

## BLACKWOOD'S ADVENTURERS ELIMINATE GOBLIN THREAT

Terseon Skellerang, High Captain of the town guard, led a force of twenty soldiers through the baths district late last night to apprehend non-goblin suspects associated with the recent rash of goblin vandalism.

Later, High Captain Skellerang reported that the goblin menace had been ended at the hands of Blackwood's Adventurers, and that the people of the town could rest easy once more thanks to them.

By all reports, there was an entire clan of goblins living below the city, coming out through an undisclosed bathhouse for their nightly activities. One soldier told that they had to make their way through scores of



**Terseon Skellerang,  
High Captain of the  
Town Guard**

burned and mutilated goblin corpses to get to the suspects they took into custody.

"Goblins are a menace to any city. Unlike rats, who are merely trying to survive, goblins destroy anything around them. They're filthy, disgusting, and simply not welcome

in our region." High Captain Skellerang went on to say, "I have put in a petition to get more people into my ranks in order to make sure this kind of thing doesn't happen again."

Although we know that someone was leading the goblins, the Bubbler has been unable to glean whether all those responsible have been apprehended or destroyed.

## FLOOD FESTIVAL TO BEGIN TOMORROW!

With the rain that started last night, and has continued through the night, it marks the time to begin the Flood Festival!

Soon, we shall see the festivities lining the streets, and the contests abound.

Register today at any of the city's taverns if you want to participate in the Drink Down the Flood competition—the winner will have the chance to go against Lord Vhalantru for the 500 gold purse. Lord Vhalantru has remained undefeated since offering the purse several years ago to anyone that can best him in the con-

test.

If drinking isn't your thing, then perhaps you want to hunt for the elusive Crater Lake Monster! Held in Fishery Lake, that contest will happen on day 2.

Be sure to be ready to enjoy the performances that go into full swing on day 3, starting with the colorful parades.

If you're one of the lucky few, today is the day that you will receive an invitation to the Demon-skar Ball, to be held at the Coy Nixie on day 7.

And we're sure that no one has forgotten about the great deals to

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## CROCODILE ATTACK!

Sir Alek Tercival saved a man from a crocodile attack at the side of the Blackpool yesterday.

He heard cries for help, and raced to the shore in time to slay the beast and save the man, Vincent Armlen.

This is just one in a string of odd animal behavior of late, but even more striking was that there was a crocodile in the Blackpool. What else might lie in the depths of the strange 'lake'?

be had throughout the week, as merchants the town over give discounts from 5 to 15% off—and an astounding 20% off at Skie's Treasury.

Finally, booths will be set up throughout the city for everyone to vie in contests of strength and speed. There will also be dueling and gladiatorial matches throughout the city.

## Weer's Elixirs

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## INFLUENTIAL MERCHANT CONDEMNS RECENT TAX HIKES

A local merchant has spoken out in anger at the recent increase in taxes.

Maavu Arlinal, purveyor of Maavu's Imports on Magma Avenue, was speaking at a guildhouse meeting in The Coy Nixie last night, where many local businessmen were invited to attend.

"The situation will soon be out of control if we do not make the necessary noises now," says Arlinal. "A public audit has been requested to see where our money is being spent and still Mayor Blackwood refuses to comment."

A charismatic Lord Vhalantru was at the meeting to argue for the increases.

"The honorable Mr. Arlinal is well aware of the reason for the increases and is obviously afraid that businesses invited to Cauldron will compete with his own. We mustn't let our economy be dictated by one man."

Maavu Arlinal denies his concerns are purely of self interest and claims to have the people's interests at heart. That said, he failed to convince most at the meeting, many of whom are com-

petitors and suspect Mr. Arlinal is simply trying to make even more money from a bad situation. The Cauldron Bubbler will be watching this story closely.



Maavu Arlinal

### MAN FOUND AFTER SITTING AT THE CURSED YARD

A man from Highport was found murdered in a gruesomely unspeakable manner this morning, giving credence to the Cursed Yard at Earlobe's Tavern.

"'e came in an' 'e sat right down. We was all quiet, every-one starin' at 'im like 'e were a ghost. And now 'e is, I suppose," said a man who had seen him at Earlobe's the previous night. "Ain't no one sit der. It be cursed."

Trying to get the story about the Cursed Yard is a difficult trick. Anyone that knows the story doesn't tell, and anyone that doesn't know the story gets the idea really quick that it's really bad. Suffice to say that it was cursed a couple hundred years ago by a mage named Anselm.

Whether there really is a curse or not, be careful out there. Another killer appears to be on the loose and making his mark.

### HEARD ON THE STREET:

- The street urchins have a contest for this year's Flood Festival to see who can collect the most shoes. Be careful where you leave your shoes if you participate in a shoeless event.

*Church of Innos—High Priest Prescott  
Jubilant—  
"Within law lies hope"*

### MAGICAL THREATS AGENCY ESTABLISHED

As a solution to the recent incursions of potential enemies, Lord Mayor Wil Blackwood initiated a special section within the City Watch, the Magical Threats Agency.

Located at strategic places in the city, the MTA is able to counterstrike swiftly in case of city disturbances. Staffed by some of

the best wizards in the area, some of the former instructors at Bluecrater Academy, and former Dark Caste, the MTA responds to any threat that the city guard considers "too magical". The agency is still seeking for reinforcements: apply with Haanu Pershai, the captain of the Magical Threats Agency.

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