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# Objects in sky were 3404 hoax

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**U**NIDENTIFIED flying objects seen over this and other Los Angeles suburbs in the past six days have now been identified. They are real.

But they didn't come from Mars or the far reaches of space.

They were the creation of California Institute of Technology students who have admitted that the four objects reported by hundreds of persons were simply experiments in "gullibility."

The objects were nothing more than homemade plastic balloons with red flares dangling from rotating blades.

The students said they read of unidentified flying objects being sighted last week in Michigan, noted the discrepancy in the reports of eyewitnesses and decided that the air force explanation for them was "absurd."

The conclusion of the experiment was, "That these UFOs were launched by persons of superior intelligence. There is indeed, such intelligent life—on earth."—Los Angeles Times Copyright.