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FROM THE EDITOR

We are winding down with the last of the nice holidays that happen before hell...you know, the ones I bitched about so much last year...when the dreaded summer happens...

Anyway, Beltane is celebrated by Pagans around the Northern Hemisphere on May 1st. It is also referred to as May Day. Beltane comes from the Celtic word "Bel-tene" which means "bright fire." The festival celebrated the return of life and fertility to the natural world after the cold winter months. Rituals and ceremonies were performed to protect crops and livestock and to welcome the return of warmer weather.

Traditional Beltane celebrations involved lighting large bonfires from the nine sacred woods. The fires were a way to honor the sun and bless the fields for the coming growing season. People would walk between two fires or leap over the flames for protection and fertility. Cattle were also walked through the fires or between the fires as a cleansing ritual.

Another common Beltane tradition was decorating homes and barns with yellow flowers like primrose, hawthorn branches, and rowan crosses. These flowers and branches symbolized rebirth and growth. May baskets of flowers and treats were also left anonymously on neighbors' doorsteps as part of the festivities. While the specifics varied, Beltane was widely celebrated by Celtic peoples across Europe as a joyous welcoming of summer after the hardship of winter. Many of the traditions continue today through modern pagan and Wiccan observances of May Day celebrations.

My personal tradition? I always try to connect with Mother Earth on May Day. Since Beltane marks the return of fertile growing season, I always try plant something to celebrate nature's renewal. This year I am planting Moss Verbena.

The most important thing to remember is that we are honoring the change of seasons and fertility of the land through fire, flowers, music, dancing, and coming together in community celebration.

Much love,
Morgana Calder
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Embracing "F*ck It" and Rediscovering Joy: A Guide to Living Authentically

Greetings, Seekers of the Unseen!

In a world where societal expectations, responsibilities, and pressures often dictate our actions, it's easy to lose sight of what truly brings us joy. We find ourselves trapped in routines, pursuing goals that may not align with our deepest desires, and sacrificing our happiness for the sake of conformity. But what if we dared to say "f*ck it" to the expectations that weigh us down and instead pursued a life filled with genuine joy and fulfillment?

Embracing the "f*ck it" mentality doesn't mean giving up on responsibilities or throwing caution to the wind recklessly. Rather, it's about reclaiming our autonomy, honoring our authenticity, and prioritizing our well-being above all else. It's about recognizing that life is too short to live according to someone else's script and that true happiness stems from living in alignment with our own values and passions. So, how can we embark on this journey of reclaiming our joy and living life on our own terms? Here are a few guiding principles:

Listen to Your Inner Voice: Take a moment to silence the noise of external expectations and tune in to your innermost desires. What activities bring you a sense of fulfillment? What makes your heart sing with joy? Pay attention to these whispers of your soul, for they hold the key to your authentic path.

Embrace Imperfection: Perfectionism is the enemy of joy. Release the need to have everything figured out and embrace the beauty of imperfection. Understand that making mistakes and experiencing setbacks are natural parts of the journey. Allow yourself the grace to learn and grow from these experiences rather than being paralyzed by fear of failure.

Set Boundaries: Learning to say "no" is a powerful act of self-care. Establish boundaries that protect your time, energy, and emotional well-being. Say "no" to obligations that drain you and "yes" to activities that nourish your soul. Prioritize your own needs without guilt or apology.

Cultivate Gratitude: Gratitude has the transformative power to shift our perspective and invite more joy into our lives. Take time each day to reflect on the blessings, big and small, that enrich your life. Whether it's a beautiful sunrise, a warm embrace from a loved one, or a moment of quiet solitude, find gratitude in the present moment.

Embrace Adventure: Life is an extraordinary adventure waiting to be explored. Step outside of your comfort zone and embrace new experiences with an open heart and mind. Whether it's traveling to a foreign land, trying a new hobby, or simply taking a different route to work, allow yourself to be curious and adventurous.

Surround Yourself with Positivity: Cultivate a supportive environment that uplifts and inspires you. Surround yourself with people who celebrate your authenticity and encourage you to pursue your passions. Let go of relationships that no longer serve your growth and gravitate towards those that nourish your spirit.

Practice Self-Compassion: Be gentle with yourself on this journey. Celebrate your victories, no matter how small, and forgive yourself for your shortcomings. Treat yourself with the same kindness and compassion that you would offer to a dear friend.

In a world that often prioritizes external success over internal fulfillment, embracing the "f*ck it" mentality is a radical act of self-love. It's about reclaiming your power, embracing your authenticity, and daring to live life on your own terms. So, dare to say "f*ck it" to anything that dims your light and embrace the joy that awaits you on the other side. After all, life is too short to settle for anything less than extraordinary.

