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## Whirled News

### LaCie Defence Stumbles

The defence put on a fairly poor showing in the now-infamous "Church of the Slumlord" trial. Bishop Valla T. Merrin remained in the spectator's pit throughout today's proceedings, and the Law Twister for LaCie's defence made several embarrassing mistakes under the Bishop's withering gaze.

"It's just an off day", Garazna Teal said. "I'm sure the jury won't hold that against me."

If convicted, LaCie could face excommunication and five years hard labour in the Limitless Sky Salt Mine.

### Angry Dead Rise

A dozen floating corpses jettisoned

from Chudra Blothan's pirate ship spontaneously reani-



*Paru, a port town already in chaos and turmoil, was attacked by putrid, shambling corpses last night!*

mated as zombies and swam to shore in order to attack the small coastal port of Paru, West Point.

"The best way to stop 'em is to blow their heads off with a shotgun," bragged Deputy Sheriff Salazar Longshadow, of the famous (and sometimes infamous) Longshadow Clan.

While the Undead horde claimed no casualties, they did

succeed in causing 6.5 GP damage to the several shops before being laid to Final Rest. "Silver pellets work best if you're using a sawed off shotgun," the deputy added grimly.

### Artefact Sighted

The Southern Cross, briefly stolen during the Abbon Mort "Festival of Stealing" holiday, briefly manifested in the hands of Josiah Redsun, a Paladin serving in the Order of the Dawn Star. "We were outnumbered by the shambling dead that some Necromancer sum-

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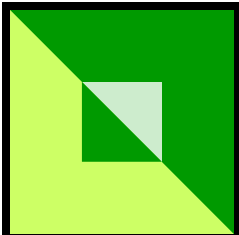
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For our Welcome Visitors keep track of what your Librarians can do for you! Refer to their function by Colour. And remember, friends, there's only one punishment for any crime in Ex-Libris, so behave yourself while in our Fair City!

- White: True Librarians (like you'd find in an ordinary library.)
- Yellow: Students (those who are in training to be a librarian of some sort.)
- Orange: Guards and Constables
- Red: Guard/Constable Captains
- Green: Master merchant/craftsmen
- Blue: Clerical (office assistants, secretarial, or works in copy centre.)
- Black: Assassins. They are the heroes of our city!
- Indigo: Journeymen (they travel outside the city seeking rare tomes and scrolls for inclusion in Ex Libris)
- Purple: The Chief Librarian. All praise our Madame Librarian!
- Grey: Technical (fixes/repairs things, builds roads, digs ditches, etc.)



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moned from the town graveyard when this silver and jewelled cross suddenly appeared in my hands. It glowed like the sun and nearly blinded me and my men. But when the glare went away, the ghouls were nothing but swirling ashes, and the cross was gone." The mysterious artefact has had a long history of appearing and disappearing. The only entity known to have had enough power to bind it in place is the Well Guardian of North Point.

## Cali Elections Begin



The election campaign for Mayor of Cali kicks off today, following the resignation of Yalli Muldoon of Clan Muldoon. The current mayor was facing charges of corruption and taking kickbacks on contract bids. Legal authorities accepted his resignation in lieu of filing formal charges. The four candidates are Lief Ericsson, (of no specific Clan) Talguin Mariah (of Clan Mariah),

Chugger Blaize (of Clan Bryn), and Vastiel Orloc (of Clan Quin). The latter is also a Crystallin Observer. If elected, he will be the first Crystallin to hold office since the fall of the main temple in Cali six years ago.

## Local Noose

### Twilight Gate Appears!



A semi-stable Twilight Gate has formed in the middle of Valedictorian Park and apparently joins to a companion Gate in

Midian, South Point.

"It's gradually deteriorating," said Amber Wrenflight, Indigo Librarian. "But it should allow safe travel for the next five or six days.

Twilight Gates are natural phenomenon that temporarily connects two locations together and manifest at dusk and dawn. Most Twilight Gates last between two and twelve days.

"This lucky happenstance will give our city a good economic boost, just in time for the

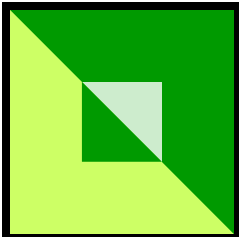
Huntermass shopping season," the Madam Librarian commented. "It's only thirteen days until Huntermass, and we have plenty of new action figures to choose from!"

### Akalla the Clockwork Construct Hired for Landship

Construct Akalla has been hired by Kirby Malloy (of Clan Arrowfall) to become the motivating force for the landship "Wrong Place at the Wrong Time".

The curiously named vessel was once a three-masted sailing ship but was recently converted into an amphibious sea/land battle tank, powered by a huge alcohol-burning engine.

"It's going to be a lot cheaper to have Akalla powering the boat," the captain said. "And Constructs don't explode!"



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Engineer Blue Malakandra, however, has declared the modified ship as being "unsafe for man and beast alike."

## Herbalist Studies "Dragons"

The roving pack of giant Snapdragons failed to inspire fear in the heart of Kira McDougal, a farmer (and part-time herbalist) whose plot is adjacent to Farmer Misev's plot.

"I'm thinking about keeping them around for pest control," Kira said.

McDougal farms carrots, and her plot is frequently defiled by gophers and other burrowing rodents.

## Another Construct Granted Legal Protection



The Purple Librarian has declared Construct Cobby, the scarecrow that until recently guarded the Misev farm, to be sentient, but of insufficient mental capacity for self-guidance. This gives the Construct the legal

status of a child. The Madam Librarian has assigned Maggy Rockaby, the hero who defeated the Abbon Mort cultists, as the Construct's new guardian.

Legal experts found the verbiage of the Purple Librarian's decree portentous, as the difference between "owner" and "guardian" is fairly significant. Construct Rights advocates see this as another victory for their cause. It is unknown why some Constructs remain static and why a small percentage achieve a state of self-awareness.

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