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CONTEST

A contest has begun between several members who have expressed their interest in creating a new logo for the Mass. MUFON Newsletter. I have already received several outstanding examples from members who are gifted with artistic talents. If anybody else has an interest in submitting an example of their work for a new logo feel free to do so. The finalist will receive a UFO package of the surprise kind!

TWO MORE CONFERENCES

Omega Communications Presents: "The UFO Experience", Nov. 7-8, 1987, Ramada Inn, North Haven, CT. Registration is \$100.00. Speakers include: John White "Exploring Outer and Inner Space: Introduction to the UFO Experience"; David Manke, Ph.D., "SETI: The Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence"; John Timmerman "How to Report a UFO Sighting"; Lawrence Fawcett, "What the Government Would Know About UFOs If It Read Its Own Documents"; Philip Imbrogno, "The Hudson Valley Mystery: UFOs in New York and CT"; Marianne Shenefield, Patricia Sable and John W. Donoghue M.D., "The UFO Abductee and the Psychiatrist"; Betty Hill, "My Ongoing Encounter with UFOs". On Sunday, Nov. 8, speakers include: John White, "Sky Creatures-Living UFO", Ellen Crystal, "Direct Observations of UFOs and Aliens", Betty Andreasson Luca and Bob Luca, "The Andreasson Affair-and Beyond"; Budd Hopkins, "Intruders"; Videotape of UFOs on Film.

The second conference will be a one-day event on Sat., Sept. 26, at the Brewster Middle School, Route 312, Brewster, NY. 10:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. Scheduled speakers include: Whitley Strieber, John Fuller; Budd Hopkins; Phil Imbrogno; John Keel; and Peter Gersten. Plus, area residents will relate their own encounters with UFOs. A word about the Brewster conference: Since 1983 over 5,000 people in Westchester, Putnam and Dutchess counties of New York and Fairfield, New Haven and Litchfield counties in Connecticut have seen something strange in the night sky. The UFO has been described as being larger than a football field with many multi-colored lights. The unidentified lights have caused not only fascination but concern. The silent-slow moving giant UFO has been seen hovering above major highways and residential neighborhoods. On two occasions in 1984 it was reported hovering over the Indian Point Nuclear Power Plant in Westchester, NY. The reports of the sightings of this UFO continue and many people have reported that they had more than just a sighting. Hundreds of witnesses claim that they had some type of contact with the intelligence behind the Hudson Valley UFO. In view of the overwhelming data and evidence researchers are planning an all day conference at the Brewster Middle School to release their findings. For further information call: (914) 739-6830.

RADIO-TV LOG

Aug. 21, 1987 - 2-5 p.m.- Jim Melesciuc, Ann Duffel, Phil Klass, and Frank Stranges were guests on WALE radio, Fall River. (Humorous note: prior to being introduced on the program, the announcer Bob Hogan asked Phil Klass if he knew me. Phil Klass' reply was, 'Yes, I bumped into him at the symposium.'

ABOVE TOP SECRET

Thanks to Philip Mantle, MUFON representative for England, I have received the book "Above Top Secret" authored by Timothy Good, published by Sidgwick and Jackson Limited. The book consists of 590 pages with a forward by Lord Hill-Norton, Britain's Chief of Defense Staff 1971-73. The main controversial thrust of "Above Top Secret" is Timothy Good's carefully documented approach in the examination of evidence dealing with Govt. suppression at the highest international levels. This conspiracy of fear by world govts. is due to the fact that extraterrestrials are expressing interest in life on earth and their potential threat to our security, religions and scientific beliefs. The book attempts to answer questions relating to the UFO problem and the utmost concern by world governments to conceal it. Archivist and CAUS researcher, Barry Greenwood, informs me that "Above Top Secret" will be published in the U.S. in the Spring of 1988.

INVESTIGATIVE COORDINATOR INSTALLED

Marge Christensen wrote to inform us that at the 1987 MUFON Symposium in Washington, D.C., the MUFON Board of Directors held a meeting at which several important measures were voted upon and instituted. One such measure involved the establishment of a new position, that of Investigative Coordinator. Veteran investigator, Dan Wright, who is also MUFON's Regional Director for the Central States, has agreed to serve in this post. Dan will coordinate our field investigators, and will serve as a sort of clearinghouse for case reports. He will review case reports and will furnish feedback to the investigators. Also, Dan has initiated a new system of assigning a rating to each case based upon the type of case and the various factors involved. Dan will serve as a resource person to offer possible assistance to investigators.