Love and light,

Hadley

HBIC, WYRD KID SUPREME, AND MASTER CAT HERDER AT WYRD REALITIES NETWORK



Watching Wyrld features horror, science fiction, survivalist, paranormal, and urban fantasy authors Scott Baker, Allen Gamboa, Rich Restucci, and Hadley Thorne as they discuss, dissect, and debate movies based on predetermined themes. Wyrld Realities posts selected films to its Facebook community a week before the show to encourage participation. Hosts interact with Wyrld Realities fans during the live stream chat, creating a fun atmosphere.



This month, the Watching Wyrld gang will be watching and offering their thoughts on the following movies:

The Three Amigos is a parody of classic Western films. It stars Steve Martin, Chevy Chase, and Martin Short as three unemployed Hollywood actors who are mistaken for real-life heroes by a village in Mexico. The actors, who play a group of cowboys in a low-budget Hollywood film, are accidentally hired by a Mexican woman to help save her village from an evil gang of outlaws led by the notorious El Guapo. The film satirizes and pays homage to classic Western tropes and clichés, with the Three Amigos unwittingly finding themselves caught up in bar fights, chases, and life-or-death situations. It's a goofy but endearing comedy carried by the great comic talents of its lead actors.



The Fifth Element is a visually dazzling science fiction movie directed by Luc Besson. It takes place in the 23rd century and follows cab driver Korben Dallas (Bruce Willis) who becomes involved in a mission to save planet Earth. A powerful evil force threatens to engulf the galaxy every 5,000 years. The only thing that can stop this Great Evil is the combination of four elemental stones along with a mystical "Fifth Element" - a human woman named Leeloo (Milla Jovovich) with supernatural abilities. The film features over-the-top action sequences, incredible production design of flying cars and futuristic cityscapes, and flamboyant villains like Gary Oldman's Zorg. It blends quirky humor with cutting-edge visual effects in an imaginative science fiction universe. Despite a lukewarm critical reception, The Fifth Element developed a cult following for its unique visual style and tongue-in-cheek tone.



Black Hawk Down is a gritty and intense war film that depicts the 1993 United States military raid in Mogadishu, Somalia. It's based on the real-life events of the Battle of Mogadishu. The film follows an elite group of U.S. Army Rangers and Delta Force soldiers who are sent on a mission to capture two top lieutenants of a Somali warlord. What was supposed to be a quick raid turns into a prolonged and deadly urban battle after two U.S. Black Hawk helicopters are shot down by rocket-propelled grenades. Directed by Ridley Scott, the film is known for its intense, immersive depiction of modern urban warfare. It features an ensemble cast including Josh Hartnett, Ewan McGregor, Eric Bana and Tom Sizemore. With its harrowing combat sequences and raw violence, Black Hawk Down provides an unflinching look at the realities and chaos of battle from the perspective of the soldiers on the ground.



Airplane! is a hilarious spoof of disaster movies, especially the 1957 film Zero Hour! It follows an airplane crew and passengers who find themselves in one preposterous crisis after another during a routine flight. When the entire flight crew is incapacitated by food poisoning, the only person on board who can fly the plane is Ted Striker (Robert Hays), a former fighter pilot who is traumatized and suffering from a fear of flying. It features several famous comedians of the time including Leslie Nielsen as the deadpan Dr. Rumack, Peter Graves as the overly serious captain, and Lloyd Bridges as the jive-talking air traffic controller. With its outrageous sight gags, puns, and complete disregard for logic or subtlety, Airplane! became a major cult classic. It pioneered the movie parody style and inspired numerous spoof films that followed like The Naked Gun series.



The Shawshank Redemption is a critically-acclaimed drama set in the 1940s about Andy Dufresne (Tim Robbins), a banker who is sentenced to life in Shawshank State Penitentiary for murders he did not commit. Despite being subjected to a cruel and dehumanizing life in prison, Andy never loses hope of proving his innocence. He befriends a fellow prisoner, Red (Morgan Freeman), and stubbornly clings to his dream of life outside the prison walls. As the years go by, Andy becomes respected in the prison for his integrity and his resourcefulness in helping the guards with tax returns and other legal matters. He uses this ingenuity to begin an elaborate plan to escape from the putatively inescapable Shawshank. The film showcases Andy's perseverance and desire for freedom in the face of immense adversity. It also explores themes of hope, friendship, and resilience of the human spirit against an oppressive system. Based on a novella by Stephen King, The Shawshank Redemption was a sleeper hit that went on to become one of the most beloved films of the 1990s and an inspiring modern classic.

COMING UP ON WATCHING WYRD



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WYRD INDIANA

Join Morgana Calder and her cohorts, Steven Hill, Cecil Fletcher, Henry Tully, and Hadley Thorne on Friday nights as they discuss anomalous phenomena...the strange, the curious, the extraordinary, the bizarre...throw in the occasional conspiracy theory, and you've got the Wyrd Awakenings crew!

