



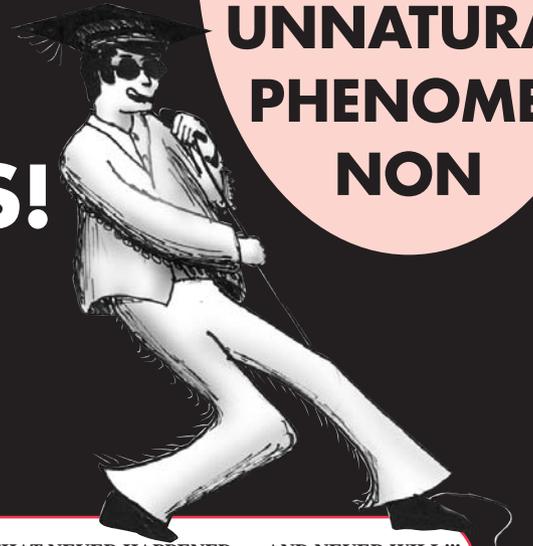
THEY WALK AMONG US!

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Our Undercover Reporter Reveals:

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MORE!



the SHOCKING TRUTH

This section is a parody. It is only a parody. If this were actual news, you would be living in an alternate reality. It would be more fun than the real world, but that is not the point. We are not responsible for ulcers, loss of hair, loss of sleep, loss of sanity, or loss of anything else. We are just humble worker bees toiling to keep you amused . . . be kind to us. Because we know homeschooled children can often read at very young ages, please keep this publication on a high shelf to protect small children who might believe it. In case we haven't made it clear enough, this section is NOT REAL. It is a JOKE. It's OK to laugh at us . . . we're used to it!

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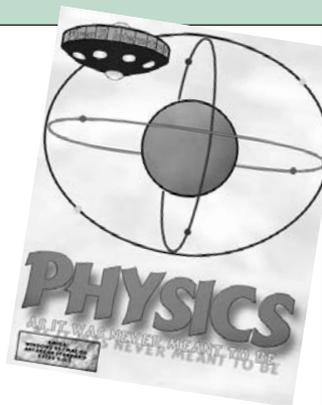
Area 51 Interactive Declassifies New Physics Curriculum!

Area 51 Interactive has been working for years behind closed (and classified!) doors to bring you the most excellent physics curriculum ever produced. Learn how come relativity doesn't work, how to legally break the laws of gravity and inertia, 51 mindboggling metals, 51 tricks with particle physics (Guess who knows how they work), 51 neat tricks and games at the event horizon, and 51 neat experiments such as:

- Build your own Gamma-Ray laser
- Faster-than-light radio
- Build your own lighter-than-air jet fighter

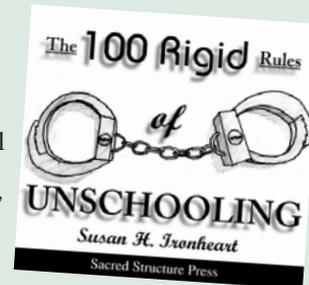
And much more! *Physics As it Was Never Meant to Be* can be purchased from:

Area 51 Interactive, 51 The Truth Trail, Out There, AZ 51515



Unschool by the Rules

Unschooling as you've never seen it before! The one best learning style for everybody, what schedule to impose on kids who'd rather be playing outside, the textbooks every unschooler *must* own; plus special "A Buyer's Guide to Desks." This book has everything you could possibly need to provide a formal, staid, stodgy unschooling environment. Or are we getting confused with *real* "schooling"? We don't know, 'cuz we've watched too much TV to care. Just buy this book!



Handcuffed Minds, 1 Ironwood Court, Granite City, IL 66666

An Essential Ingredient of Every Preschool!

Baby's First
CALCULUS



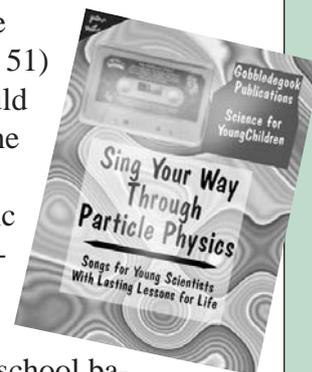
It's never too early to start building little minds into great big bulging minds! Research shows that homeschooled kids should be ready for advanced math by age 1.* Give your child the edge; while others are still learning their shapes and colors, yours will be figuring out slopes of sine waves and even calculating simple orbits (with just one or two major gravity wells). Hopefully, if you keep up at this rate, he should be in NASA by age 10 engineering space stations by 12, and the star of his own major sci-fi movie by 18.

