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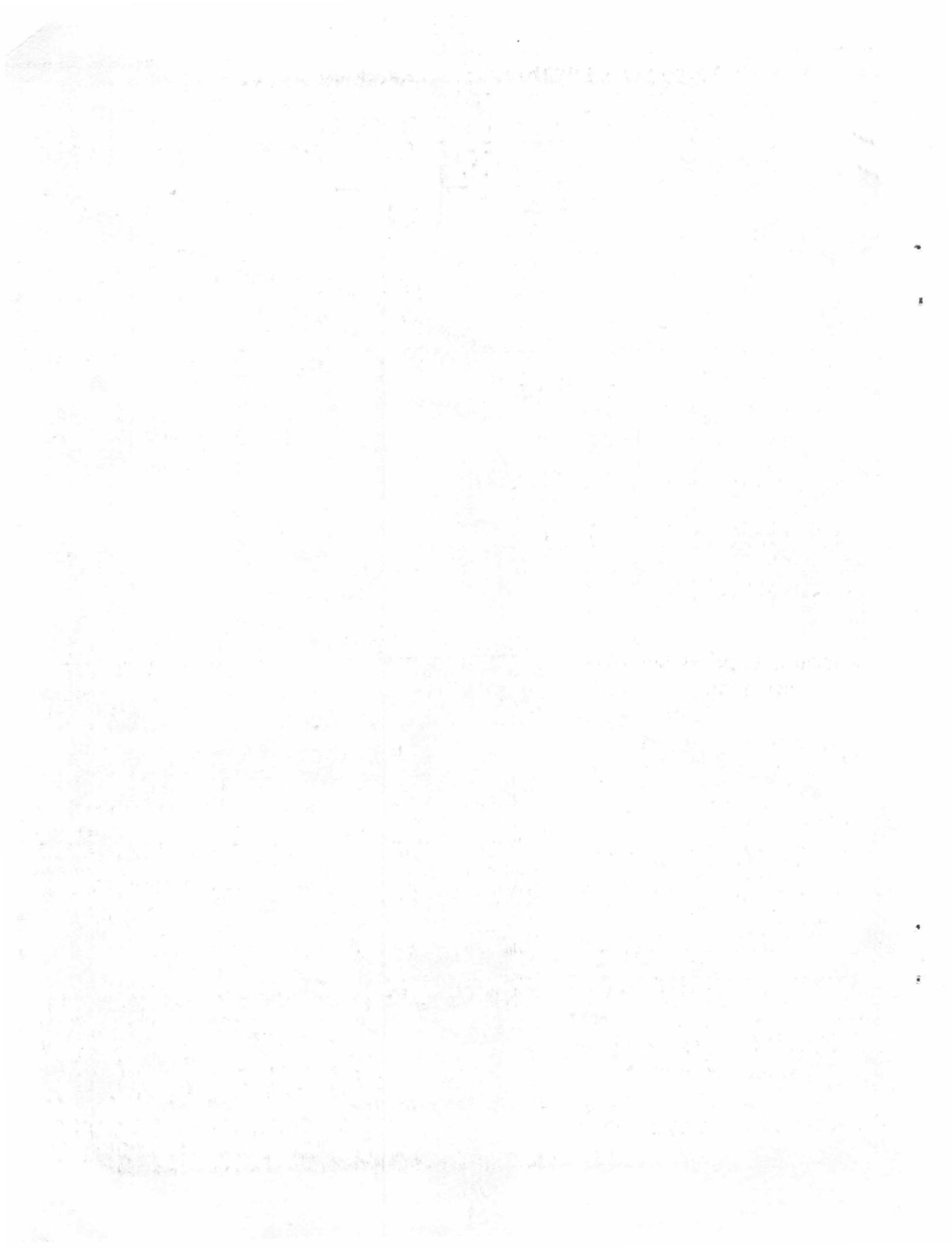
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## NEWS

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# Boys tell of UFO terror

THREE north Gwent youngsters are convinced they have seen a UFO following a close encounter at Cwmtillery.

Lee Holt, Carl Jones and Sidney McLoughlin, all of Cwmtillery, thought their days on earth were numbered when a "flying saucer" homed in on them at 5.30pm last Thursday evening.

And even now they cannot think of a logical explanation for what they saw.

"We were playing up at Cwmtillery Lake near an old farmhouse when we saw a bright light coming down the hillside," said Lee, who has drawn a picture of what he saw.

"It was really low in the sky, clipping the tops of the trees. It circled above our heads several times, then flew off really quickly.

"It was silver, disc-shaped, with a domed top and luminous

lights, about the size of a car, and it made no noise.

"We were really scared. I thought whatever it was was going to take us away.

"A few minutes after it vanished there was a huge fireball which came down near the farm."

The youngsters rushed home to tell their parents and at first Lee's mum Melinda was sceptical.

"I thought they had made it up, or that what they had seen was fireworks, but then I realised they were absolutely terrified," said Mrs Holt, of White Horse Court, Cwmtillery.

Abertillery police, who have investigated the boys' story, have been unable to offer any down-to-earth explanation.

"We have to take any incident like this seriously and whatever it was the boys saw they were very scared by it," said Inspector Brian Heal.

# UFO sighting over village

Two Oakworth men watched amazed on Monday night as a UFO hovered over local moorland.

John Langford and Paul Cowling were out walking a dog when they spotted the object above clouds.

They watched for about an hour as the large round pale-coloured object darted around the sky.

John, 34, of Lane Ends, told the Keighley News: "It moved around very quickly and kept

disappearing behind clouds, but it was very visible.

"I have always been open-minded about UFOs but this has convinced me of their existence. The object certainly wasn't a plane and I cannot think what else it could have been."

John, an administration officer at Keighley Town Hall, is contacting the Batley-based UFO Network which compiles records of such incidents.

HENDON TIMES MIDDX  
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WREXHAM EVENING LEADER  
NOV 8 1989

# Mystery flier baffles man

MYSTERIOUS bright red lights in the sky left a local man bemused.

Mr John Gillam had just left his home at 3 Pant Glas, Sychdyn, at 8.20pm when he spotted the two very bright lights.

"I thought they were helicopters at first but realised they weren't as they weren't moving.

"By the time I got to Northop I thought it may have been the road's bright lights reflecting."

But he ruled that out as well as he got to Flint, when by this time

there were four lights over the estuary.

"There were no stars so I'm quite bemused — and they weren't flares."

Mr Gillam, who works at Kirby's of Wrexham, said when he arrived at the leisure centre in Flint quite a few of the people there were talking about the same thing.

"I thought it was odd but I'm sure there's a logical explanation for it."

A spokesman for RAF Valley said there was no night flying on Monday night.

It's news Jim, but not as we know it

# Council denies alien invasion

THOUSANDS of people were knocked out when a UFO landed in Barnet, leaking potent green gas — according to the North American Sun newspaper.

The newspaper claims the bodies of drugged bowler-hatted businessmen littered the pavements of "the city of

Barnet, England, a suburb of London" when a large metallic disc landed.

by KATYA JEZZARD

The cutting was sent to the Barnet Borough Times by Mr K Norman of Billy Lows Lane, Potters Bar.

The American paper said a command centre was set up in an abandoned warehouse where victims and eyewitnesses were interrogated.

A witness, described by the paper as businessman Reginald Upjohn, claimed to have seen green mist shooting from small portholes in a spacecraft which measured 50 feet across.

He is quoted as saying: "Me and the boys were on

our way to lunch when suddenly there was this high-pitched whine and this large ship just plopped right down in the intersection.

"My pipe fell to the sidewalk — I was flabbergasted," he added.

Other witnesses said they saw a small man with a bulbous head and pointy ears leave the ship and fiddle about underneath the craft.

The American paper's UFO experts believe the ship may have landed for some quick emergency repairs and tranquilized the population as a precaution.

A Barnet Council spokesman said: "If a UFO has landed, nobody told us about it."

"If anyone asks us to take them to our leader we will introduce them to Councillor Leslie Pym or chief executive Max Caller."

## Unexplained sightings over East Essex

# Aliens head for Southend as UFO reports multiply

SOUTHEND-on-Sea is the place to be even for aliens, according to a UFO expert.

Ron West of Essex UFO Watch says he has been flooded with sightings of UFOs over the past month with people from Billericay to Westcliff claiming they have seen strange, unexplained sights over Southend.

The latest report comes from two 11-year-old girls on Canvey when their Hallowe'en night out turned into a close encounter as they watched what they described as a flying saucer with red, blue and white flashing lights speed off "faster than Concorde" across the estuary.

Angela Daniel, of Canvey, said: "We had been out for about two hours and had seen a number of planes.

"Suddenly there were three massive lights in the sky which dropped very quickly before speeding off across the estuary.

"It was travelling faster than Concorde, and we saw the rounded saucer shape outline."

Angela's story was backed up by friend Hanna White, also of Canvey, who watched dumbstruck as the UFO sped past the pair.

Mr West said: "This month we have had the largest number of what we call contact sightings I can remember.

"There is something happening in the skies over Southend, it is a very exciting time."

Witnesses claim to have seen white oval shaped craft, one which looked set to land before flying quickly away over Benfleet.

Sightings from South Woodham, Billericay, Canvey, Pitsea and Southend all claim to have seen the white oval object surrounded by coloured lights at different times during the month, but all say it hovered for a considerable time before flying off at great speed.

Mr West said: "We really think this is the start of a major development

SOUTHEND EVENING ECHO-ESSEX  
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## Saucers light up the sky in new spate of sightings

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Mr West said: "The news has been dominated over the past weeks by the reports coming out of Russia of aliens landing.

"I really think events in Southend could eclipse that incident soon."

Anyone who wishes to report a sighting is asked to contact the UFO Hotline on 0268 286079.

SOUTHEND STANDARD  
Nov-3 1989

# UFO buzzes pier

A BRIGHTLY coloured UFO hovering over Southend Pier has been seen by a family living on the seafront.

Barbara Gay and her parents Ernie and Anne Fisher spotted the strange shape hovering opposite their Eastern Esplanade home last Wednesday evening at about 6.45pm.

Barbara 32, has never seen a UFO before and protests vehemently: 'I'm not a crank.

"But I can't believe what we saw and I want to know if other people have had similar experiences."

It was mum who first spotted the UFO in an area which experts say is a corridor for visitors from other worlds.

Barbara said: "She said: 'look at

that' and I said: 'that's a big star'.