Wyrd Awakening is talking some really cool subjects in May.

Perhaps one of the most famous legends of all time is the "Mummy's Curse" or "Curse of the Pharaohs." When King Tut's tomb was opened in 1923, several people involved with the excavation died in mysterious circumstances shortly after. This fueled the legend that anyone who disturbed the pharaoh's resting place would be struck by a deadly curse.

Tut's mummified remains show an elongated skull shape, which fuels speculation that was from an alien lineage. Join us as we delve into this mysterious being from the past.

The disappearance of Malaysia Airlines Flight MH370 in 2014 remains one of the biggest aviation mysteries in modern history for several reasons:

1. Despite a massive international search effort across a vast area of the Indian Ocean, not a single piece of confirmed debris from MH370 was found.
2. After taking off from Kuala Lumpur, the plane inexplicably veered off course and its transponders and communications systems were disabled. Its actual flight path and where it ended up remains unknown.
3. With few clues, speculation arose that the plane may have been hijacked or intentionally diverted by one of the pilots. But no group claimed responsibility and no ransom demands were made, compounding the mystery.
4. Years of extensive deep-sea sonar searches across remote areas of the Indian Ocean yielded no results, despite being guided by satellite data about MH370's possible paths.

There are quite a few famous urban legends from the state of Illinois.

One of Chicago's most well-known ghost stories involves "Resurrection Mary." The legend claims that in the 1930s, a young woman was struck by a hit-and-run driver and killed while on her way to a dance. Her ghost is said to hitchhike around Resurrection Cemetery, where she was buried, still looking for a ride to the Willowbrook Ballroom where the dance was held.

Around Carbondale, two urban legends persist - the Carbondale Creatures and the Crybaby Bridge. The Creatures are said to be reptilian humanoids spotted near a creek. The Crybaby Bridge is a small bridge where legend states the cries of a baby killed in a bus crash can be heard.

California boasts many haunting stories...Winchester Mystery House is a huge Victorian mansion belonging to the eccentric Sarah Winchester, the widow of William Wirth Winchester of rifle fame. She believed she was cursed by victims of the Winchester rifle, so she kept building rooms randomly onto the home for spirits to get lost in.

According to Chumash Native American folklore, a race of red-haired giants up to 10 feet tall lived in the mountains around Santa Barbara centuries ago before mysteriously vanishing. Some believe their remains and cave art have been found.

Like other states, Indiana has its share of Bigfoot/Sasquatch sightings, especially in the heavily forested areas of southern Indiana near the Ohio River.

The Mississinewa Merman, a half-man, half-fish creature is said to inhabit the Mississinewa River and reservoir in east central Indiana. It has been described as having greenish-gray skin, finned arms, and a fish-like lower body.

Perhaps Indiana's strangest cryptid is the "Animlas" - silent, monkey-like humanoid creatures reported by citizens of Athens in the 1970s. They were said to have bulging eyes and the ability to cling to walls and ceilings like geckos.

COMING UP ON
WYRD AWAKENINGS

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Coming Soon!

- Disembodied Search Beam
- Man from Taured
- Project Chatter
- Grunch Road Monster
- Eye of the Sahara
- Ball Cemetery NE
- NC Bigfoot Battle
- Throne of Kai Kavus
- Grabovoi Codes
- Time Lost Hair Gained
- The Minnesota Iceman
- Project MK Ultra
- Project Midnight Climax
- Mercy Brown
- The Yazoo Witch
- The Bridgewater Triangle



FOLKING WYRD INCLUDES CECIL FLETCHER, HENRY TULLY, STEVEN HILL, HADLEY THORNE, AND MORGANA CALDER.

When you have some down time, make sure you go check out our TikTok channel. Tully is the master of reels and does some awesome Wyrd content.

Explore the Battle of Ape Canyon. It is a famous alleged encounter between members of a prospecting crew and a group of large, hairy bipedal creatures known as Bigfoot or Sasquatch. It supposedly took place in July 1924 near Mount St. Helens in southwest Washington state.

Clear across the country is Deering Estate. It is definitely one of Florida's paranormal hotspots, where witnesses report all kinds of craziness. The Deering Estate mystery revolves around the disappearance of the yacht "S.S. Hewitt," which ran aground on the shores of the estate in 1921 with all crew members missing. Despite investigations, no conclusive evidence was found, leading to theories ranging from piracy to mutiny. The mystery remains unsolved, adding an air of intrigue to the historic Deering Estate in Florida.

Maybe you prefer the desert. Legend states that in the late 19th century, either Spanish explorers, pirates, or Mormon settlers discovered and mined a rich deposit of gold, silver and other valuables in the remote southern Utah desert around Kanab. However, the exact location was lost or kept secret before the treasures could be fully extracted.

