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Tracking those who track UFOs

Couple examine claims of sightings and abductions

by Susanne Nika

People who need to sleep with the lights on, people who are afraid of closets, people who have recurring dreams they can't explain — these are people who may have been abducted, according to Judy Stults, a hypnotist who works with people who believe they've had contact with extraterrestrials.

She works with her husband, Tom Stults, in their Downers Grove home to determine the authenticity of alleged alien encounters.

Tom Stults is Illinois state director of Mutual UFO Network Inc. (MUFON), an international scientific organization devoted to studying and researching unidentified flying objects — UFOs.

MUFON also investigates

They are frequently the victims of nightmares and have trouble sleeping. Their "weird dreams" have similarities, says Judy Stults.

They dream of little people or of a brightly lighted room in which people who aren't really human are looking at or examining them. They may also have, for lack of a better word, "flashbacks," of their experience. They are terrified during the dreams because they feel they are paralyzed.

"They have all kinds of dreams and memories of odd things that they can't put together," she says.

"Abductees" rarely remember their experiences, but when hypnotized, usually tell similar stories, according to the couple.

Abduction stories follow a pattern. First the abductee sees the UFO, then he is brought on board, undressed, given a medical exam, questioned, given a tour and dropped off.

"There also seems to be spiritual side to this," says Tom Stults. "After the encounter, abductees seem to have some kind of mission."

MUFON's willingness to accept abductions by aliens as valid is in contrast with the Center for UFO Studies (CUFOS).

Mark Rodegher, scientific director of the organization,

and a teacher of sociology at the University of Illinois, Chicago, says of abductions, "I'm fairly skeptical. Many people have read too many books, and many of the books focus on abductions.

"There are even abduction support groups forming and it bothers me because I'm not seeing proof."

The Stultses agree that there are those who may try to fake an abduction or whose imagination is excited by the numerous books and films on the subject.

There are five "things" that have never been published, which UFO investigators use to determine a fake, says Tom Stults. "Mostly they are physical things about the aliens. If an alleged victim doesn't answer three out of the five questions, we can tell very quickly if they are fak-

ing."

Before the Stultses will agree to hypnotize (or regress) a purported abduction "victim," they warn the person that it can be painful.

Painful memories may be dredged up during the process. Judy Stults, who is not a professional therapist, says it is similar to psychotherapy because of the need to remember painful things. The memories were blocked in the first place as a defense mechanism. And, she adds, not everyone can tolerate the process.

"You know pretty well who's stable," she says.

The Stultses, who do not charge a fee for their work, are selective about who they will hypnotize. There are those, they say, who need psychiatric help. They will only do regressions with peo-



This now-famous 1950 photograph taken by a farm couple in McMinnville, Ore., appears in many UFO journals. Its authenticity has never been established.

UFO sightings, separating naturally occurring sky phenomena from the unexplained.

People who claim to have been abducted by aliens, say the Stultses, will find MUFON.

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Americans believe UFOs exist, says Tom Stults.

In response to skeptics (27 percent don't believe there are UFOs), Stults simply says, "Two percent of the people don't believe we went to the moon."

MUFON has more than 400 members in Illinois. Some are field investigators who look into sightings, natural or otherwise. MUFON members don't search for UFOs or go on expeditions to sighting areas.

"Usually we wait for the call and then send out an investigator," says Tom Stults. MUFON gets about 200 calls a year from police, sheriff's departments and individuals, he says.

In about one-third of the cases, the phenomena can be explained as a natural occurrence — an airplane or weather balloon.

Those that can't be readily explained are handled by written report, including a drawing of the object. The reports are sent to MUFON headquarters and stored in a computer.

Some are ongoing investigations, such as the one in Fulton County that began Oct. 4. A substance that is "apparently a reaction from a UFO's propulsion system and organic matter" was left in the atmosphere.

Called "angel hair," it was compared by computer with "up to 200,000 substances known on earth," and did not match any of those, says Tom Stults. MUFON continues to run tests to see if the angel

hair is a naturally occurring substance.

From abductees' accounts, UFOs appear to be "extra-terrestrial spacecraft intelligently controlled. Most are disk-shaped; some look like a torpedo. They travel at high

as Venus or an advertising plane."

Yet alien encounters haven't been well-documented, says Rodegher. "The only one who has attempted to document them has been a folklorist in Michigan, and he records the accounts of victims."

Rodegher is conducting a study of alleged abductees. As there has been no research on "victims," Rodegher says no one knows the veracity of any accounts, "so don't believe what anyone tells you because there is no scientific study."

Preliminary results of his work show that supposed abductees are not psychologically impaired, not crazy and not prone to fantasy. They also tend to be young, but that may be because young people are less afraid to speak up.

"We don't know if UFOs are caused by aliens or not," says Rodegher. "Where we disagree with the skeptics, however, is that they think they can explain every sighting. Some of the hardest they don't try

to explain."

"For example, on March 17, 1981, police saw a glowing orange ball and heard a sound from it about 30 miles west of Portland, [Ore.] Some were able to record it. It was never explained, but the skeptics didn't even try."

MUFON will meet Sunday, Feb. 4, in Downers Grove. For information, contact Tom Stults at 963-4542. Or write the group at 103 Oldtowne Road, Sequin, Texas 78155, or the Center for UFO Studies, 2457 W. Peterson Ave., Chicago, 60659. The CUFOS phone number is (312) 271-3611.

Were they really abducted?

Could UFO abductions be nothing more than a hallucination of sorts?

According to the book "Alien Abductions," the answer is both yes and no.

Author Jenny Randles researched 400 UFO abduction cases around the world. Her conclusion is that they did take place. However, the abductees weren't taken to a flying saucer. Instead, the alien beings entered their minds.

Randle says each society interprets UFO abductions according to its cultural conditioning. For example, to Northern Europeans, outer-space aliens are tall and blond.

To South Americans, they are dwarflike and temperamental. And to East Europeans, they are apparitional.

According to the British researcher, UFO abduction experiences are valid, even if they occur only in someone's mind.

And the experiences usually occur among folks who have above-average intelligence, photographic memories and highly developed artistic skills.

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speeds — up to 50,000 miles per hour.

"They can make fast, right-angle turns or other maneuvers such as going straight up in the air or coming to a dead stop," says Tom Stults. They appear to have some anti-gravity device that neutralizes the air around them, he added, which keeps the sonic boom from happening.

The Center for UFO Studies is firmly on the fence regarding UFOs, says Rodegher. "We believe the subject deserves scientific attention. Not all sightings can be explained as mundane happenings such

le who are otherwise healthy and stable.

For the alleged abductee, the regressions can be therapeutic. Recognizing the phenomena and having a name for the dreams can be a relief to many of those claiming to be abducted.

"Victims" may come back several times to be regressed. During the sessions, Tom Stults records everything being said and makes notes of his observations. He also asks the alleged abductees the more technical questions about the abduction.

About 10 percent of MUFON's members feel that they may have been abducted, according to the Stultses. Most claim to have seen a UFO.

A recent Gallup poll shows that more than 50 percent of

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range sightings

Bright lights in the night sky over several states in the midwestern U.S. zled observers. Witnesses debed them as white streaks, flashlights and as a fireball.

UFO group keeps its eyes on the sky

By Marie Ellum

Vindicator Trumbull County staff

CHAMPION — On a clear night, when most people look up at the sky they see stars.

Brenda Carnes sees a UFO highway.

As leader of a group of Trumbull County UFO enthusiasts, you might say Mrs. Carnes and her husband, Jim, of Champion, are always looking up. The sky literally is the limit for their hobby, as they record area UFO — unidentified flying object — sightings for the Masury-based Tri-County UFO Study Group.

Sure, they've heard all the jokes about green Martians and strange spacemen. But the teasing doesn't bother Mrs. Carnes.

"People laugh at you. But if you believe in something, it really shouldn't bother you what other people think," she said.

While some people are afraid to believe that aliens are spying on earthlings, Mrs. Carnes said that doesn't trouble her.

"People around here scare me more — like, when I go out shopping, will someone get me?"

President of the Mahoning, Columbiana and Stark county study group is James Rastetter, a Lewisville steel inspector by day, a ufologist by night.

The club meets monthly at an Alliance restaurant, drawing up to 40 people for some meetings. Mrs. Carnes said the UFO meetings are casual, down-to-earth affairs — no pun intended — to allow members a free exchange of UFO sighting information.

Rastetter said members range in age from 6 or 7 up to their 80s.

"We serve as a sounding board. We also get into Big Foot or strange phenomena that may be happening," he said.

'It was no meteor'

One recent hot topic was a suspected UFO Mrs. Carnes saw one evening several weeks ago while she and her husband were driving on state Route 5 in Warren.

"I saw a light. It looked like it was on fire. It dropped suddenly and then it just took off over the tree line. I don't know what it was, but it was no meteor," she said.

Another time about 10 years ago, group members investigated a Big Foot sighting in a remote area of Trumbull County's Johnston Township. They took a plaster cast of a 13-inch footprint, but were never sure who — or what — made it.



map. She and other enthusiasts record sightings in the greater Youngstown-Warren area.

Mrs. Carnes said the UFO season is fast approaching because the weather is getting warmer and more people are outside at night. The group usually meets once or twice a month during the spring and summer for night watches.

Members spend hours looking into the sky hoping to catch a peek at a UFO. They've seen some during various outings, but no group members have actually encountered an alien yet.

Mrs. Carnes quickly admits that UFO sightings are rare — even for this area, which has had plenty.

"On most night watches we see planes, shooting stars and beautiful sunsets," she said.

The Youngstown and Warren areas are good spots to look for UFOs, according to both Mrs. Carnes and Rastetter. One reason is that the area is largely rural, and there are few big-city lights to intrude on the dark night sky.

Another, but maybe more unnerving, reason could be the ar-

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ea's mineral deposits.

"Some think it might be natural resources in the ground — minerals — that attracts aliens. Around Berlin Lake we've had reports of them coming out of the lake," Rastetter said.

