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Kind of an odd week, this week. There are a few interesting things, but it's pretty sparse. One particularly odd one was checking out the revised Discover Channel site and seeing a listing for THE SCIENCE NETWORK, which has "paranormal Thursdays". They run a bunch of Arthur C. Clarke programs, basically. However, the site made it look like they are running the same episodes for about a month. I called the 800 number to check on it, and the "viewer relations" person there didn't even know they =had= a science network! The viewer relations person recommended I e-mail the site directly, and I'll try that. I'm not going to list it yet, because I'm not sure what is going on. Also, there was quite a bizarre fictional one this week. I happened to have COACH on, and it seemed to be a "very special episode" (you know, the kind of thing where a sitcom does something serious about prostate problems, or breast cancer, or something). In this case, it was about alien abduction! Dauber, who is admittedly an idiot on the show, believed he was an abductee. The coach, noted for his insensitivity, fired him (since he couldn't give 100 percent to the football team, given that he was expecting to leave the planet soon). The "sensible one" on the show, the coach's wife, encouraged the coach to treat him kindly. The other characters on the show (which mostly consists of fools and dweebs) believed Dauber. It was like sensitivity training for dealing with abductees. Strange. Oh, and PSI FACTOR wants me to alert you to a contest they have upcoming on their website. If you haven't been there, it's a fun site. Go to <http://www.psifactor.com>. As we go to modem, the info isn't there yet, but it should be soon. Also, check out the four hour block of UFOS--DOWN TO EARTH on Sunday on Discover. A couple of my things are a bit spotty this week: I know THE LEARNING CHANNEL is re-running EXTREMELY WEIRD once this week, and I don't really have accurate listing for SCI-FI.

#### FICTIONAL NOTES:

This is where I briefly cover items which are fictional but which I feel are worth mentioning, either because of the impact they have had on the field or vice versa. I don't list weekly shows, just special items. If you want info on the weekly fictional shows, see Gil Latimer's excellent CNI NEWS MEDIA WATCH at <http://www.cninews.com>. John Shirley, author of WETBONES and HEATSEEKER, as written SILICON EMBRACE\*, which deals extensively with the UFO/conspiracy mythos (a word I use to mean a set of beliefs, not implying true or false). I haven't read the book yet, but I've read a good review which among other things said "...too weird and unsettling to be to everyone's taste..." which makes it sound attractive to me. The review was by Michael Berry in The San Francisco Chronicle/Examiner. On TV, the X-FILES

do a cross-over on THE SIMPSONS (Homer has "an alien encounter"). Voices include David Duchovny and Gillian Anderson (and Leonard Nimoy). That's on Sunday at 8:00 pm. TNT is running THE PHILADELPHIA EXPERIMENT 2 on Wednesday at 7:00 PM. For a golden oldie, TRAPPER JOHN, M.D., at 9:00 am on the Fox cable channel, has Lance Kerwin claiming to be an alien (also guest stars Nancy Walker). Aunt Clara accidentally imports a couple of ETs on BEWITCHED on Wednesday at 5:35 am on TBS. The BIONIC WOMAN encounters an alien predicting the destruction of the Earth on Wednesday at 1:00 PM on the SCI-FI CHANNEL. THE SIX MILLION DOLLAR MAN has the bigfoot/alien episode on Thursday at 2:00 PM on SCI-FI...this episode has been accused of shaping public perception of bigfoot, given the popularity of the show. Finally, Mork from Ork first appeared on HAPPY DAYS: see the episode on Wednesday at 8:30 pm on Nickelodeon.

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>

However, Michael Lindemann does a UFO report on Wednesdays each week, I hear.

SYNDICATED TV:

COULD IT BE A MIRACLE?: no details available

PSI-FACTOR (see <http://www.psifactor.com> for stations and airdates and other info)

--week of 1/6, in one case, INFESTATION, NASA scientists are found dead near a meteorite; and in HUMAN APPORTATION, a mother and daughter are teleported (a word coined by Charles Fort...an apport is a word generally used in seances where physical media ((mediums, to you)) would make things appear) from California to Canada

--week of 1/13 (new episode): THE CURSE (which is a King Tut-ish thing); and ANGEL ON A PLANE, wherein a disabled plane is landed by a mysterious pilot.

Saturday, January 11

LOCAL TELEVISION, KING COUNTY WASHINGTON, CHANNEL 29, 3:00 PM: JOURNEY: Robert Gribble, founder of the National UFO Reporting Center, gives his first tv interview. Includes a photo of a UFO over Alcatraz, etc.

