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TODAY'S WEATHER

Zen		-6°C
Uptown		+3°C
Downtown		+19°C
Ground Zero		+28°C

THE TYRANNY OF ECHOES?

Normal Rights groups claim we are living in an Echo autocracy.

◆ **Ground Zero, Lower Bricktown, London.**

The Normal Rights Movement (NRM) and other so-called 'normal rights groups' have made a dramatic claim that our society is unfairly dominated by the Echo minority (see sidebar).

The shocking claim is that over 95% of all senior government, corporate and military positions are filled by Echoes - often in preference to more experienced Normals (the term for those who lack Echo powers).

The Aegis Foundation declined

ECHOES AND THE STATE



to comment; however we were able to talk to Lord Malachi di Combibos di Mercator, Deputy Highpriest of the Temple of the Overlord, spokesperson for the Cult of the Overlord (and also an Echo): "Echoes are a vital part of our society. Their sacrifice is the cornerstone on which our technology and - interstellar

community is built. They are the instruments through which the Overlord and His Disciples steer humanity to a greater future. Don't forget the terrible sacrifices that every Echo must make:

Drastically shortened lives, great physical pain and of course...

► **STORY CONTINUES NEWS C**

"Is it fair that Echoes are prioritised in all careers? All we are asking is for fair and equal treatment. Normals have value too."

- Marguerite Hassan, Spokesperson of the NRM

NUMBERS THAT COUNT

- **1 in 50,000** people manifest Echo Powers.
- **1 in 4 Echoes** survive the Aegis Foundation Training.
- **800+ Echoes** live in London.
- **35 years** average life expectancy of an Echo after manifesting
- **18 deaths** caused on average when an Echo Wylds.
- **95% of all** corp boardmembers in London are Echoes.

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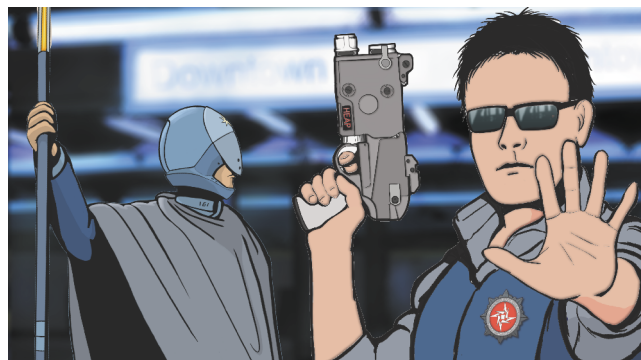
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Ripper Agents raid offices of London import company. G

CONFLICT

Due to the ongoing sports strike, there is no Conflict section this issue.

SAFEGUARDING US



LEFT: Victory Bridge Tube Station, 5AM. A joint taskforce of the Agency and Metropole Patrol Officers stand watch at Victory Bridge Tube Station and around Victory Bridge, part of the Governor's major crackdown on smuggling through London.

So far the net has caught over 50 tonnes of illegal arms and counterfeits. Who knows what they'll find next?

FedCom Ambassador Denies Espionage Charge

Tensions continue to grow in ongoing shadow war.

◆ **FedCom Embassy, Hope Tower, London**

In the continuing series of tit-for-tat actions between the security forces of the Federate Combine and the Imperial Commonwealth being waged on the streets of London, the latest allegations are certain to further destabilise the situation. Baronet Saul Bestshaw, the Imperial Ambassador to London,

claimed that his office was bugged by SSG Agents operating out of the Federate Combine Embassy, a charge that their ambassador Joral Vehn strongly denied.

Whether this is related to the sudden disappearance of the FC Deputy Ambassador Jos Vanek earlier this week is unclear at this time, though **WNN!** sources suspect foul play by the



[Ambassador Joral Vehn] Imperials. If it turns out to be true we could get a full-blown shadow war between the FedCom and ICE spies. Should keep the Agency busy!

BRICK TOWN RIOTS ENTER THIRD WEEK

Still no solution to tensions in impoverished district. Who is to blame?

