

KIDNAPPER CULT ARRESTED

Children rescued from fire

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Amidst a rising crime rate, Lieutenant Kujawa's *Apogee Elite Guard* has foiled a nefarious criminal plot to kidnap children of Apogee and Nadir. Four children were taken from their homes over the previous month.

All kidnapped children and all but the leader of the kidnapers were killed, with the leader in custody at Fulcrum Asylum. Commentator Conrad Langham has suggested this was the result of a murder-suicide criminal pact. The Guard have declined to confirm this theory, nor report the gang's motives. "It's just sad stuff," reported Sergeant Bordo.

The new Dawnbreak Orphanage was amongst the casualties. The establishment caught fire as the Elite Guard fought gang members in the streets, later exploding due to excessive stored coal dust. All children and carers of Dawnbreak Orphanage survived with only minor injuries due to the bravery and teamwork of the Elite Guard.

The Council intend to announce a medal ceremony for the team in due course.

Attention! Tickets to the The Fish Festival are selling fast!
Buy yours at any local guild-accredited angler's store

Daring Daylight Robbery Turns Sour

Trellik's Clocks was robbed in broad daylight yesterday by a gang of young, daring thieves. Expensive mechanical components and tools were stolen in a smash-and-grab robbery. The gang fled Apogee over the Bridge to Nadir.

Gang members were subsequently known to the guard, and found in an alleyway in north-east Nadir. All had been killed by a rival gang. The stolen goods were not recovered.

Tinker Trellik refused to be interviewed, and threw wrenches at an Inquirer reporter.

Apogee Council have resisted calls to establish security checkpoints at the Bridge of Fraternity, claiming "any onerous security measure dampens the Apogee-Nadir relationship."

University releases Penumbra building post-mortem

Goldmoss University has today released its report on the unexpected collapse of four buildings in Penumbra. The report released to the Council was primarily technical, concluding the disaster was the result of an ancient sinkhole. No municipal or mining works were blamed.

Geologist Ser-Ravi, professor of the Magic Academy, said "These phenomenon are not unheard of. The region is ancient, fertile land, and instabilities can emerge after millenia of stout safety, especially along transverse arcano-geological faults."

The Council is preparing cityworks to re-establish the area for residence.

Elites rails against Jade Sea gangs

Members of the Apogee elite have signed a open letter to the Apogee Council, demanding tougher restrictions on Bireme River immigration. Gangs like the Zhi gang have recently been involved in street fights, and have been rumoured to be involved in theft related to the depressed fish stocks.

The Council has not offered a formal reply but spokesperson Gorlon Magouilles has asserted that they will work with the community to treat the problem without resorting to "regional political muckraking".

Oculist's Son released

Emiloren Fry has been released from custody following a fight with a homeless man near Haemlin's Tavern. His father, Eiwan Fry of the Oculist's Guild, vouched for his innocence. The young man said, "I'm happy to be out of that slime hole, unfairly arrested. I'm just glad the clumsy Apogee Guard didn't keep me from the upcoming festivals."

Cat burglar Celia Skyne out on bail

Known petty criminal Celia Skyne has been released on bail yesterday. She had been caught amidst the recent Mina Museum heist. Judge Flyun agreed to submit her to community service, following a strong endorsement by an unnamed Apogee citizen.

Skyne told the press: "I'm no crook! I'm just a kid. Get outta my face!"