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Local Realtor Glances Up, 198 Sees Strange Light In Sky

Some people always look down, but Sandra Downing, a local realtor, always looks up because she finds the sky fascinating.

She studies and can identify the stars and planets and is interested in anything that has to do with the sky, including UFOs (unidentified flying objects).

Tuesday night one of her customers, Jorge Cruz, had a problem at his new home and called her for assistance. She was outside of the house with him trying to find the cutoff to the water system and, as usual, glanced up.

"When I looked at the sky, I noticed something different," she said. "It looked like a slow-moving satellite with a cloud moving along with it. It was way off in the eastern sky and was sort of a pinkish red.

"Its formation reminded me, in a way, of the explosion of the Challenger. It lasted about five mi-

nutes and then the brightness disappeared."

Downing said she knew she had seen something very unusual. She thought at first it was a flare of some kind but said it was too high and too far away to be one.

When she read the Associated Press story in the Killeen Daily Herald Thursday morning about the mysterious light show east of the Mississippi River, she really became excited over her sighting.

According to AP reports, there is much speculation and study among physicists, astronomers and scientists about the cause and identity of the mysterious light, but no definite conclusion has been reached.

Downing says it doesn't matter if you look up at the sky in the daytime or at night; there is always something exciting and beautiful to see. And if you're lucky, you just might spot a real mystery.