



# Science & Chiropractic

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In addition to his chiropractic practice, Dr. Kourmadas teaches biology and weight training at Northern Virginia Community College. He also teaches a seminar on prevention, assessment, and rehabilitation of musculoskeletal injuries for Protective Safety Systems, a firm that provides continuing education and certification programs for law enforcement agencies.

Dr. Kourmadas will discuss a pair of topics involving the relationship between chiropractic and science: "De-Mystifying Back Pain- A Rational and Scientific Model" and the phenomenon of "Chiropractic Psychosis" or the problem of quackery in chiropractic. Is the latter a "lunatic fringe" phenomenon, or does it represent a majority view in the profession?

Saturday, May 11, 2002

10:30am-12:30pm

**Twinbrook Library**

202 Meadow Hall Drive, Rockville, Maryland

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# Shadow of a Doubt

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### Local politics

Stephen Bassett believes in aliens. But he claims that the government has covered up their presence for more than 50 years. That's why he wants your vote for Congress. Recently, Bassett announced that he will run as an independent against Rep. Constance A. Morella (R-Dist. 8) of Bethesda. He hopes to draw attention to his belief that the government has maintained a pervasive cover-up of alien incursions at least since the purported Roswell, N.M., incident in 1947. Bassett, a Gaithersburg resident, claims to be the nation's only registered UFO lobbyist.

### 9-11 denial

It did not take long for the ridiculous to find its way into print. In what is billed as the "first independent inquiry" into the events of Sept. 11, French left-wing activist Thierry Meyssan comes to the shocking conclusion that the Pentagon was *not* hit by American Airlines Flight 77. His book, *L'Effroyable Imposture (The Frightening Fraud)* is apparently a hot seller in his native land, the first 20,000 copies having been whisked off the shelves. Meyssan proves, at least to his own satisfaction, that the damage to the Pentagon could not have been caused by a Boeing 757, but was in fact the result of a carefully planned truck bombing or missile strike which was then made to *look* like a plane crash. Meyssan offers as evidence a careful analysis of images of the crash site. He also notes discrepancies in the eyewitness descriptions.

### Latest astrological forecast

The five brightest planets visible from Earth have lined up in plain sight to form a spectacular celestial array that won't be seen again until 2040. Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn—along with the Moon and Taurus' bright star Aldebaran and Orion's Betelgeuse in the western sky. Supermarket queues will be shorter, road rage will ease and everyone will be getting on better over the next few weeks thanks to a rare planetary grouping, British astrologers believe.

### Dowsing for dollars

The Department of Energy in recent years has wasted time and taxpayers' money in embarrassing efforts to confirm the legitimacy of some high-tech dowsing devices. The latest example came to light when the DOE's Inspector General reported the testing of a dowsing procedure called Passive Magnetic Resonance Anomaly Mapping (PMRAM). Using its device, the manufacturer claimed, one could map the underground location of groundwater, faults, fractures, buried objects and chemicals. The Department's Office of Environmental Management had already spent more than \$400,000 testing PMRAM when its request for additional funding was brought to the attention of the Office of Science and Technology (OST), which stated that the technology seemed "implausible."

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