

# The Seagate Times

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## CAPITALS UNDER SEIGE

**The dominant forces in June were the sieges of Novellar and Drakenburg City, capital cities of Alidar and Drakenburg. This was reported to be an attempt by the Aquillan forces to quickly end the war, however this did not eventuate and the sieges turned into long and drawn out battles.**

Guild parties were involved in both cities, acting as defenders. Bleyze, editor of *The Seagate Times* and involved in the Drakenburg defence commented on the battle's scale:

"The bodies of the first 600 Urielite troops were an excellent vantage point to prepare for the second minute of combat. At least we could then see the other 10 thousand-odd troops we were about to deal with."

The Aquilan siege of Drakenburg City was lifted when reinforcements from Eltrandor attacked the seigers from the rear. The Aquilan forces were besieged for two weeks between the Drakenberg and Eltradorian forces before they were forced to withdraw. It is believed that the Aquilan forces used Rune Portals to escape the Aladarian forces. However where they went is still unknown.

Novellar fell to the invaders in late July, with reports of over 5000 casualties on the Alidarian side. Reports from the city are scarce as it is under military rule with the local populace under strict curfew. But food and other essential materials are said to be running extremely low and there is concern that the famine currently experienced by the citizens may soon be compounded by plagues caused by the large numbers of dead bodies.

At the same time, the battle for the highlands continues to range unabated between the main armies of Aladar and Aquilain. This long contested area is being closely fought and correspondents say the two sides are evenly matched and looks like it will become a long drawn out bloody campaign.

## Superb harvest but prices still high!

In Eltrandor excellent weather conditions lasting until after the Harvest Festival was over has meant that even though some of the other Duchies and their shires (Drakenberg, Jurgemark in Aquilla) are struggled to harvest at all, most shires within Eltrandor have had a bumper crop.

This is believed to be the result of members of the Adventurers Guild controlling of the elements and blessing the crops to create a bumper harvest. But with the market price of grain quadrupling in the last three months due to shortages in large areas of the baronies and the inability to harvest in time in other areas. Famine being predicted in some areas of the baronies and it is almost certain that the price of Eltradorian grain is set to go even higher.

## Grobbelar Defeated

Alidarian troops loyal to Duke Boltman crushed the rebel Alidarian troops under the usurper Baron Grobbelar, in a pitched battle at Grobbelartain.

Baron Grobbelar has been a thorn in Duke Boltman's side ever since he declared allegiance to Bowcourt and Aquila. Positioned as he is in the heart of Alidarian territory his barony has been of strategic importance to both sides of the conflict.

It is not known what has become of Baron Grobbelar in the aftermath of the battle but it is thought he has escaped to Bowcourt and is seeking sanctuary with the Bishop of Mordeaux.

## Get off to a good start!

As an introduction to the Guild, the Founders of Newhaven are happy to provide a free package to each beginning adventurer. The package contains: One Backpack, One suit of Leather armour, One Blanket, Flint and Steel, One Waterskin, Two Waters of Healing, One Silvered dagger. (not for resale)

This package may be picked up from the Newhaven Ambassador at Guild Lodgings.

# BLAST MAGIC!

## PROVEN ON THE BATTLEFIELDS OF DRAKENBERG

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# Wanted

## Dead & Alive

### Raban - A.K.A. The Beast

#### Physical Appearance

9" Tall. Wearing Black Plate mail armour.  
Weilds a Giant Battle Axe and Kite Shield.

#### Known Abilities

Black Mage, Regeneration, Able to Fly

#### Companions

Has 2 familiars, 5 Demon Wolves,  
Earth Elemental

and a Bad Attitude!

## New Bishop of Ranke Appointed

With the death of the Bishop of Ranke on the 28th June 1993, the Prince of Ranke and Bishop of Mordoux have spent many months deciding upon his replacement.

They have appointed father Graham of Ranke, leader of "The Order of Divine Retribution", as the new Bishop of Ranke. The two Bishops have been long term friends, When asked about the Bishop of Mordoux, Baron Blitzkrieg said "He is a really hard man".

