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SEATTLE SOURCEBOOK

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INTRODUCTION

The **Seattle Sourcebook** is a supplement for the **Shadowrun** game system. It presents a guide to the major locations and neighborhoods of the vast Seattle metroplex in the year 2050. Also included are chapters on the history of the plex, as well as information on its economy, politics, and crime situation.

Some entries also include "shadow information" by local deckers and other parties who have accessed the lightly defended files of this guidebook. The gamemaster may decide whether or not to treat these comments, observations, and information as valid. It is for the gamemaster to decide (and his players to find out) whether the various incidents mentioned by the likes of Nuyen Nick or the Renraku Fox ever occurred.



WELCOME TO SEATTLE

Welcome to our city. As Governor of the Seattle Metroplex, I extend to you my warmest greetings and hereby offer the key to our little corner of the world. What you will find in this guidebook is a close-up of a thriving, divergent, and, we think, unique community that sets the standard for life in the Awakened Age.

Walk along our downtown streets and see Elven art adorning the sides of Korean skyscrapers. Take a guided tour of the Underground City and look upon the intricate carvings of Dwarf and Ork sculptors. Ride to the top of the Space Needle and gaze out over the waters of Puget Sound. Or maybe venture out and enjoy the natural beauty of a Snohomish forest. Whatever your tastes, I know our city can satisfy them.

What makes the Seattle Metroplex unique is the way its geographic, political, and economic positions have merged to strengthen and unify the people. With the Treaty of Denver of 2018, Seattle found itself isolated from the rest of the United Canadian and American States, but our civic leaders showed great courage and foresight by establishing close ties with other nations, such as California, Japan, Korea, and the vitally important Salish-Shidhe Council. We wisely took the best that each nation offered in terms of trade and culture. Over time, the result was that we became a truly global city-state.

No one can say that Seattle faces no problems or challenges. And yes, our city has its nominal share of the chic and the shadowy—though certainly not to the excess of some popular trideos. Having been governor of this great metroplex for the past eight years, I can assure every visitor to Seattle that our Lone Star Security Services are second to none. They will do everything in their power to see that a visitor's stay is a safe and pleasant one.

When Nicholas and Yumiko Yoshida asked me to write the introduction to this latest edition of their *Yoshida Guide to Seattle*, I readily agreed. It is my pleasure to be the first to greet you on this tour of our proud and fascinating city. Welcome to Seattle.

—Marilyn Schultz, Governor, Seattle Metroplex
August 25, 2049

>>>>>[If you can access this, then welcome to the shadows of Seattle.

Over time, a city of this size cannot help but develop a character and personality that is its own. What we offer here is a collection of datafiles on the darker side of Seattle's life. From seedy bars to emergency hospitals, it's all here. The hidden faces, the dirty backrooms, and the forbidden alleyways are as much a part of the metroplex as are the towering skyscrapers and glittering lights. We believe that just because things may not be pretty does not make them any less real. What the governor and high-ranking corporate officials may not want you to know, we feel obligated to provide.

Fortunately, the Yoshidas seem to be of the same mind, having protected their guidebook entry files with only the most basic Scramble codes. Almost any citizen or group can tap in and contribute (anonymously, if they wish) whatever light or dark secrets they may know and want to share.

Here's a warning, chummer. Seattle's underworld is ever-changing. And if new things are happening anywhere, it's in the shadowside of our "proud and fascinating" city. Indeed, some shadow listings may themselves be suspect. In the past, we know of at least five false and misleading entries that some unscrupulous types inserted in hopes of luring unsuspecting, but adventurous-minded, tourists into certain situations.

The specific entries include all pertinent data, including even a brief, but necessary, note of the establishment's racial tolerance. As the Yoshidas themselves have verified these facts, you may consider them accurate.

So go ahead. Start with the Chapter One datastore and Jack In. Seattle is a great city—if you know what you're doing.]<<<<<

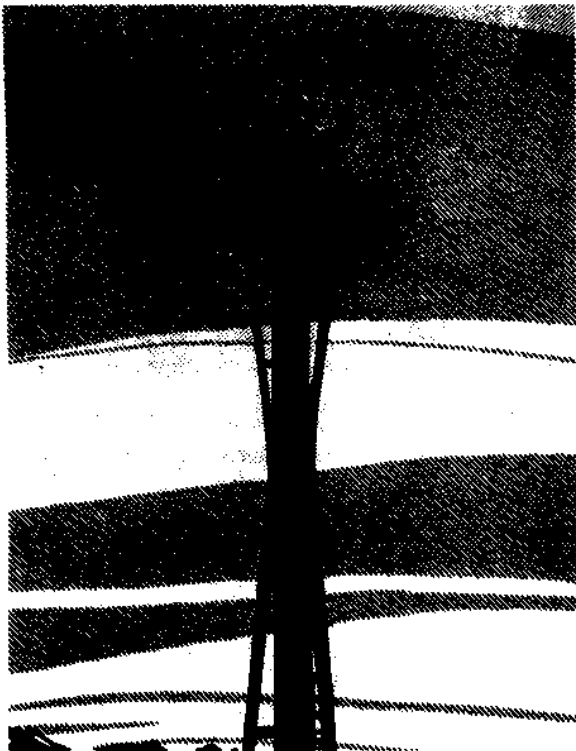
—Professor T.R. Stealth, Shadow Entries Editor, Seattle Shadow Edition Society (23:10:34/9-30-49)



WHEN TO GO

Seattle's average annual temperature is 21° C. July, the hottest month, has a normal high of 31° C, and January, the coldest, has a normal low of 4.5° C. Humidity throughout the year is comfortably low. The weather in Seattle is relatively mild, but for occasional heavy thunderstorms during spring and summer, wind storms in the autumn, and the rare winter snowstorm. Despite Seattle's reputation for rain, precipitation averages only 90.76 cm. annually, with December the rainiest (15.16 cm.) and July the driest (1.87 cm.) months.

The best times to visit the city are in the late spring or early fall when the weather is mildest and clouds most likely to give way to warm sunshine. The heat of mid-summer and the cloudiness and rain of mid-winter probably make these the least promising times for a visit. On the other hand, many citizens, particularly Orks and Trolls, find the city at its most beautiful in winter.



TRAVELING TO SEATTLE

Whether arriving in the Seattle Metroplex by plane, automobile, bus, train, or boat, each involves its own special considerations.

PLANE

Flights from all over the globe arrive at the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport every day. Domestic flights cost from 200 to 1550 nuyen, depending upon the class, time of year, city of origin, and time of day of travel. Many cabs and Metro buses service the airport. There are also five intracity airlines with fleets of helicopters and tilt rotor craft making rooftop landings at many of the plex's major hotels and buildings.

AUTOMOBILE OR BUS

Reaching Seattle by automobile means crossing the Native American Nations. Travel restrictions vary from nation to nation, so planning should begin at least five months in advance in order to obtain the proper transit passes. Expect to pay at least 40 nuyen for each pass. Don't forget to update the passport file on your credstick.

The traveler can avoid much of the red tape by purchasing a ticker on one of the bus lines licensed to travel through Native American lands. Three bus companies run regular trips to Seattle: Blueline Tours and Trips, the Whippet Bus Company, and Falcon Express (partially owned by NAN). Most bus trips to Seattle from the East Coast of the UCAS cost about 300 nuyen.

TRAIN

If traveling from San Francisco, you can take the Ressa Maglev Bullet Train to Seattle. Built in 2011, the train travels on a frictionless cushion of magnetic repulsion through the longest tunnels in the world. Top speed is nearly 350 kilometers an hour, but it is hardly noticeable in the featureless tunnels. Frequent breakdowns are a disadvantage, resulting in hours and even days of delay. The cost for a first-class ticket, which includes a meal in the sumptuous diner car, is 400 nuyen. Second class is 250 nuyen, while a tourist class ticket costs 165 nuyen.

BOAT

Travel by sea is the slowest, but often the most scenic, route to Seattle. Several major passenger liner companies visit the port of Seattle, including Gray Swan, Pacific Royalty, and Danmark Line. Travel on a luxury liner costs several thousand nuyen. Cheaper berths can sometimes be arranged on the many commercial vessels that stop here.

WHAT WILL IT COST?

