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BIZARRE, CREEPY AND FUN:

THE NEW GETTYSBURG 'DIME' MUSEUM

Recently opened at 224 Baltimore St, this is simply a must-see if you like weird stuff! While more than a dime (\$7 adults), its money well spent for some fascinating entertainment. Perhaps the best description offered is by owner Mark Kosh (a former State Trooper and lifelong collector of oddities) in promoting his grand opening was 'You Won't See this at the Mall'! (Below - Kosh and his daughter are pictured with side show performers who added even more wierdness to the grand opening on May 28, which Rene Kruse, Kelly and I attended)



Below - With a replica of the Shroud of Turin on the wall, this life size 'Last Supper' display will leave you hungry for more strangeness! (One of the figures - at far right - had a creepy 'stare' that unnerved Kelly.)



FRANK BENDER'S GIRL IN THE STEAMER TRUNK

Amongst the items displayed in the Gettysburg Dime Museum's Serial Killer/Crime collection is this eerie sculpture. Here is the story behind it:



The nude, badly decomposed body of Aliyah Davis was discovered on Feb. 12, 1982, inside a steamer trunk by two Pennsylvania Department of Transportation employees performing repairs on the western side of the Platt bridge.

The body was wrapped in a blue-and-white sheet and plastic trash bags. An autopsy found evidence of rib fractures, and Medical Examiner Robert Catherman concluded that death had been caused by multiple injuries to the head and body.

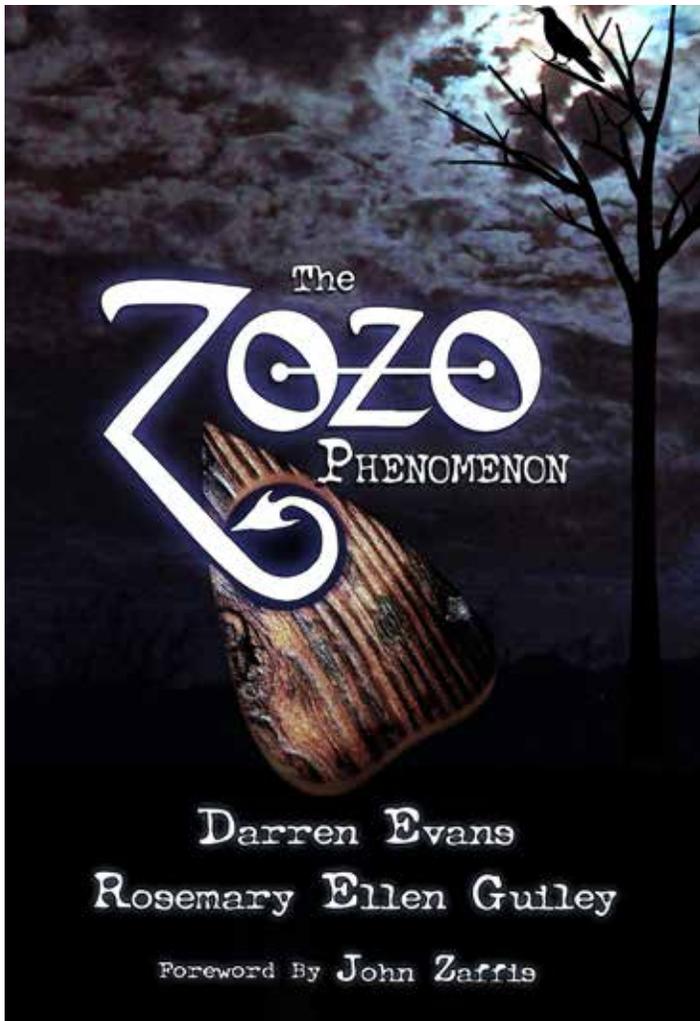
Police at the time were unable to identify the body. After the autopsy, the skull of the child was turned over to artist Frank Bender, who performed a facial reconstruction that was photographed and distributed on fliers, police said.

Here is the creepy part: On this particular reconstruction, Bender was stumped until he had a dream of visiting the girl in the morgue where she was sitting and smiling at him. From this dream, he was able to complete the project adding details such as her skin tone and pigtails. This led to her identification, and ultimately, charges in the case. (This is just one of such reconstructions the late Frank Bender did to help identify murder victims; he was a founding member of the VIDOCQ Society, a group of experts who focus on solving cold cases.)

A fascinating 2011 book called *The Murder Room* featured Bender and other members of the society, detailing their work. The author, Michael Capuzzo, gave an outstanding talk on the book recently during the Mechanicsburg Mystery Bookshop's Anniversary Celebration. He will return again July 17 to speak about another of his books, *Close to Shore*, which details the Jersey Shore shark attacks of 1916 which killed 5 people and some say inspired Peter Benchly to write *Jaws*.

**REMINDER: NO JULY OR AUG SSP MEETING;
WE RESUME ON MON SEPT 12**

New from Rosemary Ellen Guiley!
Before you use the OUIJA board, read this book!



For decades, unsuspecting users of spirit boards have been pestered and attacked by a malevolent entity that calls itself Zozo, the “king of kings.” Evenings of entertainment have ended in anxiety and fear, with lingering problems ranging from hauntings to dream invasion to psychological terror. Darren Evans is a paranormal survivor who learned about Zozo the hard way—and took his story to the world. People around the planet responded with similar stories, and some that were even more shocking. In this ground-breaking book, Darren Evans and paranormal expert Rosemary Ellen Guiley probe the mystery of Zozo, from ancient gods to modern aliens, demons, and more. Who is Zozo, and what does Zozo want? The answers will surprise you! (Visit www.zozophenomenonbook.com to see more and order; also available on Amazon)

Since I had done some illustrations for the *The Zozo Phenomenon*, Rosemary provided Kelly and I with copies soon after publication in June and are reading it. As Rosemary (and JZ in the introduction) stress, the mental/emotional state of the user impacts the Ouija (or any attempted form of spirit contact) experience. As most know, Kelly does not recommend them (and JZ states the same in his intro) but that comes from her experiences in knowing how people unaware of negative entities or protection practices can get into a bad situation. - JDW



‘PEACE’ - At the Peace Light Memorial with Craig & Melissa Telesha, Laura Shank, Rene Kruse and some great new friends from the midwest during the recent tour Rene and I gave of our favorite Gettysburg haunted locations. (These folks had some interesting experiences later that night at the Timbers Farm, Trolley Path and elsewhere.



No Serial Killer display is complete without an original John Wayne Gacy clown painting! There is also some artwork done by Richard Ramirez (aka The Night Stalker) on display as well at the Gettysburg Dime Museum.

Rt: Wanna fill your dreams with dread? Just check out this **SHRUNKEN HEAD!** Below: Double the pleasure, double the fun, two - that's two - two goats in one!



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