

IRON CITY CELEBRATES THE NEW YEAR

Come one, come all! Old Lirian traditions will be brought to Iron City this New Year's festival day. Historically pancakes are served on this holiday, as they represented a rich, decadent food in the time before worldwide trade and innovations in food production. This simple food, now considered an unremarkable day-to-day staple, serves a reminder of the great strides of Lirian progress. Attendees may bring their own pancake fillings to share as a gesture of friendship and cooperation. The main event is to consist of the running of the ancient Pancake Race, in which participants must complete an obstacle course circuit, all while carrying a skillet and flipping a pancake a designated number of times. Dropping the pancake signifies disqualification from the race. Participants are welcome to bring their own skillet. The March of the Giant Pancake and a dessert pancake decorating contest will be held. To celebrate the diversity of the Empire, residents will also be welcome to participate in an Acirian-style eating competition. Entry fees and prizes for all activities are to be announced on the day of celebration.

QUEEN'S JUBILEE SPEECH TO BE REPLAYED

Thanks to the wonders of modern technology, the residents of Iron City will get the opportunity to hear

Iron City Threat Index

a comprehensive and scientific measure of the city's hazard. Scaled 0 to 10.

This month's Threat Rating:

8.23

In addition to continued threats by Luen and alchemicals, the growing malcontent of local Ogwe and movement towards war with Jhandihar have proven to be sources of extreme potential danger. However, given recent movement towards redefining the nature of the quarantine, valuable resources may soon become more readily available in Iron City.

the Queen's Jubilee Speech—in her own voice, recorded when she spoke it in Liria City! The recording

should be delivered in time for end of Pancake Day festivities on Saturday evening.

LIRIAN SOLDIERS BRUTALLY MURDERED

The Lirian Military near the Ogwe border has reported facing off against and subduing a group responsible for a rash of brutal murders. The murderers in question were captured after the Lirian military was made aware of four families, some eighteen people in all, in an area who had been butchered in their homes in the small town of Hereford. Three of the victimized families were the children, parents, husbands and wives of Lirians occupying military posts in the Ogwe territories and all were said to have been murdered in cold blood. The perpetrators of this crime are said to be a military group though the military authorities refuse to name the nation or nations responsible, though the Lirian military has announced that they are seeking out an Ogwehoweh citizen named Sabien for question in connection with these events.

TENURED SCHOLAR TAKES LEAVE

Prof. Jules Cartwright, age 42, has taken a leave of absence from his position in the Lirian Academy of Zoology and Medicine, leaving an open position yet to be filled. Over the last decade, Prof. Cartwright has invented several new methods and techniques in the field of medicine that have now become quite commonplace in Hospitals of Liria. Fellow scholars have referred to his prowess as "masterful" and that

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"Prof. Cartwright's shoes will not be easily filled in the Academy". The Professor's superiors say that he was due for a vacation, he had been diligently working on a new technique that would revolutionize the field of surgery, and "just needed some time to think to himself". A sudden influx of interest in the Academy of Zoology and Medicine has taken place, most likely due to scholars wishing to attain the prestigious position that Cartwright held. Prof. Cartwright was not available for comment, but his superiors say that he should be returning shortly, and they are not anticipating to permanently fill his position.

LUNATICS ON THE LOOSE!

Last week the escaped madman and bandit known as Maxwell Towles, rumored to a cannibal, broke into his old place of imprisonment, the Lead Barrow Asylum. According to the Warden Towles and his men attacked at night in a

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All prices in Queen's Oz.

Alder (LA)	0.261
Emir (JE)	1.012
Emperor (XE)	0.01
Kaiser (DK)	0.073

vicious assault that killed 9 and wounded 3 others, in order to free some of Towles old friends. Each as mad and dangerous as the last, they were all originally locked away along with Towles for the inhumane crimes they committed during the war. Their original names all lost amongst the records of yesterday and now simply go

by self-proclaimed titles or nicknames. Autmo, McMaimington, The Electrocutioner and The Most Deadliest

Man in the World are but a few that are known to have escaped. There is still much devastation at the Lead Barrow Asylum and not all patients have been accounted for. These men are all considered to be armed and very dangerous, and should not be approached under any circumstance. If seen, please report them to your local military headquarters.

MURDER IN THE CAPITAL!

A recent string of female murders in Liria City have now been connected, and are now believed to have been committed by the same person. Detective Minerva Kaine, has released a small amount of evidence to the general public in order to try and drive out this criminal that is causing terror in the hearts of many Lirian women living in the Capital. Detective Kaine has released the following statement: "To the people of Liria City: we have recently ascertained the name of the culprit, he calls himself 'Gregor the Organist'. He has left a calling card on his most recent victim, and due to the similarity involved with several other recent killings of women in this area, we have reason to believe this is the person we are looking for. The killer is known to knock the victim unconscious, perform some sort of incision on the body and remove vital organs." She goes on to say that any information, suspicious activity or discovery of a new victim should be immediately brought to the attention of the local authorities. People living in the area of these crimes have instated curfews to try and minimize opportunities for this killer, but so far the effectiveness of these precautionary measures is yet to be determined. Night watches and patrol efforts have also been increased in order to quickly capture this demented murderer.