Prices in Seattle are higher than in the rest of the UCAS, with shipping costs adding 5 percent to the price of many items. Prices on locally produced items, such as seafood and paper products, are incredibly low.

Hotel prices range from 25 nuyen on up. Spartan accommodations are available for 1 to 3 nuyen a night at YMCAs, YWCAs, and Metahuman hostels. For 10 to 20 nuyen, rooms are sometimes also available in dormitories of local universities and colleges, especially between sessions. The budget-minded traveler can cut expenses by travelling off-season.

Because of its location and good trade relations with Native Americans, Seattle offers many restaurants serving natural foods. Many tourists overdo it on the unfamiliar food, often with upsetting results. Moderation is best until you and your body are familiar with the food. Save the banquets until the latter part of your visit.

MODEST EXPENSES FOR ONE PERSON

Room at a moderate hotel	25¥
Hotel breakfast, including tip	5¥
Lunch at inexpensive restaurant, with tip	10¥
Dinner at inexpensive restaurant, with tip	23¥
Sightseeing tour	7¥
Nightclub admission	25¥
Admission to museum or historical site	3¥
Ticket to major sporting event	
(Inexpensive seats)	35¥
Car rental	50¥

>>>>>[Bribe for simple info (where to get what)	20¥
Bribe for more sensitive info (who's doing what to whom and why)	200¥+
Simple sexual pleasures	50¥
BTL chip	50¥<<<<<<
—Fast Jack (11:15:13/5-15-50)	

GETTING AROUND

Once you've arrived in Seattle and settled in, you'll need to know how to get to the city's ten main districts.

AIR

Most of Seattle's skyscrapers boast heliports for use by the helicopters, tilt-rotors, and lighter-than-air vehicles of the city's airlines. Seattle has five airlines: Emerald City Airlines, Renraku Local Airlines, Sea-Tac Express, Aztech Shuttle Service, and Federated-Boeing Carriers. They fly to all of the city's major buildings: the Renraku Arcology, the major government buildings, the luxury hotels, the shopping malls, and many of the business buildings. It is an expensive service. A typical trip from, say, the Renraku Arcology to Bellevue costs 110 nuyen.

CAR

Seattle has ten local car-rental agencies plus the larger continental chains. All rent a wide variety of vehicles to suit any taste and budget. A valid driver's license and insurance are required.

The city has a good road system. A web of multi-lane highways gridded for electric cars ensure travel across the metroplex in less than three hours during non-peak hours. During rush hour, the highways are jammed, and traffic is strictly stop-and-go. Traffic violence (go-gangs, random shootings) is low during the daylight hours.

Business and residential streets are generally well-maintained except in the Barrrens, where roads may be impassible because of grid breaks or because the poor have ripped away materials for housing and money. The safety of a residential street depends on the part of the city.

Travelling the highways at night is not advisable, for the criminal element is out in full force. When not fighting among themselves, go-gangs—whether on bikes, in cars, or in aircraft—often terrorize and even kill anyone foolish enough to travel the roads at night.

FERRY

The Seattle Public Ferry System runs 20 boats of several sizes up and down the waterfront. Pier 66 of the downtown waterfront is the ferry system's hub. Boats leave on the hour for Everett and Tacoma. Some of the ferries are large enough to carry up to 50 vehicles, with each car-owner paying 10 nuyen. Other ferries are small, fast ships (usually Federated-Boeing hydrofoils) and cost 2 nuyen to board. Trips to Everett and Tacoma usually take 40 minutes for the larger ferries, 15 for the hydrofoils.

The Seattle Public Ferry System has a long history of mistakes and mismanagement, especially embarrassing for the city government because this is one of the last services run by the city. Accidents, such as a ferry ramming a dock hard enough to put both the ship and the pier out of commission, occur about once a year. Incidents, such as a captain trying to impress a young woman by maneuver-

ing his large ferry into a tiny sheltered bay and running it onto the beach, are very common. What the ships' crews are doing on the water, the ferry system's managers are doing to its money. Corruption is an expected thing in the ferry system, with bets being laid on when the next ferry official will be caught with his hand in the till.

BUS

Metro Transit is considered one of the best transit companies in the UCAS. There are many bus routes throughout the city, with frequent stops. Bus schedules are available in many public places. In the downtown area, there is no charge for riding the buses. Outside the downtown district, a ride costs 1 nuyen.

There is also a system of bus tunnels, built in the 1980s to reduce traffic, that loop under the downtown, connect with the Seattle Center, pass through the Renraku Arcology, and end at the King Street Station. These tunnels are wide enough for buses to travel in both directions. Tunnel bus stops are fairly pleasant, with at least a few small stores and kiosks in most. Entering the bus tunnels after nightfall can be dangerous, despite the presence of armed guards.

MONORAIL

Seattle's monorail system has been updated and expanded several times in its nearly 100-year history. Today's monorail makes a large loop around the downtown district on elevated tracks, with stops at the Seattle Center, the Renraku Arcology, the King Street Station, and many other places along the way.

There are tracks for only two monorails. Cost is .5 nuyen.

MAJOR BUSINESSES AND CHAINS

Following is a partial list of major establishments and business chains in the Seattle Metroplex.

DEPARTMENT STORES

Luxury: Lordstrungs, Bloomies, Lacy's

First Class: Fallon and Nelsons, The Beaux

Family Style: Wordsworth, Lears and Mervins, Penley's, G. Meyers Superstores

No Frills: BayMart, Saver's Central

GROCERIES AND CONVENIENCE STORES

Luxury: Society Grocers

First Class: G. Meyers Groceries

Family Style: Allenson's Grocery, Carry&Save, Quickway Groceries

No Frills: Stuffer Shacks, Round-the-Clock MiniMarts, Buy-Low Foods

RESTAURANTS AND FAST FOOD PLACES

Luxury: Azteca International, The Edge, Takuri's, Ivar's Seattle Dining, Trattoria Pagliacci's

First Class: The Green Village, The Gravity Bar, La Galleria, Le Gourmand, Jay's Boathouse, Hien Vuong, Kau Kau, Purple Haze, The Original Elven, Takuri's

Family Style: Gracie's for Ribs, Bosco's, Tacoma McKraken's, Jong Yen Lo, Hakata's, The Bangkok Huts, Jack and Ronald's, Maximillion's

No Frills: Maximillion's, You Should Not Eat So Much!, Nukit Burgers, The Golden Archers, Regal Burgers, Loco Foods, The Captain's Galley

AUTHENTIC CHINESE CAJUN CUISINE

Eat
tuesdays

WOK'S NEW? SZECHWAN PANFRIED SQUID & REDBEANS ETOUFFE!
EAT SQUID AND SIGH! TACOMA LTC# 5208 (76-2840).

HOTELS

Luxury: TripleTree Hotels, Lucas Hotels, Hilton Hotels, Sheraton Hotels

First Class: Westin Hotels, Hotel Nara, The Gold Lion Inns

Family Style: Renton Inns, Wylie's Gala Inns

No Frills: Rent and Rest Hotels, Comfy Cubicle Hotels, Aston's Money-makers

>>>>>[Don't forget, chummers, there's one more class. We call them coffin hotels.]<<<<<<

—Fast Jack (12:12:10/5-30-50)

COMPUTERS AND ELECTRONICS

Luxury: Nybbles & Bytes, Gate's Computer Showcase

First Class: Business Computers International, Hardware Etcetera, Blood Monies Software

Family Style: Software Sellers, MicroDeck Software, DeGear's Electronics

No Frills: Used Computers Exchange, Hacker's Delight, Kennedy's Cheap Electronics

BODY ENHANCEMENT CENTERS

Luxury: Executive Body Enhancements

First Class: Body-Tech

Family Style: A Whole New You

No Frills: Dr. George's Cyberware Clinic

TOURIST INFORMATION

The Seattle Visitor Center, located inside the Seattle Convention Center on Seventh Avenue, offers brochures, maps, and personal assistance. Tours of the city can also be arranged here.

You can also have your portable telecom tuned to transmit a PANICBUTTON signal if you should need help. The cost for the PANICBUTTON adjustment is 1,000 nuyen, and it can be done at the police booth next to the Visitor Center. Lone Star Security Department guarantees that its officers will arrive within five minutes of receiving a PANICBUTTON signal. The signal cannot penetrate heavy concrete or steel because of signal limitations, so visitors are advised to avoid entering buildings or traveling underground if there is a possibility of trouble.

