

# The Cauldron Herald

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## Adventurers Tax Expanded

Although regular taxes will not be levied until coming month, Chancellor Terri Stanheort announced a 20% sales tax on all weapons, armor, magic items, and spells cast. The new tax will not only make adventuring less profitable but also is threatening to bankrupt many local merchants such as Skie Alderson. Tygot Mispas is one of many merchants grumbling and now seriously contemplating leaving the city of Cauldron, his home for over 100 years!

Rumors of a mind-boggling year end property tax of 30% against all of Cauldron's merchants and home-owners are spreading in town. Both import and export are greatly suffering from the expanding taxes, causing more and more citizens to be forced out of our gates.

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## Security Platoons Introduced

Due to increasing disturbances Lord Vhalantru pronounced the arrival of special security platoons to patrol the streets. These sizeable troops will be led by an aristocrat and consist of outstandingly trained elite half-orcs, supplied by Zarn Kyass and assisted by clerics of Wee-Jas. Captain Skellerang proclaimed that future incursions of monsters could be countered effectively now. The city government is grateful for the commitment of the temple of Wee-Jas to protect the common folk.

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## Narrow Escape Stormblades

The Stormblades searched for a cult of lizardmen, who worship the demon prince Demogorgon. These vile creatures had been attacking caravans and travelers near Cauldron and captured them for sacrifice.

While trailing a recent band through a swamp near the ruins of Shatterhorn, the group was attacked by moss covered treants, giant lizards and a massive black crocodile. Fighting for their lives the Stormblades were lucky to escape the encounter and slew the enormous crocodile to end the battle.

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## Tension Between Temples of Kord and Pelor Growing

The current enmity augmented after High priest Asfelkir of Kord accused the temple of Pelor of harvesting novices under false pretence. His holiness Shebeleth Regidin replied: "Kord sent spies to our holy shrine, they are clearly jealous of our success. Those joining us do that because we care for the poor and homeless. Perhaps Asfelkir should put less effort in organizing contests and instead focus on the needy in Cauldron's lower district." Father Kristof added: "We are prepared to defend ourselves against any threats, whether those are coming from Kord or Wee-Jas!"

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