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Special points of interest:

PIM is planning an investigation of the historic Oriental Theatre in Milwaukee, WI. Stay tuned for more information on this upcoming investigation.

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PIM Helps In Saving The Modjeska Theatre

In 1924 a beautiful new theater was constructed near the south side of Milwaukee on Mitchell Street. It was called the Modjeska Theatre, named after Helena Modjeska, a renowned Polish actress of the time. It was built as a vaudeville and movie palace. Through the years it has changed hands several times but has always remained a theatre.

For the last four years the theatre stood empty and in need of repair. The theatres owners, The Modjeska Theatre Project LLC, plans to reopen the 90 year old theatre in November. But first they will need to get the theater cleaned and make sure it is all up to code. On April 19th PIM members John and Mary along with many other volunteers spent some time helping in the clean up project. Once the theatre opens it will include movies, comedy acts, plays, perfor-

mances by local bands, and lucha libre wrestling. It is an exciting time when a historic building can be saved and reopened. PIM is proud to be a small part of the restoration of this piece of history!



MAY 16 2014 **HORROR RAMA** at Best Place at the Historic Pabst Brewery 901 W. Juneau Ave.
featuring Red Rum & Sanjula film shorts, side show tent costume contest music by Roosevelt Dolls
\$10/advance \$15/at the door
BROWN PAPER TICKETS

On May 16th PIM will be involved in this years Horror-O-Rama! We will be available to answer any of your questions about the paranormal and paranormal investigation. Hope to see you there!!

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UPCOMING INVESTIGATION/EVENTS

Thursday, May 1st: Investigation of Ashmore Estates, IL.

Saturday, May 10th: Midway Village Event, Rockford IL.

Friday, May 16th: Horror-O-Rama, Milwaukee, WI

Saturday May 24th: Investigation at the Modjeska Theatre, Milwaukee, WI

Public Investigation at Midway Village

On Saturday May 10th, Midway Village in Rockford, IL will be hosting a very special public event. Please join us, Paranormal Investigators of Milwaukee, along with Dale Kaczmarek of Ghost Research Society, and TNT Paranormal for this unique opportunity to investigate multiple buildings at this historic location. The price of this event is only \$40 per person and participants will get the chance to rotate through and investigate with each one of these teams. PIM will be investigating TWO buildings! For more information on this event and to purchase tickets please visit www.hauntedrockford.com

Recent Investigation News/Highlights

- On Friday, April 11th, PIM investigators Tony, Missy, Tea and Denys investigated a private residence in Wauwatosa, WI. This was an older home in a beautiful, quiet neighborhood that was turned into a duplex. The claims were of the sound of footsteps, the back door opening and closing on it's own, shadows, and many others. It was discovered that the home does a fair amount of settling causing lots of unusual pops and noises. During this investigation no evidence was obtained but PIM was able to debunk some of the claims. For more information on this case please visit PIM's website to read the full report.
- On Saturday, April 12th, PIM investigators Noah, John, Gravy, and Mary investigated the historic Rosebud Cinema in Milwaukee, WI. The Rosebud is an amazing and unique cinema. Part of the ambiance is not only it's beauty but it's comfy couches instead of regular theatre seating, a great selection of beers and other beverages, food, and you get to see a movie too. But PIM was there for a whole different reason, to find out if any paranormal activity exists there as well. None was discovered on this trip to the theatre but hopefully PIM will be visiting again in the future to discover the mysteries of this historic location.

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!



The Truth About PIM's Investigation at Bobby Mackey's Featured on the TV show
"Ghost Adventures: AfterShocks"
By: Missy Bostrom

This last Saturday night was the premier of the new show Ghost Adventures: AfterShocks. I would like to take a moment to comment on my thoughts after watching it. Over all I was glad to get the opportunity to share my experiences regarding my visit to Bobby Mackey's this last July.

I had two experiences while there that I had never had before in my 4 years of being a paranormal investigator. I was pushed not once but twice by an unseen force in the basement. Unfortunately, the first time we only had our audio running because it was during set up. The second time was during the investigation, and this was the footage shown on the show. The footage is far from perfect though, since there is an investigator from another team standing directly between myself and the camera shot. I also wanted to clarify that the description that I gave on the show was of the first time I was pushed although the video they showed was the second time I was pushed. When I was pushed the second time it was as though someone hit me hard in the chest and I was knocked backwards.

