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■ **UFO gathering.** "I was immobilized. I couldn't move and I didn't think to speak. I just watched." So begins Joann Berte's account of the night of Dec. 10, 1979, when she claims she was awakened on a friend's porch in Rhode Island and carried in a paralyzed state aboard an alien spacecraft. A national conference this weekend in Waltham, Mass., is expected to draw more than 250 UFO experts and people who claim to have been abducted by extraterrestrials. Arthur Myers, a coordinator of the conference, said the gathering is one of the first public meetings of people who claim to have been held hostage by aliens. Myers, a member of a Unitarian Universalist church group interested in the study of the paranormal, decided to sponsor the conference after attending a private UFO seminar in November in Connecticut.

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