



CPRI September Newsletter

The Center for Paranormal Research and Investigation

The Exorcism of Emily Rose in theatres September 9th

This movie is based on the life of a German girl named Anneliese Michel. The exorcism took place in the 1970s culminating in her death in 1976.

In an extremely rare decision, the Catholic Church officially recognized the demonic possession of a 19 year-old college freshman. Told in terrifying flashbacks, "The Exorcism of Emily Rose" chronicles the haunting trial of the priest accused of negli-

gence resulting in the death of the young girl believed to be possessed. Inspired by true events, the film stars Laura Linney as the lawyer who takes on the task of defending the priest (Tom Wilkinson) who performed the controversial exorcism.

For more info including the film's trailer please visit <http://www.sonypictures.com/movies/theexorcismofemilyrose>



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CPRI Featured at the Chesterfield Historical Society's Spirit Walk

CPRI has been invited back to the Annual Spirit Walk hosted by the Chesterfield Historical Society on October 28th and 29th at Historic Castlewood in

Chesterfield county right off of Iron Bridge Rd (or Rte 10). This year's spirit walk will feature not only CPRI but LB Taylor, Jr. who will be present on the

29th to conduct a book signing. If you live in the Richmond area you don't want to miss this event. **Please visit www.chesterfieldhistory.com for more info.**

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Special points of interest:

- CPRI will be presenters for Chesterfield County's Historical Society Spirit Walk in October.
- CPRI is still working with Fangoria to film more episodes of its show entitled "Ghost Stories and EVP"
- Kolchak: The Night Stalker Returns to primetime TV

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Psychic Cruises Now Offered in Naples Florida

By LINDA GORDON for Naples News

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Holding out a shaking hand, the visitor from Tupelo, Miss., couldn't wait to discuss her first-ever psychic experience.

"I'm in shock — absolutely in shock! Look, I had to buy a drink to help me calm down," exclaimed Lindsay Jones-Jackman, pointing to the bloody mary on the table in front of her.

"These people made a believer out of me. Somehow, they knew things about my past that gave me goosebumps. How can they do that?" she said, speaking rapidly and nervously twirling strands of her long, auburn hair.

"This is just so strange," she confided. "I didn't even want to be here, but I'm staying with friends in Naples and they thought it would be fun. Well, it's been fun, yes. But enlightening and mind-boggling is more like it."

The speaker, who described herself as "a normally cool, calm and collected person," was discussing Saturday's cruise aboard the Naples Princess. The event, which is sold as a "psychic cruise," was held in collaboration with the Creative Awareness Center in Bonita Springs, a metaphysical and healing center that offers services such as hypnosis, past life regression, intuitive guidance and channeling. About a dozen psychics, aromatherapy and reflexology experts, tarot and runes card readers and even an animal communicator were on

board to offer their services at \$20 for 15-minute sessions. Buzzers indicated start and finish times, creating a kind of musical chairs for adults.



Sandi McComb, a psychic gives a reading during the cruise

GHOSTS AND LIMINALITY: A BRIEF INTRODUCTION

By George P. Hansen

Ghosts are odd. Are they alive? Or are they dead? Are they fact? Or are they fiction? Are they natural? or supernatural? hallucinations? or real? These questions are not new. They've been asked for thousands of years, yet they remain unresolved. Ghosts are inherently ambiguous. So how can we understand them?

Anthropologists' concept of liminality may help because it addresses phenomena that are ambiguous and paradoxical. The word liminal comes from limen, meaning threshold, and liminality refers to the condition of being betwixt and between. This concept is not well known, and it's

likely to be foreign to nearly all persons involved with parapsychology or ghost research. Nevertheless, this anthropological theory has innumerable implications for paranormal fields.1

Liminality applies to change, transition, and transformation--conditions that are conducive to psi phenomena. For instance, poltergeist effects tend to occur around someone in puberty. A person at that stage in life is neither a child nor an adult, but rather is betwixt and between those roles. Death is another transition, and people are more likely to experience psychic phenomena near the death of someone they know than during more normal periods. Every culture has rituals surrounding death; it is a major rite of passage. In

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fact, analyses of rites of passage led to the concept of liminality.

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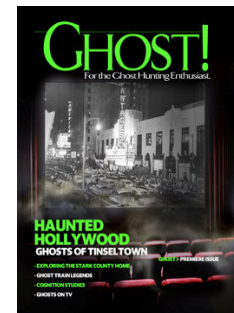
<http://www.tricksterbook.com/ArticlesOnline/GhostsAndLiminality.html>

New Print Edition of Ghost! Mag on News Stands Now

The second print edition for Ghost! Magazine for 2005 is now on its way to your mailbox or you can pick one up on news stands. This edition's theme is Hollywood and the paranormal. It features such articles as Haunted Hollywood, the Lincoln Ghost Train and The Ghosts of

Gettysburg. It also has an exclusive interview conducted by CPRI's Bobbie Atristain with T.A.P.S co-founder Grant Wilson about Ghost Hunting and of course their hit show on SciFi "Ghost Hunters".

