

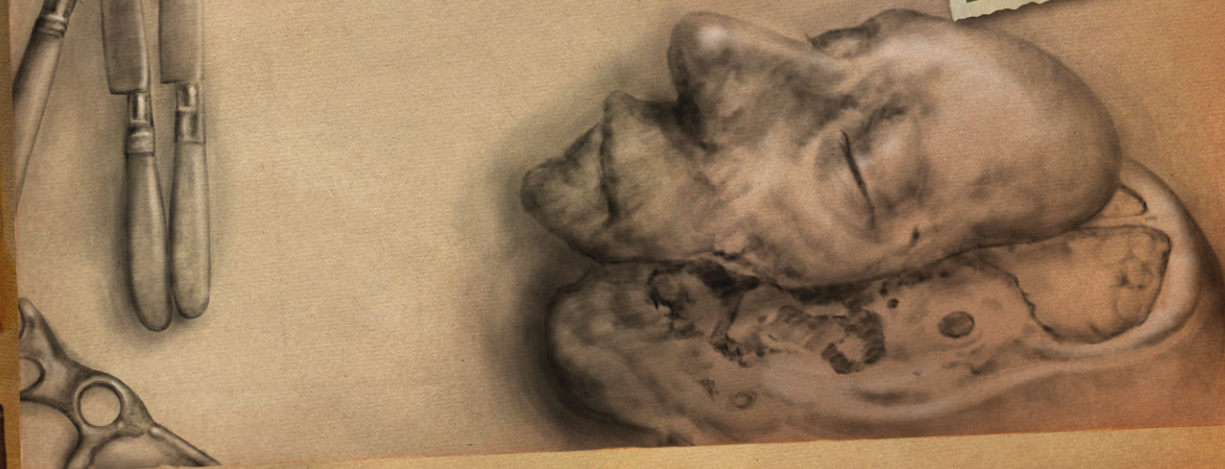
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ARKHAM HORROR
THE ROLEPLAYING GAME

HUNGERING ABYSS

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The Arkham Advertiser

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Tomorrow: Much the same.
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1926

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MISSING BODIES VEX ARKHAM'S MORGUE

Condé Diamond Stolen—French Authorities Stymied

French authorities reported a notable theft two days prior as the Condé Diamond—a near flawless 9-carat rose diamond—was found missing from its home museum in Chantilly, France. Worth an incalculable amount of money, the pear-shaped stone's theft immediately set off a manhunt across central France, with investigators failing to find any real leads. Rumors swirl around the potential involvement of "The Magpie," a noted and elusive jewel thief whose true identity still remains a mystery.

Chantilly chief of police Jean-Jacques Barbier commented at length on the theft, noting that the thief's planning of the crime was calculated and impeccable. Under cover of darkness, Barbier surmised, "a single individual scaled the outer walls of the —Cont'd on page 2



Cadaver Calamity Mortuary Mistake

MINNIE KLEIN

As Arkham police continue to investigate disappearances across our city, a wholly different institution finds itself facing an eerily similar problem. Over the course of the past weeks, a truly disturbing number of corpses have vanished from the morgue at St. Mary's Hospital, raising all manner of questions, with few answers provided by hospital administrators.

The Arkham Advertiser first became aware of missing cadavers following an anonymous tip, directing this reporter to one Mr. Harold Silva, a long time Arkham resident whose wife, Mabel, died of natural causes earlier this summer. Before Mabel Silva's burial, Mr. Silva says he was contacted by someone claiming to be a member of staff at St. Mary's Hospital, asking Harold's permission for a full autopsy of Mabel's corpse. Eager for a clearer indication on his wife's cause of death, Mr. Silva agreed to the examination. However, after nearly two weeks, Silva had yet to hear any word back from

St. Mary's. Since then, Silva has inquired thirteen times regarding the autopsy results and the whereabouts of his wife's body—nine phone calls, two letters, and two in-person visits to the hospital's administration wing. In all cases, his attempts at communication were rebuffed: phone calls were either transferred between departments before Silva was simply hung up on, his letters ignored without reply, and his in-person visits resulted in his removal from the grounds by St. Mary's hospital security.

