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MISKATONIC FLOOD ALERT! IMMINENT RISK TO LIFE! CITY-WIDE EVACUATION!

Somnambulist Scourge Strikes St. Mary's Hospital

Arkham citizens have been left with more questions than answers following a recent, and brief, joint press conference by Mayor Charlie Kane and representatives of St. Mary's Hospital senior staff. Despite the terrible storms and rainfall affecting the region, Arkhamites have become alarmed about the rise of a new disease currently coined "the sleeping sickness." The sleeping sickness is characterized by insomnia caused by recurrent nightmares before the victim falls into slumber that they cannot be awakened from. Despite the press conference, few solutions were offered in terms of treatment and no cure is available at this time.

Numerous citizens have provided testimonials that their friends and family have been affected by the sleeping sickness and that it has gotten more prevalent as the unusual storms and worrisome rainfall begin to impact Arkham. St. Mary's Hospital staff have confirmed more than a dozen initial cases with the affected individuals—*Cont'd on page 3*



Editor's Note: In light of the United States Weather Bureau announcement regarding the impending rainfall, Arkham City Hall has elected to use the *Arkham Advertiser* to provide information to our readers in the event of severe flooding and other environmental disasters. Please check daily for additional updates as this story develops.

FLASH FLOOD FEARS—SEE MAP PAGE 2

The United States Weather Bureau has forecast a series of intense storms to strike the Miskatonic River Valley throughout the next five to seven days, with expected rainfall ranging from $\frac{3}{4}$ inches to 2 inches per day. Total rainfall is expected to exceed 8 inches, with certain forecast models predicting over a foot of rain. These storms will be accompanied by heavy winds, intense lightning, and flash flooding throughout the region, particularly along the Miskatonic River. Citizens should expect downed trees and power lines,

as well as other significant storm damage.

If you are in any of the following areas, please evacuate immediately for higher ground:

- *Arkham Merchant District, particularly areas along the River Docks*
- *Rivertown, particularly River Street (near the Black Cave and the Arkham General Store)*
- *The Woods near Uptown*

Other areas may be issued evacuation alerts based on the progress of the incoming storm and flood levels. Citizens with motorcars are encouraged not to drive as high water may result in vehicles being swept away in flash flood conditions.

Alderman Sarah Howells spoke regarding the severity of the impending storms, saying, "Our citizens must realize the true danger that these flood waters represent to them as individuals. Please, for your own sake, get to higher ground, avoid high water areas, and keep your families safe. Your life is worth more than your business, your house, or your possessions. Those can be replaced. You cannot."

City Hall and Arkham City Police Department have established several safety stations, providing food, fresh water, medical supplies, and shelter for those displaced by the storm or evacuating because of the flood risk.—*Cont'd on page 2 with flood plan diagram and safety areas clearly marked for your attention and action.*

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Miskatonic University and Kingsport Hall School Collaboration Brings Academic Unity

This past weekend brought together a meeting of the minds as scholars and select students from Miskatonic University and the Kingsport Hall School for Girls hosted a joint symposium in an ongoing effort to advance anthropological study within the Miskatonic Valley and the Massachusetts coastline at large. The symposium marks the start of a new ongoing collaboration and the beginning of a visiting student program between the two institutions, which hopes to establish a long-running relationship between the Miskatonic liberal studies departments and simultaneously encourage young women interested in pursuing anthropology at a collegiate level.

The brainchild of Headmaster Nelson Miles, the symposium featured joint bus trips along the Innsmouth coast, presentations from the Arkham Historical Society from professors and instructors—*Cont'd on page 3*

