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## Whirled News

### Bishop Found Guilty

In breaking news, the Bishop of Rivna, Valla T. Merrin, was found guilty today of several counts of embezzling church funds, extortion, and the misuse of empathic powers in the commission of crimes.



*Bishop Thistle Brae: Merrin's Guilt a sad day for the Faith. He is also heading the Search committee for Merrin's replacement.*

"I am very sad to have to pronounce the verdict of guilty," Bishop Thistle

Brae, adjudicator, declared.

"But there have been few times when I've seen a man of the faith so obviously and unrepentantly guilty of the crimes of which he is accused."

Because of Merrin's revealed nature as a powerful telepath, he was sentenced to fifteen years of solitary



*The Limitless Sky Salt Mine. For prisoners, a "life" sentence is usually less than five years!*

confinement at the bottom tier of the Limitless Sky Salt Mine that also serves as West Point's most formidable prison. For the safety of other prisoners and mine workers, the former Bishop will be chained to an Anchor that will deprive him of his empathic powers for the duration of his prison sentence.

"It will take decades

for the church to overcome the dishonour that Valla T. Merrin has visited upon it.," Bishop Brae concluded.

The use of the Limitless Sky Salt Mine as a maximum security prison has been occasionally criticised civil rights activists because the harsh setting of the prison often causes inmates to die of disease or dehydration long before their actual prison term expires.

Many sentencing judges, however, disagree, stating that if it were not for the austere nature of

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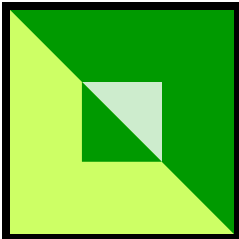
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For our Welcome Visitors keep track of what your Librarians can do for you! Refer to their function by Colour. And remember, friends, there's only one punishment for any crime in Ex-Libris, so behave yourself while in our Fair City!

- 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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the LSSM, some convicts would be simply put to death instead.

## Galen Bishop Heads Search Committee

In related news, the Bishop of the Isle of Gales announced that he will form a search committee to find a suitable replacement for the convicted Valla Merrin. "We hope to have a new Bishop selected within three months," Thistle said. "But we're going to make sure we don't make the same mistake twice!"

## Banker to offer Short-Term Loans to Terrorist Victims

The immortal, known only as the Banker, announced today that his firm will be happy to loan money to the victims of the Calamarian terrorist attacks.



Easy Credit! Your soul is the only collateral!

"We understand how the low-income

family might have trouble getting back on their feet after such a tragic disaster, so we're opening up our coffers to help," said a spokesman for the Bank of Awari. "Our soul-collateral plans are just the beginning!"

## Cali Falls to Allied Forces



Mikal Hellion: Another victory won for the forces of Good!

Even with most of the Clan Armies decimated by "lord" Orloc's Undead militia, the final defenses of

Cali fell to the allied forces.

"I have never seen so many civilians slaughtered at once," Mikal Hellion, Clan Battle Leader, declared. "Orloc has made the streets red with blood of the innocent!"

The Undead army was chiefly composed of the murdered citizens

of Cali. Hellion, and his remaining forces, now face the daunting task of burying the thousands of dead as well as finding and capturing Orloc and his remaining lieutenants.

## **Local Noose**

## Akalla's Hope Investigates Stillpoint

The brave crew of the *Akalla's Hope* apparently volunteered to investigate the strange misty Stillpoint that has manifested near town. The Purple Librarian announced that she will try to establish a Machine Language connection with Akalla using Construct Five as a conduit.

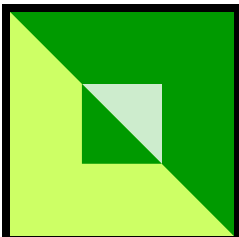
"I don't know why they didn't clear it with me," Madame Librarian said, "but we wish them well."



Dance of Many Horns: A Dommalon Tradition!

## Huntermass Celebration Begins!

The Great Library wishes everyone of the Dommalon faith a happy Huntermass. In celebration



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of the newly renovated sacred grove, Min Delray, visiting Wayfinder, will lead a special festival service in Valedictorian Park.

"With Mikhail Flatlander still in town and volunteering to perform the *Dance of Many Horns*, tonight's service should be a real blast," the Dommalon cleric said.

## New Vegetarian Restaurant Opens in Time for Huntermass!

A new Eastern restaurant opened in District 4, Row 6, called Mango Express.

"The timing is great," Yi Chen Ho, chief cook and proprietor, said. "We got our doors open just in time for the four week period of vegetarianism required by the Dommalon faith following *Huntermass!*"

Mango Express features spicy vegetarian fare from central and coastal East Point as well as rare ales and wines.

## Rummaging Week Begins!

Today starts Rummaging Week, when the Great Library buys up rare and used books for inclusion into the catalogue of tomes. Have a rare book, first edition, or scroll that the Library doesn't own? This week might be your lucky week! See your local White Librarian for details. As always, the Great Library pays cash for anything unique and interesting!

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### Advertisement

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*Forks and knives are what you need, but you're sick of the cheap stuff. You burned your last pot when you were trying to read and cook at the same time. Besides, you're not a gourmet chef! But you still want nice things.*

*We can help! Visit Corgley's Cookery for dishes, flatware, and cooking implements of all kinds!*

*Corgley's Cookery is located on Row 2 in District 4.*

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