

GAME 7 CITY INFORMATION

EXCERPTS FROM THE TUESDAY MARCH 1ST 2005 NEW AMSTERDAM TIMES

"FIVE YEARS IN REVIEW"

Logjam at Loggerhead Park: Finally the many special interests groups that have kept the city tied up for years as they clashed over conflicting ideas for the United Nations memorial seem to be preparing to move forward with new plans. While the exact plans have yet to be unveiled word is that the memorial plans will incorporate the demolition and restructuring of Loggerhead Park. The Turtle Bay Restoration Society and Friends of Loggerhead Park expressed outrage at the decision, vowing protests and sit-ins, but the Memorial Board says plans remain unchanged.

Third Socialite Slaughtered!: Third prominent member of New Amsterdam found dead. The victims so far have been an executive at a marketing firm, a well loved philanthropist and a member of city government. Inside sources say the NYPD suspects a serial killer and has suppressed the identities of the victims and details of the case to deter copy cat killers. All that has been released is the general nature of the work they victims did and the fact that all were killed in similar fashion.

Healing Takes Time: It has taken five years but most of the physical wounds the city suffered during the Anarchist bombing of the United Nations, and subsequent actions of supporting terror cells, have finally healed. Few and far between are the visual scars of that war torn chapter of our cities history. But the medical and emotional/psychological scars remain - including respiratory illness, immune system failures, several forms of cancer, depression, substance abuse, domestic violence, PTSD and other anxiety disorders. On the bright side numerous major landmarks have finally been settled, setting precedents which many hope will herald rapid resolution of the thousands of cases that remain pending.

Nutridyne Comes Home: The Nutridyne corporation won a major government contract for the 'Supplemental Nutritional Initiative', which began running adds for TV dinner style 'School Lunches at Home'. One particular catchy add reads "Landlines are dead, the Hudson is blue, let Nutridyne feed your kids at home, have your cake and eat it too!" This is one of the first companies to deliver food to kids at home year round.

An Unwelcome Houseguest?: Parents displaying outrage that Nutridyne is telling them "they don't know how to feed thier own kids!" maintain a weeklong vigil outside Nutridyne's main office in spite of blizzard conditions. Protesters declined offers of free Meals Ready to Eat and blankets distributed by Nutridyne employees expressing concern for the welfare of the protesters.

C.E.R.W.I.N. Blinks His Eyes: After months of delays overcoming ACLU legal action the controversial new Counter-Espionage and Reconnaissance Wireless Integrated Network underwent initial testing the night of Wednesday, February 23rd. Testing is currently being conducted under temporary license as City Hall debates the need for city security against privacy issues. "Cerwin" will watch the city through an extensive web of high resolution wireless cameras on street corners and in public areas. Hearings open to the public are scheduled to continue until the initial testing concludes sometime in April.

Award Winning Medical Care: The Ellis Island Medical Facility, rechristened "Freedom Hospital", rated in the "Top 10 Hospitals Nationwide". Each hospital on the award winning list received government grants which Freedom Hospital pledges will be dedicated to a new wing intended to offer experimental treatments to volunteers who could not otherwise afford them.

Hearts and Hands Still Linked Across America: Organizers state "These concerts will be held every year on the anniversary of the bombings until a new building stands tall where the Nations may be United again!"

Crime Gets Organized: While there has been a general decline in most city crime statistics, organized crime has been steadily on the rise. The F.B.I. has announced the initiation of a cross agency taskforce after a public official dedicated to combating organized crime was found murdered in his Manhattan high-rise with three bullet wounds to the head and a dead rat wrapped in newspaper laying in his lap.

The Big Apple Tastes Good Again!: The entertainment and tourism industries have returned to New Amsterdam. The new convention center is booked with events for the next six months. Film and art festivals abound. Hotel rooms are nearly impossible to find. Nightclubs overflow with new talent on stage. Just this month an open casting call was put out for the adaptation of Ben Ravencroft's "The Coven" to be filmed on location here in New Amsterdam.