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October is the Month for Ghosts, Goblins and things that go bump in the night.
So let's have some fun and learn more about the "Spirit World"



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*Christine B. writes about subjects most people don't normally enjoy thinking about, yet ponder, just the same. Presenting a "what if" slant in her poetry and novels, her works suggest alternative answers to some of life's most intriguing questions, while guiding readers off the beaten path into paranormally "Dangerous Terrain." Christine owns El Dorado Paranormal Investigations. She creates a monthly newsletter, "Paranormal Musings," which delves into paranormal subjects and educates the public that "Paranormal is Normal." KFOK LP FM sponsors Christine with her program, "World of the Paranormal." The show has guests and takes phone calls and airs on Saturdays from 1 pm to 2 pm PST. Her novels include: The Afterlife of Charlotte Browning (won Best General Fiction and Best Media Package of 2008 from the Northern California Publishers and Authors) and From The Stones, plus The Coming 12/21/2010". She has also written a collection of her poetry and photographs, Through My Eyes. Christine can be reached via her web site: <http://edparanormal.com> which has been named one of the most informative paranormal sites on the web.

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HAUNTED VEGAS TOUR

This spirited and spooky ghost tour will take you to the haunting grounds of Bugsy Siegel, Liberace, Redd Foxx and Elvis. Robert Allen, creator of Haunted Vegas Tours now makes it possible to visit such eerie sites by offering a guided Tour and Show, featuring Sin City's Darkest Ghostly Secrets.

According to Allen, who consulted with Tim Cridland, a paranormal historian and Janice Oberding, author of the book "Haunted Nevada," there are more than 21 places where paranormal activity has been documented in Las Vegas. The tour covers such sites as the "Motel of Death," where numerous celebrity deaths have occurred and the former home of a Las Vegas legend where his ghost continues to haunt despite numerous attempts to exorcise it.

Includes admission to the hit show "Haunted Vegas" at the Greek Isles Hotel & Casino.

Producer Robert Allen is proud to bring the show "Haunted Vegas" to the Las Vegas Strip. Hailed as Las Vegas' only Late Night Paranormal Show. "Haunted Vegas" is the brainchild of Allen who has had the concept for over 7 years. Inspired by séances, haunted houses and ghost movies. Contact Tina at : Tina@HauntedToursUSA.com . General Admission is \$56.25 per person.

If you are looking for something different the "Haunted Vegas Show" offers a supernatural alternative to the neon side of sin city. Tickets to Haunted Vegas Tours may be purchased online at: VegasExplorers.com or our Toll Free Ticket Broker at: **(866) 218-4935**

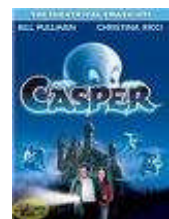
The Most Famous Friendly Ghost, Casper Mc Fadden



Casper was created in the late 1930s by New York City native Seymour Reit and Joe Oriolo, the former devising the idea for the character and the latter providing illustrations. Intended initially as the basis for a 1939 children's storybook, there was at first little interest in their idea. When Reit was away on military service during the Second World

War before the book was released, Oriolo sold the rights to the book to Paramount Pictures Famous Studios animation division.

The Casper character is all in good fun; and finally, Hollywood depicting a ghost that doesn't try to scare anyone to death! But did you know that the house that Caster is supposed to haunt is a real place? The 1995 move, "Casper" used Whipstaff Manor as their inspiration for the Hollywood set that Casper and his nasty uncles haunted. Not only is Whipstaff a real place, but it has a real little boy ghost.



Whipstaff is a small estate located on a small bluff, located north of Friendship, Maine where it overlooks the Atlantic coast. It can be seen from Route 131, which winds along the rocky New England coast.