Mr. Silva's complaint was heard more readily by Arkham's police, but given that he had provided his verbal consent for the examination, little could be done for him from a legal standpoint. While Police Deputy Dingby did request a search warrant for St. Mary's morgue, that request was denied by Judge Neville Bradford, who noted, "While morbid, no true crime could be investigated or prosecuted, given that Mr. Silva has provided his consent for the post-mortem examination." When this reporter attempted to contact Judge Bradford regarding this ruling, no response was provided.

Editor's Note: following Ms Klein's investigation, Mr. Silva has been institutionalized at Arkham Asylum, following a grief-driven hysterical episode. While we trust Ms. Klein's investigative acumen, it is the Advertiser's opinion that Mr. Silva's claims are spurious at best and should be viewed with skepticism.

Even as Mr. Silva's hunt for his missing wife continues, additional investigation revealed that Mabel Silva's body may not have been the only one missing. During our interview, Mr. Silva provided details of another individual in similar circumstances: Mrs. Margaret Findlay, of Dunwich, who had reached out to Silva regarding her son, Aiden. Mrs. Findlay had requested a medical examination following her son's death—Aiden had been admitted to the hospital following a serious, ongoing respiratory infection, but died during a routine procedure. However, Mrs. Findlay claims that Aiden's body was released to neither herself nor their chosen funeral director. To date, hospital administration maintained that Aiden's body was turned over appropriately and buried, though many attempts to have Aiden's body returned have failed. —Cont'd on page 2

ARKHAM HARVEST FESTIVAL

October 22-30

Parade & Pageant
Harvest King & Queen
Formal Ball
Hay Rides
Games & Contests
Rustic Feast
Wholesome Fun for the Whole Family

Volunteers contact the Chairpersons, Mrs. Wainwright Chandler

Children of all ages will enjoy these rides and a Peewee Zoo with farm animals of all varieties. A costume page and hot beds are sure to delight. The Chantilly Museum is also open to the public. You may never find your way out!



MISKATONIC U. HOSTS HOMECOMING CELEBRATION

Alumni, faculty, students, and community members flocked to Miskatonic University's central square this weekend to celebrate the college's annual homecoming. Banners and signs were festooned across the campus, touting the pride and acumen of Miskatonic's athletes.

Homecoming festivities kicked off Thursday night with a student led parade across Miskatonic's campus, ending with —Cont'd on page 2

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MISSING BODIES VEX ARKHAM'S MORGUE CONT'D FROM PAGE 1

—body exhumed have been re-buffed in no uncertain terms.

After conferring with an additional source (name withheld for anonymity), this reporter finds it credible that at least a dozen corpses have gone missing from St. Mary's Hospital morgue over the course of this year, with little recourse made to grieving families or anyone else with knowledge of the deceased. Why would one steal a corpse, particularly with identities so disparate and unrelated to one another? How many more are missing?

Armed with this knowledge, the Advertiser contacted St. Mary's administration staff, though after several hours of being rebuffed, this reporter elected to change tactics. We

instead tracked down Hospital Mortician Ruth Turner, whom this reporter found in mid-examination of a John Doe whose body had recently been recovered during a dredging operation in the River Docks. While this reporter did her best to remain cordial and professional, Ms. Turner's behavior caused this reporter to leave rather than risk an escalating confrontation. In the scant conversation this reporter held with Ms. Turner, the mortician did claim that she had no knowledge of any missing corpses, nor would she be able to answer any further questions.

While this reporter has yet to uncover further information on these missing cadavers, the Arkham Advertiser remains a steadfast ally to all those affected.

If readers have any information on these missing corpses, please contact both the Advertiser and the Arkham Police. If one of your own family or someone in your social circles has gone missing, please do not hesitate to reach out, as your ongoing lead may bring this macabre corpse collector to justice.

Editor's Note: the Arkham Advertiser has received letters of complaint from Ms. Turner, regarding the actions and questions on the part of our reporter. While we trust in Ms. Klein's professionalism, we also take the allegations from Ms. Turner seriously and will conduct our own investigation into the incident between the two women and will take appropriate action upon our findings.



ARTHUR PRENDERGAST—at rest 18th September—kind husband & collector of rare numismatics. Closed casket service to be announced.

ELAINE HARBING—14 September—accurately predicted own demise. Now laid to rest.

V.R. EMBLER—at peace 30th September—popular River-town fisherman. Biggest catch proved too large. Much missed companion to river-folk.



