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Yes, this is a re-send of yesterday's, somewhat updated (to include the SCI-FI CHANNEL and LEARNING CHANNEL info). There was a problem and the updated mailing list was not (updated that is) so I wanted to re-send it. I apologize to people who are getting it twice, but at least you are getting updated info as well.

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.

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

11:00 AM, THE SCI-FI CHANNEL, SIGHTINGS (#5053): no details available

2:00 PM, THE LEARNING CHANNEL, EXTREMELY WEIRD (this show ran on broadcast originally, and features host Jay Thomas with (literally) a talking head.

Among other things, covers spontaneous human combustion.

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

4:00 PM, THE SCI-FI CHANNEL, SIGHTINGS (#5053): no details available

11:00 PM, THE SCI-FI CHANNEL, SIGHTINGS (#5053): no details available

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)

10:00 AM, THE SCI-FI CHANNEL, MAGIC, MYSTERIES, AND MIRACLES (#4): Roswell
Incident (in which the U.S.Army Air Force announced that it had recovered a
"flying disc"...compare to 10:00 PM Tuesday on THE DISCOVER CHANNEL, and 3:00
pm Sunday on THE DISCOVER CHANNEL)

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>

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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 (#5): ORIGIN OF
THE UNIVERSE (there's a bang-up story :)); CHICAGO GHOSTS (and one might
imagine that there are quite a few); and PAST LIFE REGRESSION (I don't think
there could be a "future life regression", could there? I know Paul Reubens
certainly hopes there are past lives...)

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)

10:00 AM, THE SCI-FI CHANNEL, MAGIC, MYSTERIES & MIRACLES (#6): MATH &
MYSTICISM; WYOMING PRISON GHOST; AURA READING

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?)

7:01 PM, THE SCI-FI CHANNEL, SIGHTINGS (#4051): no details available

11:01 PM, THE SCI-FI CHANNEL, SIGHTINGS (#4051): no details available

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?)

10:00 AM, THE SCI-FI CHANNEL, MAGIC, MYSTERIES AND MIRACLES (#7): HAUNTED HOLLYWOOD, PART 1; TAROT READING; MARIAN VISIONS (no, these are not about Mr. C.'s erotic dreams...sheesh, get your mind out of the gutter! These have to do with the Virgin Mary: you know, the one on the used car financing building in Florida?)

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

10:00 AM, THE SCI-FI CHANNEL, MYSTERIES, MAGIC AND MIRACLES (#8): HAUNTED HOLLYWOOD, PART 2; ASTROLOGY (no, this is not the study of the Jetson's dog!); KAMBUCHA MUSHROOM (mushroom tea as a healing food...note, don't pick your own mushrooms, unless you want to find out about your future lives a little prematurely :)).

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

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