Like shiniest? The Koh-I-Noor Diamond may be beautiful but has left a wake of fallen kings and empires in ruins. It's said that only women or gods can possess this jewel. It has an incredibly long and storied history, passing through the hands of various rulers, sultans, and dynasties across South and Central Asia over the centuries. It has changed hands through conquest, theft, murder, and diplomacy.

These are just a few of the subjects that Tully has covered! Join us on TikTok for even more Wyrd content.

RECENTLY ON FOLKING WYRD

Introducing
The new, interactive faux tutorial:

WRITE WITH ME

Hosted by Joseph Hansen
The former host of
Wyrd Reality's *Lowballing*



Author of the nine book series, *No Mans Land*, published through Devil Dog Press. A collaborative author of six books, in the popular *Five Roads to Texas* series. The author of four standalone novels titled, *Sonny* (a true to life novel with an unseemly protagonist), *Wayward Son* (a science fiction novel involving time travel and behavioral modification), *Cataclysm, an age of legend* (a fantasy novel with elves, gnomes dwarves and all of your favorite legendary beings), and, coming soon, *God Queen* (when unfathomable fame is the target of human traffickers).

Hi, I'm Joe, formerly known as H.J. Harry. H.J. unfortunately, couldn't sell a book if his life depended on it, so I had him killed, ended, demolished, murdered, obliterated or something, in order to cause his demise. So many words to describe death, all of them are good to be used in numerous situations, but when is the right time, and which is the right word?

These are some of the things that we will talk about in *Write With Me*, but our number one goal, is to get words on paper.

So join me for the first few episodes, where we will work out our first page and the value of the first line and what kind of impact that may bring.

Be prepared to write your own novel, so have a word program ready, (I will be using Scrivner, and will share with you the values of using such a program) but Word is fine as is the Apple equivalent, just be ready to tell your story in any genre that you want.

Stay tuned to the Wyrdverse for dates and times or contact Joe via direct message.



Pull up a log, roast a marshmallow and settle in as these two blondes, and brother Rikki, talk spooky tales and classic horror icons. Of course, as the fire gets low and the night wears on, you never know who else may drop by. Exciting guests, perky blondes, and sinister tales make this podcast as good as a double-stacked s'more. Join the gang on Tuesday, May 14th as they talk with author Extraordinairre, Mark Tufo.



Mark Tufo



Mark Tufo





Where in the Folk is a collaboration from Wyrdlings David Reed, Henry Tully, and Cecil Fletcher. Find them on Bitchute @whereinthefolk

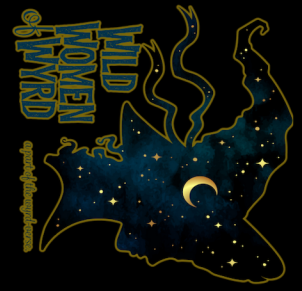
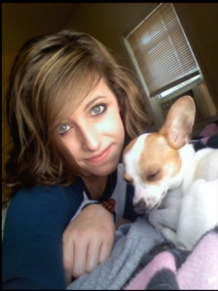
Tune in to Where in the Folk this week as we talk about ALL of the crazy stuff going on currently in the world and what we have to look forward to upcoming in May.

Join in on the conversation with us LIVE on Fridays at 8pm EST and thanks so much for watching, because we're watching you!

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WHERE IN THE FOLK



The Curious Case of Teen Tics in LeRoy, NY

The Curious Case of Teen Tics in LeRoy, NY refers to a mysterious medical phenomenon that occurred in LeRoy, a small town in upstate New York, in 2011. It involved a group of teenage girls who suddenly began experiencing uncontrollable tics, twitches, and other involuntary movements.

The case gained widespread attention when local news outlets reported on it, and it quickly became the subject of national and even international media coverage. The affected girls, most of whom attended LeRoy Junior-Senior High School, described symptoms ranging from facial twitching to uncontrollable verbal outbursts.

Initially, speculation abounded regarding the cause of the tics, with some attributing them to environmental factors such as contamination from a nearby toxic spill or exposure to a mysterious illness. However, medical investigations ultimately pointed to a diagnosis of conversion disorder, a condition in which psychological stress or trauma manifests as physical symptoms.

Despite this explanation, the case remained controversial, with some residents and parents of the affected girls questioning the official diagnosis and seeking further investigations. The incident highlighted the complex interplay between physical and psychological factors in health and illness and underscored the importance of comprehensive and sensitive approaches to medical care and community support.

This all female panel is hosted by Finley Jones. The ladies choose a documentary to watch, then they come together as a group to discuss. Mostly following stories involving women, they will occasionally delve into other true stories of interest.

