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JUSTICAR STEPS IN

It has been reported that the Malkavian Justicar, Aleister Crowley, captured an agent of the Tremere at some point during the last month. This Tremere had been reportedly intending to punish, maybe even destroy, a non-Tremere kindred who had learned thaumaturgy.

While it is not against Camarilla law for someone out-with the clan to have learned

this discipline many Tremere have been known to feel strongly about it, even to the point of violence.

Some have questioned Aleister Crowley's objectiveness in this matter but they acknowledge that he has acted swiftly and according to custom.

GREAT BRITAIN BY NIGHT

As the notable kindred of Great Britain are no doubt aware, the domain of Suffolk no longer exists. Prince Carter Branch of Clan Malkavian has relinquished his claim of domain and acknowledged Queen Anne Bowsley to be ruler of Suffolk. Queen Anne's domain of London is now, without a doubt, the most populous in terms of both mortals and kindred in the UK. Indeed she holds almost the entire south east in her grasp.

There has been no evidence of coercion in this merger, and no transfer of prestation between Branch and Queen Anne. However, Branch now sits as one of the primogeniture in London. By all appearances this merger seems to be amicable. A rumour is afoot amongst the thin blooded of the city. They whisper of the long term residence of Bowsley's protégé in the domain, and the recent presence of the London Tremere spotted in the domain meeting at his home. They would have us believe that these things are signs that Branch may have been pushed into the merger. Of course, if this were true I would not be complacent in the shoes of

Prince Murillo, since the very same Tremere have been spotted at his court. Interestingly, Viscount Aldworth also maintains a Haven in Glasgow. I leave our readers to draw their own conclusions.

For those readers who may find keeping track of the present domains of Great Britain, permit me to list them: London, Birmingham, Severn, York, Winchester, Manchester/Liverpool, Edinburgh, Dundee, Glasgow, Aberdeen, Inverness, Connaught and finally Ulster. Clan Ventrue contains the most Princes, with four currently in power in the UK, holding the first four listed domains. Clans Brujah, Toreador and Gangrel each have two Princes. Lasombra *antitribu* and Nosferatu hold one domain a piece. The lineage of the Prince of Winchester is unknown, although he is rumoured to be of Tremere blood. Certainly he is amongst the eldest of the entire island kingdom.

Margery Houndsworth-Stone, Clan Toreador, Ancillae, Harpy of London.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *Politics*
- *News*
- *Sudoku*
- *Caledonia Nocturnus*
- *Movie Reviews*

ABDUCTION CASE HAS BAFFLED POLICE

The confirmation that the remains of a missing Glasgow accountant have been discovered in the Firth of Clyde has come as a shock to detectives working on a case that has been shrouded in mystery.

When fishermen made the gruesome find of a human skull in their nets off the island of Little Cumbrae last month, the friends and family of Andrew Ramsay were still clinging to the hope that he may still have been alive.

It is unclear how much the discovery will reveal about what happened after the father-of-two was abducted by two men posing as policemen in February 2006.

The case has left Strathclyde Police baffled and frustrated. It has led to a number of theories ranging from alleged sightings abroad to stories that his abduction may have been staged.

The only person to witness what happened to him on the evening of Wednesday 22 February was his girlfriend of eight months, Beverley Sinclair.

Mr Ramsay, who would have been 53 in March this year, was handcuffed and bundled into a car by two men claiming to be police officers outside his home in Berryknowes Road, Cardonald.

Police investigation

The couple were returning from the nearby Quo Vadis pub in Paisley Road West which they left

shortly after 1900 GMT.

They then stopped at an off-license before walking towards their home.

The two men used what appeared to be police ID as they took Mr Ramsay, a keen hillwalker who had been unemployed for six months.

Despite a huge international police investigation officers struggled to find out what had happened to him.

Detectives pursued more than 1,000 lines of inquiry, interviewed more than 1,000 people and took more than 300 statements.

The hunt also took detectives to cities in England, Wales, Northern Ireland and Belgium to visit the accountant's associates.

Shortly after the abduction Mr Ramsay's brother Stewart made an emotional appeal for information.

The abduction was also reconstructed for the BBC's Crimewatch programme and an appeal was made at a Rangers football match. A £5,000 reward was also offered for information.

Unconfirmed reports of sightings in the UK and abroad also proved fruitless and a year on, the lack of progress led the officer leading the inquiry, Det Supt Willie Prendergast, to describe the case as "one of the most frustrating I have dealt with".

CALEDONIA NOCTURNUS 2007

You know, the chinese have a curse... something about living in interesting times. It doesn't get more "interesting" than war, I suppose. The Sabbat are attacking the Anarch and Camarilla cities all along the east coast of America and this time it looks like they are starting to win. What we need is a concerted plan. Something we can agree on and implement together with full force. Of course, agreement is probably the hardest part...

The Anarchs are getting together to discuss the war with the Sabbat in the US. They've picked somewhere sparsely populated with kindred where no one can disturb them. There will be representatives from all along the American east coast and the rest of the world. This is a War Council. At the end of the meeting there should

be a plan on how the Anarchs, and hopefully the Camarilla, will deal with the Sabbat incursion.

