

CPRI July Newsletter

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- CPRI Investigates Eastern State
- CPRI films with Fangoria TV for new paranormal themed show
- CPRI has been approached to help out with “Haunted Possessions” for TLC
- On-Going Investigation of haunted Winterpock neighborhood

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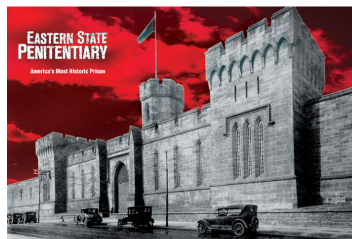
CPRI Investigates Eastern State Penitentiary in July

CPRI has been invited to investigate Eastern State Penitentiary by Fangoria TV—a horror network. Eastern State has an infamous reputation for being haunted—it was recently featured on an episode of SciFi’s GhostHunters.

Jason and Grant of TAPS managed to capture some incredible video of a hooded figure fleeing down a hallway. You can view a copy of this video by visiting the TAPS website.

Background on the Prison

The system was so well known worldwide that when Dickens made his visit to America, he said he wanted to see only two sights -- Niagara Falls and Eastern State. The writer was quick to criticize the harsh conditions at the prison,



and prison officials were quick to

CPRI will investigate Eastern State for a new show about the Paranormal on Fangoria TV.

retort, saying that Dickens had been conned by the cons. The most expensive building in the United States when it was built, Eastern (also known locally as the “Cherry Hill” Penitentiary) underwent sweeping reform in 1913, as the structure designed to house

250 inmates was swelling to an eventual population of 1,700. The system was termed inhumane and the prison was refurbished. Al Capone spent a nine months (1929) at the prison. Willie Sutton escaped (1945) from it. The prison finally closed in 1971.

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

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Plan Your Haunted Vacation to Virginia

Are you tired of the beach? Consider planning a haunted vacation to the Old Dominion. Virginia has hundreds of allegedly haunted locations throughout the state—so if you really do want to go to the beach consider visiting Virginia Beach and plan to stay at the infamously haunted **Cavalier Hotel**. Of it you are more of a history buff consider visiting Richmond

and check out haunted **Hollywood Cemetery**, then visit the **Poe Museum**. While you are in the Richmond area be sure to check out the Lady in Red that haunts **Wrexham Hall**. Once you leave Richmond travel down Rte. 5 on your way to Williamsburg and check out the James River Plantations—all of them have ghost stories—**Berkley**

Plantation and **Edge Hill** just to name a couple. Once you get to Williamsburg be sure to stay at the Chiswell Buck-Trout Kitchen/Inn—we had a recent visitor get the scare of his life there.

Need more places? Visit http://virginiaghosts.com/hahaunted_travel.php

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First Crop Circle of 2005 in Weaverville, NC



Picture of crop circle in the same area as the Weaverville circle.

Thomas Ginther, MUFON and CPRI investigator

We drove from Asheville to an area north and west of Weaverville well off of route 70 north to a rural area where a cul-de-sac is being developed. We arrived about 1:30 about 300 yards above the circle on a hill side. I scrambled down the hillside and later back up. The circle was in a bottom about 30 yards from what we think is Eller Creek in meadow grass. The owner said it was a hay field that had not been cut for some time and there was a fence around part of it. There was evidence that four wheelers had been using a path that ran through

here and next to the circle crossing the creek for a long time. A tractor had driven to the circle area down a single path, did a loop at the circle location then back out the same path. After considering the tracks did not appear to be on top of the area of the circle that the path indicated, I believe the tractor was there before the circle was created; according to the first witness to see it this was between 6/22 pm and 6/23 am. According to the witness/land owner no one in the area heard or saw anything strange at that time and he had no reason to think that it was hoaxed. We later found out we were able to drive down to the circle and did that, it cannot be

done with out four wheel drive. Other people were there to look at the circle the same day we were, they were not investigating but just curious friends of the owner.

Wanna read more? http://virginiaghosts.com/cc_2005.php

Questions? Thomas@virginiaghosts.com

“Think of it as the Haunted Antiques Roadshow...”

Micah Dyer, Segment Producer for Haunted Possessions

New Fall Show on TLC: HAUNTED POSSESSIONS

By: Micah Dyer, Segment Producer for Haunted Possessions.

HAUNTED POSSESSIONS is a 2-hour special about the mysterious and compelling subject of possessed possessions, including haunted antiques, furniture and collectibles. Think of it as ³Haunted Antiques Roadshow.²

Staged at one of the most haunted hotels on record, HAUNTED

POSSESSIONS introduces us to real people who own objects they feel are somehow cursed, possessed or haunted. Our expert paranormal investigators, psychics, clairvoyant mediums and ghost researchers will analyze and attempt to understand these items that are haunting their owners. After hearing a brief history of the haunted object in question by its owner, experts will provide con-

text and help us understand the item's significance. Advice may be offered on what to do with the object, pacify it, satisfy the ghosts, etc.

Wanna see it? Look for the show to air on TLC during the fall.



Who lit the candle?

Pyro-Ghost in Nottoway County,VA

On July 5, 2005 a reader wrote that while she was home she discovered a burning candle—that had lit itself!

The young lady was extremely startled and after blowing it out immediately called her husband fearing it was a sign that something had happened to him—however when she phoned him he was fine. The candle that was lit

was a present to the couple from the husband's niece and the daughter of his recently deceased brother. The brother was extremely interested in the paranormal and had promised the couple that if he could he would find some way to communicate with them from “beyond the grave”.

Is this him keeping his wish?

After the young lady realized that

this must be her brother-in-law she actually felt comforted knowing he was there.

Have you had an experience like this before? If so email Bobbie Atristain at bobbie@virginiaghosts.com.

DVD REVIEW: White Noise

Review by David Blackwell

WHITE NOISE is a creepy and atmospheric thriller that sends chills down my spine. The mood projected through the cinematography, sounds, and music spin an atmosphere of foreboding- a sense of danger. Michael Keaton lives and breathes in the role of an obsessed man that neglects other people in his life including his son, his ex-wife, and those who try to help him. His single minded focus

is a liability. WHITE NOISE is compelling and chilling. The only person he makes any type of connection is with a woman (Deborah Kara Unger) who works at a bookstore and has made connect with her dead fiancée through E.V.P. The ending never cops out and is one of those endings any good horror movie would be proud of.

FINAL ANALYSIS: WHITE NOISE is a creepy thriller worth watching. It will chill you to the bones and make some go out to

find out more about E.V.P. after they see it.

Bobbie Atristain's Analysis:

I wasn't impressed by the movie - it wasn't realistic and I actually found the movie to be boring. It would be worth the money to rent it but I wouldn't buy it.

Comments? bobbie@viriniaghosts.com



White Noise DVD cover.

Scary Experience in Williamsburg, VA

This occurred at the Chiswell Buck-Trout Inn.

"So here's what happened, my father was awakened in the middle of the night by what he describes as a "screaming, screaming noise", as if something was yelling at him. He then looked up to see a "black cloud" that was shaking violently over his bed. The noise was coming from this cloud, as if it were trying deliberately to scare him.

He said in a panic he took a swipe at it with an open palm, and then it was gone. He immediately woke my Mom up and told her what had happened. This was at 4:30 this morning. They stayed in the room with the lights on until the sun came up and then requested a room change. The manager of the hotel said something to the effect of "these things are not ours to question" and immediately gave

them a new room. My mom, for what it's worth, we disappointed as she had been in the room all week without experiencing anything like this, and thought the room was really neat. "

Wanna know more?

please visit <http://viriniaghosts.com/reports.php> for the entire story

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Intro to Parapsychology @ Rhine Institute

Friday-Sunday July 15-17, 2005 "Introduction to Parapsychology."

A Friday night talk and/or a weekend-workshop presented by Christine Simmonds, Ph.D., Research Associate, and Ginette Nachman, M.D., Ph.D., RRC Board of Directors.

There will be a Friday evening talk, an all-day Saturday session with an evening party, and a half-day Sunday session.. Cost for entire weekend \$150, Friday evening alone \$20. For more specific information call the RRC or check the website..



J.B. Rhine working on experiments with PSI.



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Cover of the June issue of TAPS Paramagazine.

Serious Researchers, Serious Investigators Who are **SERIOUS** About the Paranormal.

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.

If you are currently experiencing paranormal phenomena and would like help please email help@virginiaghhosts.com.

TAPS Launches the **TAPS ParaMagazine**

The Atlantic Paranormal Society is pleased to announce a new endeavor which will take the paranormal to a new dimension.

Beginning in June, TAPS launched the TAPS Para Magazine, a glossy publication dedicated to the paranormal, the unknown and things in between.

It features candid behind the scenes snapshots and stories from the wildly popular Ghost-hunters television series as well as paranormal investigations, features, pictures and contributions from experts in the paranormal field.

The monthly magazine, is written with general news standards, is direct mailed to subscribers all over the world and can be ordered online through this and other websites.

TAPS Para Magazine is one of the first of its kind to transcend television and the paranormal. It seeks to break new ground in the field.

"Paranormal is a science in its infancy and we believe this magazine will explore and help foster this science in a way that few publications have been able to do in the past," said Grant Wilson, the Co-Founder of TAPS.

Jason Hawes, the Founder of TAPS, says the magazine will be open to viewers and readers' stories and observations but will not be limited to ghost stories. It will explore the realm of the paranormal proving or disproving many aspects.

Special Note: CPRI's Founder Bobbie Atristain will have an article in the new magazine.

Want your copy?

<http://www.the-atlantic-paranormal-society.com/paramag.htm>