject. Strieber was a best-selling novelist ("The Wolfen," "The Hunger"); while Hopkins, though he had documented other UFO abductions in his earlier book "Missing Time," was a moderately successful New York painter.

But the two books — Strieber told of his own abduction; Hopkins examined alien encounters by a

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# ABDUCTIONS CON'T

suburban Indianapolis family — bestowed a kind of credence on the UFO experience. Hundreds of people responded privately with stories of their own, as if the two men had become founding fathers of an unofficial UFO Abductees Anonymous.

In both books (soon to be films), unsuspecting earthlings are rendered powerless during bedtime visitations by 5-foot-tall humanoid creatures with huge heads. The aliens have gray skin, no hair, large black insect-eyes, negligible nose and mouth and communicate by telepathy.

During an hour or so of imposed amnesia (known as "missing time"), the victims are levitated out of their homes and into a UFO, where they are examined and a BB-sized homing device is inserted near their brain.

Sometimes sperm samples are taken from the men; the women are impregnated and the fetus later removed. All return to daily life bearing small scooplike scars on their limbs, and recall their abduction only during nightmares or under hypnosis.

After 23 years of investigating UFO accounts, Philip Klass believes there is a "down-to-earth, prosaic explanation" for all of them, including those of Strieber and Hopkins. Klass debunks Strieber as an imaginative writer of clever horror fiction who may be suffering hallucinations caused by the chronic disease known as temporal lobe epilepsy. (Strieber

door. There's also an element of dress for success; outfits were thrust through the door to the nearly nude performers. The one whose clothes arrived in a plastic bag, instead of on a hanger, was clearly at a disadvantage.

Like its companion piece on the program, this work is more theater than dance, but the physicality, while powerful, does not substitute for exposition. Nobody talks, and the acting-out expresses only frustration. Structurally, it's old-fashioned, but without the clear dance expression that might redeem its trite plot.

The "Twisted Spring" series continues Friday through Sunday at LACE with two more new works. Nancy Lee and Andrew Picken will perform, as will Sarah Elgart and members of her ensemble, who will dance to a score by Ed Tomney.

For information and reservations, call 624-5650.

has said that tests did not show him to have the illness.)

Klass writes off Hopkins as well-meaning but "extremely gullible." Meanwhile, Klass claims, "a small but significant portion of the population are what psychologists refer to as 'fantasy-prone personalities.'"



Jim M. Dalmeier/UFO Magazine

**Descriptions** of aliens often state that they are about 5 feet tall, have gray skin, lack hair, have very large eyes and almost no nose or mouth.

Three years ago, says Klass, "I'd have said such myths were harmless. We'd all like to believe that we're not alone in this vast universe, and dream there are creatures fairly like ourselves."

Now, however, Klass worries that UFO hysteria could reach "dangerous cult" proportions and that people — fearing "generational encounters" as purported

by Strieber and Hopkins — might kill themselves and their children in mass suicides approaching that of the 1978 Jonestown massacre.

"There's no one tried and true abduction scenario," says Vicki Cooper, co-editor with Sherie Stark of the locally published California UFO magazine. "But there are so many credible people coming forward and reporting these incredibly bizarre kinds of events. We have a lot of strange things happen on this planet. There's a big question mark about the whole thing."

"I suspect something out of the ordinary is happening," insists Barry Tass, a counselor with the L.A. UFO Research and Support Group which helps alleged abductees cope. "These are normal people who don't want publicity. Our job is not to prove or disprove it. You can't unless you have a ship or beings."

What worries Tass, who says he observed UFOs on two occasions, is that "the phenomenon began in desolate areas out in the sticks. Now abductions are being reported in places like Brentwood, North Hollywood and Venice."

Most abductees are not anxious to go public. "Tom," a 44-year-old L.A. businessman, insists on a pseudonym when discussing the six times he believes he was abducted, beginning when he was a child near Pittsburgh.

"Personally, I'd find it remarkable if somebody did believe the whole goddamn story, because it's so outrageous," says Tom, who once belonged to a support group. "It caused me years of grief."

Says Philip Klass, the skeptical journalist with \$10,000 to spend on a confirmed UFO account, "It would be the biggest story of the last two millennia."

## HAVERHILL ECHO-SUFFOLK -

MAY 25 1989

### Strange light in the sky

A HAVERHILL woman has reported seeing a strange light in the sky at 10.20 on Monday night when she went into her garden to take in some washing.

Joan Bealings, of Arrendene Road, said she noticed a blue glow shining on to her garden and looked up to see an object flashing across the sky.

She said: 'I thought little of it until a workfriend, Mandy Smith, who lives at Wickhambrook, said she saw a very similar light at the same time. I wonder if there were any more sightings and what it could have been.'

# Personally Speaking..

*SOUTH SHIELDS man Roderick Stewart has been studying incidences of UFOs over the town for several years. Here he presents his findings and suggests there could be more to the unexplained sightings than meets the eye...*

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A LETTER sent to me this month from no less a personage as Lord Hill-Norton, Admiral of the Fleet G.C.B, and ex-Chief of this country's Defence Staff reads: "I think that sooner or later all Governments, including our own, will be forced to reveal a good deal of factual information about the phenomenon, which is now concealed."

Whether research into UFO's be a sceptical labour or an intriguing love, it cannot be denied that as we enter the space-age 1990's the sighting of Unidentified Flying Objects are well and truly a part of our society, so much so in fact that the reporting of sightings is a worldwide activity with contribution from many countries of the globe.

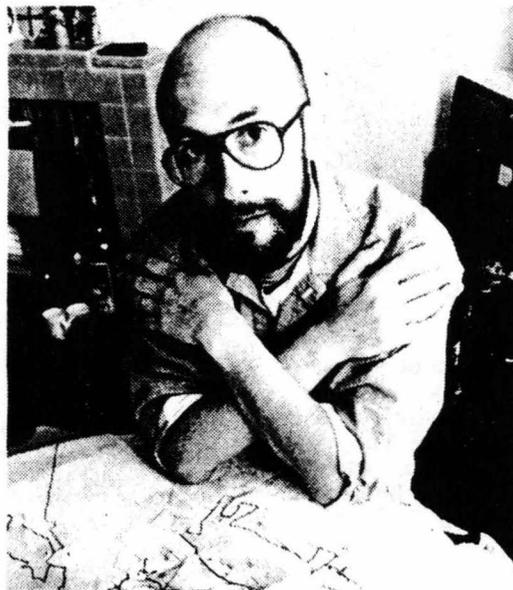
Neither to be outdone nor passed unacknowledged, perhaps it is time for us to take a closer look, for those unaware, at South Shields' very own reported close encounters, the first of which was in the autumn of 1967, a year in which mass sightings occurred all over Britain.

*In late October three bright triangular shaped objects were watched by a family foursome from their window at Tyne Dock flats for at least half an hour as they hung shining "very bright, just like electric lights" in the sky south of the town. The two boys of the household had woke at 6.30 a.m. spotting the UFO's through their bedroom window.*

## *Too big for stars*

Having alerted their parents, sensibly, the police were called and upon arriving the members of the squad car also witnessed the puzzling trio of objects. Said the father: "They were too big for stars."

RAF Acklington said later that they had no aircraft in the air and that at the time of the sighting had no radar in operation. RAF Boulmer also reported they had no knowledge of any objects over the town. However, the report filed with the Ministry of Defence prompted the following reply from Whitehall (I quote from a personal copy): "A radiosonde balloon,



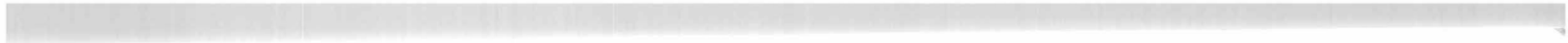
**RODERICK STEWART - UFO sightings in and around Shields.**

which was released from Aughton, near Liverpool, at 5.30 a.m. on that day, was in the vicinity of South Shields pursuing an erratic course an hour later. I think that you probably saw the reflection of the light of the early morning sun from the surfaces of the balloon and its attachments." A wayward balloon?