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A Public Apology
by Citizen Sanura Kaniik
of the FNK

First and foremost, my words do not represent the feelings of my country, and were not endorsed by the FNK.

Second, my words were a mistake, yes, but they have been taken out of context. I did not mean to suggest that the Ogwe nation did not count, it was a matter of the current subject at hand being about borders, and the quarantine. In that respect, the Ogwe didn't matter because the dispute was about Jhandihar, and Lirians being able to go back home. The Ogwe were already home and would be best served staying out of the conflict and encouraging the Jhandihar and the Lirians to keep their disputes off of their land.

I believe that the Ogwe councilor at the table responded to a tense situation in which disaster seemed imminent and misinterpreted my words. My statement that he 'didn't matter' did not mean that he did not count as a person, only that he should not involve himself or his people in a conflict between two other nations needlessly. I hope that Mr. Sabien will see the wisdom of allowing these others to sort this out on their own and not inflict war on his people needlessly because he is angry at my choice of words.

On the Subject of War
by Khalid Imad Abdul-
Alim Sharif

During trying times like these, as war looms before us, it is easy to lose sight of what is important. We are torn between love for our friends, our country and our fellow man. Rarely are we afforded the luxury of being able to stay true to all of them. All too often, friends turn on each other when they find themselves on opposite sides of such conflict. I wish I could say something assuring about the nature of man, about how they can overcome all obstacles with understanding and patience, but I am afraid that what I have to say is quite the opposite.

War is inevitable. No matter how much we want to believe that all people strive for peace, whatever it is that drives us to reach for our dreams also makes us fight whoever threatens them. When words and gestures no longer suffice in understanding each other, we will resort to fists, knives and guns to protect what is ours. No nation in the world can claim otherwise. We must embrace this part of ourselves so that we may value what is important.

To accept that which we despise in ourselves allows us to embrace what we value. We have it within ourselves to display compassion, kindness and sympathy in ways that often defy comprehension. How



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Equity Market	Price
D&E Composite Index	16.2
Dornham Royal Teas (DRT)	13.9
Lirian Steamship & Foundry (LSF)	36.3
Amalgamated Coal & Galvacite (ACG)	21.2
Yoban Agricultural (YA)	18.8
Farthingham Tool & Leather (FTL)	8.9
National Bank of Liria (NBL)	25.4
Royal Tonics & Distilling (RTS)	13.3
Northern Railway & Locomotive (NRL)	30.8
United Lirian Textile (ULT)	5.0
First Galvanic & Semaphore (FGS)	20.1
Bosswink and Bosswink Assay & Mining (BBM)	14.6
Fourth Age Shipyards (FAS)	14.2
Bond Market	Price
30 Day Royal Exchequer Bond (100 Qoz).....	99
60 Day Royal Exchequer Bond (100 Qoz).....	97
90 Day Royal Exchequer Bond (100 Qoz).....	95
One Year Royal Exchequer Bond (100 Qoz).....	89

often do we find ourselves sharing what little we have, when common sense would lead us towards self-preservation? Does our heart not reach out to those we see suffer? It is this virtue that allows us to keep sight on what we value when faced with the ugliness that the world has to offer

A poet once said that there were only four questions of value: What is the spirit made of? What is sacred? What is worth living for? What is worth dying for? All four questions have the same answer. It is what helps us keep sight of what we value when the world goes mad. It is what drives us towards great deeds and bring us such bitter suffering. It is what fuels our hope for better times. To find it is to discover peace. I give all I have to you, that together we may get through this difficult time keeping sight of what we cherish.

Mushroom-Hunting with a Krag's Nose

An excerpt from her recent publication
by Dr. Panacea Gordon

A mushroom is a fungal fruiting body that develops underground and relies on mycophagy for spore dispersal. The mushrooms sought by the writer in this period are ectomycorrhizal and are therefore usually found in close association with trees or bushes.

There are hundreds of species of mushrooms, but the fruiting body of those of the genus Tuber are highly prized as a food. Lasai gastronome Brillat-Savarin called these particular species "the diamond of the kitchen". Edible mushrooms are held in high esteem in Lirian, Kriegan, southern Dolvanni and Acrian cooking, as well as in international haute cuisine.

Looking for mushrooms in open ground is almost always carried out with specially trained pigs or, more recently, krag. Only one family of krag trainers have successfully achieved a low level of domesticity of the subterranean bipedal creatures, but their hard work, numerous major injuries and one death in the family has paid off richly.

The female krag's keen sense of smell enables it to locate a field of mushrooms from up to a half-mile away. Its wet facial tentacles are essential for determining the direction of the air current containing the smell. The unusually-textured elongated organs are sensitive to the cooling of the skin by evaporation of the moisture by air currents.

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