

CABLE NEWS

Tinseltown terrors loom on Lifetime

By Dan Rice

With Halloween less than a fortnight away, the dead may rest assured that they will be amply represented on cable television. For a peek at those privileged poltergeists enjoying the good afterlife in sunny California, check out *Hollywood Ghost Stories*.

debuting Saturday, Oct. 26, on Lifetime. Hear celebrity accounts of phantom findings by the likes of spookmeister John Carradine, author William Blatty (*The Exorcist*) and actresses Elke Sommer and Susan Strasberg, who know firsthand about the terrors of Tinseltown.

Low-budget horror films usually end up stinking like zombies left out in the sun, but occasionally the absence of high production standards enhances the gritty appeal of a chiller. One such film, 1962's *Carnival of Souls*, has emerged from dead-sleeper status to

become a cult classic of the '90s. It's the surreal thing, Saturday on A&E.

America may be called the great melting pot by those who have risen to the top, but many unfortunate immigrants discovered that even the smelter of the promised land discards its unwanted slag. Join A&E on Monday, Oct. 21, for *A Nation of Immigrants*, the documentary based on President Kennedy's best seller about the hardships endured by millions seeking a new life in the New World. The program airs as part of A&E's *David L. Wolper Presents* series.

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Puppeteer Jim Henson was posthumously recognized with a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame on Sept. 24, which would have been his 55th birthday.

Henson's contributions to television include the Emmy-winning series *The Muppet Show*, *Muppet Babies*, *Fraggle Rock*, *The Storyteller* and *The Jim Henson Hour*.

Henson's films include three Muppet movies, *The Witches*, *The Dark Crystal* and *Labyrinth*.

Henson died in May 1990.

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