*Within the week the Gazette received several sightings of strange objects over the town. A group of 'fiery red crosses' flying in formation had been witnessed by early morning passengers awaiting the first ferry of the day at the ferry launch at around 5a.m. In the same week as the triangular objects the Gazette reported how marks were found on the roof of a building after three boys reported seeing a strange flying object in the sky. The boys claimed to have seen a bullet-shaped object hovering a short time over an electricity sub-station in the corner of Horsley Hill junior school field. Brown lines later found on the roof of the building (noticed not to have been there previously) were thought to have been burn marks left by the mysterious object as it flew off.*

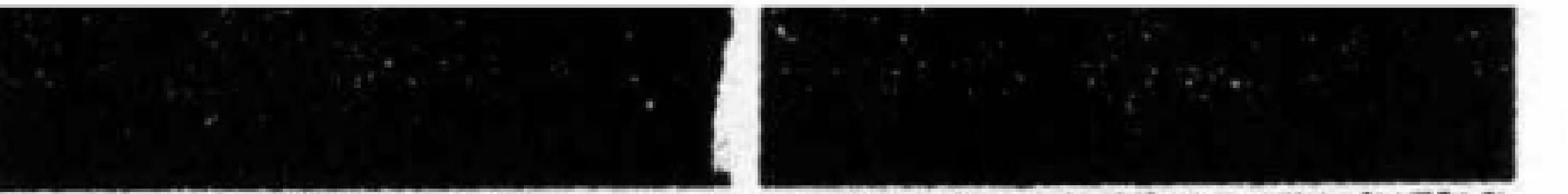
The boys spotted the UFO whilst looking for a key left on the field, glancing up they saw the glowing







In the advert for the first non-stop flights from Singapore to London, the picture is one of three UFO photo-



tures taken in the 1960s at Sheffield and Conisbrough and was published first in the Chronicle.

# still riddle

WAS it a UFO? Observers of the 'thing' spotted in the sky by Heywood ambulancemen and Leigh factory workers in the early hours of Friday morning, are today still no wiser as to what they saw.

On Friday two Heywood ambulancemen reported seeing an unidentified flying object. Police contacted Manchester Airport who cited "climatic conditions" as the cause of the sighting.

But night shift workers at Leigh's BICC factory were as puzzled as the ambulancemen. Unhappily, the factory worker who would most like to have seen the mysterious 'flashing

**By ALWYN GRAHAM**

lights' was not on duty when they appeared.

He is Steve Balon, Northwest investigator for the Direct Investigation Group on Aerial Phenomena, the second oldest UFO society in England.

## Flashing

Steve told colleagues they should have woken him at 2am when the objects appeared in the night sky. But no-one did, and he had to content himself with second-hand accounts from workmates.

Steve said he had investigated and been told the two ambulancemen had seen coloured flashing lights in the sky — but when they switched their headlights towards the 'object', the telephone lines at their ambulance station went dead and, unable to dial 999, they went to a police station and a policeman followed the

'lights' for more than a mile in his car before the quarry "suddenly shot off at speed".

He said he had spoken to air traffic control, and aurora borealis had been suggested as the cause of the sighting. But the evidence he had heard did not indicate the northern lights.

## Star

One man who did see the phenomena was 50-years-old Jack Hollis, a night shift machinist at the BICC factory.

He told the BEN: "Something kept flashing red, white, and then green. I have never seen anything like it before. One man thought it was a star, but it was too big for a star.

"You couldn't make the shape out, but it kept changing colour. It wasn't an aircraft because it was in the same place for two hours."

Jack said there was a similar object, about the same height, but further away.

jets which had never been to Britain until this week.

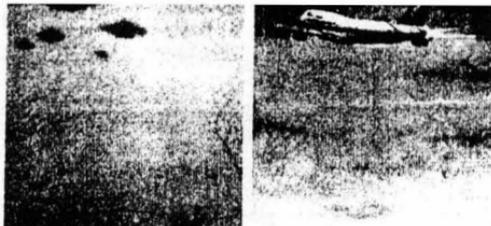
## Tested

The ad is headed: "Which flying object are you least likely to have sighted over Britain?"

In March, the Sheffield Road UFO pictures were tested by America UFO experts who concluded they were "most likely the result of a paste-up photo technique."

Mr. Chris Thornton, a partner in London-based advertising agency Edwards, Martin and Thornton Ltd. which devised the ad., said researchers had contacted UFO societies.

He said: "We included the Barnsley UFO picture in the ad because there are not that many pictures of UFOs in



convinced he saw something — but at the time wanted to remain anonymous to spare the ridicule of disbelieving friends.

● LEFT: the ad . . . with Barnsley's contribution in the top left corner.

TODAY LONDON MAY 31 1989

# CRASH PLANE VANISHES

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BAFFLED police are searching for a crashed plane that vanished without trace.

Worried families reported that a low-flying aircraft disappeared over marshland near their homes.

But a huge search, involving a coast guard helicopter, police and firemen, drew a blank.

Now people in Southport, Merseyside, fear it ditched in the sea. They told police that the orange and white plane headed towards their homes before veering off towards the sea.

Barry Williams, 14, said: "It missed a row of houses by a matter of feet before heading out to sea. I couldn't hear any engine noise and I was only

a couple of hundred yards away.

"I am positive it crashed in the sea."

Merseyside police said: "It is a bit of a mystery to say the least."

Jenny Randles, of UFO Watch, said yesterday: "It could have been a remote-controlled plane which the military use for reconnaissance in Northern Ireland."

## THE UFO ENIGMA CONT

"I'VE BECOME, NOT CYNICAL, but disillusioned with the way things are being done," said Imbrogno, who has ceased active investigation of reported UFO sightings. "It was the signal versus the noise and the noise kept getting bigger and bigger and bigger and the signal kept getting smaller and smaller and smaller ... It's just been hyped so much that you can't do an objective investigation anymore."

Imbrogno said he is now "kind of laying back, waiting for the big one. *The photograph. The videotape. The incident.*"

Meanwhile, "the phenomena is still there. People are still reporting them. There are still sightings all over the world," Imbrogno said. "I'm convinced that the phenomena is real but there's no evidence to indicate what it represents. When it comes down to the nitty gritty, you haven't really proved anything except that people saw something they couldn't explain."

ADSCENE CANTERBURY  
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# Have you seen these UFOs?

ABOUT four weeks ago you very kindly printed a letter for us, and we say thank you - the response was great.

We are now looking for witnesses to these events in the following areas:

Christmas 1988 around the coastguard station at Deal - a large disc with a number of lights underneath slowly coasting over the houses lighting up the surrounding area.

Saltwood area - a bright blue/white light around Castle Road area, at about 1am, emitting a sound like a large electrical spark was seen in November last year.

Kingsnorth/Ashford area late October 1988 - a UFO in the Riverside Close area and Ashford. A large disc was extremely low over these areas between 500 and 30ft off the ground, with a silver body and lights underneath - circular in shape and about 10ft in diameter.

Charing Cross/London - we would like more witnesses to come forward about a UFO at or over the railway station, at 6.15pm, on 8 April. A number of people travel this line into Folkestone.

Maidstone/Charing in February, 1989 -

a very large object exploded in the sky at Charing or nearby, at about 6pm. There was a lot of traffic on the road at the time.

Maidstone/Birnam Square, on 20 February, 1989 - an oval object whitish/yellow and red in colour, with no sound but controlled movement up high then very low, at about 6.40pm.

The UFO stayed in the area for about 10 minutes, and was about the size of a large dinner plate.

Kingsdown/Deal, on 7 April, 1989 - the shape of a low-crowned bowler hat, silver in colour with no sound. This lasted for about four minutes, at 11am.

These are just a few of the reports that I have received in the south of Kent and in the northern part, reports are still coming in by phone and letter.

We would like more people to come forward who saw these events to contact me on 0679 20599.

John Robson  
Sunset Cottage  
New Street  
Lydd.

## SHIELDS GAZETTE

MAY 30 1989

# Encounters in space

ROD Stewart's comments about UFOs (Gazette, 27 May) are interesting. I should like to add two comments.

Firstly, since the 1950s I have observed silvery-white discs and cigar-shaped UFOs hovering or moving over South Shields, one even disappearing before my eyes!

My conclusion: these may have been ordinary objects viewed in unusual circumstances, or they could have been unusual objects. I cannot be certain.

Secondly, I quote the Ministry of Defence's comments about UFOs, sent to me from Whitehall five years ago: "We have to recognise that there are many strange things to be seen in the sky, but we believe there are adequate explanations for them.

"They may be satellite debris re-entering the earth atmosphere, ball lightning, unusual cloud formations, meteorological balloons, aircraft lights, aircraft at unusual angles or many other things. There is certainly no evidence that alien spacecraft have landed on the planet.

"Although we have not carried out our own studies, we are aware of independent studies into the UFOs, notably by the University of Colorado published in 1969. This concluded that 90 per cent of all UFOs reported could be plausibly related to ordinary phenomena."

This comment does make me wonder what the remaining 10 per cent of reported UFOs relate to - the unexplained or aliens from other worlds?!

DAVID R KEEDY,  
Mortimer Road,  
South Shields.

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## UFO hotline

SEEN ANY UFOs recently? Any of ET's relatives? Or anything that might have come from Outer Space?

