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Whirled News

Martial Law Ends in Cali

Leif Ericsson, Mayor Pro-Tem of Cali, announced the end of martial law at noon today.

"We have water, gas and sanitation restored," he said at a press conference in front of the newly reconstructed city hall.

"The citizens have police protection. Those whose homes were destroyed now have places to live. Our food reserves are back to 100%. The churches are open, as are the schools. The University of Cali will re-open next week as well. Our city," he concluded amidst roaring applause, "is back in business!"

Hemophage-III Confirmed!

Remote sampling probes confirmed today that the biological weapon used against the citizens of Midian was indeed Hemophage-III.



Historical record image of the Hemophage-III virus, which kills by dissolving the cell membranes, causing its victims to "melt".

"This is a crime that will have lasting implications," the Matron said from the steps of the provisional barracks at Aloo'Marook. "To stop this artificial disease from spreading to the rest of South Point, I've asked the West Point Clan Council to gate in an army of Constructs

who shall burn Midian to ashes."

It was agreed that the capitol city must be razed, as there is no known cure for the Hemophage Stage-3 virus, and it is easily spread by water and air.

Banker Unveils New Undead Workforce

The Banker, East Point's money-lending Immortal, announced today that he is launching a new temporary labour service,



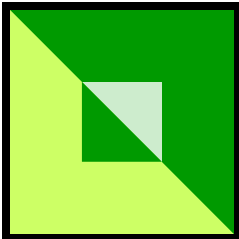
Zombies as the new "Hired Help"

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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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employing his recently acquired army of Undead zombies.

"It's a plan that benefits everyone," the Banker said. "Contractors get to hire cheap labour for dangerous tasks, and the debtor-zombies eventually get to work off their debts."

The Banker has earned the enmity of the True One church, a small yet vocal religious minority in East Point, for his practise of housing collected souls in what they call "a dark and hellish limbo".

The Banker, however, rebutted, "No one can prove that confiscated souls retain awareness while locked in my soul vault. The True One clerics are just spouting fear and superstition!"

Assassination Attempt Against Former Bishop

Valla T. Merrin, the imprisoned and defrocked Bishop of Rivna, was nearly slain in his prison cell last night when a dis-

embodied Undead hand somehow crept into the salt mine and into the prison dungeon in the lower levels.

"See!" Merrin declared. "It's not enough that Chalkminer conspired with the Church of



File drawing of Valla T. Merrin, from his happier days.

Saint Eldra to unseat me. Now he's trying to have me assassinated!"
Bishop Philo Chalkminer, however, was unimpressed. "As if I'm the *only* enemy that no-good disgrace has in this world! He's lucky he's in solitary confinement, or he'd *really* experience life-threatening danger!"

As our readers may remember, former-bishop Merrin was imprisoned for fifteen years for embezzlement, fraud, obstruction of justice, and the misuse of empathic powers.

Local Noose

New Coffee Shoppe!



Signboard for Count Ptophi Coffee.

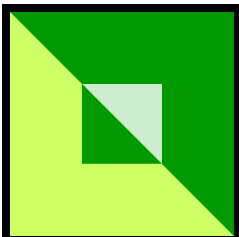
The Great Library is pleased to announce that it has granted license to Count Aratesh Petophi

to open a new coffee shop in Districts 5 and 7. The gourmet coffee chain, called "Count Petophi Coffee", is highly praised in North Point for importing only the very best coffee beans and roasting/brewing on premises. Moreover, CPC is renowned for its scones and bite-sized pies.

"It's a win-win for everyone," the Purple Librarian said. "After all, who doesn't like a good cup o' joe?"

Librarian Discovers Translation Amulet

Indigo Librarian Maggie Rockaby returned with her scouting party today, after a two month search for the highly transient Southern



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Cross.

"We didn't find that," Librarian Rockaby said. "But we did find something else of



interest: an amulet that allows the wearer to translate any written lan-

guage. This will be a great boon to the Great Library."

Illuvatar Cult Denied Charter

The Purple Librarian turned down another request for religious charter today.

"It's not that I have anything against the members of the Illuvatar Cult," the Master of Knowledge said. "But I've known Librarian Illuvatar for over ten years and I can say she's not a god. Not only that, *she* agrees with me that she's just not deific material. So I must regretfully decline this application."

Rock McFalston, cult leader, however, was undaunted, saying "Only a true deity would deny her divinity! Illuvatar will not fail us!"

Librarian Illuvatar was later overheard commenting, "What the hell sense does *that* make?!"

Singer Apologizes for Accidental Transformations



Yhon Adner-son, lead singer of

"Affirmative" wishes to express his apologies to those attendees of his Tome Theatre concert last weekend who were accidentally turned into Changelings.

"I tried not to sing to my full capabilities, but when we got to our final number, '*The Revealing Science of the Universal Deity*', I sort of got carried away. At least no one got turned into Angels this time!"

The Great Library is providing free counselling to the two dozen theatre-goers in the first row who were transformed.

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Been stabbed in the gut? Been chewed by a zombie? Caught a bad cold? Or is the hangover not worth the price

of bliss?

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"Pop" Durlow is a fully accredited White Librarian.