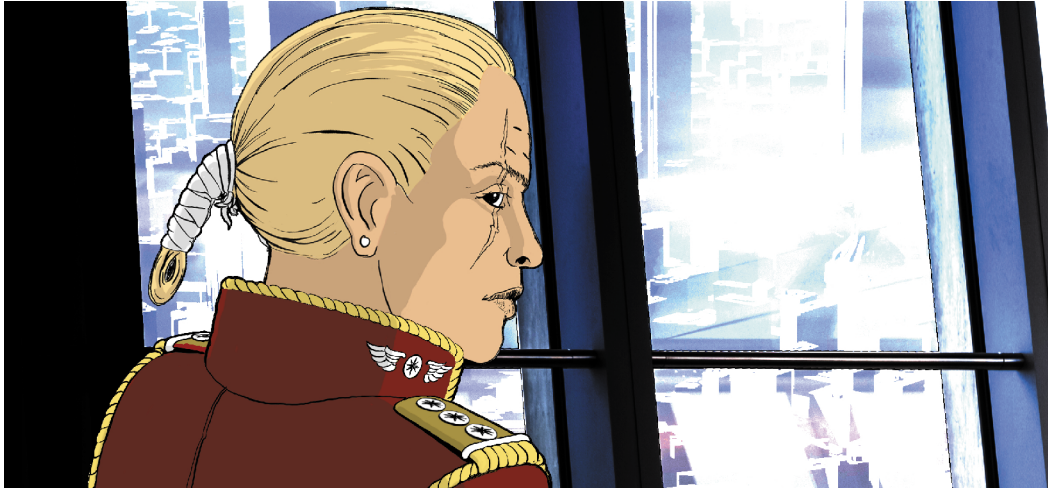
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81%

of Lower Bricktown residents are Drudges, Paxers, Blanks or Scavs.



◆ Ground Zero, Lower Bricktown, London.

A state of emergency has been declared by the Governor in the districts of Upper and Lower Bricktown following three weeks of rioting and clashes with law enforcement personnel over alleged Metropolice corruption and brutality.

All access points to and from the Bricktowns have been sealed off with checkpoints and all tube lines running into the

[The Governor surveys the scene during a tour of Bricktown]

Bricktowns have been re-routed or terminate in neighbouring boroughs. Reports of rioters fortifying key buildings have been dismissed as 'scaremongering'.

Claims that the Metropolice have lost control of the two districts and are now simply

"The Governor's Office has issued a travel advisory for all citizens to avoid travelling into, or out of, Upper and Lower Bricktown while the state of emergency is in effect."

- Governor Sagacious' Office

containing the problem and trying to sweep the corruption under the carpet has been strongly denied by Central.

However, Shield Agents from the London Agency - responsible for internal investigations for both the Agency and London Metropolice

swooped in and arrested several serving officers of both the Lower and Upper Bricktown Metropolice late last night. Additionally, the LMP Commander of the Bricktowns, Sir Colin Devereaux, has retired, citing ongoing health issues.

It is not yet clear if the arrests and retirement are related to the protesters' accusations, but they certainly seem to think so and are already claiming a minor victory.

Of course, the riots have only set the troubled South London LonTrans extension back even further (see **Business D**).

It remains to see how this difficult situation will be defused, but for now we agree with the Governor's travel advisory: Stay out of the Bricktowns if you possibly can!



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ARALYTE ISSUES EMERGENCY PRODUCT RECALL

BlendMe X2, ZeroClean suit & Aralyte MIN-400 SMG all effected.

◆ Arkham Spires, Imperial, London.

Aralyte Corporation today issued a full-product recall on three products from across their corporate empire due to safety concerns.

There have been numerous reports of the items in question bursting into flame with some even causing radiation burns!

WNN! sources have told us

that Aralyte suspect corporate sabotage, with the most likely suspect: DarkStorm, though Aralyte are at pains to deny such rumours.

So, if you have purchased a BlendMe X2 washing machine, ZeroClean smart suit or Aralyte MIN-400 SMG within the last year you are strongly advised to contact your local Aralyte customer office for a return and full refund, or life insurance claim (Citizenship confirmation required).

"Reports of high level radiation emissions are being overstated. There is no cause for concern."

- Aralyte Corporation



[Aralyte MIN-400 SMG]

Guess we won't be seeing the latest smart fabrics from Aralyte at the London Fashion Week?

THE TYRANNY OF ECHOES?

▶ **CONTINUED FROM A**

only 1 in 4 Echoes survives the Aegis Foundation training. Is it so wrong that they should be recognised for their sacrifice?"