If so, read on. And if not, read on anyway.

Anthony Dodd has his feet firmly on the ground. He must have, having served the North Yorkshire Police for 25 years. So I have to take him seriously, when he writes to me, as he has done.

In his retirement, Mr Dodd has become director of research and investigations for Quest Publications which produces a magazine about Unidentified Flying Objects in the UK.

### Network

"In an effort to further improve our already excellent investigative network which encompasses the length and breadth of Britain, Europe and overseas," says Mr Dodd, modestly, "we have launched a 24 hour international UFO hotline."

Should you see something which might be a UFO and you want to tell someone who will not scoff with disbelief, Mr Dodd, of 18 Hardy Meadows, Grassington, invites you to use the hotline: 0756-752216.

## THE UFO ENIGMA CON'T

Fawcett reported the incident to Pease Air Force Base and was told that he and the other witnesses would be hearing from officers at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, where the Project Blue Book investigation was then based. More than 20 years later, he's still waiting to hear from the Air Force, "which gives you an idea of how thoroughly they investigated even major sightings, with many witnesses."

After Fawcett began his association with Hynek, he learned that many significant reports of sightings by military personnel were missing from the Blue Book files. Efforts to obtain them through the Freedom of Information Act were unsuccessful. Through their loose network of investigators, Fawcett and his colleagues heard many reports that the Central Intelligence Agency had files on UFOs. But when the CIA was queried on the subject, the agency denied having an interest in UFOs or any related documents.

**FAWCETT AND OTHERS** who didn't believe the government founded Citizens Against UFO Secrecy, or CAUS. They sued the CIA under the FOI act and recovered 2,000 UFO-related documents, "from an agency saying they had none." In 1980, CAUS took that National Security Agency all the way to the Supreme Court and won access to 250 UFO-related documents. The NSA had also denied having any files on UFOs. To date, about 15,000 government documents have been handed over to CAUS through legal action and FOI requests, Fawcett said.

"We found an on-going interest on the part of all these agencies after the close of Project Blue Book," even though the government said Blue Book ended its involvement in the UFO phenomenon and that UFOs posed no threat to national security, Fawcett said.

The group's efforts also revealed that there was a series of UFO sightings over six Strategic Air Command bases — including a nuclear weapons storage facility — in 1975, Fawcett said. Lighted, football-shaped objects "were coming and going with impunity," Fawcett said, adding that efforts to follow the UFOs with chase planes were futile.

"The documents show that we were helpless ... It was really an awesome, awesome incident."

But what were the UFOs? Space aliens? Secret weapons? Meteorological illusions?

"I don't think any researcher can actually say that because we don't know. We can make a case that something is going on in our skies," said Fawcett. He takes tales of abductions by aliens and the like with a grain of salt. But anything is possible. "I do believe that the answer lies within the government's files. They

**know exactly what's going on (and) there is a cover-up, from the White House on down."**

"I'm sure they're aliens. No doubt in my mind," said Robert Bletchman, national publicity director for MUFON, the Mutual UFO Network. An international group of investigators with the goal of scientifically studying the phenomenon and getting the government to cough up more information about UFOs, MUFON takes no official position on whether or not UFOs are the ships of aliens. But Bletchman, a Manchester attorney, has made up his own mind. "I'm convinced ... that there are different beings here from different planets doing different things."

**WITH EARTH SPECIES BECOMING EXTINCT** at an alarming rate, Bletchman guesses that aliens may be visiting the planet to collect and catalogue various types of flora and fauna before they vanish from the universe forever.

"When one puts together the whole spectrum of evidence," he said, "we're not left with fleeting, equivocal information ... The residue doesn't fall apart. Dr. Hynek called it 'an escalation of hypotheses.'"

Bletchman added, "I'm not a 'true believer.' I practice law. I know what evidence is."

"You must never, never, never cease to use your critical faculties," said John White, a writer and researcher of paranormal phenomena based in Cheshire. "Believe as little as possible. Know as much as possible."

White, the sponsor of an annual conference on UFOs, is convinced the ships are real and suspects they're piloted by extraterrestrial beings. "One very credible researcher estimates that there have been about three million sightings since the beginning of the modern era," White said. "There is physical evidence. There are photographs. There are radar sightings. Pilots have reported seeing them." A recent poll, he noted, showed that more than half the adult population of the U.S. accepts UFOs as real.

But all the hype, the popularization of the UFO movement, has disenchanted Imbrogno. He cited the recent publication of "Communion," a claimed non-fiction account by science-fiction writer Whitley Streiber recounting the author's abduction by aliens. The book was on the New York Times best seller list and has sold more than 600,000 copies. It will soon be made into a movie. Imbrogno noted that it's quite a coincidence when a successful science-fiction writer, author of "Wolfen" and other such tales, is kidnapped by space aliens. When the study of UFOs translates into big, big money, the objectivity of those involved comes into question.

# THE UFO ENIGMA

## Scientists and laymen alike wonder what's going on up there

By Bill Gruber

**E**llen Crystall pointed her 35mm camera at the night sky and took a photograph of a distant, blinking light. She used a flash, to illuminate the foreground and provide a frame of reference.

Although the subject of her photo was several miles away, she was pretty sure it was another alien spacecraft.

As the light drew nearer and the sound of a jet engine became discernable, Crystall quashed the doubtful comments of an observer by pointing out that the aliens are capable of making their "ships" sound just like airplanes. When the craft's wings and fuselage could be seen silhouetted in the moonlit, late-March sky, she assured that UFOs can sometimes look like airplanes. The aliens, she said, might even have planes of their own.

Crystall, a self-proclaimed professional "UFO photographer" who leads regular spacecraft-watching expeditions in the towns of Montgomery and Pine Bush, N.Y., is representative of one element of the widely diverse and sometimes offbeat group of enthusiasts who believe UFOs are real and probably from outer space.

Although Crystall — convinced that UFOs are spacecraft piloted by alien beings in cahoots with the U.S. government — may seem extreme in her zeal, she is taken seriously enough within the UFO cult. She gives presentations at UFO seminars and publishes a quarterly newsletter called "Contactee," which purports to represent "the first organization for research of UFOs by direct observation."

People like Crystall and others who make widely publicized claims of close encounters with spacecraft or abduction by aliens often garner the lion's share of media attention. But there are others deeply involved in the UFO movement, serious investigators who approach the subject with skepticism and scientific objectivity. To those men and women, there is little doubt that UFOs — unidentified flying objects — do exist. But unanswered questions remain: Who or what are they? Where do they come from? What do they want?

"There are all sorts of reports being generated about blood-sucking aliens and underground bases and people who have been abducted and had implants put into their brains," said prominent UFO investigator Philip Imbrogno of Bethel. "Unfortunately, that's what the public wants to hear."

**MEDIA HYPE AND THE PUBLIC'S** taste for sensationalism have made it nearly impossible to seriously study the UFO

phenomenon and have discredited the efforts of legitimate investigators, said Imbrogno.

"I feel kind of like I'm trying to be a point of sanity in all the madness."

A high school science teacher in the White Plains, N.Y., public school system, Imbrogno has been investigating UFO sightings since the early 1970s. He led an investigation into a large number of related sightings in the Hudson River Valley during the early 1980s and documented his findings in a book called "Night Seige — the Hudson Valley UFO Sightings," which has become a standard of sorts for those convinced UFOs are real.

"I had always been interested in astronomy and the possibility that UFOs represented extraterrestrial visitors intrigued me," Imbrogno said, explaining why he joined the

Center for UFO Studies, an independent investigating group, in 1973. Imbrogno became a case investigator for CUFOS but soon became disillusioned.

"I was disappointed," he said. When he began looking into reported UFO sightings, he found than many labeled "unexplained" by the center could be easily explained by natural phenomena. Many of his fellow investigators were overzealous, eager to prove that UFOs did exist and were manned by aliens. Imbrogno felt that investigations were not being undertaken with the objectivity necessary to get to the bottom of the many UFO reports recorded around the world each year.

"They were hunting down spaceships, rather than trying to explain a phenomenon,"

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## THE UFO ENIGMA CONT

Imbrogno said. "I became discouraged. I became something of a skeptic."

**BUT AS HIS REPUTATION** as an objective investigator who wasn't willing to jump to conclusions grew, Imbrogno started being assigned to juicier cases. He looked into sightings that couldn't be written off to the usual explanations. And he got to know J. Allen Hynek.

"Once, (the investigation of UFOs) was the realm of nuts and whacks and whackos," Imbrogno said. Hynek brought credibility to the field by insisting upon scientific objectivity. "Dr. Hynek used to refer to 'the UFO phenomenon,' not to spaceships and aliens and all that crap."