Because of the death of the last Bishop of Ranke the new Bishop has said "I hope nothing like that will be happening again, its my job to heal the wounds of discontent. The last Bishop had many enemys." The new Bishop was invested on Michaelmas day, 29th of September 1993.

## Richard of Foxcourt Captured

A Drakenberg sponsored raid by guild members on the Aquilan Headquarters at the siege of Drakenberg resulted in the capture of Richard of Foxcourt, one of the major commanders of Aquilan forces at Drakenberg. The Bishop of Mordoux, the other major leader targeted in the raid, narrowly escaped and was later seen leading the Aquilian forces against Drakenberg.

Richard of Foxcourt has been incarcerated by Duke Drakenberg and is expected to be tried for crimes against the state.

## Settlers Wanted For New Land

Due to the expansion in the Duchy of Eltrandor new land has become available for settlement. The Duchy of Eltrandor has many new tracts of land available to people who wish to build homesteads in the area. Settlers wishing new land are to report to Ralden for land allotment and escort to the new areas.

## Magic Roundabout

- Looking for that elusive Invested Item or Magic Potion?
- Need a Rank 20 Protection From Magical Fire?
- Need a buyer for a Magic Item or Skill?
- Need a Loan?
- Or just looking for a Standard Rank 20 Shadow Form or another Celestial necessity?

If the answer to any of these Questions is YES then chances are that I can provide it for you! ALL currencies catered for! We will Barter or Trade! Any offers considered! Contact Morgan Laffayette at the Guild

Founder of Newhaven

# Construction Update

"Construction of Seagate's first bridge to span the Sweetwaters is proceeding almost totally to plan" reported Lev Harkman from the Ministry of Transport Office, "but for a few delays."

Masons from Bolton were delayed in starting work upon the bridge as a result of last minute negotiations regarding working conditions, but this problem was quickly resolved and work has since started in earnest.

All seem to realise the benefit of this development for Seagate, with complaints from only one family who refused to vacate their house so it could be demolished to make way for this advancement. However it was reported that after the town guard spoke with them they were only too willing to move.

Mr Harkman continued to add that the completion of the bridge would be delayed by "a month or two". The apparent delays are a result of the war in the Baronies. As a result the bridge will take a further eight months until it is opened.

In order to speed construction it has been deemed that the roads surrounding the respective landing sites of the bridge and the work areas will be totally closed to the public. It is rumoured that this was a direct result of the interference by intoxicated but well motivated members of the Adventurers Guild after their return to Seagate. A security representative from the Guild had no comment to make on the subject but assured that he would "Look into the matter further."

The interruption to Ferry Services will continue for at least the next month as work intensifies, but should resume normal running times once all of the foundations have been laid. As a result of the unforeseen delays there will be a small fee imposed on horse-drawn transport using the bridge for the first few months of Harkman Bridge use in order to finance the cost overruns.

The dung barge will soon resume its twice daily sailing much to the delight of those living near the wharf.

## Wizard Karrinski Awarded Barony

The Wizard Karrinski has been awarded the title Baron of Vankran for services to the Duchy of Aladar during the war against Aquila.

Karrinski, also known as the Captain of the Night Marches was instrumental in lifting the siege of Drakenberg.

The title Barony of Vankran became vacant after the previous office holder and his family mysteriously vanished three months ago.

## Reward for Information

Mr Toadswart the Guild Astrologer is offering a reward for information leading to successful trade with the Temple of Shrivvers. It is said that the Shrivvers are able to make potions that imbue skills and the ability to cast spells for up to half a day.

# The Silken Web

Well darlings, news is a bit thin on the ground this time.

Kane (Mr. Spanky) has been caught playing with schoolboys again and Kel has been voted Client of the Year by the Seagate Undertakers Guild but that's about all that's reached my shell-like ears.

Oh, there's been some fussin' and feudin' up in the Baronies but they are always getting tetchy about something.

I almost forgot; Silken, that lithe hipped seductress is expecting a happy event sometime soon. "Of course, I'm simply thrilled and so is the father" purred the gorgeous one who is currently refusing to name the big stud responsible.

