

THE Bridgewater

TRIANGLE

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■ Close encounters of the spooky kind are the domain of “registered parapsychologist” Joseph DeAndrade.

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THE sign above his door identifies Joseph M. DeAndrade as a “registered parapsychologist.”

He carries a photo I.D. card in his wallet to prove it.

DeAndrade, 45, of Bridgewater investigates local spooky goings-on in his spare time. From sightings of giant snakes and prehistoric birds, to UFOs and ghosts, he’s checked it out and logged it in his files.

He concentrates on an area known by paranormal experts as “The Bridgewater Triangle,” a region with Abington as its top point and Rehoboth and Freetown as the bottom corners. For years it has been home to strange and otherworldly claims.

DeAndrade, a wheelchair-van driver by trade, first became interested in 1978 when he saw one of the most infamous creatures in American lore — Bigfoot.

It was a winter day. While walking in the woods with a friend near Broad Street in Bridgewater, DeAndrade got the feeling he should start paying closer attention.

“Suddenly a voice inside of me said, ‘turn around.’ I said, ‘why?’ It said, ‘turn around and you’ll see.’”

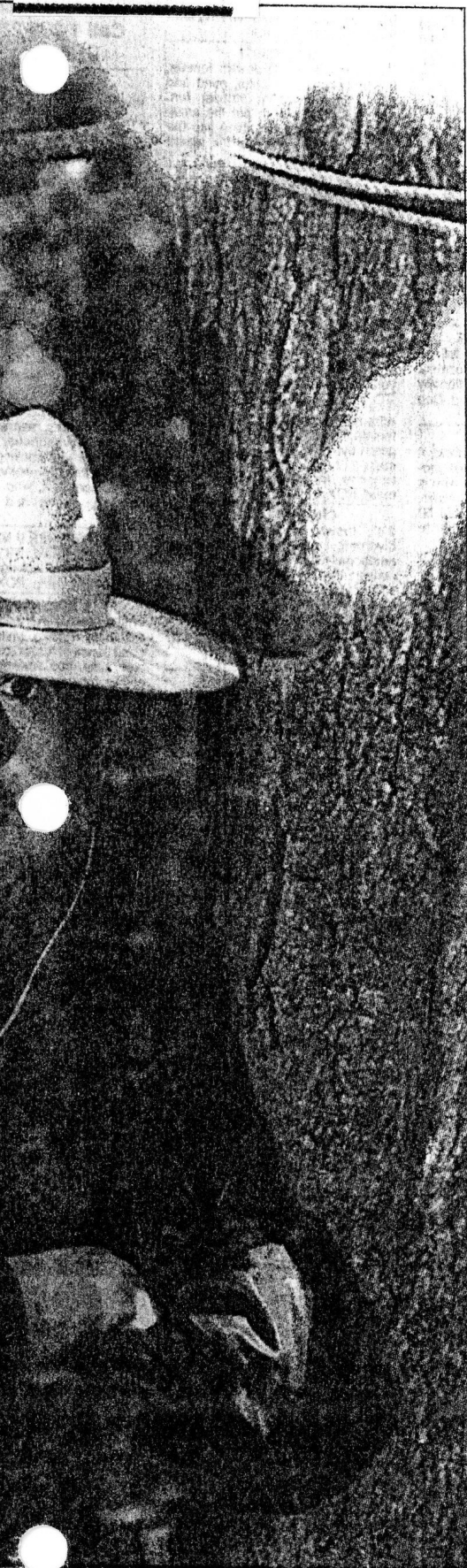
So he did.

“It was walking very slowly, kind of like Frankenstein in a way,” said DeAndrade.