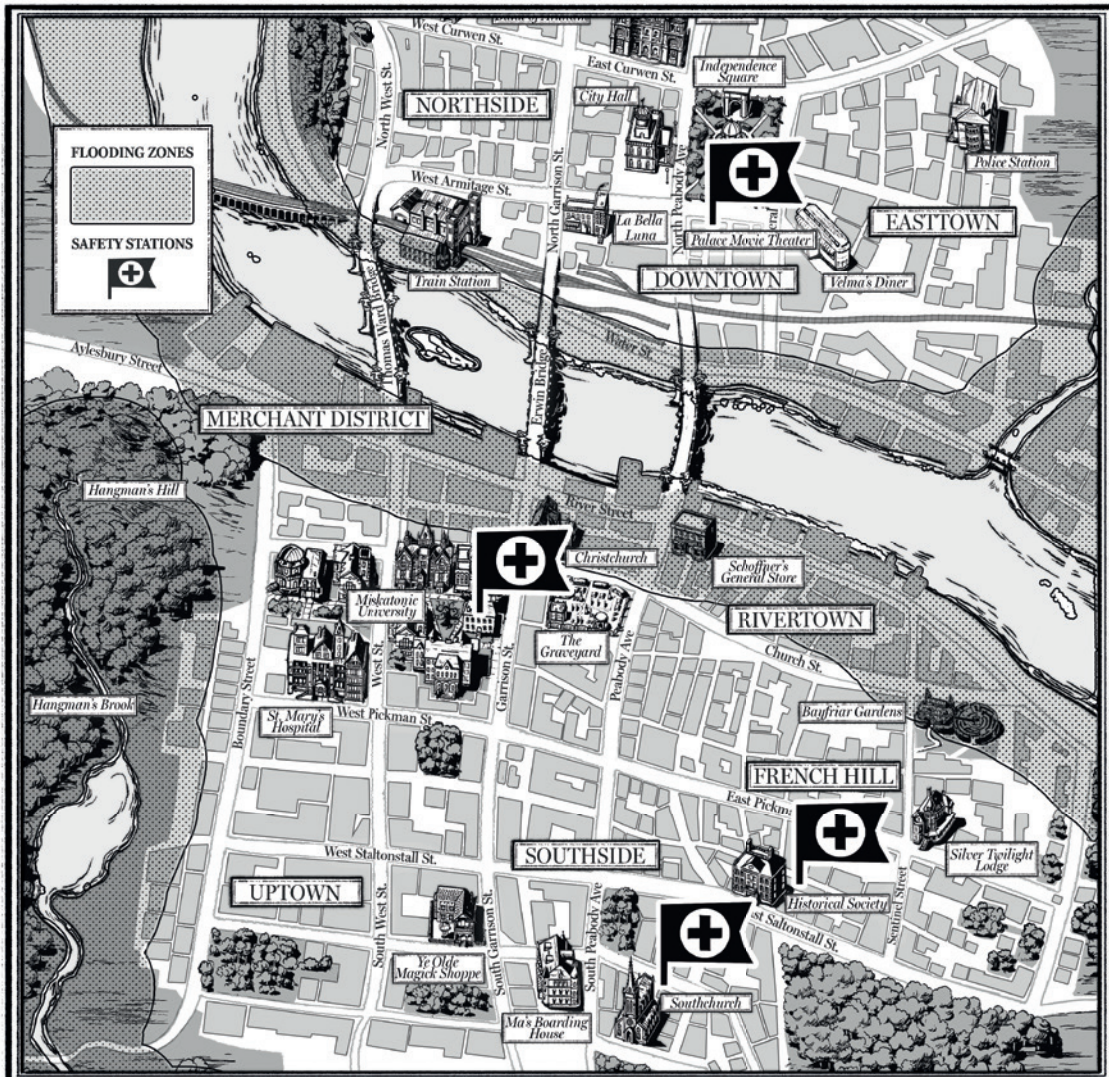
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ATTENTION: FLOOD PLAN MAP



MISKATONIC FLOOD ALERT CONT'D FROM PAGE 1 —These safety stations are at the following locations:

- South Church, Southside
- Arkham Historical Society, Southside
- Miskatonic University Student Union, Miskatonic University
- The Palace Movie Theater, Downtown

Arkham Fire Service, medical staff from St. Mary's Hospital, and Arkham City Police Department have already been stationed throughout the city.

While located in a flood zone, Schoffner's General Store has also received extra stock shipments of food and supplies to help with storm relief efforts. Community members and those choosing to stay within the flood zones are also gather-

ing here to disperse news and lend help.

