



CPRI February Newsletter

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Tickets on Sale for 2nd CPRI Paranormal Conference

CPRI will host our second paranormal conference on May 19th and 20th in Richmond, VA. We will be hosting lectures and paranormal related activities that relate to our research. Well-known authors from the field of paranormal research such as Keynote Speakers Troy Taylor, the author of "The Ghost-Hunters Guide Book", Rosemary Ellen



Bobbie Atristain lecturing at last year's conference.

Guiley, author of "The Encyclopedia of Ghosts and Spirits", Vince Wilson, Mark Nesbitt of Ghosts of Gettysburg fame and John Zaffis from "A Haunting in Connecticut" will be speaking and available for book signings. We will also have well known spirit mediums Barb Mallon and Mary Beth Wrenn who will be available for readings. There will also be a chance to purchase t-shirts, books and other paranormal related merchandise. Light refreshments will be available to all guests. Question and answer sessions will follow all lectures.

You may also participate in our Saturday Night CPRI

Awards Banquet, listen to REAL EVPs and dine with Keynote speakers and CPRI Investigators. The menu is listed at the bottom of the page. To participate please purchase a ticket and enjoy the fun. Seating for the conference is limited - purchase your ticket early to insure a seat.

If you have any question please email Bobbie Atristain at bobbie@virginiaghosts.com.

You can buy tickets now by click on vaparormalconference.com.

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Special points of interest:

- Learn more about CPRI's upcoming conference
- Find out about the new paranormal thriller hitting movie theatres this month
- Read about a book that details Police encounters with the paranormal.

CPRI Files Articles of Incorporation with state of VA

At the end of January, CPRI began the long process for filing for 501 © status from the IRS. We filed the necessary Articles of Incorporation for the state of Virginia. Hopefully they will be

approved in February and we can move forward with the 501 © process with the IRS. CPRI has hired an attorney to represent the group throughout this process. Please wish us luck and if any of you

have any advice we'd love to hear it—just email Bobbie Atristain at bobbie@virginiaghosts.com.

CPRI Spotlight: Brian Parrish

Brian was appointed as Regional Director for NOVA in 2005.

Brian was born in Westmont, Illinois. In 1971 he moved to the Washington DC metro area. He's been there ever since. After graduation he enrolled in various art and design classes at Prince George's College. He has been a telecommunications draftsman since the mid 1980's.

He is also an artist - to pursue his artistic side he does freelance art and design. At an early age Brian remembers his entire family dealing with paranormal activity in their home.

These experiences with paranormal activity gave Brian a strong interest in the



Here's Brian's mugshot

paranormal. As a result of his curiosity he decided to join CPRI to learn more from the professionals (a.k.a CPRI, Inc.) about this subject.

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Mandy Moore stayed in a Haunted House

Actress-singer Mandy Moore told David Letterman on CBS' "Late Show" Wednesday that while she was recording her upcoming album that is due out in Spring, she stayed at a haunted house. The place she was staying at had a recording studio built in an old house in the upstate New York town of Woodstock. The house was known for a great deal of paranormal activity. She was told ahead of time that the place was haunted. "I'm a big scaredy-cat," she said. "So as soon as I arrived in my part

of the house I walked around to every room saying, 'I'm just here for a couple of months and I'm here to do something real and creative, so please don't scare me, please leave me alone!'" She also told Letterman that she heard footsteps at night and that when she came home late the lights were all on in her room and her laundry was thrown on the floor. Moore could find no other explanation for these things than the ghost of the matriarch of the family who once lived there.

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MOVIE SPOTLIGHT: The Messengers

There is evidence to suggest that children are highly susceptible to paranormal phenomenon. They can see what adults cannot, they believe what adults deny. And they are trying to warn us. In "The Messengers," a suspense thriller starring Kristen Stewart, Dylan McDermott, Penelope Ann Miller

and John Corbett, the Solomon family has left big city life for a secluded farm in North Dakota. Soon after they arrive at their new home, 16 year-old Jess and her 3 year old brother begin seeing ominous apparitions that no one else can see, and are repeatedly attacked by something from the other side. Now they



The movie poster for The Messengers

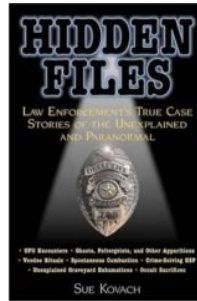
must try desperately to warn the rest of the family before it's too late.