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New print edition of Ghost! Magazine





Why Revelations Have Occurred on Mountains

The fundamental revelations to the founders of the three monotheistic religions, among many other revelation experiences, had occurred on a mountain. These three revelation experiences share many phenomenological components like feeling and hearing a presence, seeing a figure, seeing lights, and feeling of fear. In addition, similar experiences have been reported by non-mystic contemporary mountaineers. The similarities between these revelations on mountains and their appearance in contemporary mountaineers suggest that exposure to altitude might affect functional and neural mechanisms,

thus facilitating the experience of a revelation. Different functions relying on brain areas such as the temporo-parietal junction and the prefrontal cortex have been suggested to be altered in altitude. Moreover, acute and chronic hypoxia significantly affect the temporo-parietal junction and the prefrontal cortex and both areas have also been linked to altered own body perceptions and mystical experiences. Prolonged stay at high altitudes, especially in social deprivation, may also lead to prefrontal lobe dysfunctions such as low resistance to stress and loss of inhibition. Based on these phenome-

nological, functional, and neural findings we suggest that exposure to altitudes might contribute to the induction of revelation experiences and might further our understanding of the mountain metaphor in religion.



Revelations and mountains seem to go hand in hand—now science takes a hard look as to why

The Night Stalker Returns to TV in the Fall

The 1970s cult classic “The Night Stalker” will return to Primetime on ABC starting this fall. This was the original “X-Files” and had a huge following even if the “monsters” were cheesy.

Crime reporter Carl Kolchak is partnered with Perri Reed at The Beacon, a Los Angeles newspaper. Together they investigate a string of strange murders...all of which may be related to the death of Kolchak's wife 18 months earlier in a similarly bizarre manner. A murder that the FBI consider Kolchak the primary suspect.

As of 5/17/05, ABC has announced that the remake of the 1970s cult series Kolchak: The Night Stalker which starred Darren McGavin, is part of their fall schedule. The project, which is set up at Touchstone Television, is the result of Spotnitz's overall deal at the studio. "Stalker" revolves around a hard-boiled journalist, Carl Kolchak, and his investigations into freakish occurrences.

Premieres on September 29th, 2005 at 9:00 pm on ABC (check your local listings).

Visit the site: <http://abc.go.com/primetime/schedule/2005-06/thenightstalker.html>



Scientific Survey About Out of Body Experiences

University of Manchester psychologists are launching a study on out-of-body experiences. People who claim to have had an OBE, and those who haven't, are invited to complete an online survey. From the press release:

David Wilde, the researcher running the project, said, "There are several theories as to why people have OBEs. A common link between them is the idea that in certain circumstances the brain somehow loses touch with sensory information coming in from the body.

This triggers a series of psychological mechanisms which can lead to someone having an OBE.

"In this study we aim to take the theory a stage further, by looking at the way people see and experience their bodies, and how - through perfectly ordinary psychological processes - these images and experiences may create the impression of seeing their bodies from the outside."



Many O.B.E.s occur when people narrowly escape death.



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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.

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The Mysterious Howl in Ohio

JEFFERSON TWP., MONTGOMERY COUNTY Ohio | Those who have heard the Jefferson Twp. howl are certain: Whatever is making that noise is not human.

But after John Dinon, director of animal conservation programs for the Cincinnati Zoo, listened to a tape of those howls for the Dayton Daily News, he is equally sure: It most certainly is human.

"I can't identify it as any animal that I have ever heard in my life," Dinon said. "I believe it is a human being, because that's what it sounds like to me."

Only two animals found in this area howl: dogs and coyotes. And the tape is neither, said Dinon, who has been in the zoo business



What's howling in Ohio?

for 20 years, holds a bachelor's degree in animal science from Michigan State University and has been with the Cincinnati Zoo for 31/2 years.

Dinon said a colleague believes the tape sounds like a download from a Bigfoot Web site.

"It could be that Bigfoot is in Dayton," Dinon said. "I'm skeptical."

The debate about the sounds recorded on the tape, which is on www.daytondailynews.com, continues to rage. Animal experts and Miami Valley residents are divided about what could be making the noise.

The tape was recorded by a Jefferson Twp. resident and given to the Dayton Daily News by Rob and Mary Seiter, neighbors of the resident. They also reported hearing the howls many times during the summer, and said the tape represents what they heard.

Mary Seiter said she has no doubt that the tape is real, made from her neighbor's handheld recorder, and not downloaded from the Internet. Those howls went on for weeks, Mary Seiter said Friday.

"There's no human with that much dedication," she said.