This new position should be a step toward professionalism and standardization in field investigation of UFO cases. Also, rather than have the case reports merely collect in a file cabinet at MUFON Hdqtrs., the investigators will get a response regarding their reports, and will be notified if similar reports have been received, etc. State Directors are asked to submit a copy of each case report from their respective states to Dan Wright in addition to the one sent to TX. The cooperation of all State Directors in this matter is appreciated.

CASE REPORTS

A. Date: 10 Feb., 1979
19 Feb., 1979
Time: 5:15 a.m.
Witness: One
Location: Methuen and Reading, MA.

Summary: Witness reported observing an N/L that changed shape from starlike to spherical four times. Witness reported a CE III with these entities and he was taken onto the object. He found himself back in his automobile at 6:30 that same morning. Investigation continuing.

B. Date: August, 17, 1987
Time: 10-12 p.m.
Location: Lynnfield, MA
Type: N/L, possibly Jupiter.

C. Date: Sept. 9, 1987
Time: 1:30-2:30 a.m.
Location: Northwest Conn., Springfield, MA, Merrimac and Haverhill, MA (see newsclipping)
Witnesses: Several
Type: N/L - loud rumbling noise. Possibly helicopter or C-5 aircraft. Investigation continuing.

CUFOS- "Verdict Still Open"

The J. Allen Hynek Center for UFO Studies released a ten page bulletin that detailed points and counterpoints of the CSICOP press release issued on Aug. 20 which questions the authenticity of the widely publicized documents. The documents in question are: A September 24, 1947 executive memorandum from Truman to Secretary of Defense James Forrestal; A November 18, 1952 briefing paper for President-Elect Eisenhower reporting that the United States government possesses the remains of the crashed UFOs; and A July 14, 1954 memorandum from Robert Cutler (Special Assistant to the President) to General Nathan Twining regarding a meeting of the MJ-12 group.

The Center is seeking an independent, unbiased investigation of the documents' authenticity and encourages further investigation into the infamous papers. It must be noted that since the papers were made public, seasoned researchers foresaw the problems due to a lack of an indepth investigation. Disclaimers are now being issued by the National Archives in regard to the Cutler Memo. Another puzzling detail is that there is no further mention of the CIA memo signed by MJ-5. The one major point that all serious ufologists must concern themselves with is the source of the materials. The source of the documents to this day remain anonymous. In researching this field anything recieved from an unknown source must be dealt with in a critical manner.

Now You Know

By United Press International

The first launching of a liquid-fueled rocket was by Dr. Robert Hutchings Goddard on March 16, 1926, at Auburn, Mass. The rocket reached an altitude of 41 feet and traveled 184 feet.



Meteor sets off seismic waves

A meteor streaking across the Canadian sky created a shock wave that set off vibrations in the Earth, a study says. Seismic signals were detected from a meteor spotted above Yellowknife in the Northwest Territories on Sept. 19, scientists reported last week in the British Journal Nature.

"The signals cannot be explained by earthquake, explosion or impact mechanism," wrote F.M. Anglin and R.A.W. Haddon of the Geological Survey of Canada, but they are consistent with seismic waves triggered by a shock wave,



During the 1950's the contactee movement reached its peak. The likes of Howard Menger, Truman Bethurum and others gained massive publicity through the media. Numerous flying saucer conventions were held where contactees could peddle their pamphlets, books, photographs, souvenirs, etc. Other noted contactees such as George Van Tassel and Gabriel Green sponsored their own conventions which drew thousands of spectators and followers. These conventions were beneficial in gaining publicity for their general flying saucer activities. Over 150 contactee-oriented clubs existed. These clubs habitually interlocked their benevolent space brother beliefs into the occult, i.e. astrology, metaphysics, mysticism and related subjects.

The contactees' success in gaining sensational publicity and subsequent domination of the UFO scene, confused the general public to the point where few could not differentiate between the contactee and a prominent ufologist. The contactees' priorities were financial gain and notoriety. The result was deterioration of the respectable study of ufology and fortified the ridicule factor. The contactee movement was so influential on the public and media that serious ufologists spent much time trying to correct the damage and set the record straight on their claims. Capt. Ruppelt was one of the many who had a high interest in the subject and was driven off by this lunatic fringe.

