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Special Points of Interest

PIM offers scientific investigations of suspected paranormal activity in homes, businesses, and historic sites. We pride ourselves on providing confidential, professional services free of charge.

To have PIM conduct an investigation for you, contact Noah Leigh (Lead Investigator) through our website or by the phone number listed above.

We look forward to meeting you at a public event, investigating with you, or just hearing from you on Facebook or Twitter!

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Leap Day Facts

Everyone knows that the point of leap years is to help adjust our Gregorian calendar to the solar calendar, and make sure we celebrate solar events like the spring and autumn equinoxes with some regularity every year.

Well, have you ever heard of February 30th? You would if you were a Hobbit or a Swede. This rare date occurred in Sweden and Finland in 1712, when they added an extra Leap Day to February to help catch up their outdated Julian calendar with the Gregorian calendar. There is, however, one race of people who celebrates February 30th every year: Hobbits. So if you are or know any Hobbits or Swedes wish them a happy February 30th this Tuesday.

Here are some other crazy facts about February 29:

1. Queen Margaret of Scotland was apparently five years old when she came up with the notorious February 29 proposal trap.
2. If a man did refuse the proposal, he would be fined a kiss, a silk dress or twelve pairs of gloves.
3. Women either have to wear breeches or a scarlet petticoat to pop the question, according to tradition.
4. One in five engaged couples in Greece will plan to avoid getting married in a leap year. They believe it is bad luck.
5. People born on February 29 are called "leaplings" or "leapers". Do you know any "Leapers"?
6. The poet Lord Byron was born on a Leap Day.
7. So was the rapper Ja Rule.
8. The plot of Gilbert & Sullivan's Pirates of Penzance revolved around Frederic's discovery that, because he is a leapling, he must remain apprenticed to pirates and serve another 63 years before he can join Mabel, his one true love.
9. Anthony, Texas is the self-proclaimed "Leap Year Capital of the World". It holds a festival which includes a guided trip to Aztec Cave, "fun at the horse farm" and square dancing.
10. Parties are sometimes thrown to celebrate leap days. There is no special leap day food but if there was, it would probably be frog's legs.
12. Matthew Goode, the British film star who acted in the film Leap Year, said he knew the movie would be remembered as the "worst film of 2011" but wanted to be "close to home and able to visit his girlfriend and newborn daughter." (Maybe Chris should review this movie next month?)
13. February 29 also marks Rare Disease Day.
14. Today you are working for free if you're on a fixed annual wage.
15. Astrologers believe people born on February 29 have unusual talents, such as the ability to burp the alphabet or paint like Picasso.
16. Mitsukuni "honey" Haninozuka, the manga and anime character born on a leap day, likes sweets, cake and stuffed toys. It is joked that, although he's 17, he's really six years old.
17. Hugh Hefner opened his first Playboy Club on February 29 1960.
18. The character Leap Day William who appeared in an episode of 30 Rock wears blue and yellow.
19. The French call leapfrog "saute-mouton", which translates literally as "leap sheep".
20. The frog is a symbol associated with February 29. The Australian rocket frog can leap over two meters.



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Upcoming Events

**April 8th-9th: Twisted
Dreams Film Festival**

**October 15th-16th: Milwau-
kee Paranormal Conference**

PIM Welcomes New PIM Member: Andy

Good day, my name is Andy Wendt. I served as a Deputy sheriff in Milwaukee County from April 2001 until December 2012, when my career was abruptly ended by a drunken driver. I am now retired on duty disability. I was introduced to PIM by one of the members, John Krahn. I got to know John through a non-profit organization he is a part of, WILEORC. As John observed some of my Facebook posts regarding paranormal places, he reached out and suggested I look into PIM if paranormal investigation interested me.

Well, lo and behold, I spent hours reading through reports, listening to and watching evidence on PIM's website. After all that reading, I decided to fill out an application because I was interested.

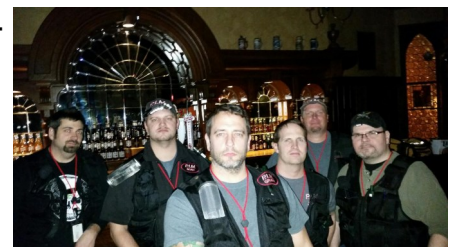
My reason for joining PIM is to help gain a better understanding of paranormal activity and the science that could cause these events. Also to try to determine if paranormal entities really exist and to use my skills of investigation to try to help people understand what may be going on.

