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Nurse 392 tailed by UFO

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Sightings of strange flying objects have become more frequent in these parts since late May when a California Highway Patrol officer spotted a peculiar light in the sky during the wee hours of the morning.

But last weekend, not only did Sonoman Joan Burtson observe an unusual flying object — this one toyed with her and followed her car for several blocks before finally giving up and going away.

The head nurse at a local convalescent hospital dismisses the notion that the bright object in the dawn sky which taunted her for some 15 minutes was a space ship carting around some alien beings.

"I don't believe in them," she emphatically states. "I don't know what it was but I don't believe in UFOs."

Burtson will acknowledge that in the last few weeks she has heard numerous rumors of UFO sightings in Sonoma Val-

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For instance, an acquaintance on Eighth Street East reported that ever since the CHP officer saw the strange light two months ago "that thing has been hanging around here."

HOWEVER, BURTON'S description and that of the CHP patrolman are vastly different, leading one to believe there are

several odd things hovering around up there.

What was seen on the early morning of May 21 was a bright orange "X" shaped object heading at a high rate of speed over the Valley to Petaluma.

The only similarity with Saturday's unexplained illuminating object was that both were apparently headed in the same direction — over the hill to Petaluma.

Burtson remembers it as a "solid mass of white light, it was circular, about the size of an apple.

"There were no colors and it was not flashing," she recalls. Burtson's curious find took place at 5:15 a.m. as she was on her way home from Napa after dropping her husband Pat off at work.

She initially noticed the stationary light in the vicinity of

Eighth Street East and Napa Road. Later, as she approached Leveroni Road from Fifth Street West the flying object moved along with her and made the same right turn.

She subsequently made three U-turns and each time, the object would seemingly use its remote control to reverse its course also.

"I thought to myself this is weird so I made three U-turns

to test it out," she says.

On occasion, the UFO would become obscured by the trees but almost the entire way home, no matter what Burtson would do "it would move right along with me," she laughs.

Finally, the flying object, for whatever reason, decided the game of cat and mouse was over and it headed towards the Diamond A area, disappearing over the hill.

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During Burtson's rather surreal experience, her 8-year-old son John remained asleep in the back seat of the car.

Asked why she didn't wake him up so he too could witness the strange sight, she replies with a chuckle, "Hey, we don't need two kooks in the family!"