Rastetter is very matter-of-fact about the UFO Study Group and the UFOs its members believe they have encountered. He first got interested in UFOs while he was based in Alaska in the Air Force. In 1952, the military put out an alert because a UFO had been spotted. The next day the local newspaper reported that several people had seen some type of flying object — not an airplane — hovering overhead.

Rastetter's own first UFO

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Garn clues in 5,000 women that there's life out there

By Lee Davidson

Deseret News Washington Bureau chief

WASHINGTON — Sen. Jake Garn, R-Utah, who raised eyebrows last year by insisting non-Earth life exists while fighting to save an Air Force program looking for extraterrestrials, is doing it again.

He told a convention of 5,000 American Legion Auxiliary women here this week, "There are people out there just like you and me. They don't have pointed ears or green skin and they're not called Spock, either. They're human beings and children of God just like we are."

Garn made the comment in a speech about the space program and his experiences flying aboard the space shuttle.

He explained further, "You've got this little speck of dust called Earth. And in our own galaxy there are more than 10 billion suns. Ours is not one of the particularly big or important ones.

"Consider the vastness of the universe, and then we think we're important? And we have the arrogance to say we are the only living beings in his universe. Absolutely not."

sighting was in 1968 when he was coming home to Masury from a Cleveland baseball game:

"I saw two objects moving in the sky and they were making strange movements, and then they dropped and then shot out of view in no time at all."

While a lot of people scoff at such stories, Mrs. Carnes finds it hard to believe that people wouldn't believe.

"They said God created the heavens and the earth, so why can't there be other people out there?"

The UFO Study Group's motto is "Ridicule without investigation is the crown of ignorance upon the head of a fool." It's a credo Rastetter takes to heart. //

He added, "God just didn't place his children on this Earth. I said that to some friends of mine in the Senate. And one of my colleagues said, 'Jake I believe this is the only place God placed his children.' I said, 'Come on. Even if you're an atheist mathematician, the law of large numbers will tell you that someplace out there there happens to be a lot of planets just the right distance from their suns to produce the proper temperatures and environmental conditions to spawn life out of the sea.'"

He said the senator said he believed in the Creation, but that Earth was the only place where humans were placed.

"I said that doesn't make any sense. Why would God build all that out there — isn't that a lot of overkill? Stop and think about that.

"Does it make any sense that a God who is orderly and intelligent would build all the vastness of the universe, then we'll have a little speck of dirt over there, that's where I'm going to place my kids? It's not logical."

Garn, a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, has views consistent with some LDS scriptures that say God has created worlds without number. //

They're up there looking at us

By MIKE KENT

STAR STAFF WRITER

The Gulf Breeze Sightings is an incredible story of UFO sightings from November 1987 to May 1988 around Gulf Breeze, Fla., just south of Pensacola on the Gulf of Mexico.

These sightings appear to be the most extensively documented in U.S. history and the book has 24 pages of photographs and drawings. It also presents impressive testimonials about the accuracy of the information and a foreword from UFO writer Budd Hopkins.

The authors are Ed and Frances Walters, who bore the brunt of the UFO visits, includ-

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Author — Ed Walters and Frances Walters
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ing blue beams, white flashes and aliens who disrupted their family's life.

Apparently the aliens were most interested in Ed Walters, a prominent contractor who may have been abducted several times during his life.

It's difficult not to accept the evidence they present, and yet logic argues against their experiences.

For example, the UFOs apparently defied the laws of physics as we know them and Ed Walters suggests that they may spend at least part of their time below the ocean.

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And even though others were able to photograph the UFOs, the bulk of the Walters' sightings happened when others weren't present.

To their credit, the couple enlisted the aid of experts in the field and some of their evidence was captured with special cameras. The fact that their proof is not conclusive may be due more to our natural suspicions and the competition among UFO watchers than any attempt at a hoax.

If their story is indeed true, it's a frightening one. The Walters make it clear that the aliens they encountered were not friendly, and attempted to grab Ed Walters much as we might capture animals for a zoo.

An unusual factor is that a number of federal installations are in the Pensacola area, and special radar equipment was mysteriously brought in during the sightings period.

This is a well-written and absorbing family saga. It's a story that may be hard to believe, but it's good reading.

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Hometown of Lenin 'sees' UFOs

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MOSCOW — Those Creatures from Outer Space, regularly reported to invade Russia, are back — this time in Lenin's hometown.

And some experts are starting to blame Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev's reform campaign.

Some say people are becoming receptive to Strange Phenomena in an uncertain new era of glasnost and economic turmoil.

Nationally fascinated by obscure events, the Soviet Union frequently reports sightings of UFOs, but Tass news agency broke fresh ground Friday by reporting the arrival of a "riverboat from space."

Flashing red and yellow beams, sending a ray of fire and coded signals, it appeared over the Volga River town of Ulyanovsk, birthplace of Communist party founder Vladimir Lenin.

Correspondent Nikolai Milov reported from Ulyanovsk that there had been few UFO buffs in the city until last Tuesday night.

That was when Tatyana Bednyakova "looked out of her window at the night sky and could hardly believe her eyes," the reporter for the official state news agency related.

Bednyakova called two neighbors and "they all saw what they described as 'something strange.' Their attention was drawn to three odd points of light in the sky. Two, situated on one level, radiated yellow light; the third point, above the first two, radiated red light.

"This 'something' then sent a fiery ray, which moved up and down, seemingly sending undecipherable signals.

"After that the object illuminated from the inside, turning into something like a river vessel with windows.

"After making a sweeping elliptical maneuver, the 'ship' disappeared, leaving a bright glowing spot. The spot glowed brightly for some time, and then began to fade away."

The Tass correspondent said that "surprisingly" about two weeks earlier a group of local policemen "saw something very similar."

He added there was "hardly any reason" to doubt the woman.

UFO spotter sought by group

By John J. Como

The Tribune-Democrat

EBENSBURG — A man who reported seeing a luminous object in the sky in September and finding a 12-foot crop circle in an area field is being sought by ParaScience International of Harrisburg.

"We are hoping the man can give us information that may help solve mysteries concerning similar circles found in Great Britain," Larry E. Arnold, a spokesman for the organization, which investigates such happenings, said yesterday. "He reported seeing the object in daylight, which is very unusual, and we are hoping he will call us with information about the incident."

Arnold said the information may help solve a mystery that has had investigators stymied since 1980, when several circles of woven crops were found in Great Britain.

"This is the first sighting reported in Pennsylvania and we are interested in determining if there is any connection with the ones in England," Arnold said. "There have been few reports of people seeing objects in the sky and simulta-

neously finding the circles there, although the circles have been found after reported sightings. None of the sightings were reported during daylight hours."

He said information received from the area man would remain confidential and his identity would be protected if he requests it.

"We are only interested in research and compiling information on unexplainable phenomenon," Arnold said. "Some investigators have reported hearing high-pitched sounds coming from the circles in England and we would like to know if the man also heard such sounds."

Arnold would not speculate on what might be making the circles, noting his organization doesn't specialize in UFO investigations.

"We look into such phenomena as areas where water freezes during the summer but not in the winter, and objects falling from the sky, such as high-tech metals and coins, which have no reason to be there," he said. "We also investigate incidents of precognition — where people are able to see future events."

Rick Kirkham, a reporter for "Inside Edition," a television news show from New York City, who is

doing a story on the case of suspended Judge Joseph F. O'Kicki, said yesterday the circles woven in wheat fields in England are fascinating.

"I was over there six weeks ago and the circles range from 12 feet to 30 feet," Kirkham said. "The wheat is woven, almost like a basket, in a circular pattern on the ground."

He said the patterns appear virtually overnight.

"Experts estimate that it would take 10 to 12 people more than three days to weave the wheat into the patterns," Kirkham said. "Two theories that abound concern a strange field of magnetism in the earth that affects that general area and the possibility of a UFO with a type of physics that enables them to land, or come close to landing, without destroying the crops."

Information can be sent to ParaScience International, 1025 Miller Lane, Harrisburg, Pa. 17710-2899.

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Investigation sheds no light in some cases

By Pamela Rohland

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Think you've seen an unidentified flying object? Better give Stan Gordon a call.

In 1981, Gordon, the Sherlock Holmes of extraterrestrial enigmas, founded the Pennsylvania Association for the Study of the Unexplained, based in Greensburg, Westmoreland County.

Today, Gordon, an electronics technician, and a volunteer team of what he calls "open-minded skeptics" — including scientists, engineers, military officers, and other professionals — spend their spare time taking calls from people who have spotted unusual objects in the sky.

After a confidential report is made, investigators are sometimes dispatched to the site to sleuth for clues that would solve the mystery.

Although business from Berks has been a little slow lately, a UFO was spotted in Exeter Township as recently as Jan. 3, 1989, according to Gordon.

Two men reported seeing a rectangular object with four or five red, blue, and white lights beaming steadily around the outside. The object supposedly hovered by the treetops before disappearing over a ridge.

The association was not able to determine what the object was.

Gordon's phone jangled off the hook on Jan. 28, 1984, when residents from across the eastern portion of the state, including Berks, observed a flaming green object about the size of a softball hurtling across the sky.

Gordon contacted the North American Aerospace Defense Command in Colorado, the government agency that tracks space debris, among other things, and was told the object seemed to be a fireball meteor.

Excited Berks Countians telephoned Gordon en masse on May 10, 1983, after they watched two bright lights rotate clockwise in the sky.

Investigators found the incident was caused by a searchlight display heralding the opening of a new shopping center. The beams were invisible, but the lights reflected off a cloud cover and could be seen for miles, Gordon said.

Two strange incidents that occurred in February are under investigation now, Gordon said. In Montgomery County, someone claimed he had been chased by a large light in the sky, and a car in Altoona, Blair County, reportedly was lifted from the ground and spun in the air.

Gordon said 85 to 90 percent of reports to the association are plainable.

"A lot of people aren't familiar with the sky," he said, adding that many unusual sightings are caused by meteors; bright planets, such as Jupiter and Venus; debris from satellites; or rockets that have released barium clouds.