Hynek, who helped Imbrogno with "Night Seige," died as the book was being written. "He was an incredible human being," Imbrogno said.

A consultant to the U.S. Air Force "Project Blue Book" investigation, Hynek was not satisfied with the government's final finding in 1969 that all UFO reports could be ascribed to misunderstood sightings of airplanes, satellites, weather balloons, temperature inversions and other natural phenomena. "He was told by the government to explain the cases away," Imbrogno said.

Hynek founded the Center for UFO Studies and was, at the time of his death, the nation's preeminent UFO researcher. Although he never could determine just what UFOs were, he became convinced they represented something that defied any ordinary explanation, and that the U.S. government knew more about UFOs than it was prepared to share.

**THE MORE INVOLVED IN THE MOVEMENT** Imbrogno got, the more he was persuaded that something extraordinary was taking place in our skies.

In 1982, the Hudson Valley sightings began. Imbrogno, who investigated the early reports, was struck by the number of eye witnesses, the similarity of the reports, and the reliability of those claiming to have seen a huge, boomerang-shaped object in the night sky over New York and western Connecticut. Over the next five years, he would look into hundreds of cases in which ordinary people with no previous interest in UFOs claimed to have seen a huge, silent object that could hover in place and turn on a dime. In all, more than 5,000 sightings were reported to police and UFO investigators over the years, he said.

The official explanation for the reports was that it was a hoax perpetrated by light-plane pilots who flew in a V-shaped formation with their landing lights on, intentionally simulating a UFO. Indeed, Imbrogno confirmed, many sightings could be traced to airplanes.

"There's no doubt that there have been planes flying around in formation," he said, noting that even planets and single aircraft have sometimes been reported as UFOs. But he added, "These overflights of planes did not start until after a series of close-encounter sightings" in 1983 and 1984.

"You have to remember that there have been so many reports and you can't discount them all," he said. Several witnesses reported seeing a single, huge structure. Such sightings included a remarkable one at the Indian Point nuclear reactor in Buchanan, N.Y., where security guards said a giant, solid object hovered over one reactor for an extended period. "You have so many encounters in so many places ... A good deal of the sightings cannot be traced to planes."

Imbrogno has several theories about the formations of planes. Early sightings were traced to sport pilots from Stormville, N.Y. But in later occurrences, the formations were too tight, the weather conditions to adverse for the flights to have been made by recreational flyers, he said. One of Imbrogno's hypotheses is that the later formations were flown by trained government pilots — maybe even the CIA — in an effort to discredit legitimate UFO sightings. His efforts to substantiate this through requests for information under the Freedom of Information Act have thus far provided no proof.

**ANOTHER SUBSCRIBER TO THE GOVERNMENT** cover-up theory is Larry Fawcett, a full-time police lieutenant in the town of Coventry and part-time UFO investigator.

"I was a very close personal investigator for Dr. J. Allen Hynek," said Fawcett, who became

**interested in UFOs only after he saw one himself.**

"I had a sighting in July 1965 in the town of Manchester, very close up, within 250 yards." Fawcett recalled that he had stopped at an auto dealership to look for a new car. The was an electrical sub-station across the street. Fawcett and about 25 other witnesses watched a huge, metallic, football-shaped object, about the size of a Boeing 747 jumbo jet but without wings or any visible propulsion system, descend to within a few feet of the sub-station and hover soundlessly above it. A rod came down from the bottom of the object and electricity arced between the object and sub-station. Immediately, power was knocked out in that section of Manchester. The sighting lasted only about 35 seconds.

"Prior to that incident, I had no interest in the phenomenon whatsoever. I believed what I was being told, that there was nothing to it," Fawcett said. "Seeing it with my own eyes convinced me. It was a once-in-a-lifetime sighting."

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# SAM BIG SNAPS A SURPRISE

## Holiday photos reveal a UFO

STUDENT Sam Gangat was really spaced out with shock when he looked at a film he'd just had printed.

It's not a bird, nor a plane ... but it could just be a flying saucer!

This exclusive photograph was snapped by the Leicester student while he was on holiday in France.

It has baffled UFO experts and scientists while exciting others who believe that it could provide the best evidence yet that we are not alone.

Sam, of Ashleigh Road, Leicester, took the mysterious photo while on holiday in Savoy.

"I was taking shots of the mountains and valleys and it was only some time later when I had the film developed that I noticed the flying object," said 19-year-old Sam.

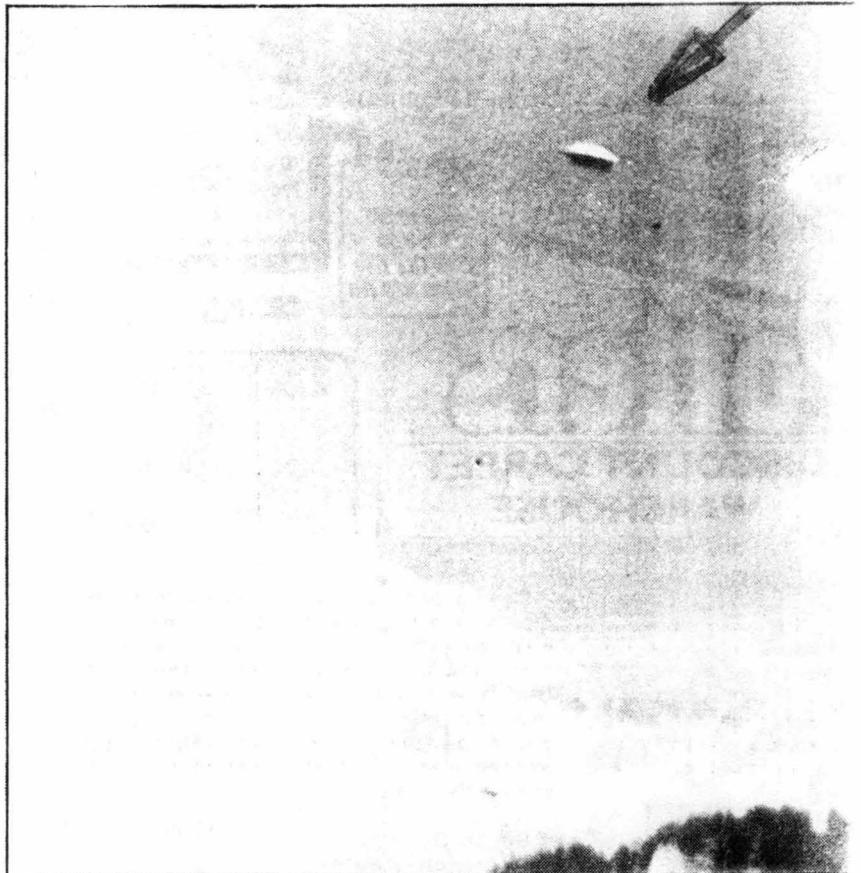
"It must have been travelling at speed or was so far away that I didn't notice it at the time.

"I had always believed there could be life-form on other planets. Having seen the photo blown-up I'm quite sure there must be and this could be one of their spacecrafts."

The photograph is now being examined by the British UFO Research Association.

One of their members, Clive Potter, a leading British UFO expert, said: "It will remain a mystery for some time until all the exhaustive tests are carried out. But the object is very clearly defined, with the sun casting a shadow underneath the main body, suggesting there was an ob-

ject in the sky when the photograph was taken. "If this can be established through the tests as a fact, then it will provide exciting and startling evidence into the theory that aliens do visit Earth in space crafts." Perhaps a case of 'plane it again, Sam?"



●Sam's dramatic holiday snap of the Alps with the UFO arrowed

# Hotline for the Warminster thing

WHATEVER happened to the Warminster Thing? It must have been 20 years ago that the papers were full of intriguing reports about inexplicable "happenings" of an extra-terrestrial nature in that otherwise pleasant part of Wiltshire.

At least one enterprising journalist lived at Warminster at the time — he used to do pieces for The Echo — and one book, possibly more, emerged

among journalistic fruits of public interest aroused by supposed doings of the Thing.

Perhaps it is not dead after all, but waiting to amaze us all with further revelations about what goes on in Outer Space. UFOs, it seems, are still around, and members of a body called Quest Publications International are so determined to make us all believe it they have launched a 24-hour international UFO hotline.

"We receive regular data from contacts as far afield as Japan, South Africa, Israel and Moscow, but mostly the United States," says their director of research and

investigations, Anthony Dodd, a retired policeman.

"We recently heard a taped conversation made by astronauts on board the space shuttle Discovery, subsequently overheard and recorded by listening stations on Earth. In the recording, the astronauts are heard to remark: 'Houston, this is Discovery, we still have the alien spacecraft under observance'."