US Release date is February 2, 2007.

Book Spotlight: Hidden Files

Ghosts, UFOs, and other reports of paranormal phenomena often test the bounds of credibility, but can such reports be easily dismissed when the witness is an officer of the law trained to make calm, detailed observations under the most stressful situations? In *Hidden Files* Sue Kovach presents some of law enforcement's most intriguing (and often repressed) files from around the United States. For example, while looking for a woman and her son, Deputy Rich Strasser believes

he was guided by the spirit of the deceased mother to find the wreckage of her car and her young son still alive inside it. Officer Ron Chancey recounts being chased by a boomerang-shaped flying object in Florida. And Brian Gosselin shares his encounter with a Sasquatch-type creature in Wash-



Hidden Files tells of true life encounters the police have had with the paranormal.

ington county, New York. These strange reports by respected police officers rival anything on television's *X-Files*, because they're not works of fiction, but events that actually occurred on the streets of America.

DVD Review: Southern Haunts

Southern Haunts is a new television series on DVD that has an effective musical score, top quality editing, sincere storytelling, and successfully blends well-known tales with lesser-known local stories in a really entertaining manner. The narrator, Charlie Chase, pleasantly mixes his calming tone with an otherwise grizzly subject matter. The only thing missing, I suppose, are more episodes, since the DVD only comes with two.

Thankfully, the two episodes are worth watching -- full of good stories that do not give in to the cheese factor most often associated with ghostly reenactments. If the narration mentions a ghostly figure spotted in an upper-story window, you don't see an asinine fade effect of a figure with no eyes in a house that's not even the one being mentioned. Silly stunts such as these universally destroy the storytelling in other documentaries.

To purchase visit southernhaunts.net

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"Real Ghost" on the set of the *Ghost Whisperer*

According to the crew of the television show *Ghost Whisperer*, starring Jennifer Love Hewitt, the set is haunted by a real ghost. They reported that during a recent late-night shoot, a real specter showed up on the set. They first noticed the specter when they saw a shadowy movement behind the actress while filming a particularly intense shot. Love Hewitt and her pals crowded

around the monitor to watch the scene played back and were shocked to see what looked like a real spirit turning behind her on the monitor screen. The actress was so shocked by what she saw she insisted the unedited footage be kept so she could show family, friends and TV hosts. She also took the unedited footage with her to a recent appearance on the *Ellen DeGeneres* show.



It seems a real ghost has made itself known.

That segment has, of course, made its way to YouTube.

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Hours of boredom, seconds of panic!



CPRI, Inc.

The Center for Paranormal Research and Investigation** is a non-profit organization based outside of Richmond, VA. We conduct investigations into the paranormal in a non-metaphysical manner. One of our main goals is to seek out allegedly "haunted locations"* and to assist those who are experiencing problems with the paranormal. We then look for authentic evidence of the paranormal and try to determine if the location is haunted*. We are seeking genuine evidence and are careful about the presentation of this evidence... insuring that it is legitimate, researched and analyzed before being presented to the general public.

We use strict SCIENTIFIC methods to obtain TANGIBLE evidence - Evidence that leaves no doubt about its origin, cause and effect. Evidence that will be reproducible under controlled testing conditions. (example - If a ghost is residing in a home and is able to be clearly picked up by videotape, then it should be able to be clearly picked up upon testing replication.)

We are skeptics and not debunkers - skeptic means to question and debunk means to expose while ridiculing.

Mind over Matter study being conducted at the Rhine Institute

There are reports from all cultures throughout history in which objects or events in the environment appear to be influenced by the human mind. We are looking for people who may have experienced such effects known as psychokinesis or PK (also called telekinesis) to participate in a research study at the Rhine Research Center.

PK experiences are those where your conscious or unconscious mind seems to directly influence the physical world around you, without the use of any known physical means. Some examples might be: affecting the roll of dice, affecting lights or other electrical equipment, affecting your computer, bending spoons, moving objects, or psychic healing. Unexplained physical effects are also reported surrounding times of near-death, dying or after the death of a

loved one, for example, a clock stopping at the exact time of someone's death. These are also of interest for this study.

We are collecting reports of this type of experiences and would love to hear from you by email or postal mail. At a later stage we will be undertaking face-to-face or telephone interviews with some individuals who have experienced this type of phenomena, and who are willing to discuss their experiences in more detail. All reports are confidential.

Please send your experiences to
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Can the mind rule over matter?