

Orchard Ridge mystic

UFO expert probes secret

By SUZIE MARKS

Robert Thibodeau says he has a clear understanding of what UFOs are all about. He calls himself a prophet and a priest of the Aquarian Age, saying he is the sun and stars, attracting accidents by quirk.

"The word UFO means something that's beyond perception and our sense organs," he said. "It's alien to our conditioning patterns."

The 38-year-old West Bloomfield resident is noted for his extensive study of unidentified flying objects (UFOs).

He began studying UFOs 10 years ago. Thibodeau said he was talked, with thousands of people who have claimed to have had UFO experiences and read every book he could get his hands on about the subject.

There are six theory classifications in defining UFOs. They're nationally known and common information. But Thibodeau has developed a seventh theory. That theory explains UFOs are interlinks with space. They are

doorways to higher consciousness and symbolize our celestial body of life. "UFOs could not have impressed civilization until now. Before they were a secret of symbolic dawning to a new type of world and energy that will be used," he said, in defining his new theory.

THIBODEAU PROMOTES his ideas of consciousness and energy through a nine-year-old store he owns in Farmington called the Mayflower Metaphysical Bookshop.

The shop, began as a vision, he recalled, after he was beat up and robbed on the street.

"I came out of my body and had a transcendental experience. An angel talked to me and said I had to change. I started meditating and had a vision to open a bookstore."

Working as a janitor for nine months to raise the money, Thibodeau said he has built a success.

"Initially, I only opened the store to spread good news that a new age is coming. It worked."

However, he said he makes a profit and is able to pay all his bills.

In addition to professing through the shop, Thibodeau teaches a class called the Aquarian Hermetic Sciences at Oakland Community College and has appeared on many radio and television programs.

He is editor of the STARR Journal, a publication "devoted to the search for truth existing in the common experiences of the human being on earth and all religions, philosophies and sciences," and is the author of several books including one on UFOs.

THIBODEAU SAID his friends thought he was crazy when he first became interested in the bookstore and prophesy. He had given up drinking and drugs and "had a burning hunger to learn and read books."

"As soon as I started making money with the bookstore, I was accepted by everyone because I was doing something normal."

Explaining that many people have visions while having a drug experience, Thibodeau said drug-related visions aren't the type he receives from working in the realm of UFOs.

The six theory classifications in defining UFOs are, according to Thibodeau:

- UFOs come from other galaxies and must travel faster than the speed of light.

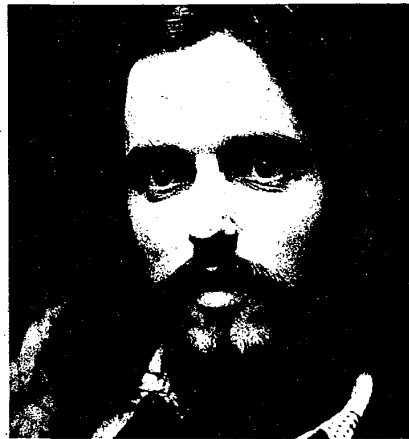
- UFOs come from another dimension that occupies a different time but the same space as earth.

- The alien intelligence of UFOs are from remnants of ancient Atlantean civilizations, living on the dark side of the moon, under the north pole or under the ocean.

- The governments of the world are UFOs.

- A UFO is an angel or celestial messenger.

- The appearance of flying saucers are projections of the collective unconsciousness and a collective necessity.



UFO speaker Robert Thibodeau of West Bloomfield began studying UFO's about 10 years ago. Today he runs a UFO bookstore and teaches a class in its understanding at Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills. (Staff photo by Charlie Kidd)

National Police Week adds a children's treat

Farmington will be swearing in a cadre of new police officers this week.

be offered to everyone, including the young at heart, says director Dan Byrnes.

But residents needn't fear an avalanche of blue uniforms descending on the corner of Grand River and Farmington Road.

The new "officers" will be youngsters who take advantage of a special deal during National Police Week, today through Saturday. The city's public safety department will administer oaths of office to youngsters yearning to be junior police officers.

Badges and certificates will accompany the ceremonies, one of the activities planned for this year's observance of police week. All activities are scheduled from 2-9 p.m. today through May 20.

The department will conduct an open house each day, including tours of the facilities and special ceremonies for youngsters who "join the force."

In addition, rides in patrol cars will

"WE'D SURE like the parents to come along too," Byrnes adds. Many residents took advantage of the department's offer to ride in a patrol car last year, he says.

Getting the inside scoop of what's involved with a public safety officer's job, is part of the department's push for better communication among police and residents, he says. Adults must sign release forms to ride in patrol cars, while parents of those under 18 years of age are required to release the department from liability as well.

All the activities are headquartered at the police desk in City Hall, 23600 Liberty south of Grand River. For further information, call the Farmington department at 474-1212.



To kick off National Police Week, Ptl. Robert Mitchell inducts seven would-be crimebusters into the Farmington Junior City Police. Front row from left Miki Philp, Erin Ringold, and Ryan Gold.

Other junior police include: Brian Daniels, Becky Philp, and Jenny Ringold. (Staff photo by Harry Mauthe)

THE INSIDE * ANGLE

***OLDER AMERICANS** are being honored this month and there are some activities happening around the state with a lot of interest. Keep in mind that senior citizens and others with low incomes may have until June 30 to apply for energy assistance. A bill to extend the deadline was introduced last month and already has passed the House Social Services Committee and is on the house floor.

