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Local author to autograph copies of his thriller novel

Local author Tim Jacobson will autograph copies of his best selling thriller novel, "The Kurchatov Penetration," at the Paper Moon Bookstore in McGregor, Iowa on Saturday, Oct. 6, 1 to 3 p.m.

"I'm thrilled to return to my hometown area to meet fans of my book," said Jacobson, who grew up in rural Bagley near Wyalusing State Park. Although he now resides in La Crosse, his mother, Gloria Jacobson, is a retired nurse living in Prairie du Chien.

Jacobson's tale of intrigue has garnered glowing reviews, including in the June 2012 issue of "Wisconsin Bookwatch" a publication of Midwest Book Review. The Kindle eBook edition of Jacobson's novel enjoyed stints on the "Amazon Best Sellers in Thrillers - Top 100" list in multiple categories during both April and May 2012. In one day at the end of May, the book rocketed to number 3 in the "Spy Stories and Tales of Intrigue" category, alongside Ludlum's "The Bourne Imperative."

Although a work of fiction, Jacobson said that issues highlighted by the book, such as Iran's nuclear ambitions and the Russian mafia's efforts

to steal and smuggle nuclear materials are real and serious threats to national security and safety. Just this week, the Israeli Prime Minister warned that the Islamic Republic of Iran may achieve nuclear bomb capability by next summer—a primary topic in Jacobson's novel.

Ironically, Jacobson wrote the book about 15 years ago, when Iran's push for nuclear capability did not yet have the world's attention. When he did not find a publisher, he put the book aside to work on other projects. Today, his topic could not be more timely.

According to the synopsis of the novel, "the Russian mafia tricks a teenage American computer hacker into helping steal plutonium for sale to the Islamic Republic of Iran. In a cascade of intrigue, the fate of the world suddenly hangs in the balance as the mafia, the hacker and the governments of Russia, America and Iran scratch and claw for control of the most dangerous and powerful element on earth."

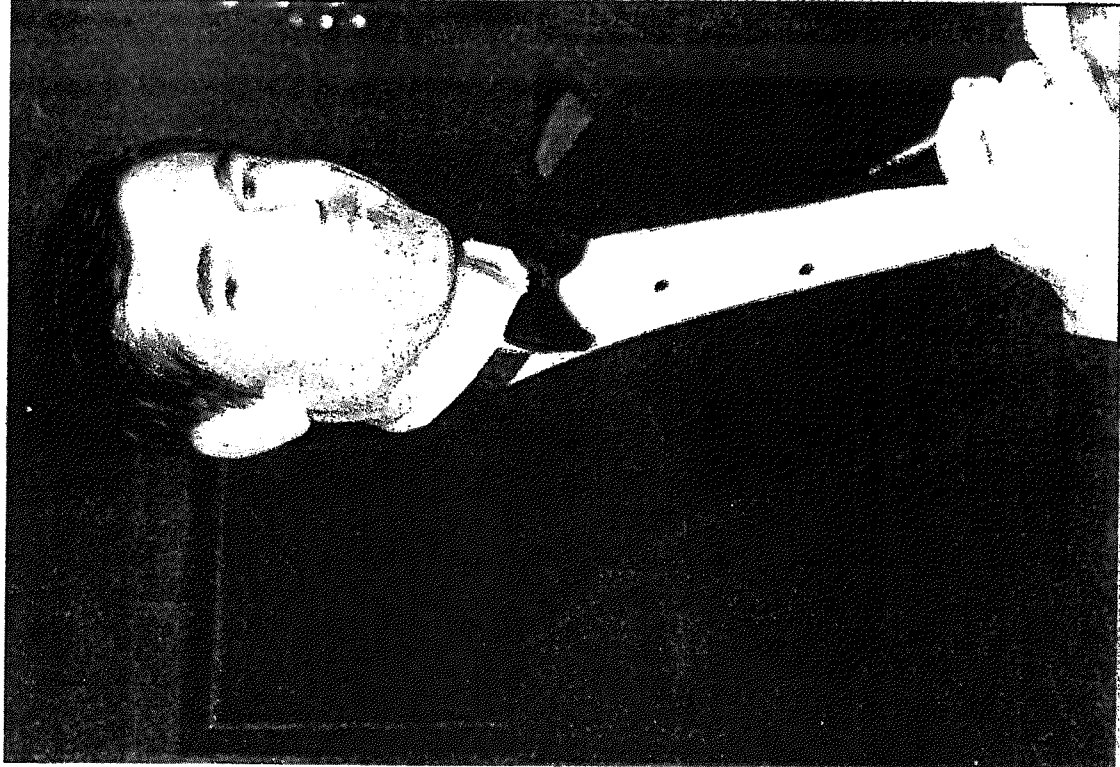
Tim Jacobson has been a U.S. Air Force Auxiliary (Civil Air Patrol) mission pilot, attorney, conservationist, writer, documentary filmmaker,

dot-com executive, taxidermist, and blacksmith/historical interpreter for a living history museum.

