

Monique Van Vooren Recalls Sighting of Huge, 'Pulsating' Flying Saucer

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An unidentified flying object whirred in on jet set actress Monique Van Vooren and friends as she gave a small party in her apartment.

"I've been reading about UFOs for years," the stunning blonde told INSIDER. "But you must realize, most people are reluctant to speak of such things.

"It's quite embarrassing to have someone call you a 'kook.' So what happens? You keep these matters strictly to yourself."

The star of Andy Warhol's new film, "Frankenstein," Miss Van Vooren was appearing in "A Shot in the Dark" in Jacksonville, Fla., last November when she made the sighting.

"SEVERAL CAST members had joined me in my apartment on one of the upper floors of a newly constructed apartment building overlooking the beach.

"We were celebrating the opening of the play," she said. "I was cooking dinner, while most of my guests remained on the terrace to look at the late evening sky, which stretched as far as the human eye could see.

"Suddenly, someone shouted, 'Look! Over there!' I came running out of the kitchen onto the balcony."

What Miss Van Vooren spotted was a "cigarshaped" UFO suspended in midair above the beach.

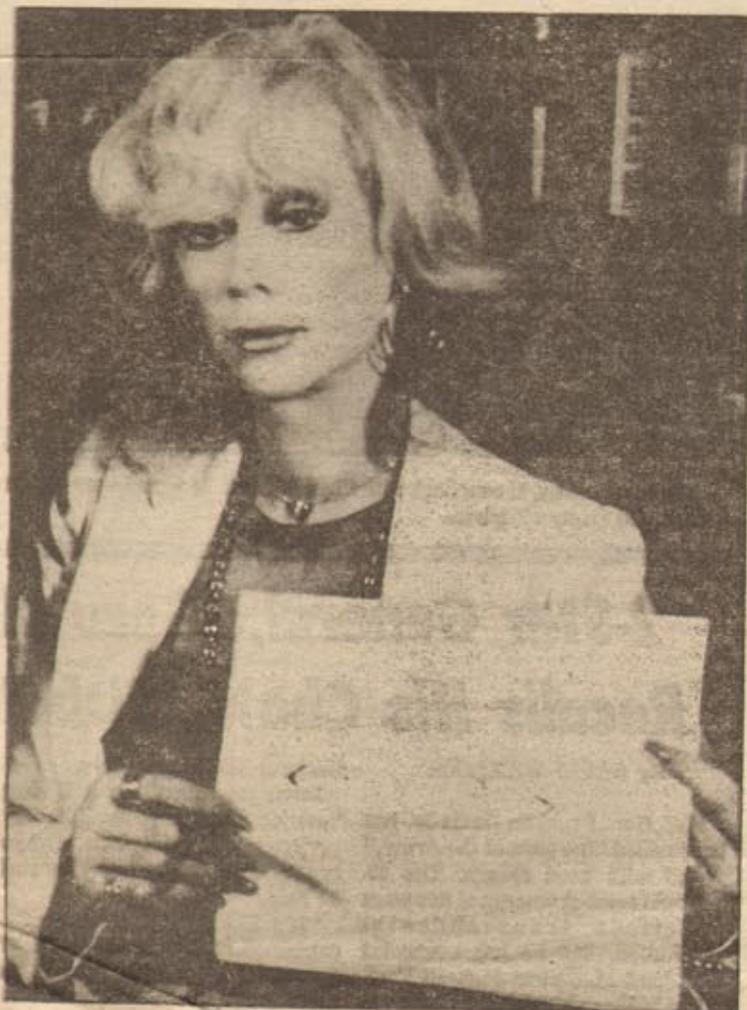
Hundreds of people gathered along the beach to watch the strange craft, she said.

"IT WAS tremendous, much larger than the full moon. It had green and orange lights that blinked on and off.

"I don't know how to explain what happened next, but the UFO seemed to be breathing or pulsating, as if it had a life of its own."

The cast watched the object for about 10 minutes before it disappeared out of sight.

"It had just hovered in one spot



Monique Van Vooren holds sketch she made of "cigar shaped" UFO which hovered near her apartment window in Jacksonville, Fla.

directly over the water for several minutes," Miss Van Vooren told INSIDER. "While I couldn't make out any protrusions myself, several people told me later that they'd seen portholes.

"We observed it spellbound for quite some time before the space craft shot straight up into the heavens and in the twinkling of an eye it disappeared."

THE UFO MAY have been sent to earth on a spy mission, speculated the actress, a firm believer in intelligent life existing on other planets.

"Do you think this tiny, little world - so inconsequential in the overall plan of things - is the only planet to harbor beings similar to us?" she asked.

"There are so many solar systems where thousands of civilizations

could have developed through eons of time.

"Certainly, at least a few of these could, over thousands of years, have found their way to earth."

When asked why Miss Van Vooren had waited more than eight months before talking about her experience with the unknown, she replied:

"The next day, I mentioned the incident to somebody who wasn't there at the party. He remarked:

"Well, you must have had one drink too many."

"ACTUALLY, I don't drink at all," she said. "There's no question in my mind or in those of the people present in Jacksonville that night about what we saw."

That experience has caused her to take a deep interest in UFOs, she noted, jesting, "I wish someone would carry ME away to another planet!"