Whether or not this sounds convincing, the very next time you spot a UFO (is "an UFO" correct English?), be sure to ring Mr Dodd on his hotline — 0756 752216 — or phone him personally on 0756 752847.

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## Club lists 892 UFO sightings

by PAUL NEWMAN

THE Essex skies are alive with mysterious objects, according to a UFO spotters group in the county.

In the last nine months a staggering 892 flying objects or strange lights in the sky were reported to the Boxted-based East Anglian UFO and Paranormal Research Association.

And several witnesses claim to have actually made

contact with creatures not of this Earth.

Spokeswoman Sheridan Lane said between July 31 and December 31 last year, 532 sightings were reported in Essex.

After the group investigated them, 189 turned out to be aircraft or other every day explicable objects.

But the remaining 343 were impossible to explain, and have been classified as UFOs.

A further 360 objects were spotted and reported between January 1 and April 30 this year.

Investigations are still going on into 160 of them, while 150 have been classified as UFOs.

But all the incidents are not mere sightings of distant indistinct objects, claims Miss Lane.

Of the recent 360 cases, 270 were from people who spotted bright lights in the sky.

But ten were actual cases

of contact with alien life-forms, with one Clacton woman claiming she was abducted by a spacecraft before having the event erased from her mind.

She later relived her close encounter under hypnosis with the UFO research team.

If you're still sceptical, the team has organised a UFO talk by author Timothy Good, at Cecil Jones School, Southchurch, Southend, at 7.30pm, on June 24.

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### METEOR THEORY ON UFO ALERT

Coastguards at Yarmouth said the object had been sighted along the East Coast from the Humber to the Thames, and some people were worried that they had seen a flying saucer.

But Mr Geoff Sutton, of Norwich Weather Centre, said the annual visit by the Cetids meteorite shower was almost certainly to blame.

He said: "There is no need to panic. This meteor shower is due to be seen between May 14 and 23 so that

seems to be the logical explanation. Meteor showers can be seen in the sky at certain times of the year, and that is probably what happened in this case."

#### ATMOSPHERE

But Mr Eric Mutton of Overstrand, near Cromer, who said he spotted something travelling across the sky leaving a greenish burn, said: "I very much doubt it was a meteorite. I have never seen one like it.

"It made no sound and was travelling horizontally, not vertically. It was leaving sparks behind it, as if things were burning up in the atmosphere.

"I was out in the garden when I saw it and wondered what on earth it could be."

Retired doctor Mr John Hackett, of Cromer Road, Aylsham, said: "I thought it couldn't be lightning because it was very bright. It was very peculiar."

# Have 'space

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# people' visited East Anglia?

## Mystery sightings 'too many to be dismissed'

### Strange case of couple's missing hours

AS AN example of Ron West's work he details examples of two cases under investigation at the moment.

#### CASE HISTORY ONE:

"In the summer of 1984 a young woman and her boyfriend were travelling by car on the A1092 between Haverhill and Sudbury.

"They left home at 7 pm and were expecting to arrive in Sudbury at about 8.30 pm.

"While they were travelling along the road the woman noticed a bright ball of light following them. It swept over their car and stopped 100 yards ahead of them.

"The car's engine and lights failed. They got out of the car to fix the engine while the light continued to hover further down the road. As soon as they stepped out of the car their feeling of panic disappeared and they felt calm.

"Once the engine had been adjusted the car started and they continued their journey.

"When they arrived at their destination the time was 1.30 am. The engine was fixed very quickly so they have hours they cannot account for."

Mr. West said the woman, who does not wish to be identified, has volunteered to undergo hypnosis to establish what did happen during those missing hours.

#### CASE HISTORY TWO:

"A retired military man was walking his dog in Basildon on December 6 1979 at 6.30 pm when he saw a double set of lights in the sky slowly approaching him.

"At first he thought it was an aircraft until it stopped and remained stationary in the air.

"The man returned home and then while standing in his garden saw a large craft flying very slowly at about 500 feet.

"It made very little noise — if it was a normal aircraft it just would have stalled at that height and speed.

"The underside of the craft was white. There were two sets of lights under each wing and the whole craft was reflected as a diamond shape."

Mr. West is trying to discover whether the craft was a new type of aircraft or a visitor from another world.

• If you have had a UFO experience, Ron West can be reached on the UFO hotline — telephone 0268 286079.

By Andrew Clarke

RON WEST is a man with a mission. For the past 20 years, he has been one of the country's leading UFO investigators.

In 1986, he was promoted to the position of Accredited Investigator by the British UFO Research Association, the leading amateur body of UFO investigation in the United Kingdom.

Ron, who is based just outside Colchester, is in no doubt that aliens (or space people, as he prefers to call them) do exist.

He says there have been too many UFO sightings around the world by too many people for them to be dismissed.

"Yes there are such things. But there are also quite a lot of elaborate hoaxes which we have to sort out," he said.

"I am well aware that photographs can be faked quite convincingly. So I rely mainly on spoken evidence. Innocent things let slip in conversation will convince me that the experience was genuine."

#### Frightened

He said the majority of people who report seeing UFOs have nothing to gain by their admission.

"Many of them are frightened and upset by their experiences and run the risk of being ridiculed by their family and friends by speaking about their experiences."

"Also there are many reports from normally reliable sources — airline pilots, police officers, members of the RAF and USAF. Why would these people make something up and place their reputations in jeopardy if these sightings were not true?"

Having said that, Mr. West said all UFO sightings should be thoroughly researched before they can be classified as visitors from another world.

He admits that some sightings are just lights from aircraft in the sky, while others are peculiar effects caused by unusual weather conditions, but for those who manage to make a clear identification, particularly when supported by witnesses, he says there can be no doubt that the strange objects are visitors from some other world.

Ron became actively involved in UFO research in the early 60s when he was demobbed from the Army.

His interest began in 1952 when he was stationed in Malaya and had what he believes was a close encounter with an alien spacecraft.

"I can remember little about the encounter. I don't really know or understand what happened. I have been told since that I have a powerful mind-block placed on my memory."



Is it real or is it a fake? This photograph is reputed to show a UFO hovering over a house at Southend.

"Every now and then a little bit of information filters out, but the only way for me to properly remember the whole incident would be under hypnosis."

He said hopefully the whole memory of the incident will come back to him in time. "I have no desire to go under hypnosis to get at this information. I am sure it will come out of its own accord."

Ron believes that East Anglia is an important area for UFOs in Europe. Part of the explanation is because of the high concentration of military airbases here.

"There is a lot of activity over Southend. The UFOs have been seen gathering over the area and disappearing into the water out to sea."

He said that in the past 12 months, the skies have been particularly busy. "From January 1 to the end of March we are investigating 137 UFO sightings in Norfolk, Suffolk and Essex. We have 192 reports still to be investigated."

"In the last six months of 1988, we had 489 cases reported to us. Of that number, 260 were identified as aircraft, balloons or whatever, but 229 sightings remain unidentified."

He added that of the sightings, 40 per cent were lights in the sky, 40 per cent were clear objects in the sky, ten per cent were encounters and ten per cent were actual contact with "space people".

He said it is possible that some governments have already made contact with "space people". Mr. West said, "The

film *Close Encounters of the Third Kind* could have been true.

"It is believed that the United States government recovered a crashed alien spacecraft from Roswell in New Mexico, complete with the bodies of four aliens."

According to documents published in a new book entitled *Above Top Secret*, this story is true.

Five pages of a secret document are reprinted explaining the work of secret department Majic-12.

The document, drawn up on November 18 1952, to be presented to President-elect Dwight Eisenhower, says a crashed spaceship was recovered from Roswell with the bodies of four aliens.

These were humanoid in appearance, but had followed a different evolutionary process.

The report states, "Since it is virtually

certain that these craft do not originate in any country on earth, considerable speculation has centred around their point of origin . . . some scientists consider it more likely that we are dealing with beings from another solar system.

"Numerous examples of what appear to be a form of writing were found in the wreckage. Efforts to decipher these have remained largely unsuccessful."

Last summer, Ron joined forces with Leiston paranormal investigator Brenda Butler to form the East Anglian UFO and Paranormal Research Association.

The group plans to investigate the unexplained and provide detailed reports for the scientists of the future.

Ron, director of investigations (UFO), said, "The trouble at the moment is that neither our government nor the United States government officially admits that UFOs exist."

He added that despite the official denial of UFOs, the Ministry of Defence is very interested in hearing about sightings, and has a four-page confidential form for spotters to complete.

Ron is awaiting 1992 with anticipation, because under the 30-year rule, papers relating to the first recorded RAF UFO cases should become public.

# Are they really alien vehicles?

UNIDENTIFIED Flying Objects — are they really alien space vehicles or just strange meteorological effects caused by freak weather conditions?