In the event of extreme flooding, citizens are encouraged to use major thoroughfares, especially if the roadway is cleared from floodwaters and debris. Recommendations include avoiding Water St., River St., Boundary St., and Aylesbury St., as well as other roadways running parallel to the Miskatonic River. Steer clear of crossing the river, in the event floodwaters overwhelm bridge supports holding up the roadways.

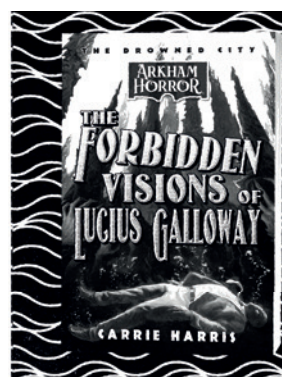
Regarding future repairs for those worried about property damage, Arkham Public Works Maintenance Supervisor Gregory Baerson noted, "High winds, excessive rain, and flooding all have the capability to bring down even the largest trees. Leave clean up to the professionals, though.

If you do have storm damage that requires an urgent remedy and are able to notify us, we'll do our best to make our way to you as soon as possible. We expect a big job, but we're up to the task."

Residents are advised to look for city notices posted at City Hall and the shelter locations.

Further updates will be provided by the *Arkham Advertiser* with additional printing as permitted by the weather throughout the storm's duration. Listen for instructions and refrain from taking any unnecessary risks through the duration of the flooding. Above all, your life and well-being matter most.

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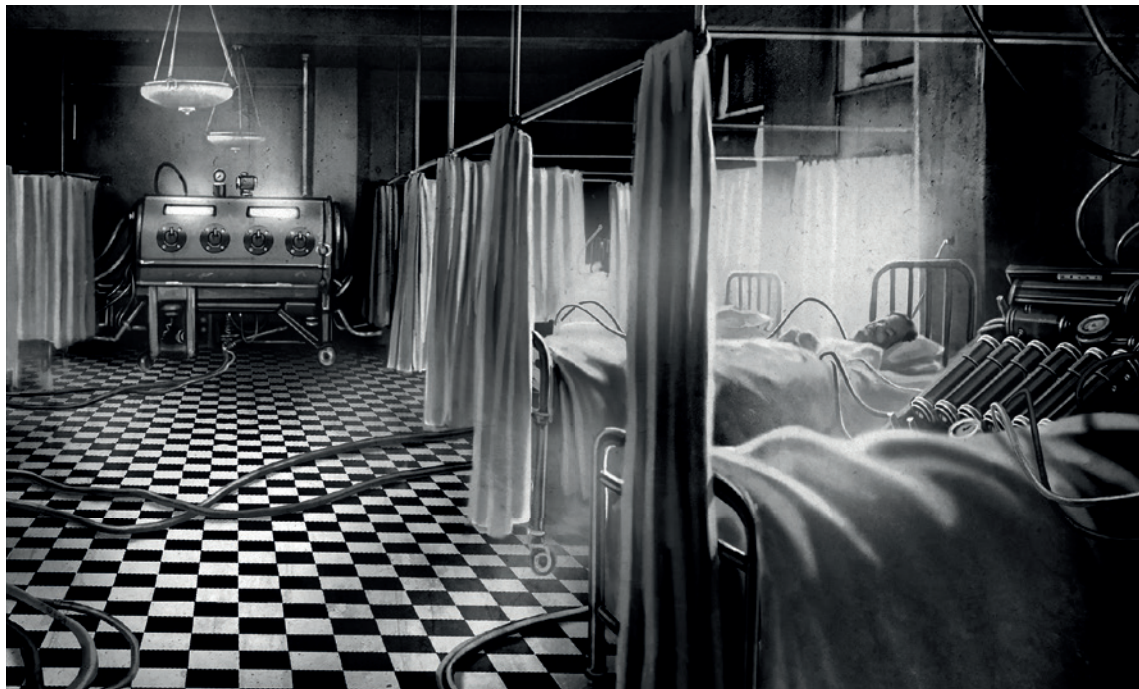
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STRANGE SLEEPING SICKNESS CONT'D FROM PAGE 1

—having been transferred to St. Mary's long-term care ward. The first case emerged when a family couldn't wake their loved ones in the early morning at one of Arkham's many boarding houses. Despite claims that these cases are outliers, or caused by the stress of the relentless storms, with the populace at large being safe, most cases have been identified within French Hill and Southside. However, rumors swirl of entire families stricken with the sleeping sickness within Arkham's poorer tenements. With evacuation notices in force, many fear for these affected families who might face dire consequences and loss of life due to this unknown and currently untreatable illness.