Halloween newspapers going back to 1949 have described a paranormal textbook's worth of material with new stories being created or adapted at least once every few months. Individuals have seen flitting shapes of white objects passing in the darkened windows. Several witnesses ranging from eight to nineteen have described seeing a ghostly young boy sitting forlornly on the front steps who vanishes when people approach. Several college students in 1958 trespassing in the house heard raucous screams of laughter from the upstairs. These howls have been heard as far away as town.

The Friendship Historical Society has kept a journal on Whipstaff's history and encourages anyone with ghost stories to share them. Appearances of the boy go back several years. Witnesses say the young boy always looks desperately forlorn until someone tries to help him. A former psychologist now owns Whipstaff and runs the Harvey Paranormal Research Society from within the house. His daughter (Not Christina Richie) has seen the young boy running through the house. He moves things, laughs from empty rooms and generally makes his presence known.

History of the Jack-o-Lantern. People have been making jack-o-lanterns at Halloween for centuries. The practice originated from an Irish myth about a man nicknamed "Stingy Jack." According to the story, Stingy Jack invited the Devil to have a drink with him.

True to his name, Stingy Jack didn't want to pay for his drink, he so he convinced the Devil to turn himself into a coin that Jack could use to buy their drinks. Once the Devil did so, Jack decided to keep the money and put it into his pocket next to a silver cross, which prevented the Devil from changing back into his original form. Jack eventually freed the Devil, under the condition that he would not bother Jack for one year and that, should Jack die, he would not claim his soul. The next year, Jack again tricked the Devil into climbing into a tree to pick a piece of fruit. While he was up in the tree, Jack carved a sign of the cross into the tree's bark so that the Devil could not come down until the Devil promised Jack not to bother him for ten more years.

Soon after, Jack died. As the legend goes, God would not allow such an unsavory figure into heaven. The Devil, upset by the trick Jack had played on him and keeping his word not to claim his soul, would not allow Jack into hell. He sent Jack off into the dark night with only a burning coal to light his way. Jack put the coal into a carved out turnip and has been roaming the Earth with it ever since. The Irish began to refer to this ghostly figure as "Jack of the Lantern," and then, simply "Jack O'Lantern."



HARRY HOUDINI IS REMEMBERED EVERY HALLOWEEN

Harry Houdini, the world's most famous magician and escape artist, died on Halloween in 1926. Years after his death, people from all over the world still attempt to contact his spirit—and most often they do this on Halloween, the anniversary of his death.

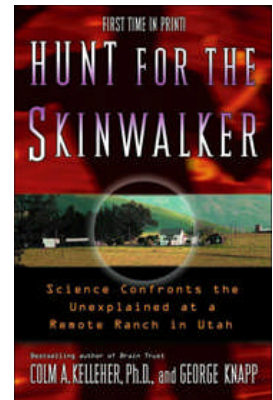
The tradition began with his beloved wife, Bess. During the last years of his life, Houdini became obsessed with attempting to contact the spirit of his mother after her death in 1913. Continued failure convinced the magician that spiritualism was a hoax. Unable to give up on it however, he and Bess purposed a plan to prove or disprove existence after death one way or the other. They shared a message that would be sent from whichever of them passed first to the remaining spouse. The message would be in code and the code would spell out, "Rosabelle, Believe." "Roseabelle" was the name of the song that Bess sang on the night the couple met.

For ten years Bess kept up the tradition of attempting to contact the spirit of her beloved husband. After she gave up, many others continued the ritual, long after Bess's own passing. Since everyone now knows the code, we can't be sure any message received would be from the great Houdini.

Famous Haunted Places

Skinwalker Ranch- Utah

Skinwalker Ranch is a ranch reputedly located in the Uintah Basin of Utah; it is allegedly the site of a series of paranormal activities. A precise site has never been publicly confirmed but the ranch is supposed to cover 480 acres relatively near to the Utah cities of Roosevelt and Vernal. Its name is a play on George Lucas' Skywalker Ranch, and comes from the "Skinwalker", a supernatural being in Ute folklore.



