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That Freaky Poltergeist Super Bowl Poster That Predicted the Future

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You know, because the whole history behind the infamous alleged *Poltergeist* curse wasn't creepy enough. Perhaps you've heard of this one before but in the case this all news to you, get ready for one hell of a mind-fuck.

I'll admit, I never noticed this little-added touch of mystery and freakiness about the film until about three years ago myself when it made a few internet rounds on various websites. However, the earliest article I can find on the subject itself (to give proper credit here-May 2012) is a little piece from TheBackRow.com (<http://the-back-row.com/>) pointing out the eerie coincidence.

In the year *Poltergeist* (<https://nightmarenostalgia.com/2018/01/11/rare-poltergeist-trailer/>) was released, 1982 helmed the 16th annual Super Bowl. Ok, big deal. Well, in the picture seen below you'll see something that sticks out like a sore thumb in the midst of Robbie's *Star Wars* and *Alien* movie posters. A Super Bowl poster hanging right above Carol Anne's older brother's bed. Again, who cares right?

Look again- at the date to be precise.



Image via Imgur

Now, that's a little strange because I don't recall the film being set in the future of 1988. So apart from just being really weird, why the hell is there a 1988 Super Bowl poster being seen six years in the future of the present? Unfortunately, I really have no unearthly idea. Misplaced timelines aside, here's where it gets downright freaky...

Ok, so the 1988 Super Bowl between the Redskins and the Broncos landed on January 31, 1988. Which marks the day young *Poltergeist* star Heather O' Rourke fell fatally ill and consequently, died the following day with a confirmed report of septic shock due to intestinal stenosis. Due to the nature of cast and crew involved with the film, or any sequels for that matter dying off shortly after filming; it's hard to not at least acknowledge the very real spooky factor underneath it all.

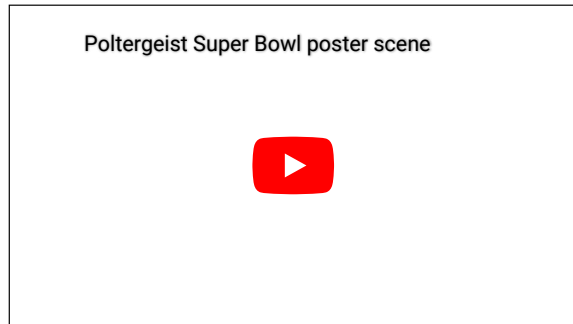
- Nov. 1982 Dominique Dunne- murdered in her driveway by strangulation.

- Sep. 1985 Julian Beck- passed away from pancreatic cancer months before the release of *The Other Side*. (Diagnosed before accepting the role but worth mentioning)
- June 1987 Will Sampson- died of malnutrition and postoperative kidney failure.

With the addition of Heather 'O Rourke's death February 1, 1988, four months before the release of her final film *Poltergeist III*, fans believe the above-seen poster eerily predicted the young actress' untimely death and thus expanding on the widely known curse of the *Poltergeist* films. Even the most skeptical individual has to admit that's just fuckin' weird.

Oh, and Super Bowl took place in San Diego- O' Rourke's hometown and place of death.

Let that sink in for a minute.



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