The spunky little mum is off with her old pals "Hot Pants" Finbar and "Loose Elastic" Lysander to track down Lysander's soul (Tiny, blackened, shrivelled little thing, it'll take them forever to find it!)

Wish them luck!

Until next time, keep your feet on the ground... and they'll never prove anything in divorce court!

## Seagate Times to Change Format

*The Seagate Times* has previously been available to the general public through out the Baronies. However due to the sensitive nature of many of the Guild's assignments and the volatile nature of the Baronies *The Seagate Times* is now published as a Guild Internal newsletter only. While input from the general public has been invaluable in the past, it has been decided that the information contained in *The Seagate Times* should not be readily available to the general public.



## Feeling Lucky?

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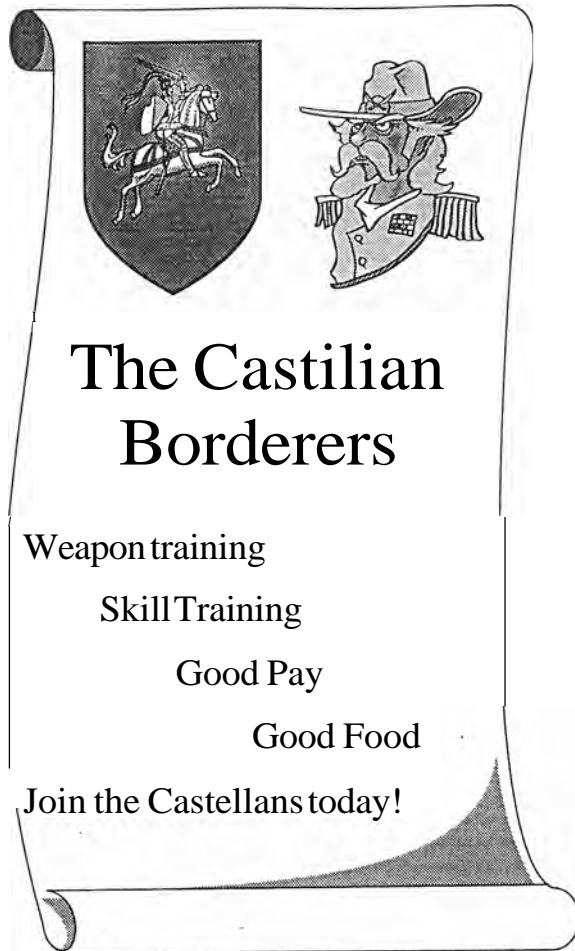
**Don't leave home without one**

Contact Logan at Guild Lodgings.  
Founders of Newhaven.

# Guild Lodgings

The following characters may be contacted in the Guild Lodgings by phoning the player of the characters at the number given below. (Please don't ring too late!)

Character:	Player:	Phone:
Seth	Daniel	378 0343
Sowleen	Brent	630 1569
Gar Og Zeekat	William	419 2160
Silken	Fiona	849 5343
Bleyze	Craig	630 7537
ToledoSteele	Craig	6307537
Logan	Neil	528 5378
MorganLaffayette	Mike	5203101
NewhavenAmbassador	Craig	6307537



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## New Haven Wall Completed

The settlement of Newhaven to the southeast of the Guild and Seagate have recently finished their town wall, an event that was celebrated with a large feast by all of the townsfolk and commoners. The construction of about nine hundred homes over the last quarter has also been without its problems.

## Guide Required

30 Knights wishing to remain impartial observers in the war require a guide to the baronies.

A good working knowledge of the Baronies is required along with the ability to give detailed descriptions of the leaders and armies involved and the special abilities of both sides. A nose for trouble and the ability to find and stay out of the biggest fights are desirable traits.

They are offering specialist training in weapon skills as payment.

Donations of cash, goods or  
services required  
for the upkeep of occupants of  
Seagate orphanage.

Contact Hazmo at guild  
lodgings.

The Editor of *The Seagate Times* is Bleyze played by Craig Harper.

The Chief Reporter is Engalton played by Jono Bean

Contributions can be mailed (on **disk** preferably) to:

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