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### **Beyond the Pale: The Albino Cannibals of Ghost Mountain - From Weird Pennsylvania**

Tales of strange people bonded together in self-policing communities are common throughout the States, and indeed, throughout the world. Pennsylvania is no exception. These communities can include anybody out of the ordinary, but the particular favorite candidates for such campfire scare stories are albinos. There's nothing like a lack of pigmentation to send the overactive imagination into a tailspin. Pale skin and pale blue or red eyes are the stuff of vampires, and indeed, some believe that the albino's discomfort with bright light may have led to many of the tales of night-walking bloodsuckers.

But if any communities of albinos do exist in the mountains of Pennsylvania, let's inject a sense of civility into the proceedings here. Driving around people's homes by night with the intention of disturbing them is a form of persecution. Let's treat these stories as what they are: good fun, and not a call to single out any group for unpleasant treatment.

#### ***Child-Stealing, Rock-Salt-Shooting, Circus-Escaping, Inbreeding Clan***

Every rural area in the country seems to be inhabited by a reclusive band of albinos. We here in Sellersville, PA, have our own. These cannibalistic, child-stealing, rock-salt-shooting, circus-escaping, inbreeding clan of albinos are said to live high up in the woods on Haycock Mountain and were the stuff of legend in my childhood. They're said to waylay unwary travelers and eat them. They supposedly sometimes raid local farms for livestock and leave gruesome evidence behind. Local police know of their existence and are scared to go up the mountain.

They live in a huge concrete house with no windows, and throw firecrackers at passing cars in the middle of the night. They hide in trees and drop down onto unsuspecting hikers, dragging them away to become dinner for the rest of the clan. They block back roads and perform unspeakable rites on moonlit nights. They cavort like fairies amongst the trees, frightening passers-by with their unnatural complexion. Sightings of them flitting from tree to tree and being mistaken for errant specters even supposedly gave one local road its name: Ghost Mountain Road.

My own investigations into this have turned up plenty of stories and supposed eye-witness accounts, with some proof in the form of rock-salt residue blasted into the cheap paint jobs of local high schoolers' Camaros. But, of the albinos themselves, not a trace. Although I did find two abandoned houses, one with all the bathtubs and sinks filled with a mixture of



mud, leaves, and what may once have been water. A search of local newspaper archives has revealed a depressing lack of corroborating evidence here. But hey, not all the news gets reported, y'know? –Amy McCormick There's a place we call Ghost Mountain [actually Haycock Mountain], near an old covered bridge where local legend has it that someone had hanged himself. It's also said that if you turn your car on and off three times, your car will cease to start. You can really get a sense of bad vibes around that area. There is a house near there where albinos live. The story with them is that if you dare go on their property they will chase you away with a shotgun in hand. A couple of my friends found this out to be true. –Melissa The Albino House... I never saw the actual albinos myself, but did see the house. It's pretty strange. You have to go down a dirt road and just before you reach a cool old-timey red covered bridge. On the way to the place down the bumpy dirt road are little doors in the side of a hill, strange tunnel complexes, hobbit holes and other freaky stuff. It turns out they are really root cellars, but who the hell knows what a root cellar is anymore? –Marko

There is a place where I like to take my friends to that are new to the "ghost" scene. It's called Ghost Mountain and it is in Bucks Co., past Palisades H.S. It's a pretty cool place. It's a dirt road and once you turn onto the road you see this in which sometimes you can see an elderly lady upstairs knitting. But the great thing about her is you can see right through her! Across the road from the house there is a wine cellar that goes into the side of the hill. Each of my friends have different stories of what they have seen when they've open it. The different stories are that they see a huge dark shadow standing right there when they open it, the shadow was sitting in a chair with his head down. There is the covered bridge. Go over the bridge, turn your car off, beep the horn three times, turn your headlights on and you are supposed to see a man hanging there. I've only seen it once. –Jenilee

## Wackiest ways dead bodies were disposed of — or not

By Thomas W. Laqueur / NY POST

In his new book, *“The Work of the Dead: A Cultural History of Mortal Remains”* (Princeton University Press) history professor Thomas W. Laqueur examines how different cultures handle the remains of their loved ones. He shares with *The Post* some of the funny, strange and touching things to do with the ashes of the dead.

