

AGRINION GAZETTE

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WHO IS COUNSELLOR FEARE, THE MAN BEHIND THE PRISON ESCAPE?

Following the news of the recent escape from Agrinion prison, we feel it's time for Agrinion citizens to learn more about the man behind the improbable event, Counsellor Feare.

The name Feare has long been associated with parts of Agrinion, particularly the temple run by the Astronomers. There is strong evidence that both the grandfather and father of Counsellor Feare were tightly connected with aspects of the Astronomers' work. It isn't clear in which capacity the relationships developed. However, Agrinion's archives hold no reference to the Counsellor maintaining the same bond.

Diodotos Feare joined the school for juvenile magicians as a child, and he received his Nekros Shadow at the Shadow Ceremony over sixty years ago. Feare started his career in the armed forces of the Nekros Lands, joining the military council like his father and grandfather

before him. His decision to ambush and drown the enemy troops in the battle of Lake Abyssoria earned him the ruthless reputation we know. The battle would lead to the annexation of the Abyssoria region by Nekros Lands.

Feare's first wife gave him a son who died at a young age before he finished his magical studies. Rumours surrounding the suspicious circumstances of his death caused a rift in the couple. Soon after, Feare lost his position within the military council.

We would need to wait several years before coming across the name Feare again when he married the second daughter of his direct military mentor. The couple had one child, named Agatha, who has chosen an artistic path, away from the battlefields.

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Counsellor Feare has been more recently involved in military actions against peace negotiations arranged by the Dynamis diplomatic body in multiple regions, including Abyssoria, north of the Phroneo territories.

The counsellor's secretary has declined to comment on his involvement in Agrinion's jailbreak incident.

Do you have new information about this? Our team would love to hear it around pint at the local inn.

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FEELING TART-ACULAR IN AGRINION

Tarts. They're all the rage at the moment. From big to small, from thinly crispy to proper chunky lads, Agrinion has them all. Fear not, intrepid tart lover, even in the face of overwhelming odds, Aunty has chosen to sacrifice herself by eating as many tarts as humanly possible this week, to bring you her complete and conclusive TOP 5 PIES IN AGRINION. So strap your napkins on and prepare to dive into a world of pastry!

5. Old Nan's, Philos Cloudy Love Pie

This Aunty fell in love with Old Nan's Philos Cloudy Love Pie almost immediately. The pastry is thin and crispy, and the blueberry filling is acidic yet sweet. If Old Nan's marketing lives up to its usual standards then this reporter suspects that the nearest those blueberries have got to Philos is the last time someone was dragged down the hill to the magical prison, yet the egg white topping is very fluffy and light.

4. Old Nan's, Spicy Ares Pig and Offal Surprise

Back at Old Nan's and another fanciful title. While this Aunty will begrudgingly admit that some of the finer spicy peppers come from the land of Ares, these tasted a little more like what Old Nan's cousin grows at the back of Old Square. As traditional Earth Lands fare goes, though, it's very edible and certainly something I'd recommend you try. If you do, make sure you mention this column as Old Nan said she'll give Aunty a discount.

3. Pandora's, Tart of Dreams

Young Pandora's bakery, situated on a fashionable table top stall in Old Nan's front yard, offers only one type of tart: that of dreams. It is difficult to discern the contents of said tart and the flavour is difficult to define. The curious should definitely try this and definitely mention Aunty to Old Nan if they do. Pandora's is open weekdays between 2 and 3, just before her nap time.

2. Brian's Backstreet Bakery, Apple Tart

You can find Brian's backstreet bakery by walking past Old Nan's, turning immediately left and then turning left again. Here, situated in the backyard of what appears to be an old bakery of some form, Brian bakes some of the most interesting apple tarts in the area. He certainly has some exciting ideas about filling them.

1. Treats from Nekros, Raspberry Tart

While Aunty doesn't usually approve of foreign food, this Aunty must highly recommend the Raspberry Tart baked by Treats from Nekros. Located on the far side of Agrinion from Old Nan's, this little bakery offers many treats usually only to be found in faraway lands. Very much worth the walk, particularly if Old Nan doesn't spot you.