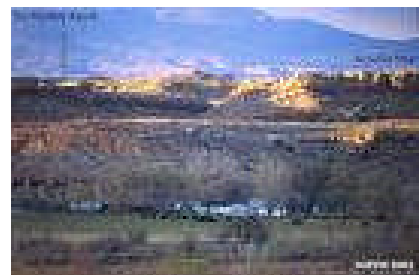
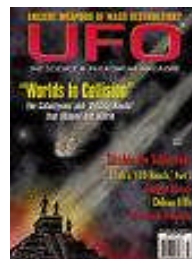
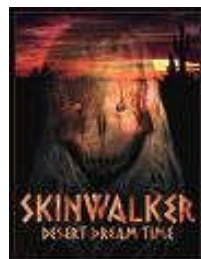
In the mid 90s, a cattle ranching family moved to an isolated ranch. Much to their dismay, however, the family discovered that they would not be leading the isolated quiet life they expected. They were soon barraged by unrelated and unexplainable events. Frustrated by their inability to control the forces invading their lives, the family sold the ranch to Las Vegas billionaire, Robert T. Bigelow. Bigelow funded a team of senior research scientists to investigate the phenomena there. The accounts of encounters with flying objects, mutilated cattle, disembodied voices, teleported objects, strange lights and invincible creatures read like a catalog of the weird. Unusual or unidentified aircraft, balls of light, poltergeist activity, cattle mutilation, and strange creatures have been reported. In February 2006 George Knapp declared on the Coast to Coast AM radio show that the strange phenomena had started up again. He also stated that security measures were being used to guard the premises, and that anyone trespassing would be prosecuted.

A government sponsored paranormal group based in Las Vegas called the NIDS (National Investigative of Discovery of Science) investigated the area, as well. NIDS bought the property and began an unprecedented scientific study. Observation posts were built. Video cameras were installed and operated. Scientific personnel and former lawmen were on the property 24-7 for 8 straight years. Dr. Colm Kelleher headed up the NIDS study. Chapter 14 in Kelleher and Knapp's book "Hunt for the Skinwalker" asserts that after numerous interviews with neighbors to the Gorman ranch, many spoke of unusual experiences to NIDS researchers. They also claim local Ute Indians have a history of encounters with unusual objects and creatures. The Indians call this the area where the Skinwalker (an evil force) resides and stay clear.

Paranormal investigator and author, Paul Dale Roberts, from H.P.I. Haunted and Paranormal Investigations International will be taking a crew to investigate the ranch this month. I will share his report upon his return. Paul will be talking about this investigation and others he has experienced on my **World of the Paranormal** radio program on Saturday, October 4th at 1 pm. To listen, go to the KFOK LP FM web site and click on the "Click her to listen" link, or, if you happen to live in the Georgetown area, tune in to KFOK at 95.1



Skinwalker By Craig Dylke





Ghost Ships

Throughout history there have been many stories of unexplained phenomena involving ships that sail the seas. Surprisingly, not all of them have been reported within the Bramuda Triangle. Here are some of the most famous stories. Are they legend, or truth? No one knows for sure.

