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- **Princess Shelby** speaks at Devonia College
- **Schulmericho Peach Festival** begins this weekend
- **Fishing tournament** coming to Impudence Lake

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Eastern Ocean Exploration Planned

The Supreme Wirdle approved today a plan put forth by Princess Shelby to revive the moribund East Devonshire economy. The plan calls for the construction of a hardy fleet of exploration to be based out of Cape Eastway to begin exploration of the eastern ocean.

Funding for the crew will be provided by the national and regional governments. East Devonshire will fund the construction of the ships. The new generation of hardier seafaring vessels first used in the Tenne explorations will be necessary for exploring the eastern ocean.

Concerns have been raised about such an expedition; cartographers have only mapped the narrow sea lanes between the

northern Devonshire coast and Woods of Wayne, East Atkinos. There is, as of yet, no way to determine the width of the ocean. Sufficient provisioning and



The East Devonshire Government has agreed to fund the expedition

planning must be dealt with in anticipation of a voyage which may far surpass the length of previous seafaring missions. Thus far, no ship has ventured more

than a few miles off of the coast. Admiral Hestorb has agreed to be a consultant for the fleet construction and provisioning, given her extensive experience in exploring the unknown. But the task of leading the fleet has been given to Archduke B. B. Bower of Schulmanicus. The archduke has limited seafaring experience but has extensive logistics and planning knowledge from his time leading the City Planning Office.

It is anticipated that the fleet should discover land and establish a colony. If the ocean appears to be endless, plans call for the fleet to reverse course in due time. Initial estimates call for up to 30 ships with crew and provisions before the mission is ready to be launched.

Admiral Hestorb Sits This One Out

Admiral Hestorb has turned down a historic exploration opportunity. Word out of Wirtyplace indicates that the queen has too many administrative duties in Schulmanicus to be available for a long term mission. She suggested B. B. Bower, Archduke of Schulmanicus, as a suitable com-

mander for the task force. She has agreed to serve as a consultant for the fleet under development and to provide technical assistance for ship designers working on replicating the hardy ships of exploration she led on the discovery of the Tenne coast. She has also agreed to send a

cadre of mariners from Schulmanicus and recruit some of the SchulmaniQuest explorers to lead the expedition. The Supreme Wirdle has endorsed this decision and has appointed the archduke, who is reportedly very excited about this unique opportunity for exploration.

Ocean Fleet Being Assembled



Cape Eastway will be the launching point for the expedition

Woodworkers, shipwrights and blacksmiths across eastern Devonshire and gearing up for the biggest project to hit the area in years. Pending final approval by the Supreme Wurdle, a government subsidy will underwrite the creation of an eastern fleet of exploration to be headquartered out of Cape Eastway.

Gov. Eula Bird has already started letting contracts for materials and retaining laborers for the massive undertak-

ing. All contracts will be reviewed by Princess Shelby in Georgehampton before funds are paid out to ensure all bids accepted are legitimate. There have been some concerns about Gov. Bird lining her own pockets with public funds.

Several experienced maritime leaders have been retained as consultants for the project, including Admiral Hestorb and Fleet Admiral Miles Macintosh. It is anticipated that the hardy ships used to sail the Tenne-

Sea would be sufficient for an eastern ocean voyage. Early indications are that supply ships will be necessary to provision a large crew with many vessels sailing for an undetermined amount of time in the open ocean. A new class of vessel may be necessary for this purpose, though it has been suggested that existing ferries could be retrofitted. As the masts begin to rise along the shore, so will excitement... and expectations across Devonshire.

Governor Eula

Bird has several

outstanding

proposals to

increase the

stature of East

Devonshire within

Schulmania

Gov. Eula Bird Spreads Her Wings

Governor Eula Bird still sits on her perch as the only avian leader in Schulmania. Despite having lost some clout with Princess Shelby and the Supreme Wurdle due to her overtaxing and openly pro-avian agenda, Eula is still working to expand the influence of East Devonshire within Schulmania. In addition to her tireless lobbying to move the capi-

tal of the principality from Georgehampton to Cape Eastway, she has now proposed a district flag of a crowned bird on a colored background.

Gov. Bird and Princess Shelby have proposed constructing a fleet of exploration in East Devonshire as a way of stimulating the weak economy, which lags behind all other districts in the nation. This

proposal has been approved and it is anticipated that the construction and provisioning of the fleet will result in thousands of jobs and provide a needed boost to the economy, which by law still cannot issue its own coinage. Gov. Bird is quick to claim success for the effort and has been promoting herself as the patron of the massive project.

East Devonshire Clamors for Coins

East Devonshire still has not gained approval for coinage



Legislation signed by Princess Shelby blocks the issue of coinage for East Devonshire, due to the unfortunate over taxation and slush fund practices of Gov. Eula Bird. Shelby has an ongoing concern

about Bird issuing debased coins and pocketing the difference, destabilizing the economy both in Devonshire and beyond. Gov. Bird of course denies such an intention, but until a cleaner accounting system and greater personal responsibility are put into place, coins will continue to be im-

ported across the Devonian Mountains and local issuers will issue promissory or bank notes to facilitate transactions. This decision has greatly slowed the economy of East Devonshire, but Gov. Bird has not yet yielded to the conditions necessary for a mint to be established.