8:00 AM, CNN, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, looks at religion and its attitudes towards ET life

2:30 PM, THE DISCOVERY CHANNEL, ARTHUR C. CLARKE'S MYSTERIOUS WORLD: OUT OF THE BLUE (weird things that fall from the skies)

Sunday, January 12

1:00 PM, THE DISCOVER CHANNEL, UFOS--DOWN TO EARTH, REASON TO BELIEVE (starting with the one that started the modern era and caused the term "flying saucer" to come into popular parlance in 1947)

2:00 PM, THE DISCOVER CHANNEL, UFOS--DWN TO EARTH, GREAT BALLS OF LIGHT (explores the Persinger theory that electromagnetic "earth lights" cause people to hallucinate)

3:00 PM, THE DISCOVER CHANNEL, UFOS -- DOWN TO EARTH, UNCOVERING THE EVIDENCE (crash and retrieval stories, like Roswell)

4:00 PM, THE DISCOVER CHANNEL, UFOS -- DOWN TO EARTH, DEEP SECRETS (are secret weapons responsible for UFO sightings? And are we flying H-PACS ((Human-Piloted Alien Craft))?)

5:00 PM, A&E, THE UNEXPLAINED, PSYCHIC DETECTIVES

7:00 PM, THE DISCOVER CHANNEL, ARTHUR C. CLARKE'S MYSTERIOUS WORLD, SECRETS OF ANCIENT WORLDS (Atlantis, etc.)

SYNDICATED RADIO, 7:00 PM, ART BELL'S DREAMLAND (see <http://www.artbell.com> for stations and program info)

Monday, January 13

SYNDICATED TV, MONDAY, STRANGE UNIVERSE: (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)

9:00 PM, THE DISCOVER CHANNEL, SCI-TREK, CURSE OF THE COCAINE MUMMIES (traces of cocaine and nicotine were found in Egyptian mummies...how could it get there?)

Tuesday, January 14

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

12:00 AM, THE DISCOVER CHANNEL, SCI-TREK, CURSE OF THE COCAINE MUMMIES (traces of cocaine and nicotine were found in Egyptian mummies...how could it get there?)

10:00 AM, THE SCI-FI CHANNEL, MYSTERIES, MAGIC AND MIRACLES  
no details available

9:00 PM, THE DISCOVER CHANNEL, ARTHUR C. CLARKE'S MYSTERIOUS UNIVERSE, FALLING PHENOMENA (how is this different from the previous episode? Not sure, they both deal with stuff falling from the sky)

10:00 PM, THE DISCOVER CHANNEL, WHAT IF...? EXTRATERRESTRIAL CONTACT (new series, not sure what to make of this. It takes a postulate, such as that we receive intelligent ET signals, and creates a fictional scenario around it...in this case, including it forcing the government to fess up on Roswell, since that info is needed to decode it...if you see it, let me know what you think, and why you think it is on this channel)

Wednesday, January 15

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

12:00 AM, THE DISCOVER CHANNEL, ARTHUR C. CLARKE'S MYSTERIOUS UNIVERSE, FALLING PHENOMENA (things that fall out of the sky)

1:00 AM, THE DISCOVER CHANNEL, WHAT IF...? EXTRATERRESTRIAL CONTACT (new series, not sure what to make of this. It takes a postulate, such as that we receive intelligent ET signals, and creates a fictional scenario around it...in this case, including it forcing the government to fess up on Roswell, since that info is needed to decode it...if you see it, let me know what you think, and why you think it is on this channel)

3:15 PM, AMERICAN MOVIE CLASSICS, THE MIRACLE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA (dramatization of the amazing case witnessed by thousands...miraculous contact, group delusion, or UFO?)

Thursday, January 16

SYNDICATED TV, THURSDAY, STRANGE UNIVERSE: (see website at

<http://www.rysher.com/strangeuniverse>

for stations and playtimes in your area)

2:00 AM, AMERICAN MOVIE CLASSICS, THE MIRACLE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA (dramatization of the amazing case witnessed by thousands...miraculous contact, group delusion, or UFO?)

1:00 PM, THE SCI-FI CHANNEL, MAGIC, MYSTERIES AND MIRACLES

10:00 PM, A&E, THE UNEXPLAINED, THE POWER OF PRAYER

Friday, December 17

SYNDICATED TV, FRIDAY, STRANGE UNIVERSE: (see website at

<http://www.rysher.com/strangeuniverse>

for stations and playtimes in your area)

2:00 AM, A&E, THE UNEXPLAINED, THE POWER OF PRAYER

1:00 PM, THE SCI-FI CHANNEL, MYSTERIES, MAGIC AND MIRACLES

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

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