

# The Great Quorum Press

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News and events taken from around the world

## The Emperor is Dead!



*An artist's rendering of the memorial ceremony at the Hall of Light.*

By Eleazaer Bagley

**Paun.** In the late hours of the evening of the fourth day of Nuva of the year 566, staff and healers were rushed into the emperor's chambers as the emperor was having difficulty breathing, had sharp pains in both his chest and arm and was sweating profusely from nearly every part of his body. With a gasp and a moment of tension, he laid back and passed from this world. Emperor Nehemiah Hiram has died at the age of 104. His Grandchildren Princess Arabella Hiram and her twin brother Atticus Hiram will be joint ruling the empire. Arabella will however be crowned Empress of the Unichue Empire and Atticus will be crowned King of the Unichue Empire. Princess Arabella has been running the day-to-day business of the empire for the last several years as her brother has been acting more of the diplomat with other kingdoms. The funeral is scheduled for the 7<sup>th</sup> and the coronation will be conducted on the 10<sup>th</sup>. Long live the Emperess!

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## Vivian Hettie Slain

By:

**Maguld.** It hurts me to have to write this. Beloved article writer Vivian Hettie was brutally slain last night while she and two of her companions walked home from a local pub in the noble light district. According to reports, the trio was jumped by thugs, when Vivian resisted, a blade from one of the thugs slashed at her striking her neck. Her companions were then also slashed. The thugs did not manage to leave with any items of value as the guard was on the scene of the crime in moments. The investigation is on-going, and the lord marshal himself is leading the investigation. I will be taking over her position. She will be missed as a voice of truth and logic in the city, even in times of complete chaos. Today, this city shines a little less bright.

## Beacon Tower Completed!

By Nigel Elmstone

Sully's Cape. A beacon tower has been constructed on the coastline near the mouth of the river entrance to Sully's cape harbor. This beacon will be able to warn shipping of the dangerous rocks to the north of the river mouth and help guide any non-magically navigated ships into port. The mayor and guilds believe with this beacon making sea travel safer, Sully's Cape should see a significant increase in sea trade. Many citizens were concerned about the project as the construction cost soared to nearly 800,000gp. But now the construction is complete, no further maintenance cost is required as the beacon is magically automated. The mayor and contractor both assured the citizens that the money will be recouped through the increase in trade.



## Timber shortage in Everstone Keep

By Mordecai Stonehope

A small beetle has done excessive harm to the forests outside the city. Moving at a rapid pace, this beetle has managed to destroy miles of forest and they are only growing in number. This type of beetle has not been seen on this world before and does not have any natural predator. Druids, priests and sages have gathered to find a method to combat these pests on a large scale before they destroy all the forests in the republic.

## Record Size Coral Trout!

By Portia Parson

Tal-From. Local fisherman Dalmor Usla is sporting a record catch. While fishing with his grandson on Lake Masburn the two pulled out a 43-pound coral trout! The largest coral trout ever seen. The two fought the beast for nearly an hour before it tired out enough to be pulled in. By comparison, the last record held by master fisherman Yanis Islin was a mere 18 pounds. The two have plans to have the fish mounted and enjoy a hearty dinner.

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## History of an Emperor

Emperor Nehemiah Hiram was the born as an only child to Emperor Kastil Hiram and his wife the Lady Justane. Nehemiah's parents were killed during a dispute between Kastil and his younger brother Gathil. The brothers came to blows and the Lady Justane stepped between the two attempting to cool her husbands temper when Gathil turned with a blade in hand and blindly thrust the blade into her back, and through her into his brother. Gathil was instantly seized and held for trial, where is 11 year old nephew Nehemiah stood in judgement. He sentenced his uncle to be put to death in the same manner his parents where. Gathil was tied to his wife and a blade was thrust through her back and into him.

Nehemiah was crowned emperor and both of his aunts, his father's sisters stepped up to advise him. But it was short lived as he overheard them talking and saw them stealing from the palace. He ordered both to be beheaded. From that point on he, and he along ruled the Uniche Empire.

At age 14 he ordered his troops to engage during a border war with the elves of the Kingdom of Eleullan. His leading general refused, considering they were

outnumbered over twenty to one. Nehemiah pulled a dagger from his belt and slashed the generals throat in a single blinding move. He then mounted his horse and ordered his two hundred knights into battle against the twelve hundred elves. When the fight was over all two hundred knights lived, and the emperor stood covered in blood but suffered not even a scratch. On his return to the camp, he ordered the execution of the three hundred soldiers that did not charge with him.

At age 17 he took his first wife. Three years later he had her beheaded along with her lover and he entire noble line. He remarried at age 24, but produced no children, his wife succumbed to disease ten years later and died. He remarried a third time at age 35, this wife produced three children, his eldest daughter and youngest son died in a boarder skirmish with the elves, the middle daughter ran off with a half blood elf. He sent trackers and had them both put to the torch. His third wife died through complications with child birth when he was 58. He took a fourth wife who gave him twins, a boy and girl. His wife was killed in a riot as she was attempting to

protect the children. Nehemiah had all the rioters and guard that failed to stop the riot executed. And set out to raise the children in a protected environment.

His daughter, Neina, taught fighting, field strategy, law and judgement. His son Roshian, he polished the boy silver tongue, taught him diplomacy, intrigue, personal survival and the ability to blend in. With these two at his side, nothing happened in the empire without him knowing. And he had a trusted agent to send to get job done when needed.

Over the previous 10 years, the emperor had been bed ridden. Neina had been running the day to day business and her brother smoothing over the guilds and keeping allied nobles in check. One the emperors passing, the two now have full power and authority over the empire.

The emperor ruled the Uniche Empire for ninety-four years, and under his rule the empire flourished, and the enemies of the empire fell and fled.

May the emperor rest in peace in the light of the old.

Long live the Emperess!