"Then we got the binoculars out and we all looked and agreed it wasn't a star. We held the glasses really close to the patio doors and saw it change its shape and its colour.

The bizarre object floated for about an hour, in the same position to the right of the pier, before flying off.

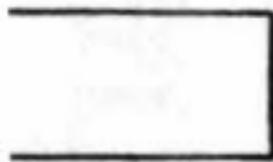
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SUNDAY TELEGRAPH LONDON  
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# UFO sightings are brought to earth

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## Mystery of mid-air

"Something was sighted going behind the aircraft from right to left before exploding in a blue and white flame," said a British Midlands spokesman today.

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**By Adrian Derry**

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**SCIENTISTS** are heaping scorn on a claim in a book\* that alien beings are arriving on Earth in spaceships and that governments are suppressing the information.

reporter discovered at the time, the alleged UFO, as seen by a naive American colonel at the base through the surrounding woods at night, was the rotating beam of the nearby Orford Ness lighthouse.

"... said Mr

**explosion  
wards**

But the Royal Air Force today scotched fears that the flash could have been a missile fired by Ulster security forces.

"We're putting it down to a natural phenomenon. It could have been some sort of lightning or refracted light," said a Minis-

MANCHESTER METRO Nov. 10 1989

Appeal to drivers from award-winning UFOlogist

# UFO sheds light motorway madn



UFOlogist of the year Jenny Randles

REPORTS of a "rotating disc" in the s  
an accident on Manchester's M67 are  
country's only professional UFOlogist.

Manchester's Ms Jenny Randles, who ha  
UFOlogist of the Year Award in America, i  
forward after reports of the mysterious "I  
above the motorway between Glossop and

"The sighting occurred around 8.39 pm on Oct  
to a stand-still" said Ms Randles.

And this was not the only sighting on that nigh  
wife were driving through Delamere Forest, (  
object appeared and hovered above their car.

"This is a common sighting," said Ms Randles,  
of UFOs, "We call it a Silent Vulcan  
because it is a similar shape to the Vul-  
can Bomber."

Many of the incidents are related to  
military testing of aircraft, but so far no  
satisfactory explanation has come to  
light of the two sightings.

"We work closely with the Ministry of  
Defence who monitor all the recorded  
sightings. We also work with Man-  
chester Airport, Jodrell Bank, local  
weather stations and have contacts with  
astronomers," said Ms Randles who is  
reports co-ordinator of Manchester UFO  
Research Association (MUFORA).

Although she has never spotted a  
UFO herself, Ms Randles has helped  
compile a record of over 2,500 sightings  
in the North of England — all of which  
are stored in a regional archive at Man-  
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bian capital, Riyadh: "UFO  
fanatics are doing an enormous  
amount of damage to science by  
encouraging nonsensical  
beliefs.

"I myself have seen six  
UFOs. But I took the trouble to  
investigate their real causes.  
All of them proved to have  
mundane explanations."

The book's editor, Mr Tim-  
othy Good, repeats the story of  
the order allegedly signed by  
President Truman in 1947 to  
inquire into five alien corpses  
found in a spaceship in New  
Mexico. He does not mention  
the fact that Mr Truman's sig-  
nature is a proven forgery.

The book discusses at length  
the 1983 "report" of a UFO  
that is supposed to have landed  
near the RAF base at Wood-  
bridge in 1983 with the same  
chapter heading that the *News  
of the World* used for its front  
page headline: "UFO lands in  
Suffolk — and that's official!"

...official of the forestry com-  
mission. "The lighthouse is the  
right distance away to explain  
what the American saw."

Mr Good's book devotes a  
chapter to a recent rush of  
UFO sightings in the Soviet  
Union. But nowhere does his  
contributor mention the expla-  
nation, given recently by Mr  
James Oberg, an expert in  
Soviet affairs, that this is a con-  
sequence of *glasnost*.

"For 70 years the Russian  
people were told what to  
think," said Mr Oberg. "Now  
they can think for themselves,  
and so they have crazy ideas."

A British astronomer, Mr Ian  
Ridpath, said that UFO mania  
was caused by a "desire to  
believe in something, however  
stupid it may be.

"The answer is always said to  
be just around the corner, but  
it never comes. The reason is  
that UFOs do not exist."

\*The UFO Report 1990, edited  
by Timothy Good. (Sidgwick  
and Jackson, £7.99.)

from jet

**A BRITISH Midland pilot  
has told accident investi-  
gators how he witnessed  
a mystery mid-air explo-  
sion just yards from a  
packed commuter plane.**

The flight crew of a BM Boeing  
737 saw the blinding blue and  
white flash as they brought a  
Belfast-bound shuttle service in  
to land.

Security chiefs today dis-  
counted fears that the glare could  
have been an IRA rocket or a  
missile fired during Army train-  
ing.

Now the Civil Aviation  
Authority is to investigate the  
incident which happened at  
11,000 feet off the coast of  
Northern Ireland on Saturday.

GLASGOW HERALD NOV-14 1989

# Now it's Hungarians' turn to see little green men

3124 BUDAPEST, Monday

A MONTH after the Soviet Union was  
swept by tales of visitors from outer space,  
Hungarians have started seeing  
unidentified flying objects (UFOs) and  
little green men.

Air force pilots in southern Kecskemet  
were followed during training flights late  
last month by a "strange, spherical,

orange-coloured" flying object which did  
not show up on radar, the independent  
weekly *Del-Kelet* reported in its latest  
issue.

Days later, two soldiers on duty at the  
airport there saw a figure of fluorescent  
green about four feet tall who beamed  
himself up into space.

"He passed around a plane, lifted one of

his arms and created a cone-shaped light-  
beam above his head, disappearing silently  
within seconds into a high-rising tunnel of  
light," the weekly said.

Left behind on the concrete was the same  
kind of reddish deposit reported in news  
last month of 10-ft tall, three-eyed  
monsters in Voronezh, central Russia.

Deputy Defence Minister Janos Stock  
was quoted by the daily daily

*Nepszabadsag* today as saying that the red  
deposit was a piece of synthetic resin used  
for repairing pavements.

"We have never had the chance of  
meeting genuine UFO colleagues," Mr  
Stock said — adding that soldiers  
sometimes have visions which others  
embellish.

*Nepszabadsag* also quoted a report that  
a farmer in south-eastern Gyomaendrod

had seen two long-eared little green men.

"The man tried to hit them with his  
shovel but they paralysed him with an  
unknown power and disappeared," it said.

The Soviet sightings were eventually  
officially declared to have been aliens,  
according to Tass news agency. Asked at  
the time whether there might just be a  
hoaxer at work, the agency said "Tass  
never jokes."—Reuter.

WEEKLY NEWS LONDON  
NOV 18 1989

ODD INSURANCE

**M**ORE than 5000 American citizens  
have now insured themselves  
against being kidnapped — by aliens!

The UFO Abduction Insurance Company,  
based in Florida, will pay any clients who can  
prove they have returned to earth after being  
abducted by alien forces or space creatures.

TX-D44 HOUSTON CHRONICLE NOV-12-89

# UFO visitor from space, or Venus playing tricks?

By **DAVID SNYDER**  
Newhouse News Service

GREENVILLE, Miss. — After 20 years as a pilot, Bill Kimmel isn't easily impressed by what he sees in the sky.

Fiery meteors, planets that sometimes seem to move and satellites crossing the heavens on their computerized routes are all just part of the skyline for Kimmel.

But the shiny object that resembled a giant steel ball hurtling through the air at 800 or 900 mph, 200 feet below his left wing, was different.

"Now I've seen it all," Kimmel says.

Others around here — some willing to talk about it, some not — also have seen the speeding shiny ball.

And a substantial number of people, including several deputy sheriffs, have seen their own UFOs. 84

put it in high gear.

"Just disappeared," Kimmel says, amazement in his voice. "I know it sounds weird, but that's what happened."

Lee Abide Jr., a Greenville-area crop duster, says he saw the same thing a few days earlier.

"I look up and see this thing," he says. "It moved quickly to the right, then to the left. It was round. It was more orange than yellow."

And then the sphere, which Abide estimates was 90 feet in diameter, was gone.

Kimmel says two other pilots have told him they've also seen UFOs.

UFOs began popping up around Pine Bluff on Oct. 23.

The sheriff's office received a call from a woman in the Ladd community, about 10 miles to the south on Arkansas 81. Neighbors had been watching something in the sky for an hour

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# Soviets try to ground public belief in UFOs

By **MICHAEL WOODS**  
Blade Science Editor

WASHINGTON — In an effort to quell growing public fascination with UFOs, the Soviet Union has published an explanation of the Petrozavodsk phenomenon — perhaps the most famous Soviet UFO incident.

A group of UFO experts who conducted the analysis concluded that Petrozavodsk, like "most" other UFO sightings, actually resulted from public misinterpretation of a rocket launch.

The 1977 incident involved the appearance of a huge bright star that approached Petrozavodsk, an industrial city about 150 miles

## SOVIETS CON'T

"The concept of glasnost in science can hardly be interpreted as 'anything goes,'" it observes. The commentary says that UFO research has been of poor quality, unsuited for publication in any legitimate scientific journal.

Yet it says that the results have been eagerly accepted by the Soviet press, and given "sensationalized" coverage that could mislead unsophisticated readers.

The most recent episode occurred in September, when Soviet news media reported the landing of a flying saucer in Voronezh, a city about 300 miles southeast of Moscow. Knobby-headed extraterrestrial creatures supposedly emerged from its hatch and, accompanied by a robot, strolled through the city park.

A rash of other Soviet UFO reports have appeared this year. One flying saucer, for instance, showered an area of the Soviet Far East with mysterious "golden hairs." The stubby-legged alien piloting another molested a milkmaid in the Perm region of central Russia. Another UFO scorched the ground just south of Moscow.

In some instances, local scientists have been quick to declare the sight

SC-DIO GREENVILLE NEWS

NOV 9 1989

Greenville couple's  
close encounter:

# 'It appears to be a little alien'

By Matthew Burns

News staff writer

A cat out for a late night prowling, a visit from ALF or a Halloween hoax. Gina Jones doesn't know what it was she saw a week ago, but she would prefer it was a close encounter of the explainable kind.

"If someone could come along and tell me it's a cat, that's fine with me," Mrs. Jones said Tuesday. "Frankly, I'd prefer if it was a cat because I don't want any aliens running around my house."



Mrs. Jones and her husband saw some strange lights in the sky above Greenville last Tuesday,

Bluff, Ark.