The remaining 10 to 15 percent of reports are trickier. Sometimes investigators discover evidence of an abnormal event, such as burned grass, unusual animal reactions, or, in rare cases, hair loss or burns, but are at a loss to offer a reasonable answer.

Gordon, who has never seen a UFO himself, said many of the sightings occur near power lines or transmission towers and may be energy related.

"There is probably more than one source of origin for the unexplained sightings," he said. "There is a possibility they may be extraterrestrial."

John Loomis, a popular Kutztown University professor whose astronomy courses are packed each semester with curious stargazers, gives no credence to the notion that spaceships manned by extraterrestrial creatures are leaving their calling cards on Earth.

"What happens is, people see something they don't understand," Loomis said, "and immediately ask, 'Who are they and where do they come from?'"

"That's going too fast. First they should ask, 'What is that thing that I'm seeing?' then try to come up with a reasonable, logical explanation.

"But people do see things we don't understand."

Those mysterious sightings may be physical phenomena that take place so rarely scientists haven't studied them, Loomis said.

An example is ball lightning, what Loomis described as a "a big glob of charge" consisting almost entirely of electrons but with almost no mass. In the 1940s, ball lightning was not understood, he said.

The bright, glowing objects would "chase" airplanes, attracted by the electrons given off by the aircraft.

Lightning balls were often thought to be UFOs until scientists began studying them in the 1950s, according to Loomis.

"I don't want to imply that we understand everything we see in the sky," the professor said, "but people will mistake natural phenomena for UFOs."

A number of years ago when Loomis was in charge of the observatory at Mount Holyoke College in South Hadley, Mass., a frantic man called to say there was a UFO hovering over his back fence.

The man, who was looking at the object through a pair of cheap binoculars, said the UFO was bright orange, flashed, and had antennas.

"He described where it was in the sky, and I knew it was Jupiter," Loomis said. "His binoculars were so bad, he saw little spurts of light coming out."

Loomis invited the man to come over to the observatory immediately. When he arrived, the hapless gentleman was even more upset.

"He was in a serious panic because this UFO had followed him the whole way," Loomis said, chuckling. "It had only seemed to follow him because of its location in the sky."

As researchers have learned more about the universe, the debate about whether UFOs are powered by extraterrestrials has waned in the scientific community.

"If you surveyed most scientists, they would say it was nonsense," Loomis said.

But some still are determined to make contact with life on other planets, despite the obvious hurdles.

In 1974, scientists used the world's largest radio telescope, based in Puerto Rico, to send a coded message to a relatively nearby cluster of 100,000 stars.

"Unfortunately, it takes 10,000 years for the message to get there and 10,000 years for the response to get back," Loomis said. "You could send a high-powered message like 'Hi, how are you,' and 20,000 years later the answer would come back, 'Fine.'"

Predictably, Loomis is even more skeptical of those who claim to have had contact with space beings.

"Personally, I think they're a little crazy," he said.

Dr. Larry Rotenberg, a Wyomissing psychiatrist, does not agree that someone who believes he has seen flying saucers or talked with space beings is mentally ill, although he does think it is delusional. Delusions are defined as false, unshared beliefs.

"The thing that makes a delusion ill is that it's unshared," Rotenberg said. "If it's shared by hundreds or thousands of people, that removes it from the realm of mental illness.

"These experiences are a kind of wish fulfillment. It's a wish to control the unknowns of the universe. The idea that aliens are familiar, kind, predictable, like us, is comforting."

UFO experiences are similar to a religious belief, according to Rotenberg.

"It's a belief system that bonds people together. It makes people feel good, gives them a sense of belonging to a larger group," he said.

If a person is otherwise

responsible but believes he has contact with extraterrestrials, there is no danger, the psychiatrist said.

"He may just see space beings as a hobby," Rotenberg quipped. "How is it different from playing golf?"

"Golfers believe that whacking a little white ball with a rod of iron and wood, and getting that ball into a tiny hole, is the be-all and end-all. We don't say anything about someone who spends hundreds of dollars to join a country club so he can do this for whole days.

"Who's more crazy?" //

By G. SAM PIATT
Senior News Writer

PORTSMOUTH, Ohio — Reports of a mysterious light streaking from the sky and erupting into a fireball about 10 miles northwest of Portsmouth brought searchers out in force Tuesday night and early this morning.

At least 50 firefighters from six volunteer fire departments searched the hills along Ohio 73 between Otway and Rarden and along Ohio 772 between Rarden and Ohio 32, said Pat Kennedy, chief of

the Morgan Township Volunteer Fire Department.

"We had a dozen men from our department out until 3 a.m. today, but found nothing," Kennedy said. Some volunteers planned to continue the search today, he said.

Kennedy said the Morgan Township department received at least a dozen calls from residents, beginning at about 9:30 p.m.

"People said they saw something fall from the sky, then a fireball as though it struck the ground. It lit

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Fireball sightings perplex searchers

up the sky like a brushfire and then faded," he said.

"We thought it might have been a plane in trouble. I called Tri-State Airport in West Virginia. They contacted a search-and-rescue team, which contacted other airports. No one had any planes missing or delayed," Kennedy said.

May Hoover, wife of Chief Jay Hoover of the Jefferson Township Volunteer Fire Department, said there were phone calls from an area of about 10 square miles along the Scioto-Pike county line.

"We had volunteers combing the hills, but they found nothing," she said.

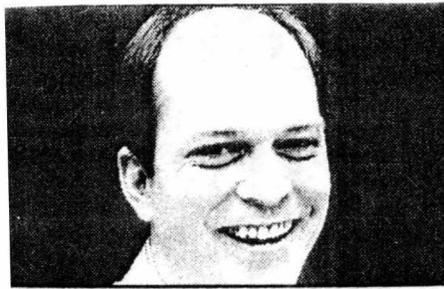
Jim Jefferies, overnight disc jockey at WPAY Radio in Portsmouth, reported getting calls about the mysterious light up until about 2:30 a.m. today.

Phil Malone, a deputy with the Scioto County Sheriff's Department, said, "We got a call that someone had sighted a large ball of fire falling. They put it in the Morgan Township area. We were not requested to assist and have not."

A dispatcher for the Pike County Sheriff's Department said one call was received "from a guy who said he saw an orange light and thought a plane crashed. This was in the Lake White area.

"But he didn't call back and we didn't send anyone out to search."

"We checked with a couple of airports but found no planes missing," said a dispatcher for the Ohio Highway Patrol post north of Portsmouth, which also got a call about the lights.



ANDY MARLATT

Encountering alien notions

Ever seen an alien spaceship hovering over your azalea bushes and wonder if anybody cares?

Somebody does.

In fact, it seems the people who care could use some help.

The Mutual UFO Network, a national organization that investigates sightings of unidentified Flying Objects, could use a field investigator or two in the Fairfield county area.

The network, called MUFON, has only four field investigators in Connecticut and their work is backing up, said MUFON state director Randy Miles.

Miles, who lives near Hartford, often goes to check out sightings in this vicinity himself. The person he's got closest to Bridgeport lives near Wallingford, he said.

Let me assure you, the need exists. Less than a month ago, Miles said, a security guard in Wilton claimed a circular-shaped object hovered several minutes over the building where he worked and then sped off.

In the past three months, UFO sightings have been reported in Bridgeport and West Haven.

In the past three months, UFO sightings also have been reported in Bridgeport and West Haven, he said.

There is no known correlation between extraterrestrials and towns that begin with letter "W," although it is believed that the real name was Wayne.)

Unfortunately, Miles is so backed up with other possible sightings in Rocky Hill, West Hartford and the like that he hasn't gotten down here to check out those claims.

This area, he said, is a hotbed of UFO activity, especially toward the New York state line. Last Aug. 31, many of you may remember, several Bridgeporters said they saw a diamond-shaped pattern of lights floating over Lafayette Square. Sightings similar to that one were reported in May 1989, but were written off by some as a group of prankish airplane pilots.

UFO sightings also were reported in Norwalk in 1987, while in 1984 hundreds of (allegedly sober) people claimed to have seen odd things in the air.

"And there are probably many more that I don't know about," Miles said.

Experts say that only 5 to 10 percent of sightings get reported at all. The problem is, people often are afraid to talk or don't know who to tell.

Well, you can tell Randy Miles, for one, at 953-1204. And if you're interested in becoming a MUFON field investigator, you should know this: It doesn't pay and you have to fill out an application.

If you can handle that, be aware that you may get a phone call, even in the middle of the night, about a sighting. But you don't always have to go, said Anastasia Wietrzychowski, a former investigator who now teaches a class on UFOs at Sacred Heart University in Fairfield.

"You don't follow up if it's just somebody who saw lights in the sky," she said. "But if someone sees [a UFO] hovering over their yard at tree-top level, then that's worth going out there."

When you get there, you interview witnesses and look for physical evidence, such as broken tree limbs and swarms of small green beings with seven eyes buying out the frozen burrito section of the local Wawa. (Sorry, just kidding about that last part. Then again, if you do see green beings, you should probably make a note of it.)

If a landing is reported, you may check the area for radioactivity with a Geiger counter and take soil samples, she said.

As far as qualifying for the job, it's not too hard. Generally, MUFON likes its people to be well-educated natives of Earth, preferably with backgrounds in engineering, math or science. But science knowledge is not a requirement, Miles said.

"A reporter would be quite acceptable, I'm sure," he told me.

(With all respect to Mr. Miles, I'm sure he knew not of what he spoke when he made that last remark. Just putting two journalists on his staff would lower the math capability of MUFON to the third-grade level.)

Field investigators also should own their own cars, like working with people, and be willing to travel (though not necessarily beyond the planet).

Andy Marlatt is a columnist for The Bridgeport Post.

Witnesses! Credibility! UFO buffs crave both

Group unites those who've seen strange lights

By TRACIE CONE
Herald Staff Writer

When Jack Marino — singer, retired Brooklyn dock worker, private eye — tells his secret, it comes out like this, which will hardly convince anyone who hasn't been in his shoes:

"Once off the coast of North Carolina I saw a very, very bright light," Marino starts.