Is this dark history of ufology repeating itself? There are strong patterns to suggest it is. Since the publicity received by the JAL sighting in January, hundreds of articles written on the UFO phenomena have appeared in newspapers and magazines worldwide. The main focus of these articles was on the MJ-12 controversy, abductees, the Meir contacts, channeling, and the harmonic convergence. The electronic media also lends a helping hand in thrusting these topics into the public domain.

Those outside of the UFO community tend to equate prominent ufologists with the absurd claims of the channelers, the Billy Meir contacts, etc. Ironically, two people outside the UFO community - Kinder and Streiber, are creating more problems and fueling the ridicule factor that could rival the contactee movement of the 50's. Gary Kinder in his promotional tour for "Light Years" claimed he performed a thorough, objective, investigation into the Meir contacts. "Light Years" only serves to promote the contactee movement. We now know Kinder knew the Meir contacts were a hoax, as did his publisher, but "Light Years" was published anyway just for financial gain. Streiber, the cosmic guru of the 80s with a great following, is now promoting channeling and is due to publish a book on the topic. A prominent UFO researcher from the Exeter, NH area reports that area residents refer to Streiber as "Mr. Ufology". Jamie Shandera of the infamous M.S.F. trio, also not of the UFO community, was the recipient of the strange cylindrical package containing the widely-publicized MJ-12 papers. Moore, Shandera and Friedman, in my opinion, were puppets in a disinformation campaign and victims of their own biased research. The media, hungry for information, especially during the summer months, quickly picked this up in their press releases. In a matter of weeks the MJ-12 documents and parties involved received media attention worldwide. Because of the media hype, many people in and out of the UFO community believed the details. Again only a few researchers were critical of the documents and it was those researchers who found loopholes and a possible smoking gun. Extra effort in the form of time and energy is being spent in correcting these problems by those who wish to bring respectability to a scientific study of the UFO phenomena.

Recommended Reading

Dr.J Allen Hynek	The UFO Experince
Same	The Hynek UFO Report
Hynek and Vallee	The Edge of Reality
Jacques Vallee	Anatomy of a Phenomena
Dr.David M. Jacobs	The UFO Controversy in America
Dr.Richard Haines	Observing UFOs
Same	UFO Phenomena and the Behavioral Scientist
Greenwood and Fawcett	Clear Intent
M.K. Jessup	The Case for the UFO
Allan Hendry	The UFO Handbook
MUFON	Field Investigator Manual
Edward Ruppelt	The Report on Unidentified Flying Objects
Marcia S. Smith	The UFO Enigma(Report#83-205 SPR)
Raymond Fowler	Casebook of a UFO Investigator
Same	UFOs: Interplanetary Visitors
NICAP Publication	The UFO Evidence
Sagan and Page	UFOs A Scientific Debate
Budd Hopkins	Missing Time
Persinger and Lafreniere	Space - Time Transients and Unusual Events

Profiting out of UFOs

7-6-87.
Recently there was a presentation of UFOs and their extraterrestrial occupants given at the University of Hawaii. The people responsible were a husband and wife team who allegedly had been in contact with extraterrestrials many times in their lives. It was a very informative and learning experience.

What I learned was that there are many people in this world making money off of the whole idea of extraterrestrial beings. The presentation was to just give you a taste of what the husband and wife team had in their "tub of knowledge" on the subject.

If you wanted to find out more about their astounding findings, you had to pay a whopping high price for it on one or two more days.

Now don't get me wrong. I do believe that there is some kind of intelligent life out there in the vast universe, and that someday we will know for sure, but in the meantime, people will be making huge sums of money on something that should be shared with everyone.

I understand that there are costs involved in making presentations all over the country, but the high fees that were being charged led many to believe that this was just a business, and the object of any business is to make money.

If all the UFO assertions are true, I think they should be let known not only to the few who can afford it, but to all here on earth.

from Hawaii Alan Chun

UFO records faked, investigator reports

WASHINGTON, - "Top Secret" documents purporting to show that the Pentagon recovered a crashed flying saucer and four alien bodies in 1947 are bogus, according to a report released yesterday. The report was prepared for the Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal by Phillip Klass, Washington editor of Aviation Week and a leading debunker of UFO reports. (Reuters)

Boston Globe
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Witnesses say UFOs are choppers

By ANDY BRENGLE
Gazette Staff Writer

HAVERHILL — A loud noise that blasted people out of bed late Wednesday night appears to have been a group of unidentified helicopters, buzzing treetops without navigation lights turned on.