In the Greenville area, people have taken to going out on the Mississippi River levee, away from the lights, to seek out the flying ball that Kimmel says looks to be about twice the size of a two-seater airplane.

In Arkansas, the UFO watchers frequent country roads, trying for a peek at whatever it is that's hovering out there at tree-top level, quiet and watchful.

Kimmel remembers everything about his encounter with the ball on a crisp Monday in October.

He was ferrying a Hollandale rice farmer, Felin Cooper, to Missouri where they would pick up a farm machinery part. They were traveling north "on one of those clear fall days where you can see forever," Kimmel says.

At 5:30 p.m., 40 miles south of Memphis, Tenn., Kimmel saw what appeared to be a bright light about 30 miles to the northeast.

"It was shining like I've seen the sun shining on airplanes," he says. "I could tell it was moving fast, but I thought it was just a jet."

Within seconds, when the object crossed his flight path, Kimmel knew that he was looking at something new and weird.

"It was a solid round metal ball about twice the size of a light twin-engine airplane. No cockpit. No wings. No tail section. When it got behind me the sun silhouetted the thing. I watched it for two or three seconds and it disappeared, like they

look, and there it was.

"It looked like it was 150 to 200 feet above treetop level," Adams says. "When we saw it, it was over southwest Pine Bluff. It looked like it would hover up a little bit, then it would hover down a little bit."

The sheriff's department has been flooded with calls from people who say they have seen it glittering in the sky, sometimes looking like it was ringed with a blue haze, or blue lights. The Federal Aviation Administration has told police the object didn't show up on radar, perhaps because it was too low.

Charles Hemann, institutional assistant at the University of Arkansas Planetarium in Monticello, says he hasn't seen the UFO, but he may have an explanation, at least for the Pine Bluff sightings.

What people may be seeing is Venus, which picks up bright sunlight this time of the year and appears low near the southwest horizon.

Venus can look like it is moving, Hemann says, because gases in Earth's atmosphere play tricks on sky watchers.

But those who have seen the object say it is extremely close, not millions of miles away.

"I know there's something out there," Kimmel says. "I really think they had to come from space. I believe they're easing in, showing us a little bit more all of the time.

"They don't want us to panic."

northeast of Memphis.

After reaching the city, it expanded into a glowing object that witnesses said resembled a jelly fish. The object then emitted fine, raylike beams of light that poured onto the city like rain. The object later assumed a circular shape and moved off in the early morning darkness toward nearby Lake Onega.

The incident caused widespread

public concern. There were reports, for instance, that not one but a cluster of more than 30 UFOs had been sighted. The objects were rumored to be the vanguard of a supposed alien invasion similar to that depicted in "The War of the Worlds," H.G. Wells' classic about an invasion from Mars.

The analysis was published in Science in the USSR, the official journal of the Soviet Academy of Sciences. The academy is Russia's most prestigious scientific organization, the rough counterpart of America's National Academy of Sciences. It sets the course of Soviet science and funds scientific research.

In a commentary on the analysis, the academy criticizes scientists for contributing to the Soviet public's belief in UFOs and other paranormal phenomenon.

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ings legitimate, reporting detection of extraterrestrial minerals and other objects left behind by aliens.

### Dramatic visual effects

The analysis of the Petrozavodsk incident includes a lengthy discussion of the dramatic visual effects that can result from rocket launches. It concludes that visual effects from launch of the Cosmos 955 satellite on Sept. 20, 1977, produced the Petrozavodsk phenomenon.

American space authorities had suspected a link between the object and Cosmos 955.

But the new analysis provides evidence from a network of ground-based cameras that actually photographed the incident. The cameras, supposedly installed to study the aurora borealis (the northern lights), "eliminate all doubts as to the physical nature" of the Petrozavodsk incident, according to the report.

With the photographs, researchers were able to correlate events along the Cosmos 955 trajectory with the changing appearance of the object over Petrozavodsk. The jellyfish shape of the object and its rays, for example, actually represented jets of exhaust gas and jettisoned fuel that spread at high altitude during separation of two stages of the rocket.

The report also examines and debunks claims about magnetic and other aberrations found at supposed UFO landing sites.



**Jones**

tape later, they saw something mysterious beyond the lights — a shadowy figure moving across a window at the rear of their Eastside home.

"The bathroom light was on, and you could see plain as day something scurry across the window. It appears to be a little man, a little alien," she said with a laugh.

"I'm not saying that's what it was. I'm saying that's what it looks like."

Mrs. Jones' tape shows five orange lights in a "W" shape in the sky. A small plane flew beneath the lights, which later changed formation as some began to rotate around one another.

As two of the lights disappeared, Mrs. Jones swung the camera around enough to catch the southwest corner of her house and unknowingly film the unidentified scurrying object before focusing the camera again on the sky to watch the final three lights fade into the darkness.

The short, squat figure was approximately 18 inches to 2 feet

tall, she said, using the size of her window as a gauge. It moved along on two tiny feet, and its two arms were held up to its face "like someone trying to see through a foggy window," she said.

Mrs. Jones said she has repeatedly viewed the tape with family and friends, trying to determine what the figure could be. Her husband also held their month-old kitten up to the bathroom window, but determined that it was too small to be the figure on the film.

"It's easy to say what it isn't:

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## LITTLE ALIEN CON'T

It's not a cat, it's not a squirrel, it's not a bird," she said. "We're just having a hard time trying to say what it is."

Federal Aviation Administration area supervisor Elbert Elmore said there were no reports of any unusual activity in Greenville's skies last Tuesday, but he added that doesn't mean nothing happened.

A UFO expert from Seattle will visit Greenville in the near future to view Mrs. Jones' tape and check out her story, she said. "This may turn out to be nothing, but I just want someone to tell me what this is," she said.

Meanwhile, her video has become the hottest piece of film

since actor Rob Lowe's taped sexual exploits hit the underground circuit in Atlanta last summer.

Mrs. Jones appeared on a WFBC-AM talk show Wednesday morning, where the switchboard lit up with callers and a dozen people told her they also saw strange lights in the sky last week. She has turned down requests for television exposure.

"Everybody laughs at me until they see the tape. Then they're my best friend and they're on my side," she said. "I'm still confused and amazed and curious about what happened last week. I just don't want people to think I'm a lunatic."

OHIO D63 NEW PHILADELPHIA TIMES  
REPORTER NOV 15 1989

# Holmes County has close encounter

From Staff and Wire Reports

It's the talk of Millersburg.

Ever since Holmes County residents reported strange lights in the sky Saturday and a resident called the sheriff to investigate a circular depression on her front lawn, stories have been circulating about the weird occurrence.

A waitress at the Korner Kitchen Restaurant in Millersburg, who asked not to be identified, said the incident was the talk

among the restaurant's patrons Tuesday.

"Everyone was saying that somebody had a UFO land in their yard," she said. "I have to say I don't believe in them myself."

She added the reports had generated a lot of excitement.

According to a sheriff's department news release Tuesday, a family in Monroe Township discovered the ring, about 7 inches wide and 45 feet in diameter, Saturday afternoon.

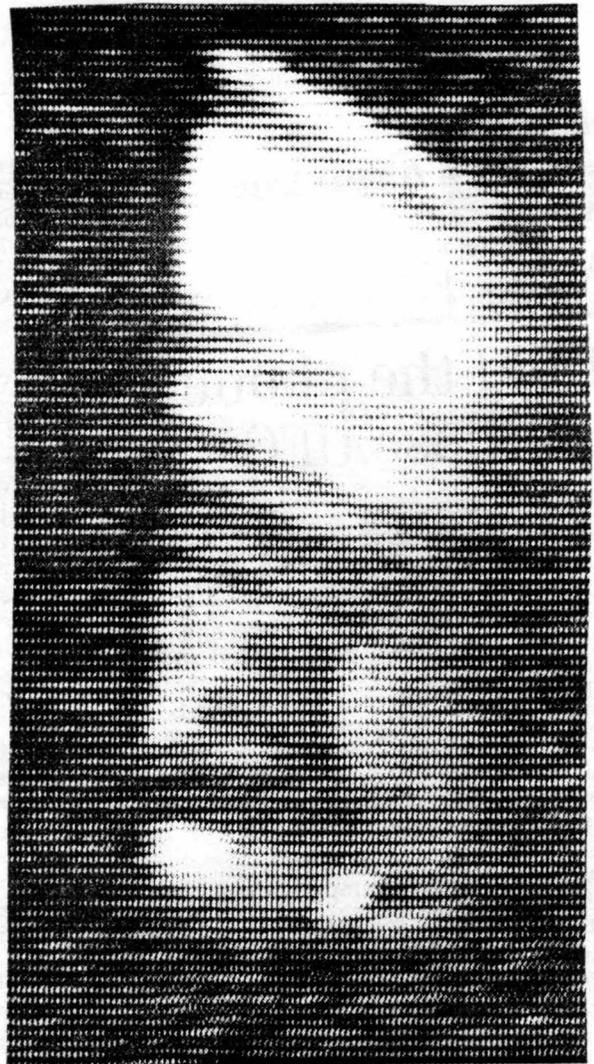
The family has no explanation for the

phenomenon, the news release said.

In areas where the grass had been matted down, the ring was about a half-inch deep, the sheriff's department said.

Judy Neville told authorities that other than the family dogs' unusual barking early Saturday morning, no one heard or saw anything out of the ordinary.

A sheriff's dispatcher said this morning there were no new developments and that it was no longer under investigation by the department.



This is the image captured on Gina Jones' videotape

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Angus Lind

## Hold the phone on those UFOs

We have hotlines for everything from suicide attempts, rapes, child abuse, crimestoppers and poisonings to fantasy sex, football betting tips, dial-a-prayer, therapy for compulsive overeaters, and late-night purchases of goods shilled on television.

In the past decade, 1-800 (free) and 1-900 (pay) numbers have become as common as busy signals when calling City Hall. So I guess we shouldn't be surprised that there is now a hotline for UFO sightings. The people around Greenville, Miss., who have been on quite a UFO-spotting rampage, should be delighted.

By dialing 1-900-860-4UFO, sky-watchers everywhere will be able to self-destruct their credibility to their heart's content. They'll talk to someone (Well, to a machine, anyway) who (that) will actually listen (record). They'll also get to hear Whitley Strieber tell of his encounters with unknown beings, and listen to fellow UFO sighters tell their delightful tales of little green men and blinking spaceships.

