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INTEREST:

- CPRI will be @ the Chesterfield Historical Society's Spirit Walk again this year and will have the brain fritzer in tow.
- All of the local Halloween happenings for the state of VA are posted @ [virginiaghosts.com](http://virginiaghosts.com)

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## Bobbie Atristain Publishes First Book

**Bobbie Atristain sets out to discuss her six years of research involving the paranormal in and around the state of Virginia dealing with "haunted people".**

**RICHMOND, VA**—25 September 2006— Bobbie Atristain discusses her six years of paranormal research in Virginia and surrounding states in *Haunted People, Haunted Minds*. This book contains real life accounts of the paranormal.

*Haunted People, Haunted Minds* is a foray into the paranormal. Throughout my six years of research with CPRI I've discovered that people are more haunted than places. It is very rare to find a place that is haunted by itself. Generally houses or places be-

come active after certain "haunted" people begin to inhabit them. During the



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course of 2004 I conducted a survey of "haunted people". About 100 people responded to the questionnaire that asked such questions as to how old they

were when they had their first paranormal experience and if they had also had UFO experiences in addition to ghosts phenomena. I found that nearly all of the respondents had childhood paranormal experiences. However only a small percentage had different types of paranormal experiences such as alien abduction or seeing angels. There were also a disproportionate number of females who felt they were haunted – females responding the survey were 4 to 1. As for questions regarding childhood sexual abuse and trauma the number was at about 25% had experienced those things during childhood. My research in regards to *Haunted People* will continue because I find it to be a most fascinating topic.

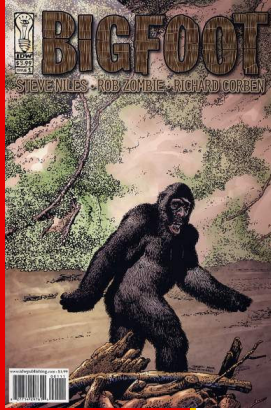
## Tour a REAL Haunted House

The owners of "The Chesapeake House" in Chesapeake Virginia will open its doors for small groups to tour their haunted, private residence near the Halloween Season. This house has been featured on the Montel Williams show, and in LB Taylor's series **THE GHOSTS OF VIRGINIA**. To protect her privacy, the owner has asked CPRI to manage

requests for tours that are generated from the CPRI website. This opportunity is by appointment only. The ghosts of the house are historically very active during the Halloween season. Please refer to the entry **CHESAPEAKE HOUSE** under the Eastern Virginia Tab for background information on the house. This is an actual haunted house, not an attrac-

tion. There is no fee to tour, however the owners use this opportunity to help the Food Bank of Tidewater before the Thanksgiving holidays. They accept donations in (check form only, any amount) to the food bank as an entrance fee. Please email Bobbie Atristain at [bobbie@virginiaghosts.com](mailto:bobbie@virginiaghosts.com) for more info.

## Bigfoot in Chesapeake, VA?



Is Bigfoot in Virginia?

Chesapeake, Virginia. (AP) - Those 7-foot, hairy, foul-smelling creatures are the same the world over, whether they're called Bigfoot, Yeti, a skunk ape or an abominable snowman, says Park Ranger Patrick Higgins. The stories from campers and visitors at the Northwest River Park, Chesapeake Parks and Recreation area, 1733 Indian Creek Road, near Chesapeake, Virginia seem to fit the general image.

"The descriptions of these things, they all match from all

over the world," said Higgins, who says he's had experience trying to spot Bigfoots in Florida. "They're 7 to 8 feet tall, fully haired with brownish hair, with a real foul odor, and leave large footprints. And they're harmless, very meek and timid," he said.

Sherry Davis told the Chesapeake Post recently she thought she was crazy when she spotted a Bigfoot running through the park's campground on June 9. It was hairy and about 7 feet tall, she said. It took her a while to decide to come forward with

the information. Higgins found no evidence of a bear. He has described the creature's smell as like that of "an uncovered septic tank," but when he checked out the one tank in the area, he saw no leaks and detected no odor. "Now, I'm not saying it is, but I'm not ruling it out that it isn't," Higgins said. "We need more information."

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**For more info on Bigfoot in VA please visit <http://virginiabigfootresearch.org>**

*"DeWitt will discuss how he first became involved in doing past-life regressions work...."*

## Rhine Research Center Presents

**Friday October 6, 7:30-9:00 pm: A Psychiatrist's Perspective and Use of Past-Life Regression, a talk by Michael DeWitt, M.D., a Board-certified psychiatrist,** who has been employing past-life regression therapy in his work since 1998. In this presentation Dr.