However, others disagree with this viewpoint, including Marguerite Hassan of the Normal Rights Movement:

"No one is denying the sacrifice Echoes make, but is it fair that

Echoes are prioritised in all careers? Echoes are a tiny minority in society, less than 1 in 50,000 people, and yet they cause over half of all deaths in London and that is before you take into account the terrible damage done to families and neighbours when a young Echo Wylids for the first time.

"Only 1 in 4 Echoes survives the Aegis Foundation training."

-Lord Malachi di Mercator, Dep. Highpriest of the Overlord

"All we are asking is for fair and equal treatment. Normals have value too."

This controversial subject has sparked a number of violent encounters between normal rights protesters, Echo supporters and Metropolice.

Both the Agency and LMP

refused to confirm how many Echoes they employ citing security concerns, but **WNN!** has discovered that there is just a single normal on the boards of the London divisions of the Charter and top Indie Corps.

Statistically London should have 330 Echoes but there are currently over 800 known Echoes in London, including:

- ▶ Governor Sagacious
- ▶ Commissioner Tanaka (London Metropole Commissioner)
- ▶ Cmdr Sir James Villiers-Cavanaugh (London Agency Commander)
- ▶ Highpriestess-Keeper Nebhotep Neteri (Cult of the Overlord High Priest in London)

This looks like a subject that just isn't going away, no matter how much the powers that be would like it to and **WNN!** will follow developments closely, so you don't have to!

WNN! NewsBite![®] The latest bite size news headlines.

NEWS New drug sets fire to the streets. Commissioner Tanaka requests increased funding to combat rise in Jump-related deaths.

NEWS Offshore floating free cities a "threat to London's security" says Agency Commander, he promises to "shut them all down".

NEWS Is the MacIntyre Apartment Tower the most haunted building in London? The London Metropole have refused to investigate and deny claims of ghosts, disappearances.

POLITICS Foreign news: Commonwealth Parliament still in deadlock with Emperor over voting reform. Emperor threatens to veto law passed by Parliament.

POLITICS Accord Military Corps veterans demand better healthcare. Over 200% increase on yearly disabled and wounded veterans in London.

CRIME London **WNN!** undercover reporter Jack Winniger goes missing during an investigation.

CRIME Was suicide of AgriCorp London CEO murder? Metropole claim death was suspicious.

CRIME Thirteenth body this week found floating in Thames Canyon. Body count gets crime officially reclassified as 'Multicide'.

CRIME Camelot spacestation sees an increase in ship and cargo theft. Dockmaster-General denies allegations of corruption.

DO YOU KNOW?

What the tattoos on an Echo's face mean?

They are the Mark of the Echo's Pledged Disciple - most often the Star of the Overlord - and the Echo has it permanently branded during a Divine Ceremony on completion of their training at the Aegis Foundation.

The tattoo is both the mark and warning that they are a Registered Echo and glows when they use their powers.

WILL COMMISSIONER TANAKA STAND AS GOVERNOR?

Commander Villiers-Cavanaugh tight-lipped at press conference.

◆ **Tower of Judgement, Temple & Tyburn, London.**

Rumours are continuing to circulate that current Metropole Commissioner Tanaka is seriously considering standing in the election of the new Governor of London now that Governor Sagacious has announced he is stepping down due to ill health. This is what her representative had to say when we contacted her office for comment:

"Commissioner Tanaka appreciates the messages of support, but at this time she is not making any announcements concerning possible candidacy as Governor of London. She continues to modernise the London Metropole and make

London safer for all citizens. Commissioner Tanaka holds Governor Sagacious in the utmost respect and admiration in recognition for his long and distinguished service as Governor of London and as the peace broker who ended the Civil War."

Despite this, political pundits are confident that she will enter the race and in an exclusive poll carried out by **WNN!** 51% expressed a preference for a Tanaka Governorship.

"I have nothing to say to peon gossip sheets like you."

-Sir James Villiers-Cavanaugh, Commander London Agency

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WNN! Polling numbers:

Tanaka 51%
Denver 36%
Villiers-Cav. 12%
Others 1%

How this will affect the putative campaign of London Agency Commander Sir James Villiers-Cavanaugh (with only 12% approval), is yet to be seen. Sir James refused to comment

The date of the election has not yet set, but **WNN!** is hoping for a Tanaka candidacy!

