Romeo and Juliet Final Project

The Verona Times

You are going to take on the role of a journalist and document the events in fair Verona during the time of Romeo and Juliet. You will be writing up multiple articles and creating a newsletter using Microsoft Publisher. You must include the following:

* Obituaries for important dead characters. Choose four of the following:
  + Romeo\*
  + Juliet\*
  + Tybalt
  + Mercutio
  + Lady Capulet
  + Paris
* Headline Stories for important events:
  + Fight in the streets (you have 2 to choose from)
  + Party at the Capulets’ estate
  + Romeo is banished
  + Two children found dead together in a tomb after a double suicide
  + Capulet and Montague end their feud
* An Interview with one of the survivors. Ideas include:
  + What was Friar Lawrence’s plan vs what happened
  + Come up with a reason why the Capulet’s and Montague’s hated each other so much and what are they going to do now that the feud is over
  + Balthazar or Friar John apologizing for their miscommunications
* An advertisement for a product or business available at the time. Be creative with this one!

You should have 11+ items to fill your newspaper. You may do extra for bonus points of course.

* Each item needs to have a picture to go along with it.
* Every item needs a headline in bold above it.

Tips!

* The first one or two sentences of a newspaper article are called the LEAD. The lead is the opening to their article and should hook the reader. It should answer the 5 W's: Who, What, When, Where, Why (and sometimes How).
* Writing newspaper articles is very different from organization. Think of a newspaper article upside down triangle, where all writing a short story, essay etc because of the as an info the most important information is at the beginning and each paragraph following has less
* Write in the third person (he, she, it, they).
* Be objective -- never state your opinion. Use quotes to express others' opinions!
* Obituaries announce the death of someone with a detailed description of the person's life. It also often includes the following:
  + Full name of the deceased
  + Date and place of birth
  + Date and place of death
  + Surviving family
  + Funeral and burial information
* In your special interview you can choose to write it as an article OR you can do question and answer. You should ask a range of questions, and make sure to demonstrate character analysis.

Examples:



