Local Farmer Witnesses UFO Landing in

YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD!

YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD, USA — Officials today reported the sighting of a strange looking space creature in Your Neighborhood. The creature reportedly has two heads and is not considered dangerous. It is said to be traveling with a small, dog-like companion.

“The space creature crash landed in a neighborhood near the Odie McDonald farm at 6:55 a.m. today,” said Officer Lil Greenman of the worldwide Neighbors of Inseparable Extraterrestrials (NIE). “We have reports that the creature made its way to surrounding neighborhoods and has made friends with schoolchildren in Your Neighborhood.”

Greenman, working in conjunction with Mayor Sonny Day and other city officials, urged residents not to panic.

“We’ve had visitors of this nature from outer space before. Actually, they are quite neighborly. They usually have one mission — to find out about the people and places in the neighborhood,” Greenman said.

Mayor Day read a statement outlining steps to take should you or your neighbors encounter this creature.

“Whatever you do, do not frown. Instead, smile. If it approaches you, answer its questions as concisely as possible but in a friendly manner. If it tries to take something of yours, give it up freely. Remember, this is in the interest of universal peace,” she said.

Farmer McDonald, owner of the pasture near the reported landing sight, described the scene. “Well, my cows were acting kind of funny. Then, all of a sudden there was an explosion and the whole sky lit up!”

Local school officials have been put on alert. Other sightings should be reported to all of your friends in as many neighborhoods as possible.
Dear Teachers:

“Your Neighborhood” encourages students to use the newspaper to explore their neighborhoods. In the company of a friendly, double-headed space creature, each student will travel through familiar places and, possibly, visit some uncharted territory. To make this Newspaper in Education experience an enjoyable one, consider these suggestions:

★ Give the children plenty of space when using the newspaper. They can sit at tables or on the floor.

★ Provide only the sections of the newspaper they will be using. Staple the folded edge of each section for easier handling.

★ Activities call for scissors, glue or tape, crayons, pencils, and additional paper.

★ Before introducing the section, read it through. Make note of activities that might need advance preparation. (Note: On page 9, there is a reference to the emergency number 911. If your area does not use 911, replace it with the appropriate emergency number.)

★ Each page introduces students to some good “neighbors,” such as teachers, police officers, and doctors. Consider inviting some of these neighbors to speak to your class.

★ Have fun with it! “Your Neighborhood” was written with the children’s enjoyment in mind.

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Guide to Symbols:
The symbols you see at the top and bottom of each page represent the symbols of the nine planets that travel around the sun and the phases of the moon. They are:

Mercury  Venus  Earth  Mars  Jupiter  Saturn  Uranus  Neptune  Pluto  New Moon  Full Moon  1st Quarter Moon  Last Quarter Moon
Nars and Lars, two friendly space creatures in one, are heading toward Earth to carry out an important mission: to find out about your neighborhood! They’ve heard it’s a special place with special people, but they want to see for themselves. Can you help them find their way around?

When it comes to directions, Nars and Lars get a bit confused. (You’d be confused, too, if you had two heads!) Help them find your neighborhood! Write your address on the lines below. Give them your telephone number, too, in case they do get lost.

It’s MY Neighborhood: Use your newspaper to find pictures of things you might find in your neighborhood. Share one picture with your class. Take turns with other students describing something interesting in your neighborhood.
No matter where you live, your neighborhood is one of a kind. It’s more than just a street with houses or apartments. It’s also the places nearby where people work, play, shop, and go to school. Your neighborhood might be big, or it might be small. But one thing’s for sure. There’s not another one like it anywhere in the world – or the universe!

There’s one thing you find in every neighborhood. Unscramble the word below to find out what it is.

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Use your newspaper to find pictures of people you might find in your neighborhood (firemen, teachers, doctors . . .). Talk about some of the people you know.

Take me to your neighbor!

Good Neighbors:

Throughout this section, you’ll meet lots of good neighbors — helpful people like you who work to make your neighborhood a better place. By helping Nars and Lars learn about your neighborhood, you are a good neighbor, too.

Help your “neighbors” from outer space get to know you better. Make a collage of newspaper words and pictures that describe you and your favorite things here on Earth.
Boy, do Nars and Lars have a lot to learn — about your neighborhood, that is! And what better place to start than at school. That’s where you learn your ABCs and 1-2-3s. But it’s also a place where kids from different neighborhoods come together to learn about the world they all share.

Show Nars and Lars how much you’ve already learned in school! Cut out words from your newspaper that begin with each of the letters in the word: SCHOOL

Nars and Lars need a souvenir of your school to take back to their friends at home. As a class, cut out pictures from your newspaper to make a giant postcard titled, “Our School.” Then think of words that will help Nars and Lars describe this special neighborhood place.

Good Neighbors: Your teachers rank high among the “good neighbors” in your life. They spend many hours helping you learn the things you need to know and even how to become a good neighbor yourself. One way they do this is by making class rules. Discuss some of these rules in class. (Remember, Nars and Lars are listening!) What are some other neighborhood places that have rules to help people get along?
It won’t take Nars and Lars long to see that there are places in your neighborhood where FUN is the name of the game. Playgrounds, ballfields, and parks are just a few! When a neighbor wants you to “come out and play,” where do you like to go?

Let’s tell Nars and Lars some of the things you and your classmates like to do for fun in your neighborhood. Ask your teacher to list your ideas on the chalkboard. Then take a vote. What are the top three things your class voted for? Write them for Nars and Lars in the “Things To Do” list below.

Sports is one way many people like to have fun, whether they are playing or watching. To give Nars and Lars an up-close view, look through the sports section of your newspaper. Find pictures of people playing sports. Can you name the sports?

