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Summer is Over for Local Students

James Nelson

With the hot and lazy days drawing to a close, students have the inevitable return to school to look forward to. Or possibly just resign to, depending on the outlook of the child.

Tearful parents drop nervous kindergartens off for their first day of school in much the same manner as nervous college freshman leaving their similarly teary-eyed parents for dorm life on one of the many Nashville campuses.

About her kindergarten aged son, one Nashville mother said: "If you asked him if he was ready or excited about kindergarten, you'd get a shake of the head 'no', or maybe even a verbal no. If we were out in public and standing talking to someone, he'd try and disappear into my leg."

Adjusting to college life can be difficult for students transitioning from high school, and even for those who are older students. After four years of high school or cramming for college-prep tests, it is now their turn to join the ranks of the 1.6 million high school graduates who enroll in higher education.

Tonight's Picks

Music: Valerie June/Exit-In

Cheap: Glenn's Puppets/Dragon Park

Odd: Bier in Beer/Seiver Park



New Body Found, Identified as Missing Child



Police believe the recently discovered body of a local child may be connected to the unidentified corpses that have been found in recent months.

Giant Anteaters

Luca Manfe

For Labor Day weekend, children who love animals have one destination above all others: the Nashville Zoo. In the past ten months, four giant anteater pups have been born, the most recent under five weeks ago.

With a total of fifteen giant anteaters, the zoo has the largest count in North America. The zoo is looking for donors to fund the exhibit. The Delham Foundation has stepped forward to match all donations to the zoo.

Giant anteaters are categorized as "vulnerable" due to habitat loss. Hunting has also played a role in their decline.

Also new to the zoo are Bella and Darwin, a pair of two decade old Galapagos tortoises, and Jon and Lydia, a pair of wolves found in the Nashville area, and currently being displayed until they are moved to a new location.

Child Missing, then found Dead

Brianna Kozior

The body of Rene Tervalon, a 16 year old girl, was found Wednesday by neighbors in the Buena Vista neighborhood, north of Downtown Nashville. The child's body was not recognized by Imani and Jayla King, the sisters who found her, but her identity has been confirmed by the Davidson County Medical Examiner.

"We [were] just walking around and saw her tangled up in some wires. She was just lying there", said Imani. "I was surprised [because] she was on the side of the [gas station] under the windows, so somebody had to see her put there."

Reports indicate that the body was found slashed in a manner similar to the still unidentified bodies found in nearby neighborhoods. The child disappeared from a party where authorities believe alcohol was being served to minors.

NASHVILLE UNVEILED - REQUIEM

STREET RUMORS

These are loose rumors that have popped up between the last game and now. Your Storyteller is not to be trusted: some rumors listed here may be false or dead ends. Suggested rolls for downtime actions are given following some rumors, but feel free to use anything you want. What you roll determines the type of information, and the number of successes determines the amount of information.

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Hayseeds continues to cause protests. There are websites and local meetings talking about it. (Presence+Socialize, Intelligence+Computer)

They are lying about finding that girl. (Manip+Politics, Presence+Streetwise)

Be careful downtown: there are some strange, nasty things going on, especially in the trendy clubs. It's getting really hard to be a pimp. (Wits+Investigation, Intelligence+Politics)

WesIntel is using electric shocks to deter vandals. Good for them, I say. Any kid with a spray paint can deserves a cattle prod to the crotch! (Wits+Investigation)

A new club has opened, but only the really cool kids know about it. (Presence + Occult)



KINDRED RUMORS

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Harpy rumors are in effect: Figure out who the Harpies are, and grill them for rumors!

Expression 3 or above can add a rumor to game as a downtime.

The local gun store's stock of Vampire Killer, Werewolf Killer and Zombie Killer bullets is starting to run out. No deliveries have been made in awhile.

Those guys in white suits are still around. Actually, the Invictus have gotten much more active in the city in general.

Something happened between the Ordo and Cronos. They met in a big meeting and have been seen speaking in Elysium and meeting repeatedly for the last couple weeks. Whatever went down, it was huge. The Crone and the Ordo working together? What does this bode for the city?

Feeding is a pain everywhere else, but WesIntel does make downtown easier in general, despite local fear-mongers trying to scare people away.

FEEDING RESISTANCE: 4

Do a hunting draw, subtract the above from your pool. Success: start full. Failure: start down four or twice your blood potency, whichever is larger. You may run a feeding scene to "top off".

If you are unaligned, add three to the above.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

As Blood and Smoke is coming out next month (really, they promise!) we continue to convert everybody over. If you want a new character sheet to switch over yourself, please just ask. I will be switching a third of remaining characters over for the next three games.

Aspirations are missing from several of the sheets. These are story goals for the player, not necessarily for the character. For instance, you might have a demon hunter with the aspiration of "Be-friend a demon". That's an interesting roleplaying challenge. As LARP involves substantially more aspirations than a small tabletop group, beats are only awarded for completed aspirations that the Storyteller deems reasonably significant after the fact. This prevents each aspiration from having to be discussed in advance.

You might note that there are notes on the back of your character package listing aspirations and notable parts of your character. This is so I can maneuver the overall storyline so that you have a chance for your aspirations to occur.

We are not yet using Doors or the new combat system, as we are waiting on specifics for vampires in the new book.

Finally, ~~Virtue/Vice~~ has been replaced with ~~Masquerade/Requiem~~. no, that was too confusing, so they renamed it Mask/Dirge. It's still the same thing: what you aim to be when interacting with mortals and what you are when interacting with fellow vampires. Only the names have changed to protect the innocent.

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