GENEDYNE SCIENTIST REVEALS NEXT GEN NANOWARE

Revolutionary new tech learns through experience.

◆ Hope Tower, London.

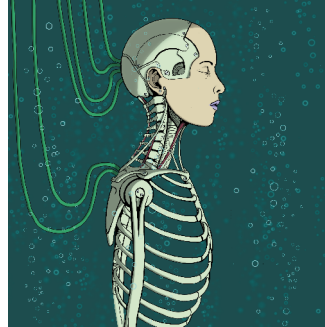
Head of Future Tech at Genedyne London, Dr Macek Ragar Azaelja revealed an exciting leap forward in nanotechnology today at the London Future Tech Show held in the Hope Tower, Highgate.

Dr Azaelja, originally from Kapaethja, has been pioneering advanced medical and emergency healing systems and was showing off his fourth generation Nano Biostatus Unit to the public in London before it goes on sale later this year.

The Nanites in the NBSU are capable of combatting 419 new diseases and viruses, as well as

◆ STOCK WATCH: GENEDYNE

- Genedyne [GDYN] stock surged 3.5% on the London Stock Exchange on the announcement to £114.5.
- Genedyne is owned by MTI.
- Genedyne specialise in bioware and nanoware Sliver implants.
- **WNN!** reckon Dr Azaelja's stock is certainly on the rise in Genedyne.
- **WNN!** Recommendation: Buy GDYN at £115. Sell at £120.3



[Building a better human]

restoring up to 18% of damage caused by radiation without requiring a full GenTank in addition to the normal healing and medical alert functions.

According to Genedyne, once released the MK4 NBSU upgrade can be performed at any Genedyne GeneMed Clinic and requires only a 1-hour

procedure. Patients subscribed to the GeneMed Gold+ cover or Nova Response Premium will receive the upgrade in their next update cycle.

We'll be sure to review the NBSU as soon as we get our hands on it!

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98%

of people surveyed had no idea that Sliverware relies on Wyldstone to function. Wyldstone is caused by & related to Echo powers

WYLDSTONE: Wyldstone prices have been very turbulent in all the major exchanges over the last three weeks, with prices reaching a peak of £200/cm³ on the Metropolis Exchange and a low of £187.5/cm³ across the board.

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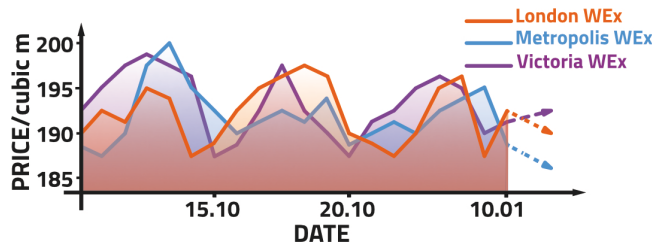
The latest financial intel

Aralyte [ARL] have increased their share ownership in **London** **Metropolice** [LMP-PLC] to 17.6%. Is a hostile takeover looming? **DarkStorm** [DKS] think so and have vowed to fight unwanted corporate interest.

WNN! sources suggest that Aralyte is looking for leverage on DarkStorm in their mutual battle to acquire **Templar Systems** [TMPSYS], a high-end bespoke security equipment firm.

Expect Aralyte to sell LMP stock to DarkStorm in exchange for a controlling interest in Templar Systems. Perhaps **London Mutual**, the new player on the block will increase their stake?

WNN! Recommendation: Buy TMPSYS, sell LMP-PLC.



DELAYS CONTINUE TO PLAGUE NEW SOUTH LONDON LONTRANS LINE EXTENSION

Stealth-Albion blame environmental problems and continuing disruption in the Bricktowns.

◆ Downtown Bricktowns, South London.

The South London LonTrans extension ran into more trouble today when Stealth-Albion Construction (SACon) were forced to confess the project would not be completed on time and was running at least two years behind schedule.

The cause of the delays? Unexpected challenges in the excavation caused by ancient, unknown tunnels, foundations and buildings. SACon also cited the ongoing civilian disturbance

“The LonTrans extension will be completed. Whatever the cost.”

–Gavin de Armand

in the Bricktowns (see **NEWS B**) as a further cause of delays claiming their construction personnel were being harried and in some cases attacked.

The workforce number has also been slashed. SACon stated 38 construction workers have been transferred to other projects, but **WNN!** sources within the corp have told us that Stealth-

Albion is hiding the truth that they have no idea where the workers are.