"It was red. It looked like when you turn on a gas stove. There were white lights around the brim. It tilted, then took straight off at a high rate of speed."

Strange lights are hard to keep to yourself. You want to tell people. You want to tell them you might have seen something, well, alien. Better yet, be believed.

Which takes time.

Marino searched for 25 years

before finding a sympathetic ear. He finally found several, attached in pairs, to what might best be described as a diverse group scattered through Broward and Palm Beach counties: a high school student, a New Age metaphysicist, a glass cutter, an on-strike Eastern Airlines flight attendant and a real estate broker.

They are the members of South Florida MUFON, the Mutual UFO Network, a 2,500-member worldwide clearinghouse for UFO sightings located in Seguin, Texas. It's the UFO version of Alcoholics Anonymous, a support group that understands your other-world experiences. They've been there, too, seeing strange lights, talking to

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WHERE TO CALL

If you see a UFO, call the Mutual UFO Network:

■ **Dade County:** 226-0361.

■ **Broward and Palm Beach counties:** (305) 783-9044.

■ **MUFON headquarters,** Seguin, Texas: (512) 379-9216.

aliens through Ouija boards, speaking to other worlds in dreams, even going for a ride.

MUFON's mission, in a nutshell, is this: to separate the flakes from the fortuitous few who may actually have had a close encounter. The South Florida chapter has a dozen members; there are 100 in all Florida, more than half in the Panhandle. Marino, 55, is an investigator who checks out local claims.

"Police and the FAA don't want to investigate," says Mark Hunziker, the flight attendant and a local MUFON director. "We think it's too important to drop it."

There is much to investigate:

January 26, 1990. The sky over Lighthouse Point. A retired New York cop and his uncle look up around midnight. They notice a suspicious-looking light. Actually, about 25 points of light, zipping from east to west in no particular formation. Their speed: too fast for the altitude. Their destination: the horizon and points beyond. Their distance: 40,000 feet. Elapsed time: 15 seconds.

The witness: Felix Santos, 45, former undercover narc, trained observer, 20/30 vision in both eyes. The kind of reliable witness MUFON investigators search the universe for. "Not the kind of guy who would report a meteor shower," says Hunziker.

Says Marino: "We like to have witnesses. This guy had one."

"Very mind-boggling," says Santos, who didn't belong to MUFON and has no plans to join. "I couldn't sleep that night. Nobody in the world can tell me it was anything else."

The next day, there was nothing in the newspapers about strange lights.

Officially, the FAA doesn't take a stance on UFOs, other than to refer callers reporting them to MUFON, said spokesman Jack Barker in Atlanta.

"What we know about the laws of nature precludes these sorts of things," he says. "Of course, maybe we don't know all there is to know, either."

The other federal agency in South Florida that would get called in — the Border Patrol — takes a similar wait-and-see attitude. After all, these might not just be aliens — they might be *illegal* aliens. "We'd have to talk to them to tell for sure," says Mike Sheehy, assistant chief of the Border Patrol in Florida.

Fall 1989. The Sawgrass Expressway. A man speeding along a deserted stretch of highway near the Everglades is startled by a sudden flash of light. It occurs for the next two nights at the same place at

the same time. The light moves along with his car. He's scared.

He calls MUFON. He gets Jack Marino.

"The first thing you want to do is prove that they're wrong," Marino says.

Marino rode co-pilot, hoping to duplicate the man's experience. They drove in the same lane at the same speed at the same time. Marino scooted down so passenger and driver would be the same height. Sure enough, FLASH. They zoomed by again. Flash. But not UFO-ish.

Marino scanned the horizon. He spotted a night light at a house. Driving slowly he watched as the beam caught a telephone wire and reflected its glare onto the man's windshield.

UFO identified.

"We get maybe 10 calls a day reporting sightings across the country," says Walter Andrus, a retired assistant plant manager at Motorola Corp. who is MUFON's founder and director. "Maybe one or two of those could be classified as UFOs. The others are something mundane, like space debris or weather balloons."

Florida-bound aliens, like Alabamans, seem to prefer the slower pace and white beaches of the Panhandle to South Florida. While there have been only four reported sightings in South Florida in the last year, the Panhandle is a never-ending source of UFOs. The northern piece of the state is also home to the most famous sightings, in tiny Gulf Breeze, near Eglin Air Force base.

In November 1987, four-foot creatures with big eyes are said to have touched down in a citizen's back yard. The citizen, who simply called himself "Mr. Ed," took photographs that he released to the town's weekly newspaper, The Gulf

Breeze Sentinel. The revelation divided the staid little town. The coroner, a chemical engineer, a Junior League member and even a city commissioner claimed to have seen UFOs. A dozen citizens did one better — they went for rides in a spaceship, they said. They formed a support group. Dozens more sightings occurred over the next seven months; MUFON membership in Gulf Breeze swelled to 59.

In Fort Lauderdale, Sheila Franklin contacts aliens without even having to get out of the house, preferring to make new celestial friends through the Ouija board. At a recent meeting of MUFON members she hosted, Franklin served sodas and bagged onion rings that looked like little Saturns in the serving bowl. But the mood music is what was most peculiar.

It started as a low, reverberating hum. Higher pitches that defy written description joined in. A spaceship, she said, a 30-minute cassette recorded somewhere near Uranus. It was given to Franklin, who meditates to its sounds.

"I'm doing research on contactees," says Franklin, who carries \$10 million in abduction insurance from UFO Abduction Insurance of Altamonte Springs. "I don't want to talk about it though because I might be doing a book."

Marino has had his encounter. So has the high school student who, dreams so vividly he believes he is being contacted in them. The real estate broker hasn't, which is just as well since he's not sure how friendly everyone really is. The glass cutter was delivering papers in January 1989 when she saw one in Boca Raton, the last confirmed sighting in South Florida before the Lighthouse Point incident.

That leaves Hunziker, the leader who devotes every evening to research, reading newsletters and all-around space business.

"I've never seen anything myself. I'm disappointed, though I've met a lot of interesting people," he says. "I just have to keep going on faith."

He might get his chance in July, when he travels to the Panhandle for MUFON's annual convention.

"Some people claim they've been contacted through entities, but I'm more of a nuts-and-bolts man," Hunziker says. "If it hovers and does strange things, it's probably one."



Eagle/Times: Chad DeShazo

Noel Szundy, left, and Evelyn Morrison-Degler scan the skies above Szundy's Bern Township home, hoping to spot a UFO.

3 Berks women relate their close encounters

By Pamela Rohland
Eagle/Times

One of the first things they will tell you is that they are not crazy, and, indeed, this seems to be the truth.

Although their stories sound incredible, the women who talk about seeing unidentified flying objects and encountering extraterrestrial beings are intelligent, articulate, and professionally successful.

One is a community activist, one is a lecturer and former social worker, another has won national awards for her exceptional performance in a finance field.

It was with some trepidation, and a growing sense of defiance, that they decided to reveal their stories.

"I know I'm not crazy, but if people want to think that, that's fine," said

Noel Szundy, a 53-year-old Bern Township resident who claims to have seen and been on board UFOs.

"It's not that I'm special," she said. "This sort of thing apparently happens to a lot of people, but many of them are too afraid to talk about it.

"My guess is that everyone who has looked at the sky has seen a UFO and either didn't register what he was seeing or didn't understand."

Szundy, a Berks County native who holds a master's degree in social work and now lectures on metaphysical phenomena, looks like a well-tended suburban matron. Her graying blonde hair is swept into a ponytail tied with a ribbon. Her lounging attire is perfectly coordinated.

Recently divorced, Szundy lives with her teen-age son, two dogs, a cat, and a fish in a sunny, spacious house called "Skyheim" overlooking the area surrounding the Reading Municipal Airport.

A door mat gives the first clue of Szundy's predilection for the extraterrestrial: "Welcome UFOs and crews," it reads.

Settled into an ornately carved chair, the tranquillity of her house punctuated only by the sound of a chiming clock, Szundy recounted her experiences as matter-of-factly as if she were describing a trip to the supermarket.

Her most memorable encounter with a UFO came several years ago when she and her family lived in Brewster, N.Y., an area immortalized in the book, "Night Siege," by Dr. J. Allen Hynek, who recorded 5,000 craft sightings there within five years. Szundy speculated that the crafts, which are often observed around water, may have been attracted by a huge reservoir in the area.

Szundy said several years ago on a cloudless, moonlit night between 10 and 11 p.m., two of her friends gaped at a spaceship about the size of two football fields slowly approached and hovered silently above them in the back yard where they were relaxing.

Szundy, who only saw the craft departing because her friends had been too stunned to call her out of the house immediately, said the domed object appeared to be constructed of a shiny metal, such as stainless steel. Colored lights blinked rhythmically around the outside.

Szundy professes to be skeptical about many of the unidentified objects that have been glimpsed in the sky.

"I'm always dubious," she said. "I assume it is an airplane, unless it behaves in an unusual way. Airplanes can look like UFOs, depending on the angle they're at, especially at night."

But the craft in her back yard definitely was not an airplane, Szundy insisted. She said many others reportedly witnessed a similar object the same night.

Seeing a UFO is termed an encounter of the first kind. But Szundy also admits to encounters of the second kind (when humans make contact with beings from the craft) and the third kind (going on board the craft).

BERKS WOMEN CON'T

"A lot of people dream about being on board," Szundy said. "I have a feeling many of those impressions aren't dreams, but may be actual visits."

She theorizes that those who are taken on board are given a post-hypnotic suggestion to make them forget the experience until something in their daily life jogs their memory.

Szundy believes she visited a spaceship as a child. Under hypnosis years later, she said, she envisioned herself being escorted by a kindly human-like creature who held her hand as he showed her the interior of the craft.

"A lot of people aren't willing to accept concepts," said Swartz, an attractive 30-something with a forthright manner. "There's a lot of fear there. I think people are afraid of what they don't know."