So who's Whitley Strieber, you ask. Well, it was a rainy and foggy night, like it always is. Whitley and his wife Anne, who live in a secluded area in upstate New York, had house guests. Upstate New York, it should be noted, is to UFO sightings what the French Quarter is to ars. About 2 a.m., there was a great ght glowing around the house. Three of he guests found themselves simultaneously paralyzed.

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One of them was a reporter, who asked to remain anonymous. Very understandable. He heard a sound he described as "a troupe of Ukranian robots rehearsing." Very few people have the opportunity to familiarize themselves with the sound of Ukranian robots rehearsing, I should point out, it this fellow apparently had that ability, so he was able to pin down the noise precisely.

The intruders lifted his bed up and down three times. Then he went out on the deck of the house and saw a huge craft that looked "like a diner in the sky." (Big Mac attack?) In another room, a guest awoke just as a being with heavy boots tromped out. The man saw lights and felt hot. There was a whooshing sound of wind and rain.

Just as suddenly as it started, it ended, and all the birds around the house were singing, even though it was still the middle of the night.

Strieber is the author of "Communion," and if you read his book, you'll also find out the visitors (not these, some others) stuck a needle in his brain, made an incision on his finger, and shoved an ugly, scaly, triangular-shaped device in his bottom. The needle in the brain I absolutely believe. The rest he deserves.

Not surprisingly, this 1-900 number, which is called "The Communion Hotline," has surfaced as the movie "Communion" made its nationwide debut this weekend. In some newspapers around the country, ads soliciting people to share their experiences and encounters have been appearing.

### You are not alone

"You can no longer deny they are real . . . Whitley Strieber's adventures into the unknown are now on the phone! Now, for the first time, you can interact with others who have had unexplained encounters and realize you are not alone. Dial 1-900-860-4UFO because . . . they are real and they are here!"

So if you have some disposable, biodegradable income, you too can hear some hick from Ozark, Ala., tell you about the one big red light and two blue ones on either side of the spaceship that ruined a 12-foot square patch in his soybean field. Frankly, it was probably the squad car coming to take this poor geek away and protect him from himself.

There's also Cyril, or whatever his name was, from Ontario, Canada, who unfortunately scared the oval-shaped flying saucer away by shining his trusty spotlight on it.

Anybody's who's read this column from time to time probably knows I have a tough time with UFOs and politicians, two entities that not only equate well, but regularly test the threshold of believability. What do you believe more — a politician's promise during an election campaign, or a story about a three-foot man whose face looked like a hockey

mask and who flew off in a silver ball? Close call, right?

In fact, the only thing I believe in less than UFOs is rhetoric from politicians. I think there's a better chance having a man with pointed ears and one eye lead me into his spaceship than hear a politico say something worth listening to. It's a subject someone like George Gallup should explore in a poll.

Not surprisingly, one of this country's most famous politicians once claimed to have sighted a UFO. The Prize Peanut of the Plains Planetarium, back when he was campaigning for governor of Georgia, actually sighted an object he later reported to the UFO study center in Illinois. It took him four years to make the report, however.

I guess he was busy running for something else.

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Visitors from outer space, after being sighted in the Soviet Union last month, now have been spotted in Hungary. Hungarian Air Force pilots in the southern town of Kecskemet say they were followed during recent training flights by a "spherical, orange-colored" flying object, according to the weekly Del-Kelet. Days later, two soldiers at Kecskemet said they saw a shiny green figure who used a light-beam to disappear into space. A reddish deposit found on the concrete was similar to that reportedly left behind by aliens in the Russian town of Voronezh, the weekly said. But Deputy Defense Minister Janos Stock told the daily Nepszabadsag that the deposit was a piece of synthetic resin used for repairing pavements.

**Lawmen Watch in Amazement as . . .****Giant UFO Buzzes City  
— Three Nights in Row**

A 100-foot UFO shaped like a giant metal ball zipped past an astonished pilot's plane at 900 miles an hour — and for three nights in a row a brightly lit UFO buzzed a city 90 miles away.

Veteran sheriff's deputies watched with amazement as the weird object hovered and darted around in the sky over Pine Bluff, Ark., for more than an hour each night on October 23, 24 and 25.

"It was incredible!" declared an eyewitness, Sgt. Bernard Adams of the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department in Pine Bluff.

"It looked like a huge round metallic ball, with a very bright white light coming from it. It also had a flickering light in the center that changed from orange to red.

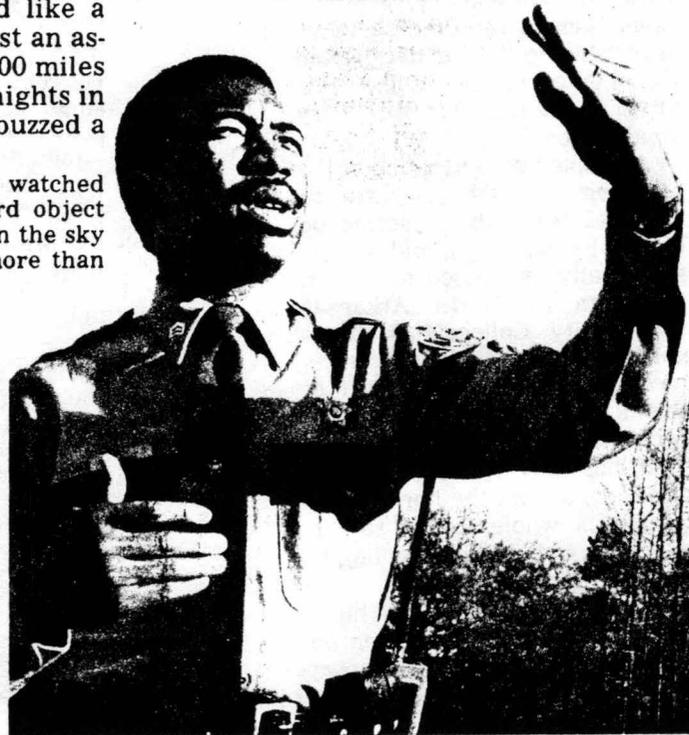
"I've been in the sheriff's department for 12 years and I've never seen anything like it. Our switchboard was flooded with calls."

The first of the rash of UFO sightings occurred at about 5:30 p.m. October 23 as pilot Bill Kimmel, 32, a Greenville, Miss., crop duster, was flying northward toward the Tennessee border.

"About 40 miles south of Memphis I spotted what appeared to be a bright light," he said. "It was moving fast, and I thought it was a jet. Seconds later I found out different.

"Suddenly, the object crossed my flight path, 200 feet below me. And it rocketed past. I estimated its speed was 900 m.p.h. It was a round metal ball 100 feet across. It had no cockpit, no wings, no tail section. That UFO was definitely not from this planet.

"When it got behind me I watched it two or three more seconds, then it suddenly disappeared. It was a flying machine of some sort, but how it could work is a mystery to me."



That same night in Pine Bluff, about 90 miles to the west, Sgt. Adams received a call from a woman who reported a strange object in the sky.

"I went out to investigate and sure enough, there it was," he said. "It was low, about 150 to 200 feet above treetop level.

"For more than an hour I watched it. Then suddenly it

**ASTOUNDED EYEWITNESS** Bernard Adams, a sergeant with the Jefferson County, Ark., sheriff's department, describes the glowing UFO he saw.

zipped away and disappeared into thin air!"

For the next two nights, the same UFO — or an identical one — hovered over Pine Bluff, and was seen by many residents and several police officers, according to Lieut. Boe Fontaine, a sheriff's department patrol supervisor.

Sgt. Adams said the Federal Aviation Administration centers in nearby Little Rock and Jonesboro, Ark., were notified, but reported they'd picked up nothing unusual on their radar.

Two days after pilot Kimmel had his amazing encounter with the UFO, he went to visit a fellow crop duster and friend, Lee Abide Jr., also of Greenville.

He noticed Abide looked shaken and Kimmel commented: "What's bothering

you? You look like you've seen a UFO!"

That's exactly what had happened, Abide later told a reporter.

He said he spotted a UFO early that morning and it looked like "a metallic sphere. The shiny surface had an orange-red color to it. I pulled out my binoculars and began to study it.

"It hovered in one spot — then all of a sudden, like magic, it shot three miles to the east. Then it shot back to the west at fantastic speed. And then, as I was watching it through my field glasses, it vanished — just like that!"

"Bill Kimmel and I talked about what we had seen for half an hour. I believe the two objects we saw were one and the same thing. It's bizarre."

— JAMES McCANDLISH

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by  
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## UFOs? I'd just rather not know

If this were 25 years ago, my cousins and I would be right in the middle of a ghost hunt.

Billie Jo and Ginger lived in a tiny Kansas town, and about all there was for kids to do was go down to the tavern for some chewing gum, climb boxcars, and play in the many decaying houses whose families had moved away years earlier in search of jobs in the bigger cities.

No one paid much attention to the houses, because no one wanted to live in the town. The hapless owners just gave up and let us have at 'em.

They were exquisite places for calling forth ghosts, a practice we never tired of. We never tired of it because we never actually found what we were looking for. Sometimes we felt "cold spots" and occasionally we even heard strange voices cut the still air — just enough to keep us coming back without truly frightening us.

As I grew older, I gradually lost my belief in ghosts; a combination of changing philosophy and, I'm sure, having never actually seen one. My cousins and I gradually stopped looking for flying saucers, too; our faith a victim of our failure to experience.

But recently in Kansas folks were seeing UFOs — about 100 people in southeastern Kansas and northeastern Oklahoma reported sightings. Reading their accounts, I realized I haven't stopped believing in flying saucers as much as I just stopped thinking about them; and I think that's because I'd just rather not know.

The Kansas UFOs did all the usual things — hovered, zipped swiftly while making no noise, rose straight up in the air. They had colored, blinking lights. One careful of folks reported a "round thing with two red lights" from which popped two 9-foot, green, glowing, thin beings that may or may not have had heads. Across the world in the Soviet Union, Tass, the official government news agency, reported sightings of a "shining ball or disc" from which emerged human-like creatures, 9 to 12 feet tall, with "very small heads."

A couple years ago, one of the reporters at the TV station where I work did a series on local UFO sightings, and one report really impressed me. In it, members of North Arkansas Community College's women's volleyball team, who had been returning from a match, told of seeing a round, blinking, "saucerlike" object come close to their bus, hover, then zip back and forth across the horizon. Although the whole busload saw it, only two or three were willing to tell the story on camera.