COMING UP ON WILD WOMEN OF WYRD

MEET OUR WYRD PARTNERS

We couldn't have better partners!
Thanks for being a part of the WyrD team!



At 32 years old, Stephen Landry resides in Nashville, TN, alongside his fiancée, two rescued dogs, and a cat. His creative pursuits primarily revolve around character-driven science fiction, weaving elements of space opera, fantasy, horror, and time travel, alongside ventures into LitRPG.

When Stephen isn't absorbed in writing, he dedicates his time to diverse graphic design projects. His clientele spans various domains, encompassing fellow authors, publishing firms, independent movie studios, and, more recently, collaborations with select video game companies.



Lauren Smith serves as the host of Nite Callers Bigfoot Radio (NCBR), a long-standing podcast that has aired for more than a decade, boasting over 300 episodes. NCBR stands out as a beloved podcast among bigfoot enthusiasts, featuring interviews with researchers and witnesses from various corners of the globe.

Bringing a distinctive perspective to the show, Lauren's background is deeply rooted in second-generation bigfoot research. As the daughter of a seasoned female bigfoot researcher in the southern regions, she has been involved in field research since her early teenage years. To tune in to Nite Callers Bigfoot Radio, you can catch the show live on YouTube.



Paul Cousins, the founder and creative mind behind Funder Games, favors the path of an entrepreneur over that of an employee.

According to him, successfully steering a startup like Funder Games demands two crucial elements: a tablespoon of resilience and a dash of daring.

He emphasizes, "The journey as an entrepreneur is demanding. It's about recognizing your self-worth, persisting through failures, as they all contribute to eventual success."



The Greyhorn Pagans Tribe is a global community welcoming pagans, heathens, witches, and seekers of spiritual wisdom. It's a sanctuary for learning, spirited discussions, and open debates.

However, it's not solely about learning and connection. The Tribe values casual camaraderie, fostering a space for pure enjoyment and the potential for lifelong friendships. Whether seeking support or positive energy, reaching out is encouraged – there's no hesitation in asking for help or sharing good vibes. In this inclusive community, no topic is off-limits, but mutual respect remains paramount.



Christian Bentulan, a Digital Creator, specializes in crafting stunning book covers. His primary goal is to ensure that your diligently crafted book receives the exceptional cover it deserves. Recognizing your limitations and time constraints, he collaborates closely to meet your deadlines.

Known for maintaining an exceptionally high standard in his work, Christian wholeheartedly dedicates himself to every project he undertakes. His portfolio boasts covers for numerous esteemed authors, including several USA Today and NY Times bestsellers.



Metaphysical Mississippi serves as a hub for all things metaphysical across Mississippi. Featuring a Calendar of Events and a Directory of Metaphysical Businesses and Services, they convene monthly in the Jackson metro area to foster networking and support.

Their inclusive monthly gatherings are open to all Mississippi residents with a penchant for the metaphysical. Led by Krista Tew, these meetings provide a platform for discussions and networking, aimed at connecting like-minded individuals in the community of light-workers. Attendees are encouraged to bring their business cards, brochures, flyers, and event announcements related to the metaphysical realm.

The primary focus of these meetups is to cultivate an atmosphere of encouragement and empowerment among participants, fostering a space where individuals can support one another and build a strong metaphysical community.

Cryptid CORNER



MISSISSINEWA MERMAN

The Mississinewa Merman is a fascinating piece of folklore originating from Grant County, Indiana, particularly around the Mississinewa River.

Described as a creature with the upper body of a man and the lower body of a fish, it embodies the classic merman archetype. Sightings of the Merman have been reported for decades, with locals sharing stories of encountering the mysterious being in the waters of the Mississinewa.

Despite numerous anecdotes and legends surrounding the creature, there is no concrete evidence of its existence, leading many to view it as a product of myth and imagination. However, the legend of the Mississinewa Merman continues to captivate the imagination of those intrigued by tales of cryptids and mythical creatures.

