

The Capital City Herald

6th Day of the Spirit Moon of 1113

ECLIPSE HITS VONDARA THREE WEEKS EARLY

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**Over Five Hundred Killed in 'Dark Celestial' Assault,
While Powerless Clerics Forced to Watch in Horror**

by LINUS PENDRAGON

VONDARA - Panic and confusion spread through the city streets like wildfire last night as the low, ominous groan of the Priory Bell bore through the silence of an otherwise peaceful evening shortly after sunset. The Bell, an artifact of unknown origin thought to be blessed by each member of the pantheon, only produces sound when struck during the Deity's Eclipse.

Minutes later, nearly sixty of the Heretic's winged, faceless warriors descended upon the capital. To make matters worse, friend turned to foe as those among us who secretly worshipped the false god took advantage of the pandemonium and showed their true colors.

Though General Silverleaf and the city guard were quick to respond, the unexpected divine severence caused the vanguard to suffer heavy losses while the rest of the army mobilized. The Mage's Guild wasted no time springing to action - within minutes, the white glow radiating from the liquid-like arcane barrier which engulfed the royal palace could be seen for miles, a familiar sight for veterans of the Civil War. Though combat appears to have ceased shortly after high moon, it is expected that the spell will remain active until sunrise on Twoday. It was not until three bells past high moon that Sir Felios Junta, Knight-Captain of the Royal Guard, emerged early this morning to issue an official statement to the nearly one hundred



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Over 500 Dead Following Heretic Attack During Eclipse

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gave their lives last night defending our city against these blasphemous monstrosities, I am happy to report that both King Leopold and Queen Nehemiah are safe, unharmed and in good spirits. His Majesty will hold an emergency court session this afternoon at precisely

citizens who *one bell past high sun, after which he will address the* had gathered on *public from the eastern balcony.*"

the keep's steps The city guard has issued an announcement urging just beyond the those in need of clerical attention to avoid 'enterprising' pale, shimmering merchants and shopkeepers seeking to profit from last white light that night's attacks and make their way to the Temple of Shining marks the edge Truth, where Jeredithian clerics have been distributing of the immense healing salves to the wounded throughout the night. enchantment.

"Thanks to the many brave men and women who immediate attention, notify a member of the city guard as soon as possible. All guards serving in platoons stationed within the city are required to carry a minimum of three standard-potency healing salves on their person at all times, and an additional three if their patrol unit does not contain a dedicated cleric of either Attalia, Jeredith, Leondarr or Oleandra.

'The Poet of Lyrewood' Premiere Postponed After Noble's Son Accidentally Sets Fire to Stage

by ADRIANA GLADESONG

Just moments before reknowned Guari Elven playwright Salanar Eventide's highly anticipated sequel to 'Whispers of Gold' was set to premiere before a sold-out crowd, tragedy struck as the velvet curtain erupted in flames.

According to Sir Nicholas Belldorian of the Order of the Gavel, who was attending the play with his wife, it took about a full minute before anyone actually realized that the fire was not part of the show.

"Margaret and I both thought it was simply part of the opening act", remarked Sir Belldorian. "Salanar's known to be ostentatious, and has a taste for the overly dramatic. Considering how much coin the Bardic Guild has put behind the production, I think ours was a reasonable assumption."



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