It's the same with my high-school friend's father: When he called the local airport to report what he'd seen, they guffawed and set the tone for all future retellings. If you aren't a family friend and don't earn his trust, forget it. But it is the only UFO story I put any real stock in, because this man is about the straightest arrow I've found in this crooked old world. I know either he saw what he says he saw, or a cow kicked him real hard and he hallucinated it.

The way he tells it, a saucer-shaped object (like a "teacup upside down on a saucer") with red and blue blinking lights hovered and then landed on his back-40 one evening at milking time. When it took off again it left a circle of scorched earth behind.

Still, I won't think too much about flying saucers until one lands too close for comfort. I have enough trouble with my fellow humans to fret about aliens that I haven't ever seen. With my luck, anything that lands in my back-40 will be carrying a couple of single women, younger and prettier than I am, who'll work for less money and whom the men in my life will regard as exotic foreigners.

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## 381 Unidentified Object Interrupts Walk

On "Current Affairs" recently, on Channel 32, a woman from Iowa told her experience of seeing an unidentified flying object or a flying saucer. I don't think she was sure which.

Her description of seeing it at dusk dark and its being above the tree tops reminded me of something I saw, I believe in 1987.

My husband and I were walking in the second block of Bradley Drive. I glanced back just in time to see a large circular thing which seemed raised in the center. It was bright as fire and silent.

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## Tell It To Grandma

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It swiftly crossed Bradley Drive toward the wooded section of the ditch by Mallory Street. I stopped and told my husband that I wanted to go see if it had descended in that direction, for I was sure if it did, it would cause a fire.

My husband only said, "Come on!" as if I was holding him up. I walked backward a few steps trying to figure out what it was I saw. I have never seen anything like it and probably never will again. It was just there, above the tree tops.

My glance backward, during that walk, witnessed something very rare, it seems, for my eyes only.

MALIE WINGARD  
Montgomery

Write Grandma at The Advertiser, Box 1000, Montgomery, AL 36101-1000. //

# OUT THERE

## More Quebecers than you think believe in UFOs

By PAUL WELLS of The Gazette

**W**atch the skies: it seems like the odds are getting better and better that you'll find something up there. Something big and round and metallic and full of...

how should we put this... visitors.

A recent poll by Telepoll Research Inc. suggests that nearly half of Quebecers believe in UFOs. Four per cent of those polled claim they've actually seen one.

There's even a researcher at McGill who says at least some of those folks have seen something... inexplicable.

We're not alone. In the last few months, headlines around the world have chronicled eyewitness reports from people who think they've encountered brothers from another planet.

Consider:

■ In Voronezh in southern Russia some schoolkids found themselves world famous when they claimed they'd had a run-in with three-metre aliens who descended from the sky in a banana-shaped craft.

■ Near Bristol, England, perfectly circular depressions several metres in diameter have appeared in farmers' fields. They look sort of like something landed there.

■ In Saskatchewan, UFOs appear to have buzzed the townfolk of Langenburg as recently as Oct. 13.

UFOs — Unidentified Flying Objects — are big this year. People have been seeing odd goings-on in the sky for centuries, and the modern image of the "flying saucer" has been around for 40 years and change, but the skies are busier than usual right now.

And it looks as if a lot of people are taking UFOs — and visitors from far-off worlds — seriously.

The Telepoll survey of 1,358 Canadians showed that 43 per cent of Canadians — including the 47 per cent of Quebecers — believe that the Earth has been visited by intelligent life from other worlds.

Five per cent of Canadians in general say they've actually seen a UFO.

This belief in alien visitors doesn't indicate a willingness to buy just any odd story. A Gallup poll released in mid-October showed that only 13 per cent of Canadians believe in the Loch Ness monster, for instance.

On the other hand, lots of people believe in UFOs. Why?

Because they're there, says Don Donderi.

Donderi, a soft-spoken 52-year-old, is an associate professor of psychology at McGill University who's been studying UFO reports since 1966. His specialty is visual perception, so he's an expert on all the ways it's possible to see something and think you're seeing something else.

Often, he says, that's what happens to people who think they've seen UFOs. What they really saw was an airplane or Venus or swamp gas or something. But not always.

Winnow out all the "rational" explanations for UFO sightings, Donderi says, and "there are still 10 or 15 per cent of sightings that can't be dismissed as mischief or stupidity or psychological aberrations."

To Donderi, there are two possibilities.

"Either there are strange natural phenomena that we aren't aware of — or these UFOs are artifacts."

And what are the odds that even that last 10 or 15 per cent of unexplained UFOs *could* be explained by current knowledge? In other words, what are the odds that *all* UFOs are ordinary events misinterpreted?

"Zero. Well, one per cent. Zero is a bit extreme."

Donderi seems reasonable. He says he's never seen a UFO himself. Ask him about Bigfoot or the Abominable Snowman and he stares blankly at you.

"I'm not a weirdo," he says. "I do research and development work for government and business. I am a responsible scientist who believes that UFOs are a real phenomenon."

While Donderi can be a convincing speaker, he says he's known UFO enthusiasts who aren't.

"There are a lot of weirdos out there... I know all about mass hysteria and I know all about the sociology of belief — namely, that people want alien visitors to bring them peace and happiness."



Meet Michel Beluet.

He's a Guide in the Canadian Raelian Movement, and he believes alien visitors brought *life* here.

There are 3,000 Raelians in Quebec, and 30,000 around the world.

The founder of the Raelian Movement is Claude Vorilhon, who says he met small humanoid aliens in 1973 in a volcanic crater in the centre of his native France. These little fellows told Vorilhon he had been chosen, as a Raelian pamphlet puts it, "to spread the greatest message ever revealed to humanity," a message "of Peace, Love and Fraternity."

Now the Raelian Movement has a well-defined theology of sorts.

"Life," Beluet says, "was brought by a higher civilization" called the Elohim.

The Raelians think we were created by somebody who was created by somebody else, who was created by

somebody else...

There's more, and it's all written in a book called *Space Aliens Took Me to Their Planet*.

Honestly. You can send away for it.

The first step to becoming a Raelian is to read the book. Next, you go to a week-long Essential Meditation Seminar given by Vorilhon himself — although he now goes by the catchier name Raël — during the summer.

Apart from meditation meetings the third Sunday of every month at the Holiday Inn Crown Plaza on Sherbrooke St., Montreal Raelians take part in planet-wide ceremonies four times a year — in April, August, October and December.

(The Aug. 6 meetings commemorate the detonation of the atomic bomb at Hiroshima — the beginning of the Age of Revelation).

At these big meetings, a Guide chosen by Raël helps the Elohim "receive the DNA" of the dozens of gathered Raelians.

Sounds complicated, but all a Guide

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has to do is pour some water on a hand and touch each Raelian's forehead and neck.

"Water is good for vibrations," Beluet says. "And everything is vibrations."

Not every UFO you see is one of the Raelians' Elohim visiting, Beluet says, but UFOs do have a way of popping up at Raelian get-togethers.

You see, "the time is right for them" — the aliens — "to show themselves."

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It's looking less and less like those were real aliens who showed themselves in the Soviet Union. A month after some schoolkids said one of them had been temporarily zapped out of existence by a huge alien with a tiny head, a scientific commission concluded two weeks ago that there was no proof anything unusual had happened.

But the enormous media coverage given the kids' claims was no surprise either, according to James Oberg, an American expert on Soviet UFOs.

Soviet reporters "have lived for

many years being told what to believe, what to choose, what to do," says Oberg, a Texas space engineer and author who works on the space shuttle program.

Now that glasnost has given Soviet journalists relatively free rein, "they have really lost the capacity to judge," he said in a telephone interview.

So Soviet reporters will print even a goofy UFO story if they hear one — and, says Oberg, there have long been plenty of UFO stories behind the Iron Curtain.

Why?

"Because the Soviet public is vastly more attracted to fantasy than to reality, considering the reality they have."

But Iron-Curtain UFOs aren't only there because Soviets have an active fantasy life — after all, Donderi says, people all over sometimes trick themselves into thinking they've seen UFOs.

Oberg says the Soviet government has, in the past, encouraged belief in UFOs. It's been convenient for the government, he says.

"A public which sees lights in the sky and thinks 'aliens' won't see lights in the sky and think 'government flights,' which is good when those government flights don't officially exist."

Oberg has tracked scads of Soviet missile and satellite launches, then watched the UFO reports come in a few days later.

Usually, the reports were only of a few lights, but sometimes they were embellished a bit.

Or a lot. Some imaginative South Americans reported having sex with aliens during the 1970s. The alleged hanky-panky always happened when Soviet rockets were flying overhead.

But at least until recently, Moscow mucky-mucks stayed tight-lipped about their secret flights, even encouraging belief in UFOs with "official investigations." And even if they've stopped those sorts of shenanigans in the age of Mikhail Gorbachev, Oberg says, "it's too late to stop" widespread UFOria.

"Anything dealing with public attitudes in the Soviet Union is a trend with an immense amount of inertia."

So we'll be hearing about Soviet UFOs again.

Of course, if Don Donderi is right, we might be seeing UFOs anywhere, anytime.

Watch the skies. □

## UFOs spotted from Laval to northern B.C.

Over the years, Canadians from coast to coast have reported seeing mysterious objects in the skies. Some of the more interesting cases:

■ In March 1978, Jacques Lavoie and Richard Huot were camping at the Baskatong Reservoir in Baie Mercier. Near dinnertime, a glowing disc-shaped object dropped out of the sky and hovered over the lake. One of the men took four photographs of the UFO.

The negatives were analysed at a McGill University lab and compared with test photos taken with the same camera at the reservoir. Investigators — from a now-defunct investigative group called UFO-Québec — concluded that the negatives hadn't been tampered with. They showed an object between eight and 16 metres in diameter, probably within one kilometre of the camera.

■ In May 1985, a resident of Crossfield, just north of Calgary, called the police to report a mysterious circle of light in the sky. A police dispatcher wasn't sure the fellow

was sober, but sent a cruiser out to have a look.

The officers in the cruiser reported several objects — varying in description from "weird, blinking stars" to "oblong discs with three levels of spinning lights."

Within an hour, 20 officers were looking up at the mysterious lights. Officials at the Calgary International Airport said there was nothing on their radar screens, and offered no explanation.

■ In March 1982, Mountie Bob Sheddon and about 10 other people spotted a UFO near Hazelton, about 1,300 km north of Vancouver.

The silent glowing object had green, yellow, orange and red blinking lights. "This thing wasn't like anything I've ever seen before," he said.

Vancouver airport officials said there was nothing on their radar screens when the UFO was spotted.