Location:Pitlochry Youth Hostel

Arrive:7pm Fri 23rd November 2007

Depart:11:30am Sun 25th November 2007

Tickets for GVLARP players will be £35. For non-GVLARP players it will cost £45. There will be a non-returnable deposit of £10 to secure your place.

Payment can be made in instalments to the Treasurer (Ellissa McIntosh, who plays Marchesa Vilanova) in either cash or cheque.

GLASGOW AIRPORT GETS £30M INVESTMENT

Airport operator BAA Glasgow has announced plans to redevelop Glasgow airport.

The firm is to inject £30m into the project with the aim of increasing capacity, reducing security waiting times and offering better services for customers.

The project, which is named skyhub, includes the introduction of new retail and catering facilities and is due to begin this month, with officials saying that the work will continue for a further 18 months.

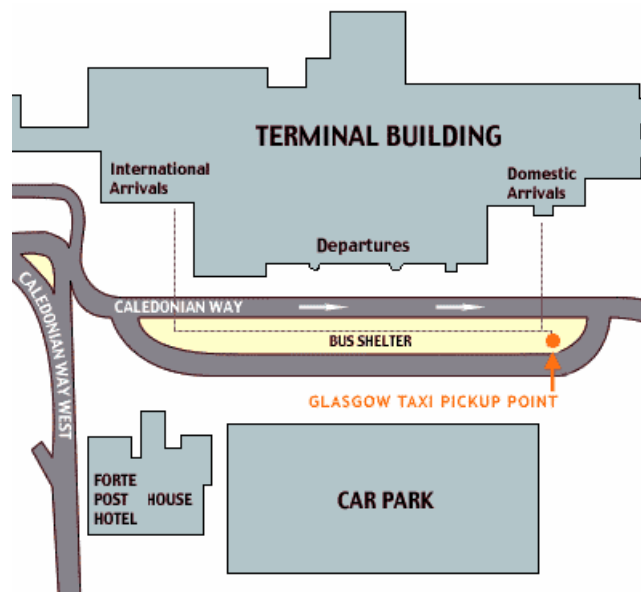
Glasgow airport will soon have just one large security area which will be positioned on the first floor, replacing the three separate areas which are currently in place.

BAA Glasgow is confident that this will speed up the security-checks process, as will the four additional x-ray machines that will be put in place.

'Security, for any airport, is of paramount importance and as passenger numbers increase, it's important that we are able to screen passengers quickly and safely,' said Gordon Dewar, managing director at the hub.

'We have already announced a major investment in additional staff and x-ray technology. skyhub takes that investment a step further and will give us the flexibility and the extra capacity that we need to provide a fast, efficient security screening service.'

'Our aim, ultimately, will be to reduce the amount of time passengers wait in security lines and, in the process, deliver a better customer experience for our growing number of passengers,' he added.



SECURITY CONFERENCE NEWS

HARNESSING INNOVATION SEEKING OPPORTUNITIES FOR SCOTTISH COMPANIES

TUESDAY 5TH JUNE 2007

KELVIN CONFERENCE CENTRE

**10.00AM - 5.00PM (REGISTRATION
9AM-10AM)**

**PRICE: SBAC MEMBERS - FREE,
NON SBAC MEMBERS - £25+VAT
(REFUNDABLE AGAINST 1ST YEAR
OF SBAC MEMBERSHIP)**

The MoD has challenged the sector with the direction in which it believes the UK's industries will need to evolve and change in order

to meet the challenges to our national security and remain a viable industry. The capability, capacity and will to innovate throughout the industrial base will be critical as will be the need to achieve more rapid maturation and application of technologies and deployment of capabilities by our armed forces.

This event, from SBAC Scotland and BAE Systems with the support of the ADS Programme, aims to raise awareness of this need for change facing our industry in Scotland, both small SMEs and the traditional prime contractors, and crucially to accelerate the process of their working together.

For further information about this event and how to register please contact Liz Lambert at Liz.Lambert@sbac.co.uk or on 0131 343 8931.



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PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: AT WORLD'S END (2007)

After Elizabeth (Keira Knightly), Will (Orlando Bloom), and Captain Barbossa (Geoffrey Rush) rescue Captain Jack Sparrow (Johnny Depp) from the the land of the dead, they must face their foes, Davey Jones (Bill Nighy) and Lord Cutler Beckett (Tom Hollander). Beckett, now with control of Jones' heart, forms a dark alliance with him in order to rule the seas and wipe out the last of the Pirates. Now, Jack, Barbossa, Will, Elizabeth, Tia Delma, and crew must call the Pirate Lords from the four corners of the globe, including the infamous Sao Feng (Chow-Yun Fat), to gathering. The Pirate Lords want to release the goddess Calypso, Davey Jones's damned lover, from the trap

they sent her to out of fear, in which the Pirate Lords must combine the 9 pieces that bound her by ritual to undo it and release her in hopes that she will help them fight. With this, all pirates will stand together and will make their final stand for freedom against Beckett, Jones, Norrington, the Flying Dutchman, and the entire East India Trading Company.



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