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CPRI's Paranormal Conference in May



Bobbie is fritzing a "victim" at last year's conference.

CPRI will host our second paranormal conference on May 19th and 20th in Richmond, VA. We will be hosting lectures and paranormal

On Sunday afternoon we have options for you to choose from - either take a Demonology Class from the master himself, John Zaffis or try to connect with long lost loved ones in a gallery style reading with Spirit Medium Mary Beth Wrenn. 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.

For more info please visit <http://vaparormalconference.com>

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 GhostHunters Guide Book", Rosemary Ellen 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.

Special points of interest:

- CPRI Paranormal Conference in May
- John Zaffis to teach a Demonology Class in Richmond, VA
- The US Government Researched Mind Control
- CPRI Spotlights AI Tyas

Virginia Governor's Mansion Haunted?

Virginia's Governor's Mansion is the oldest governor's residence still being used for its original purpose.

For 194 years, it's been a bright spot in Capitol Square. It has housed dozens of governors and their families. But some believe Virginia's Executive Mansion also

houses the supernatural.

First Lady Anne Holton first lived in the mansion in the early 1970's. That is when her father Linwood was governor. More than 30 years later, the Kaine family is experiencing unexplained mischief. Holton's two-year-old nephew knows he saw

someone on a stairwell while visiting for Thanksgiving.

In a home nearly 200-years-old, creaks and moans are expected. But Holton chooses to believe the more mysterious explanations.



CPRI Spotlight: Al Tyas

Al Tyas founded DC Metro Area Ghostwatchers (DCMAG) in the spring of 2002. Prior to that he served as a key member of the Virginia Ghosts and Hauntings Research Society. He was a member of the VGHRs for two years until he and some experienced Washingtonians determined the DC Metro area needed a group that focused in and around the Beltway.

Ghosthunting Qualifications:

* Was personally trained by Bobbie Atristain of the VGHRs, and Keith Johnson, founder of The NEAR Foundation, on non-human entities, then received hands-on training in Ireland under the guidance of specialist Barry Fitzgerald.

* Participated and coordinated over 80 investigations

in the last four years including battlefields, taverns, offices, museums, historical homes and private residences, but no cemeteries.

*Honorary TAPS member for exceptional contribution, and one of the first groups to join the TAPS Family.

To learn more about Al please visit his website @ <http://dchauntings.com>.



Al Tyas posing for the camera.

DEMONOLOGY CLASS by John Zaffis

"In this class you will learn how to protect your clients and yourself from a negative entity."

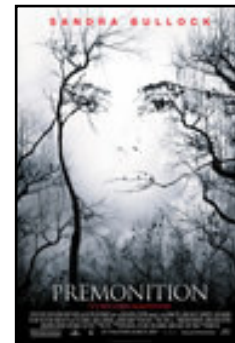
At the conclusion of this year's paranormal conference in May 19th and 20th in Richmond, VA John Zaffis, world renowned demonologist will conduct a Demonology

101 class for conference attendees. The fee for this 2 hour long class will be \$25.00. In this class you will learn how to discern negative entities and how to protect yourself and

your client from them. This is a rare opportunity for you to learn from the master himself. **To learn more about John please visit vaparormalconference.com.**

Movie: PREMONITION

Linda Hanson (Sandra Bullock) has a beautiful house, a loving husband and two adorable daughters. Her life is perfect, until the day she receives the devastating news that her husband Jim (Julian McMahon) has died in a car accident. When she wakes up the next morning to find him alive and well, she assumes it was all a dream, but is shaken by how vivid it felt. She soon realizes it wasn't a dream, and her world is turned upside down as the surreal circumstances lead her to discover that her perfect life may not have been all that it appeared. Desperate to save her family, Linda begins a furious race against time and fate to try and preserve everything that she and Jim have built together.



Premonition opens on March 16th 2007.

Haunted Mystery Room Found in 1850 Mansion



You could have a chance to check out the mystery room in PA.

