

# Have UFOs visited Tier?

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The possibilities are infinite, but the probabilities are limited.

Sky-riding bright, blinking lights reported in Southern Tier skies this week kept official star-gazers and sky-watching residents guessing at the source of the glow.

Exactly what caught the attention of several residents and law enforcement officials this week hasn't been determined. But there are a few theories.

E. Jay Sarton Jr., Kopernik Observatory director, says the sightings — reported as early as Jan. 7 — were of a meteor. Others, such as Peter Santangelo, a field investigator for the Texas-based Mutual UFO Network, says the object was a fireball — a large, brilliant meteor that may trail light sparks. Still others have their own theories. Residents' claims range from a brightly lighted, hovering object to a blinding ball of light.

All of the telephone calls to the *Press & Sun-Bulletin* reporting the incident stopped short of any outlandish tales recounting little green men with laser guns or big-headed, sloe-eyed creatures mum-

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**TODAY'S QUESTION:** Recent sightings of bright, blinking lights in the Southern Tier sky have prompted discussions of UFOs. Do you think the Earth has been visited by extraterrestrials?

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bling "phone home."

And as of yesterday, no additional sightings and no tall tales had been reported around the area. But does anyone really know what's out there?