* If he or she happens to be Brainiac 5 or live on Vulcan

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Dune, Mars, A9F-2N8**

Sing Your Way Through Particle Physics

For those of you who support the classical (as opposed to the Area 51) view of particle physics, this could prove most useful for teaching the younger kids. A song for the behavior of every kind of subatomic particle! How fun! Have your little scientists cracking physics jokes in no time!

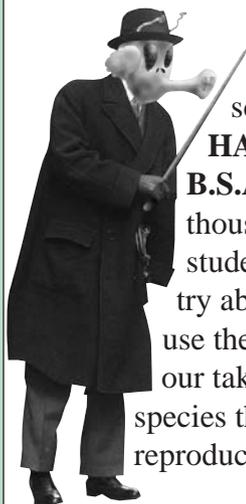


Our first tape starts with grade-school basics, like electrons, protons, and neutrons, setting quantum leaps and static electric charges to lively tunes (electronic music, of course!). The second tape continues into electron orbitals and molecular bonding. The accompanying workbook contains many colorful electron-cloud pictures your children are sure to love. The third tape gets into the really interesting stuff like quarks, independent free electron movement, and the physics of plasma. What more could any home-educating parent want? Comes with FREE pocket protector!

**Cyclotron Productions, 3.14159 R Square,
Quark, NJ 07019**

Public School Invaded!

Hideous Brain-Sucking Aliens Spotted!



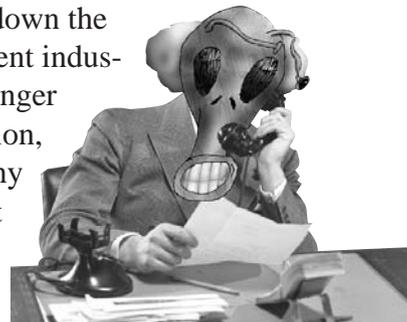
What does he really do when he's off at a training seminar?

The parents fear them. The teachers avoid them. Yet nobody really notices how many of them have infiltrated the system. By this point there is at least one in every public school. You just have to know where to look. They're quite candid about their plans:

HA: You're up to something. What do you call yourselves and what planet are you from?

B.S.A.: We're called Bu-Ro-'Qratz and we hail from the planet Wa-Shngt'n. There are thousands of us there. You cannot stop us! We are dumbing down the students so nobody notices when our allies in the entertainment industry abduct them and steal their brains; by this point they no longer use them! Once we have total mind control of half the population, our takeover can begin. My friend Zarf puts it this way: Can any species that bases half of its language on derogatory words about reproduction and elimination last long before being eliminated?

Do you know a brain-sucking alien? Or do you think you ARE one? Send your implausible story in and we'll print it RIGHT HERE!



Hailing the mother-ship. Domination plans proceed on schedule.

The King of Tutoring

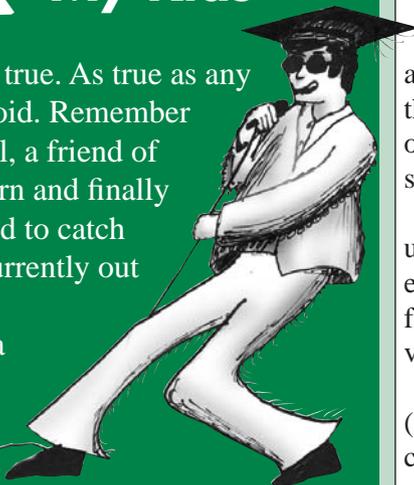
ELVIS

Homeschools My Kids

It's all true. As true as any article you'll read in this tabloid. Remember all those Elvis sightings? Well, a friend of mine and I figured out a pattern and finally beat Elvis to one. We managed to catch the King, and it seems he's currently out of a job.

Well, we couldn't pass up a chance to put the arguably greatest rocker of all time to good use, considering how much life experience he's had. We currently have him teaching our four kids music theory, and helping us write a unit study on polyester clothing. When you see our polyester unit study hit the market, you'll know where it came from. Just thought you'd like to know. Please don't print this.