- 1) 1775: The *Octavius*, an English trading ship returning from China, was found drifting off the coast of Greenland. The captain's log indicated that the ship had attempted the Northwest Passage, which had never been successfully traversed. The ship and the bodies of her frozen crew apparently completed the passage after drifting amongst the pack ice for **13 years**.
- 2) 1872: The *Mary Celeste*, perhaps the most historically famous derelict, was found abandoned between Portugal (mainland) and Portugal's Azores archipelago. It was devoid of all crew, but largely intact and under sail, heading toward the Strait of Gibraltar. While Arthur Conan Doyle's story "J. Habakuk Jephson's Statement" based on this ship added some strange phenomena to the tale (such as that the tea found in the mess hall was still hot), the fact remained that the last log entry was 11 days prior to the discovery of the ship.
- 3) 1907: The Russian freighter *Ivan Vassili* is purported to have picked up a spirit in Zanzibar, which led to the suicides of nine crew members, including two captains. The ship was ultimately burned to eradicate the ghost.
- 4) 1921: The *Carroll A. Deering*, a five-masted cargo schooner, was found stranded on a beach on Diamond Shoals, North Carolina. The ship's final voyage had been the subject of much debate and controversy, and was investigated by six Departments of the US government, largely because it was one of dozens of ships that sank or went missing within a relatively short period of time. While paranormal explanations have been advanced, the theories of mutiny or piracy are considered much more likely.
- 5) The *Flying Dutchman*, according to folklore, is a ghost ship that can never go home, and is doomed to sail the oceans forever. The *Flying Dutchman* is usually spotted from afar, sometimes seen to be glowing with ghostly light. It is said that if she is hailed by another ship, her crew will often try to send messages to land or to people long since dead. In ocean lore, the sight of this phantom ship is reckoned by seafarers to be a portent of doom. (If you don't believe me, ask Captain Jack Sparrow!)
- 6) 1738: The *Palatine* can still be seen off the coast of Block Island, Rhode Island. It is said to be part of a curse put on the island and its residents after they purposely caused the wreck of the ship in order to steal its cargo. There were few survivors of the *Palatine's* demise. Among them, however, was Dutch woman who claimed she was a witch. She is said to have put a curse on Block Island and that the islanders would suffer the sight of *Palatine* in flames off its shore, rather than the idyllic view of the ocean. It seems her curse has remained through the years. Many islanders now see a bizarre light off the shore of Sandy Point. It resembles a ship on fire, slowly sailing off shore. Others have said that closer to the anniversary of the tragedy that the sounds and sight of the *Palatine* are much closer to shore. Others have stated that they have heard the sounds of crying near a sign that simply reads, "Palatine Graves -- 1738."



ANNOUNCEMENTS



World of the Paranormal with Christine B.

KFOK LP FM at 95.1 or go to the KFOK web site and stream the show via the Internet at: <http://www.kfok.org/> and click on "Click here to listen" at 1 pm PDT.

October Show Schedule: (1:00 – 2:00 pm)

October 4th – Paul Dale Roberts, of H.P.I. Haunted and Paranormal Investigations

International will be doing a phone interview with us. Paul has written hundreds of articles on the paranormal. He'll be talking about his many paranormal investigations and what his crew plans to discover at the Skinwalker Ranch.

Check out Paul's web site at:

<http://www.ghostsandstories.com/paul.html>



Paul Dale Roberts

October 18th – Larry Grosjean will join us again to discuss his meditation seminars and the power of crystals. Larry has had many meditation adventures and will share some of the techniques he teaches at his seminars.

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Rod Serling



The Mysterious Mind of Rod Serling

What forces contributed to the creation of the mind of one of the greatest author of paranormal stories who ever lived? Was it his experiences in World War II where he witnessed his best friend crushed by a create that was dropped out of the sky from a supply plane? Was it the wounds he himself sustained for which he was awarded the Purple Heart and Bronze Star? Was it the reoccurring nightmares and flashbacks that haunted him for years after returning home? Was it his successful boxing career? Whatever it was, the world is grateful for the experiences that were the basis of the prolific writings of Rod Serling. We had him for only 50 short years, but his stories will live on as classics.

Along with this 92 screenplays for The Twilight Zone television series, Serling wrote a number of short stories in the science fiction and horror genres, which were collected into three volumes of *Twilight Zone* stories (1960, 1961, 1962), two of *Night Gallery* stories (1971, 1972) and a collection of three novellas, *The Season to be Wary* (1968). Serling also released a collection of teleplays, *Patterns*, in 1957. The collection included the teleplays for "Patterns," "The Rack," "Old MacDonald Had a Curve," and "Requiem For a Heavyweight".