***WESTERN MICHIGAN University**, Kalamazoo, is offering a week of mini-courses, tours and activities June 11-17 for retirees and spouses. Called the "Elderhostel," it will include courses in assertiveness training, political advocacy, what's new in selected foods and economics of food for the consumer. The fee of \$65 per person covers room, board, activities and on-campus transportation. Call Mrs. Veda Fisher, WMU director of conferences, for more information.

***MARK DOWN** May 18 on your calendar. The 15th annual Legislative Forum, sponsored by the Michigan League for Human Services will be conducted at that day from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Lansing Civic Center. The program will focus on health care issues with morning workshops, afternoon assemblies and lunch with legislators. Speakers will be Dr. Maurice Reizen, head of the Michigan Department of Public Health, and former House Speaker William Ryan. Fees are \$9 for MLHS members, \$11 for non-members and \$8 for retirees.

***NURSING HOME REFORM DAY.** The Coalition for Nursing Home Reform is sponsoring a citizens' hearing and rally at the Capitol in Lansing on May 24. The hearing will take place in the House chambers beginning at 10 a.m. and will be followed by a rally on the Capitol steps at noon. From 1 to 2 p.m. sponsors of the event are urging participants to meet with their legislators to discuss SB 659, the nursing home reform bill.

***CONSIDER THE YOUNGER SET.** A finalist in the 1978 Michigan National Teenager Pageant is Farmington's own DENISE FUNK. The pageant is the official state finals to the Miss National Teenager Pageant to be in Atlanta, Ga. in August. She is being sponsored in the contest by Lennon Inc. of Farmington, John T. Harley Co. of Farmington Hills and Thomas Dreischach and Sons Cadillac of Detroit. She is the daughter of MR. AND MRS. ELDON FUNK.

***HISTORY BUFFS**, there are some dates that you should remember. The annual dinner meeting of the Farmington Historical Society will be at the Farmington Community Center on May 24. Happy hour will be at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m. Reser-

vations should be made by May 19. Call Nelda Cruzak at 625-4732. A film will be shown, "The River's the Same." This film is a color sound film about local grass roots history in Elk Rapids, an early lumbering area near Traverse City. Cost is \$5 per person, \$8 for a couple, \$1 for students, \$10 for a business.

***THE HISTORICAL HOUSE** tour is coming up on May 21. Tickets will be available the day of the tour at the Salem United Church of Christ. Tours are from 1:30 p.m. and 3:30-6 p.m. Volunteers are needed to be hosts and hostesses of the tour. Call Nancy Leonard at 476-4125.

***A FLEA SALE** will be on June 2 at JOHN AND LOIS BIERENS, 34218 Cass Court. Articles are needed and should be dropped off no later than May 30.

***GOT A QUESTION** about energy conservation? All you have to do for information is call the energy information hotline. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Michigan Department of Commerce established the new hotline to provide Michigan residents with information about energy conservation and consumption. The toll-free number is 1-800-892-4702. Callers will receive answers and suggested solutions to their energy-related questions. These energy problems can range all the way from how to save money on your electric bills to the most effective method of installing an energy solar heater.

***THE INSIDE ANGLES** appreciated the letter from Farmington Hills resident CAROLE SINGER. It's worth repeating.

"Recently, the writer of the Inside Angles recommended that the Founders Committee enforce a ruling which prohibits politicians from participating in the parade because the parade probably would last another half-hour longer than usual. I disagree with that ANGLE of thinking. (Capitulation is the Inside Angles editor's, I liked that.) The apathy of voters is constantly reaffirmed by the poor turnout at candidate meetings and neighborhood coffees for political candidates. Thus, if voters will not come to meet political candidates, the serious candidate must go out to meet the voters. What better opportunity to meet perspective voters than at a civic celebration? Community-minded citizens should not be denied the opportunity to see who is running for office." Thanks Carole, the Inside Angles enjoyed your letter.

We enjoy hearing from the public so drop us a note at THE INSIDE ANGLES, P.O. BOX 69, SOUTHFIELD 48037. We're waiting to hear from you.

THE LIGHT APPROACH

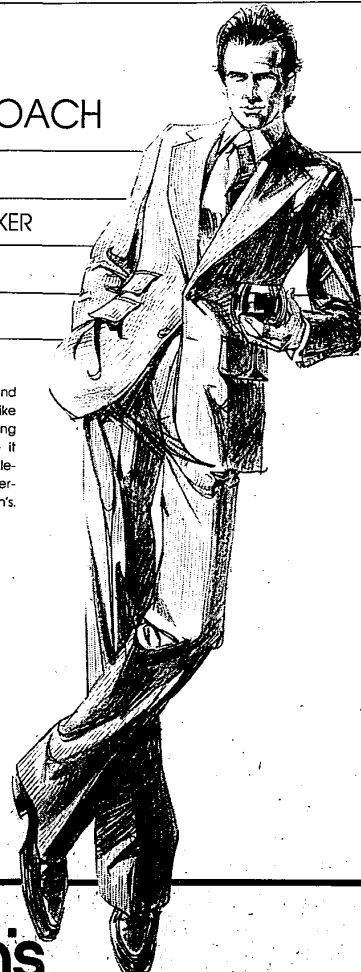
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A SUIT OF SEERSUCKER

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