"I know this will sound crazy, but I felt at times that I could've been from another planet. I've always had the feeling I didn't belong here — it's strange."

"I used to talk to space beings as a child. People say children imagine playmates, but I don't always think they're made up."

Although she has never seen a UFO, Swartz is convinced she has encountered extraterrestrials.

"I used to be concrete-minded, but now I'm open to anything."

Evelyn Morrison-Degler laughed at the suggestion that the public might find her stories a bit, well... preposterous.

"My friends know me to be eccentric," admitted Degler, an extremely energetic 37-year-old mother of five who is active in local theater and politics. "I've never been concerned about how people perceive me."

A slender African-American wearing braids and designer jeans, Degler sat cross-legged on the floor of her Reading home as her youngest daughter and son, Africa and Abel, romped around her.

Strange sights?

If you've seen something unusual, call the Pennsylvania Association for the Study of the Unexplained, a scientific clearinghouse for reports of UFO sightings, at (412) 838-7768. The phone line operates 24 hours a day, and your report will be confidential.

The organization is interested in information on new sightings as well as less recent episodes.

PASU exchanges data worldwide with responsible researchers and organizations in an effort to find answers to the reported incidents.

"He showed me a roomful of instruments, which I didn't understand," she said.

Szundy said extraterrestrials have come to Earth to perform experiments on humans and to help save our civilization.

"I think they're hundreds of thousands of years ahead of us," she said. "I think they're way beyond murder and war and so many of the problems that hold us back."

"Earth is a baby planet, and we are so primitive to them. We are comparable to a white mouse in a laboratory."

"I think they are here to help us grow spiritually and scientifically."

Patricia Swartz (not her real name) made sure the door to her office was tightly closed before she confided her extraordinary experiences.

Her colleagues in the local finance industry, numbers-crunchers who are grounded in the tangible world, would look askance at an intelligent, highly successful woman who believes she has been contacted by beings from other planets.

While at home one evening four years ago, she began, for no apparent reason, to write information pertaining to medicine. Swartz studied to become a physician a number of years ago but said she was not familiar with the facts she was recording.

The eerie experience, called channeling, continued for about six months, then stopped abruptly.

"I just got impressions of basic information, prescriptions and things, that could help me in the medical field," Swartz said. "There's no way I could understand that knowledge. I know it couldn't have come from anywhere else."

Swartz said she plans to resume her medical studies one day, and the mysterious information will be put to use.

"I used to think it was crazy," Swartz said shaking her head, "but I don't think it's so crazy anymore. The universe is so big, we shouldn't be pompous enough to think we're the only ones here."

Munching an orange slice, Degler recalled that she first met space beings as a child living with her parents and 12 brothers and sisters in a house on South 11th Street. The girl had a recurring vision that tiny green creatures were beckoning her to follow them through a lit tunnel in her parents' bedroom wall.

In the morning, her parents often found Evelyn sleeping curled up by the wall or at the foot of their bed.

"I believe I was having interactions with unseen forces," Degler said. "Children are very perceptive about unseen forces because they haven't learned to suppress their extrasensory perceptions."

She said she never mentioned the visions to the grown-ups because to her child's mind it didn't seem like anything out of the ordinary.

"I didn't know it didn't happen to everyone else," she said.

In the following years, Degler had numerous experiences she attributes to extraterrestrials.

While on a picnic with friends at Antietam Lake in the late 1970s, she spotted a UFO.

"We looked up in the sky and saw a shiny metal object hovering above us," Degler said. "It stayed there the longest time, hovering

without a sound, then it disappeared."

"We turned to each other and said, 'Whatever we saw, it's not from here.'"

BERKS WOMEN CAN'T

Degler said she has been visited throughout her adult life by shadowy figures seeming to bear a message. The most memorable visitation took place one evening in 1979 at the corner of Sixth and Oley streets.

Degler, who was converting to Islam, was three weeks into a four week religious fast the day she looked into the sky and saw three dome-shaped crafts whirling above the city block. She said a golden figure, shaped like a man but without discernible features, descended and knelt before her, like an archer taking aim.

"I was in awe," Degler said, her large eyes growing wider. "He shot me in the right arm, and I became woozy, like I was drugged. It must have been anesthesia.

"Then I slept, and I don't remember anything that happened until the next day. When I woke up, it was bright and sunny, and I was standing by my Volkswagen."

Degler said she heard a voice whispering, "Now you are immune." Stunned and confused, she got into the car and, to her amazement, the vehicle started by itself, Degler said.

She believes fasting allowed her to open her senses to extrasensory phenomena. Degler said the experience was meant to show her that she is accepted by higher powers and is protected from "negative energy."

Although she recalls nothing between the time when she blacked out and awakened, Degler said she occasionally has impressions of an experience she can't remember but seems familiar.

"I get glimpses when I read," she said. "It makes me feel that *deja vu* we all have. Whatever happened to me, it gave me a sense of openness to experiences and a sense of purpose."

"I feel I have a mission to do something more than just live for myself," she said.

Degler acknowledged that UFOs and extraterrestrial beings may not be a tangible reality, but rather are an embodiment of spiritual beliefs.

"UFOs may simply be manifestations of our spiritual selves," she said. "I know religious people are going to read this and say, 'She's gone, she's lost it.'"

All of the women are convinced that their experiences — improbable as they may sound now — foreshadow a new phase in the development of humanity.

"Throughout this decade, I believe we're going to be bombarded with new ideas and visions, and we're going to have to reverse our thinking," Degler said. "Scientists need to make room for the unexplainable. Children need to hold on to their extrasensory perceptions.

"Until we do that, we won't evolve into what we want to be."



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— Noel Szundy



Gulf Breeze UFOs: Science or fiction?

By Craig Myers and Bill DiPaolo
News Journal

GULF BREEZE — In July 1988, Escambia County Medical Examiner C. Fenner McConnell and his wife, Shirley, were planning a dinner party for friends.

The party was to feature activities and decorations poking fun at several sightings of UFOs in Gulf Breeze.

But two days before the party — which featured a painted backdrop of Martians that guests could pose with for photos, and Mars candy bars and Moon Pies for dessert — the tables were turned on the couple.

For five minutes around dawn July 8, the McConnells watched as an object hovered over their pier in Pensacola Bay. The object matched photos taken by retired contractor Ed Walters and published in the Gulf Breeze Sentinel, the McConnells said. Walters' pictures are published in his just-released book "The Gulf Breeze Sightings."

"It was the stereotyped flying saucer, with windows and a flashing light on top of it," said Mrs. McConnell. "It was metallic gray

in color and didn't make a hum — no motor, no noise. It took one minute for it to get from our house to the Navy base, and when it hit the beams of the lighthouse, we couldn't see it any more."

"I told it to come back (for the party) Sunday," Mrs. McConnell said.

The sighting by the McConnells is just one of many — more than 200 — that were reported in the skies over Northwest Florida since Nov. 11, 1987, when Walters said he had a close encounter with a UFO.

The sightings, which usually come in clusters in different parts of the world, make Northwest Florida one of the recent "hot spots," said one UFO investigator.

In the November 1987 incident, Walters said that about 5 p.m., as he looked out a window at the front of his house, he saw an object he described as "right out of a (Steven) Spielberg movie" hovering about 200 feet above the ground. He got a camera, went out the front door and took pictures.

He claims he was hit by a beam of blue light from the UFO that pulled him toward the hovering craft. He eventually freed himself.

Since then, Walters and members of his family have reported 19 other sightings or encounters, including an incident in which he said he lost consciousness for an hour.

Walters says he went to Shoreline Park on May 1, 1988. Shortly after midnight, he says he felt the presence of a UFO. He took a picture of it, and then went blank, waking up bruised with no recall of the "missing" hour.

The latest sighting of UFO-related phenomenon by Walters occurred Feb. 28 as he walked along South Shoreline Park.

Pointing to a 20-foot wide patch of tall grass swirled in a clockwise pattern, Walters said, "Now, I'm not saying this is where a spaceship landed. But I'm not ruling it out either.

"Boy, doesn't that get your heart to thumping?" he said.

Walters says he has taken 39 photographs of three types of UFOs on 20 occasions. Several were taken with a NIMSLO stereo camera, which produces a three-dimensional type image. The film is sealed by UFO investigators to prevent tampering.

Copies of Walters' book are on bookshelves in Pensacola and Gulf Breeze. He is scheduled to begin a 10-city promotional tour March 19 in New York.

Walter Andrus, director of Mutual UFO Network, a UFO investigations group that claims 2,500 worldwide members, believes the photographs are real.

Other Gulf Breeze residents have seen UFOs, but fear of ridicule keeps them silent, Walters said.

Gulf Breeze Police Chief Jerry Brown said he thinks the community is split with believers and non-believers. If alien life is visiting Earth, he asks, "Why isn't it in Washington talking to the president?"

Brown said he believes most of the sightings can be explained away by activity at area Navy and Air Force bases. The rest can be blamed on a domino effect of hysteria that began with Walters' photos, he said.

"None of my officers has ever seen one. We are always the last to know. People call us if their cat is in a tree, but we don't get calls" on UFOs, he said.

The McConnells, though, say

UFO CONFERENCE

Mutual UFO Network, a UFO investigations group that claims 2,500 worldwide members, is having its annual conference in July in Gulf Breeze.

"E.T." director Steven Spielberg has been invited to be guest speaker. Although it is not known whether he will attend, about 450 others are expected at the convention, said Sheilah Bowman, convention and tourism director for Pensacola.

they believe they saw something that July morning. They believe it so strongly that Mrs. McConnell appeared on the syndicated television program "A Current Affair" to talk about UFOs.

The McConnells are not alone. A growing number of Gulf Breeze residents, including a city councilwoman, a newspaper publisher, and law enforcement officers have come forward to claim there is UFO activity over Gulf Breeze.

City Councilwoman Brenda Pollak said she had nothing to gain and everything to lose by going public with her UFO sighting Jan. 8, 1990. She even took a photograph of the object as it moved erratically across the sky, leaving a multi-color trail.

