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Whirled News

Bishop Decries Political Murder

Bishop Valla T. Merrin of Rivna decries the foul murder of the Gazette editor who brought to light the accusations of his financial infidelity. "I and my Law Twisters welcome this investigation into my financial practices," he said via written statement from his legal advisors from the Offices of Hand and Book. "I have every confidence that it shall be found out that another is guilty of what I am accused of," he added.



A front view of Bishop Merrin's stately rectory. A tintype of his summer palace was not available at press time.

Carpenter Church," the Immortal said at his award ceremony. The Architect built thirty-two homes for the poor. "My work in Caldini is finished," he added. "My master now calls me to Rivna to set things right." While he did not directly implicate the Bishop of Rivna as a slumlord, as the rumours imply, the Immortal's migration to Rivna can only cast doubt over the Bishop's management of West Point's most populous city.

Architect Honoured

The Architect, for the fifth straight year, won the Caldini Medallion of Citizenship for his work and aid to the poor. "I couldn't have done it without the help of the

Empathic Blocker Developed

The Church of Saint Eldra was contracted this week by the West Point Council of Judges to begin mass-production of arcane devices referred to as Anchors. These artefacts have the unique property of dampening mind-affecting powers and spells within a hundred foot radius. The pilot test in the town of Umberdale proved highly successful in foiling jury tampering and misconduct by both defence and persecuting Law Twisters. A high-ranking representative from the Offices of Hand and Book has already filed an appeal.

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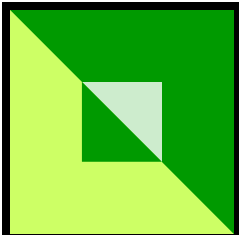
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For Our Welcome Visitors

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!
- Gray: Technical (fixes/repairs things, builds roads, digs ditches, etc.)



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Local Noose

Purple Librarian Announces Retirement

Our Lady of Knowledge, the Purple Librarian, announced today that she intends on retiring in three months. "These thirty years have been both enlightening and informative. But it's time for a younger, more dynamic mind to take my place," she told the Gazette. In keeping with Ex-Libris custom, she stated that she will choose ten candidates, of which one will be confirmed by a council comprised of three members of each of the Librarian Colors.

Hero's Award Rescinded

The fashionable three-story townhouse awarded to Lorgo the Brave has been transferred to Doctor Cardin Montrose of Bali, Kor of Rivna, and Merle of Paru. In a scandal earning Lorgo the death penalty, it was brought to the Ma-



The new residence of heroes! Located in District 5, Row 22. Congratulations to Cardin, Kor, and Merle!

dame Librarian's attention that Lorgo the Brave fabricated his tale of the liberation of the town of Arch. In fact, it was

courageous actions of the three outlanders that put Arch's Undead Constables to Final Rest.

Construct Granted Legal Status

The five Constructs, frequently employed by Urk LaRill of Urk's Metallic Wonders, were emancipated by their creator, Dulgar Gemfinder of Myracannon.

"When they gained sentience, I knew that granting them their freedom was the only fair thing to do," Dulgar said.

Master Gemfinder owns a factory in Caldini where he manufactures Labor Drones and household appliances. As it turns out, "they" may not be the entirely accurate term to describe the five drones that simply call themselves "Five". Our Lady of Knowledge has determined that the five drones together make up a single collective intelligence, and thus she has ruled that the five units actually constitute a single legal entity. "Five" has stated that they/it plan on opening their own business, now that Urk's Metallic Wonders declared bankruptcy this morning.

Non-Hostile Takeover

In related news, Blue Malakandra, of Blue's Forge, has purchased the debts of Urk's Metallic Wonders, and

has retained the services of Urk LaRill. "It's a beneficial move for both of us," Blue Malakandra announced. "Urk avoids a visit from the Black Librarians, and I gain the services of an extremely competent craftsman." Urk LaRill's financial woes were attributed to his inability to estimate projects accurately.

Poker Night Moved To Wednesdays



The Dealer, Ex-Libris's local immortal, announced that he is moving poker night from Mondays to Wednesdays, after he dealt himself a hand of cards that suggested it would be wise to do so.

Parking Fees Increase

The Purple Librarian announced today that the parking fees for wagons and other crafts docked outside the city gates will increase from two coppers per day to three.