- In rural Virginia, a hunter I knew told me that he and his buddies took some of the ashes of a dead friend, loaded them in the black powder shells that he had made and shot them into the forest air. The rest they put on a salt lick near their hunting cabin so that the ashes could be ingested by the deer they might kill and eat some time in the future.
- One woman told me that her grandmother’s ashes colored in the ink that she used for her tattoos.
- Another woman told me that she had divorced her former husband in large part because he was more interested in sex with himself than with her. She was with him when he died and has put his ashes next to a jar of Vaseline in her bathroom.
- The family of a professional photographer put his ashes into 35 mm film cartridges and buried these in the various places all over the world where he had worked.
- The wife — also his sister — of the fourth century BCE King Mausolus of Halicarnassus loved him so much that not only did she build him a great tomb — the first mausoleum and a wonder of the ancient world — but also ingested some of his ashes so that he would live within her.
- In 1832, Jeremy Bentham, the founder of Utilitarianism, gave his body to science and was, as he had wished, dissected in the company of his friends. They preserved his skeleton, which they dressed in his clothes.

Despite using techniques learned from the Maori they failed to preserve his head and so made a wax model, which they crowned with his real hair. University College London, which he had helped found, got this auto-icon in 1850. It still occasionally attends meetings.

- The first Tudor King, Henry VII, left £250 when he died in 1509, the equivalent of many millions today, to pay monks so they could pray for his soul in perpetuity. Less than 30 years later his son Henry VIII confiscated all such endowments and turned them to secular use.
- Karl Marx was exhumed in 1955 and moved from his obscure grave down the hill to the prominent site he now occupies. Foreign as it might seem to Marxist materialism, his tomb is surrounded by the graves of comrades. Archeologists coming upon it centuries from now might think they had discovered a holy site.
- Frederick the Great, who died in 1786, coined the phrase “a dog is a man’s best friend” and wanted to be buried with his greyhounds on the grounds of Sans Souci, his summer palace. His royal heirs thought this inappropriate, and his body was buried in Potsdam next to his hated father. Hitler made sure the coffin was safe by hiding it in a salt mine. Finally, in 2005, Frederick got his wish and now lies surrounded by his best friends.

- When the Unknown Warrior who was buried with great ceremony in Westminster Abbey on Nov. 11, 1920, no one thought it would become so politically and emotionally powerful. It was the first such shrine. Almost all countries now have one. A brigadier general walked blindfolded around the remains of four soldiers that had been exhumed from the mud and chose one. The others went back to where they had lain.

- Diogenes the Cynic, a contemporary of Plato and the man most famous for supposedly going around with a lantern looking for an honest man, asked to have his body tossed over the city walls to be eaten by the birds and the beast. Heraclitus, an earlier Greek philosopher, said that he thought that the best thing to do with dead bodies was to use them to fertilize the fields. No culture has ever followed their advice but advocates of eco-burial today come close.

## Time Slip in Rome - From Phantoms and Monsters

No date given – Rome, Italy

*Becky told Dave Schrader, who was hosting Coast To Coast about something bizarre that happened to her mother.*

