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We are not alone, says Richmond District woman after close

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Cindy Gaffney, eight months pregnant, has been having insomnia lately, and around 4 a.m. yesterday morning was sitting up in bed in her Richmond District home when from the back yard she heard a loud, humming noise.

A flying saucer was landing.

"I've heard of other people seeing things like this but not me," she said later yesterday. "I have a little boy and my first thought was of danger."

"It was a very deep, loud, humming noise and then when it was actually on the ground it went 'hummm, hummm, hummm.'"

Mrs. Gaffney woke her husband, who began fumbling around for his glasses and couldn't find them. All her nearsighted husband Carl could see, she said, was the general outline "and he did hear the noise."

"It was four feet high, approximately 8 or 10 feet long. It looked like coffee saucers, two of them, upside down and next to each other," she said, cupping her hands together, "the classic flying saucer shape."

"It was white and had a very slight fluorescent glow. No windows, no wheels, gizmos, no nothing. Just a plain white, glowing saucer."

It actually landed in her neighbor's cemented back yard, of which she has a clear view from the second floor bedroom window of her home on 27th Avenue.

It left suddenly, about 10 minutes later, she said, when she went downstairs and into the attached garage to waken her brother. She turned on the light in the garage, which she figures frightened the saucer away.

It left behind, she said, a round, whitish mark on her neighbor's cemented patio, as if in landing or hovering above the surface it had scoured it clean.

"I'm 100 percent sure I saw this," she said. "I don't smoke dope, I don't drink, I don't hallucinate, and I, damn it, saw that thing land



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CINDY GAFFNEY DESCRIBED THE SAUCER AS 'CLASSIC'
It landed on the patio behind her house, stayed for 10 minutes

there and I'm scared to death of it."

Both she and her husband said the early morning air was clear, there was no fog or mist.

All morning they tried to raise the neighbor, Ros Makaroff, whose yard it landed in, but he didn't answer the knocks.

She said she called the police while the saucer

was still there, but they didn't respond. She said she told them a flying saucer had landed in her Russian neighbor's back yard.

She called the California Academy of Sciences and was told no one there was interested in UFOs. Call The Examiner, they said. She did.

The Examiner was out there yesterday taking

pictures of the round, white spot when Makaroff appeared. He is usually up at 4 in the morning getting ready to go to work, but Saturday morning he slept in. He hadn't heard any humming. Makaroff, of Russian extraction, said he'd lived there 23 years. The round, white spot, he said, used to be covered with earth, and had rose bushes

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planted in it. He said he thinks it has always been whiter than the rest of the cement. "I don't believe, really I don't believe," he shook his head.

Mrs. Gaffney shook hers, too. "I saw it," she said.