—Anonymous



Summer Amnesia—The Shocking Truth

Summer amnesia—It can strike anywhere. SAS, or "Summer Amnesia Syndrome," is most commonly noted in elementary-age children, especially those who attend a formal school. The symptoms include complete erasure of memory attained during the school year. Complete pre-algebra courses can vanish during the course of three months. In most cases this is a natural disorder and can be quelled by regular review. But some cases are far more eerie.

There's Biff H. from Harrison, AL. He's an unusual case. At the age of 16, he completed an average school year. But SAS hit him with terrible force during the ensuing summer, and left him devoid of a year's worth of classes!

Some suggest it's caused by alien brainwashing (see above). Some suggest the vile ingredients in cafeteria food prevent anything from being committed to long-term memory for three hours. The HA asked the famous Dr. Brunnäser about this. His reply: "I haff mine own theory. It shtarts small, mit Pencil Amnesia. De liddle one can't find a pencil to do his shchoolverk. Den it progresses to Homework Amnesia, den Summer Amnesia, und finally Job und Family Amnesia. De solution? De Brunnäser Forehead Pencil Holder! Neffer be without a pencil, or dis horrible tragedy may happen to YOU!"

KAREN ANDREOLA ASSIGNS

Can it be true? Read on!

Karen Andreola, famed for popularizing the kid-friendly Charlotte

Mason method of education, feels that elementary-age children should be free simply to narrate back what they've learned, without having to go through mind-numbing workbooks and hours of homework.

But does she treat her *own* kids like this?

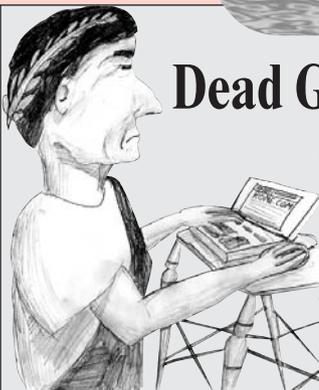
Of course she does! You sensation-loving readers were just waiting to hear all the dirt, weren't you? Well, here it comes:

Karen Andreola does indeed give her children work around the home. As in "chores." That counts as "homework," doesn't it? We apologize for the wordplay, but *we are* a tabloid, so we're not really sorry.

HOMEWORK!



UNDERCOVER REPORT



Dead Greeks & Romans Come To Life! Meet Them on the Internet!

What's the deal with those classical educators? Have you noticed how they're always writing about how to use the Internet, and setting up online academies? They want you to study the works of old dead guys, so why are they generally the most high-tech homeschoolers around?

We asked one classically-trained youngster, and he replied (in his supercilious way—*super* from the Latin meaning "above" and *cilious* from the same, referring to lifting the eyebrows), "It's because classical types have all the brains." This can't be true, because we at the ADMIRER were not classically trained. The ADMIRER's theory: after learning all those Greek and Latin roots, classical educators will use whatever means they have to force everyone else to develop a large enough vocabulary to understand them. Whatever the case, you can be sure you'll be seeing a lot of Homer in homeschools!

JOSH HARRIS'S FAVORITE DATE!

Yet another misleading headline! But what did you expect from people who print articles about brain-sucking space aliens?

Shocking revelation: Josh Harris, author of *I Kissed Dating Goodbye*, has had a date! At least, he *probably* has. Most people eat dates at some time in their lives. We're guessing he prefers domestically-grown dates over those raised in Europe and the Middle East. It's all conjecture, but if you wanted the real unedited truth, you

wouldn't be reading the ADMIRER, would you?



Buy American! Honestly, we haven't spoken with Mr. Harris at this point and we don't even know if he likes dates.

THE SWANN KID NOBODY KNEW! HIGH SCHOOL AT 25!

For years, homeschoolers have been hearing about the amazing achievements of Joyce Swann's homeschooled children, who typically graduate high school at age 11. Now, in the best HA tradition, we tell you about a Swann kid who graduated high school at age 25. Yes, Ignatz Swann (no relation at all to Joyce) is now in the *Budweiser* . . . or is it *Heineken* . . . *Book of World Records* for managing to resist graduation for 7 full years. It was not his inability to read or write that had public-school officials stymied . . . the "young" Mr. Swann would have graduated years ago, had he not chained himself to the boy's bathroom sink. "I didn't hafta go," he said, "so I didn't."