Despite our own journeys into space, our improved understanding of science and the world in which we live, UFO reports continue to flood in.

Are they all reported by cranks? Can they all be ignored?

East Anglia's most celebrated UFO incident is reported to have happened in Rendlesham Forest just after Christmas 1980.

To help throw some light on the much discussed issue Lt. Col. Halt's report on the Rendlesham Forest incident is published in full in the EADT for the first time.

Feature writer Andrew Clarke talks to amateur investigator Ron West, who has devoted much of the last 30 years to tracking down the truth about encounters with UFOs and asks the question, "Do UFOs exist or are they one great elaborate hoax?"

## Glowing object seen at airbase

EAST Anglia's most famous UFO incident happened in Rendlesham Forest outside RAF Woodbridge in late 1980.

Six witnesses have claimed that on December 27, 28 and 29 a strange space craft landed in Rendlesham Forest and, according to some sources, contact was made between base commander Gen. Gordon Williams and three aliens.

This apparently preposterous story is given credibility by the publication of a memo written by Lt.-Col. Charles Halt to the British Ministry of Defence on January 13 1981.

Col. Halt was the deputy base commander of RAF Woodbridge, and his memo says there was a further encounter with an unidentified flying object on the night of December 29/30 1980.

The U.S. copy of this confidential memo was eventually published in the United States in 1983 under the Freedom of Information Act.

Col. Halt's report was then reproduced in the Timothy Good book, *Above Top Secret*.

The memo tells how a strange light was seen outside the base in the early hours of December 27 and security police were sent to investigate.

"The individuals reported seeing a

strange glowing object in the forest. The object was described as being metallic in appearance and triangular in shape approximately two meters high," says the memo.

"It illuminated the entire forest with white light. The object itself had a pulsing red light on top and a bank(s) of blue light underneath.

"The object was hovering or on legs. As the patrolmen approached the object, it manoeuvred through the trees and disappeared. At this time the animals on the nearby farm went into a frenzy."

The next day radioactive depression were found where the object had stood. Other lights were also seen.

To further reinforce the case a tape was released to Brenda Butler, Dot Street and Jenny Randles, authors of the book *SA Crash*, which they say records the panic and awe in the voices of Col. Halt and his colleagues on the night of December 29/30 when they witnessed a dazzling light display from the alien spacecraft.

In October 1984 EADT reporter John Grant spoke to Col. Sam Morgan, a former commander at Woodbridge, who testified to the authenticity of the tape.

So what did these airmen see? Was it the Orfordness lighthouse? Or did a UFO really land in Rendlesham Forest that night?

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
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UNEXPLAINED LIGHTS

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1. Early in the morning of 27 Dec 80 (approximately 0300L), two USAF security patrolmen saw unusual lights outside the back gate at RAF Woodbridge. Thinking an aircraft might have crashed or been forced down, they called for permission to go outside the gate to investigate. The on-duty flight chief responded and allowed three patrolmen to proceed on foot. The individuals reported seeing a strange glowing object in the forest. The object was described as being metallic in appearance and triangular in shape, approximately two to three meters across the base and approximately two meters high. It illuminated the entire forest with a white light. The object itself had a pulsing red light on top and a bank(s) of blue lights underneath. The object was hovering or on legs. As the patrolmen approached the object, it manoeuvred through the trees and disappeared. At this time the animals on a nearby farm went into a frenzy. The object was briefly sighted approximately an hour later near the back gate.
2. The next day, three depressions 1 1/2" deep and 7" in diameter were found where the object had been sighted on the ground. The following night (29 Dec 80) the area was checked for radiation. Beta/gamma readings of 0.1 milliroentgens were recorded with peak readings in the three depressions and near the center of the triangle formed by the depressions. A nearby tree had moderate (0.5-0.7) readings on the side of the tree toward the depressions.
3. Later in the night a red sun-like light was seen through the trees. It moved about and pulsed. At one point it appeared to throw off glowing particles and then broke into five separate white objects and then disappeared. Immediately thereafter, three star-like objects were noticed in the sky, two objects to the north and one to the south, all of which were about 10° off the horizon. The objects moved rapidly in sharp angular movements and displayed red, green and blue lights. The objects to the north appeared to be elliptical through an 8x12 power lens. They then turned to full circles. The objects to the north remained in the sky for an hour or more. The object to the south was visible for two or three hours and beamed down a stream of light from time to time. Numerous individuals, including the undersigned, witnessed the activities in paragraphs 2 and 3.

CHARLES T. HALT, Lt Col, USAF  
Deputy Base Commander

HARTLEPOOL MAIL  
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### U.F.O. spotted

A HARTLEPOOL man has spotted his second U.F.O. in the space of two years.

Dennis Proud, of Teesbrooke Avenue, claims he saw three flying objects shortly before midnight on Thursday.

He made the discovery in Southbrooke Avenue at 11.50 p.m. and said the three objects were seen just above the rooftops.

"Two of them moved away but the third hovered for a while," said Mr Proud.

"They were like round balls of fire and it is the second time I have seen a U.F.O. in two years."

Mr Proud urged anyone who may have seen the same sight to contact the U.F.O. association at Leeds tel. 0532 622221.

The memo that Lt. Col. Charles Halt sent to the Ministry of Defence after the Rendlesham Forest incident.

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### Buggy UFOs explained

Some unexplained UFO sightings may just be swarms of insects. In the lab, insects emit light when placed in an electrical field. Outside, many insects migrate after dusk, often riding the winds of a storm front. Storm fronts have the electrical conditions to make insects glow eerily in blue, green and yellow. Moreover, insects fly in saucer-shaped clumps. In Utah, biophysicist Phillip Callahan of the Optical Society of America found that UFO sightings matched perfectly the migrations of spruce budworm moths.

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DEWAYNE WICKHAM

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# Don't knock landing pad for UFOs

WASHINGTON — Now here's an idea deserving of serious consideration.

George Darden, a Nashville councilman, wants to use public funds to construct a landing pad for unidentified flying objects. No laughter please!

Building a place for flying saucers to set down is something the local lawmakers should do, Darden told council colleagues who briefly considered the bill he introduced to fund construction of a landing pad for aliens.

When council members stopped laughing they voted, 27 to 1, to defeat the legislation. So much for enlightened leadership.

But if you ask me, I think Darden is on to something.

According to the bright-eyed folks who run the National UFO Reporting Center, more than 125,000 sightings of space visitors have been reported since 1955. And most apparently zip about our skies in a futile search for a friendly port — a problem Darden's bill would have remedied.

If you think the man is something of a flake, you need to know he's not alone.

In Elmwood, Wis., where residents hold an annual UFO observance, Thomas Weber is not waiting for city fathers to act. He plans to raise \$25 million from private contributors to build a landing pad and beacon light just outside of town. Weber's project would also include housing and labs for 100 scientists — people who'd likely be drawn to Elmwood by the extraterrestrial visitors the landing pad is expected to attract.

Still laughing?

Well, there's a guy in Switzerland who claims to have 1,800 pages of notes which chronicle the face-to-face contacts he's had with aliens — some 130 meetings in all. His major finding: about one-third of the inhabitants of planet Earth are descendants of an alien life form.

I bet we can all name a few of these "illegal immigrants." For starters, how about Pee Wee Herman, Brigitte Nielsen and Don King?

There's at least one man in Gulf Breeze, Fla., who says he can predict the arrival of alien visitors. When they are nearby, he gets a humming on the right side of his forehead — an alert he believes results from an alien listening device that secretly was stuck into his head.

It's uncertain when the eavesdropping device was implanted, but it may have occurred about the time the man says he was struck by a blue beam of light from a hovering space craft. Like Nashville, Gulf Breeze has no landing pad for flying saucers.

Two years ago, 300 scholars, seers and scientists got together in Washington for a major UFO conference. High on their agenda was the subject of alien abductions. It seems that some visitors from other worlds — obviously annoyed by the absence of landing pads — have taken to kidnapping earthlings, all of whom survive to recount their harrowing experiences.

It's about now that the cynics among you are asking yourselves: "So what's the problem? Why don't these space travelers just plop themselves down at one of this nation's commercial airports?"

Well, you don't need a degree in intergalactic travel to come up with an answer. If you've ever seen the back-ups of airplanes trying to land in Chicago, Dallas, New York or Los Angeles, you'll understand why aliens have avoided these air fields, and why Darden's solution is not such a bad idea.

Go ahead, scoff if you want. But there is at least one thing to which you ought to give serious thought. "We think it's much more likely that the chemistry that led to the existence of life on this planet is being duplicated elsewhere," says John Rummel, of NASA.

