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ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) - UFO buffs take note: If the alien anniversary at Roswell, N.M., next week isn't enough, there's a paranormal publication that promises true reports of the strange and the unknown.

You name it, and FATE has it: teen-age ghostbusters, New Mexican dirt eaters, Tahitian firewalkers and a psychic cat named Alice.

The magazine rides on the success of paranormal-related TV programs like ``The X-Files'' and ``Millennium.'' Yet FATE, which dubbed itself ``The World's Leading Magazine of the Paranormal,'' isn't a new phenomenon.

It began 49 years ago, the year after a spacecraft supposedly crashed in New Mexico and sparked the interest in alien sightings.

Now, the monthly magazine sells about 65,000 copies of each issue through subscriptions, and another 8,000 from newsstands.

Editor in Chief Terry O'Neill said the average reader is female, age 50 and older, with some post-secondary education.

``A lot of our readers are people who are simply curious,'' she said.

Like many magazines, FATE includes letters to the editor, book reviews, and a horoscope. The rest is divided among columns written by experts on ``ufology,'' alternative religions, paranormal investigation and the like.

Readers are encouraged to contribute, and get \$25 for their personal paranormal experiences. That's why the magazine has been around for close to a half century, said associate editor Frank Spaeth.

``Everybody has had an unusual experience,'' he said. ``There's some comfort in realizing you're not alone.''

Of course, there are skeptics.

``I don't believe much of anything I read in there,'' said Barry Karr, executive director of the Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal.

O'Neill said the magazine doesn't pretend to be a scientific publication, although editors will reject stories that seem too crazy to be true.

``We make judgment calls,'' she said. ``What can you do to prove that you've seen a ghost?''

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