“My mom had an experience in Rome once that we always thought of as a strange experience but however after listening to the show, I’m wondering if it’s some sort of time travel. We were in Rome on vacation when I was maybe 12 years old because of an unexpected train strike we only got to spend one day in Rome. Well, you can’t go to Rome and not see the Coliseum. My mom, dad, sister and our friends and I went on a tour. When you see the Coliseum, there are only a few places to walk. You can look down into all the different levels of the structure. The tour guide will tell, this is where the slaves were, this is where they kept the animals etc. And as we were walking through, I looked over at my mom she had turned sheet white. She was shaking and trembling. She asked to leave. And so we left the tour and went back to find a cold place to sit down. When we finally got mom to talk, she told us that she had been in a different time. She could smell the blood, the roar of the crowd, She said that none of us were with her. She could hear the screams of the slaves and the noises of the animals. She said she was overwhelmed by the smells and sounds and said she had to leave. Several years later we returned to Italy and the Coliseum but did not have the same experience. To this day, she still says that the event was too vivid to be a dream or part of her imagination. So, I don’t know, was she somehow transported into a different time or had a fleeting moment of psychic sensitivity?”

Source: Coast To Coast - August 30, 2014

*Comment: A very vivid and plausible ‘Time Slip’ experience, similar to the case first documented in one of Mark Nesbitt’s early GOG books, where a woman in Gettysburg College’s Pennsylvania Hall stepped out of the elevator to a basement scene from 1863 when the building housed a post-battle hospital. During a with Mark in late October, he told me that a third person who independently experienced this at the same building has come forth. - JDW*

## IMPORTANT NOTICE:

**MON. DEC 14**  
**IS THE NEXT SSP MEETING**  
**MON. MARCH 14, 2016**  
**IS OUR FIRST 2016 MEETING**  
**(NO MEETING IN JAN-FEB,**  
**OR JULY-AUG DURING 2016)**



### **CREEPY DEVIL DOLL**

Old footage showing a strange child-sized doll that can walk like a human has gone viral on the Internet.

Believed to have been recorded around 40 years ago, the video demonstrates an eerily life-like toy that is thought to have been originally designed to help teach young girls how to walk.

With its strangely realistic movements and large black eyes, the creepy contraption was filmed in Saltillo, Mexico and was part of a series of toys known as 'Lily Lady'.

The footage has since gone on to clock up over two million views on social media.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oCiw1hxeeck>

## **MORE CREEPY DOLLS**

*Last month I asked readers about any particularly creepy dolls they may have owned or encountered. Ours include the infamous 'Tess', the Tea-Cozy yard sale find that spurred a chapter in Kelly's first book, and a weird Elf head cookie jar Kelly's mom had that always gave me the creeps!*



*OK, whats more disturbing: My short shorts (every guy wore them in the early 90s) or that sinister evil elf cookie jar? (Kelly's mom has a lot of creepy looking dolls or things such as this that are just heads) - JDW*



**ROBERT THE HAUNTED DOLL** was once owned by Key West painter and author Robert Eugene Otto. The doll is alleged to be possessed by spirits, and has a terrifying reputation. [6][7] Robert was the inspiration for Chucky, the doll in the 1988 horror film *Child's Play*. The doll, which is supposedly cursed,

has become a fixture of ghost tours in the Key West area since it was inducted into the Fort East Martello Museum. Robert resembles an early 20th-century American sailor. Contrary to popular belief, however, the doll's hair is not made of human hair, but rather, it consists of a synthetic material resembling wool yarn.





## ‘Must home sellers disclose that a home is haunted?’

By Eugene Volokh

*(Thanks to our ‘resident barrister’ Charlie for this one)*

One reported case we found comes from New York. In that proceeding, the “Plaintiff, to his horror, discovered that the house he had recently contracted to purchase was widely reputed to be possessed by poltergeists, reportedly seen by defendant seller and members of her family on numerous occasions over the last nine years.” *Stambovsky v. Ackley*, 169 A.D.2d 254, 255-56 (N.Y.A.D. 1991). In *Stambovsky*, the court noted the traditional rule that “with respect to real estate . . . the doctrine of caveat emptore . . . imposes no duty upon the vendor to disclose any information concerning the premises.”

