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We Gotcha Saucers Right Here

By ANNE E. KORNBLUT

Daily News Staff Writer

One woman spotted a white flying saucer in 1947. Two more saw a flaming orange UFO in 1977.

And in 1989, yet another claimed aliens plucked her from bed.

All three incidents took place in the same town, but instead of a remote desert enclave, it was New York City where the number of UFOs called in to 911 annually is enough to lend credibility to the movie "Men In Black."

And in the season of Mars landings, alien movies and Roswell reunions, these close encounters remain among the city's most famous.

The most outrageous incident took place on Nov. 30, 1989, when Linda Cortile claimed she was snatched from her Manhattan apartment overlooking the Brooklyn Bridge. Dozens of commuters said they saw a bright light in the sky at the time.

A much earlier encounter was easier to understand.

One night in 1947, hundreds of New Yorkers jammed police and the Brooklyn Navy Yard switchboards to report a bright light. Fifty years later, Anne Fay is still transfixed by the incident.

Fay, a Jackson Heights housewife, had gone out for some fresh air when she spotted a "big, bright globe" over a row of single-family homes.

"It glowed with light," said Fay, who lived on 86th St. between 30th and 31st Aves. "It seemed as if it were hovering over the houses across the street.

"There were no little green men dancing or anything; it was circular on the bottom. And I wasn't the least bit afraid. The feeling of peace that came from it was something I will never forget."

Weeks later, experts came up with a theory: The gigantic orb may have

been an aluminum balloon used by pilots to determine wind direction. But Fay, 84, who has survived cynics' taunts for decades, still thinks it was extraterrestrial.

"What else could it be?" she asked.

A second famous but more terrifying incident took place on Staten Island 30 years later, when two student nurses encountered what appeared to be a bright orange saucer gliding across Hylan Blvd.

Diane Diaz and Toni Corbo were driving home from a diner at 1:20 p.m. on Nov. 19, 1977, when they spotted the bright light "bopping up and down."

"My girlfriend almost drove off the road," Diaz recalled last week. "It was bright yellowy-orange, and it glowed so much we couldn't look directly at it. Terrified is not the word."

The women, then in their 20s, flagged down a patrol car. The two surprised cops followed the glowing light all the way to New Jersey.

Police reports, Air Force investigations and dozens of media interviews were followed by weeks of mocking.

"My family thought I was crazy," Diaz said. "My brothers tortured me."

But they also got hundreds of calls from supportive New Yorkers confirming what Diaz had suspected.

"People understood what we were going through," Diaz said. "They had seen the same thing."

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