

'X-Files' creator to help his PEERs

Wondering why exceptionally xenophobic "X-Files" creator **Chris Carter** is blowing off a couple of badly needed vacation days to jet to **Harvard** this weekend to do a fund-raiser for the way-out-there **Program For Extraordinary Experience Research**???

Well, don't ask Chris because he's not talking. And the **Fox-TV** types didn't even know he'd be there. But **The Truth Is Out There**, and we think we found it.

Seems back in the early '90s, before he was the hottest producer in TV-land, Chris had this wacky idea for a show about a couple of **FBI** agents who hunt extraterrestrials.

He pitched it to **Fox**, but the network suits didn't exactly think that the concept was out of this world.

"Then Chris went to **Martha's Vineyard** and he met a psychologist from **Yale** who told him about this **Harvard** psychiatrist who was doing research on alien abductions," said **PEER** spokesgal **Karen Wesolowski**.

That was, of course, **Dr. John Mack**, the controversial researcher who claims to have documented dozens of cases of alien abduction.

There was the **Pennsylvania** health care worker who remembered, under hypnosis, being taken repeatedly to an alien spaceship and having probes inserted into his body.

There are, Mack has said, "little guys with big black eyes taking men, women and children against their wills on beams of light through walls and windows into strange craft." Any of this sound familiar, "X-Files" fans???

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Needless to say, most people don't believe Mack. But, hey, no one believes Mulder either.

Anyway, according to **Wesolowski**, once **Carter** was armed with Mack's research and a **Roper Poll** that found that 4 million Americans believe they've been **Touched By An Alien**, he went back to **Fox** and they bought the concept.

Which is also why, **Mulder's** backstory begins on the **Vineyard**.

"Chris and **Dr. Mack** didn't even meet until a year ago," **Wesolowski** said.

So did any "X-Files" plots hatch from that meeting of the minds???

"Chris and his team do a lot of research," **Wesolowski** said. "Then, of course, Chris is a dramatist."

And what did it take to lure the man who's producing and writing two series for **Fox** and in the final stages of editing his "X-Files" movie to the **Sanders Theater** this weekend?

"**Dr. Mack** asked him," **Wesolowski** said.

And, of course, **Chris Wants To Believe**.

SEIN-ING UP FOR A DATE

So who's the latest to hop on the ever-so-crowded "Seinfeld" finale bandwagon? It's **Lunch-Dates**, the dating service.

Catch the irony here? **Jerry, George, Elaine et al.** — the masters of the dating domain — could never commit to a serious relationship!!!

Still, the mating mavens are offering any single person named **Jerry, George, Cosmo, Elaine, Uncle Leo** or even **Mr. Pitt** a special discount on the service starting tomorrow and ending on **May 15**.

And if you don't make the deadline — **No Soup for You!**

THONG THROG GONE

The "Baywatch" bunch has told **Cambridge** gal **Traci Bingham** to turn in her thong! Sad but true, the beach patrol has been hit by **D-cup** downsizing!

Bingham, along with four other female lifeguards, got pink-slipped because the show's producers thought the cast was getting soooooo large it was tough for the audience to care about the characters and keep abreast of their stories.

But fear not, the **Bay State** is still represented on the beach by **Plymouth** homey **David Chokachi**, who plays lifeguard **Cody Madison**.

Because it would be just too, too devastating to the **Track** if **Cody** was stunk!

A TASTE OF ROAD KILL

And finally, au pair on appeal **Louise Woodward**, who has been keeping a rather low profile of late, popped up in downtown **Hyannis** with her mother the other day.

The two had lunch at the **Road Kill Cafe**. **Louise**, who's a vegetarian, dined on a non-meat "Bye-Bye **Bambi**" burger. (Make your own joke here.)