There are smaller visitor centers scattered throughout the city. You can also dial 55-WHERE to talk with operators who will answer questions about the city or direct you to the nearest visitor center.

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SALISH-SHIDHE COUNCIL LANDS

The Visitor Center also has representatives of the Salish-Shidhe Council to answer questions and assist those who wish to visit their nation. To do so requires a current passport file on your credstick and a transit pass, called a "blue ticket." The Council representatives at the Visitor Center can supply application forms to obtain a blue ticket, but application must be made in person at the Passport Lodge on Council Island. The island is in the southern portion of Lake Washington and is the center of the Salish-Shidhe representation in Seattle. A cab will take you to Council Island and drop you off in front of the proper lodge.

Council officials on the island will take your picture, run an identity check, and ask what you intend to do while in their nation. You will receive your transit pass one day later. Blue tickets are good for a limited time only. Tickets for tourists are valid for one to three days, depending on the visitor's itinerary. You must display your transit pass prominently while in the Salish-Shidhe lands. Failure to wear the pass or to leave the Council lands when required can result in severe fines and even imprisonment.

LEGAL ASSISTANCE

The North American Civil Liberties Union (NACLU) has offices in Seattle and can be reached at 555-LAWS. The NACLU will refer you to a competent lawyer. Native Americans and Metahumans can call 555-TRIB, 555-ORKS, or 555-ELFS, respectively, to reach lawyers and groups skilled in handling their special problems.

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

Seattle has excellent medical facilities, including 54 hospitals and clinics, most of which can handle any medical emergency. The city's paramedics are well-trained, using both automobiles and helicopters to move patients to hospitals. The DocWagon™ corporation is also well-represented in the city, with many large, armored vans and helicopters ready to respond to a call for medical care from one of its customers.

City Health and Group Medical are the city's largest health maintenance organizations. The city runs City Health for its employees and Group Medical for the rest of its citizens. If visitors have a valid membership in a similar organization, they are covered during their stay in Seattle.

As always, visitors are strongly advised to carry an up-to-date medical file on their credsticks and to keep duplicates in a safe place.

CHIPS AND ALCOHOL

Seattle tries to maintain strict control over traffic in illegal chips and drugs. The city has programs to educate children, rehabilitate users, and punish pushers. The programs are perpetually short of funds, however, and the police force short of officers to make them as effective as they might be.

Seattle controls its only legal recreational drug, which is alcohol, by assuming almost complete control over its distribution. Though wine and beer may be sold in grocery stores, hard liquor is sold only in city-run liquor stores. The city's massive liquor tax and the cost of transporting the liquor to Seattle raise the price almost 25 percent above the rest of the UCAS. Hours for liquor stores are 10 A.M. to 4 P.M., Monday through Friday.

ENTERTAINMENT

Seattle has many museums and art galleries. The two most popular are the Seattle Art Museum, located in Volunteer Park, and the Museum of History and Industry at 2161 E. Hamlin, which documents the city's history from its formation to the present day. The Seattle Symphony and Seattle Opera are among the nation's best, yearly tackling the demanding *Ring of the Nibelung* cycle of operas by Wagner. They perform at the Seattle Center Opera House.

For those with other tastes in music, Seattle is well-known as the launching pad for several megacelebrities, including Concrete Dreams and Slip-Shadow Sara. Most locals pick Seattle's resident Pink Floyd revivalists, the Comfortably Numb, as the next band destined for stardom. There are many fine nightclubs in Seattle.

The Seattle Repertory and The Contemporary Theater are the city's two best stage companies. In addition to the huge triscreen facilities at the Omnidome, there are the Grand Tritheaters, a chain of smaller triscreen facilities scattered throughout the city.

Seattle will not disappoint sport fans. The Seattle Seahawks, the powerhouses of the 40s, play their home games in the Kingdom. The Seahawks share the Kingdom with the Seattle SuperSonics basketball team and the Seattle Mariners baseball team. The Seattle Mariners was the last team to win the World Series before the league introduced chipped skills, allowing today's players to draw on the skills of yesteryear's greats. The Tacoma Tigers and the Everett Giants are Seattle's two unchipped AAA baseball teams. The Tacoma Timberwolves combat bike team plays its home matches in the Tacoma Dome. The Timberwolves share the wooden Tacoma Dome with the Screamer's Urban Brawl team. The two teams share the dubious distinction of having caused the most deaths and serious injuries to opponents in the past decade.

>>>>>[If you're looking for more tactile entertainment, Seattle has several large and well-kept houses, all licensed and inspected by the city's medical services. These houses offer a wide variety of nonviolent pleasures at prices that are justifiably high, considering the beauty of the talent. Land of Oz, Jade Pillars, Katy's Texas Pleasures, and Redlight are the largest and best known of these houses.

There are also tours of the Ork Underground in downtown Seattle, some of whose sections date back to the 19th century. The first Orks and Dwarfs cooperated in tunnelling between and under downtown buildings and in solving engineering problems to create an entire town beneath street level. The ornate Dwarven carvings that decorate sections of the city are known throughout the world. Today, however, no Dwarfs live in the Underground because a violent dispute with the Orks eventually led to their exodus in 2041.

There are also rumors of an Ork underground city in Tacoma. No one knows for sure whether it exists, but some believe that Orks fleeing the Night of Rage in 2039 were able to escape a fiery death when they discovered a way to penetrate the city's sewer tunnels.

If you are Human, Dwarven, or Elven, be advised that tours of the Underground are not without risk, especially at night. Many Orks believe that only their own kind should set foot in the Underground. More than a few are aggressive toward guests they consider unwelcome. Tour guides are heavily armed, but visitors are advised to be aware of the risks.]<<<<<

—Raven Razorgal (13:24:59/5-14-50)

There are seven public trideo stations in the Seattle area: KONG (NBS affiliate on Channel 5), KOMA (ABS affiliate on Channel 4), KORO (CBC affiliate on Channel 7), KSPS (PBN station on Channel 9), KSTS (Independent on Channel 11), KKRLJ (Independent on Channel 13), and KTOX (Independent Channel 22). All are part of the minimum trideo cable service, which also offers 235 other trideo stations, ranging from children's networks to the raunchiest adult fare. Most of the trideo shows are produced on the East Coast or in the California Free State and imported into Seattle by satellite.

In addition to the entertainment stations, there are three other channels: metroplex public affairs KPUB (Channel 6), NABS, Native American Broadcast System (Channel 8), and NSSL, network of the Salish-Shidhe Lands, Channel 12. All offer important insights into the forces shaping Seattle.

For further information, consult *The Rocket*. This venerable magazine has been offering the best information on Seattle's entertainment scene for almost a century. The city's two newspapers, *Seattle Times* and *Seattle News-Intelligencer* are also excellent sources of information.

>>>>>[Seattle has its fair share of violence, crime, corruption, and general slime, no matter how much the governor and all the tourism-types like to blow up people's optimism.

You name it, we got it: Mafia, Yakuza, Seoulpa Rings, go-gangs, thrillers, chip addicts, and policlubs. In addition to your common murderers, thieves, and general psychotics. Yeah, we're up to our jacks in it. Don't forget the occasional race riot when some common Joe decides he doesn't like the look of an Ork, or a Dwarf feels oppressed by a Troll's size. Lone Star Security is busy enough trying to police the city, but there never seem to be enough of them, or at least not in the right place at the right time.

When it comes to doing something about crime, the politicians aren't much help either. They're too busy with their noses in the air looking at all our pretty buildings. Well, at night, those buildings become glass-covered trees, and the wet streets the forest floor where wolves ride combat bikes. The Aztechnology Pyramid, with that huge back-lit sculpture decorating its walls, is the worst of the lot. Oh, it may look real pretty to rich tourists in the sightseeing dirigibles, but down here those glowing carvings look like demons laughing at the rest of us trying not to get shot.

Don't get me wrong. Seattle's my hometown, and I wouldn't live anywhere else. I once spent a year in New York decking with some friends, may God have mercy on their fried souls. I nearly went crazy because of the pudding-thick air, the total lack of greenery, and the hopeless paranoia of the people in that town.

