

## Hamburger-shaped UFO sighted

Marilyn Gallagher wants to know if anyone else saw an unidentified flying object hovering over south Fairbanks early Tuesday morning.

"People are going to think we're nuts," she told her friend Evelyn Thormahlen, who also saw the hamburger-shaped object.

Gallagher, 54, is visiting from Kenai and awoke about 4:30 a.m. Tuesday when she heard chatter on her friend's police scanner. People on the scanner were talking about an unidentified flying object hovering over Lakeview Trailer Court, she said.

The house she was visiting was just a few miles from there, so Gallagher woke her friend and they went outside to look for themselves.

"It looked like a hamburger," she said. "It was just a bright light. It just stayed there a long time. I saw a beam that went right up from the top of it, like a flashlight beam.

"It was too bright for a star and too close for a star," she said. "But it was too high for a helicopter. And there was no sound, so it was no aircraft."

Perhaps it was a weather balloon, she theorized. At any rate, she figured the military probably knew what it was.

She watched the object for about five minutes, then went back to bed, so she didn't see it leave.

Neither Alaska State Troopers or Fairbanks City Police knew anything about the object. Apparently, officers on duty during that shift did not note it on their log sheets.

A spokesman for the Federal Aviation Administration also didn't know anything about the object.

"Of course, people think you're foolish if you say anything, but I don't care," Gallagher said. "I was just interested."