



2,500-year-old resident of The Barnum Museum goes for a ride

The mummy Pa-Ib will be moved via hearse with a full police escort from the museum to Fairfield for special high tech tests.

(Bridgeport, CT) — On Wednesday, October 11, Quinnipiac University mummy experts Ronald Beckett and Jerry Conlogue and Barnum Museum Executive Director Kathy Maher will carefully and respectfully move the mummy Pa-Ib from the museum to Advanced Radiology Consultants in Fairfield for the continued exploration into this artifact's mysterious past.

On September 14, Professors Beckett and Conlogue determined through preliminary testing that in fact, Pa-Ib is a real artifact. Donated to the museum by P.T. Barnum's second wife Nancy in 1892, Pa-Ib is reportedly a 2,500-year old Egyptian priest, making it the oldest artifact in the museum's collection.

In order to determine Pa-Ib's age, sex and social class and other details, Professors Beckett and Conlogue will receive guidance from the physicians and the latest technological tools available at Advanced Radiology. Pa-Ib will undergo Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) and a full body CT scan. Technical descriptions of these procedures are available upon request.

Final results are expected to be unveiled on Wednesday, October 25 during the Annual Gala celebration to benefit The Barnum Museum.

During the three years of hosting *The Mummy Road Show*, Beckett and Conlogue investigated more than 500 mummies and even today, they continue to search for new specimens.

Phineas Taylor Barnum, one-term mayor of Bridgeport and four-term member of the Connecticut General Assembly, was born July 5, 1810 in Bethel and died April 7, 1891 in Bridgeport. The original museum building, owned by the City of Bridgeport, is listed in the national Register of Historic Places and is totally handicapped accessible.

What: Continued Examination of the Mummy Pa-Ib

Where: Mummy moved from The Barnum Museum, 820 Main Street in Bridgeport to Advanced Radiology Consultants, 1055 Post Road in Fairfield



When: Wednesday, October 11, 3:30 – 5:30 PM

Cost: The Barnum Museum will be open normal hours from 10 AM to 4:30 PM with normal admission. However access to and viewing of the mummy will be limited in order to provide the utmost in protection for this ancient artifact, the remains of a human being.

For more information call 203-331-1104 or visit www.barnum-museum.org

Members of the working press are welcome. Please contact Kay Page Greaser 860-543-9096 to arrange access either to the process at the museum or Advanced Radiology.

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