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30th anniversary CD for this multi-instrumental world fusion trio. Spoken word and wild improvisations with electric violin, sitar, cello, percussion, voices and more. A feast of sound. 17 MP3 Songs WORLD: World Fusion, SPOKEN WORD: With Music Details: "Like a tribe of three men creating their own tribal chant." Bill Baue, radio free brattleboro Derrik Jordan, Jared Shapiro and Barry Hyman have been playing, performing and recording together since 1973 and the release of Great Apes Of Vermont is a celebration of 30 years of joyous improvisational music. Great Apes of Vermont features Barry Hyman in some brand new spoken word pieces, (Plastic Wrap, We Need Freaks and Perpetual War) that creatively and humourously continue the journey and exploration that Natural History began 30 years ago. Came across this recent local news item. Thought it might interest readers: Bennington Banner Sept 26, 2003 Man spots 'Bigfoot' By NOAH HOFFENBERG News Editor GLASTENBURY - A Winooski man believes he saw a bigfoot-type creature at dusk while driving north on Route 7 Wednesday. At about 7:10 p.m., Ray Dufresne, 45, was heading back up North after visiting his daughter at Southern Vermont College, when he spotted a 6-foot-plus tall, 270-pound, "big, black thing" walking upright from near the highest point of elevation on Route 7. "It was hairy from the top of his head to the bottom of his feet," said Dufresne. "It was not walking like a normal person." Although Dufresne couldn't see the animal's face, he said from his vantage point of about 140 feet away he could see that the creature had very long arms and was covered in long, black hair. He said it walked east into the woods toward Glastenbury Mountain. "The first thing I thought was this is a gorilla costume. I thought it was a joke," he said. "Then, I put two and two together." There were no houses or abandoned cars nearby, so Dufresne surmised that the dark figure could not have been a person. Furthermore, Dufresne has been an avid hunter since the age of 15, and he says he knows his animals. It was not a moose or a bear, he said. Although he had heard of the

bigfoot phenomena before, Dufresne said he had never heard of it happening in Vermont. Dufresne also attested that he had not been drinking or doing drugs on Wednesday, and that he had no history of mental illness. "Why would someone be walking down the road like that?" Dufresne said he asked himself at the time. "I kicked myself for not turning back." Dufresne continued driving north to his home. He said that at his job at a car dealership in Burlington on Thursday, people were having a laugh at his expense when he retold his story. Retired game warden Bob Mumley, 73, of Bennington said that during his 35 years with the state he's had a lot of strange calls, but none quite like the one Dufresne describes from Wednesday. He believes that the creature was probably a moose or a bear, as they both have dark fur. However, Dufresne isn't the only one to report strange sightings of such creatures in the Bennington area. According to a report printed at the Space On The Run Newsletter Web site, in December 1989 a man from Eden in Lamoille County found footprints in snow measuring 12 to 14 inches in length and about 6 inches wide. This was in an area that was 10 miles from the nearest house. In East Haven in October 1976, a woman who was reading in the woods saw something like the creature that Dufresne saw. It had a muscular neck, a large head and broad shoulders. It stood around 8 to 11 feet in height, with ape-like hair and long arms, according to the Gulf Coast BigFoot Research Organization Web site. A similar account and description was given by a boy in Essex Junction in June 1994, as well.

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