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Something Wicked this Way Comes

Martin Dempsey

A traveling troupe of thespians will be arriving in Nashville in two weeks to perform their headline act - that Scottish play, MacBeth. The company, known as the Dreamers Ball, grew to be quite famous on the west coast Shakespeare in the park circuit. During their record breaking 2011 season, the principal actor, Sam Henry Jackson, suffered a sudden violent seizure on stage while delivering Prospero's famous final speech at the end of The Tempest.

This will prove a very special season for the Dreamers. They were forced to take a two season break to recover from the loss of Jackson. With the invigoration of a new pair of principal actors, Agata and Sergi Mukhov, and new financial backing, most of the original crew will once again trod the boards. Only Anna Hayes, who was cast in the role of Miranda and was rumored to be "extremely close" with Jackson will not be joining the cast.

Premiering their new costumes and sets, the actors will be putting on, as Sergi describes it, "the show of a lifetime."

Tonight's Picks

Music: Josh Kelly / Ryman Theater

Cheap: Mardi Gras / Downtown

Odd: Snake Whacking Day / TN

News of the Odd: There's a really ugly otter in town, and we don't mean Tom Ford. It's like a diseased Pinhead. Reward for pictures!



Bounty for Venomous Snakes Attracts Hunters



Tennessee issued a special hunting season on venomous snakes to deal with the rash of recent bites.

Mangled Otter Disturbs Locals

Chuck Hugel

Parents are growing concerned about a creature that appears to be a mangled river otter approaching local children. The children at one local school have taken it as a mascot and named it either "Princess Cupcake" or "Fire Whip", depending on who you ask. It has not hurt anybody yet, but it's outer appearance is not yet satisfactorily understood.

"It's probably just a squirrel or raccoon with a bad case of mange," explains local Fish and Wildlife Warden Robert Lillo. "Human influence on local wildlife is pervasive and damaging. Sick specimens can initially look quite alien, but upon closer examination are simply the familiar animals we all know and love. Think about the Montauk monster - it was definitely just a drowned raccoon."

"We need to protect the children from this creature," cried mother Mary Anne Benson, "if the Warden won't, we will!"

Olympian returns to Nashville

Joseph F. Dunford, Jr.

The 2014 Olympic games in Sochi, Russia were among the most confusing in recent memory. Palm trees were the backdrop for ski jumps, the biggest portion of the budget as blown on snow, and social media absolutely exploded with tales of less than adequate living conditions.

However, none of this could take the luster off the gold medal brought home by local archer Tara Appshire. In the wake of the popularity of The Hunger Games, the 16 year old "Southern Sprite" became the doll of the Olympic village and took the nation by storm, with a strong chance to win the Summer archery competition after this year's archery biathlon win.

"It was a great showing by all competitors," said Appshire in a press conference on Thursday, "everybody really did their best." Her coach and guardian, Olik Svbart, was also in attendance at the press conference, but remained quiet.

NASHVILLE UNVEILED - REQUIEM

STREET RUMORS

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Don't forget to read the newspaper for the PUBLIC news to look into!

People in the Gulch are having visions. Some hipsters are moving out, while others are moving in to get on the scene early.

Hayseeds continues to cause protests. It looks like the local conspiracy minded bible thumpers have added it to their regular set of "things we are outraged about", like D&D and Obamacare. (Presence+Socialize, Intelligence+Computer)

The Antioch Patriot is reporting on vampires. What the hell, right before Mardi Gras instead of Halloween? Anyway, the next issue is supposed to reveal where they all live, with proof.

KINDRED RUMORS

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There was an armored convoy from the airport to the AT&T building. The guards were kindred. What are they *building* in there?

Does James look tired to you?

The Lancea are doing something involving foreign items coming in.

Antioch can be considered to no longer be under the throne of Nashville. There are new kindred active in the area and a small number of kindred known to have been in that area have disappeared.

Have you heard - our new Prince doesn't feed off humans. How long until he puts feeding restrictions on all of us?

The Nosferatu have been having meetings. They know something that they aren't sharing.

Are vampires hunting vampires in Antioch? If you head down there, it seems you will be followed around for a bit, and at least one loudmouth neonate, Donna Milhaven, has gone suspiciously missing after a group of kindred in black was following her.

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.

PREVIOUSLY...

2014-02-01: Arms Unsheathed

With the passion of the last gathering still influencing the actions of some, a large group of the city Kindred began investigating Antioch in the name of Nashville, with no notice to or acknowledgement of the throne. They found a group of exiled neonates who claimed the area for feeding now that it had seceded from Nashville.

However, those were not the only predators having claimed the area for feeding. The Tremere were there as well, seemingly focused within a movie theatre. While the apparent leader met the group with patience, she soon required backup in the form of eight others. The situation quickly devolved due to Stephen's attempt to interact and interfere with the social structure of the liches. One thing was learned from the meeting; a deal had been struck with the throne of Nashville, though they had never met with the Prince, Jonathan Pinkerton. The deal had been struck with Miss Malone, acting in her role as seneschal in the Prince's absence.

Hastening back, a plan was devised, teetering between Final Death for the Seneschal and a claim of Praxis. It was finally decided that Lazarus would claim Praxis, with Owen as Seneschal and Chico stepping up as the new Master of Elysium in Owen's stead. When the claim came down, the tension and passion from the last gather returned to the fore. It was only after threats of physical violence on Elysium to Miss Malone, the hierophant of the Crone and of Nosferatu blood, that members of the Circle and the Nosferatu were forced to evacuate.

Fearing they would meet with retribution, those welcome at court began devising a plan of bringing the exiled back into the fold. But before the planning could complete, the exiled returned, with Malone giving the backing of the Circle, and Elijah the Nosferatu, to the new Prince and asking all assembled two questions; why was Praxis declared in Johnny's absence, and who called for the seneschal's death? Neither question was answered.

It was ascertained that the willing blood bond of Malone to Johnny was influencing her every thought and action, and through a major sacrifice and act of devotion given by Prince Lazarus against Malone's will and in violation of the laws of Elysium, the bond was severed, leaving her of free and clear mind.

Now, it appears the city is lashing out at all kindred, causing many to be slowed in returning to their havens, and even some being caught in the light of the sun.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

I hereby announce that that is one really huge Previously In Requiem above.