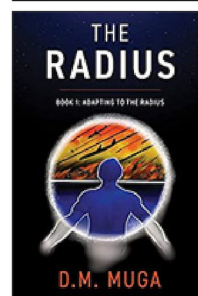
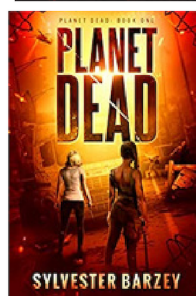
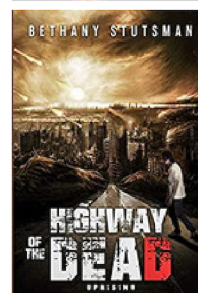
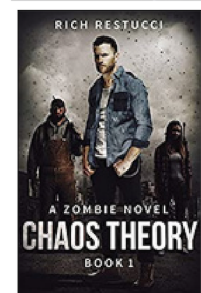
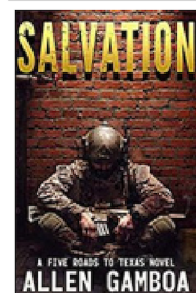
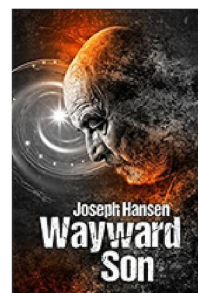
A cryptid is a creature or entity whose existence is suggested by anecdotal evidence, folklore, or alleged sightings, but lacks conclusive scientific evidence for its existence. These entities often exist in the realm of myth, legend, or unverified reports. Examples of cryptids include creatures like Bigfoot, the Loch Ness Monster, the Chupacabra, Mothman, and many others.

Cryptids can be animals, plants, or even beings with supernatural or paranormal attributes. They're subjects of fascination and mystery, often sparking curiosity and investigations by cryptozoologists and enthusiasts seeking to prove or debunk their existence.

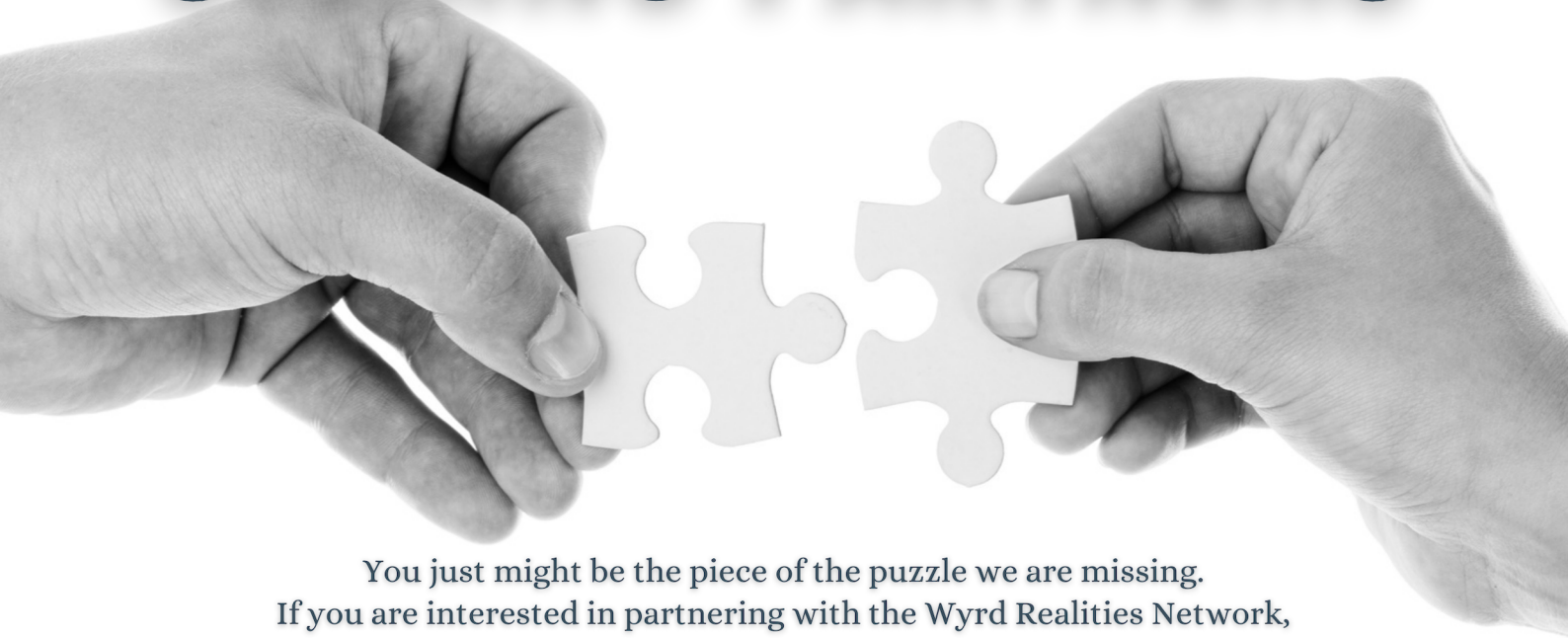
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WYRD-O *of the month*

This month's special Wyrd-o is

Mr. Craig Bolen

Thanks for all the love, and
for spending your time with us!

We know there a plenty of other
places you could choose to hang out,
and we are so glad you choose us.

Thank you for your continued support!



