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Red Tape Latest in Frustrating Woes

Briga Heelan

It seems that The Diner is cursed. More red tape was brought to bear this year on the construction of the restaurant on Third Avenue South and Demonbreun Street. After facing sidewalk limitations, digging too deep than local zoning regulations allowed, and an odd infestation of spiders, and strange numbers scrawled on it, the future now seems dim for the proposed 24 hour location. Frustrations have escalated.

Finally, during a hearing on Tuesday morning, a contractor for the construction project begged to be let go from their contract. After Judge Enzo refused, the representative of the company stood and yelled in protest that they had been "harassed by things you don't want to hear about." After a bailiff calmed the woman, she refused to answer the judge's questions regarding any possible criminal harassment.

Joe Cain, who is MDHA's director of urban development, has been an advocate for the proposal for the past two years. He had originally obtained approval for sidewalk widening and deeper digs for the structure, actions which have yet to take place due to a series of unrelated, ongoing problems. These problems have managed to delay the project over two years now, and prevented the intersection from being completed.

"Demonbreun has become a major pedestrian thoroughfare, so you really need those sidewalk widths," Cain said. "That neighborhood is supposed to be oriented toward residents. Businesses should be compatible. That's what I brought to their attention."

Joey Gurrero, a developer of a nearby condo project, moved against the project believing it was a front for another honky-tonk downtown. The noise would be unacceptable for a mostly residential neighborhood. His well heeled effort to block construction was represented by Fontana

Outburst in Courtroom as Contractor Demands Relief



Kristen Rose to Judge Enzo: "You don't understand. I've seen things that you can't... I've been harassed by things you don't want to hear about. And I know if this ends..." After being calmed, the contractor refused to expand on her statements.

Davros, a major attorney from Atlanta.

The SoBro area of downtown has seen a tremendous amount of development in the last decade. The other three corners of the intersection have seen the Schermerhorn Symphony Center opening in 2006, The Encore Building in 2008, and the Pinnacle at Symphony Place in 2010. The Diner was originally slated to open in 2012, but the land purchase was delayed.

Tonight's Picks

Music: Del Vonn / Schermerhorn Ctr.

Cheap: Dime Concerts/Centennial Pk

Odd: Shadow Puppets / East Park



Support for Artists Pours into Streets

Skylar Astin

Following the shootings at the offices of Charlie Hebdo, millions of people turned out yesterday for marches in Paris, in cities across France, and around the world. Reported estimates of between 1.5 and 2 million people rallied in Paris, and the French interior ministry estimated 3.7 million or more rallied across France.

Charlie Hebdo has previously published cartoons featuring the Islamic prophet Muhammed. These include original depictions and reprints of controversial cartoons originally by Danish newspaper Jyllands-Posten. Some of these cartoons were on display at the marches.



NASHVILLE UNVEILED: BLOOD & SMOKE

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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Nashville is currently facing a prairie dog problem. They are putting holes in people's lawns, and are presumed to be escaped pets.

The local drug gangs – the guys on motorcycles – have slowed down with their strange “I” graffiti. It's like the life has gone out of it, or whoever is supporting it has moved on. Why local law enforcement hasn't declared it a gang sign is mystifying.

The Knife and Gun show out of Cincinnati are still running their show at the fairgrounds, teaching self defense and having marksmanship competitions. It sounds like a good time.



KINDRED RUMORS

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It is starting to get harder to feed of late – those rumors of serial killers are spooking the kine and making it hard to have a good meal. Meanwhile, the animals in Nashville seem extra alert for some reason.

Otto was last seen looking for anybody who knows Geomancy. He was saying something about how the lines needed to be read...

Hey, didn't the Mad Prince know something about Geomancy? Now that he's back...

The smell of ants increases in the Cacophony.

PREVIOUSLY...

Ch31, G6: “Four Star Dining”

(No plot summary written; help write one on Google Docs!)

Ch31, G5: “The Toll of War”

(Holiday plot part 2) To silence the bell that would waken the soldier corpses, the Circle burned the feet of seven church mice soaked in blood and WD-40, beseeching Harpocrates, the god of silence, in assistance.

Ch31, G4: “Remembrances”

(Holiday plot part 1) A visitor to Elysium proved to be a walking corpse of a different type. In demanding assistance, the risen Civil War veteran's threat to the Masquerade led the city to his widow, and his destruction... and the obliteration of Hymir in the process. Meanwhile, the Tremere revealed their boon from the Prince to be a request that benefited the city, not themselves: Hymir's powers created a monstrous threat. In wiping out

the monster and the risen, a dire prediction was made that when a certain church bell rings amid the chorus of bells on the anniversary of the Battle of Nashville, the dead would all arise.

Ch31, G3: “Erosion and Leaks”

A captive was interrogated. Plans made, deals struck. Backroom deals continued, until a threat to the Masquerade in the mountains near Dixon caused the city to do battle against a Thing in a Well. During the battle, Heinrich's body was revealed to be host to a pale, foot long ant, nestled near his heart. Chico, upon seeing this, drove him into the burning building and killed the Sanctified.

Interlude: “The Thing in the Well”

Half of the truth behind the Hayseeds reality show was revealed as all players took up the roles of the Whyte family and the investigative journalist team that went up the mountain to investigate the strange family..

Ch31, G2: “Demolition and Foundation”

FENRIS took to the streets, demanding a full investigation of violent acts at the Life and Casualty Tower. Their mob clashed with law enforcement outside the building as the newly strengthened Invictus looked to one of their own who had suffered loss inside the building. Investigation revealed a newly dug tunnel beneath the building leading to two curious creatures in the dark. They seemed to imply that the ants were organized and after something, while FENRIS was opposed to the ants. The mole-creatures seemed to be mercenary in nature, just trying to profit from the situation. If the Circle of the Beast has information on the ants, they have yet to be asked, although they had entered the city risking (but not violating) the Masquerade to kill them in the past.

Alas, the revelations were preceded by events that somewhat soured the relationship between the Kindred City and FENRIS.

Ch 31, G 1: “Cornerstone”

On this evening, the Danse Macabre was a slow minuet. After the excitement and turmoil with Swine and the Tablet, and the meeting of the Three Princes, kindred split in to kin groups - clan and covenant to stir old business that had been placed on the back burner.

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FEEDING RESISTANCE: 5

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

If you are unaligned, add three