

The Brighthelm Babblers

21/03/1313 – Election Expose!

Sightings of Undead Plummet!

Reported incidents involving the undead are at their lowest for a year. Over the last month, an average of three walking corpses have been spotted per day, with one serious incident every four days. No powerful undead squibbly monsters have been sighted in at least three weeks.

Eledad Sword-sworn (high priest of Malan, royal, dashing celebrity) told a throng of reporters: "After my stunning victory over the evil necromancer recently- aided by some very handsome local heroes- the undead are scared to show their faces! They know that if they show up, they will have good old fashioned Malanite Justice thrust upon them, and they don't like it, sir! Your basic necromancer is a coward, and if shown a symbol of authority and rugged good looks, he retreats back to the shadows where he belongs! If I was made mayor, I'd have imposing statues of myself and other heroes put up everywhere to scare them off! In fact, I might do just that!"

A spokesman from the church of Malan issued the following statement: "We fully support Mister Sword-sworn in whatever political goals he may have. We feel he is excellent leader material, and also very good-looking and brave."

The church of Vivamort were not available for comment, thankfully.

Sea-Swog Shortage!

The number of sea-swogs in Brighthelms docklands has dropped dramatically following an anonymous benefactor recruited scores of mercenaries to wipe them out. Generally regarded as a nuisance, these creatures resembled the regular swog, or "land-swog" to give it its full title, except for some additional blue colouration and a strong swimming ability. While they are rumoured to be less venomous than the land-swog, these creatures are notorious scavengers of fishermen's catches and visitors' picnic hampers. Local fishermen have generally expressed gratitude at the kindness of this unknown stranger, and are hoping that he might tackle the gulls next.

However, not everyone is entirely happy about the absence of these creatures. Local oddball Sea-swog watcher Davenport expressed his horror at the purge of these "majestic creatures", highlighting the potential knock-on effect on the local environment and insisting that the local economy, political system, and religious hierarchies were all based on the presence of the humble sea-swog. He and other enthusiasts are seeking to set up a shelter for the protection of these creatures, and hopes to see them become re-established.

However, not everyone is entirely happy about these efforts, and so on...

Seeking Atlantian Treasure

Do you have any scripture or artifacts relating to ATLANTIS?

Crassus Caecus Scruto will give you cash in hand for any leads or legends you may have!

Find him in The Sussex Arms on Thursday evenings.

Kender Colouring Results!

1st place – Fingaz the goblin wins The Sword of Elemental Triumph for his lovely drawing of an elf.

2nd place – Yew the kender wins the horn of plentiful potions for her drawing of a rainbow.

3rd place – Tabitha Max wins The Hat of Dreams for her interesting imagining of the Brotherhood Ritual Circle.

Election Declared!

It's time once more, citizens of Brighthelm, to choose who will be lording it over us for the next year. Our experienced fact-finders have left no stone unturned to bring you the dirt on the candidates.

Elidad Swordsworn

A paragon of our community, Elidad Swordsworn and his band of fellows early this year dispatched the majority of the undead host which threatened the city. His connection to the Royal family couldn't hurt Brighthelm's standing at court either. Promising to reinvigorate the city with ambitious work programs for less productive members of society, as well as expanding Brighthelm's sculptural arts program, he promises to ensure employment remains high and many major areas of our city will be redeveloped into more inspiring spaces.

Brother Cavdor

Longstanding candidate wheeling out the same electoral promises as last year – a promised council shakeup to revitalise old institutions and to promote growth of local business. Might be a credible option if not for his vague manifesto promise to help support “fringe” religions...

Geoffery Brightlace

A surprising nomination by the Temple of Aten, Lightbrother Geoffrey Brightlace's accomplishments have been generally understated. Always available to give counsel and guidance at the Temple of Aten, those who know him are aware that his wisdom is often sought far and wide by high-ranking members of the Hand, and it is said that he played a pivotal role in the purge of the cult of Vivamort in the city several years ago. His main policies include providing additional support to the Brotherhood in the form of ritual overseers from the Temple of Aten, who are best equipped to deal with supernatural catastrophes and demonic influences.

Crawford of the Crofter

This new arrival to the city, despite his questionable level of political expertise, has nonetheless managed to attract a large rabble of uneducated bumpkins to his campaign, with simplistic promises like “fairer rates for food” and “more taxation for the rich”.

<**Eudora Kendall**> Currently occupying a formfilling position in the grey college, Dean Kendall is clearly making a last-ditch attempt to salvage her dead-end political career. Not exactly an indictment of ability for office. Besides, we have enough elemental elves on the council without having one as mayor as well, let alone a drow.

Tinderbox the Kender With a campaign slogan of “Shinies for everyone!”, we at The Babblers have to question the level of vetting that goes into these mayoral candidates. It seems Crawford will have competition for the comedy vote.

Mad Swog Kills Granny

A swog at a local swog-farm has apparently gone mad after eating tainted meat, and gone on a rampage, killing a local grandmother. The swog was subsequently put down by a team of men with pointy sticks, and turned into Frederic Smyd's Peppered Swogsages, available at Frederic Smyds Butchers for a reasonable price.

Fantastic Water-Breathing Potion!

The latest breakthrough from the alchemists' guild is now available for purchase! Wainscott's Waterbreathing Potion (patent pending) is available in various sizes! Explore the seas! Hide from enemies! Go on an interesting honeymoon! The possibilities are endless.
Prices:
5 mins. Waterbreathing: 20Sh.
1 hour Waterbreathing: 50Sh.
1 day Waterbreathing: 200Sh.