So far I'm one investigation in and I don't want to quit. I am excited to see some more investigations coming down the line.

First Investigation of the 2016: Miller Caves

On February 19th PIM investigators Noah, Gravy, Jarod, Denys, Andy and Chris investigated the Miller Caves. This was PIM's second time investigating the caves. It was very exciting to be back!! Nothing major occurred during the investigation but evidence review is ongoing. A full report will be posted soon of the entire investigation and will report any finding on PIM's website under the Cases tab.

PIM is working on lining up several residential cases for clients that have reached out to us for help. The schedule is really starting to fill up so if you or anyone you know would like an investigation done for your home or business please contact us through our website at www.paranormalmilwaukee.com.



FIIM REVIEW BY: CHRISTOPHER K. HOUSE

THIS MONTH WE WILL REVIEW POLTERGEIST (1982)

Directed by - Tobe Hooper
Produced By - Stephen Spielberg
Written By - Stephen Spielberg, Michael Grais and Mark Victor

Having just joined PIM personally, I am new to the field of Paranormal Investigation but, I am not new to Hollywood's version of it. Poltergeist (1982) is possibly one of the biggest influences in modern day "Ghost Hunting" shows and the fascination with the paranormal. There had been plenty of films that dealt with the topic in the past but, not in the way Poltergeist did. The story tells the tale of a family newly relocated to a new sprawling suburb. The Freeling family leads a good life with father Steve (Craig T Nelson), mother Diane (JoBeth Williams) Son, Robbie (Oliver Robbins) oldest daughter, Dana (Domonique Dunne) and the youngest daughter and the focus of the film Carol Anne (Heather O'Rourke). Things start off calm and peaceful for the Freeling family until one night little Carol Anne starts talking to the static on the old tube television when the channel went off the air (remember those days?). Communicating with an unknown entity, the family soon realize something is wrong but are too late when Carol Anne is sucked into the gateway to the netherworld through the gateway in her closet door. Now, this is where the fun part for paranormal investigators comes in. Tangine played so effectively by Zelda Rubenstein would go on to be such an influential character, personally today I still use her catchphrase as noted on our last outing to Miller Caves where I proclaimed "These caves are cleaned".

Tangine and her crew work fast to help the Freelings save little Carol Anne and must solve the mystery of the haunting. Of course the answer is the suburb is built on an old cemetery where the construction crew took shortcuts and moved only the headstones.

The film has many memorable moments and is still to this day one of my top 10 scariest films ever. The film began its life as a project Steven Spielberg wanted to direct but, due to time constraints, another director had to be replaced in short order. Tobe Hooper, who was fresh and hot in the horror industry after making The Texas Chainsaw Massacre (1974) Salem's Lot (1979) and The Funhouse (1981) A rising star in the horror field, Hooper was picked to direct and Spielberg produced. What many people don't know is the miracle this film ever finished production with all the battles and fighting between Hooper and Spielberg. On-set was very tense and, at times it shows on the actor's faces, leading to more authenticity of discomfort and horror. Most famously was the scene in the bathroom where the Paranormal Investigator rips off his face. Spielberg himself had to be the one performing it so, those are his hands on scene, because he wasn't happy with Hooper's approach. At least, that's how the legend goes. Over the years, the film is said to have been plagued or "cursed" with Domonique Dunne being murdered shortly after filming and little Heather O'Rourke succumbing to an infection and passing away during the filming of Poltergeist III. Yes, there were sequels, it's Hollywood people.

The film has an atmosphere or an "aura" around it that haunts the viewer. This is the film that started the modern day "Ghost Hunting" craze or, at least influenced it. If you haven't seen it, hit the button on your 24 hour a day all access TV and rent or purchase it. If only the Freeling's had that back in the day, maybe little Carol Anne would have been OK.

Rating - 5 out of 5 Stars

Chris has been involved in film for many years and is a founder of Milwaukee Movie Talk and also a member of the Online Film and Television Critics Foundation. Chris is the co-director for the upcoming Milwaukee Twisted Dreams Film Festival specifically dedicated to the horror genre. To add to his resume he is also one of PIM's newest members and will be writing a monthly Movie Review of Hollywood's greatest or maybe not so great horror films.

