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**SPACE INVADER!  
LARGEST PIECE RECOVERED FROM METEORITES THAT FELL ON  
PARK FOREST ON LOAN TO ADLER PLANETARIUM**

The largest recovered fragment of the car-sized meteor that exploded in the air above Olympia Fields and Park Forest Illinois on March 26 is on display at the Adler Planetarium through June 30, 2003.

On loan from Philip and Brenda Jones of Olympia Fields, the almost six pound meteorite (2,668 grams) crashed into the Jones' home at over 200 miles per hour – smashing through the roof, the kitchen ceiling, the kitchen floor and into the basement before bouncing into a pile of laundry.

This “space invader” is approximately 4 and a half billion years old and is a type known as “ordinary chondrite.” The meteorite probably came from an asteroid in the inner part of the main asteroid belt between Mars and Jupiter.

Mr. & Mrs. Jones graciously decided to share their extraordinary story and allow the meteorite to be displayed at the Adler so that all visitors can have an up-close glimpse of a fragment from outer space.

The exhibit, “Space Invader – a meteorite crashes in Olympia Fields, Illinois” will be open April 29 through June 30, 2003.