



CONGRATULATIONS HORIZON'S STRONGHOLD New County Seat

Farewell Wiggles Casino and Brothel!

By George Aleister Wright

In a surprise announcement several weeks ago, Madame Feliciticia Snickerdoodle stated that the beloved Wiggles Casino and Brothel will be closing its doors in Horizon's Stronghold and relocating to the Emerald City. When asked to elaborate on the sudden move, Madame Snickerdoodle made the following comment. "Darling, it isn't that sudden for us. We were approached by the Business Association of the Emerald City Little Munchkinland months ago, and we've been in negotiation with them for a prime location. You must understand that locating in the heart of the Emerald City is a dream come true! It is simply an offer that we could not refuse! It is with a heavy heart that we leave Horizon's Stronghold for this once in a lifetime opportunity. Thank you all for the stories, the laughs, and the tears. We greatly enjoyed making all those lovely memories with all of you! Don't worry, all of us will come and visit Horizon's Stronghold often, and if you find yourself in the Emerald City, don't forget to stop in. We'll make sure to give all of our loyal Horizon's Stronghold patrons a discount!"

From all of us here in Horizon's Stronghold, we thank all the Wiggles for the memories and wish you well in the Emerald City!



On a Mission Well-Accomplished!

We would like to offer our congratulations to our Royal Witch Hunters on their successes in eliminating the threat of dark magics throughout the realms of Oz. We are pleased with the cooperation from all of the citizens of Oz in making sure that those who had been tempted to use the dark arts have been brought into the light or have been restrained from accessing these dread powers.

Additionally, we would like to thank the citizens of Horizon's Stronghold for their aid in the destruction of the Wicked Nightmare Witch, Verruca, as she troubled the dreams of Munchkinland.

While the immediate danger has passed we want to remind all good people of Oz that the temptation to practice dark magics remains in the world. We all must remain ever vigilant against this corrupting influence. We could not have been successful in driving back this grave threat without the help of all those who were willing to identify those that had given themselves over to this recent dark wave of depravity. If you see something, speak up! Then have a drink to celebrate your good deed. While our Royal Witch Hunters cannot be in every place at all times, they will be traveling the lands and available to assist with Dark Witch troubles in the future.

Ozma the Peacemaker

Surprise Upset in County Seat Elections

In an unexpected turn of events the Citizens of Lairabee County have decided to move the traditional center of government for the region from the town of Lairabee. The county seat will now be moving to the of Horizon's Stronghold. Beatrice Lairabee, Lead County Clerk, said, "This transition will be handled smoothly and efficiently. We will make sure that all possible resources are provided to the new county government post haste."

It was unexpected for the county citizens to go against centuries of tradition. The arguments of the Sabernoc family seemed insufficient to bring about such a drastic change. True to their word, a number of the people of Sabernoc voted for the county seat to be moved to Horizon's Stronghold in their anyone-but-Larribe pique. The other towns in the county voted as expected with the exception of Nitelite, also a town in contention to be county seat. Nitelite overwhelmingly threw its support to Horizon's Stronghold with zero votes from Nitelite for the county seat to be moved there.

The citizens of Lairabee County should look forward to an exciting future as the new government begins to take charge.

Civil Authority

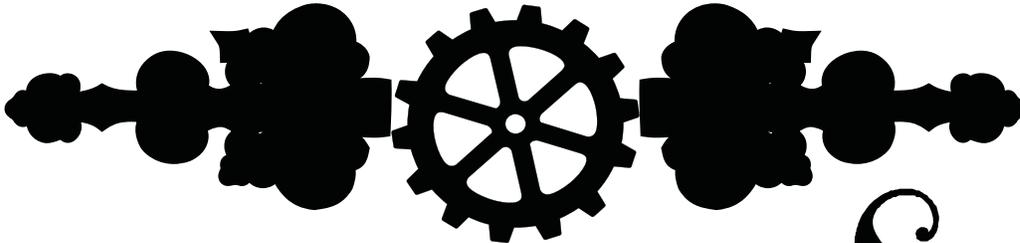
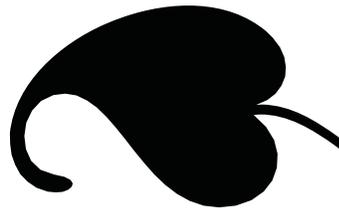
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Church of Lurline Erected On Famous Emerald City Site By Ronald Wiggam

Once known as THE gathering place among the Emerald City elite, the Church of Lurline has opened a house of worship on the site formerly occupied by the Luminous Crinkum. A prestigious social club that has served the Emerald City elite for the past 300 years, the Crinkum had closed it's doors for renovations several months ago. When I had interviewed Madame Worthington in regards to the closure, she had mentioned that she had received a generous offer from one of her patrons to renovate the facilities, and couldn't wait to reopen. I had tried to reach Madame Worthington in regards to this sudden usage change and her future plans for the Luminous Crinkum, but she could not

be reached for comment in time for this article. We did, however, receive a statement from a Church of Lurline spokeswoman. "We are delighted that the Worthington family has generously donated the building for our new Church. We welcome you all to come worship and praise Lurline with us at our new site soon".



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A Mystery NO ONE CAN ANSWER ...OR NO ONE Will ANSWER?

By an Inquisitive Journalist

Horizon's Stronghold has recently been inundated with an excessive amount of Oogle attacks. Attacks that no one could explain, until recently. During a dispute overseen by acting Judge Clawdette, members of the Drudgers Guild and the Mason Guild came together to discuss the specifics of the road commissioned with the Drudgers by a person or persons unnamed. This road led directly through an Oogle nest and seems to be the cause of the increase in Oogle attacks. Though great strides were made in reconciliation between the two guilds one looming question remained unanswered as of the writing of this article.

Just WHO commissioned a road from Horizon's Stronghold directly through Oogle territory?

When questioned on the origin of the road the Drudgers guild representative stated very clearly that the Drudgers were given very specific instructions as to the origin, destination and direct path that the road was to take. What this leaves some of the citizens of Horizon's Stronghold to surmise is that a person or person yet unnamed intended the road to go through Oogle territory, perhaps with the direct intention of stirring up the voracious eyeball eating creatures. With county seat elections taking place around the same time many fingers are inclined to point towards the Larabee family. But suspicion is not enough.

Several citizens and members of various guilds asked for this question to be answered during the dispute but representatives of the Drudgers guild refused to answer, leaving suspicion to hang in the air.

Will this question be answered, or will the person or persons responsible for this commission escape the eye of judicious and curious individuals and if so, do they have other plans that could endanger the small town of Horizon's Stronghold. Inquiring minds want to know.





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Break In at Brachelia Van der Gold's Munchkinland Estate

Brachelia Van der Gold has been spending all of her time in the Emerald City since her ascension to head of the Mercantile Guild, leaving her favored Munchkinland villa empty for quite some time now. One can only imagine how distraught the young Guild Mistress was upon arriving home for a well earned break to find that her home had been burgled! Most of her belongings were in order, with the exception of a "beautiful and obedient" construct who has been responsible for keeping the estate clean for many years.

Brachelia's personal guard, Guard, took personal responsibility for the loss of property, "I was in the Emerald City protecting my mistress, but I should have taken more care in protecting her belongings as well." He asks that if anyone sees a gold cleaning construct "in a place where you wouldn't expect one like that" to please contact him immediately so he might recover it.



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PERHAPS CITY, THE VINKUS





Where are all the constructs?

Over the last few months there have been a few reports filed throughout Larabee County regarding constructs just up and going missing. The earliest were from Grubbers who said their very reliable farming constructs just up and left the fields one day. Authorities seem to be ignoring the problem, dismissing the reports as nothing more than constructs going off to enjoy the nice spring weather.

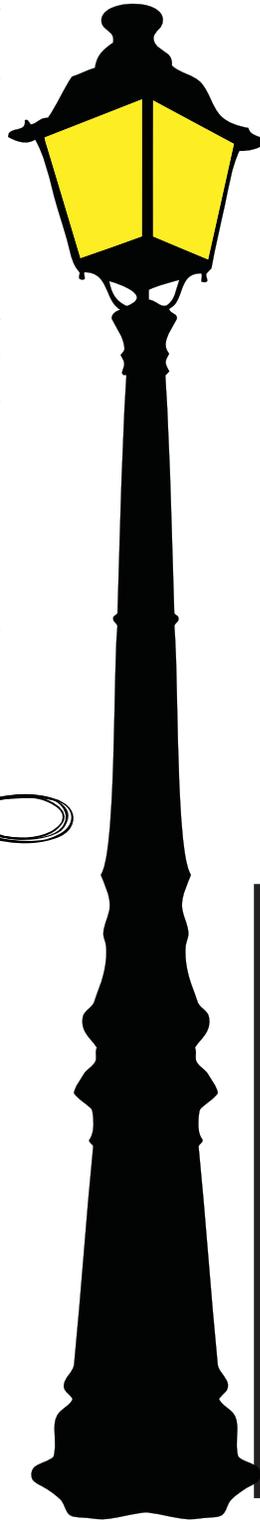
Turns Ips, a local Grubber, had this to say: "My farm construct has been with the family for, oh, since before I can remember. We never treated him wrong. One day a few months back he goes out to plant seeds and never came back. Authorities said our 'paperwork wasn't in order' with him so they couldn't do anything.

We haven't seen Raddishes since." Tears could be seen glistening in Mr. Ips' eyes as he recounted the story. Sadly it seems his story is not unique. Rumor has it that other constructs have been going missing, even those not belonging to anyone. The Tinkerers could not be reached for comment.



The new road opens.

The main road between Larabee county and Horizon Stronghold had been rerouted to avoid the nest of ooglies. New Scarecrow outposts have been added at each end to ensure the safety of the road's travelers and to help cull the oogle problem. From what we can tell the oogle threat has drastically dropped. With this new construction hopefully it will also be a boon to the economy and the surrounding towns and villages. According to the Masons Guild, they spared no expense to give Larabee county the road it truly deserves.



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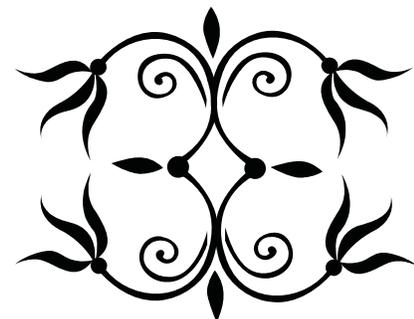
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STRINGS OF MYSTERIOUS FIRES IN NITELITE

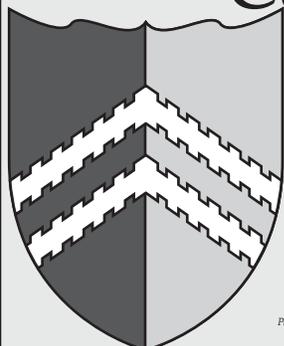
By Emma Norlean

Tragedy has struck the red light district of Nitelite, as a series of mysterious fires has shutdown the Unicorn Stable and Fairy Tail Social clubs. This brings the total number of social club closures to three with the retirement of Madame Dollfairy and her closure of the Dollfairy Den of Delights several months ago. Desperate Nitelite patrons have been forced to travel to Horizon's Stronghold and other nearby towns for their social entertainment. A deputy of the Nitelite Sheriff's department who wished to remain anonymous, has told this reporter that these fires are currently being ruled as an accident, but is still under investigation. "We have received reports that prior to the establishments burning down, there were multiple, loud explosions coming from the area. We have yet to find a single eye-witness of the fires that might shed light on what happened. It is unlikely that such explosions are accidental, and I personally think it's arson, but we have not found a single piece of evidence that can confirm my suspicions." If you have any information in relation to these tragic fires, please contact the Nitelite Sheriff's department as soon as possible.

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Opinion editorial

Should Tin Men be able to Deputize Citizens?

Azkadellia seems to think so. Civil Authority representatives have been pushing for Ozian law enforcement officials to gain this level of authority all across the Land of Oz for the last month. Thus far the conversation has taken place mostly between War Guild representatives, but the Emerald Guilds have taken an interest in the proceedings as well, most notably the Bureaucrats Guild.

When asked to explain the reasoning behind this push for change, a Civil Authority member who has chosen to remain anonymous stated, "Scarecrow's Army has always had the power to conscript, and no one has made a fuss about it. They're conscripting heavily across Oz now, but we're not at war! None of the enemies of Oz have taken any aggressive actions in years, and yet citizens are conscripted in the Scarecrow's military forces. The Civil Authority would like a similar capacity, deputization of citizens. The forces would be used for enforcing the laws and protecting Ozian citizens in their towns and homes, not unnecessary militarization of the population."

A member of Scarecrow's Army's ruling

family, Howard Freebaldash, countered, "The right of the Scarecrow's Army to conscript citizens was determined during the truce negotiations between Scarecrow, Ozma, and Azkadellia. These negotiations allowed power to be split equally between our three rulers, and adding power to Azkadellia's War Guild without completing entirely new negotiations would destroy this carefully created balance."