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MISKATONIC U. HOSTS HOMECOMING CELEBRATION CONT'D FROM PAGE 1

—a pep rally and bonfire outside of the university stadium. Alumni events began the next day with distinguished alums attending courses, visiting with professors and staff, and enjoying a nostalgic meal in the dining hall with University President Dr. James Erwin. Erwin spoke to the assembled body in joyous tones, extolling the "brilliance and diligence" of Miskatonic's graduates, exhorting them to "ensure that future generations will have their chance to bear witness to the true Miskatonic experience."

Saturday's homecoming festivities began with the traditional lighting of the Torch of Knowledge—a brazier that continually in front

of Miskatonic's Hoyt Hall throughout the celebrations. Following the lighting ceremony, attendees were escorted to a tent erected just outside of Miskatonic's stadium, where they could enjoy a complimentary breakfast before watching Miskatonic's athletes take to the field. Morning began with both men's and women's field hockey, followed by football. Late afternoon also introduced rugby and track and field matches, with alumni cheering on their younger compatriots.

Saturday came to a close with Miskatonic's annual Homecoming Ball, hosted this year by the Alpha Qoppa Alpha fraternity. Students danced the night away with entertainment provided by Ms. Marie Lambeau and her five piece orchestra, lately of Uptown's Nightingale Club. Sorority

president Janet McCovern thanked both her sorority sisters and the university staff for their assistance in planning the event, noting that, "These are the sorts of memories that make attending college more than a matter of classes, notes, and research. These are the memories that give us life and stay with us."

Miskatonic's festivities came to an end on Sunday, with a campus mass held at the University Chapel by Reverend Ezekial Smalls, followed by the annual Lunch with the Trustees in the campus dining hall. President Erwin ended the luncheon with remarks offering his continued thanks for their support and encouraging them to participate in Arkham's next social event, the Harvest Festival, running October 22-30.



CONDÉ DIAMOND STOLEN CONT'D FROM PAGE 1

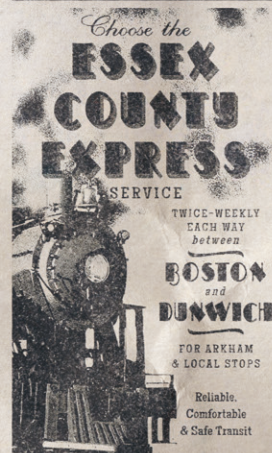
—gem and mineral wing using portable ladders, then cut the very glass from the windows to gain entrance." Notably, only the Condé Diamond was taken—numerous other gems were left unmolested in their displays, leading police to believe that this was a targeted, purposeful theft.

Originally found and carved in India in 1643, the Condé Diamond was gifted to King Louis XIII, who later awarded it to Louis de Bourbon, the Prince of Condé, for his service as Army Commander during the Thirty Years War. Taking on the Condé name, the diamond remained in the Condé family for decades, before being moved to the Muse de Condé in Chantilly, where it became part of its typical display. The diamond's pink coloration comes from a deformation in the stone's crystalline structure, with pink diamonds accounting for less than 1% of all cut stones worldwide. The Condé Diamond, particularly, garnered fame for its unique combination of its rare hue, its expertly designed cut, and its sheer size.

The Condé Diamond does, however, have a special place in Arkham's history, as it briefly served as part of Miskatonic University's "Gems of the World" temporary exhibit

five years ago. Security concerns were particularly high during this exhibit, as a streak of break-ins at Miskatonic Museum were in full swing. At the time, Museum Director Ellen Colcomb commented that "we have all faith" in campus security and policing. When asked for comment on the recent theft and ongoing investigation, Colcomb decried the crime as, "An absolute shame. People across the world should have the opportunity to see such an exquisitely cut gem such as the Condé." To date, no culprit has been apprehended for the Miskatonic Museum break-ins, though Arkham Police remain confident that the perpetrator will be brought to justice.

Investigation into the Condé theft remains ongoing, with the International Criminal Police Commission helping coordinate efforts between law enforcement in Europe. While some citizens have questioned the role of an international police force that transcends borders, French authorities maintain that the gem must be returned post-haste. While it remains unlikely that the gem could have reached American shores, any individual with information relating to the diamond theft should contact the French Consulate in Boston.



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