"It was a red light moving abruptly, then moving slowly. It was moving faster and changing directions much more rapidly than anything I've seen. It was silhouetted against the clouds like a piece of black confetti.

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"You could only see two dimensions, no depth," Pollak said, pointing to the sky east of the Gulf Breeze United Methodist Church.

Even Brown, the skeptic police chief, keeps a thick file of information on UFOs in his office, including newspaper articles, eyewitness accounts and phone numbers for UFO investigators.

One such investigator, Rex Salisbury, said he has confirmed 25 UFO sightings in the past year. The 60-year-old retired pilot is investigating six recent sightings over north Pensacola and Pensacola Bay.

"People are nervous when I go out to talk to them. They feel they are going to be ridiculed. But there's always one thing — they believe in what they are saying."

Salisbury called Northwest Florida a "hot spot."

"Maybe it's the multiple air bases in the area. We have reason to believe in the past 40 years,

areas with sensitive military bases have had a predominance of UFO sightings," Andrus said.

For example, in 1980, five UFO landings were reported by personnel at Kirtland Air Force Base in Albuquerque, N.M., he said.

Jerry Thompson, a toll booth worker at the Bob Sikes Bridge at Pensacola Beach says he saw something Oct. 25, 1988. And he's not sure whether he would prefer the objects to be military or alien.

Thompson said he and dozens of other people watched as 13 lighted objects blinked in and out above Shoreline Park in Gulf Breeze. The pinkish lights on the crafts appeared and disappeared in a pattern that almost seemed to be sending a message, he said.

"There were 8, then 13, then 5," Thompson said. "I don't know what it was. The guy working with me said he was scared. ...

"I couldn't come up with any logical explanation. It was like they were doing something. Maybe they were trying to signal."

Residents of Fyffe, a town of 1,300 in northeast Alabama, had their turn in the UFO spotlight in February and March 1989 when 100 sightings were reported. The UFOs ranged from tiny, hovering aircraft to huge, lightning-fast glittering vehicles, Assistant Police Chief Fred Works said.

The sightings attracted interest from local publications to the British Broadcasting Corp., and stations in Australia and Canada.

"I'm not saying all these sightings were spaceships. I told the media it was probably something to do with the government. It was a big deal here. We don't even have a red light, just a yellow flashing one," Works said.

But Gulf Breeze, with its professionals and retired military residents, is a much more credible community than Fyffe, said Duane Cook, publisher of the Gulf Breeze Sentinel, which first published Walters' photos.

The newspaper has sold 500 packages of copies of the UFO Sentinel stories documenting 77 UFO sightings since 1987.

"There is something flying around out there," Cook said.

"Fyffe is more the rural community you see stereotyped in the sci-fi movies. I just want it (the UFO) to settle down in the middle of a football field one Friday night and say, 'We're here!'"

"Whether or not I get pictures published wouldn't matter then," he said.

Observers: Seeing is believing

By Bill DiPaolo and Craig Myers
News Journal

Florida Highway Patrol Trooper S.R. Bevis is convinced he saw a UFO — an unidentified flying object — on Feb. 4, 1976. So convinced that he would be willing to testify to the fact.

"It was making some pretty unorthodox moves that an ordinary aircraft couldn't do. I'm not trying to say it was an alien craft. I thought it may be something the military was fooling around with," he said.

Bevis was on patrol near Navarre Beach when he made the sighting.

"... I had the station call that night to see if the Navy or Air Force was testing anything. They said nothing was being tested," he said.

The Navy's and Air Force's silence that night is characteristic of actions by government investigations into reports of UFO sightings and contacts.

But it's not enough to silence those who claim to have seen, or even had contact with, unidentified flying objects in and around Gulf Breeze.

The term UFO was coined in 1953

after some radar detections coincided with visual sightings near Washington, D.C.

In 1948, the Air Force began keeping records of unidentified sightings and reports that it called "Project Bluebook." By 1969 it had collected reports of 12,618 sightings or events. These ultimately were classified as "identified" with a known astronomical, atmospheric or artificial phenomena or as "unidentified," including cases where information was lacking.

The investigation cost \$350,000 and at its conclusion, scientists reported that only 701 of 12,618 UFO related reports could not be explained.

Project Bluebook was discontinued after the release of the "Condon Report," based upon a study at the University of Colorado.

In the study, headed by E.U. Condon, a respected physicist, he and 36 other scientists reviewed in detail 59 UFO sightings. The reports included studies of weather reports, radar, photography and public opinion polls.

The report rejected the idea that the sightings and reports were of visits by extraterrestrials.

As a rule, sightings have been classified into three categories: Visual sightings, radar sightings and close encounters or physical evidence.

In explaining away many of the sightings, Bluebook and other similar studies found that a variety of factors can affect the validity of sightings, ranging from weather conditions to tricks played by light.

In daytime visual sightings, lighting, reflections, optical illusions and atmospheric conditions can cause errors, officials say. Nighttime mistakes can be made when a bright light appears to be moving.

Even radar can be fooled, officials say, because it fails to discriminate between physical objects and meteor trails, tracks of ionized gas, rain or thermal abnormalities.

Despite government and military reluctance by to step back into the issue since the end of Project Bluebook, events keep pulling them back in.

Eglin Air Force Base was forced temporarily back into the debate when on Oct. 17, 1973, Eglin radar operators reported tracking a UFO north of the base.

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OBSERVERS CON'T

On Jan. 31, 1976, Eglin personnel claimed to have shot about 40 frames of high quality film of a round and brightly lighted UFO over the Duke Field airstrip.

When the film was developed the next day, nothing showed up except the background, reports said.

Today, Eglin officials no longer log or investigate calls from people reporting UFOs, said a base spokeswoman, Air Force Capt. Susan Brown.

"If someone makes a sighting and wants to know if we had something in the area, we will respond to that. That's the extent of it."

On Jan. 8 of this year, some area residents reported that eight helicopters from Pensacola Naval Air Station trailed a UFO as it hovered and flew over Gulf Breeze. The Navy said no helicopters were flying.

Gulf Breeze Police Chief Jerry Brown says he believes Northwest Florida's military installations — including Eglin, Hurlburt Field, Duke Field and the Navy's facilities at Pensacola NAS, Whiting Field and Corry Station — could explain many of the area's nearly 200 reported sightings since November 1987.

Charles Flanigan, a Pensacola Realtor and member of the Mutual UFO Network — a Texas-based group that claims 2,500 worldwide members — blames the lack of an absolute answer on people's fear of ridicule.

"It's because we don't have any grass roots support. We need scientists and military people, but many of them are afraid of saying anything. We need politicians and religious leaders to support us," he said.



Brown UFO investigator and Navarre Beach resident Rex Salisberry said, "There's no doubt these people (the believers) have made contact. "I have done investigations on (Northwest Florida) people with marks on their arm and another on their stomach, which they could not explain.

"There's a lot more to this than just, 'Whee, there's goes another one — let's get his license plate number!'"

Salisberry's "official" MUFON investigation of UFOs in Gulf Breeze contrasts with one by Michael Wales, a Palm Beach man.

Wales moved to Gulf Breeze in January 1989 after watching "UFO Cover-Up ... Live!" on Oct. 14, 1988. The television broadcast featured live interviews with 30 local eyewitnesses.

In a March 1989 advertisement in the Gulf Breeze Sentinel, Wales referred to himself as "Michael of the Free Confederation of Planets in service of the Infinite Creator."

"Certain highly enlightened Starseed Angelic Forces have been simultaneously contacting Gulf Breeze... and Fyffe, Ala., to battle the serpents and awaken the population of the world. It is high time to inform yourselves and demand an end to the governmental cover-up regarding both the angelic and demonic extraterrestrial activities," Wales wrote.

Wales said the UFOs are visiting Gulf Breeze because the U.S. government won't release information on alien visits. He said they are taking their case to the people.

"They don't want to force themselves on a planet against its wishes. If enough people on a planet want to know about them they may be able to make contact in a more open way," Wales said.

Wales said he left Gulf Breeze in October 1989 after being ridiculed and ostracized by Gulf Breeze officials and fellow UFO researchers. But Brown and other city officials said Wales alienated himself in his search for aliens.

Gulf Breeze Mayor Ed Gray said he believes that whatever is flying around his city is something from Star Wars. But he was referring to the Strategic Defense Initiative, not the movie.

Brown believes Eglin is testing weapons connected with SDI, a space-based missile defense, at its ranges in mainland Okaloosa County and on Okaloosa Island east of Navarre Beach.

Attention also has been focused on Gulf Breeze because of a new book by resident Ed Walters. "The Gulf Breeze Sightings," published by William Morrow and Co., Inc., New York, hit the bookstores last month and chronicles local UFO sightings.

But after 2½ years of calls from MUFON investigators, UFO skeptics, and reporters, Gray said he is about ready to beam out of the whole controversy.

Walters began to gain notoriety in November 1987 when Gulf Breeze Sentinel publisher Duane Cook printed his UFO photos.

"I'd like to think that our generation will be enlightened to a universe in a way no other generation has," Cook said.

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1581 UFO Researcher To Speak in Keene

KEENE — Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) will be the topic of a lecture and slide presentation by UFO researcher Robert Hastings, who has spent 23 years researching and tracking UFOs.

The presentation will take place at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, March 21, in the Putnam Arts Lecture Hall in the KSC Arts Center on Brickyard Pond. The presentation is free and open to the public.

"The UFOs: The Hidden History" is a 90-minute slide show and lecture on an alleged cover-up on UFOs by the U.S. government. It is based on previously classified documents secured through the freedom of information act.

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Mysterious Lights In Midwestern Sky

Bright lights in the sky puzzled observers in several Midwestern states Saturday night, and authorities said the phenomenon was not caused by space debris.

People reported seeing strange lights — described variously as white streaks, flashing lights or a fireball — in Missouri, southern Illinois, Iowa and Arkansas.