If he's right and alien beings decide to pay us an official visit, they'll be hard pressed to find a place to land.

Now are you ready to take George Darden seriously? ■

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## Local Line

### Lighted UFOs reported by Wayne Countians

RIVER VALLEY - Several river valley residents report sighting unidentified flying objects Saturday evening.

Eyewitnesses in Abrahamsville said lights on the object or objects shone steadily and were predominately white, with several in blue and red. The lights approached the Delaware River from the west and headed south at about 10:30 p.m. The original circular formation of the lights changed as the object or objects neared Callicoon, becoming triangular, it was reported.

The witness said that the noise accompanying the lights was no more than a car passing by and that its speed was less than that of a small plane going overhead. The altitude was estimated at about 1,000 to 1,500 feet.

Another eyewitness in the Conklin Hill area reported that the lights that started out in a circular pattern took on a straight line formation as they passed his observation point and made no noise.

State police at the Honesdale barracks Monday night could not confirm any reports of UFO sightings Saturday evening. In another published account, sightings were reportedly made in Equinunk and Lake Como areas.

Several reports of UFOs have been made in the past six months in the Wayne County area.

# UFO sightings numerous two decades after Air Force stopped identifying them

By Addam Schwartz  
Staff Writer

**A** FAMILY OF FIVE was driving along Route 152 in Chalfont about 6:50 p.m. Jan. 31, 1988. The mother looked at the sky and saw a charcoal-black triangular object with three huge white lights. A large red light and some smaller white ones shone from beneath it.

The object was 50 feet above the car and looked as big as a house. It appeared to be concave underneath. It made no noise.

The father steered the car onto Lower State Road and parked. He and his family watched as the object hovered above them. The 7-year-old daughter started to cry before the object finally moved away, about five minutes after it first came into view.

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More than 40 years after the flying saucer scare of the late 1940s, UFOs are no longer the ex-

clusive property of rural swamplands, bad movies and supermarket tabloids.

But the gap between those who say the objects are interplanetary spacecraft and those who blame weather balloons and natural occurrences is still wider than the Milky Way.

The Chalfont sighting was one of about 300 reports statewide received last year by the Pennsylvania Association for the Study of

the Unexplained (PASU), according to Stan Gordon, founder and director of operations.

A similar pace was evident early this year.

"What's kind of interesting is the fact that back in the '40s, '50s and '60s, you had a lot of reports of (UFOs) that were typical flying saucers, which is a term I hate to use," Gordon said.

Today's objects tend to be triangular, cigar-shaped or rectangular

## WHERE TO CALL

Here's where you can call if you think you've encountered an unidentified flying object:

■ Thomas J. Carey, Mutual UFO Network Inc.: 947-6287.

■ Stan Gordon, Pennsylvania Association for the Study of the Unexplained: (412) 823-1834. PASU also operates a 24-hour hot line: (412) 838-7768.

Anyone wishing to report sightings, past or present, may write to PASU, 6 Oak Hill Ave., Greensburg, Pa. 15601. Enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope.

and silent.

Chief Journalist Rich Beth, a public affairs officer with the Willow Grove Naval Air Station in Horsham Township, said he knows of no UFO reports received in his tenure at the base. He started in October 1988.

There was one incident last fall in which a man called the air station and threatened to shoot down a set of rotating red and green lights that hovered near his

house, Beth said. "He called it a UFO. We verified that it was a helicopter."

The Air Force unit at Willow Grove has received no UFO sighting reports, said an officer at the base who declined to give his name.

PASU, based in Greensburg, Westmoreland County, is a statewide scientific clearinghouse for UFO sightings. Its volunteer members include scientists, engineers, physicians, former military officers — all with a background in research.

Gordon said the organization gets reports from police departments across the state, and sometimes from the federal government, as well as from people who saw something strange in the sky.

"I've been involved in this for over 29 years," he said, anticipating the inevitable question, "and I've never seen a UFO."

But after almost three decades of interviewing people who say they have seen strange lights in the sky, or oddly shaped flying craft, he believes the claims deserve study.

UFOs first entered the American consciousness in the late 1940s after a pilot reported seeing several disk-shaped objects flying over the state of Washington in 1947. The number of reports surged through the early 1950s, with sightings reported in waves followed by periods of relative UFO inactivity.

The Air Force conducted several investigations into UFOs during the 1950s and '60s, explaining most sightings as misidentified weather balloons, aircraft or natural phenomena.

Both the investigations and the conclusions often met with controversy from private UFO groups and independent researchers. Some critics said the Air Force did not tell all it knew.

The Air Force officially stopped investigating UFOs in 1969, but the sightings did not stop. Some academicians began to accept the idea that UFOs might come from other planets; the vast majority continued to scoff at the notion.

"In general," Gordon conceded, "over the years, the majority of UFO sightings are scientifically explainable."

## UFO SIGHTINGS CONT

Bruce G. Muchnick, an optometrist, astronomer and self-described "open-minded skeptic," cited a "classic" example of a misidentified UFO. In fall or spring, he said, people report seeing six or seven UFOs flying in formation in the evening sky.

"It turns out to be birds flying at night," Muchnick said. The city lights often reflect off their bottom feathers and the result is an otherworldly vision.

Not all sightings can be explained so easily.

"Since August of '87," Gordon said, "and actually still continuing, we began to have quite a big buildup of cases we have not been able to explain."

Just ask Ellen Collins.

About 2:30 a.m. one day in February 1988, Collins recalled, she went to her bedroom window and saw an unfamiliar bright light outside that began to jump.

"Next thing I knew, the thing dived," Collins said. "It went up and it dove to my bedroom window. The way it came at my window was when you shoot a bullet and you can't even see it."

She craned her neck to look skyward through the window and saw "this big, giant thing hovering over my roof. It was the size of half a football field." The object was camouflage-colored, with three elevator-type doors and three lights on the bottom.

The room began to vibrate. Collins felt as though part of her were being transported somehow aboard the object, where pictures were taken of her, although her feet never left the ground.

"I had a peaceful feeling but I felt very strange," she said.

Today, more than a year after the incident, Collins no longer lives in Feasterville. Yet when she walks her dog after dark, she's afraid to look at the sky.

"There were only two things in my life that really freaked me out," Collins said. "No. 1 was having a child, and No. 2 was seeing that g----- thing. ... This was one of the most scariest things. It was like having a child."

She used the same comparison when asked how she felt aboard the UFO: "My girlfriend said to

me, 'Ellen, what does it feel like when the baby moves in your stomach?' It's something I can't describe."

Although she terms them "closed-minded and ignorant," Collins has something in common with the skeptics who disparage her story. After all, she said, "I was one of them."

"I was not a believer, and if you told me this story I'd probably hang up on you."

Despite their philosophical differences, Bruce Muchnick, the open-minded skeptic, and Thomas J. Carey of Bryn Athyn, a UFO investigator, have their similarities.

They share an interest in the skies. Carey has a large print of Saturn, as seen from one of its moons, in his living room; Muchnick is an avid amateur astronomer.

They agree that the bulk of UFO reports can be explained in prosaic terms. They share a low opinion of alleged UFO photographs. Both men even recall seeing strange lights in the sky: Muchnick's turned out to be an experimental satellite; Carey's are still unexplained.

They differ, predictably, on the origins of UFOs.

Muchnick is a member of the Delaware Valley Skeptics, an offshoot of the Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal; Carey is state section director for the Mutual UFO Network and is affiliated with PASU.

"Ever since I was this high," Carey said, holding his hand 3 feet off the ground, "UFOs have caught my fancy. ... For most of my life I've been watching the controversy from afar. It's only in the last few years that I've become active."

Carey, superintendent of product management for CIGNA Property and Casualty Companies in Center City, puts UFO reports in five categories: "No. 1, they're hoaxes. No. 2, they're misidentifications of natural phenomena, like ball lightning. They're misidentifications of aircraft. They're extraterrestrial in origin. They're extradimensional."

He said the last two categories, accounting for 10 to 20 percent of UFO reports, enter the picture "when you eliminate all the other stuff. When you get to the real good stuff, they're either extraterrestrial in origin or they're, to use the vernacular, from another dimension."

Muchnick, who lectures on astronomy and the human eye, isn't so sure.

"I have a strong personal feeling that there is life on other planets," Muchnick said. "I'm sure that there is at least a form of life existing elsewhere. It might not be very common — life might be rare in space — but I think it's there."

As for UFOs, Muchnick said: "In terms of my opinion, the jury's out. ... As long as you don't approach UFOs as a matter of faith, as long as it's not like a religion, I don't doubt anybody's observation. I just want to find out more about it."

Muchnick said tricks of the eye and brain may be responsible for a number of UFO sightings.

