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## Tierside: The New Tower of Babel?

For nearly 25 years now, opinions have been divided regarding the towering structures that make up New Amsterdam's **Tierside** neighborhoods. Advocates have trumpeted the project's successes; the increasing ability to accommodate the city's ever-rising population, efficient use of available space, more effective law enforcement. But some have called it a monumental setback for civil rights and equality, claiming that the series of raised platforms, bridges and towers reinforces an already highly stratified class system. Community leaders such as Al Sharpton and Elijah West have referred to Tierside as the New Tower of Babel, and say that it's only a matter of time before God Himself comes down to...

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## CDC: Leprosy Plague Officially Eradicated

Dr. Robert Hermann, Director of the CDC's regional office at Freedom Hospital on Ellis Island, recently held a press conference to address the issue of what has become known colloquially as **The Leprosy Plague** (our colleagues in the scientific community are quick to point out that it is not in fact Leprosy, known officially as Hansen's Disease, but a related bacterial agent with similar symptoms). The CDC has pursued an aggressive campaign to contain the disease, and with the last known outbreak occurring nearly two years ago, they are confident that we have finally seen the last of this terrible scourge. Of course, rumors continue to circulate about mass graves and roaming body barges seen in the...

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## Trauma Team's Flying Ambulances

These days it's a familiar sight, but eight years ago it was unheard-of: Minivan-sized vehicles held aloft by **vectored thrust**, zooming this way and that against the backdrop of the city skyline, providing emergency medical services to the New Amsterdam elite. More maneuverable than helicopters, and more difficult to control, but that added degree of finesse is necessary when attempting to navigate amongst the towers and platforms of Tierside. Turns out rich people need ambulances too. The initiative started ten years ago, with Trauma Team International beating out local competitor DocWagon for the prized contract to provide ambulance services to the city's 62 hospitals, and since negotiating an exclusive...

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## Lexington Ave Canal: A Celebration of Style

When the infrastructure of the **6 Line** of the **New Amsterdam Subway** collapsed ten years ago, it was difficult to believe that anything good could come of such a disaster. However, NA residents came together for an impressive show of support and community, the likes of which have not been seen since the terrorist attack which destroyed the United Nations headquarters 25 years ago. Debris was quickly cleared, and the area was shored up and reinforced, creating a four mile long canal named after the street that it replaced, extending from Wall Street all the way up to E65th St. The surrounding neighborhood is home to several charming open air markets, and has been known as Little Egypt for...

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## Northern Estates: Utopian Dream?

**Northern Estates** was the most recent expansion to the network of platforms known as Tierside. It's been presented as the model neighborhood: safe, secure, comfortable, with a spectacular view of the rest of the city from very nearly any direction, 'the hope for a better tomorrow'. A government sponsored habitation complex was constructed to assist with relocating Plague sufferers in need. But is something rotten in the City of New Amsterdam? There have been numerous reports of political corruption and back-room deals occurring right under the noses of city officials (or worse, directly involving them), to say nothing of the rampant crime occurring down below in the area known as The Tombs. The Mayor...

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## Melinda Cole Found Dead In Pasadena

The body of Emmy and Golden Globe winner **Melinda Cole** was found early yesterday morning in her apartment in Pasadena, CA. The cause of death has not yet been determined, but the LA County Medical Examiner's Office has stated that there does not appear to be any evidence of foul play. Cole's most notable work was her starring role in the CW television show **Monsters**, playing antagonist Angelica Hawthorne for seven seasons, as well as her frequent collaborations with director David Fincher and horror novelist Ben Ravencroft. In addition to her film and television career, Cole is noted for her humanitarian efforts, for which she has received a Jean Hersholt Humanitarian Award for...

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## Beware of Cheap Knockoff Cyberware

The rapid onset of the Leprosy Plague provided the original impetus for the development of **advanced prosthetic limbs** that would interface directly with the central nervous system, but now that the Plague is gone, the purpose of cyberware has evolved. Five years ago Hollywood may have balked at the idea of Oscar Award winning actress Emma Watson voluntarily having a cyberarm installed as a statement of solidarity with Plague sufferers, but many have since followed her example. However, there is a dark side to this latest fashion trend. There has recently been an increase in cheap cyberware with counterfeit branding being imported from overseas, and reports of unreliable control systems...

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