A spokesman for the North American Defense Command, which tracks objects in space from Peterson Air Force Base in Colorado Springs, Colo., said the lights did not result from bits of a satellite or other man-made debris falling through the atmosphere. //

UFO club reaches outer limits

By MICHAEL SANGIACOMO

STAFF WRITER

Americo (Mark) Candusso was running through his presentation Friday night as he has done month after month for 29 years, telling the 40 or so people gathered about the latest developments in their field.

A voice from the back of the room interrupted his steady flow: "Hey, Mark, tell us about your sightings."

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Candusso's eyes brightened. He smiled like a proud schoolboy and muttered something about not wanting to bore everyone with those old stories.

"Come on, Mark," the voice insisted. "This is the last time we'll be together."

Candusso smiled and told the hushed crowd about the first time he saw the mysterious things in the sky.

It was the last meeting of the Flying Saucer Investigating Committee of Medina, and it closed in a grand fashion. Candusso is moving to Arizona, and when he goes, the club goes with him.

Most of the members said they would probably switch their allegiance to the Cleveland Ufology Project, which meets monthly in Parma, or the Tri-County UFO Study Group of Sebring, O. A few won't join other groups but will continue solitary sky-watching.

They are looking for unusual lights in the sky. As Candusso put it, lights that do things so unusual they must be controlled by an intelligence.

Could that intelligence be human?

Maybe. Candusso talked about the possibility that both the United States and the Soviet Union have shining, wingless, tailless, sleek and silent spy planes that maneuver on a dime, although the existence of the Stealth bomber makes that seem less likely.

Then there is a school of thought that UFOs are the products of ultra-terrestrials, beings who have always lived on Earth but are not human. They sound even more sinister than aliens.

"They move us like pawns. They manipulate our minds," Candusso said.

A more popular theory is that the UFOs are products of an alien race far superior to our own.

And just how common are UFO sightings in Northeast Ohio?

Well, while they were never as common as jets at Hopkins, there was a time when they were sighted with regularity by those who knew when and where to look, Candusso said. Dark country roads and clear nights around midnight provide the proper atmosphere for sightings, he said.

Candusso talked about several personal

sightings.

"It was June 20, 1960. I was coming down Route 532 near Cuyahoga Falls when I looked up and saw a bright light move out through a hole in a huge cloud," he said. "It was made up of 10 lights in two bands, red, white, green and gold lights sparkling like diamonds. Above them there was a bronze light and there was a bright blue light on the side. I watched it hang there, just under the cloud, then another came out and hung next to it."

He described how five UFOs came out of the cloud and, one at a time, hovered then dove down behind the trees in Hudson. He said he watched them for 35 minutes, wishing someone else was there to see the spectacle. When the last craft vanished, he drove to Hudson but could find no evidence of extraterrestrial visitors.

Many of the people at the meeting had similar stories to tell. About half said they had seen a UFO. None ever claimed to have seen an alien or been abducted.

Candusso told of a documented case involving a helicopter pilot and three military men who were paced by a UFO over Mansfield in 1973. More than a dozen other people on the ground saw the vehicle, he said. When the pilot, Col. Lawrence J. Coyne, saw the cigar-shaped craft above his vehicle, Candusso said, he put the helicopter into a dive.

"He dove down, but it stayed with him," Candusso said. "Even though the stick was pushed down, the craft and the helicopter rose up. After about five minutes, the craft took off. That case is documented."

Another man said he was told by his auto mechanic about the mechanic's nephew whose car was chased by a UFO.

"He had the car floored but it wouldn't go more than 25 miles per hour," he said. "It was like the thing was holding the car back. When he pulled into the driveway, the ship veered up over the house and took off."

Candusso, a retired teacher, clearly loves his hobby. For almost three decades he has investigated hundreds of sightings in the state as field investigator for the national Mutual UFO Network. He gets no salary, except for speaking fees, and has been a sympathetic ear to thousands of people in the Akron and Medina areas who ask him about strange things they saw in the sky.

He is the first to admit that many sightings can be dismissed as optical illusions, aircraft, weather balloons or that old standby, ball lightning. He concentrates on the small percentage of sightings that can't be easily explained away.

But the gravy days are behind him.

"We're just not seeing them much anymore," he said. "There were many sightings in the '50s and '60s. That was the height of them. Then the '70s were a little worse, and the '80s were worse yet. There just aren't that many sightings around here anymore."

So Candusso and his wife are selling their home and moving to a more fertile clime, Fountain Hills, Ariz. There, he said, he will continue to follow the advice given at the end of the classic 1950s science fiction film "The Thing" and "Keep watching the skies."

Somebody's gotta do it.

Encounters with 'Men in Black': fact or fantasy?

By Gordon Slovut/Staff Writer

They sat quietly, leaning toward the lectern in a dark-paneled room near Lake Calhoun as a professor from New York told of his encounter with one of the mysterious Men in Black.

In the audience were people like biophysicist Otto Schmitt, a retired professor of electrical engineering at the University of Minnesota, retired aircraft developer and physicist Cecil Behringer, physician Steven Zuckerman and polymer scientist Arthur Coury, Medtronic's director of venture technology.

Peter Rojcewicz told them there have been hundreds — perhaps thousands — of such encounters over the centuries.

"The Men in Black are part of the extraordinary encounter continuum — fairies, monsters, ETS, energy forms, flying saucers, flaming crosses," said Rojcewicz, a 37-year-old professor of humanities and folklore at New York's Juilliard School.

The modern era of Men in Black — visitations by mysterious, black-clad men who seem evil and threatening — goes back to at least the early 1950s when a man named Albert K. Bender allegedly saw a UFO in Bridgeport, Conn., and was later frightened by a visitation from three Men in Black.

Rojcewicz told the audience that his own MIB (Men in Black) experience occurred in 1980. "I have never gone public with this before," he said.

Most of the modern era MIB encounters have followed sightings of UFOs or strange lights.

Rojcewicz's encounter involved no sightings. He was just sitting in the University of Pennsylvania library, reading a UFO book suggested by another professor who thought that Rojcewicz, as a folklorist, would be interested in such phenomena.

"Then in the corner of my vision I noticed a black pants leg and a black shoe, scuffed," Rojcewicz said.

The folding chairs in the auditorium of the Bakken Library of Electricity in Medicine, 3537 Zenith Av. S., stopped creaking as Rojcewicz's audience listened intently.

Standing in front of him, Rojcewicz said, was a very gaunt, very pale man. He was about 6-1, weighed about 140 pounds and wore a black suit, black shoes, black string tie and a bright white shirt. "His suit was loose and it looked as though he had slept in it for three days," Rojcewicz said.

Rojcewicz didn't know what to make of the figure.

At the time he wasn't aware of the

The man screamed:
"Flying saucers are the most important fact of the century and you are not interested?"

Men in Black phenomena which, he subsequently learned, dates back to at least Biblical times.

"He sat down, like he had dropped from the ceiling — all in one movement" — and folded his hands on top of a stack of books in front of him, Rojcewicz said.

The Man in Black asked Rojcewicz what he was doing.

Rojcewicz said he was reading about flying saucers.

"Have you seen a flying saucer?" the Man in Black asked.

Rojcewicz said he hadn't.

"Do you believe in the reality of flying saucers?"

Rojcewicz said he didn't know much about them and wasn't sure he was very interested in the phenomena.

The man screamed: "Flying saucers are the most important fact of the century and you are not interested?"

"I tried to calm him," Rojcewicz said. The man got up, once again all in a single awkward movement, put his hand on Rojcewicz's shoulder and said: "Go well on your purpose" and left.

Rojcewicz looked out at his audience.

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"In 10 seconds I was overwhelmed by fear. . . . I had a sense that this man was out of the ordinary and that idea frightened me. . . . I got up and walked around the stacks toward where the reference librarians usually are. The librarians weren't there. There were no guards there — there was nobody else in the library. . . . I was terrified."

He went back to the table where he had been reading "to get myself together. It took me about an hour. Then I got up and everything was back to normal, the people were all there."

He didn't talk about his experience in public because he was concerned about how people might react to his story, he said.

Was he dreaming?

He doesn't think so. He said he suspects he was in an "altered state."

Rojcewicz said he thinks his experience — and that of others who have been exposed to the Men in Black — are somewhere "in the crack" between real life and fantasy.

He has been studying anomalous phenomena such as the Men in Black ever since his 1980 experience. He has interviewed many people who have reported UFOs, flying saucers and Men in Black experiences. He said the Men in Black most frequently appear in threes, but sometimes in twos, ones and fours.

Some of the MIBs carry brief cases and represent themselves as being Air Force UFO investigators, he said.

The MIBs warn UFO spotters to tell no one of their experiences with

aliens from outer space. When the MIBs leave, people are fearful, dizzy and, sometimes, nauseous, he said.

Frequently their lives are changed by the experience.

Some become more successful in their jobs and marriages and report a *joie de vivre*. Others lose their jobs and marriages. One of his friends quit a good academic position and went into hiding, he said. Some become addicted to drugs, and many feel they have been victimized, he said.

He said the reaction varies with a person's culture, religion or openness to imaginative ideas.

To illustrate the various reactions he cited a case of a psychiatrist and her husband, a professor of education, who saw a UFO in Maine and subsequently had a MIB encounter.

"She has been all right since then, but he has not." The professor was left lethargic and troubled by the encounter.

Rojcewicz, who teaches at the C. J. Jung Foundation for Analytical Psychology as well as at Juilliard, said he suspects the psychiatrist was able to handle the experience better because she is more open to spiritual matters while her husband by training and experience is rooted in the acceptance of only what seems reasonable.

In another case, Rojcewicz interviewed a woman named Deborah from Burlington, Va., who said she had been visited by a slender, 6-foot, 9-inch Man in Black who was wearing a bowler hat. She said her knees went weak when the man was close to her. She said of her experience: "There was something wrong — evil about this."

When Rojcewicz telephoned Deborah to recheck his notes, there was a beeping on the line and they couldn't hear each other. He redialed and the line was all right.