WyrD Realities Network provides creators of all types a space to connect, share ideas, and discuss their passions. Our network of podcasts feature conversations with some of the most innovative and creative people in the industry. Our focus is on creating positive, engaging, and thought-provoking content that inspires curiosity and a hunger to know more in our listeners. As a platform, we aim to showcase the diversity of perspectives and experiences within the creative, supernatural, and unknown world surrounding us. Tune in to our shows and see what inspires us.



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MEET THE WYRD KIDS



Your love and guidance have helped us bloom into the people we are today. Thank you for being an unwavering source of strength, nurturing our dreams, and showering us with unconditional love every day. You are the sunshine that brightens our lives.

Happy Mother's Day to all you Wyrd moms out there!



RELEASE FOR THE GHOSTS OF TREBLINKA MOVED UP A WEEK!

The pre-order for the Kindle version of *The Ghosts of Treblinka* is now available. The release date has been moved up a week to 18 May. The pre-order price is \$2.99. After its release, the price of the Kindle version will increase to \$3.99. The print edition will also be available on the 18th.



painful memories. They incite the cold fury of the hundreds of thousands who were murdered and forgotten, and who now reach through the veil of time for justice.

Tatyana is called in to cleanse the camp of the tormented spirits trapped there, a task much easier said than done. As she confronts the reality of how cruel humans can be to one another, she inadvertently releases a darkness more evil and menacing than any she has encountered before, one that threatens to keep the spirits confined to the camp and punish Tatyana for attempting to free them.

Those who forget history are condemned to relive it.

When three neo-Nazis decide to use the disturbing history of the Treblinka Nazi death camp in eastern Poland to promote their agenda of hatred, they conjure up more than

Will Tatyana succeed in liberating the souls of the prisoners condemned to eternal torment, or will she become yet another victim of the horror, forever condemned to Treblinka?

SCOTT ATTENDS THE VERMONT SCI-FI AND FANTASY EXPO



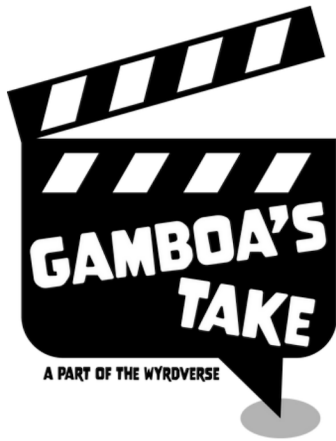
On 27 and 28 April, Scott was in northern Vermont attending the Vermont Sci-Fi and Fantasy Expo. Not only was he there signing books, but he was also conducting classes on creative writing. There were many guests and vendors.

<https://www.vtgatherings.com/vermont-sci-fi-fantasy-expo-special-guests.html>



ABOUT THE WYRD-VERSE

The Wyrd Realities Network was founded on the idea that we all have a little bit of weirdness in us. Our podcast provides a lively platform for creative minds to share their experiences, passions, and stories related to the paranormal, history, science, conspiracies, and folklore. We believe that the best way to appreciate the unknown is to approach it with curiosity, respect, and open-mindedness. We invite you to join our community of explorers and share your perspectives on the weirdness of reality.



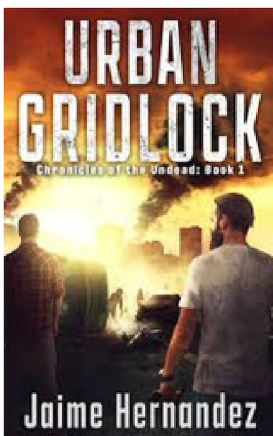
Joe Pickett

Joe Pickett was one of the stable of series that Charter/Spectrum had rolled out about three or four years ago. No one watched this Charter much so it languished in limbo. Paramount eventually picked up the first season and greenlit a second.

If you like Yellowstone or Longmire this is a worthy companion. A modern western with some good twist and turns. Streaming on Paramount +



WHAT WE ARE READING



Urvan Gridlock by Jaime Hernandez

Family in the apocalypse
Hernandez wastes no time in getting to the action in this bold debut offering to the genre. URBAN GRIDLOCK is an apocalyptic tale centered on family, with roots in realism. Hernandez paints us a world which falls apart seemingly in just a few hours of sheer terror. Her unflinching descriptive style and fearless forays into gore instantly inducts her into the halls of the mistresses of survival horror. Pick this one up today!

~Rich Restucci



FOR THE SENSES

It's getting that time of year again...mosquito season is coming up (or if you live in South Mississippi, it's already come).

There are quite a few plants and herbs that can help.