But I'd hate to see people coming to Seattle expecting everything to be sunshine and smiles. This place doesn't get much of either.]<<<<<

—Steel Lynx (16:02:54/5-2-50)

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TREATY OF DENVER

Seattle, like most cities in the Pacific Northwest, began as a logging town, harvesting the region's huge forests and producing lumber for California's many boom towns. As the logging industry flourished, cities such as Seattle, Everett, and Tacoma took advantage of their natural harbors to become major shipping and trade centers. By the second half of the twentieth century, Seattle was the largest city in the region. Meanwhile, the lure of cheap land, vast resources, and healthy profits continued to attract industry and high-tech corporations, making the area's future look bright.

Then came the events of the Awakening. In 2010, the U. S. Federal government used the Lone Eagle missile as a pretext to seize what little land the Native Americans still held and to force them into re-education centers that were little more than mass prison camps.



Also at this time, the deadly VITAS plague was afflicting nearly a quarter of the world's population, while the Pacific Northwest was heading for a calamity all its own. On January 13, 2011, a powerful earthquake rocked the Olympic Peninsula. Among the toppled buildings were those of the main Indian "re-education camps." Mass breakouts occurred, with thousands of Native Americans fleeing into nearby mountain ranges. Under the leadership of Thunder Tyee, a Salish warrior chief and close friend of Native American leader Howling Coyote, members of the Salish, Makah, Crow, and Haidas tribes began to wage a guerrilla war against the government oppressors.

The sudden emergence of magic and the first Metahumans only heightened the climate of fear among the general population. They turned on anyone who was different, and racial incidents soon escalated to violence.

The fighting between the Native Americans and the government continued for six long years, with each side responsible for innumerable atrocities. Gradually, however, the Salish-Shidhe War Council (the confederation of Native American tribes, Elves, and magicians) won the upper hand. Aided by the power of magic and a growing Anglo sympathy movement, the guerrilla war changed to an offensive attack on all fronts. In 2015, Salish forces led by Thunder Tyee captured the Trident Submarine Base at Bangor. Two months later, they captured the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard in Bremerton. Across the Sound, Council forces were poised for a final showdown as their now-superior forces surrounded McChord Air Force Base and Fort Lewis.

Then nature played its part. On August 17, 2017, Mount Hood, Mount St. Helens, Mount Rainier, and Mount Adams simultaneously erupted in cataclysmic explosions at 10:32 A.M. This left scientists dumbfounded, and even skeptics of the supernatural could not ignore that the event occurred precisely at the moment Howling Coyote was leading his Native American followers in the ritual Ghost Dance. Throughout the Pacific Northwest, tons of ash, smoke, and lava turned day into burning night. Panic erupted in the streets, and the entire social structure was on the verge of collapse.

Urged on by President William Jarman, the governments of the United States, Canada, and Mexico agreed to negotiations with the Indians. In April 2018, both sides signed the Treaty of Denver. Among other things, the

treaty gave full recognition to the sovereignty of NAN (Native American Nations), and ceded most of western North America to the new nation. Only California and the cities of Seattle, Everett, Tacoma, and Denver remained under U.S. control.

>>>>>[The military wasn't the only institution to suffer from the return of magic. Intelligence agencies around the world almost ceased to exist, as magic powers of detection saw through the most elaborate plots and deceptions. Whole networks of foreign agents were rounded up by NAN's own intelligence agency, appropriately called the Truth Dancers. The fate of most of these agents remains unknown, though it is assumed that those who infiltrated the Native American tribes were executed.

It wasn't until five years after the Awakening that Anglo agencies such as the CIA and FBI were able to successfully integrate magicians into their operations.]<<<<<<
—Smiley (12:05:39/3-2-50)

>>>>>[I commanded an air-mobile battalion in the U.S. Ninth Division during the Awakening, and let me tell you, those NAN warriors were damn good fighters. And don't let the history books fool you into thinking magic was the only reason. Sure, their magic was powerful, but they couldn't use it all the time. They had to save some of their energy for the Ghost Dance. There were plenty of times the Indians outfought us, pure and simple, without help from magic.

It was the Anglo sympathizers who really lost us the war. I can't tell you how many times we walked right into some ambush set up by civilians. And when they weren't spying on us and plotting against us, they were often out fighting side by side with the Indians. Hell, half the time we were fighting more Anglos than Indians.

Then there were the arrows. Guns may be more efficient, but there is something about the sight of an arrow poking out from a man's chest that puts the fear of God into you. They didn't use arrows all the time, of course. But when they did, it always seemed to work.]<<<<<<

—Colonel Nemesis (20:32:09/3-5-50)

>>>>>[What happened to Thunder Tyee?]<<<<<<
—Curious on Capitol Hill (09:15:45/4-22-50)

>>>>>[From the little known about Thunder Tyee, he was born into the Suquamish tribe. At age 18, he entered the United States Army, where he became an officer in the infantry. (Some say he went to West Point, but no evidence supports this claim). His career was cut short when he was sent to a re-education center for refusing to order his troops to round up fellow Native Americans in Colorado.

He did not become known as Thunder Tyee until he assumed control of all the military activities of the Salish-Shidhe Council. It was his skill as a commander that led to

the successes against the United States Army. Some reports also indicate that he was responsible for several atrocities committed by Council forces against Anglo citizens. Yet this was the same man who apparently ordered his warriors to help save Anglos threatened by the eruptions of Mount Rainier near the end of the war.

No one really knows what happened to Tyee after the war. Some say that he stepped down as leader immediately after ratification of the Treaty of Denver, retiring to a quiet life with his wife and children somewhere on the peninsula. Some believe he was killed by an Army sniper. Still others maintain that one of his own officers killed Tyee after he ordered his warriors to put down their weapons and assist in evacuating Anglos from the volcano areas. We may never know the truth.]<<<<<<

—Professor Stealth (15:45:20/5-2-50)

EXODUS OF 2019

With the Treaty of Denver, the thousands of Anglos living on what was now NAN territory had to give up all rights to land ownership. The Anglos had either to move back within the new U.S. boundaries or remain on Native American land as minority citizens. The Sovereign Tribal Council passed a resolution outlawing any reprisals against Anglos who chose to stay, but they could not deny plans to relocate most Anglos onto reservations. Thus did a flood of Anglo refugees pour out from the Indian lands.

The eastern United States and California had more than enough resources to cope with the sudden influx of displaced citizens, but Seattle and its neighboring cities did not. More than 200,000 refugees descended upon the Seattle area in the one year of 2019, most noticeably into the Puyallup region. Before long, Seattle was fighting with Tacoma, Everett, and the smaller suburban cities over every scrap of federal aid. The Federal government, meanwhile, had its hands full with a nationwide economic crisis. Seattle's cries for help were all but ignored.

>>>>>[I was just a rookie cop when the refugees first came here. Cars and trucks, each weighed down with families and whatever they could carry, stretched out for kilometers. The refugees were definitely spooked. Most of them had a wild, frightened look in their eyes, as though they were in flight from some killer animal. They continually asked the same thing, "Is it safe? Will they attack?" I saw many people break down and cry as they entered Seattle. Despite the necessity of living temporarily in squalid refugee camps, they were happy just to be alive.]<<<<<<

—SPD (07:50:15/5-29-50)

BIRTH OF THE METROPLEX

Charles C. Lindstrom, charismatic mayor of Seattle in 2018, was a man with a penchant for fiery speeches and daring action. His greatest wish was to make Seattle the economic capital of the Pacific Coast by annexing the small towns surrounding the city. Critics dubbed him "Lindstrom the Conqueror," and watched gleefully as every unification attempt failed miserably.

With the Treaty of Denver and the onslaught of refugees into the region, many in the area began to reconsider Mayor Lindstrom's ideas. With the suburbs too weak to handle the problem independently, it seemed only logical to band together politically. Early in 2019, Bellevue, Renton, and Kent voted overwhelmingly to become part of greater Seattle. By summer's end, Seattle had grown to include all of King County and most of neighboring Pierce and Snohomish Counties as well.

And still, refugees continued to flow into the Seattle area, swelling the population so dramatically that even the mayors of Everett and Tacoma knew their cities had no hope of remaining independent of Seattle. On September 6, 2019, the citizens of Everett and Tacoma voted in favor of joining with Seattle.