Rojcewicz said there are references to Men in Black going back to Abraham in Biblical times, and there have been many similar stories in folklore over the years. Often the Men in Black have been considered to be the devil or his representatives. Some of the Roman Catholic church's saints had Men in Black experiences. The church itself recognizes the possibility by endorsing exorcism, Rojcewicz said.

What is a good defense against the Men in Black?

"Laughter," Rojcewicz said. "If they ask you why you're laughing, tell them, 'Rojcewicz told me to do it.' " He added: "When you confront evil, don't feed them your fear. Say you are not worried — ha-ha."

When his talk was over, several of those attending were asked if they took the Men in Black stories seriously.

"Maybe there is something there," said Dennis Skillings, director of the Archaeus Project, which sponsored the meeting.

But he said he doubts that there is any way of confirming that MIB encounters "really, truly happened."

Zuckerman, a specialist in internal medicine, said he thought Rojcewicz was serious.

"I have a friend who knows a fellow who is investigating reports that men from space are coming to Earth and taking biopsies of people's calf muscles," Zuckerman said. "He says the biopsy sites heal right away."

Why would people from outer space take biopsies of people's calf muscles?

"An interesting question," Zuckerman said with a smile.

The Archaeus Project, which is subsidized by Medtronic founder Earl Bakken, regularly brings in researchers in the field of the paranormal and so-called alternative science for special lectures.

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Strange lights in sky observed in 4 states

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Bright lights in the sky puzzled observers in several states Saturday night, and authorities said the phenomenon wasn't caused by space debris.

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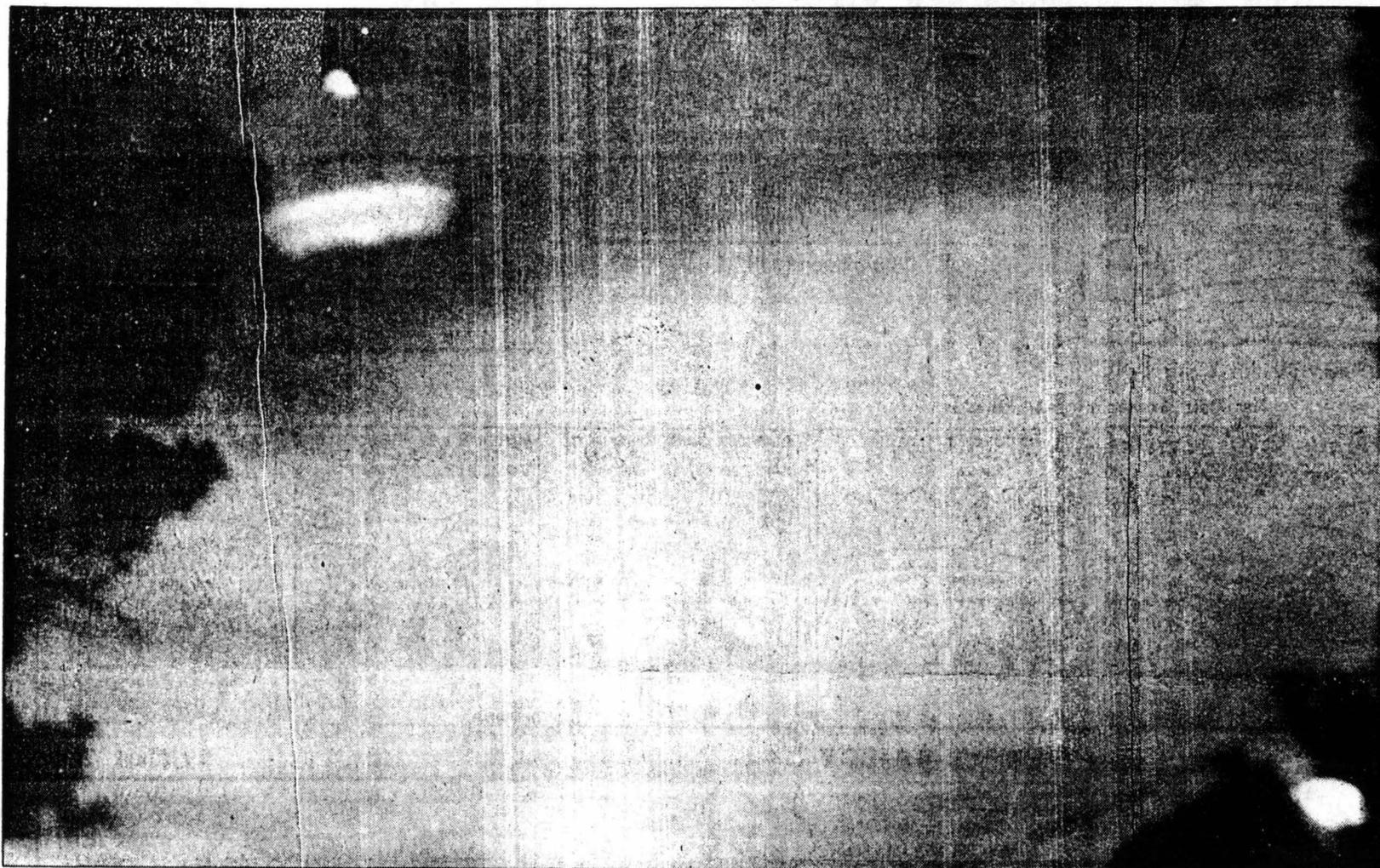
A spokesman for the North American Defense Command, which tracks objects in space

from Peterson Air Force Base in Colorado Springs, Colo., said the lights didn't result from bits of a satellite or other man-made debris falling.

"We are quite confident it is not caused by the re-entry of man-made objects," said Maj. Dick Adams, NORAD spokesman.

The lights could have been meteorites, Adams said, but he couldn't be sure because the agency doesn't track natural phenomena.

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IT'S A BIRD, A PLANE, IT'S ... ? — skies will be discussed during tonight's Group of Richmond in the Howard Johnson
Strange objects photographed in Florida 7:30 meeting of the Metaphysical Research Midtown hotel at 3207 N. Boulevard.

UFO expert says information on aliens withheld by government

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By Mark Holmberg
Times-Dispatch staff writer

Aliens from outer space or Air Force pilots ... who has the right stuff?

According to Donald M. Ware, a retired Air Force lieutenant colonel and active Audubon Society bird watcher, when space creatures and U.S. Air Force pilots swapped aircraft in an interplanetary exchange program of sorts, some butterfly-winged U.S. pilots nearly crashed an alien spaceship in New Mexico some years ago.

But the aliens aren't all exactly Chuck Yeagers either.

The government has "probably 30 alien bodies in the morgue" from "eight, 10, 12 alien crashes," said Ware, who will speak here tonight.

Preposterous?

"People can think whatever they want," Ware said. "I'm willing to tell them what I've learned, they don't have to listen if they don't want to."

An hourlong phone conversation with Ware from his home in Fort Walton Beach, Fla., reveals a gentle-voiced, well-spoken man who knows that most people find his comments ridiculous, if not insane.

Born in Richmond on Halloween 54 years ago, Ware maintains the government "... has a program to maintain a monopoly on hard evidence" proving the existence of alien spacecraft. "Our government is keeping it from the public."

Why?

Until recently, Ware said, "the truth was so bizarre, the public was not ready to accept it ... Unless you have a good understanding of it, it is a bit frightening. It makes people uncomfortable, forces them to change their views of the universe."

But Ware, who served two combat tours during his 26 years as an Air Force pilot, teacher and scientist, believes the government is readying us "... for the larger reality without scaring us to death. The general public is far more ready to accept guys from other planets interacting with us than they were 30, 40 years ago. It's become ingrained in our culture, not all of it by accident."

The happily married golfer said TV shows like "Battlestar Galatica" and "Star Trek" are "very close to the truth" and have helped desensitize the public to the alien notion. U.S. intelligence personnel, Ware added, were present on the sets of



SKY WATCHER — Donald M. Ware, bird watcher and former fighter pilot, says "aliens are watching us."

movies like "Close Encounters" and "The Day the Earth Stood Still."

"This is somebody's reality," he said of the movie's depiction of aliens, "and those somebodies are interacting with us."

Ware said he's had a great interest "... in all the mysteries of the world, ever since I could remember." At Duke University, Ware earned a degree in mechanical engineering and a master's degree in nuclear engineering from the Air Force Institute of Technology. He began careful study of UFOs when he saw the highly publicized lights over Washington, D.C., in 1952. The day after he

retired from the military, he signed on as an investigator for the Mutual UFO Network Inc., a worldwide organization that investigates UFO activity. He is now MUFON's eastern regional director.

"I am convinced that both the UFO phenomenon and religions are avenues through which we get a glimpse of a much larger reality," he said.

Ware will share this expanded reality during the tonight's meeting of the Metaphysical Research Group of Richmond.

Ware said he will discuss three questions: What are UFOs? How long have they been here? What are they doing? The 2½ hour presentation will also include a video, "UFOs Now," which features the much talked-about photographs of the Gulf Breeze objects that have been seen by many witnesses in Florida over the past two years.

A question and answer period will follow the presentation, which may be watched from above.

"I'm convinced," Ware said, "someone has been watching us for a very long time."

Donald M. Ware will speak at tonight's 7:30 meeting of the Metaphysical Research Group of Richmond at the Howard Johnson Midtown hotel, 3207 N. Boulevard. Non-members may attend by paying \$3.

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Hoosiers report UFOs, say, 'We are not kooks'

CORYDON, Ind. (AP) — Persistent reports that UFOs dance in the night sky over Corydon are making star-gazing a popular pastime in the historic southern Indiana town.

One of the witnesses told the Corydon Democrat: "We are not a bunch of kooks. We are respectable, well-educated, professional and responsible people."

Janet Reising, a Corydon resident for almost 20 years, said she began to see the lights in the sky almost three years ago, but some area residents claim the mysterious objects have been around for 20 years or more.

School teachers, nurses, counselors, students, a deputy sheriff and a high school principal are among those who claim to have seen the UFOs near Corydon, in Harrison County near the Ohio River. It was was Indiana's first capital city.