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High Speed Transit for East/West

Eddy Webb

As the red and white signs visible throughout West End attest, the proposed new dedicated bus running from West End to East Nashville are the subject of some controversy. While Mayor Karl Dean is working with local and Federal resources to get this project going full speed ahead, some Nashville residents would rather he apply the brakes.

The full service route will run 7.1 miles from Five Points in East Nashville, down Broadway/West End and end at the Saint Thomas Hospital Area in West Nashville. The controversy has arisen because the route itself was chosen not because it was the best route, but because it qualified for federal funding. Furthermore, without this federal funding, the project itself could not move forward. Some have pointed at the expensive contract with WesIntel or river-front improvements as evidence that Dean is spending too much too fast.

On the other hand, the new route will go a long way to alleviating traffic down one of Nashville's most important economic corridors. Studies show this route is one of only a handful that is capable of supporting this high end mass transit.

Tonight's Picks

Music: Bitter Ruin/Mercy Lounge

Cheap: Glenn's Puppets/Dragon Park

Odd: Bflip Flip/Bicentennial Park



Fire Guts Nashville Landmark; Building to be Saved



Tootsie's Orchard Lounge still stands shuttered after extensive fire damage two weeks ago.

Dean calls for Investigation

Rich Thomas

The unsolved arson case that destroyed the interior and nearly caused one of the most iconic Honky Tonks in Nashville to be lost was the focus of a press event led by Mayor Dean.

"Our partners in WesIntel have led an astounding decrease in crime, but it is clear that we need to reinvigorate our efforts", said the Mayor on Tuesday.

A WesIntel relations officer stated, presumably referring to local criminal activity, "the purge is not yet complete."

Cremation Delayed

Rose Bailey

Several local funeral homes are accused of taking too long to cremate bodies after taking money from family members who have lost a loved one.

On Friday, Metro deputies spent the day taking bodies out of the Anderson Funeral Home. The 27 bodies will be transported to the County Coroner's Office, where they will be held until families can make other arrangements. A department spokesman said that it's not clear how long the bodies had been at the business, or why the owner was not cremating them.

NASHVILLE UNVEILED - REQUIEM

STREET RUMORS

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

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)

Somebody has figured out how to get around WesIntel... there's bomb graffiti of some Occupy type group all over downtown. (Wits+Investigation, Wits+Politics, Law enforcement contacts)

They dug up Aunt Beatrice last week. I don't know why, but Dad's been talking to police and he is pissed. (Presence+Socialize)

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: Grill them for rumors!

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

Well supposedly the prince has been associating with the Carthians, to what extent and about what i don't know, but I wonder how the Invictus feel about that?

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.

The kindred Lazarus says his blood line is Lazarene. Doesn't sound like any blood line I've ever heard of.

Those guys in white suits are still around. I wonder if they have seen the posters around town?

The Crone visited the Parthenon, and supposedly the Ordo went along with them. The Crone and the Ordo working together? What does this bode for the city?

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

Make sure to read last game's announcements if you haven't already. As Blood and Smoke is coming out next month (really, they promise!) the process of converting everybody over continues. Part of that is also getting everybody on-line. I have now put more than half the characters into the new database, and am now keeping XP logs there.

I had hoped to have reports, both on-line and in print available for this game, but that'll be next game. Basically, as of next game you should get a new Experience Log each week (that looks remarkably similar to the current one) with room for you to write things like Whuffies and purchases, and a list of your most recent changes, XP total and other useful info. Make sure to read it before game, as that's also where ST notes and in character rumors and events will be placed.

If you're interested, I've put together a compilation of the new Blood and Smoke Covenant writeups. This also includes the new Ordo Dracul system of coils and scales that bring them up to the level of the Blood Sorcery available to Lancea and Crone. These are not in play yet, so treat these all as "what to expect, probably maybe".

I'm probably going to move the notes from the back of character sheets, depending on how well they wear.

Update: While we are not yet using Doors or the new combat system, as we are waiting on specifics for vampires in the new book, we will be using them on NPCs a bit to test them out and get the system down.

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