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NEW YEAR'S UNRESOLUTIONS

Hey, what in this field ever gets resolved ;) ?

I expect that next year is going to be very exciting in this stuff. New programs are coming on, and there is a heightened awareness. Thanks to the success of Art Bell, radio is especially hot (hey, folks, I'll make myself available to appear on or host a show...:)). The PERSONAL TRANSFORMATION CHANNEL is coming to tv (cable and satellite). There are interesting rumors of new books and periodicals. I wish you all the best of luck! Now, on to the listings...you may notice some apparent time changes, that's due to my trying to standardize the times to Pacific.

FICTIONAL NOTES: I liked putting a few brief things in at the beginning last time. Let me know if you think this is worth it or not. I'm quite selective here, and I don't think it's clogging things up too much. Look for HANGAR 18 to be on local tv this week. It's on at 12:35 AM on Sunday on channel 13 in the Sacramento, California area. The Disney Channel has BABY - SECRET OF THE LOST LEGEND, its fictional account based on mokele-mbembe, a possibly surviving dinosaur in Africa, on Tuesday at 2:00 pm. SHOWTIME has MAGIC IN THE WATER, a lake monster movie, on Sunday at 8:30 am and 6:15 pm

BOOKS

One of my correspondents, Gary Matteson, sent me a really quite remarkable case study of a photographic case. It's over 200 pages dedicated to one case, the so-called "Saas Fee" photo allegedly taken in 1975 in Switzerland. The authors, Wim Van Utrecht and Fritz Van Der Veldt decided to re-examine this multiple witness case in 1989. It's very thorough, including interviews, weather conditions, alternative explanations, etc. While some of the questions in the interviews could be considered leading, it really shows how a thorough investigation can be conducted. It even includes an actual print of the original slide (put into a holder on the inside back cover). As you know, I usually send you to Greenleaf, but I'm not sure they have this. Gary is sort of an ad hoc distributor in the U.S.: you can order the book for \$27 plus \$2 for shipping and handling...it's a trade paperback, but definitely scarce. Contact him at 806 So. 20th Street, Norfolk, NE 68701.

MAGAZINES (newsletters, etc.: periodicals, actually)

FORTEAN TIMES: The leading British publication devoted to this weird stuff.

Besides lengthy articles, its STRANGE DAYS collection of recent happenings is indispensable. The January 1997 issue is out (includes a brief mention of me, btw). Articles include: ARCANE ARCADE by T. Liam McDonald, about upcoming computer games with fortan elements; SCROLL WITH IT by Richard Gwynn-Seary, about the Dead Sea Scrolls; and BIGFOOT by Bob Rickard and John Betts (includes some of the recent Cliff Crook photos and an intro by Janet Bord, who is not only one of the true authorities on bigfoot, but a very nice person). Highlights of the regular features: STRANGE DAYS includes the beast of Benbecula (which looks suspiciously like a sand sculpture), anti-gravity, and humans with gills; FORUM includes a piece by Paul Devereux, one by Bill Ellis on urban legends, and one on vampirology by Ian Simmons; REVIEWS include Jenny Randles latest, UFO RETRIEVALS* (gee, is there a Jenny Randles book of the month club? She puts them out about that often, it seems), WHERE BIGFOOT WALKS* by Robert Pyle, and the CD-ROM mentioned here recently, THE UNEXPLAINED*. Then, of course, there are letters, ads etc. Most big bookstores will have it, or go to www.forteanimes.com. There are lots of ways to subscribe: by e-mail in the U.S., you can try sgrudnick@aol.com. For UK, Europe, etc., try karenw@johnbrown.co.uk.

INVISIBLE SIGNALS: This is a new publication from Loyd Auerbach and the Office of Paranormal Investigations. Loyd is best known as a "ghost-buster", although he's also recognized as a serious parapsychologist. I recently went out with him on a case (as an observer for OPUS**), and it was nice to see the careful and considerate way in which he dealt with the family and recommended a solution to their "problem". The newsletter is a monthly, and all the first issues are two pages (four sides) long. The November issue included: WHAT'S HAPPENING IN NOVEMBER (a round-up of Loyd's activities, including the new website...which is supposed to be up at <http://www.mindreader.com>, but was having some delays); INVESTIGATING HAUNTINGS by Lauren Forcella; OPI UPDATE which covers recent cases; and PSI IN THE MEDIA, which has a lengthy piece on PSI FACTOR (is it or isn't it based on "real cases"). For information, e-mail Loyd at esper@california.com, or snail mail to P O Box 875, Orinda, CA 94563-0875

ON-LINE

No details available, but check <http://www.omnimag.com> on Monday and select PRIME TIME to see who will be on there.

RADIO AND TELEVISION

SYNDICATED RADIO: END OF THE LINE seems to be having a lot of interesting guests, but they don't list info for the following week on the website (at <http://www.endoftheline.com>)

SYNDICATED TV:

COULD IT BE A MIRACLE?: I've gotten some contact info for this show from a correspondent, and I hope to be able to get more complete info on it. Two women are rescued from being lost; something to do with lightning; and a singing janitor (?!)

PSI-FACTOR (see <http://www.psifactor.com> for stations and airdates and other info) One episode has REINCARNATION (about a guy undergoing "regression therapy" who makes a prediction; and REPTILES REVENGE, wherein Lassie's trying to tell us something...but Lassie has no legs and scales. Another episode features an "impenetrable darkness" engulfing an Argentinian town (no, this is not a Congressional junket) in the case called CREEPING DARKNESS; and THE POWER, about a woman's stress related psychokineses (is this PMS PK? Just asking...) Look for it to be on in prime time in your area this week.