The Seattle city government now controlled all the land that NAN ceded to the U.S. government in the Pacific Northwest. On November 16, 2020, the President of the United States signed a resolution dissolving Washington State and officially recognizing the creation of a city-state to be known as the Seattle Metroplex, with Charles C. Lindstrom as governor.

>>>>>[Don't forget the Mafia and Yakuza attempts to intimidate and coerce the voters of Everett and Tacoma. The syndicates desperately wanted the two cities to remain independent to keep from having to worry about the Seattle security forces moving in on their illegal operations.

Drive-by shootings and bombings became commonplace. The campaign of terror worked, but not in the way the syndicates had hoped. Up until then, the public had been split over whether or not to join Seattle. The mob violence underscored the need for the stronger security of a united Seattle, and many people's thinking changed. When the votes were counted, more than 85 percent of the people chose sides with Seattle.]<<<<<<

—Detective Lee (23:20:00/4-29-50)

THE AWAKENED CITY

The new metroplex government faced its first severe test on April 30, 2021. That day, one out of every ten citizens began mysteriously transforming into what came to be known as Orks and Trolls. Having emerged ten years

earlier, Elves and Dwarfs had gained some acceptance, but they lost it almost immediately with the emergence of these newest transformations. Many Humans felt even more threatened by these races, whose appearance they perceived as grotesque.

Acting on rumors and the unproven scientific theory that the transformations might be contagious, Governor Lindstrom ordered the Metroplex Guard to round up all Metahumans and their families and to detain them in the camps once used for Native Americans. By the end of the year, however, scientists had proved that Goblinization (the name the media gave to the process of transformation) was not contagious. In August 2022, Lindstrom ordered all Metahumans released from quarantine, and once again spoke of a united people living together in peace. But that was not to be.

Many Humans continued to feel the same unreasoned fear toward the so-called Awakened. The soldiers and police who had been ordered to arrest Metahumans now had to defend those same races against angry crowds who believed them to be inherently evil creatures.

Race riots between Humans and Metahumans erupted all over the plex in 2022, with Seattle's police officers bearing the brunt of both sides' anger. In February 2023, the Seattle Police Department went on strike to protest their situation. Incensed by this bold move, Governor Lindstrom declared the strike illegal and fired all members of the SPD.

He then hired Lone Star Security Services, a private corporation, to take over all law enforcement and security measures for the city. Officials at Lone Star promised to bring the city back under control. Members of the now-defunct SPD had no choice but to apply for work with Lone Star (losing their seniority in the process) or else hire on with one of the many bodyguard services then in great demand.

Though the Lone Star forces did bring some semblance of law and order to the streets, it was not until a second wave of the VITAS plague began to claim another one out of ten people that large segments of the population began to put aside their racial prejudices. The few remaining Humans who vowed to continue the fight for racial purity and superiority organized into formal groups. All major religions (with the exception of the Islamic fundamentalists) denounced racism as a hateful and ignorant thing of the past.

Governor Lindstrom retired in 2028. Media personality Charles S. Kross replaced him in early 2029, continuing with most of his predecessor's policies. A few months into Kross's first term, a computer virus all but destroyed the global matrix in what has become known as the Crash of '29. The virus was finally isolated and destroyed by deckers from Echo Mirage, but not before much of Seattle's economic structure was destroyed. The chain reaction to local businesses was swift and devastating. Companies and corporations by the hundreds collapsed, and local economies began to suffer.

>>>>[My memories of the riots of '22 and the demise of the SPD in '23 are not pleasant ones. Many nights we found ourselves caught between vicious mobs of Humans and Metahumans, usually without having been issued proper riot gear. I still remember how I felt walking up the steps to my partner's house and having to tell her husband that she died in the line of duty. The boys at City Hall seemed to think we were expendable.]<<<<<

—SPD (13:16:25/2-11-50)

>>>>[The police became expendable when they stopped protecting Human rights and became more concerned about the lives of those stinking Metahumans. Hey, chummer, you brought it on yourself when you protected those animals instead of shooting them like you should have.]<<<<<

—Anonymous (11:17:24/3-5-50)

>>>>[Don't "hey chummer" me, you piece of human trash. I don't give a damn what you and your racist friends think. I never cared whether someone was Human or Metahuman. The only thing that mattered was whether he was obeying the law. If he was, I was duty-bound to protect him. And if he wasn't, it was my duty to arrest him. As for you, you slot, don't let me catch you in this datastore again or I'll have a decker friend track you down. Then I'll show up on your doorstep some night with my 22-pound hickory stick and the biggest grin you'll ever see.]<<<<<

—SPD (03:50:11/3-6-50)



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NIGHT OF RAGE

Governor Kross retired in 2036 and was succeeded by Victor "Vic the Quick" Allenson, a former combat biker for the Tacoma Timberwolves. During the election campaign, he made clear his low opinion of Metahumanity. In one of his first trideo interviews, he was quoted as saying, "Orks and Trolls make great offensive combat bikers, but I'm afraid they haven't the brains for much else." This spurred the racists on to recruit more people and commit more destructive actions.

Later that year, 20 people, most of them Metahumans, were killed in the small town of Liberty Village, Ohio, when a well-organized gang of hooded thugs firebombed a church. Alamos 20,000, a branch of the Humanis Polciub and also the largest anti-Metahuman terrorist organization, claimed responsibility for the attack. As a wave of similar attacks swept North America, the vicious terrorism further widened the gulf between Humans and Metahumans. From that gulf sprang the hellfire that has come to be known as the "Night of Rage."

On the night of February 7, 2039, the Seattle Metroplex Guard, under order of Governor Allenson, systematically rounded up all Metahumans and transported them under armed guard to a series of huge warehouses on the waterfront. They were told that this was the final processing place before deportation to camps near San Francisco—all part of the governor's grand plan for "improved racial harmony."

What happened next is still unclear. With all the city's Orks, Trolls, Elves, and Dwarfs herded into these cavernous buildings, the level of anger and fear rose to a fever pitch. From one of the buildings came a series of screams. Then gunfire. Panic and hysteria swept over the scene. A series of explosions erupted, and flames began to rip through the old, wooden warehouses.

Some witnesses claimed that members of the Hands of Five terrorist group were on the scene just as the explosions went off. What is known is that the Metroplex Guard simply stood by and let the Infernos blaze.

As news of the holocaust reached the public, citizens sent up a cry of protest. Among those appalled by the governor's actions were members of the highly influential United Corporation Council. This formal association of Seattle's major corporations threatened Allenson with massive lock-outs and boycotts if he did not put an immediate end to the terrorism.

For hundreds of Metahumans, it was too late. By the time Allenson learned of the UCC threat and subsequently ordered his men to intervene, the warehouses had burned to the ground. The death toll was staggering, even though many Metahumans apparently escaped through the sewer system.

The violence on the docks triggered other similar incidents throughout the city that night, and in the days to come, throughout the world.

>>>>[What you have just read is a grossly distorted account of what happened during the so-called "Night of Rage." It is, in fact, a fictionalized version of events.

First of all, only Metahumans who had been legally evicted from their homes were taken down to the harbor that night. Second, we dispute the number of Metahuman casualties claimed. The numbers given out by the media were terribly exaggerated. Furthermore, we deny that any Humanis members were involved in this operation. The fires that erupted were purely accidental, and the fatalities resulted from the Metahuman beasts killing one another in their frantic attempts to flee.

Why would Professor Stealth lie? Because he is himself a Metahuman who has been brainwashed into believing that all Humans are evil. It is a sad fact that he suffers from the very racism and ignorance that he attributes to others.

Do not judge us without listening to our side of the story. If interested, contact us at LTG# (2206) 53-2144. Or a representative can send you our literature, even deliver it personally to answer any questions you might have about our organization.]<<<<<

—The Humanis Policlub Information Service (18:20:47/8-22-49)

>>>>[Letting Humanis scum have space in this file turns my stomach. They are nothing more than terrorists in business suits. How could you let them spread their filth?]<<<<<

—Tacoma Forever (06:39:07/9-2-49)

>>>>[How come they never mention that when the Orks broke through the grates of the sewer system, they actually prevented Elves from escaping with them? Why don't they say something about that?]<<<<<

—Anonymous (22:17:30/9-25-49)

FROM THE ASHES

Three days after the Night of Rage, with the flames still smoldering in the Tacoma District, the Seattle government was deluged by calls demanding action. Near-riotous mobs gathered in front of police stations and government buildings calling for the resignation of every police officer who had stood by and refused to act while so many perished. The media also used every opportunity to show its disapproval of the governor's administration.