Happy eating fellow foodies!

Your Agrinion Aunty

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THE TOP SECRET PHAM CLUB

I've recently joined the Pham family, and I've never felt so welcomed and understood. I met him a long time ago when I was still a child. My elder brother met someone during a military mission. Unfortunately for the family, that person happened to be born in another land. They met by chance. My brother was captured in enemy territory, and that person rescued him. I don't know all the details, but I know they reached out to that extraordinary man for help. They still see each other to this day, thanks to a small gem he gave them. It does something completely unique by making one's Shadow appear like another one. My brother came back to live with us, but he didn't lose contact with the person who saved him. From time to time, his beloved visits with a disguised Shadow. Since the day the gem helped save my brother's life, I have been a true fan. This is my first time talking about it.

PhoreverThankful

It's a cold and rainy day today. I hope he stays safe and dry.

PamphillyYours

Phamies!

Do you have any news? I haven't heard anything about him for so long now! Last we know, he was in Agrinion, but it's been weeks now. Where is he? Pamphilove4eva said he was last seen at the school. Do you think he's going to work there? That would be weird, but I am not against weird as long as I know he is safe.

There have been reports of potential sightings in Olbia this week. Has anything been confirmed? I am dying to know where he is! Someone said they saw him with a short woman with flowers in her hair. Do you know if that's his wife?

I didn't think he was married. I hope not! I've been saving my heart for him.

LittleTwigPrincess



POEM
OF THE
WEEK

***A poem to my dream husband,
even though he doesn't know I
exist, and I am a man myself***

*There once was a man called Pamphilos
So magnificent, my mind got lost
Dreaming of his mighty
Staff, I feel so cheeky
Oh dear, am I being amorous?*

ILikeBigStaffsAndICannotLie

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THE READERS' CORNER

Rumours from the prison

My friend's neighbour's son's former classmate's partner works as a janitor at the prison and always shares the most interesting gossip. Apparently, there is a Philos magician kept in the Philos aisle who burned his clothes to protest against the conditions. He's been sitting all naked in his cell for the past few months. My friend was feeling sorry for him and let him borrow one of the cleaning rags to hide his dignity.

WhenTheEarthlingsGossip

Do you love clams?

I love clams and I wish to open a clam restaurant in Agrinion. The place will be called A Clams Requiem. There will be clams for starters and mains. I am currently developing recipes of pudding-based clams. If you love clams, I would be grateful for your input. All I need is your taste buds. My latest recipes include the chocolate clam surprise and the sponge clam cake with gravy strawberry

and mussel coulis. It's completely free. I'd be very happy cooking for you and noting down your comments. You'd be helping elevate the culinary scene in Agrinion and finally putting us on the map of the clams cuisine. Agrinion needs more clams. Long live the clams!

ItsAClamsClamsWorld

To a Feather Fan

A respectable gentleman enquired in the last gazette about feathers. Feathers are one of the most delightful script utensils, soft and yet precise. I believe the most prominent scribes of the past and current generations favoured pilgrim goose feathers. I, myself, own a pair of geese, which I deplume every winter to make my own quills.

If this respectable feather fan wishes to receive one of my special quill feathers, he only needs to reply to this letter. I would be delighted to send him my very best one.

GreatGrandFeather

★ STAR LETTER ★

Updates from the World of Authors

Dear Readers,

We're gearing up to a few book events this year across the UK and the Netherlands. Come and meet in in Birmingham (July), Amsterdam (September), Worcester (October) and Cardiff (November). We're also having a competition at most events to win a limited, hand-painted copy of The Dead Shadow.

With love and much socially awkwardness,
Celine and Paul

p.s. We're starting to work with teachers & book club organisers. Ping up on social media to join in.