Woods of Wayne Siphons Eastern Trade



Due to the lack of coinage in East Devonshire, Woods of Wayne has been taking an increasing amount of eastern ocean trade away from Cape Eastway. Mayor Anik has been aggressively pursuing the east-

WoW is quickly becoming the largest eastern port ern fishing fleet and has secured Fleet Captain von Bremerhaven's headquarters as well. Commerce in Cape Eastway has dropped 29% but port traffic has increased 3%. If the traffic to Woods of Wayne was removed from port activity, it would reflect a 17% drop. Merchants and leaders in Cape Eastway are gravely concerned and have appealed to Gov. Eula Bird for as-

sistance. Without coinage of its own, East Devonshire will continue to be at an economic disadvantage. It is hoped that the recent announcement of an eastern exploration fleet to be based out of Cape Eastway may stem the tide of schulmonetas setting sale for Woods of Wayne.

As for East Atkinos, ducal finance offices report a huge surge in port traffic and in the economy as a whole. Shipping has increased 45% over the same time last year.

Several mysterious illnesses have struck the region in recent weeks; some with high profile victims

Outbreaks in Devonshire

Collin Health Center in Georgehampton has been coordinating the response to a series of unfortunate events which have unfolded in Devonshire. Clinics across the region report a surge in illnesses with various causes.

In Schulmericho, doctors report a 26% increase in hairballs and a 13% increase in claw splitting over the same period last year.

Doctors in Monkey Power Mountain report several cases of cat scratch fever and reports coming out of Impudence Lake indicate the same may be going on there now.

Most troubling has been the hospitalization of an expedition of feral felines who returned from a mountain hunting expedition. The group, headed by Bureau of Feline Affairs Governor-General H. J. "Hoppy"

Franciflora, was believed to be suffering from the swine flu. Testing at CHC in Georgehampton revealed that most were suffering from overfunitosis and were treated with intravenous tuna juice and released.

The Klingman Institute in Gran Maru will be dispatching specialists across the nation to monitor illness rates and treatment to ensure no illness gains a foothold here.

Oras Left Behind in Eastern Trade

Eccentric Llama Larry, whose llama-centric commune of Oras on the Isle of Scout centers around the adulation of llamas, has not taken part in the boom in eastern oceanic trade. Apparently, there is not much market for llama by-products in Schulmania. Other than a small export trade of llama wool sweaters, Oras does not have anything of value to sell to Schulmania proper.

The enclave does not import anything. Larry maintains that anything they need can be provided by the llamas. His cashless settlement has been excluded from eastern trade routes; not because traders willed it, but because Larry wants to reduce outside influences in his settlement. In a recent analysis of eastern trade, Oras accounts for 0.013% of exports and 0% for im-

ports. There has been no passenger traffic to or from Oras and there are no scheduled passenger ferry routes to the commune. Llama Larry maintains his small wooden ship in his port should the need arise for transit or trade.



Cult Leader Llama Larry runs his Oras commune on the Isle of Scout

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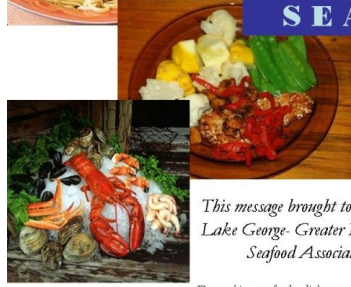
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It's Spring Cleaning Time

Princess Shelby has declared "spring cleaning season" is upon Devonshire. She encourages everyone across the principality to tidy up their homes, grounds and of course to keep their fur immaculate. To set a good example, Shelby has instituted a casual fur grooming day on the steps of the Government House in Georgehampton. Everyone is invited.

Spring Cleaning is also meant to encourage recycling. Shelby has noticed that tidiness seems to be on the decline across Devonshire. Rather than let things pile up, she encourages residents to recycle or repurpose unneeded items. It is her goal to reduce waste production by at least 25%. Also, she hopes to increase tidiness by 50% or more. After all, when unneeded items are disposed of properly and wanted items are put where

they belong, one's environment is both well organized and pleasing to the senses. This message is an easy sell in the more built up areas. But, in the smaller towns in the foothills and in eastern Devonshire, residents have gotten quite used to leaving things laying about. Shelby means to put an end to that practice. She will author-



Princess Shelby encourages all Devonshire residents to have a good spring cleaning

ize legislation requiring residents to put things where they belong and to avoid messes and waste.

To spearhead this concept, Princess Shelby has proposed fur grooming days in every town. She has vowed to attend each one, demonstrating that a clean fur coat is the first step to a clean house and a clean town. The Supreme Wirdle has taken note of this initiative and has endorsed it wholeheartedly.

As part of this new strategy, Princess Shelby has declared the first weekend of each month to be "yard sale weekend" so that residents can sell unwanted goods to their neighbors and clear their spaces while earning schulmonetas for future purchases. Residents seem so far to be quite enthusiastic about this new initiative.