■ In July 1982, four witnesses claimed to have spotted an extraterrestrial in a corn field in Laval's St. Dorothée district.

"It was five or six feet tall," said 16-year-old Stéphane Lebeau, who'd been out camping with a friend. "It had orange eyes, bigger than ours. The head was huge, and brown. I was so scared I took off."

The whatever-it-was apparently came out of a glowing UFO as big as a large helicopter, which floated over the field and then descended to deliver its big-headed visitor.

■ In August 1981, Pat Wilson and her husband Jim said they were sure a strange fire on their rural Alberta property was caused by a flying saucer taking off.

"It wasn't a normal fire," Pat Wilson said. "There was no crackling sound, no smell and it was a bright orange color."

By the time they got to the site, there was no fire any more, "just mounds of cold ashes and a weird sulphur smell."

An RCMP investigator who wanted to remain anonymous said, "if you let your imagination get away, you could almost see jet propulsion marks" near the ashes. □

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# UFO issue hovers between science, belief

By Jim Dawson  
Staff Writer

Soviet journalist Pavel Mukhortov stood before several 13-foot, three-eyed, glow-in-the-dark aliens and, given the circumstances, asked a good question: "Where are you from?"

The aliens, using illuminated letters to communicate with the reporter, named the constellation Libra, "Red Star, our Homeland."

The sensational story swept through the media in both the East and West and could have been the journalistic scoop of the century, but instead it suffered the chimeric fate of previous alien-contact stories. The creatures didn't stay around for a press conference, and the journalist apparently forgot his camera.

What made this latest Unidentified Flying Object-alien contact story news was that it came from the historically staid Soviet media. A similar tale in the United States wouldn't have caused much of a stir, said Mark Rodeghier, the science director of the Center for UFO Studies (CUFOS).

Does Rodeghier, a man who takes UFOs very seriously, believe the Soviet reports? "Not at all," he said. "At best, it was a normal report or made up by the kids" who first reported the aliens.

The stories did serve to bring the UFO question to the forefront of public discussion, however, and raised the more fundamental question: Are UFOs real?

It is a subject that involves more than space creatures flying around in amazing crafts, tantalizing a civilization by allowing themselves to be seen, but only fleetingly. The belief, or disbelief, in UFOs involves questions of religion, value systems, humanity's view of itself and a host of other metaphysical questions.

For most scientists, including many astronomers who believe there is other intelligent life in the universe, UFOs amount to misinterpretation of natural phenomenon combined with wishful thinking.

"The believers just don't understand how big the universe really is," said Robert Kirshner, an astronomer at Harvard University. "Everybody thinks a UFO has been on a long trip, but it took years for Voyager 2 to get (from Earth) to Neptune. And Alpha Centari, the nearest star, is 2,000 times as far away, at the edge of the solar system. It's hard to understand how material things could be sent across these distances."

Even traveling at near the speed of light, the theoretical speed limit in the universe, it would take thousands of years to tour much of the Milky Way Galaxy from Earth's remote location on an outer spiral arm. Travel to other galaxies would take millions or billions of years, one way.

Critics of that scientific view say astronomers simply lack imagination, especially when it comes to traveling faster than the speed of light. Scientists, the criticism goes, are bound by parochial thinking and are not open to the possibility, centuries hence, of using cosmic "wormholes," warped space and other exotic methods to move faster than light. Some advanced alien civilization already has figured it out, many believers contend, and made it to Earth.

Kirshner isn't a believer. "We shouldn't assume our knowledge of the physical world is wrong," he said. "I think it's even more arrogant to assume that we don't know what's going on and others (aliens) do."

For Kirshner the question is not are UFOs real, but what is the evidence. There is none, he said, so the question turns to why a person believes or does not believe in something.

Science, by its nature, is uncertain and tentative, and that puts it at a disadvantage when debating those who claim to know the truth, he said.

Ed Ney, a University of Minnesota astronomer, wants hard evidence of UFOs before he will believe in them, and he has yet to see any. "I don't know of any good observing astronomer who has observed one, so I'm going to take a dim view. I really think the chances are high of extraterrestrial life, but UFOs, no."

Ney also turns to the vast distances involved and, in a dark view of civilization, the brief period he believes advanced civilizations can exist without destroying themselves.

"I think it is about 100 years and not over 1,000 years," he said of the expected life of a civilization similar to ours, "because nuclear weapons will destroy the civilization." Given that time limit, he said, advanced civilizations don't last long enough to travel the stars. "I don't believe we're the only one, but we might as well be," he concluded.

One of the leading UFO advocates, Stanford Walter of the Mutual UFO Network, thinks that the government is covering up hard evidence of UFOs and that scientists generally have closed minds. The network, an international organization founded in 1969, has about 2,000 members and several hundred investigators around the world.

Based on years of investigating UFO sightings, Walter said he has a good idea of what the aliens are doing: "Actually, they are conducting experiments. They come and go as they want to."

At first, he said, the aliens, small creatures with large, black, glassy eyes, picked up vegetation and rocks to study. Then they started mapping coastlines and oceans. Now they are abducting humans, using them in cross-breeding experiments and returning them to Earth.

The aliens, who have been visiting the Earth for hundreds of thousands of years, he said, are fragile creatures and are trying to develop a half-human, half-alien offspring that can better survive on Earth. They don't want to take over Earth, he said, "but they do scare the living daylights" out of people who are abducted.

Rodeghier, of CUFOS, takes a more conservative approach to UFO research. CUFOS "stands firmly on the fence" in the debate over the existence of alien visitors, Rodeghier said.

If the research indicates a sighting was the planet Venus, a weather balloon or some natural phenomenon, Rodeghier says so.

But when the evidence is gathered and sifted, he said, there are cases that simply can't be explained. "The UFO phenomenon is real, and there are unsolved reports.

"There is evidence for something physical," he said, "but a definitive extraterrestrial? No."

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# Eitzen family reports close encounter with UFO

By **JOHN ARMBRUSTER**  
Of the Tribune staff

EITZEN, Minn. — Wayne Skarbozewski said he's always had an interest in the stars, but no astronomy book he's read prepared him for what he says he saw Sunday night.

At about 11:20 p.m., as Skarbozewski waited on the steps for his dogs to finish their nightly walk, he looked up to watch a plane flying across the sky when he noticed a bright

object off to his right. As he looked east, he gawked at what appeared to be a bell-shaped object with flashing blue, green and red lights hovering in the clear night.

Skarbozewski said the object looked as if it was miles away, although he couldn't be sure because he couldn't judge the size of the unidentified flying object.

The 63-year-old retired truck driver quickly ran into the house to fetch his field glasses. He then told his wife and daughter to

come outside so they could verify that his recent cataract surgery hadn't blurred his vision or his mind.

"The first thing I thought was 'What the hell is it?'" Skarbozewski said.

The three stood outside and watched the unidentified object continue to hover above the horizon. Skarbozewski said the object then swelled to about 10 times its original size.

As the evening progressed, Skarbozewski said, the object began to slowly move south. He said the object was still visible when he went to bed at 1 a.m.

Skarbozewski did not call the county sheriff and he said he was reluctant to talk to the media or to tell anyone about his family's close encounter.

"I wasn't drinking," he said. "I didn't want to be one of those nuts that calls just to see their name in the paper."

Skarbozewski's wife, Joan, 65, said she was a bit skeptical when her husband came into the

house and told her about his mysterious sighting. But she said she decided to humor him and agreed to take a look.

Daughter Lisa, 18, said the lights on the object looked like they were revolving around the object rather than flashing. But she said she's convinced it wasn't a satellite.

The Houston County Sheriff's Department said they've received no recent calls about UFO sightings and added that no patrolling deputies reported seeing any strange flashing objects in the sky Sunday night. The sheriff's departments in nearby Crawford County in Wisconsin and Allamakee County in Iowa also had no such reports.

But the UFO stopover in Eitzen may not have been the object's first visit to the Midwest. In August, a rural Hillsboro couple reported they spotted a large round object with red and blue lights hovering in the sky. They watched for five minutes before it slowly moved east.

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## Fyffe UFOs ranked ninth

FYFFE, Ala. — Unidentified, banana-shaped flying objects over Fyffe were no match for Soviet space creatures in a magazine's annual ranking of planet's strangest phenomenon.

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The sightings in February and March of brightly lighted objects over the northeast Alabama town finished ninth on the 1989 list compiled by *Strange* magazine.

Fyffe Police Chief Junior Garmany, who along with his

The September landing of space creatures in the Soviet Union took the top spot.

assistant saw a UFO, said he understood how the editors could rank the Soviet UFO first.

"The Soviet Union one may have been more unusual an occurrence than ours," Garmany said. "I imagine the magazine had a hard time ranking these things, though. All I can say is what we seen was real, and it's unexplainable to this date."

The September landing of space creatures in the Soviet Union — as reported by the official government news agency Tass — took the top spot in the magazine's Top 10, which will be published in the March issue.

"The Alabama UFOs were very odd because police officers witnessed them, but we had to rank the Russian Tass alien case number one because it was covered worldwide and because Tass is such a serious news agency," said Mark Chorvinsky, editor of the magazine, which is based in Rockville, Md., and has a circulation of 5,000.

On Feb. 10 at 8:30 p.m., while responding to a call from a Sand Mountain homeowner who reported seeing a peculiar flying object, Garmany and Assistant Police Chief Fred Works said they spotted a brightly lighted object hovering above a dark county road.

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Chorvinsky said Strange is the only magazine that takes "an objective look" at such occurrences. "The position of the magazine is we do not believe what we print, but we also do not disbelieve it."

The editorial staff compiled the list from more than 3,000 unusual occurrences featured in the bi-monthly magazine during 1989.

Other phenomena that made the top 10 included: sightings in Greece of a "25-foot entity that resembled a frog," more than 600 symmetrical circles of flattened crops in southern England, and a 30-mile swarm of cobwebs that fell from the sky in Dorset, England.

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# Notts man 'to reveal UFO find'

**A NOTTS man was today revealing details of what is claimed to be a major UFO discovery in South Africa.**

Dr Henry Azadehdel, who was tried at the Old Bailey for smuggling rare orchids from around the globe, is claiming to be a world authority on contacts with UFOs.

He was freed from a suspended jail sentence for orchid smuggling in July



● Dr Azadehdel — evidence on tape

when Appeal Court judges ruled the Old Bailey judgement was too severe.

Now Dr Azadehdel says he has evidence of a UFO being shot down by the South African air force and of the object and its inhabitants being taken to the US.