Dr. Carolyn Fern, a consulting psychologist from Arkham Sanatorium working with St. Mary's Head Physician Dr. Roger Mortimore, provided a degree of insight into other illnesses, but no direct links have been identified.

The sleeping sickness affecting Arkham seems to stem from a disruption in the body's natural Circadian rhythm due to creations of the mind — in other words, nightmares of an intense and personal nature. These nightmares somehow, well, for lack of a better term, haunt their victim in such a way that the body finally shuts down into a sleep that is impossible to be awakened from, even when the victim is put under appropriate duress.

The African sleeping sickness has visible symptoms where identification and quarantine can be effective, the unrelated sleeping sickness sweeping

through Arkham happens with seemingly little warning, making it difficult to treat in the early stages, or even identify who could be impacted next. This is simply something we've not dealt with before."

Despite this, St. Mary's Hospital has issued a list of symptoms to watch for, while monitoring family and friends for this illness:

- Excessive tiredness and fatigue
- Insomnia caused by nightmares
- Dulled emotions and low reactivity to stimuli when awake
- Headaches
- Aching joints
- Difficulty in waking up

Dr. Morgan Higgins, a visiting epidemiologist from Boston City Hospital, provided guidance for Arkhamites concerned about the spreading illness.

"The best way to avoid any illness is to limit exposure. Stay within homes, postpone social engagements, and interactions with large groups of people. If you must leave your home, consider wearing a cloth mask to avoid airborne particles which might contribute to infection. Do your best to avoid close contact with infected individuals while still showing compassion. Be patient, be prudent, be safe."

While Dr. Higgins' advice is admirable, this reporter notes that such actions are difficult to enact during Arkham's current crisis, flood evacuations, and storm warnings. Luckily, Mayor Kane stepped in to alleviate citizens' fears from Dr. Higgins' clinical suggestions.

"I urge Arkhamites to con-

tact St. Mary's hospital for help if they find friends, family, or neighbors who have succumbed to this sleeping sickness. St. Mary's remains outside the flood zone and can appropriately provide the needed care."

While a cure has yet to be found for the sleeping sickness, Dr. Mortimore encouraged hope. "We have the best minds in the Miskatonic Valley working on treatment options. Simply because we don't have the answer yet doesn't mean that it won't be found soon and found quickly. Keep your loved ones safe and dry, and we'll make sure they stay healthy."

DEATHS

EDITH L. BERRYCLOTH—entered into rest August 6th—adored wife of John Berrycloth (deceased), mother to John Jr. and Edith, and grandmother to Mary and William. Retired nurse at St. Mary's Hospital. Funeral to be held at Congregational Church in Dunwich.

DR. F. W. ANGRISTLE—sent to our lord September 13th—relentless misanthrope, will be remembered for his monograph "On Shadows", and for frightening aunt Susan. Funeral to be held at South Church on Tuesday at 11.30 a.m.

J. MAY—at peace August 29th—reliable first mate and much-missed sailing companion possessed of remarkable percussive talent with spoons. Lost to African sleeping sickness shortly after docking in Arkham. Returned to sea for eternal rest beneath the waves.



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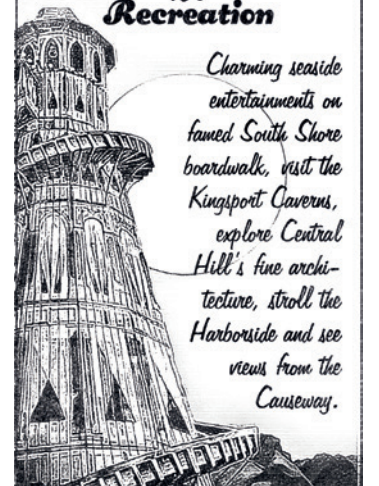
—as well as a guided display featuring artifacts on loan from the Pawtucket and Massachusetts peoples of the Miskatonic Valley. Headmaster Miles hailed the event as a massive success, stating, "We always relish the opportunity to build partnerships with the greater community. The faculty and staff of Miskatonic have provided our girls a rare opportunity, which I know they will treasure for the rest of their academic careers."

