

Defeat In The East.

The forces of Midwinter suffered another crushing defeat by Goblins on the Eastern Borders, Lord Marshal Windstar reported last week. In a report to the Hugh Council he reported that the relief force sent to the border had been defeated before reaching Fort Greenvale.

The Marshal took full responsibility, stating they had underestimated the goblin forces in the area. Another relief force has already been assembled, calling upon the military arms of the Churches of Orloth, Phaedra and Erryn and the Order of the Dragon. The area has been put under martial law and civilians are not allowed into or out of the area until the threat has been eliminated.

New Year Preparations Begin Early.

Preparations for the coming New Year celebrations began early this year.

Gladiators have already begun to arrive for the annual Sunsword Tournament. The prize this year is a staggering 5,000 Crowns, double that awarded last year to the unknown fighter Alliah Sunstar.

Horse breeders are also setting up camp in the Fairfield, acclimatizing their horses ready for the races.

Despite the ill news from the border, the Merchant's Guild is expecting trade to be up on the same period last year.

The Sun Comes to Midwinter.

Phaedran officials announced the The Radiance, Supreme leader of the Church of Phaedra will be officiating at the New Year ceremony this year. It is the first time in over a century that Midwinter has received this honour.

Mausoleum Closed for Repairs.

The recent earthquakes caused damage to the Orlothian Mausoleums resulting in their closure to the public for the last two weeks.

A spokesperson said that the damage was minimal and they would soon be open to the public.

Fire Guts Warehouses– Arson Suspected.

Three warehouses in the Docklands were gutted last week. The three separate incidents seem unrelated, but the Watch suspect rivalries between criminal gangs is to blame.

Landslide Claims Lives.

A landslide near the town of Wormit claimed the lives of three miners last week.

Torrential rain in the area was blamed for the collapse.

Champion Not To Defend Crown.

Last year's champion, Alliah Sunstar, is not to defend her title this year due to the impending birth of her first child.

"It has been a wonderful year" she told a Herald reporter, "Better than I could have expected."

"The birth of my first child, due early next year, will be the only reward I am looking for."

Bookies Favour Outsider for Championship.

Following the withdrawal of Alliah Sunstar, the new favourite for the Sunsword title this year is Danesh Fairwind.

Danesh has been a part of his father's mercenary companies for many years and has recently had a run of successes in the arena.

Guild Advertisement.

This space could be yours. The Academical Press is offering space in the Herald for the use of local Merchants to advertise goods and services.

All requests are to be passed in writing to the Editor via the Midwinter Academical Society.

Your City Needs You!

Following the recent events in the east, the Guild of Mercenaries and Freeblades is calling for able-bodied men and women to join to fill gaps left in the ranks of many mercenary companies. Usual guild rules still apply.

Requested by Guildmaster Linnel Ellessien

Body of Missing Socialite Found.

The body of Zayara Carroth who disappeared in October has been found in the sewers beneath the Shambles.

A Watch spokesman said she had been mugged and killed and her body was dropped into the sewers.

The Watch have abandoned investigations due to lack of evidence.

Another Guildmaster Assassinated.

The body of Anatoli Felnikov was found three days ago at his home in the Merchant's District.

Mr Felnikov was the long-serving head of the Mason's Guild. He was found strangled in his office by his manservant.

The Watch are baffled by the crime, unofficial sources say, there was no sign of forced entry or struggle at the scene of the crime.

Riots in the Shambles.

Rioting broke out in the shambles last week following the announcement of a rise in ale prices over the festive period. The Brewer's and Vinter's Guild stated that the new tax would be used to pay for the rise in damages that are recorded every year over the holiday.

Mysterious Stranger Saves Locals.

A mysterious stranger has been guarding the alleys and streets of the Harbour District at night, rescuing several residents from attacks by thugs and muggers.

The Watch were unable to shed any light on the stranger's identity. "We're as baffled as the locals," a watchman stated, "He just appears, saves the day and then disappears."

He went on to say that they had received several tip-offs which were attributed to the same person.