He has traveled through parts of the Middle East and stared down the barrels of machine guns wielded by screaming soldiers while investigating firsthand some of the security and political issues embroiling the region. He is a student of Russian language and history. In the Air Force Auxiliary, Major Jacobson has flown Homeland Security training exercises in which armed F-16 fighter jets have intercepted the plane he is flying.

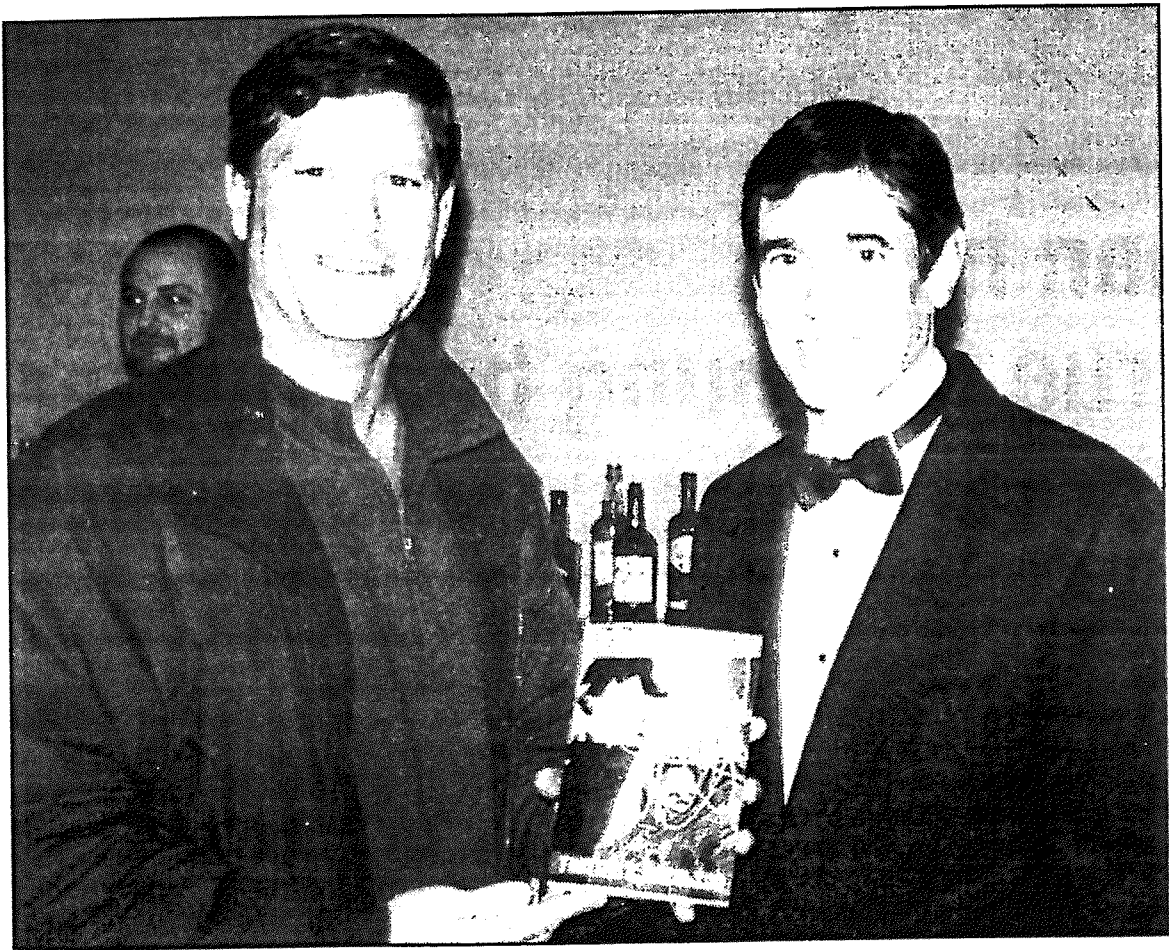
His skilled legal advocacy led Law & Politics and Milwaukee Magazine to jointly name him a "Supe! Lawyer," and he has appeared and advocated before the United States Supreme Court. USA Today said, "If ... Jacobson[s] firm] isn't careful, it may wind up giving lawyers a good name." Saint Paul Pioneer Press called his firm "one of the most Internet-savvy law firms in existence."

His leadership of Mississippi Valley Conservancy resulted in the organization being recognized as "Land Trust of the



Tim Jacobson will be signing copies of his novel on Oct. 6.

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Tim Jacobson autographed his new book for U.S. Representative Ron Kind at a recent book signing.

Year” and “Friend of Conservation - Outstanding Organization.”

He has published magazine and news articles about international peace and justice issues, computer security, law and land conservation. TV, newspapers and magazines have profiled him for his legal and conservation work and his involvement in international issues.

He devotes substantial amounts of time to volunteer work for nonprofit organizations, having served on the board of directors for more than a half-dozen such organizations.

Jacobson’s recreational interests have included karate (in which he earned a black belt), song writing and playing guitar, rock climbing, flying airplanes, constructing

electronic circuits, computer programming in a half-dozen languages, kayaking, skiing, running, scuba diving and, of course, writing. He is the proud father of one daughter.

The Kurchatov Penetration is Jacobson’s first published novel.