Hall School Professor Cecil Blackburn served as one of the presenters for the symposiums, providing a brief overview of his findings regarding migratory flight paths along the Innsmouth coastline. "I couldn't turn down the opportunity to share my own findings and theories with these students. One can find some of the most strange and interesting things on our coastline. These young women collectively represent a new generation in learning, research, and advanced ideas. I cannot wait to see what they're able to uncover through their own academic pursuits."

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The vanishing of *Relentless* marks the fourth such strange disappearance in the South Pacific in recent months. These disappearances have included the *US Navy Destroyer Preston* and the *MV Leviathan*, a cargo ship based out of Innsmouth Harbor. In all cases, no trace of any of the ships have been found. The *Advertiser* has contacted naval officials, but no official statements have been made beyond the initial confirmation that *Relentless* has gone missing. No plans for retrieval or further investigation have been identified.

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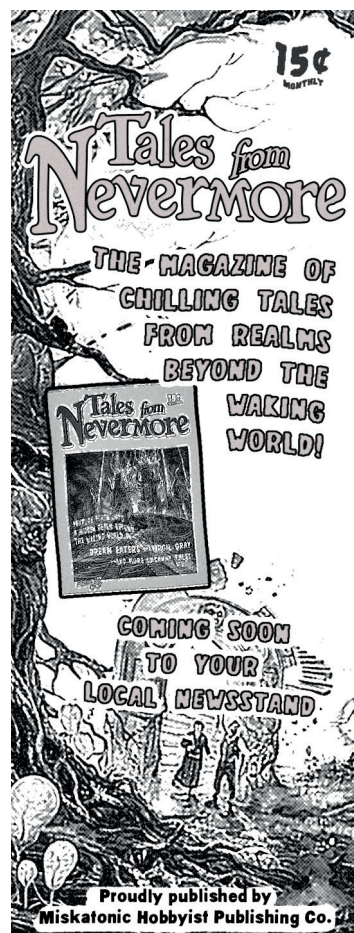
TRAIN TIMETABLE CHANGES: Miskatonic County Local services Arkham-Kingsport reduced to single train 20 minutes past on even hours only till 8pm. All tickets remain valid. See ticket office for further enquiries.

LARGE QTY OF STATIONERY: mostly unused—wide range of letter-writing papers, envelopes, assorted local postcards, pens, stamps; discarded by guest. Mr Trombly, Excelsior Hotel.

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Violence Unleashed on Arkham Streets

Fourteen individuals have been arrested following a string of violent incidents and a wave of rising disorder in Arkham.

Two nights ago, the Arkham Police Department were called to the scene of a massive brawl in Southside in response to reports of numerous gunshots. While those arrested were held for questioning, no official charges were filed.

These arrests mark a worrying pattern of increased crime and violence throughout Arkham with seemingly little consequence. Other such cases include a heated argument outside Bayfriar Gardens which led to a dangerous automobile chase through French Hill followed by seemingly targeted arson which ruined several homes and business properties.

Arkham Police Department Deputy Dingby was approached for comment, but directed this reporter to City Hall's official statements regarding violence, bootlegging, and organized crime within Massachusetts, noting this is a

problem not only in Arkham. It seems that, Mayor Kane's hand-appointed Alcohol Task Force has had little impact on containing the continued and immense influx of alcohol into the city. While no confirmed link exists between bootlegging and the increased violence previously described, *Advertiser* investigations uncovered only twenty-two arrests have been made through the task force's efforts, without even a single charge to date.

Despite a recent late-night sting operation victory for the task force, where a newly arrived freight train was raided, more worrying evidence has come to light. The crates of confiscated alcohol, disguised as medical supplies, were identified as originating from Boston and it seems some of the city's gangs may now be active in Arkham.

Unfortunately, until the investigations of Mayor Kane's taskforce lead to action, Arkham citizens should remain vigilant for their own safety.

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