DeWitt will discuss how he first became involved in doing past-life regression work, will provide a general overview of the use of hypnosis in regression therapy, will discuss case examples, and related clinical and spiritual perspectives. Stedman Auditorium, Duke Center for Living Campus.

General Public \$20, Rhine members/seniors/students \$15.

## Book Review: Ghost Hunters

Ghost Hunters book cover available at [amazon.com](http://amazon.com)



**Ghost Hunters: William James and the Search for Scientific Proof of Life After Death**

In a compelling tale with resonance for today, Blum evokes a surprising sympathy

for her band of tough-minded intellectuals—among them philosophers, psychologists, even two future Nobelists—who, around the turn of the 20th century, pursued the paranormal in an attempt to bridge the gap between faith and science at a time when religion was besieged by the

theory of evolution and a new scientific outlook. Foremost in the Society for Psychical Research in America was the brilliant philosopher and psychologist William James, who like the others, risked his reputation in this unorthodox pursuit. history.

# Movie Review: *The Descent*

The movie starts off by introducing us to a tight-knit trio of friends: women who've known each other forever and who vacation together every year, each thrilling adventure topping the last. But this time, something unexpected happens.



The Descent poster

Something horrible. Cut to one year later, another vacation on the horizon. Sarah (Shauna MacDonald) had to be swayed after what happened the year before, but here she is. Her sorrowed psyche needs to heal and this extreme vacation seems to be as good a cure as any. The core three friends are joined by three others and, under the cocksure guidance of Juno (Natalie

Mendoza), a hardcore adrenaline junkie, the women get set to spelunk in an unexplored network of caves deep the in the Appalachian mountains.

When things start to go wrong – and they do, soon enough – it looks as though the ladies' descent into darkness will last forever.

*“You can try out the brain fritzer yourself at the Spirit Walk....”*

## CPRI featured @ the Chesterfield Historical Society Spirit Walk

You can meet and talk to CPRI investigator's at the Chesterfield Historical Society's Annual Spirit Walk. October 28th Historical Spirit Walk at Castlewood, Magnolia

Grange, and on the Courthouse Green. Visit from 3:00-8:00 p.m. Kids' games, pumpkin carving, reenactments, jury trial, "ghostbusters (aka CPRI)," story telling.

If you are in the area please come by and say hi—we'd love to meet you.

## Halloween Happenings in VA

Need some place scary to visit for Halloween? Then check out [http://viriniaghosts.com/halloween\\_events\\_2006.php](http://viriniaghosts.com/halloween_events_2006.php) or click on [viriniaghosts.com](http://viriniaghosts.com) and click on Trick or Treat to find out where the spooky places are for Halloween.

Virginia ranks at the top of the Haunted Places list from the Na-

tional Register of Haunted Locations, with nearly 70 spooky sites claiming paranormal happenings!

You can find a list of Halloween happenings in the Old Dominion - if you know of one that isn't listed on the page then please email appropriate listing information to [bobbie@viriniaghosts.com](mailto:bobbie@viriniaghosts.com)



It's that time of the year again!



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research & investigation**

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**Hours of boredom, seconds of panic!**

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.)



## The Undertaker's Home in Western VA

In the heart of the Appalachian mountains of Virginia stands a large renovated farm house that was built at the turn of the 20th century. Built of wormy chestnut, hickory and oak, this traditional two story farm house is a fine example of the workmanship that existed in 1900 Virginia. Maybe, that is the reason that the "other" former owners have not moved out, although their mortal existence has expired.

Having stood empty for two years after a former pilot, and his family, that owned the home took flight to escape this house, the house became the home for the present owner, her daughter and two grandchildren. Purchased by the present owner in 1985, the farm house under went a long

needed renovation. The house had once been a well known location in its area of Virginia due to the fact that it was the Undertaker's home. A workshop in a former barn that stood on the property served the former family business well as many caskets were made there. Not only did this business serve the surrounding area in its day, but it also served the for-



mer family's needs too many times. During a flu epidemic, the family lost five children. Another grown son disappeared on his way home after World War II. The last child to live in the house killed herself in the late 1970s by drinking lye. The present owner was informed of these details by the local population; many of whom will never set foot in the house.

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