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HOROSCOPE

Frog (24 Oleman – 23 Tisimen)

As the old saying goes, never look a gift Mule in the mouth. This is wise advice indeed for Frogs today who should avoid Mules of all forms, no matter the gifts they may be bearing. In fact, if the alignments of the planets have anything to say today it's that you should use those little spindly froggy legs of yours and hop away as fast as you can. Go, green, go!

Swallow (24 Tisimen – 23 Prassomen)

During this time of year, it is wise to remember that just as one Swallow does not a summer make, one Swallow spitting all over sticks and then glueing them under the eaves of your roof does not a winter form. The movement of Mercury during this period very much points to Swallows just not spitting over anything at all. Seriously, who needs that? Just continue to flit about as if you don't have a care in the world. I think we all know exactly which Swallow I'm referring to. For the rest of you, just avoid fresh tarts from the bakery on a Tuesday morning and you'll be fine.

Mule (24 Prassomen – 24 Noemen)

So the first thing to say is that if you're wandering around with presents in your mouth then stay away from Frogs. I've already warned them so it's only fair to do the same to you. As usual, much of your month will be taken up with your continued carrot obsession. Keep away from them for a bit and the continuing issues with your rear may finally start to clear up. Jupiter will be very happy about this. Along with the rest of us.

Bear (25 Noemen – 26 Adomen)

Although the moon is unlikely to be in retrograde, if it were then it would probably say that this period is a good one for Bears to stop and reflect on their future. Bears should use their big pause to make sense of things and decide on the next step to their future success. Maybe a future in publishing books on bad puns?

Tortoise (27 Adomen – 28 Didomen)

Neptune has been interfering with Saturn again and so it's time for Tortoises to take swift and immediate action. Seeing as there's not much chance of that, maybe it is time to think about self-care routines. A spa day perhaps? Spend a bit more time rubbing some oil into that crusty old carapace of yours?

Crab (29 Didomen – 27 Epikoumen)

Being tidal creatures by nature, the moon is an important astronomical object to Crabs. The moon is particularly active during this period and so Crabs may feel impatient to progress. If you find you are struggling with this, now is the perfect opportunity to remind yourself that you are a strong, independent, crustacean — heavily armoured and literally covered in claws. Off you scuttle you lovely little Crab you — snippy, snippy, snippy!

Mouse (28 Epikoumen – 26 Pramen)

Now Mice, it is important for you to pay close attention. We all know that you love cheese but don't forget to leave some for the rest of us or Uranus will most certainly be in retrograde in the near future. Mercury will also be in alignment with Neptune for some of this period, this should remind you that Mice are cute, loveable, and come packing highly nibbly teeth. Never forget to use all of these to your advantage.

Goose (27 Pramen – 25 Gemen)

Now Geese. I know that last time you were advised to have a warm honey and ginger beverage. We obviously didn't mean every day. We've been getting complaints. The position of Saturn in the night sky says that you should probably give it a rest for a bit and consider other beverages. Try some new things this month — not everyday though. Everything in moderation, don't be a bird brain!

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Cat (26 Gemen - 24 Leukomen)

Cats. What can we say? Life will continue to be absolutely glorious for you. This is what being a Cat is all about, after all. Please just try to stop knocking everything off the metaphorical shelves when you're bored, some of us are trying to keep things tidy. You know who you are. Just stop it. Outside of that, Venus says to look out for squeaky things that are fun to play with in the next few weeks.

Octopus (25 Leukomen - 23 Oleman)

Octopi, Octopodes, Octopuses - who even knows anymore? Saturn is in its ascendancy to ask: what's the point in all those tentacles if all you're just going to flop them around. Cats are having a great time knocking stuff all over the place and they've only got four little furry legs. Imagine the fun you could have if you joined in the fun. As always my little molluscs, beware of those bearing cauldrons of boiling oil. To be fair, that's generally good advice. Well done, Saturn.

DON'T MISS!

GOLDEN
HOUR AT OLD NAN'S
PIE SHOP

EVERYTHING HALF PRICED,
EXCEPT WHEN IT'S NOT

11H45 TO 12H05,
EVERY DAY