The people's anger quickly focused on Governor Allenson himself, and rumors spread that Allenson was actually a member of the Hands of Five. Local politicians, with heavy prodding from the United Corporation Council, demanded that the governor step down. Allenson refused, vehemently denying any wrongdoing. The next day, he was found murdered in his office.

A special election was held to choose a new governor. Though all district mayors were eligible candidates, most assumed that Ivar Lindstrom, mayor of the downtown district and son of Seattle's first governor, would win easily. Instead, it was Marilyn Schultz, mayor of Bellevue and a relative unknown, who won the election by a surprisingly large margin. What apparently clinched her nomination were reports that she had been one of the first city officials to appeal to the UCC for help during the Night of Rage.

The new governor immediately gave Lone Star an ultimatum: arrest the leaders of the Hands of Five or else face a breach of contract lawsuit for their criminal refusal to stop a crime in progress during the Night of Rage. The police officers of Lone Star, fearful of the governor's threat, and perhaps a bit ashamed of themselves, turned out in force to hunt down the terrorists. The next seven days became known as the "Week of Sirens" because of the countless raids conducted by the suddenly efficient Lone Star forces. Within a few days, most Hands of Five leaders were either dead or behind bars.

All this was little consolation to Seattle's remaining Metahumans. They had all lost homes and loved ones in the flames, and nothing could ever make up for that. Some survivors found refuge deep in the Puyallup Barrens, where many Metahumans still live, bitterly refusing any contact with Humans.

CONCLUSION

Throughout its history, Seattle has risen above adversity. So it was after the tragic Night of Rage. Reconstruction of the metroplex after the devastation of that night was surprisingly swift.

Governor Schultz has led the Seattle metroplex back from the brink of total chaos to its present position as one of the major urban centers of the world. Despite some criticism about corruption in her administration, the growing power of the underworld syndicates, and the rise in street crime, her overall popularity has not wavered. She has been reelected to office twice, in 2043 and then again in 2047.

>>>>[The leaders of UCC contributed huge sums of money to Schultz's campaign, and people are starting to say that she is using some of it for her own purposes. Despite this, the public still sees her as a kind of hero who brought the city back from the Night of Rage. She has publicly vowed never to let such a thing happen again.]<<<<<

—Nuyen Nick (15:27:59/5-14-50)

>>>>[All politicians stink.]<<<<<

—Anonymous (03:39:12/5-17-50)

>>>>[So tell us something we don't know.]<<<<<

—Doc U-Dub (20:50:17/5-25-50)

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DOWNTOWN AT A GLANCE

District Size: Approximately 468 square kilometers

Population: 545,000

Human: 63%

Elf: 13%

Dwarf: 2%

Ork: 19%

Troll: 2%

Other: 1%

Population Density: 1,164 per square kilometer

Per Capita Income: 130,000¥

Below Poverty Level: 26%

On Fortune's Active Traders List: 1%

Corporate Affiliation: 89%

Voting Precincts: 11

Education:

< 12 Years: 25%

High School: 45%

College Degree: 18%

Graduate Degree: 12%

Hospitals and Clinics: 12

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Shops, parks, theaters, museums, and hotels are sprinkled throughout Seattle's main business district. As a result, downtown Seattle is not just a forest of skyscrapers rampant with crime, but a sampling of the city's finest. Seattlites visit the area by choice during their free time.

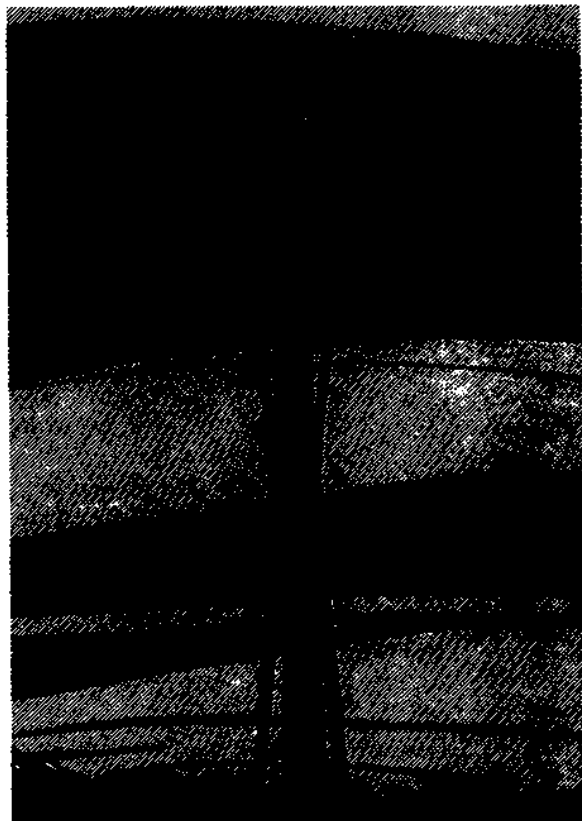
When asked, a typical citizen might complain of crowds, smoggy air, and crime, just like any New Yorker or Chicagoan. On weekends, however, the sidewalks are packed with Seattlites arriving from outlying areas to shop or otherwise have a good time. Even when the city is in a Stage Red smog alert, downtown Seattle is thick with people wearing breathers, braving the bad air to do their shopping and clubbing.

>>>>>[Seattlites may complain about the rain, which is acid enough to pit and stain buildings and to ruin clothing, but it also helps scrub the air clean. Besides, rain is a lot easier to take than wearing breathers to protect the lungs. The precipitation, coupled with prevailing west winds, make the air above Seattle some of the cleanest on the continent. On average, Seattlites experience about 60 Stage Red smog alerts per year. Smog seldom touches some parts of the city, such as the coast and the fields of the Snohomish District. Others, such as the Barrens, seem perpetually enshrouded in the deadly haze.]<<<<<

—Woppler the Weatherman (18:27:05/10-17-50)

>>>>>[Yeah, and the shops are real quaint, assuming some joker doesn't lob a firebomb into one while you're there marveling at the sights.]<<<<<

—Shogun (21:54:18/11-23-50)



GEOGRAPHY AND DEMOGRAPHICS

Downtown Seattle's terrain has remained virtually unchanged for over a century. This is unusual in an era when many city governments have removed hills, filled in lakes, and made other wholesale alterations in their main business district areas.

>>>>[Yeah, this administration just adds Pyramids and Arcologies. Nothing major.]<<<<<

—Unamused Seattleite (23:19:51/12-10-50)

The land is low and flat along Seattle's scenic waterfront, where are located the many restaurants, shops, hotels, and other attractions that still give lustrous sparkle to the city. Once away from the waters of Elliott Bay, the terrain slowly rises up to form hills steep enough to challenge even the most physically fit. Most structures not directly on the waterfront are built right into the sloping ground, with systems of catwalks and elevators accommodating those living and working there.

At the peak of this incline, one can stand and look out at the same natural beauty that surely must have captivated the city's first settlers 200 years ago. To the west of downtown, out across Puget Sound, are the Olympic

Mountains. To the east is Lake Washington and the Cascade range, while the mighty Mount Rainier dominates the southern vista. Queen Anne Hill is the highest point of ground in the downtown area. A hollow created by the clash of two lines of hills forms Lake Union and Green Lake. Once past Green Lake, however, the hills give way to broad flatlands that were once a farming area.

The Duwamish River, a heavily channeled river whose broad, flat mouth forms the southern edge of Elliott Bay, is home to many of the large freight docks that are a vital part of Seattle's economy. Many factories have been built on the wide flatlands that stretch along both sides of the river. The rest of the district is broken up by hills and several small lakes.

According to the last city census, well over half a million people live downtown, making it the most populous district in Seattle. The many residential skyscrapers and crowded streets are a testament to that. Metahumans are well-represented, with Elves and Orks alone accounting for almost a fourth of the population. Indeed, of all the districts in the metroplex, downtown is the most cosmopolitan culturally.

Downtown includes a number of ethnic neighborhoods, such as the International District, where the city's Orientals were once forced to live, as well as new ethnic zones, such as the Elven District and the Incredible Ork District which lies beneath the city streets.