- **Lavender:** Mosquitoes are not fond of the scent of lavender. Planting lavender around your home or crushing the flowers to release the scent can help repel mosquitoes.
- **Citronella:** Citronella is a well-known natural mosquito repellent. It's commonly found in candles and oils, but you can also plant citronella grass (*Cymbopogon nardus*) in your garden.
- **Marigolds:** Marigolds contain pyrethrum, a compound used in many insect repellents. Planting marigolds around your outdoor living areas can help keep mosquitoes at bay.
- **Basil:** The strong scent of basil plants can help repel mosquitoes. Plant basil in pots near your doors and windows to help deter mosquitoes from entering your home.
- **Lemon balm:** Lemon balm, a member of the mint family, emits a strong lemon scent that mosquitoes dislike. Planting lemon balm around your yard or crushing the leaves to release the scent can help repel mosquitoes.
- **Peppermint:** Peppermint contains menthol, which mosquitoes find unpleasant. Planting peppermint around your home or using peppermint oil in a diffuser can help repel mosquitoes.
- **Rosemary:** Rosemary is another herb with a strong scent that mosquitoes dislike. Planting rosemary around your home or using rosemary oil in outdoor candles can help keep mosquitoes away.



- **Catnip:** Catnip contains a compound called nepetalactone, which is a natural insect repellent. Planting catnip around your yard or rubbing crushed catnip leaves on your skin can help repel mosquitoes.

These plants can be a natural and beautiful way to keep mosquitoes away from your home and outdoor living spaces. However, it's important to note that while these plants may help deter mosquitoes, they may not completely eliminate them.

Using multiple methods, such as mosquito nets, screens, and EPA-approved insect repellents, can provide more comprehensive protection against mosquitoes.



There are many common herbs that deter mosquitos.



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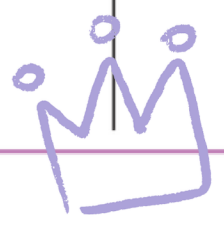


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COMING IN MAY



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
 NATIONAL LIBRARY LOVERS MONTH		 Beltane	WATCHING WYRD The Three Amigos	WYRD AWAKENINGS State Strangeness Illinois	 Cinco de Mayo	
			WATCHING WYRD The Fifth Element	WYRD AWAKENINGS King Tut's Curse/ The Ring of King Tut		 happy Mother's Day
	BLONDES, BOOKS, & CAMPFIRE TALES Special Guest Author Mark Tufo		WATCHING WYRD Black Hawk Down	WYRD AWAKENINGS State Strangeness California		WILD WOMEN OF WYRD The Curious Case of Teen Tics in LeRoy, NY <small>Pre-recordings uploaded to YouTube/Spotify 12 & 26</small>
			WATCHING WYRD Airplane!	WYRD AWAKENINGS Malaysia Airlines Flight MH370		
			FLOWER MOON			
 MEMORIAL DAY	BLONDES, BOOKS, & CAMPFIRE TALES TBD		WATCHING WYRD The Shawshank Redemption	WYRD AWAKENINGS State Strangeness Indiana		

MAY IS THE MONTH OF THE FLOWER MOON. MAY'S FLOWER MOON ALSO OCCURS WHEN NATURE IS AT FULL BLOOM (IN THE NORTHERN HEMISPHERE), THE FLOWERS ARE WIDESPREAD AND LIFE SIMPLY THRIVES ALL AROUND.

THIS IS TRADITIONALLY A TIME TO CELEBRATE FERTILITY, ABUNDANCE, AND THE CREATIVE SPARK. IT WAS THE TIME OF THE YEAR WHEN THE BELTANE FIRES WERE LIT AND DANCED AROUND AND CELEBRANTS WRAPPED TOWERING MAYPOLES WITH A PROFUSION OF COLORFUL RIBBONS.

flower
full moon

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ARMADILLO EGGS

Yield: Serves 6 (serving size: 2 eggs)
152 calories

Ingredients:

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- 4 ounces cream cheese
- 1/2 cup shredded sharp cheddar cheese
- 1 tablespoon finely chopped cilantro
- 6 large jalapeños, halved and seeded
- 2 pounds loose breakfast sausage
- 1 tablespoon barbecue rub

Directions:

1. Combine cream cheese, cheddar, and cilantro.
2. Cut jalapeños in half, long ways. Place a spoonful of cheese mix into each jalapeño.
3. Break off a ball of sausage about 1 1/2-inches in diameter. Flatten sausage into a 1/4-inch thick disc and place stuffed-jalapeño piece in the center. Wrap sausage around jalapeño, pinching sausage closed to completely encase jalapeño. Gently roll sausage in your hands to create a smooth egg shape. Repeat with remaining sausage and jalapeños.
4. Sprinkle barbecue rub all over armadillo eggs, then place eggs on cool side grill and cover, with top air vent positioned over cool side of grill. Cook until sausage is cooked through and browned all over, about 30 minutes, flipping eggs halfway through.
5. Any eggs not thoroughly browned can be quickly seared on hot side of grill, about 1 minute per side. Transfer to a platter, let rest for 5 to 10 minutes, then serve.



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