Good Neighbors: If you’ve ever played on a sports team, you probably had a coach. A coach is a neighbor who teaches you the rules of the game. He or she also encourages you to play your very best — win or lose! Look through your newspaper’s comics section and find a character you think would make a good coach. Talk about your choice in class.

Things to do:

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My stars, Nars! Will you look at this! No launch pad!!
All this sightseeing has given Nars and Lars an appetite! (They’re eating for two, you know.) How about a visit to the neighborhood grocery store? Many neighborhoods have stores and shops where people can buy the things they need—and want. Do you have a favorite neighborhood place to shop?

Lucky for us we had our double coupons!

Plan dinner for Nars and Lars. Cut out 10 pictures of food from your newspaper. (Don’t forget dessert!) Paste pictures of two of your favorite foods onto Nars’ and Lars’ grocery bags.

Good Neighbors: Storekeepers are often good neighborhood helpers. They sell many different things, from food to toys to clothing. Sometimes you can’t find what you want to buy. But the storekeepers are there to help you out.

Another way storekeepers help is by offering coupons in the newspaper that let you buy things for less money. Cut out some coupons in your newspaper for items you think Nars and Lars (and Rovar, too) could use. Use your imagination!

Take Nars and Lars on a shopping spree through your newspaper. Find five advertised items that you would like to buy. Paste them onto a separate sheet of paper.
Nars and Lars are real adventurers! (After all, they traveled the galaxies just to get here!) You can take them on an adventure without even leaving your neighborhood. Just visit the library. This wonderful place is filled with books that bring the world to you.

Where is your favorite place to visit — through books, that is? Find a book in your school or neighborhood library that is set in a place you would like to visit. Share this place with the class. Talk about why you would like to go there.

Stories and pictures in your newspaper come from real places. Find some places in your newspaper for Nars and Lars to visit while they’re here on Earth. Hurry! It’s almost time to leave.

Good Neighbors:
The person who helps you find the right books to read is the librarian. He or she is a special neighbor with a sometimes difficult job — keeping everyone quiet! Shhhh!

Make a “book” of noises for your librarian to keep on hand. On one page, paste newspaper pictures of things that make loud noises. On another, paste newspaper pictures of things that are quiet. Discuss how you should talk when you go to the library.
Neighborhoods can be noisy places sometimes. Especially when sirens blare and bells ring. Those are the sounds of neighborhood helpers on their way to save the day. Police officers, firefighters, and ambulance drivers are among the many helpful people who do whatever they can to make neighborhoods safe — and sound — for everyone!

Nars and Lars aren't used to all the safety rules we humans have to follow, such as obeying signs. Help them learn about one very important sign — the “STOP” sign. Color the sign by Nars and Lars red, then cut out letters from the newspaper to spell the word S-T-O-P. Paste them onto the sign. Can you think of another important sign?

One way we recognize signs is by their shapes — triangles, circles, and squares. Work with a partner to find different shapes in your newspaper. Share a few with your classmates.

Good Neighbors: A police officer is one neighbor you probably see a lot — riding in his or her car or walking down the street. Some police officers even ride horses as they keep watch throughout the neighborhood.

Did you know your police officer is only a phone call away? In many cities and towns, you can reach one by dialing three numbers — 9-1-1. Look for these numbers in your newspaper. Cut out the largest ones you can find. As a class, discuss when you should — and shouldn’t — call an emergency number.
Nars and Lars are seeing double! Maybe a visit to the neighborhood doctor’s office will help. Whether you’re sick or feeling fine, the doctors and nurses at this neighborhood place can help heal your hurts and soothe your pains. They can even help you learn how to stay healthy!

Nars and Lars have a bad case of homesickness! But that’s one thing doctors and nurses can’t cure. Maybe you can help them feel better. Create a new “out-of-this-world” friend for them to play with. Using the comics in your newspaper, cut out different parts of the cartoon characters. Put the head of one on the body of another. Mix up other features until you have a truly strange (but fun) creature — just like Nars and Lars!

The doctor’s office is often full of smiling faces to help cheer you up when you’re feeling down. Find some more smiling faces — in your newspaper. Circle pictures of people smiling. (Maybe that will bring smiles to Nars and Lars!)

Good Neighbors: Doctors and nurses are good neighbors because they help people in so many ways. One way they help is by teaching us about good health. Make a collage of some healthy habits. On one side of the collage, paste newspaper pictures of healthy foods to eat. On the other side, paste newspaper pictures of people getting exercise. Talk about some other things people can do to try to stay healthy.
Good Neighbors:

The people who lead cities, states, and countries around the world are among our most famous neighbors. They help make laws and keep governments running. One of those “good neighbors” is the president of your country. Find pictures of the president in your newspaper. Then ask your teacher to help you find pictures of other world leaders.

Nars and Lars will soon be heading home. Before they go, there are some other “neighbors” they would like to meet: your neighbors around the world. They may look different — and even act different. But they are special just like you!

✱ Nars and Lars (and you) can learn about neighbors in other parts of the world by reading the newspaper. Ask your teacher to help you find some newspaper stories from other countries.
(Hint: Tell your teacher that the city or country where a story comes from is usually found at the beginning of the story. It’s called a dateline.) Find some of these cities or countries on a globe or world map.

✱ Pretend you have a pen pal in one of the cities or countries you just learned about through the newspaper. With your classmates, talk about some questions you would like to ask your new friends about their neighborhoods. What would you tell them about the place where you live?

Boy, Nars, we’ve got some great souvenirs! Just wait till everyone back home sees them!

C’mon, c’mon. We’ll give you a window seat. You can hang your head out!

Uncle Nars & Lars visited Earth and all they brought me was thisousy T-Shirt!