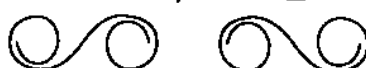


>>>>[Downtown has countless attractions for criminals: jewelry stores stuffed with glittering stones, fat corporate officials waddling their wealth and importance up and down the sidewalks, and gaggles of gawking tourists so enamored of the city's sights that they forget to secure their possessions. Is it any wonder that crime in the downtown area is so high?

Downtown Seattle is also the headquarters and area of chief concern for both the Yakuza and the Mafia crime gangs. By some estimates, the downtown area nets the two syndicates almost a third of their yearly take. In certain sections of the district, it is difficult to find a business that isn't either owned by the gangs or forced to pay extortion money to remain open (the International District for the Yakuza, the Harbor Island area for the Mafia).

In other districts, lofty sentiments and projects usually paper over the corruption in local government, but downtown politicians make no bones about the fact that quite a few palms must be greased to get anything from the district government. Some are even proud to claim that if you want a pothole filled in front of your house, 300 nuyen will guarantee that it is filled the very next day. "Efficiency incentives" is their pretty circumlocution for bribery.

The Mafia and the Yakuza are keen on making friends with these politicians. Both crime syndicates carry quite a few low- and mid-level government officials in their pockets. With such assistance (sometimes solicited at gunpoint), the gangs are able to steer the rest of the govern-

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ment in a direction they desire. The Council might, for example, reduce drug-enforcement funding or re-zone certain areas to allow mob companies a tax break.

No one knows how many high officials are under the thumb of the mobs. Every city councilperson has come under suspicion at one time or another. What is known is that the organized crime division of Lone Star keeps a dossier on every city official, not only those of the downtown district, but of the whole city.

The last major city official to be caught and arrested for being in the pay of a mob occurred in 2048. Bob Perkins, councilman of the First Hill area, was filmed and recorded taking money from individuals he thought were Mafia Don James O'Malley's men. They were, in fact, members of Lone Star and the FBI. Despite all the time and money spent capturing and trying Councilman Perkins, he received only a two-year suspended sentence. Today, he is an adviser to the Honesty in Government club.]<<<<<

—Smiley (06:23:49/12-15-50)

>>>>>[From a policeman's point of view, downtown is probably the most frustrating district in the city. Every time some punk or gang manages to pull off an unusual stunt or to air out the skin of someone prominent, the city's tribo stations seem to arrive instantly with their bright lights and pushy reporters. You get barely five minutes of peace and quiet at the crime scene before they descend like vultures on a carcass, stumbling about, touching things, and destroying evidence.

Downtown is also the center of the FBI and NSA presence in Seattle, which adds to the general level of paranoia. You have not lived until you've been "talked to" by thugs in pretty suits from your friendly neighborhood government intelligence agency. And if they don't make you paranoid, then the intelligence boys of the downtown megacorporations will, particularly those from Mitsuhamra. They seem to delight in the use of torture and mind-altering drugs.]<<<<<

—SPD (12:57:39/01-21-51)

POLITICS

A former district councilman once said that downtown politics always manages to be a little more crowded, a little noisier, and a little smellier than its streets. Downtown residents seem to relish local politics, with a crowd of candidates ready to fight it out over even the most mundane government position.

>>>>>[So much citizen participation should be a political philosopher's dream, but real life turns out to be different. Local elections in downtown Seattle may start out focused on issues, but the number of candidates vying for public attention quickly turns the matter into a popularity contest. He who has the whitest teeth, the most money, and the most dirt on his opponents usually wins.]<<<<<

—SPD (18:42:51/11-21-50)

Ivar J. Lindstrom, son of the Metroplex's first governor, is the mayor of downtown Seattle. Handsome, articulate, and energetic, he has been a favorite with the voters for the past ten years. In 2048, he was re-elected to serve a third term in office. Lindstrom strongly supports the boisterous debating that goes on in the district chambers. He's even been quoted as saying that he'd rather have tourists see councilpersons arguing over a sewer bill than have them visiting the city's downtown because "It shows that Seattle is more than just pretty buildings and a sea breeze."

>>>>>[Arguments in the district are even more dangerous than they are loud. Twice in the past five years, gunshots have rung out in the oak-paneled council room. The first incident occurred in 2045, when a disgruntled councilman emphasized his opposition to a gun-control bill by shooting the councilman who authored it. The bill failed to pass. The second incident occurred in 2049, when a wire-addicted secretary went berserk and opened fire on the councilmen, killing one and wounding three others.

Both times Mayor Lindstrom sat by impassively while councilmen cowered under their desks. Whether he did so out of bravery or stupidity isn't known. It mattered little to the press, who labeled him the city's "gutsy mayor".]<<<<<

—Smiley (03:48:59/01-05-51)

>>>>>[Security in Metroplex Hall, formerly the Charles Royer Building, is intended to prevent attacks from the outside. Triple-thick safety glass, the latest security devices, and plenty of guards protect the entrances to the building. There is no special security for politicians and employees of the building, however, which is how the wigged-out councilman and the deckhead managed to bring weapons into the building. I warned them about the building's security problems when I was on the force, but did they listen? No.]<<<<<

—SPD (09:47:25/01-21-51)

ECONOMY

More than 50 percent of Seattle's economy is based in the downtown district's hundreds of skyscrapers, where megacorps make deals, acquire property, and trade in billions of nuyen. The district also prospers from the commercial seaport, the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, and several hundred factories. Indeed, the downtown economy is the strongest and most varied in Seattle.

Trade is important to the city because Seattle is an island surrounded by a foreign land. Every year, some 400 freighters come into Puget Sound to unload their wares at the downtown docks. When those ships leave again, their holds are stocked with Seattle goods. At the Seattle-Tacoma airport, more than 100 cargo planes go and come every day. Meanwhile, some 30 convoys of trucks, each with more than 30 individual trucks, will be loading up at downtown warehouses, preparing to trek across sometimes hostile territories to destinations like the California Free State, the Native American Nations, the Confederated American States, and the remainder of UCAS.

Most of the major corporate buildings and factories offer public tours. Some require advanced booking; most require a search of one's person and possessions. Most tours are free, though a few charge a minimal fee of one to four nuyen. Some tours, like that offered by Federated Boeing, reveal a great deal about how the corp earns its money. Others, like Mitsuhama's, dazzle visitors with special effects but little else of importance.

NEIGHBORHOODS

Following are description of the major neighborhoods of the downtown district.

BALLARD

This Scandinavian enclave is located north of the Lake Washington Ship Canal. Ballard is a middle- to upper-class neighborhood whose residents hold many festivals to honor their heritage, including celebrating the birthdays of Scandinavian royalty or their kinship with Poulsbo, the Scandinavian town in Salish-Shidhe.

Market Street is the center of Ballard. Though some Seattlites complain of crime in the area, it is mostly non-violent thievery. The largest local thrill-gang, the Berserkers, are usually more concerned with defending their turf from neighboring gangs than with assaulting people.

>>>>[FBI and NSA agents have been thick in the area recently, giving some validity to rumors that Ballard is the center of the budding Seattle Independence Movement.]<<<<<

—Smiley (10:17:54/11-5-50)

>>>>>[Ballard is normally listed by Lone Star as having an A or AA security profile.]<<<<<<

—SPD (19:32:16/12-8-50)

The Gravity Bar

Stewart Street & First Ave.

LTG# 206 (56-3978)

CAPITOL HILL

Capitol Hill is the most bohemian of Seattle's neighborhoods. Among its lower- to middle-class apartment complexes are many edifices preserved for their historical importance. Artists, young couples, and chic single professionals live here.

>>>>>[Capitol Hill is also where most of the city's radical elements and the magically active live. Lone Star gives it a B rating in the security department.]<<<<<<
—SPD (19:42:54/12-8-50)

ELVEN DISTRICT

Among the after-effects of the Night of Rage in 2039 was the creation of Metahuman neighborhoods where Elves and Dwarfs could band together in defense against another such attack. Many of Seattle's Elves and Dwarfs chose the southern end of Lake Union just west of the Seattle Center, and have been gradually transforming the area from a rather drab collection of middle-class apartment complexes into something uniquely Metahuman. All the area's buildings are either covered with ivy that rustles pleasantly in the wind, painted with wilderness scenes by Elven artists, or ornately carved by Dwarven sculptors.