However, the Defendant in *Stambovsky* “reported [the] presence [of poltergeists] in both a national publication (*Readers’ Digest*) and the local press (in 1977 and 1982, respectively)” and the home was included on a walking ghost tour in the community. In other words, the seller did disclose the presence of the poltergeists, but the disclosure was made to everyone except the buyer to whom she sold the home. As a result, the court found that the “defendant is estopped to deny [the poltergeists’] existence and, as a matter of law, the house is haunted.” The Court ultimately concluded that “[a]pplication of the remedy of rescission, within the bounds of the narrow exception to the doctrine of caveat emptor set forth herein, is entirely appropriate to relieve the unwitting purchaser from the consequences of a most unnatural bargain.”

Some states maintain statutes which generally dictate one’s duty to disclose murders or other ghastly crimes committed in a home. Florida’s statute provides that “[t]he fact that a property was, or was at any time suspected to have been, the site of a homicide, suicide, or death is not a material fact that must be disclosed in a real estate transaction.” Fla. Stat. Ann. § 689.25(b).

Massachusetts law provides that a buyer has no duty to disclose that a property has been “psychologically impacted,” meaning that there is no duty to disclose “that the real property was the site of a felony, suicide or homicide” or “that the real property has been the site of an alleged parapsychological or supernatural phenomenon,” among other things. Mass. Gen. Laws Ann. ch. 93, § 114 (b), (c).

California law only requires disclosure of an “occupant’s death upon the real property or the manner of death” if the death occurred in the three years prior to the sale, unless the buyer specifically asks. Cal. Civ. Code § 1710.2 (“Nothing in this section shall be construed to immunize an owner or his or her agent from making an intentional misrepresentation in response to a direct inquiry from a transferee or a prospective transferee of real property, concerning deaths on the real property.”). And sorry, kids, you can’t vandalize a home just because you believe it to be haunted. . . . *Hayward v. Carraway*, 180 So. 2d 758 (La. Ct. App. 1965).

*While reading this, it reminded me the house not far from ours where a murder-suicide took place during the 1990s was again on the market (and evidently sold). I’m certain this is at least the 3rd time it has been sold (possibly 4th) in only 20 years. What’s particularly interesting is that since the ‘for sale’ sign came down*

*we’ve seen roofers and other contractors doing work on the place; given what such renovations can stir up, I have to wonder if anything will happen here? (BTW, this last time it was on the market for close to a year, with several ‘price reduced’ additions affixed to the sign. Checked online and saw it sold for \$127K - a real good price for this house, even if a new roof were required) - JDW*

## GETTING YOUR DEMON ON

OK, now that we found out EXORCISM LIVE was not a sensationalized build up to view the exorcism of a demon from a person (kinda like making a family of car crash victims wait around a couple moths so JAWS OF LIFE LIVE could extract them) we know it was all about the HOUSE in MO where the kid who’s ‘real’ exorcism spurred the 70s horror classic. (Chip Coffey and the Wraith Chasers to the rescue... ) If this isn’t enough 666 for ya, read TV Guides description of D-America’s companion series:

### DEMON FILES

Hardened NYPD cop turned demonologist Ralph Sarchie battles evil at the source while investigating real-world cases of suspected diabolical activity.

Ralph Sarchie’s life is divided between two very different worlds. In one he’s a decorated sergeant for the NYPD who proudly protected and served his city for over 18 years. In the other he’s a highly regarded demonologist, helping real American families who fear they may be threatened by the demonic.

His book *Beware the Night* details how he uses his cop-hardened savvy to combat supernatural evil at every turn and served as the inspiration for the 2014 movie *Deliver Us from Evil*.

Now in THE DEMON FILES, Sarchie and his team travel across the country meeting with people apparently suffering from demonic activity. (Three Episodes) - From TV Guide

*Personally, I think the Demon Hunters need to enlist the services of these fellow D-America reality stars (below) - maybe one of Willy & Wild Bill’s classic traps (such as the giant bug zapper designed for Mothman) might work better on Demons! - JDW*



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