Dozens of telephone calls Thursday inundated police, newspapers and federal aviation officials from as far as Springfield and into northwestern Connecticut as mystified residents asked about the commotion.

Many also said they believed an aircraft was about to crash into their homes.

Air Force, Air National Guard, Army and Federal Aviation Administration spokesmen had no explanation for the reports — most of which told of loud, low-flying unidentified aircraft at about 2 a.m. Thursday.

Although many people couldn't identify the aircraft or their sound, but a few witnesses said they were definitely helicopters.

Frank J. Sowick, owner of the Edgemont Garage on West Main Street in Merrimac, reported seeing five helicopters flying above Route 110 at about 2 a.m., his wife, Ellie, said today.

"He saw them clear as day — jet helicopters," she said. "He couldn't believe how low they were. That's how he could identify them in the pitch black."

Mrs. Sowick added that her husband reported that four of the helicopters flew without navigation lights on, with only the helicopter in the rear showing any sign of lights. Sowick couldn't describe what color they were, but said they appeared to be heading in the direction of Portsmouth, N.H.

A spokesman at Pease Air Force Base, on the Newington-Portsmouth, N.H., town line, said the Air Force had no flights in the air at that time. Neither did Hanscom Field in Bedford nor Lawrence Airport, spokesman at both airports said.

Police in southern New Hampshire said they hadn't received any reports from residents.

Helen A. Mulligan, a spokesman

for the Army's Fort Devens base in Ayer, also said helicopters at the base didn't fly late Wednesday night.

Mulligan said she received reports from the Fitchburg-Leominster area and from Barre. The reports also concerned loud, low-flying aircraft at about 1:30 a.m.

Reports of helicopters flying low over houses came into the Springfield Union-News, employees there said. One person reported a group similar to what Sowick described, but at 2:30 a.m. A news editor at the Union-News also said the newspaper received reports from towns in Litchfield County, Conn. — about 60 southwest of Springfield.

Haverhill residents who heard the aircraft telephoned from Prospect Street, Lansing Avenue, Humphrey Street, Tappan Street and Brockton Avenue. Other residents in Merrimac also reported the noise.

People described them as flying abnormally low and rattling the windows on their houses.

"The idea of aircraft flying around with no lights on at very high speeds is scary," Scott E. Michel, of Merrimac said. He was awake when the craft roared by.

A supervisor with the FAA said helicopters have few restrictions as to how far they must fly off the ground. "They have to be able to make a safe emergency landing," said the supervisor, who asked to remain anonymous.

Capt. William "Red" Slavitt, who owns the only airfield in Haverhill, suggested that the flyers were a group of "Huey" helicopters on an Army training mission. "Hueys" are well-known for their use in Vietnam.

"They were on low-level night maneuvers," Slavitt said. He said they probably came out of Westover Air Force Base in western Massachusetts or from an Army base in Concord, N.H.

He added that the Army frequently does the maneuvers but won't admit to them.

HERMAN by Jim Unger



"Daryl ... we don't need a meteorite!"

UFO stories keep public's attention

By CORIA HOLLAND
Times staff

WENHAM — When Raymond Fowler, now an expert on UFOs (Unidentified Flying Objects), told his friends he saw a flying disc, his friends thought he was crazy. This was the sentiment shared by most Americans in the 1940s.

Forty years and thousands of UFO sightings later, UFOs are a household word. The UFO phenomena may be attributed to movies like Steven Spielberg's "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" and "E.T." or even more recently to books that tell the stories of little creatures coming to earth.

"Communion," a book written by Whitley Strieber, recounts what the writer says is a true story of a visit of an extraterrestrial creature that inserted a needle behind Strieber's right ear.

Budd Hopkins' book, "Intruders," tells about the experience of a young Indiana woman, Kathie Davis, who claims she was tampered with by aliens. "Light Years," by Gary Kinder, is another book that tells of an encounter of Eduard Meier with an alien from outer space, complete with photos of a flying saucer.

Fowler, national director of Investigations for the Mutual UFO Network, receives numerous calls about similar UFO sightings from all over the world. The network's mission is to investigate and document UFO reports. The network's membership includes 1,500 to 2,000 people mostly of armed services background. Fowler served in the Air Force during the 1950s, where he was later assigned to its Security Service under the National Security Agency. He now teaches courses at North Shore Community College on UFOs and astronomy and runs his own planetarium.

Although Fowler served in the Air Force, he blames the government for trying to hide UFO sightings from the public and therefore trying to make us believe that UFOs do not exist.