One cause, he said, may be "floaters. These are little bits of debris ... that float in the jelly of the eye. People can see them and

start thinking that they're UFOs, and it's not that unusual."

The same holds true for optical illusions, he said, which show "how the brain can be easily fooled. And these phenomena can occur in nature, too."

The inaccuracies of human recall make scientific UFO studies difficult, Muchnick said.

"I think that any time you deal with human beings, it's hard to investigate something strictly scientifically," Muchnick said. "Most UFO reports can't be investigated well because you're dealing with memory."

Tom Carey has other ideas.

When a sighting is reported, Carey grabs his notepad, portable tape recorder and autofocus 35mm camera and interviews the witnesses.

He recently investigated a sighting by a man driving through Trevoise who saw four rocket-shaped objects flying east across the sky near Oxford Valley.

Carey is fascinated by reports that the federal government has acquired remnants of UFOs that collided with Earth and is covering up the facts in what he calls a "cosmic Watergate."

One such report, he said, claims that "an alleged alien being was shot and killed" at Fort Dix, N.J., after a UFO crash.

"My big interest is in the so-called crashes," Carey said, "because there you're talking about something tangible, you know, that reminds you we're not all crazy. You want to see structure. You want to see entities. You want something you can analyze. Lights in the sky you can't do much with."

# 1581 Is UFO Back in Region Searching for Cop?

**F**OR SOMEWHERE around six months people in several Wayne County communities have been seeing strange lights in the sky. There have been reports of sightings along the Delaware River and the Equinunk and Lake Como areas.

As one of those who some years ago was assigned to cover the infamous Carbondale UFO which, depending on who is telling the story, landed in a strip mine pond behind Russell Park some months after zapping a nuclear arms installation in the Soviet Union, was shot at by a Carbondale cop and was spirited away in the middle of the night by the Air Force, I can sympathize with State Police who receive calls about the Wayne County UFO's.

I, personally, have not witnessed any lights in the skies over Wayne County in several years. At least not since I had a few at a Honesdale tavern which later

burned down. Or was burned down. Or, perhaps, mistaken by a UFO for a Soviet nuclear arms plant and zapped right there in the middle of Honesdale.

Having awhile back read a book about a Swiss who regularly contacts UFO's, having seen ET three times, Close Encounters of the Third Kind a dozen times and such epics as Invaders From Mars, The Day the Earth Stood Still, The Blob, Earth Vs. the Flying Saucers and for many years having covered local governments - all of which are not as unrelated as you may suspect - I believe I can speak with some authority on what is wandering around in the night skies above Wayne County.

I suggest they are lost. They are not in the least interested in Calicoon or anywhere else in Wayne County. Instead, they are looking for Carbondale.

Based on available data on the orbits of the planets, it just so

happens that at warp drive UFO's arriving in the vicinity between Nov. 21, 1988, and May 20, 1989, could have come only from a star system a hop, skip and a jump, so to speak, from the outer edges of the Milky Way.

Not by coincidence, this is exactly the same area of the galaxy to which the UFO that landed in the strip mine pit behind Russell Park beamed it's last message before being shot at by the Carbondale cop.

I have a grave concern that this time around their intentions are anything but peaceful. Not that they want to take over Carbondale. With their advanced intelligence they must certainly be aware that if they took over Carbondale, a short time later they would succumb to the vision of roses which bloom in Mayor John Moran's mind.

One arrives at a conclusion - much in the manner of Sherlock

Holmes.

For example, it is obvious they are not seeking an honest politician. Just as Jacques Yves Cousteau does not seek dodo birds.

They are not looking for a lawyer. For if they knew anything at all about lawyers they would steer clear of this planet.

They are not looking for the downtown Scranton mall. For even though these aliens grow to a ripe old age, averaging 1,237 years, their lifespans are not long enough to see the Scranton mall built.

They are not looking into politically-motivated accusations against the Carbondale Housing Authority since the FBI has already wasted tax dollars doing that.

There is a possibility, though not a probability, that they are seeking an editor to take back to their version of a zoo. Of course, if I for a moment suspected that I would drive over to Wayne County, climb

a hill and try and contact them with my flashlight and, upon contact, suggest they take about a dozen since here on earth we have an oversupply.

Nor are they looking for an endorsement from the Carbondale City Democratic Committee. And, obviously, they are not seeking out the Carbondale Republican Committee since it is a well known fact that it no longer exists. Or, if it does exist, has gone into hiding.

They are not looking for the winner of the Fell Twp. supervisor race - providing of course that during their scans of the area media they saw *The Times*, which had that one right, and not another area newspaper, which had that one wrong. (Which is my between-the-lines way of saying if you live in a glass house, don't throw rocks.)

They are not seeking Wayne County Housing Authority officials. For if they were, they wouldn't be

hovering over Wayne County. They'd be over Tijuana, Mexico.

They are not in the vicinity to take a test for the Scranton Police Department since being a superior race, they already know the answers without anybody giving them to them.

Nor are they after my job. For surely they must know that if they took it they wouldn't earn enough to buy whatever fuel they'll need to get back home.

No, none of that. The Wayne County Commissioners, emergency preparedness chief Vince Martone and the good people of that county can relax. The interstellar voyagers who have been wandering in the skies over your county are simply off course. What they are actually in search of is that Carbondale cop who whipped out his pistol and took a shot at their first ship that landed years ago in that strip mine pond behind Russell Park.

# Sam in a UFO shock!



● Sam's holiday snap with the UFO arrowed

STUDENT Sam Gangat was spaced out with shock when he looked at his holiday snapshots.

It's not a bird, nor a plane ... but it could be a flying saucer!

The photograph was snapped by the Leicester student while on holiday in France.

It has baffled UFO experts and scientists while exciting others who believe it could provide the best evidence yet that we are not alone.

Sam, of Ashleigh Road, Leicester, took the photo while on holiday in Savoy.

"I was taking shots of the mountains and valleys and it was only some time later when I had the film developed I noticed the flying object," said 19-year-old Sam.

"It must have been travelling at speed or was so far away that I didn't notice it at the time.

## Planets

"I had always believed there could be life-form on other planets.

"Having seen the photo blown up, I'm sure there must be and this could be one of their spacecrafts."

The photograph is now being examined by the British UFO Research Association.

Clive Potter, a leading British UFO expert, said: "It will remain a mystery for some time until all the exhaustive tests are carried out.

"But the object is very clearly defined, with the sun casting a shadow underneath the main body, suggesting there was an object in the sky when the photograph was taken."

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# UFO kept changing shape over Gilnahirk

A 63-year-old retired businessman told yesterday how he watched in amazement as an unidentified object flew above his house before disappearing over rooftops.

Mr Noel Hughes, from Moyne Park, Gilnahirk, was in his garden when he saw the object about 10,000 feet overhead.

"At first it was pencil shaped and then it became rectangular. It was about 100 feet long and totally black.

"I watched it for about

30 seconds and it kept changing shape but maintained a straight line of direction.

"I am 63 now and have never seen anything like this before. It definitely wasn't a plane and it was not a heat haze as I had a clear view of it and could

actually see it changing in appearance."

The RAF and Air Traffic Control at Aldergrove said they had no record of anything flying in the area at the time and the weather office said it was too large to be a weather balloon.

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## Three couples in UFO sightings

UFO investigators are following up three sightings yesterday afternoon.

A couple from Hockley saw a ball of intense white light about 2.30pm and watched it for about 25 minutes before it disappeared.

About the same time a Thorpe Bay couple spotted a cigar-shaped object which was shining brightly. They watched it for more than 20 minutes.

And at 2.15pm a couple from Canvey told East Anglian UFO investigators they saw an object which they at first thought was a balloon. They realised it was not and watched the noiseless craft for 40 minutes before it disappeared in the Shoebury area.

Shuttle  
3128  
"visited"  
by UFO!

By TIM SPANTON

AMERICA'S space shuttle Discovery has been buzzed by flying saucers, according to an amazing report.

They zoomed in from outer-space to shock pilot Colonel John Blaha.

And he described the incredible sight to mission control in Houston in a taped conversation.

Now the tape is being made public.

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On it, Colonel Blaha is heard saying: "This is Discovery—we still have the alien spacecraft under observation."

British UFO expert Tim Good is convinced the tape is genuine.

He said: "Governments know about UFOs—but keep it secret."

Tim, 46, has published his findings in a sensational book that tells of ● FLYING saucers probing Earth's defences for over 50 years. ● SIXTEEN non-human bodies in a crashed UFO in New Mexico.

Now YOU can check the truth for YOURSELF by listening to the Discovery tape. Ring 0898 555 447. Calls cost 38p a minute (25p off peak).