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NIGHT CITY'S LONG SHOT

By Chu Becca - Doctor Doughnut© body double, NCPD Captain William Jones, has made a career of implementing harebrained schemes to fulfill his own political dreams.

The latest example is the 'Night City Gun Buy-back' program. Anyone can bring a firearm of any size and shape to designated locations throughout the city and in exchange for surrendering their gun, they will receive €100 and a NCPD T-shirt. Indeed, many of the long guns and pistols purchased have been obsolete and/or inoperable as weapons.

"In one week, we have collected 17 pistols, 15 submachine guns, and 98 long guns," said Jones when questioned on the success of his program.

Last year's success was such that some council members joked there would be "no more guns worth getting" this year.

To keep the program from bankruptcy, the compensation money was lowered from €150 to the current €100. It has been said that council members have also received a 5% raise thanks to the cutbacks in compensation prices.

#Leisure

MS. SAMURAI "HERSELF"

By Leia Prince - In a stroke of irony, Jeanna Simones, better known as Ms. Samurai, has been making random appearances throughout Night City, playing a new song off her platinum album "Herself", then disappearing like a ninja into the gathered crowd.

The latest concert began with a life-sized hologram of Jeanna appearing outside the shop of fashion designer Dora Flores©. As the chorus began and a crowd gathered, a figure, dressed in all Dora Flores©, stepped out of the crowd and into the hologram, tossing back an oversized, €1500 purple fedora.

The audience stood silently until the figure peeled back their full face wig revealing Simones' patented PerfectLook© face.

The concert lasted for a single encore before she disappeared in a swirling rose scented rainbow cloud.

These flash concerts are thought to be Simones's own brainchild amidst recent rumors of kidnapping threats against the musician.



WARNING!
DESIGNER PLAGUE OUTBREAK
LOCATION = South Night City
SYMPTOMS = Fever, Nose Bleeds
Sweating, Violent Seizures, Cough

#Crime

BODY COUNT SPIKES: TURF WAR

By Nick Stadt - A recent surge of violence by The Slaughters of the South is said to be related to the death of their leader's son. "Cut to pieces, he was," sniffled a man with an Aryan cross tattooed on his forehead.

Little is known of the killer's identity at this time. However NCPD have stated that the killer had removed all hardware from the victim, with surgical precision in the case of their cyberware.

The SoS have taken to lashing out against all rivals leading to a series of vendettas that will perpetuate the cycle of violence and death.

Night City Body Count as of this hour: 215

#Crime

CYBER GRAFFITI ON THE RISE

By Silke Johanson - Altering the menu of a local McMac's, swapping Prairie Oysters for Nuggets, is a right of passage for many burgeoning hackers. Always good for a belly laugh for those in the know.

Recently, however, Netrunners have expanded from innocent pranks to extortion through digital graffiti.

"I've had to hire someone four times in the last month," says Hans Johanson, owner of Hans's family restaurant, "Hans's und Griddle".

The latest cyber tagging involves an animated, purple phallus being shoved into a turning meat grinder placed over their building on the Public Net.

"Until I can discover the perpetrators, I'm forced to hire a netrunner who could very well be the one causing these issues for my business," stated Hans with despair. "I understand there are good hackers among the bad, but so long as the NCPD shows little concern for the community they serve, my business will continue to suffer."

NCPD's Net Crimes Division was unavailable for comment.

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#World

DARK TIMES FOR BIG SIX

By Dusty Chambers-Blackwood, LLC manufacturing, the makers of the highly sought after Big Six revolver series has been forced to halt production due to a suspicious fire at their Appleton County manufacturing facility. Although the fire seemed to be contained completely within the bathroom facility and never threatened the manufacturing floor, the facility has been closed indefinitely.

"Not only has Blackwood ceased gun manufacturing," says Poppa Cap, Editor in Chief of Surplus Solo magazine, "but all proprietary ammunition production has halted as well. Expect to drop up to ten times the Euro for the Harry and Arnold model ammo [Currently €1 and €2.25 per round respectively]".

To some, this sounds like corporate manipulation of supply and demand, but others see outside influence and stock market manipulation.

Public speculation believes there may be a hostile take over for the new firearms underdog.

#Business

DATATERMS: OLD IS NEWS AGAIN

by Sammy Stox-- Until the disasters of the late 2020s, the 'Net was the tech to beat to keep abreast of the latest news and views.

Dataterms and their paper printouts had become a nostalgic throwback for the older generations to feel comfortable using the new tech. However, after the collapse and ultimate destruction of the 'Net, Dataterms returned as the main source for up-to-date news and information.

During the conflicts of the late 2020s, the software conglomerate Rutgers© purchased and refurbished some 40,000 Dataterms. Key was the installment of software switching from 'Net updating to allowing the terminals to stay connected to the mainframe by staying connected to one another.

Rutgers© matched their rivals one to one in terminals allowing for a multi-year monopoly following the Net collapse.

Rutgers now trades 4th on the LONG markets under the ticker tag RUTG.

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