Phoenixville, Pennsylvania, has a haunted history, but one building is particularly interesting - the Mansion House on Bridge Street. The Mansion House, which was licensed as an inn back in 1850 and has housed some interesting guests, like the Sundance Kid. In addition to being a possible stop on the Underground Railroad, the Mansion House was a departure place for local soldiers who were going to Gettysburg during the Civil War. Inside the building are two mystery rooms that were discovered sealed after fire caused severe damage to the building in 2003. They have been sealed for so long they don't even have electricity. When the post-fire renovations were taking place, construction workers were fixing two bathrooms that were side-by-side. Breaking through one of the walls to renovate, they discovered these rooms that, oddly enough, appeared to have been damaged by a long-ago fire. Although the contents of the room were covered in dust, strangely there were no cobwebs. Shortly after the restaurant closed down to rehab from the fire, workmen began reporting other strange, more paranormal activities, and some even refused to come back. "When we were refinishing, things started flying off the shelves," the owner said. "And one guy said he felt something on his head, like someone was stroking his head." Workers also reported strange scents in a second-floor room. "The room would smell like perfume or cinammon when the rest of the building smelled like smoke," the owner said. "The front door was opening. It sounded like people were coming in but there's nobody ever there."

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Death of Rhea A. White

With sadness, I report that prominent parapsychologist Rhea A. White passed away this last Saturday. She was 75-years-old. Rhea was born in 1931 and became interested in parapsychology after a near-death-experience when she was in college. She served as secretary,

council member, and eventually president of the Parapsychological Association. Among her many achievements was the creation of the Psi-Line Database system, which was the first computerized database of the literature on psychical research and parapsychology. In recent

years she founded the Exceptional Human Experience Network as a way to explore paranormal phenomena on its own terms, instead of in a laboratory where much of parapsychological work takes place.

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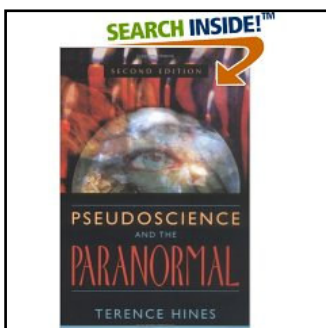
Pseudoscience and the Paranormal

Author: Terence Hines

Popular culture fills the mind with a steady diet of fantasy, from tales of UFO landings and alien abductions, haunted houses, and communication with the dead to claims of miraculous cures by spiritual healers and breakthrough treatments in "alternative" medicine. The paranormal--and the pseudoscience that attempts to validate it--is so ubiquitous that many people lose sight of the distinction between the real and the imaginary, and some never learn to make the distinction in the first place.

In this updated and expanded edition of PSEUDOSCIENCE AND THE PARANORMAL, the most comprehensive and up-to-date work of its kind, psychologist and neuroscientist Terence Hines explores the question of evidence for the paranormal and delves beyond it to one that is even more puzzling: Why do people continue to believe in the reality of the supernatural despite overwhelming evidence that it does not exist?

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Hours of boredom,
seconds of panic.



The Center for Paranormal Research and Investigation, INC. 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.



US Government Researches Mind Control

A man who claims to be targeted by a U.S. Government experiment to test mind-control is speaking out in an article by the Washington Post. According to the article, an academic paper written for the Air Force in the mid-1990s mentions the idea of a weapon that would use sound waves to send words into a person's head. "The signal can be a 'message from God' that can warn the enemy of impending doom, or encourage the enemy to surrender," the author concluded. In 2002, the Air Force Research Laboratory patented precisely such a technology: using microwaves to send words into someone's head. That work is frequently cited on mind-control websites. In response to a

Freedom of Information Act request filed for the Washington Post article, the Air Force released unclassified documents surrounding that patent - records that note that the patent was based on human experimentation in October 1994 at the Air Force lab, where scientists were able to transmit phrases into the heads of human subjects. Research appeared to continue at least through 2002. Where this work has gone since is unclear - the research laboratory, citing classification, refused to discuss it or release other materials. And they say the similar paranormal ability of telepathy doesn't exist.

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