The first thing that I noticed about the show was that they made me out to be the weakest one in the group. That is not something that I would consider fair to say. I am the smallest and one of only two women in the group but weak is not a word I would use for myself. I don't know why they needed to say that but I am strong willed and determined. I don't easily back down especially when it comes to something I am passionate about and paranormal research is certainly something I am passionate about. During setup, we did not hide the fact that we were bringing the religious items in. We were never told at any point that we couldn't. We always do a lot of research and discussion before going on an investigation and it was planned that we would bring them into the basement and set them in the room with the well. As I said on the show, Wanda said it was okay but she did warn that she didn't want any part of it. We were never cocky about it and yes it was our decision and what we wanted to do. If given the opportunity we would do it again to see if the religious items did play a role in what happened to me. Without the ability to repeat the situation exactly, there is no way to know for certain if having the Bibles and other religious items there mattered or not.

Probably the one thing I want to clear up the most is that my team was very concerned for my wellbeing from the first time I was pushed until we finished that investigation. I actually got a message from a friend after she watched the show stating that she was disappointed that everyone didn't stop and help me after I was pushed. This was far from the truth. When I was pushed the first time it was certainly a shock for everyone, especially me, but I was quickly helped up and taken outside by Wanda and Noah to assess what happened. After that point everyone was on guard and after it happened the second time Noah was there immediately to help me up and every one was concerned. Wanda came running over to help as well and recommended that I go back outside because I was not responding to their questions. On both occasions of being pushed it was MY decision to return to the investigation. Noah came outside with me after the second push and asked me repeatedly if I was sure that I wanted to return. He made it very clear both times that he would never ask me to return if I didn't want to and it had to be my decision to return. When I returned the second time Gravy even asked me if I was alright and if I was sure I wanted to do this again. It was with caution that I returned the second time and Noah stayed within close proximity of me at all times but it was certainly of my own will and without needing to be convinced.

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On the show they made mention of the person who commented on the ball. That was actually a microphone cover that fell off Noah's recorder and it rolled right in front of the person who mentioned it so of course he saw it and made note of it. I was not upset that that person wasn't concerned enough for me, nor was I upset by the person who had the hand held camera and didn't turn in my direction. His focus was on the trigger objects set upon the table that we were using during that EVP session. That certainly came across wrong on the show and I would like to apologize to that member for the way it sounded. PIM did what was necessary to do a thorough investigation just like we always do. I was taken care of and my safety was taken care of. I think the show made it seem like my team dropped the ball, no pun intended, and that was not the case at all.

Lastly during our investigation we never used the name Zak. End of story. We used 10 audio recorders and 6 video recorders and we still have all the audio and video proving that we did not in fact use his name. Although personally I do find the theory that using Zak's name to stir up activity is very interesting and intriguing and if Zak thinks it will stir up activity that sounds like a theory that should be tested thoroughly.

PIM has returned to Mackey's since this original investigation and did not experience any of the same activity. We do not have an explanation for why that is unfortunately, but paranormal activity certainly does not happen on cue. That is the main reason for using trigger objects in the first place.

PIM has a very clear unwavering purpose for how we investigate. We hope to gain indisputable, concrete evidence of the paranormal. We also want to help people understand that we don't yet know what the paranormal is and most of the time what they think is paranormal activity is really something that can be explained. Things like faulty electrical making lights turn on or off or settling in their home that sounds like footsteps, or just certain medications that make you see things that really aren't there.

We at PIM agree that there is definitely something occurring at Bobby Mackey's that cannot be explained but we do not have evidence of ghosts or demons existing there. What pushed me is still a mystery. Maybe someday it will become clear but for now I don't know. I am not looking for admirers for my bravery, if that's what you want to call it, nor do I want the attention. What I hoped to gain from being on this show was for everyone to get a glimpse into something I experienced that I could not explain. I will still go into every future investigation just as I always have and try and find rational explanations for claims but know that the possibility of it being something I don't understand yet is there. I am still skeptical of the paranormal but know that what I experienced was real.

I do want to thank Zak and the Ghost Adventures Crew for having me on the show and Wanda for telling Zak about PIM. We might not all agree or go about investigating the same way but that is the nature of the game so to speak. I know I and the rest of PIM would love the chance to meet up with Zak and the GAC at some point to discuss our differences or perhaps even investigate together. I think that could be incredibly interesting and hopefully we'll get that chance. Rest assured PIM will return to Bobby Mackey's again in the future to try to find more answers as to what happened to me.