In an attempt to deflect criticism, SACon hit back at claims their construction methods have left several thousand people homeless. Spokesperson Gavin de Armand claimed all those registered citizens affected by the construction have been offered compensation at a fair rate.

Critics claim that the rate is unreasonably low, and over 40% of residents in Lower Bricktown are not yet registered with the London Government.



THE PUMAN LOOK IS ALL THE RAGE!

Metropolex advise against new fashion, cite racial tension.

◆ **SoCore, Downtown Soho, London.**

This season the look everyone wants is 'Puman'. The hot new look in the London club scene is a hybrid of Kapaethjan Pure style with London Urban Street Gang fashions. Silver jewellery, black leather clothing, black contact lenses, fake pointed teeth and Kapaethjan tattoos. Some people have even taken to wearing decorative swords!

Superintendent Gaius Laxman-Kaushall from the London

Metropolex has gone on record advising people not to imitate Pure style.

"The Pures are a noble and honourable people and community leaders have expressed their wish for people to show respect and not appropriate Pure culture and identity for a passing fad. Many Warrior Caste Pures see such fashion statements as a direct affront to their honour and thus the London Metropolex cannot guarantee the safety of anyone

who dresses in so-called 'Puman' fashions. We strongly recommend people refrain from doing so."

But despite - or perhaps because - of the warnings the style has proven to be a big hit with the fashionable crowds.

So far the Pures have shown their customary reserve, with

only a few incidents of violence breaking out.

So there you have it - it's official: Puman fashion is subversive and aggressive! Do you have the courage to wear this season's latest fashions or are you going to follow the masses and carry on wearing grey jumpsuits?

WHERE TO GET... THE 'PUMAN' LOOK?

Clothes > The Puman League, Downtown Overlord's Station.

Party > Club Filtration, Downtown Overlord's Station.

DarkStorm unveil new look London Metropolex uniform designed by fashion designer Xi Volker.

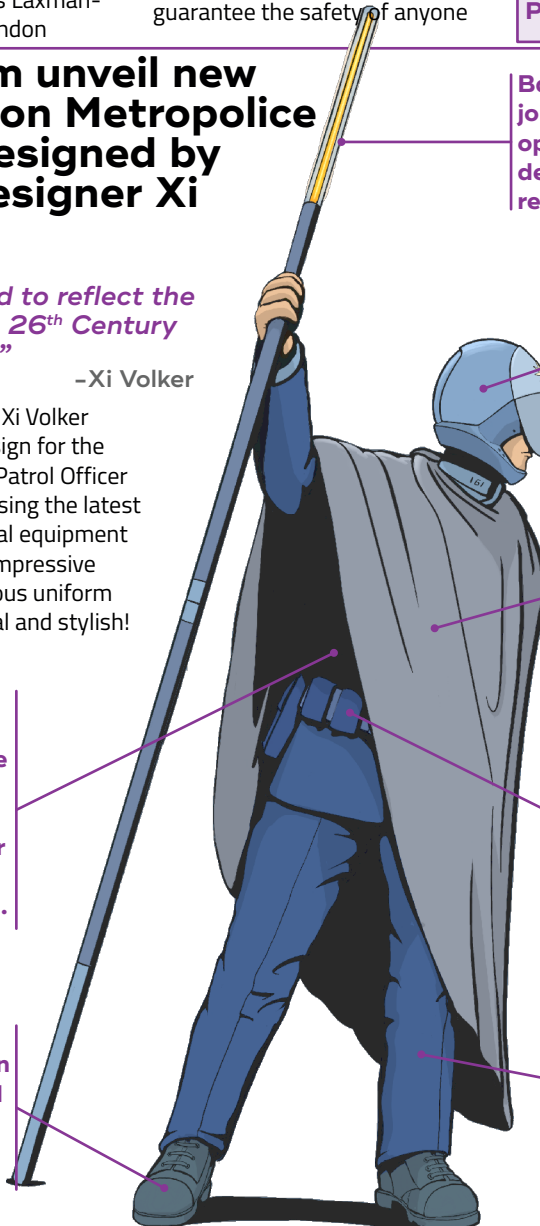
"It is designed to reflect the needs of the 26th Century law enforcer"

-Xi Volker

Top fashion designer Xi Volker unveiled her new design for the London Metropolex Patrol Officer uniform yesterday. Using the latest in smart fabrics, visual equipment and sensors it is an impressive upgrade to the previous uniform that is both functional and stylish!