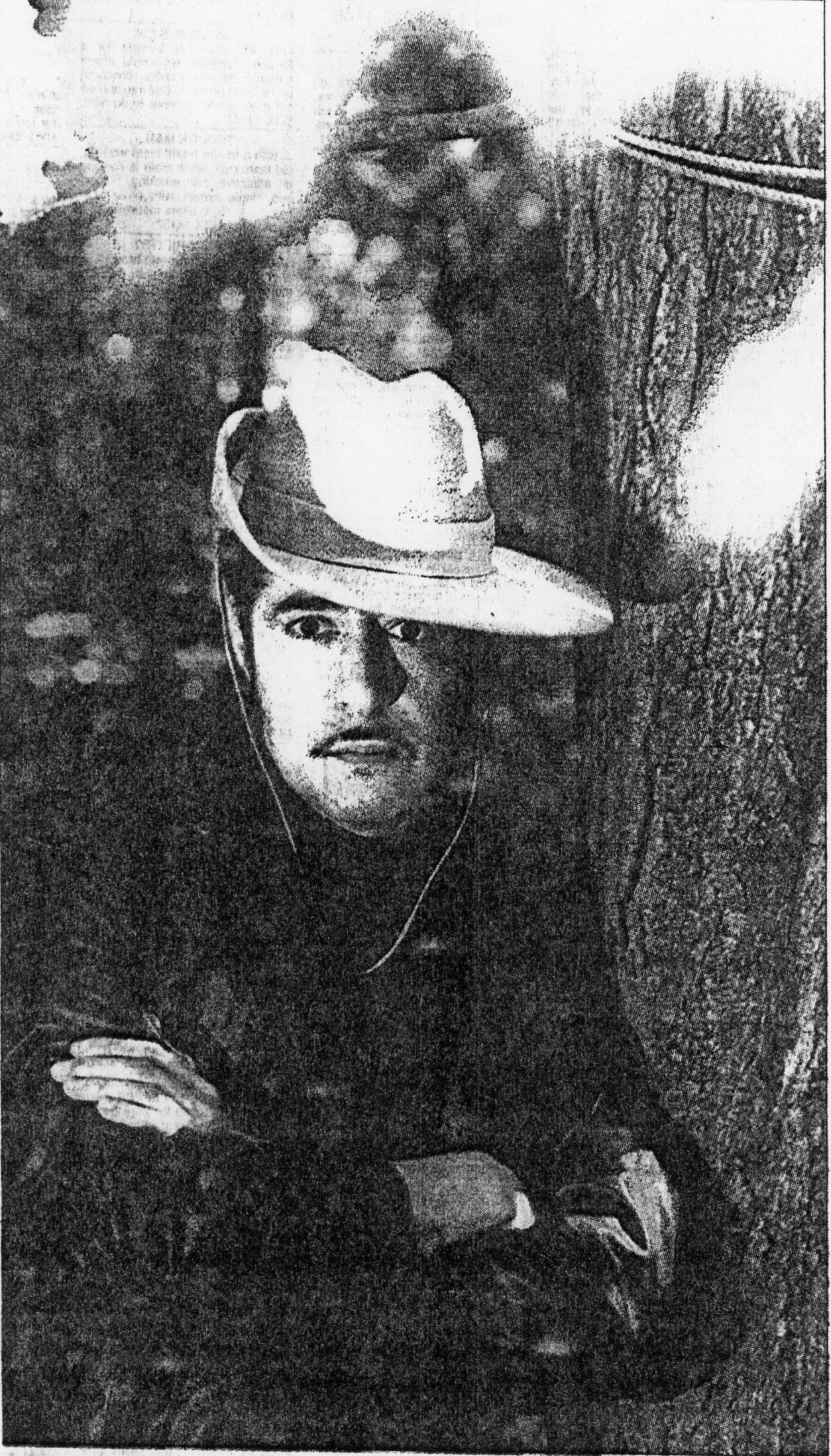
The creature, tall and furry
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THIS IS ONE OF Joseph DeAndrade's research trails into the Bridgewater Triangle in Raynham.



PHOTOS BY J. KIELY JR./THE ENTERPRISE
of the Bridgewater Triangle, stands out-



JOSEPH DeANDRADE researcher of the Bridgewater Triangles

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