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Rev Raid

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In a dramatic twist to the story of Reverend Whitely, Glasgow's resident anti-vampire preacher, the Reverend was abducted by a group of armed men. The attack happened at Glasgow University at 2.30pm on the 17th of November, shortly after the Reverend had completed a guest lecture on God's place in modern academia.

The students had largely exited the building by the time of the attack, although one shocked attendee recalled: "I was shoved to one side as five or six men walked past me. They mostly had hoods up, or were turned away, but I just took them as being rude at the time. I had no idea that this would happen, it is a complete shock."

The men appear to have rushed the Reverend, and removed him from the scene, however the abduction was not without incident. Two of the Reverend's aides, and one of the assailants were killed by gunfire, and the blood of a further two men, in addition to the Reverend's, was found at the scene. It is unclear how the armed attackers came to sustain casualties in an attack upon an unarmed man of the cloth, however it is clear that someone has gone to

some lengths to remove the Reverend. We must now wait to see if there are any repercussions from this.

Big Brother Brother

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A groundswell of support appears to be gathering behind a movement to oppose the Glasgow O's project, which has seen the company position advanced CCTV cameras covering a large portion of the city.

Campaigners from a range of political and social backgrounds have begun to express serious concerns over the level of surveillance in Glasgow, questioning the necessity for many of the cameras and the power this program has placed into the hands of a private, for-profit company.

The degree of support for the movement has reached such a level, that local and national governments have begun to discuss the issue, and to

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consider the potential costs should the matter reach court – as it seems destined to do. While the Scottish Government's position has been reserved for the moment, any decision it takes against the revolutionary cameras could spell the end for their spread, just as many believed they would be expanded to other cities in Scotland, and the rest of the UK.

While the protests which have taken place so far have been entirely peaceful, there does appear to be a growing resentment towards the Glasgow O, and it must be questioned how long the company can maintain its public sector contracts in the face of such opposition.

Obtaining Cats and Dogs?

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Police were alerted to a spate of pet disappearances this month, after the SSPCA recorded an unprecedented volume of calls to their numbers to report missing cats and dogs.

Initially, the animals' absences were attributed to the cold weather causing pets to seek out shelter outwith their gardens, or usual ranges. However, as numbers rose dramatically in the vicinity of the Kelvin River, and parts of the River Clyde, the SSPCA became concerned that there was a pattern of some kind to the events.

Strathclyde Police are investigating the disappearances presently, most of which have been dogs, although a few cats have also gone missing. Some of the animals even appear to have gone missing from within owner's homes, and as yet, Police are at a loss to explain what might motivate a person or group to abduct these particular pets.

We cannot know for certain that there is a supernatural element to these events, however, it would not be the first example in Glasgow. With luck though, these matters will not pose a threat to the Masquerade.

Travel News December 2010

Rosina Provanzano-Giovanni

The chief of the US Transport Security Administration was forced to answer questions about new security procedures before a Senate Committee after a massive outcry from corporations and state government officials. The new measures involve either invasive scan images of travelers or intimate pat downs and there have been reports of abuses by security staff at certain US airports.



In other news, EasyJet flew its first flight from Glasgow airport exactly 15 years ago from the 10th of November. They celebrated by recreating that flight – complete with free drinks, cakes and hit music from 1995. 4 lucky passengers won free flights to one of EasyJets European destinations. The low-fares airline has flown 46 million passengers on 42 routes from Glasgow, Edinburgh, Aberdeen, and Inverness airports over the past 15 years.

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Personal ad

Anonymous

Dear Miss Heather Jackman,

On a matter of up most importance regarding prestatation I do ask of my good friend to contact me on the number below as soon as possible. Failure to do so will be taken as an attempt to avoid your responsibilities and shall be dealt with harshly.

Regards, your Better.

01533 555 645
(OOC Not a real Number)

Great Britain By Night

Margery Houndsworth-Stone, Clan Toreador, Ancilla, Harpy of London

Dear faithful readers, November has been an interesting month, snow aside. It yet still amazes me every time how a little bit of snow can wreak havoc with everything, even our own existences. What we have now is nothing compared to 1963 or 1947, still very mild when compared to the winters of the late 70ies and early 80ies and yet it seems so unexpected to people. Maybe it is a sign that all is still well with the world, as many of us have build an existence based on the principal that people will make the same mistakes over and over again rather than learn from them.

But dear readers, I doubt you read my column for the weather report, and I promised it was an interesting month. The exciting air of change is blowing through the city and while nothing official has been said or done, behind the scene frantic activity can be detected. I, like many others in the capital, will need to decide whether we want the embrace that change and whether we want to be early adopters, hence potentially being rewarded for the risks we take. Or maybe we should stand back, hold on to the status quo and resist the change. Then we will not be punished for having broken rank. How can we assess the likelihood of each potential outcome? How much old debt is involved here? How can I stay save no

matter what happens? Or how much could I gain by fully supporting one side? Is that sufficient to accept the potential risk if my side looses? These are all extremely valid questions and if I had all the answers I'd be selling them to the highest bidder.

In the absence of the magical answer we are left to observe the wheels turning in the background, and they are definitely turning, if anything they are speeding up. I have heard that Seneshal Houblon is making a public appearance at Edinburgh's Winterball at the end of December. That is certainly one occasion I am not going to miss.

Let is be known that David Stone, of York, ancilla of the Camarilla has traded his debt over Richard Farr, of Edinburgh, elder of the Camarilla and his debt over Nathan Kyte, of Glasgow, ancilla of the Camarilla to Donald Bassingthwaite, Primogen of London, elder of the Camarilla.

Let is be known that Lynn Ferguson, of Edinburgh, ancilla of the Camarilla is indebted to Reginald Albertson, Seneshal of Aberdeen, highly esteemed elder of the Camarilla.

Let it be known that Alexander Jones, of Birmingham, ancilla of the Camarilla is substantially indebted to Parson Orr, Sheriff of London, elder of the Camarilla.

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