>>>>>[The Elven district is home to many of the city's magically active. Poorer shamans who cannot afford to travel to true wilderness erect their Medicine Lodges in the area's many small parks. Lone Star gives the area an A on the security scale.]<<<<<<
—SPD (19:48:31/12-8-50)

>>>>>[This place was so different from what I had expected. Elves were everywhere. Elves like me. Yet there was something different about them. Was it the way they wore their hair? Their clothes? Maybe it was the look in their eyes and the pace of their step that told me they trusted no one. Life is not the same here as it is in our Native Lands.]<<<<<<
—Tarlan Greenbough (11:13:52/2-19-51)

INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT

Seattle's International District may not be as large as the Oriental districts of other major UCAS cities, but it is certainly one of the most vigorous. It is not a particularly touristy area, either, being mainly a middle-class, residential area. The many restaurants offer good meals for a fair price. Residents hold numerous local fairs, though these are not normally intended as tourist attractions.

>>>>>[This is the center of Yakuza activity in Seattle. It is also the location of several Oriental lore libraries. Lone Star gives it an A listing for security.]<<<<<<
—SPD (19:44:26/12-8-50)

>>>>>[Unfortunately, what SPD says is quite true. The International District is infested with Yakuza. But don't think that everyone you meet could be one of them. Most International District residents secretly despise the gang but would never dare speak or act against them.]<<<<<<
—Citizens For a Safer International District (21:19:50/1-19-51)

ORK UNDERGROUND

The Seattle underground first came into being in the 19th century when a wave of renovation paved over sections of the city. It was not until this century that the city's first Orks, Trolls, and Dwarfs took control of the forgotten basements and paved-over streets, and began building tunnels of their own. Once the legal problems (such as whether they could tunnel into the basements of existing buildings) and technical problems (what to do with the water that seeped into the tunnels) were solved, the Orks, Trolls, and Dwarfs began to construct ornately carved tunnels and caves deep underground.

Construction almost came to a complete halt when a violent disagreement between Dwarfs and Orks resulted in the Dwarfs leaving during the early 20s. Today, the Ork Underground is a complete city, with a city hall, private police force, and malls.

There are many ways to enter the Underground, but the only safe ways for non-Orks are via the official tour entrances in the basement of the Seattle Utilities Building (Seneca Street and First Avenue, inside the Big Rhino Restaurant) and in the basement of Lordstrung's Department Store on Fifth Avenue and Pine Street.

>>>>>[In addition to the 22 known entrances into the Underground, there are rumors of many secret ones. Ork thieves reputedly use some entrances to enter the basements of buildings they plan to rob. There are also rumors of an Ork government and a huge lore library in the center of the city.

Though I think the Orks have the right to live as they wish, I also believe that the more radical and criminal Ork elements are using racial prejudice as a front to create an impenetrable fortress beneath the streets. If I were running the city, I would make the Underground a district of Seattle, subject to the city's laws and law enforcement. As it is, the Underground is an anarchist's dream.

Unofficially, Lone Star gives the area a big D on the security profile scale, but do little, if any, patrolling of the area. The Ork police force down there is little more than a goon squad.]<<<<<<
—SPD (19:50:32/12-8-50)

QUEEN ANNE HILL, INTERBAY, AND MAGNOLIA BLUFF

Queen Anne Hill is divided into an upper and lower neighborhood. Lower Queen Anne, which is near the Seattle Center, is something of an economic cross-section. Mixed together are numerous middle- and upper-class apartment buildings, corporate skyscrapers, and shopping complexes. Upper Queen Anne Hill is more residential and more expensive, with the land valued at thousands of nuyen per square meter.

Federated Boeing owns the Queen Anne Regal Apartments and rents most of them to its higher-ups. It is usually listed as having either a AAA or AA security rating depending on what area of the Hill you're standing in.

—SPD (19:34:29/12-8-50)

Interbay is located to the northwest of Queen Anne Hill near the Burlington Northern train yards. Lower- and middle-class housing is clustered on the tidal flats of this section of Seattle. The area is known for its politically active Ork community.



>>>>>[This "active Ork community" is the core of the Ork United Polclub, a group that has been showing violent tendencies of late. The area is often rated with either an A or B security.]<<<<<<

—SPD (19:36:28/12-8-50)

Though Magnolia Bluff is only four kilometers from the heart of downtown, the tidal flats of the Interbay cut it off from the rest of the city in a way that makes it seem almost suburban. The political and economic strength of the region's residents has kept Magnolia Bluff looking much like it did in the last century. A tour of its ornate mansions and apartment complexes is definitely worth the frequent security checks.

>>>>>[Not only is Magnolia the home of many of the city's elite and wealthy (the Governor's Mansion is on West Blaine Street), it is also where the Mafia don of Seattle lives. Lone Star rates it as being a AAA neighborhood.]<<<<<<

—SPD (19:38:54/12-8-50)

>>>>>[Senior officials of the NSA and FBI have taken a liking to Magnolia in recent months. From my sources, I've heard that they've bought up several homes under assumed identities. I do not know whether they are using the homes as personal residences or as safe houses or interrogation villas.]<<<<<<

—Smiley (03:24:55/1-10-51)

UNIVERSITY DISTRICT

The University of Washington, occupying 680 acres, dominates the area north of Lake Washington Canal and east of Intercity 5. The University District, (which Seattleites call the "U District") is a center of shopping and culture. Most of the shops are clustered along University Way NE, which everyone calls "the Ave". The huge University Bookstore dominates the Ave, selling books and databases to suit just about anyone's tastes. The middle- and lower-class apartment complexes in the area are not the cleanest or most attractive, but they house the city's best and brightest.

>>>>>[University Lore and the Blue Moon Lore Store, both on the Ave, are two of the biggest lore stores in the city. Also on the Ave is The Mapped Matrix, a decker store that sells cyberdecks and software as well as hard-copy maps of the Seattle Matrix. If you know the owner, you can get special maps showing private LTG codes for many of the city's most sensitive areas.]<<<<<<

—SPD (19:40:50/12-8-50)

OTHER NEIGHBORHOODS

Obviously, Downtown is not all just skyscrapers and megacorporations. Following is a list of other residential areas within the district.

>>>>>[I've dropped in an extra column below listing Lone Star's Security Ratings of the area, as per my sources. I would go more by the security rating listing than the guidebook's "Middle Class" etc. listings.]<<<<<<

—SPD (19:52:51/12-8-50)

	Security Rating
North Downtown	
Aurora Village: Middle Class	A
Bitter Lake: Low Class	C
Greenwood: Middle Class	A - B
Inverness: Upper Class	AA
Loyal Heights: Middle Class	A
Matthews Beach: Luxury	AAA
North Beach: Upper Class	AA
Northgate: Middle Class	A - B
Richmond Highlands: Upper Class	AA - A
Riverton: Low Class	B - C
Central Downtown	
Alki: Luxury	AAA - AA
Beacon Hill: Middle Class	A
Central: Middle Class	A - B
Columbia: Low Class	B - C
Fauntleroy: Luxury	AAA
First Hill: Middle Class	AA - B
Georgetown: Middle Class	A
(Federated Boeing Housing)	AA
Laurel Hurst: Low Class	B
Madison Park: Luxury	AAA
Madrona Park: Luxury	AAA
Montlake: Upper Class	AA
Mount Baker: Upper Class	AA
Rainier Valley: Middle Class	A
Ravenna: Low Class	C
Van Asselt: Low Class	B - C
West Seattle: Upper Class	AA
Westwood: Middle Class	A
Windermere: Upper Class	AA
South Downtown	
Arbor Heights: Upper Class	AA
Bryn Mawr: Luxury	AAA
Des Moines: Middle Class	A
Kent: Middle Class	A
Normandy Park: Upper Class	AA
Sea-Tac: Low Class	B - C
Tukwila: Low Class	C
White Center: Middle Class	A

PLACES OF INTEREST

Following are some of the major attractions in the downtown district.

HOTELS

Chez Ogino (#12 Downtown)

Middle Class Hotel Archetype (15 floors)/First Avenue and Stewart Street/Aldon Ricciardi, