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# UFO

**Family car is plucked into the air by aliens**

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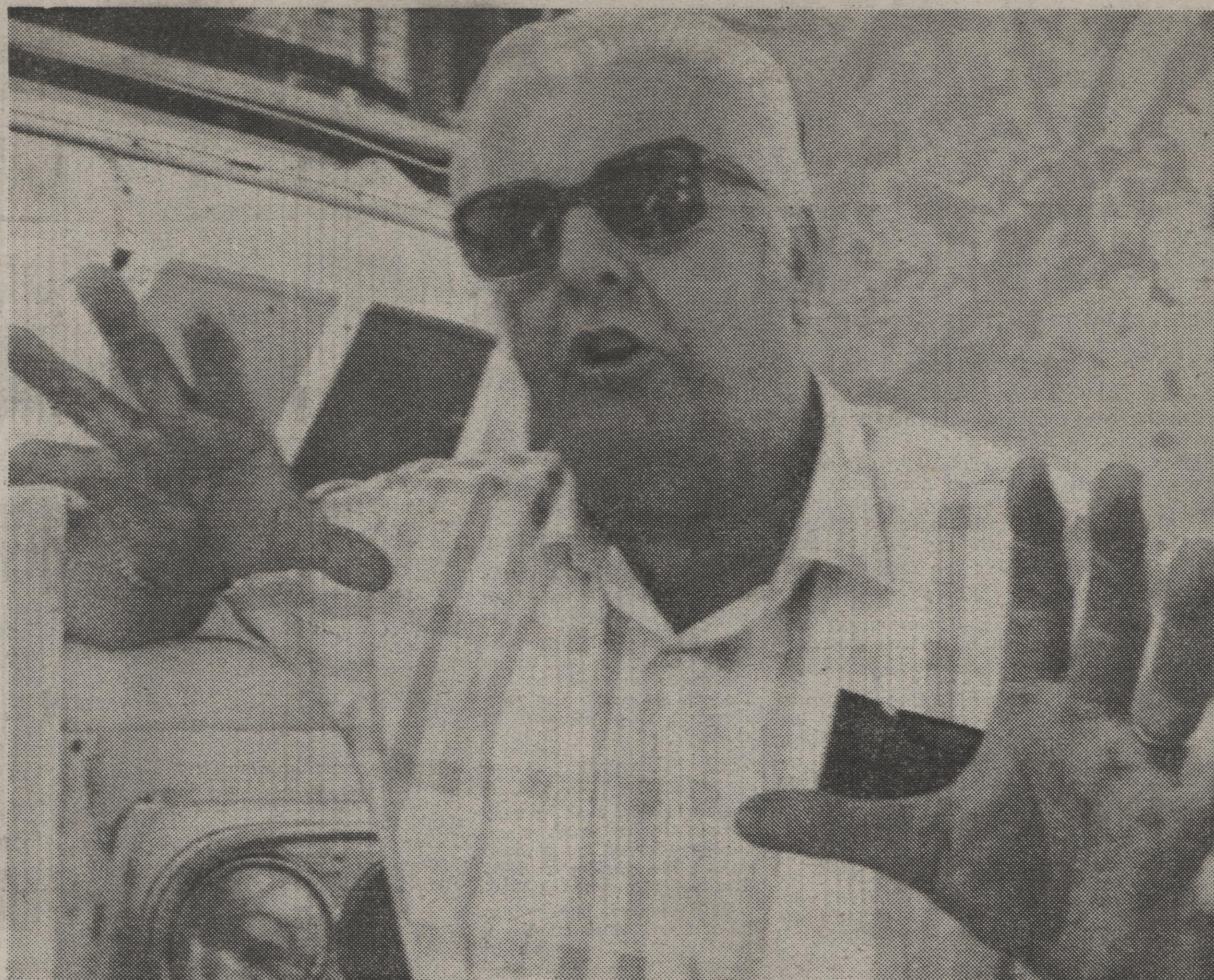
By CHRIS ANDERSON

■ A SOBBING family told last night how they were kidnapped by a UFO as they drove down a deserted Australian highway.

■ Faye Knowles and her three sons sat terrified in their car as it was plucked into the air by a glowing, egg-cup shaped spaceship which had pursued them.

■ They tried to scream but their voices were slow and slurred. Then the UFO dumped the blackened, dented car back on the road. The family were found by truck driver Graham Hewley who said: "They were in a state of shock."

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Truck driver Graham Hewley relives the scene on the isolated plain the day the aliens came

## MAGGIE SLAMS ANGELS

By PETER MacMAHON

MRS. THATCHER slammed striking health workers yesterday, saying their action would only hit patients.

And she accused Labour of supporting hospital walkouts.

Her furious attack came during an angry Commons question time.

### Scrap

Hard-Left Labour MP Terry Fields called on the Prime Minister to tell Chancellor Nigel Lawson to scrap tax cuts and divert money instead to the Health Service.

Otherwise she must accept full responsibility for a nationwide strike.

But furious Mrs. Thatcher told him: "I had hoped you would have condemned those who take action at the

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TV PULLOUT CENTRE PAGES

# Have-a-go Jenny routs a raider

**ACTRESS** Jenny Seagrove floored a thief who raided her boyfriend's house yesterday.

She sat on him and snatched back watches worth £40,000.

Jenny, who starred in TV's *A Woman of Substance*, spotted the raider as he left film director Michael Winner's mansion in Kensington.

She gave chase with Mr. Winner's assistant, Geoffrey Sebag-Montefiori and then cornered the



Jenny ... chase

thief a mile away at the Commonwealth Institute the exhibition centre.

Said Jenny: "We tripped him up and I sat on him. We rifled his pockets and found the watches and about £200 in cash.

"But nobody came to help us and he managed to get away."

Mr. Winner, who made the *Death Wish* movies, said last night: "Jenny did extremely well. But it's incredible nobody went to her aid."

## STAR

Students plan to smash a world record ... leapfrogging across Europe from the Baltic to London.

## SPOT

# GIRL SUES DAD FOR £250,000

From IVOR KEY in New York

AN 11-year-old girl who sued her father because he slapped her won £250,000 damages yesterday.

Samantha Baskin claimed that she needed psychiatric therapy for 18 months after the incident with her dad, Peter, three years ago.

Her lawyer told the court in Fairfax, Virginia, that Baskin, 45, dragged her up two flights of stairs, threw her onto a bed and hit her twice in the face.

Baskin, a lawyer, who admitted disciplining Samantha was found guilty of assault and battery.

The case has astounded the U.S. legal world because up to now parents have been considered immune from suits brought by their children.

## RING RESCUE

Police frogmen rescued Ann Davidson's gold ring from the bottom of the River Witham in Lincoln after it slipped from her finger as she fed swans.



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# EGG CUP UFO KIDNAPERS FA

# Shaken mother tells of alien attack on road



AUSTRALIA was gripped by UFO fever last night as a family told how their car was plucked from the road by aliens.

Still visibly frightened, Mrs. Faye Knowles appeared on television to describe her ordeal on a remote highway.

She said a huge, egg cup-shaped object loomed into her rear-view mirror as she and her three sons drove across the Nullabor Plains from Perth early on Wednesday.

She accelerated at top speed but failed to lose the UFO.

By CHRIS ANDERSON

Then the terrified family stopped, got out and hid in bushes—but the mystery craft still wouldn't go away.

"It was there, waiting for us, looking for us," she said. "It was up the road a bit further from us."

"When we hopped into the car to take off again it came after us. It wouldn't leave us alone."

Then the UFO pounced on the Ford Telstar saloon, clinging to the roof.

"I wound down the window ... it came in the car like smoke. I thought we were going to die."

"We were going silly—something was going into

our heads. We did not know what it was.

"It felt like we were dying. I was screaming. I was hysterical."

The car was picked up from the road and shaken violently.

## Force

Faye and her sons Patrick, 24, Sean, 21, and Wayne, 18, tried to shout but their voices became slurred as if they were talking in slow motion.

Then the car was returned to the ground with

such force that one of the tyres burst.

Patrick said: "Something seemed to be on top of us. It seemed to get a grip on the car."

"The car began to smoke. The dogs in the car started going crazy. We wound up the windows and the car began to smoke up inside."

"It smelled like it was dead bodies or something. It smelled really foul—like gas or something."

Truck driver Graham

Hewley told how he found the bewildered and frightened family in a road-house after the encounter.

"They were still in a state of shock," he said. "Even the dogs were cowering in the front of the car."

## Damaged

"There was soot all over the car and four dents as if the car had been picked up by a magnet."

"I can't explain it but I know I saw four very terrified people."

Mr. Hewley said truck drivers had seen mysterious lights over the stretch of road for the last 30 years.

"We don't stop unless we can help it," he said.

A truck driver and car driver, travelling in the opposite direction on the same highway, also reported seeing the UFO.

And the crew of a tuna boat 50 miles away said they were buzzed by a strange object and their voices also became blurred.

There were further sightings over Tasmania.

Police said the sightings were all independent and there was no way the witnesses could have known of each other's encounters.

"We were a little bit

sceptical at first," said Sergeant Jim Furnell. "But after investigating, we are treating the reports very seriously."

## Hurt

"It apparently picked the car up off the road, shook it quite violently and forced the car back with such pressure that one of the tyres was blown."

Forensic scientists will today examine the black ash left inside and outside the family's car.

The Royal Australian Air Force has been warned and is launching its own investigation.

In her television interview Mrs. Knowles said she was an emotional woman and authorities should take her story seriously.

"There is something there we can't explain," she said. "So I'm going to get it out of my system."

Her husband had stayed in his family's holiday home on an expedition to Antarctica last night.

"They are going to travel to Antarctica. There is no other story like this."

# Highway chase terror as the aliens pounce

to the air ... and our voices speak only slowly



**AMM**

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In her television inter-  
view Mrs. Knowles make  
an emotional appeal for the  
authorities to beware the  
alien menace.  
"There is something out  
there we can not explain,"  
she said. "Something has to  
be done or someone is  
going to get really hurt."  
Her husband John, who  
had stayed at home while  
his family went on a  
holiday and job-hunting  
expedition to Adelaide,  
said last night: "They are  
still in a state of shock."  
"They are too frightened  
to travel home by car.  
There is no reason why  
they should make up a  
story like this."



Attacked by aliens ... brothers Sean (left) and Wayne Knowles

**BACK TO EARTH ...**

WITH a thundering crash that bursts a tyre, the Knowles family's car smashes to the ground after being released by a UFO. On its roof are mysterious dents left by the device the aliens used to lift it. Inside are four shocked and terrified people.

Mrs. Knowles and her three sons had been pursued down a highway, choked with smoke, smothered with a weird ash, lost control over their voices and were kidnapped by people from another planet. But they survived to tell of their incredible encounter ...

Graphics by ANDREW HOWAT

**CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF THE FOURTH KIND**

THE Knowles family had a close encounter of the FOURTH kind, excited UFO experts said last night. That involves actual abduction of a human being by aliens.

An encounter of the first kind is when a UFO is spotted. The second results in a physical effect, such as the scorching of grass by a UFO. And in the third encounter aliens are seen or contacted.

Author Jenny Randles said: "If this story checks out it's the ultimate encounter, the fourth."

"In this kind, people lose periods of time and have some memory loss, either self-imposed or induced from outside."

"This is probably because they underwent such horrors that the memory is blurred to hide them."

"In America, there are claims that abducted young people have been subjected to some kinds of physical and genetic experiments."

**Reports**

"This car would have been lifted up for a reason. If it would not surprise me if the family underwent some kind of investigation they do not remember. It seems par for the course."

Mrs. Randles, director of investigations for the British UFO Research Association, said the Nullabor area had been the site for early nuclear tests and there had been frequent reports of UFOs there.

There was a major sighting in 1957 when a disc-shaped flying saucer

was spotted hovering above the detonation site.

Mrs. Randles said the encounter mirrored at least two similar incidents in England.

In June 1978 a Gloucester family's car was lifted and dumped onto a strange road, and in 1981 three women had a similar experience as they drove in Shropshire.

Another expert, Dr. Richard Laurence, agreed that aliens were attracted by nuclear testing.

"We believe extra terrestrials are very worried about the terrible effects atomic power could have on our world and through the solar system," he said.

"These incidents are increasing greatly and we believe that a definite reason for this is the development of nuclear power and weapons."

But he added: "We believe they are quite friendly."



HELEN... daydreams

**BBC PAY HELEN £4,000 A POEM**

SCHOOLGIRL poet Helen Fielden was thrilled when the BBC broadcast a few lines of her verse.

And even more thrilled when they sent her £4,155.

"I couldn't believe it when they sent me a £15 cheque... and then two more for £2,070 each," she said yesterday.

"She's good — but not that good," said her mother Ann.

Helen, 13, daydreamed of spending the money on stables for her pony at home at Holt near Trowbridge, Wilts.

**Apology**

But honest Helen, a girl guide, returned all but £15 of it when she realised someone at the BBC had made a mistake.

"It was a lot of money — the biggest cheques I have ever seen — but they had to go back."

"If I get asked to write a poem for the BBC again, though, I'll certainly write them something."

"Maybe they'll pay me that much for real next time."

BBC official Wendy Tobbitt said the cheques were meant for a corporation worker with a similar name.

"It was a case of mistaken identity and we are writing to Helen to apologise."

"It won't happen again... but we hope she keeps writing poetry for us."

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**Jayne's the right type**

TV-am presenter Jayne Irving is going into the movies.

The film, American Roulette starring new heart-throb Andy Garcia, has Jayne as a... television presenter.

"Typecasting, I'm afraid," she said.

**Rachel: man is arrested**

A MAN was arrested yesterday in connection with the murder five months ago of pretty teenager Rachel Partridge.

Rachel, a 17-year-old dental technician was found dead in a barn two miles from her home in Chinnor on the Oxford-Bucks border. She was naked apart from her socks and had been sexually attacked and strangled.

The man being questioned is believed to be a 29-year-old steel erector from near Buckingham.

Rachel died after hitching a lift from a friend's house. Her clothes were never found and murder officers thought they had drawn a blank when even a desperate appeal on TV's Crimewatch failed to help them.