He said: "It's the most significant revelation in Britain in nearly 40 years."

## Mora preps 'Majestic' pic based on UFO best-seller

By ANDREA KING

Director Philippe Mora, who helmed the recently released film version of Whitley Strieber's alien-encounter book "Communion," will direct another film based on a Strieber best-seller, "Majestic."

While "Communion" had a budget of \$5 million, "Majestic" — which Strieber will write — will cost at least \$15 million.

According to Mora, the film and Strieber's book are based on the true story of a 1947 incident in New Mexico, in which the military put out a press release saying it had captured a crashed flying saucer.

The next day it retracted its story, however, and said what it found was the remains of a meteorological balloon.

"I found this story fascinating because this incident is the origin of all the stories of government coverups of UFOs," said Mora, who admits, "I don't know if there are UFOs or not. I'm a Hollywood film director. A certain amount of skepticism goes with the job."

Previous Mora films include the Australian film "Mad Dog Morgan," starring Dennis Hopper, as well as "The Beast Within," "The Return of Captain Invincible," "A Breed Apart," "The Howling" films and "Death of a Soldier."

The film, set to begin shooting this spring in New Mexico, is in "embryonic stages at the moment," said Mora.

"I think the whole UFO issue and sightings of UFOs are endlessly fascinating. People want to believe that there is more to life than this and one of the ways that is manifested is in

these stories of extraterrestrials, which I call religious stories for atheists."

Mora says that the stories "always resemble accounts of religious miracles — and there is never any evidence. Thousands of people have these experiences that haven't been exposed to media and it's fascinating. If it's a psychological phenomenon, why does it happen? Is it just mass psychosis going on?"

Mora says that he and Strieber were caught by surprise by the controversy that surrounded the release of "Communion."

"It's only a movie," he says. "People are saying they don't believe Whitley Strieber. But if there was any real proof of aliens we would be having a press conference, not making a movie."

"One UFO expert said that Whitley's story was rubbish," recounted Mora, who exhibits a sense of humor about the whole extraterrestrial phenomenon, "and I asked him how he knew and he said that the aliens had told him."

Also in the works for Mora and Strieber is "Miracle at Tunguska," based on the mysterious massive explosion in Siberia in 1908. Several Soviet scientists have found unusually high radioactivity in the Tunguska soil and assert that it came from a UFO spaceship's nuclear engine.

The film will be a Soviet-American co-production.

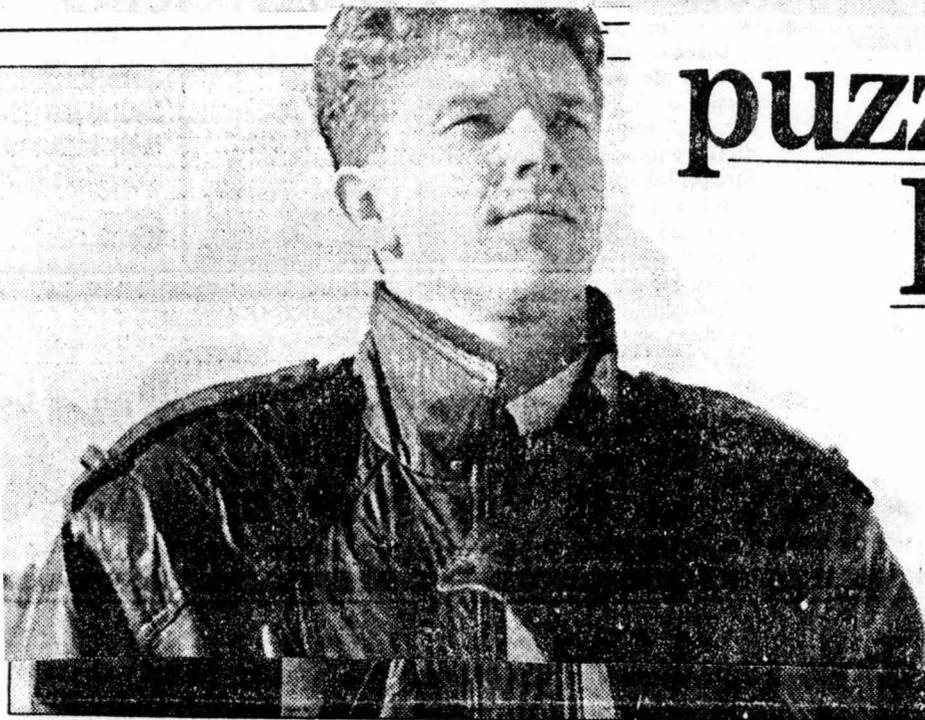
Mora is also developing an \$8 million feature based on Charles Higham's biography about Wallace Simpson, "The Duchess of Windsor," to shoot next November. Mora will co-produce and direct.

Information about the UFO was disclosed to Dr Azadehdel by a South African intelligence officer when the officer and his family stayed at his Prestwood Drive, Aspley, home for three weeks in August, he claimed.

Documents and taped evidence about the discovery were being disclosed at the conference organised by the Yorkshire UFO Society in Ossett, West Yorkshire.

# Eerie reddish sky

# puzzles Kenora



Kurt Rosentreter saw the strobe-like light about 60 metres above ground Sunday night as he drove back to Kenora from Winnipeg.

## *Hundreds hear phones ring off hook, see bright, pulsating light*

By Maureen Houston  
Winnipeg Free Press

**K**ENORA — A STRANGE electric phenomenon last Sunday night still has this town buzzing with excitement — and watching the skies with trepidation.

It has also attracted keen interest from the Manitoba Centre for UFO Studies, which calls the incident unprecedented in North America.

So far, no one has been able to explain the bright reddish light that flashed off the clouds in the Jaffray-Melick area, near the airport a few kilometres east of town.

But hundreds of people either saw it, or experienced the eerie occurrences that went on at the same time.

"(The light in the sky) looked like lightning, but it was just in one little area above the houses and it was pulsating and the houses' (lights) were doing it along with it," said Robin Roe, who was awakened around midnight with many others.

"Then the light started blinking red.

Then I really freaked."

Joanne Leonard, who lives nearby, said her family woke up when all the phones in the house started ringing incessantly for about 20 minutes. When they picked up the receiver, there was nothing but a strange buzzing noise, she said.

"I didn't see the light itself, but I noticed a red-orange glow off the clouds," said Leonard, who added her bedroom television screen — which had been turned off for hours — took on a dull phosphorescent glow.

Kenora resident Kurt Rosentreter said he was driving back from Winnipeg earlier the same night, when he noticed a strange strobing light near the West Hawk Lake turn-off, about 9:30 p.m.

"At first I thought it was a helicopter, but it was too bright. And it was round — not flat like a helicopter."

Rosentreter said he could see the light moving through the trees parallel to his car, hovering about 60 metres above the ground. Near the Ontario border, it disappeared, he said.

All over the Kenora area, phones rang or went dead, alarms went off for no

apparent reason, and computer memories were erased.

A spokesman at the Kenora firehall said the switchboard lit up and the alarms sounded.

At the Inn of the Woods, the switchboard followed suit, and phones rang periodically there all the next day.

The Kenora detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police received numerous reports of the phenomenon and their own Crimestoppers line rang repeatedly, an OPP spokesman said — with the same weird buzzing sound on the other end.

**G**EORGIE HARI, regional repairs manager for Bell Canada, said her office took about seven reports the next day, but could not give a reason for the occurrence.

"We might have had a power surge," she said, explaining that telephones are known to act like that when a high electrical voltage enters the lines.

Rick Felsted, area manager for Ontario Hydro, said a power outage occurred at a main feeder in Jaffray-Melick at the same time.

A line patrol was sent out, but no cause could be found.

"We put the switch back in and everything worked fine," Felsted said, adding that it was a very windy night and something may have blown into the lines.

"I could be very flip and say it was caused by a UFO (unidentified flying object), but I won't."

But the director of the Manitoba Centre for UFO Studies is not so sure.

Ed Barker, who is also director of productions for the Manitoba

Planetarium, said he received a call from the director of the United States Mutual UFO Network in Texas on Monday morning. Both Roe and Leonard had telephoned the U.S. National UFO Reporting Line after the incident.

"He said it was very urgent," said Barker. "This one is unusual because I can't think of a single case where it's happened on that scale and neither could the U.S. director."

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# UFO researcher:

## 'They are here'

### Speaker describes encounters, abductions of couple

By Jim Haviland  
Journal staff

HUDSON — "They are here — whoever they are!"

That's the message from researcher Bruce Maccabee about Unidentified Flying Objects that have been sighted throughout the world, including the Hudson Valley.

A civilian employee of the U.S. Navy in physics research, Maccabee described his investigation of "The Gulf Breeze UFO Case" near Pensacola, Fla., when speaking Thursday night at Columbia-Greene Community College.

Maccabee's talk centered on the UFO encounters and abductions of a Pensacola, Fla., couple near their home on the Gulf. Others in the Pensacola area also said they saw UFOs.

He showed several photos taken by Ed and Frances Walters — some of which were published in the Gulf Breeze Sentinel newspaper. Maccabee said the photos taken by Walters, a contractor, indicated rotation of the object in the sky.

"When you look inside it, you can't tell what it is or explain what's going on or how it is powered," he said.

"When Walters went into the road outside his house to take photos he was engulfed in a blue mist as he raised his camera to take a photo," said Maccabee. "He reported feeling like he was frozen in concrete and couldn't move."

Walters said he heard a "humming noise like mechanical winds heard mechanical words which said 'don't be afraid, we won't hurt you.'" Maccabee said.

Maccabee said Walters fell down in the street when hit with the blue beam, then was released. Walters estimated that he had been in the blue beam for about 10 seconds, and when he looked up saw nothing in the sky.

Maccabee said Walters spoke about smelling a strange odor and explained that it had penetrated his nose while he was in the blue beam. He described it as a cinnamon-type odor.

Walters said that he had felt sucked into the beam and wanted to alert the community so no children would be sucked into it and disappear, Maccabee said. That prompted him to write a

letter to the local newspaper about the UFO photos he had taken.

When the photos were published, a others in the community also said they had seen a similar object in the sky.

Maccabee said Walters told him that after the first experience he would hear a humming noise in his head just before he saw another UFO.

"When the UFO came back," said the investigator, "Walters received a communication in his head. They said they had come for him, and that he should step forward and he would not be hurt."

