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Newsclippings: Astronomers Find Antigravity Force, etc.

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Astronomers Find Antigravity Force

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WASHINGTON (AP) -- A mysterious antigravity force first suggested and then discarded by Einstein may be causing the universe to expand at a constantly accelerating rate, researchers reported today.

The existence of the phenomenon was discovered by astronomers studying the motion of exploding stars more than 7 billion light-years away, according to a report in the journal Science.

"It is such a strange result we are still wondering if there is some other sneaky little effect climbing in there," Adam Riess, an astronomer at the University of California, Berkeley, said Thursday. He said he and the others in the 15-member international team that made the discovery "have looked hard for errors," but found none.

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EXPERT SAYS EXTINCTION EVEN MESSIER THAN WE THOUGHT

It's not how many species die, but which ones and where, that affect what will happen after a mass extinction, a scientist reported Thursday. University of Chicago paleontologist David Jablonski said he found the aftermath of extinction was even messier than had been believed. Even in a worldwide event - such as the mass extinction that followed what scientists now think was an asteroid hitting Mexico - extinction patterns varied from region to region, Jablonski

found. See
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SCIENTISTS FIND AREA OF BRAIN THAT TRACKS LOCATION

It is done unconsciously, but when analyzed is an amazing feat. Just how do people remember where something is once they stop looking at it? It turns out humans have a separate region in the brain used specifically for remembering the position of objects, researchers said Thursday. "Spatial working memory is used when you are driving in your car and glance in the mirror to see the cars behind you, but you still know where the cars are in front of you," said Dr. Susan Courtney, who led the study at the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH). See

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ALIENS CRAZE SPILLS OVER INTO ADVERTISING

In the sphere of advertising, aliens are making contact at a record pace. They are dropping new-age Maytag washing machines from UFOs, exploring the creature comforts of GM's Buick Century, selling wireless phone service for PrimeCo and leaving secret messages on wrappers of Betty Crocker's Fruit by the Foot. Given the blockbuster success of Columbia's "Men in Black" last summer and TV hits "The X-Files" on Fox and "3rd Rock from the Sun" on NBC, the current alien sightings in advertising are hardly paranormal, said Laura Ries, a principal in brand consulting firm Ries & Ries of Atlanta. See

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NASA PLANS MARS MICROBE DEFENSE

Federal agencies are creating a high-tech laboratory to shield Earth from any possible live germs found in rocks that NASA wants to collect from Mars. A Martian bacteria or virus unknown to earth could pose a risk of disease or infection when rock samples are brought to earth in about 10 years. "The risk is very small, but not zero, said NASA officer John D. Rummel. NASA's laboratory would quarantine rocks with methods similar to those used by researchers to contain the deadly Ebola virus.

-->How will NASA get the rocks?

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WORLD GOT WEIRDER IN 1997, SAYS FORTEAN TIMES

The world got weirder in 1997, driven by interest in so-called "holy" vegetables, events surrounding the death of Princess Diana and millennium cults, according to a survey released Thursday. The Fortean Times - the British journal of strange and uncanny phenomena - said its index of media interest in the weird and wonderful rose 4% last year, the biggest increase ever. The journal said 1997 proved a bumper year for stories about human weirdness. They ranged from the mass suicide of the Heaven's Gate in the U.S., to the cloned sheep Dolly and a panic over penis-stealing magicians in west Africa. See <http://www.infobeat.com/stories/cgi/story.cgi?id=2552855214-d0c>

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ELECTRONS KNOW YOU ARE WATCHING

Experiments Confirm a Quantum Oddity
To Change Universe, Just Look

By Lidia Wasowicz

United Press International Feb. 25

Apparently, there is more to the saying " " than meets the eye. What you see might actually determine what you get. And what you may ultimately get as a result of this finding is a new generation of supercomputers and electronic equipment. Researchers from the Weizmann Institute of Science in Israel say they have demonstrated one of the strangest premises of quantum theory, which states that by the very act of watching, the observer affects the observed reality.

Electrons Know You Are Watching

Reporting Wednesday in the British journal Nature, the scientists describe their experiment that shows how observation affects a beam of electrons. Lead researcher Mordehai Heiblum says the study shows the greater the amount of watching, the greater the watcher's influence on what what is being watched. The principles of quantum mechanics state that particles, including electrons, can behave as waves. In their wave mode, electrons can simultaneously pass through several openings in a barrier and meet again on the other side. But this meeting, called interference, can take place only if no one is watching. Put an observer in the picture, and the scene takes on a whole new look. Says Heiblum, "If a particle can be seen going through one opening, it's clear it didn't go through another. Thus, when under observation, electrons are forced to behave like particles and not like waves. The mere act of observation affects the experimental findings."

In their experiment, the team built a tiny device with a barrier with two openings. They sent a current of electrons toward the barrier. The observer in this case was an electronic detector that can spot passing electrons. The scientists found the very presence of this watcher near one of the openings caused changes in the interference pattern of the electron waves. Not only that, the extent of the watching influenced the outcome as well.

A Possible Information Seal

The experiment may have a practical value in developing technology to ensure the secrecy of information transfer, according to the study authors. The presence of an eavesdropper, who is an observer, although an unwanted one, would kill the interference, says Heiblum. This would let the recipient know the message has been intercepted. The work also could have implications for future quantum electronic machines, which may become a reality in the next century, paving the way for a new generation of computers and other electronic equipment.

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