Saturday, December 28

LOCAL TELEVISION, KING COUNTY WASHINGTON, CHANNEL 29, 3:00 PM: JOURNEY: Robert Gribble, original founder of the National UFO Hotline

11:00 AM, A&E, 20TH CENTURY: ARE WE ALONE? (ufos, etc.)
 2:00 PM, THE DISCOVERY CHANNEL, ARTHUR C. CLARKE'S MYSTERIOUS WORLD: MONSTERS OF THE LAKE (besides the Loch Ness Monster, there are many, many others...I don't know which ones they will cover, but there is probably one near you, if you have mountain lakes)
 7:00 PM, THE SCI-FI CHANNEL: SIGHTINGS (#5056) no details available
 11:00 PM, THE SCI-FI CHANNEL: SIGHTINGS (#5056) no details available

Sunday, December 29

11:00 AM, THE SCI-FI CHANNEL, SIGHTINGS (#5056), no details available
 SYNDICATED RADIO, 7:00 PM, ART BELL'S DREAMLAND (see <http://www.artbell.com> for stations and program info)
 7:00 PM, THE DISCOVER CHANNEL, ARTHUR C. CLARKE'S MYSTERIOUS WORLD:

GIANTS OF EASTER ISLAND

Monday, December 30

SYNDICATED TV, MONDAY, STRANGE UNIVERSE: NEW ENGLAND WITCH HUNT: persecuted witches today...hey, that's just a communist hunt! Er...I mean...see, they call anything a witch hunt and...where's that delete key? (see website at <http://www.rysher.com/strangeuniverse> for stations and playtimes in your area.)

LOCAL TELEVISION, SNOHOMISH COUNTY, WASHINGTON, 3:00 PM: JOURNEY (no details available)

10:00 AM, THE SCI-FI CHANNEL, MYSTERIES, MAGIC AND MIRACLES (#31): DRACULA; CRYPTOZOOLOGY (bigfoot, Loch Ness monster, et al); BUSHMEN (no, not Kate's back-up band =or= the CIA alumni baseball team)

9:00 PM, THE DISCOVERY CHANNEL, SCI-TREK: PSI-FILES: THE REAL X-FILES (about psychics...but you knew that already, right?)

Tuesday, December 31

SYNDICATED TV, TUESDAY, STRANGE UNIVERSE: MISSING BASEBALL LIGAMENT: Texas Rangers player has a missing ligament which makes it impossible to play...but he does! (nobody leaves the stadium until we find it!) (see website at <http://www.rysher.com/strangeuniverse> for stations and playtimes in your area)

12:00 AM, THE DISCOVERY FILE, SCI-TREK: PSI-FILES: THE REAL X-FILES (psychics)

10:00 AM, THE SCI-FI CHANNEL, MYSTERIES, MAGIC AND MIRACLES (#32): DOPPELGANGERS (I love part of their description..."What does it mean to see your own body double?" Off-hand, I'd say it means you've been eating =way= too much junk food :); SUPERSTITIONS (silly things, nothing to them...knock wood); JENNY COCKELL (something about her past)

Wednesday, January 1

SYNDICATED TV, WEDNESDAY, STRANGE UNIVERSE: MONKEY MAN (not Peter Tork's autobiography...it's about a very human-like chimp...poor thing)(see website at <http://www.rysher.com/strangeuniverse> for stations and playtimes in your area)

7:01 PM, THE SCI-FI CHANNEL, SIGHTINGS (TO BE ANNOUNCED)

8:00 PM, FOX, FIRE IN THE SKY (based on Travis Walton's experience in which he was allegedly zapped by a UFO in front of witnesses and was missing for about five days...check out his book, FIRE IN THE SKY, THE WALTON EXPERIENCE*. Incidentally, I'd be quite sure the writer of this year's PHENOMENON with John Travolta knew Travis' story pretty well...it's not the same, but you get a good sense of what the angst could have been like)

11:01 PM, THE SCI-FI CHANNEL, SIGHTINGS (TO BE ANNOUNCED)

Thursday, January 2

SYNDICATED TV, THURSDAY, STRANGE UNIVERSE: MIAMI UFOS (tourist takes ride with aliens from the Pleiades...gee, there isn't enough to ride at Disneyworld? Just kidding...)(see website at <http://www.rysher.com/strangeuniverse> for stations and playtimes in your area)

6:00 PM, A&E, ANCIENT MYSTERIES WITH LEONARD NIMOY: UFOS: THE FIRST ENCOUNTERS (are there references to UFO sightings in ancient texts?)

7:00 PM, A&E, THE UNEXPLAINED: UFOS VS. THE GOVERNMENT (this may be the start of this program as a weird one)

10:00 PM, A&E, ANCIENT MYSTERIES WITH LEONARD NIMOY: UFOS: THE FIRST ENCOUNTERS (are there references to UFO sightings in ancient texts?)

11:00 PM, 7:00 PM, A&E, THE UNEXPLAINED: UFOS VS. THE GOVERNMENT (this may be the start of this program as a weird one)

Friday, December 27

SYNDICATED TV, FRIDAY, STRANGE UNIVERSE: (see website at <http://www.rysher.com/strangeuniverse> for stations and playtimes in your area)

1:00 PM, THE SCI-FI CHANNEL, MYSTERIES, MAGIC AND MIRACLES (#50): no details available

This is Bufo saying, "If =everything= seemed normal, that =would= be weird!"

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