Maccabee said Walters and his wife had more experiences with the blue beam from the UFO when they again took photos. Once, Walters claimed the blue beam immobilized his leg while he was on a screen porch taking photos of the UFO.

Maccabee said that Walters later saw an alien outside his home and had been abducted by the aliens with "missing time" involved.

He said that under hypnosis Walters discovered he had been abducted several times by aliens at the ages of 11, 17, 25, 33 and 42.

Walters had UFO sightings in Gulf Breeze in 1987 and 1988, with the most recent one Sept. 12, 1989.

Walters never got a photograph of one of the aliens. "The only photo taken of an alien that I know of was

taken in England in 1986," Maccabee said.

Maccabee said many people believe all UFO reports are hoaxes. Some UFO reports are actually other objects in the sky that have been misidentified. Venus often is mistaken for a UFO, he said.

But Maccabee said there are other "hard core reports," such as Walters', when people describe structural things seen in the sky.

He described the encounters with aliens that Whitley Strieber, author of "Communion," reported at his Ulster County home near Accord. "Whitley was concerned over what happened to him and loads his books with his own speculation," Maccabee said.

Strieber concluded "that there are visitors and that they do nasty things to people," Maccabee said.

Maccabee also described the UFO investigations of Bud Hopkins, who wrote the book "Missing Time." He said Hopkins has a different approach and believes aliens are using people as guinea pigs.

"There is speculation that there are genetic experiments, and maybe inter-breeding going on with the aliens trying to learn something about our mental states," Maccabee said. "We do not know what it all is for. But it is not particularly amusing."

# UFO claim 'backed by US base'

**MYSTERY** today surrounds an "enormous" object which appeared to hover over a county town for a full 30 minutes last night.

The man who spotted it claims a US Air Force base backed up his sighting on its high-powered radar system - and they did not know what it was either.

Robert Barnes, aged 32, was walking pet dog, Billy, near his Upton-upon-Severn home at about 6.30 pm last night when he saw the object.

"It was about 500 feet up and towards the north-east," said the unemployed welder, of Riverside Close. "It looked like Venus.

"It looked like a much-too-bright star. At first I thought it was an air-balloon. It was huge - enormous.

"It lit up the ground in a quadrant. It was almost like a beam but it didn't look like the beam of a torch. It looked like a light which wasn't very defined.

"In the end I got bored and walked away and then I returned and walked back into the light.

"There was no sound whatsoever. It did move - but it moved very, very slowly."

Robert insisted he had not imagined the sighting. "I don't believe in ghosts or anything like that," he said. "I'm not that sort of person."

When he got home he immediately got the phone numbers of the RAF base at Brize Norton and the US base at Upper Heyford, Oxfordshire.

"The English people weren't very helpful," he said, "but the Americans were very keen. They said they could see it on their screens but they didn't know what it was."

West Mercia police said today they had received no other reports of the sighting. And the US base at Upper Heyford was this morning shut down for the American Thanksgiving holiday.

# Janet's encounter with strange UFO

**MYSTERY** lights have once again been spotted in the skies over Heywood.

A huge, glowing white ball was seen over the Darnhill area by Mrs Janet Nicholson of Trent Avenue, Summit, who told the Advertiser about her strange experience.

She said: "I was driving down Cherwell Avenue on Sunday with my husband when I noticed a big white light over Darnhill way.

**"It didn't move or change shape, but it was far too large and bright to be a star."**

"When I got home the

light was still there, and so I drove as close to it as I could, ending up near the flats at Darnhill.

"I watched it for 10 minutes and then went to get my children, who were as mystified as I was.

"About half an hour after I first saw it, the light started to move towards us.

**"As it got closer it became clear that it**

was triangular in shape and consisted of what appeared to be two white lights and a red one. It then moved above us and went over and out of sight.

"I've never seen anything like it before - I know the difference between a plane and something unexplained.

"It was an incredible experience, and I'm sure other people in Heywood

must have seen something."

The Advertiser put Mrs Nicholson in contact with a Heywood UFO research group. A spokesman from the group said:

"Mrs Nicholson's sighting is still under investigation. We haven't come to any definite conclusions as yet, but we are especially interested in the description of the triangular shape."

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### Many UFO sightings probed

BRUSSELS, Belgium - The air force and police are investigating numerous UFO sightings near the Netherlands-West Germany border, officials said Friday.

Since Nov. 29, dozens of people and police officials in the northeastern Liege province said they've seen luminous objects. Some describe a flying platform scanning the surface with three huge searchlights; others talk of dancing lights.

During the same period, air traffic controllers "found radar blips on the screens that could not be immediately explained," the Defense Ministry said. There were no authorized low-level flights. //

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# lost soldiers?

## 'Kidnapped by a cloud' theory

Their statement goes on: "When they arrived at this cloud they marched straight into it, with no hesitation, but no one ever came out to deploy and fight.

"About an hour later, after the last of the file had disappeared into it, this cloud very unobtrusively lifted off the ground and, like any cloud or fog would, rose slowly until it joined the other similar clouds.

"As soon as the singular cloud had risen to their level they all moved away northwards."

UFO investigators have picked up on this bizarre tale and taken it as "evidence" of some extraterrestrial kidnapping.

Old soldiers may scoff. But Begg does not dismiss the idea out of hand. Instead, he has presented all the evidence, much of it for the first time.

His investigations reveal a number of inaccuracies in the New Zealanders' story of a battlefield encounter of the supernatural kind.

He shows that their statement made 50 years after the battle wrongly identifies the "missing" unit as the 1/4th Norfolks and puts the date of the incident as August 21.

The 1/5th Norfolks disappeared on August 12.

The statement also places the "kidnapped unit" three miles from where the 1/5th Norfolks were last seen.

So clearly, either their story was prefabricated or they were mistaken. Begg suggests they may have been confused by a natural phenomenon — a mist which did indeed descend on the battlefield on August 21 and masked the destruction of another British unit, The Sherwood Rangers.

But his conclusion that the fate of the Norfolks remains a mystery is disputed by Maj William Reeve, secretary of the regimental association based in Norwich.

In dismissing the "kidnapping cloud" theory as nonsense, he said: "Although at the time it appeared that these soldiers vanished, in fact it was later shown that some had been captured by the Turks."

Begg, however, maintains in his account that official post-war research only revealed the fate of 122 of the "lost Norfolks" whose bodies were found behind what was the old Turkish frontline.

So what became of the remaining 145 who followed their 58-year-old colonel into the afternoon attack on the foothills of Kuchuk Anafarta Ova?

One possible solution not cited by Begg may be contained in an account written by one of the survivors of the Norfolk territorial battalion that suffered such horrendous losses in its first action.

Tom Williamson recorded how they overshot their objective and were all but cut off amid scrubland set ablaze by exploding shells.

One by one his section were killed, and he was wounded. The smoke from the brush fire obscured the last battle of the scattered and disorientated Norfolks.

But Williamson saw the remnants of the King's Sandringham company ringed by fire.

He noted: "Many were already wounded and killed, but those who could not walk were destroyed by the fire, and others, who were actually inside the Turkish defences, were outnumbered and overpowered, and in any case were never heard of again."

Williamson's version of events may be a good deal less dramatic than the notion of a cloud-like UFO, but it remains the most convincing account of the disappearance.

The truth is the full facts will probably never be known. For they were swallowed up in the flames that engulfed the "lost Norfolks" all those years ago.

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★ The lost battalion in the Suvla Bay operations. Officers of the 1/5 (Territorial) Norfolk Regiment, sixteen of whom, with Col Horace G Beauchamp, charged with their men and were lost in the forest.

More than 70 years ago a company of the Norfolk Regiment disappeared in unusual circumstances during the fighting at Gallipoli. Now a new book has revealed an incredible tale of supernatural forces and a bizarre theory of "kidnapping cloud". Steve Snelling investigates the strange story of the "lost Norfolks" . . .

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# Couple's close encounter with a suspected UFO

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A PONTYPOOL couple are convinced they have witnessed a UFO after waking in the early hours of the morning to see a bright, hovering light travelling up the valley beyond their home.

And the couple say they were startled to find their sighting was similar to a "flying saucer" seen by three Cwmtillery boys last week.

Glyn and Toni Edwards, of Penywaun Street, Pontypool, say they were in their attic bedroom when they saw the mysterious object at around 5am on Tuesday, October 24. Glyn, a 39-year-old music teacher, described what happened:

"I got up to have a drink of water and saw this ball of light moving

from north to south along the valley.

"It was a clear night - we have a view of the whole valley from our room. The thing was travelling at a very slow speed, much too slow to be a plane or helicopter.

"But what was more striking was there was no noise at all, no engine or background. Noise carries a long way in the valley and we would have heard anything - but it was completely still," said Mr Edwards.

Mrs Toni Edwards also saw the light.

"I saw very bright lights like searchlights trained on the trees, it was moving so slowly it was almost static. It was completely the wrong shape for a plane," said 36-year-old Mrs Edwards, who works as an organiser for Gwent county council school meals. They reported the in-

cident to the UFO Society, who logged the sighting.

The Edwards say they were then shocked to read the story of the Cwmtillery boys' frightening experience in last Tuesday's Argus. Lee Holt, Carl Jones and Sydney McLoughlin were playing near Cwmtillery Lake when they saw a bright object travelling down the hillside.

"By the description it was the same object, it moved the same way. The only difference was they said they saw it burn up and disappear, whereas ours just passed out of view," said Mr Edwards.

"I have never seen anything like this before and it would take a lot of scientific evidence before I would readily accept it was a 'spaceship.' But I certainly cannot explain what we saw," added Mr Edwards.

## What did she see?

A RECENT television documentary on 'crop circles' has prompted a local woman to recount her experiences of the phenomenon in the early 1960s.

The television programme, "Squaring the Circles," examined the unexplained appearance of flattened circles in cornfields.

Miss Yvonne Adams from Eastwick says that she was hitching a lift from Winchester, in a lorry in 1963, at Radley Bottom. "The lorry driver and I saw what we laughingly called a UFO as we went through the barrows looking west before Beacon Hill. The next week the NWN even had a photo of the farmer's field - it may have been near Litchfield, in that area anyway - where there was a mysterious flattened circle in his cornfield with no tracks or marks leading to it.

"Whether the reporter got carried away or not it was said to have a burn hole in the middle and four post hole marks (from flying saucer legs!) on the outside."

She said the circle was not like the 260 reported this year, and pre-dates all of the others by at least 12 years. She said that this was just one of many 'tales of mystery' associated with the Eastwick area.