Jacket features NearNight TX90 carbon-nano tube reactive weave with full biomonitor sensor grid and basic mimetic colouring.

Armoured boots, provide protection against traps and other hazards. Environmentally controlled.



Baton staff formed by 2 joined stun staffs with optional illumination designed for non-lethal response

Helmet features full AR/VR vision with plate mounted CHI True Sight lightfield cameras, additional IR and UV sensors and built-in respirator.

Rain cape designed to pack into utility belt. Has two modes: an illuminated alert mode and a black stealth mode.

Utility belt contains all the essential equipment required by a Patrol Office including sidearm, cuffed tape, flares, evidence tags and the like.

Trousers, like the rest of the uniform is made of Arylyte ZeroClean smart material and is designed for both comfort and practicality.

[PC Holland sporting new style LMP uniform]

WNN! Small Ads

For Sale: Ion Drive for Corvette.

One careful pilot, minor impact damage, priced for quick sale. Call Nic van de Vries.

Wanted: Live Chakkas removal.

Middling to low pay, must provide own pitchfork. Contact Steven Shaker, HindSight Club, Soho. Ask for manager.

Wanted: Test subjects with high pain threshold and no legal protection.

Top money paid for those who don't ask questions. Contact Dr Amadeus, University of London.

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WHO WILL STAR IN 'THE AGENT' NEXT?

Enigma Entertainment have narrowed the list but have yet to make decision.

⊕ **Enigma Entertainment, Hope Tower, London.**

Enigma Entertainment announced that they have finalised the short list for the new series of the hit WeaveNet show "The Agent" but are yet to announce the final decision.

The reality show follows all aspects of the life of a junior agent from the London Agency including case work and home life, and despite controversy over revealing covert active operations the show became a hit last season.

In the running so far this year are Lior Arken Azaelja, a Pure G1 Agent in the SO-50 Investigations Division, Kim Kenson, a human G2 Agent in SO-40 Intel Division and Jess Armistead, a human G2 Deputy Marshal in SO-30 Marshal Division. Controversially none of the three are Echoes as **WNN!** sources have told us that the

SO-20 Ripper Division have refused to allow Echo agents within the Agency to participate following the death last year of G2 Agent Elise Conrad (a Zero) when her cover was blown by an unfortunately timed autograph hunter.

"Who knows, maybe it could be you who becomes the next toast of the town?"

-Clement Fandango, Enigma Entertainment

One complication: Sir James Villiers-Cavanaugh, the London Agency Commander has vetoed the inclusion of any agents currently active in any task forces on operational grounds.

Two other candidates dropped out of the selection process, one because he was an Echo and the other for personal reasons.



[Agent Elise Conrad fends off and autograph hunter]

"We're still on the lookout for other stars. Who knows, maybe you'll be the next toast of the town?" said Clement Fandango, Media Director. Enigma Entertainment will make their final decision later this month.

THE MYSTERY OF THE GIANT EYE CONTINUES...

"Don't look at us" say Enigma Entertainment.

⊕ **Enigma Entertainment, Uptown Hope Tower, London.**

The strangely compelling and popular WeaveNet 'prank' show "The Giant Eye" continues to mystify. Our parent company Enigma Entertainment denied all knowledge of the show, insisting it is an illegal pirate broadcast and will no doubt be shut down by the London Metropole soon.



[The Giant Eye]

So there you have it: it's officially not us making it, so we're not worrying and neither should you!

SCROFULOUS SEVEN RELEASE NEW ALBUM "OH SHIT, IS THIS ON?"

4 dead, 25 injured in album release. All 6 members of band airlifted to safety.

⊕ **Barry's Music Store, Downtown Rock, London.**

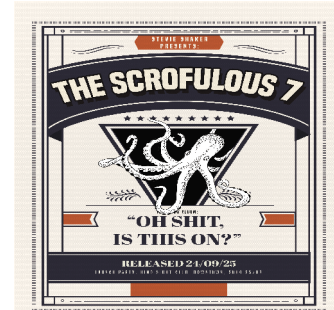
A simple album launch turned into a bloodbath today when 300 live chakkas were released as a promotional stunt. Riot Police and Animal Containment were both called in, but not before 4 music fans were killed and another 25 injured.