"They know how to downplay it. They set up a policy when people report seeing UFOs. No information was released on the subject, so they couldn't be identified. It was very, very discouraging for those who report UFOs," said Fowler.

"There was a classic sighting in Exeter, N.H. of a close encounter of the first kind when a policeman, obviously a responsible citizen, was confronted with something as big as a barn."

The officer was ridiculed by his co-workers and supervisor. He was so marred by the incident and the fact that no one believed him that he left his job, his relationship with his family was diminished, and he ended up leaving town, according to Fowler. When the man contacted the Air Force, he was again encouraged to think that he had seen a natural phenomena.

"The Air Force would make anyone who reported UFOs feel ridiculous," said Fowler. "They felt that public participation (reports of sightings) was a headache."

Fowler has worked on several cases which he says were also "explained away" by natural phenomena by the government. He studied for more than two

years and wrote several books on the Andreasson Family of South Ashburton, Mass., who reported seeing a UFO and aliens on Jan. 25, 1967.

The family lived in a rural area near a field. The mother and children were in the house one evening when she looked out the window and saw orange lights flashing and pulsating. She told the father who went out to investigate and found five creatures that looked like people with halloween masks. They were not walking on the ground. They were sort of floating in an up-and-down movement. The family remembers the aliens walking by and before they knew anything they had entered the house — coming right through the walls, according to Fowler.

The aliens, although they did not talk, told the family that they would not be harmed. They were taken aboard the ship, where the mother's naval was inserted with a needle, he said.

This type of incident is termed a close encounter of the third kind, when humanlike or "humanoids" are reported being seen with a UFO. In this case, temporary detainment of the UFO witness has been reported, according to Fowler.

Close encounters of the second kind include reports of UFO sightings nearby which might result in interference with car ignition systems, impressions or burned marks on the ground.

Betty and Barney Hill, a New Hampshire couple, experienced both types of encounters, a second and third, on Sept. 19, 1961, and was later depicted in a movie starring actor James Earl Jones.

Fowler did not participate in the investigation but followed the case. Hill and his wife were driving down a secluded road near Hampton Falls, N.H. when he noticed something in the sky. He pulled over, put his gun in his pocket and took his binoculars out. Later, under hypnosis, Hill recalled seeing creatures with wraparound eyes. He tried to move but was being held by some force.

Fowler recounts Hill saying while under hypnosis, "I felt like a rabbit cornered by a dog."

"He tried so hard to get away, he even broke his binocular straps. He ran to the car and drove down a dirt road. The car came to a halt and the UFO slid over the car. Hill and his wife were taken out of the car and examined."

"Next thing they knew he (Hill) was driving on the dirt road again," said Fowler.

In many instances, people are not sure what has happened. After experiencing a close encounter of the third kind, many people can not account for the lost time, said Fowler.

A close encounter of the first kind is a UFO sighting within 200 yards. The Center for UFO Studies receives reports on at least 70-80,000 UFO sightings and that is "just the tip of the iceberg," according to Fowler.

However, the number of sightings does say something for the awareness factor, he said.

"There is an awareness factor of 98 percent. People know what they are talking about when they say they have seen a UFO. More people are willing to go on record," he said.

Gemini 3

According to the "Omni Space Almanac," when Gemini 3 was launched on March 3, 1965, it had the unofficial nickname of "Molly Brown" (as in "Unsinkable"), which NASA thought undignified. It was accepted, however, when NASA heard the crew's second choice: "Titanic." The same crew smuggled a corned beef sandwich on board to eat during the flight.



The middle letter in the MIG jet fighter is lower case because it stands for the Russian "and."

Group therapy helps out-of-this-world patients cope

By William E. Geist
The New York Times

NEW YORK — Oh, sure, it's an enormous thrill and you do suddenly become the focus of attention at parties, but being abducted by aliens from outer space is not all it's cracked up to be.

Right off the bat, you are going to be late to wherever you were going, depending on how long those big-headed, bug-eyed extra-terrestrials keep you. And what's your excuse for being late? Try telling your friends about your exciting ex-

perience with flying saucers. Try keeping quiet about it. What if your boss hears about this?

It helps to go to group, the abductees say, meaning the group therapy meetings for those who have been abducted by aliens. They are run by Budd Hopkins, author of "Missing Time" and "Intruders," two books about contacts with aliens, which grew out of research by Hopkins, a 56-year-old artist.

