

Flood of UFO calls

THE *Herald Sun* phone rang hot last night with reports of a UFO sighting in Melbourne.

People from Lilydale to Mt Eliza and Richmond to St Albans called about 9.45pm to say they had seen an amazing bright blue light in the sky with a long blue trail.

Perry Vlahos from the Astronomical Society of Victoria confirmed it was in fact a meteor or Bolide burning up in the atmosphere.

The meteor had entered the atmosphere over north-east Victoria and travelled towards South Australia.

"As the Earth moves around the sun in its orbit it sweeps up this sort of material every day. However, not much is larger than a grain of sand. This one however was bigger, probably the size of a tennis ball," he said.

The meteor was moving up to 72km a second.

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