

VOTES DESTROYED IN OFFICE INFERNO

The Hall of Records was engulfed in flames last night after a week that saw multiple fires rage across Tinderbox. Many important documents were lost to the inferno.

Among the destroyed files were the votes from the recent mayoral election, which has been subject to scrutiny after allegations were raised of tampering from the town of Flint.

The Fire Brigade attended the Hall late after visiting several other incidents on the same night. Fire Chief Blaze Bernhardt said that a lack of resources was a contributing factor, stating; "We are attending more incidents than ever and we just don't have the available staff and equipment to handle them."

He refused to comment further on the Hall fire, but Mayor Munmf made explosive claims of arson.

"It is clear to me that this was the work of an individual, or group - maybe even a university - seeking to intimidate the new administration," he said. "If Tinderbox needs to raise taxes to improve our fire protection services then you can rest assured that it will be levied on those who profit most from endangering our town."

His comments were not ignored by Dean Cindy Bustion, faculty head of the Pyromancer University. "In my opinion, the most inflammatory thing in this town is the mayor's ravings," she scoffed.

"We are involved in some significant breakthroughs on several delicate experiments at the moment and will not distract ourselves by indulging the mayor in responding to his paranoid accusations."



Artists impression of a the fire and the ensuing crowds who watched on in disbelief, mostly of the fact that Tinderbox actually had a Hall of Records considering the literacy rate..

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PIPEWEED DANGERS CLAIMED

Apothecary and chirurgoun Doctor Wolfgang Greene has given a talk to warn wizards of the dangers of smoking.

"Smoking in bed is an incredibly dangerous habit and is responsible for at least one fire in the last week," he said. "In addition, many wizards like to smoke in their libraries, filled with flammable scrolls and spellbooks. Such a blaze is not only costly but can be downright disastrous once all those spells start running around with their pages off."

The hour-long speech at the Miniscule Library was sponsored by Heartwood Gold Leaf Pipeweed. "Smoking pipeweed is otherwise completely harmless and may even be beneficial," claimed Greene. "Heartwood Gold has the smooth burn and pervasive aroma that apothecaries crave!"

PHOENIX SMUGGLERS WANTED

The Tinderbox Watch is offering a reward of 300 silver coins for information leading to the arrest of criminals engaged in the trade of phoenix eggs.

"We wish to remind citizens that the prohibitions against possessing phoenix eggs within town limits are there for good reason," stated Watch Captain Val Candor. "Phoenix eggs are highly volatile and will set aflame their environment if not properly stored. We suspect several fires over the last week to be the result of such activity."

Citizens with information may contact the City Watch for the offered reward, or rather give the information to the Tinderbox Times instead (we are happy to double the reward.)

PUBLIC NOTICE!

Citizens are reminded that parking their carts next to wells is an offense which may incur a fine of ten silver pieces. Clear access is required for town services to utilize these wells in the case of emergencies.

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THE WEEKLY FATES

Today's soothsayer is Hurn the Hornhurler who says, "The gods cry foul on Tinderbox! Blood and skulls shall fill the streets and only the dead will know peace! Butchery and slaughter will reign! Expect rain during the week, becoming fine by weekend."

THING ON A STICK



TOP OFF AN ACTION PACKED NIGHT WITH AN UNIDENTIFIABLE BITE!

MYSTERY AND CONVENIENCE IN ONE EXCITING MEAL

HEALTH WARNING

Food inspectors have alerted consumers about substandard meat being offered at discount prices. Investigations began when several butchers were reported for selling rat flesh.

It was soon discovered that these rats were advertised as local when they had in fact been imported from Flint.

The butchers can expect to be fined fifty pieces of silver each and forced to relabel the offending foodstuffs.

"A CAT FOR EVERY TREE"

The Féline Fanciers Federation have joined with the Tinderbox Improvement Committee on a bold initiative to place a cat in every tree in town.

"We are delighted to announce that we have already begun distributing cats in various neighbourhoods in Tinderbox," announced FFF founder Tabetha Tybalt. "We would further like to thank Lady Sybil Munmf for her support, without whom this project would not be possible."

The so-called "Pussywillow Plan" was granted special clearance by the mayor's office, despite ruffling the feathers of the Tinderbox Bird Watchers Consortium (who have since seemingly left town.)

ROYAL CARTOGRAPHER QUILTS

Famed Cartographer of the Royal Court, Lady Janeth Graphica, has abandoned her attempt to map the streets of Tinderbox.

"I don't know how you can stand it," she sneered. "Every time I attempt a survey the whole layout seems to randomly rearrange itself. One day I'll mark a location in the north of town and the next day it will be in the south. It's madness!"

Despite her criticisms, Lady Janeth did allow some small concessions. "Thank the gods for those Pyromancers! At least you can always rely on them being in the centre of town."