"Perhaps new negotiations are in order," Patience Balderdridge of the Bureaucrats adds to the conversation, "Ozma's Army does not possess the authority to conscript citizens as Scarecrow's Army does. This has resulted in Scarecrow's Army growing much more quickly than the other two War Guilds, which some people might view as an indication that the 'carefully created balance' is already starting to falter."

When Daisy Bloom, a member of Ozma's Army's ruling family, was asked for comment on her Guild's perspective on the matter she answered simply, "Ozma's Army will continue to follow the accords set by our benevolent rulers during their negotiations."



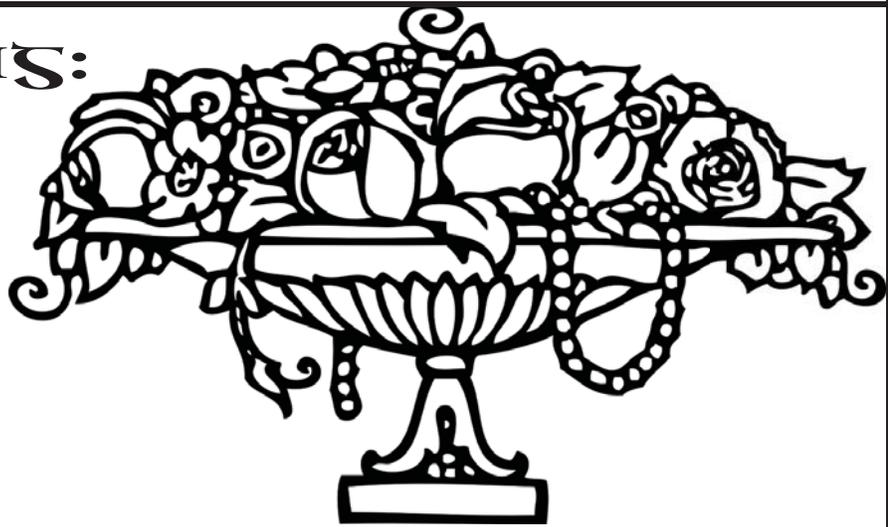
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12:00 PM - 2:00 PM Market Town Hall

Public Announcement

With the rise of bandit arrests we at The Stronghold Gazette urge resident and visitor to keep an eye on their valuables and report strange activity to the town Marshal and deputies. To those who come to Horizon Stronghold looking to make a dishonest buck there is always room at the local salt mines or Scarecrow's Army conscripts cell.

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Legal proceedings And the cooperative Bandits, A new form of trial?

By Dawn

Greetings and salutations dear ones, it is I, Dawn, resident Good Witch and Elder Immortal and fair citizen of Horizon's Stronghold.

Life in a frontier town is all too often fraught with peril and we, the good folk of these small towns, often find ourselves pressed beyond our limits, mortal and immortal alike. It is difficult to take lightly the trial of men and women caught invading our homes and stealing our hard earned Emeralds. It is likewise all too easy to find ourselves eager for justice and willing to sacrifice our morals to see wrongdoers brought to trial. History has proven that trials often degenerate into witch hunts, both literal and proverbial. But it need not be this way.

Horizon's Stronghold has now tasted a new form of justice, one in which the fair application of Light Magic can ease the burden of those on both sides of a breach of the peace and laws of Oz.

Three bandits were brought to trial recently after being caught red handed robbing The Emporium. Normally extracting a confession from these miscreants would be a tiring and painful ordeal for our good Sheriff Tinman Thomas Glass. Such was not the case this time. Through use of Light Magic, I, Dawn, was able to compel these poor souls into unburdening themselves and lightening the load weighing heavily upon their souls. With but a few simple spells to heal their wounds, soothe their minds and encourage cooperative attitudes these men found a wholly different hand of justice in our fair city. One that did not rely on threats, cajoling, or torture to bring the truth to light.

Could it be that this is a way forward? That our small frontier town could be a shining beacon seen from The Emerald City itself as a way to bring fair and just trials to the wronged and wrongdoers? I believe so.

It is for this reason that I am proclaiming that I wish to be considered for the position of Judge in our fair city. Let us together usher in a new era of peace and justice in Oz, leaving behind the savagery of past trial methods and setting an example for all Ozians, great and small. An example that says "Yes, there is a better way," and together, let us see the dawning of a new era. One in which wee eschew barbarism in our courts and trials.

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