"All in all it was a pretty successful launch. We're looking forward to our upcoming tour!" said Baronet Nicholas van de Vreis (saxophonist). "There were crisps and everything!" said Joseph "Loretta" Douglas (rapper).

In keeping with the strange behaviour of the band, only 80 copies of the album were released on an obsolete format that requires specialised antique equipment to listen to with only 5 players in the entire of London!

Vincent Vincenzo (accordion player) said: "We were looking for the new sound in the desert and then it struck us - why not use a format that hasn't been used in over a thousand years? What could be more artisanal? It was a stroke of genius!"

When **WNN!** spoke to Manager and band apologist Stevie Shaker in hospital about the



[The new Scrofulous Seven album]

stunt-gone wrong, he apologised for releasing the chakkas saying "I thought they could fly, but turns out they're all teeth." Classic Scrofulous Seven!

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AEGIS FOUNDATION AND RIPPER AGENTS RAID OFFICES OF LONDON IMPORT COMPANY Agency refuses to disclose details; Classifies entire operation.

✦ **Rauru Corp, Standish, Uptown Soho, London.**

Aegis Foundation officials escorted by Ripper Agents from the London Agency today raided the offices of Rauru Corp in Soho.

What makes this so unusual is that it appears the Aegis Foundation officials took the lead. The Aegis Foundation rarely take an active hand in any investigation, even those directly Echo-related, especially as they do not have any

arresting powers themselves, usually leaving that to local agents such as Ripper in the Accord, the SSG Wyld Teams in the Federate Combine or the Imperial Ministry of the Wyld in the Imperial Commonwealth of Elysia.

Witnesses at the scene of the raid reported that there was a large plasma explosion in the building that shattered all the windows in that building and neighbouring buildings, and that the local Wyld sirens activated around 06:00.

It is suspected that the explosion was caused by a pyrokinetic Echo, though whether it was intentional or an uncontrolled Wyld is unknown. The fire took 8 hours to bring under control.

We contacted Ripper for more info though they informed us the entire operation was now classified and we should cease our investigations. What in the Halls of Kali happened? **WNN!** will find out!



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PREPARE TO 'GET NAILED' THIS YEAR'S FOOL'S DAY!

Rumour is the Fool Himself will attend!

✦ **Shaftsbury, Downtown Soho, London.**

MTI Consumer Products confirmed that they have fulfilled orders of over twenty million nails to mark this year's Fool's Day. The festival runs for the whole day and will be celebrated all across London, but especially in Soho where it will be wild!

"This will be the best Fool's Day since the Civil War! Prepare to get nailed!"

-Denver, Owner of Club Methadrine

The nails which are expected to be distributed through a number of methods primarily in Soho around Club Methadrine (the unofficial Temple of the Fool in London) are not suitable for construction.

Attendees are advised to wear head protection. It should be a great party this year!

AGENCY & LONDON METROPOLICE FIGHT OVER LATEST CROP OF REGISTERED ECHOES

DarkStorm invests heavily in new Echoes for the London Metropole, challenging traditional Agency dominance.

✦ **DarkStorm LMP Corporate Affairs, Central, London.**

For the first time ever the London Metropole outbid the Agency for the cream of the new crop of graduates from the Aegis Foundation Echo training following a surprise 400% increase in DarkStorm's budget allocation for purchasing new Echoes.

The Echoes won in the auction are contractually obliged to work for the London Metropole for at least the next 5 years, after which they can buy out their contracts should they wish to leave. Echoes employed by the London Metropole immediately acquire the rank of Inspector following basic training, leapfrogging over other more experienced officers for the senior positions.

Commissioner Tanaka's office said "This influx of new Echo talent will allow the London Metropole to more efficiently tackle the most difficult crimes and make the streets of London

safer for all citizens, both Echo and Normal. We are considering setting up a specialist new Echo Taskforce to concentrate their talents."

DarkStorm London refused to comment saying that the matter was a purely internal budgetary one, though **WNN!** sources suggest that Commissioner Tanaka pulled strings to get her way as part of her spat with the Agency Commander.

However, the move does have its critics. The London Metropole Normal Rights Movement Liaison Detective Sergeant Joe Creed had this to say: "Once again funds that should be allocated to front-line



[An Echo Detective Inspector]

DO YOU KNOW...

