

# The Free Regional Reporter

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## Editorial:

*Dear readers, I am afraid I have some bad news...*

*Due to a "chronical" lack of time, derived from having to divide my available free time amongst all the activities I like to do, AND that I want to be a good father, which means spending adequate time with my son, I have to announce that this issue is probably the last...*

*Those of you, who regularly visit the Wysterian Forum, will know that I already spend a serious amount of time there and in the future, I will mainly be active there.*

*The newspaper was a fun thing to do on a site which otherwise didn't had so much to do, but I had to make a hard choice, and since the newspaper consumed the most time, (sending telegrams to possible interview-targets, waiting for their replies, noting down their replies, making the poll, making the short-news, the articles and in the previous even a small commercial add, retyping the whole thing on diskette on one computer and then sending the whole thing through e-mail on another computer; this primitive way of getting the newspaper done is because both of my computers have a problem. The initial work in gathering the material for the newspaper, happens on the computer with which I am on line, but since it doesn't accept the "word-program", I can't type anything like this on it. The other computer has a problem with accepting USB-ports so I can't use my ADSL-internet connection on it.) I thus had to let go of the newspaper, which is a pity.*

*This issue is different(shorter), since it doesn't have any interviews(I had noted down one with the former-rebel faction in Epona, but that has become old news and we have decided not to publish it; my apologies to Epona). Still we hope you will have some pleasure in reading this last issue.*

## Regional poll:

**The Problem at hand:** In another country, significantly smaller compared to you in economy as in military strength, an international court has been erected; suddenly, like a thunderbolt from heaven, that court accuses your next in line politician of some crime and demands his extradition, so he can be tried before this court.  
WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

- a) Say "BOLLOCKS" to the international court and ignore them.
- b) Openly question the authority of that court.
- c) Demand that the court alters its rules, so that the accused can be tried in a court in the country of the accused's origin.
- d) Put serious pressure on the country where this "inferior" court resides, to totally alter it's rules and put each case under serious scrutiny before starting demands for extradition's.
- e) Erect your own international court.
- f) Ask the court for a delay and the right to study the evidence against the accused, before you extradite him.

## Short news-flashes:

- \_ After a long and tedious “rope-tugging” match, after **Lionspride** stepped down from office, the Land of the Lions has finally found a new delegate; **St Wilgefortis**.
- \_ On the personal site of Wysteria, the tireless nation of **Equus** has started a murder-mystery- role-play; RP’ers everywhere will like this!
- \_ Also on the Wysterian site, WSA has “conquered” the moon and are planning more missions to there.
- \_ WSA is also looking for a common effort to start a scouting mission to Venus or Mars.
- \_ Antonio Papparizzi, as he is soon to be unemployed, has demanded(begged actually) to place this add to let editors from all over Wysteria know he’s available, should your newspaper would like to make use of our star-reporter services.

## Hints and tips for new editors:

If you would be so nuts, wanting to start up a newspaper, be it regional or interregional, I would say: “GO FOR IT!”

Bare in mind though, that a newspaper demands a lot of work, gathering news and articles and then blending them into one coherent whole.

If you aren’t sure what you should do, here are some “pointers”...

\_ First and foremost, be sure you have enough time!(you should strive to have at least 1 issue out every 6 weeks)

\_ Second, find your audience by leaving announcements on your regional message-board or everywhere else where people will surf on this site (even telegrams can be used)

\_ Third, don’t try to make a “real newspaper”; you’ll find that a simple newspaper(like this is) is already challenging enough.

\_ Fourth, you aren’t dealing with politicians or scientists; since you are writing for all sorts of people, keep it interesting, not boring... This can be done by adding humor in your articles, or by even adding illustrations(that option wasn’t available for me, since I don’t possess a scanner nor have a good drawing-program in my possession)

\_ Fifth, if you are not much of a writer, but you know someone who is, ask him to cooperate with you; you’ll find that it will help reducing the work-load!(I had offered some people to participate in this, but they were in the same situation like me; so little time and so many things to work on...)

\_ And finally, do watch your language (nobody likes to read how you f\*&ng interviewed that m\*f&ç from the f\*%& -country and how you g\*d\*& enjoyed it...)

And watch what you are writing (no obscenities, no racism, and avoid making your newspaper a microphone for your personal religious and/or political views; we have already enough of that in the real world)

I hope any would-be editors will follow this sane advice, and if you would like me to write something from time to time, I’ll be happy to do so.

Friendly greetings, Meddlingdorf/De Kruisvaarder.