"The abductees are veterans of a trauma," Hopkins said, noting that about 20 people show up for the meetings that are

held every month or so. He described the experience as "a severe, nightmarish thing that none of them wanted to happen." He added, "Some are in awe, some are bitter, others are ashamed and questioning their own sanity."

Group therapy for New York's UFO abductees would seem to be the latest outgrowth of a UFO-mania. Several UFO conventions are being held around the country, a UFO book has been atop the best-seller list, there are charges of a UFO-gate government cover-up and membership in UFO groups is rising dramatically along with a rise in

reported sightings and abductions.

One would think New Yorkers have enough to worry about without being snatched by aliens from sidewalks, parks and rooftops. The rapidly increasing number of abductees usually report that they are carried off by beams of light to spaceships, where they are given physical examinations by these funny-looking gray people. Some return with small patches of skin removed. They are often hazy on the details until put under hypnosis by Hopkins, who said he has investigated 145 abductions.

"Luckily we live in New York," said May Pang, who said she has twice sighted UFOs over midtown, once with John Lennon. "People see everything else here on a daily basis," she reasoned, so why wouldn't they believe she had witnessed flying dinnerware?

Her latest sighting was outside the Tavern on the Green restaurant last year, and the previous sighting with Lennon was in 1974 on the terrace of her 52nd Street apartment overlooking the East River. "No one else saw it," she said. "It was an August

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The spacesuit and backpack worn by an American astronaut weigh more than 20 pounds on earth, but they weigh nothing in space.

UFOS: Therapy helps

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Friday night, and everyone was in the Hamptons."

Pang, who wrote a book about her relationship with Lennon, thinks New Yorkers have gone beyond having a simple willingness to believe. "It's almost like a status symbol now in some circles," she said. "You say you've seen a UFO and people say, 'Oh, so have I.' It's very in right now."

Rosemary Osnato is a graphic artist who said she was abducted from the roof of her Bronx apartment building by gray people in a space ship. "When I say I was abducted, a lot of people envy me. Some of them treat me like a saint. I tell them it was horrible and frightening, and they don't want to hear it,"

she said.

"Many people are very leery of fruitcakes in New York. When they find out you think you were abducted by aliens, they treat you like a weirdo, like you wear unmatched outfits or something."

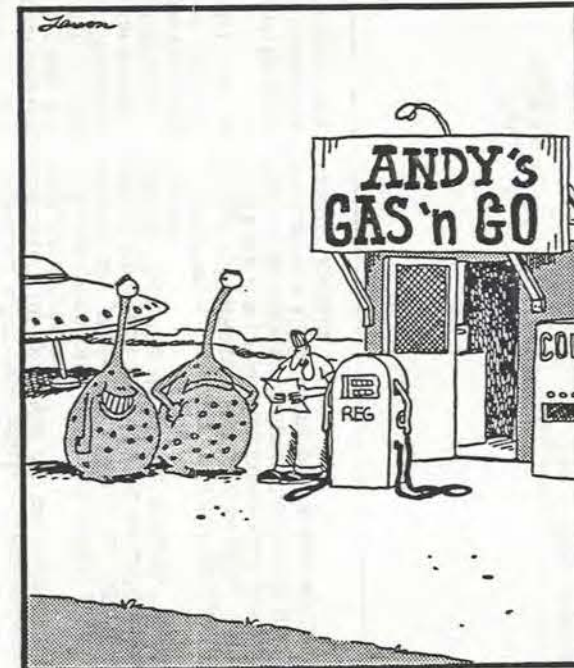
Helen Wheels, a stage name used by Helen Robbins, a rock group singer, said she and her brother were abducted from their front porch in Rockville Centre, N.Y. when they were children. She said she sighted another UFO recently on the Long Island Expressway, at exit 44.

"The aliens keep taking me for medical tests," Wheels said. "I feel like a high school science project. Maybe I am, like a turtle we would tag."



Now you know!

By United Press International
The slowest bird is the American woodcock, which has been timed in flight at 5 mph without sinking.



"Shoot! You not only got the wrong planet, you got the wrong solar system ... I mean, a wrong planet I can understand—but a whole solar system?"

The outer seven layers of spacesuits worn by U.S. astronauts protect them from temperatures in space that can be 200 degrees higher or lower than those on earth.

In computer talk, a "disc drive" is a peripheral machine that stores information on tape discs.

Jupiter, with an equatorial diameter of 88,000 miles, is the largest of the planets.