All Echoes start as Detective Inspectors?

All Echoes that join the London Metropole are automatically the rank of Inspector, usually as Detectives

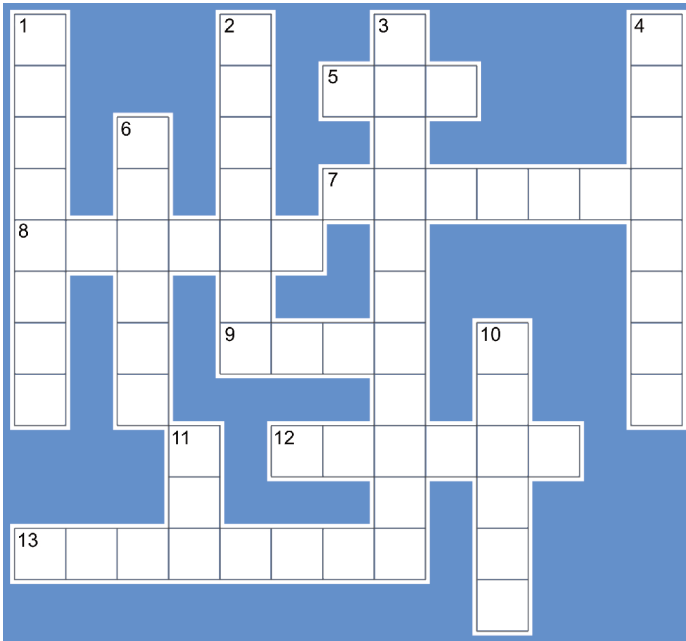
It takes the average normal 15 years to achieve the same rank.

policing are instead diverted to fund hiring Echoes who lack the training or experience for the roles to which they are assigned."

The Agency Commander's office was unavailable for comment.



PUZZLE CORNER



Can you solve this issue's Puzzle Corner? Set by guest puzzler: **Dane Hemisphere** presenter of Enigma Entertainment News Tonight.

ACROSS

- 5. A state of enlightenment or just of wealth? (3)
- 7. Everyone's favourite makers of murder tools (7)
- 8. Earth's largest city (6)
- 9. London's entertainment district. Methadrine is here (4)
- 12. It's not silver, and it has a touch of the Wyld (6)
- 13. Kali is one, Albion is another, the Fool is a third (8)

DOWN

- 1. The chief god (8)
- 2. Darker than an absence of light. The [blank] (7)
- 3. Protectors of the city (11)
- 4. Ruler of London's title (8)
- 6. Commissioner of the London Metropolice (6)
- 10. Elite Accord intelligence organisation (6)
- 11. The military of the Accord (3)

ASK OUR AGONY HULK, SKULLKRUSHER

Dear Skullkrusher, I didn't get the promotion I was expecting recently - a slime bag in the office brown-nosed his way into it. What should I do?

- Disgruntled Suit

Dear Disgruntled Suit, you should lure him into a dark alley, tear off his arms and feed them to him. Send a message to anyone who would mess with you.

Dear Skullkrusher, I think my husband is having an affair with our next door neighbour.

- Spurned Lover

Dear Spurned Lover, next time your husband is asleep lock him in, nail your neighbour's door shut and set fire to your apartment block. You have to send a message to anyone who would mess with you.

Dear Skullkrusher, I think I'm lactose intolerant, my bear milk is making me feel unwell.

- Dairy Lover

Dear Dairy Lover, bear milk is the best. Keep drinking it and work through the pain, otherwise you'll never be a big Hulk like me.

- Skullkrusher.

OPINION: Why is nobody covering the Genetic Purity Council links to 'Date A Gethan'?

We've all seen the adverts for 'Date A Gethan': hard-bodied, perfectly toned Gethan with that permanent look of arrogance stamped on their faces inviting us to 'see how the evolved do it'. But in a revelation that will stun practically no one, it turns out the Gethan Purity Council is behind the dating business.

Why? Well rumour has it they are looking for certain new genes that for various reasons have dropped out of the Gethan

gene pool, leaving them to confront a rapidly shallowing pool.

Of course the GPC is denying the entire story, but they have to right? They can hardly continue to claim they are the next evolution of humanity if word gets out they are a genetic dead end.

So maybe you might want to bear that in mind next time you see the advert?

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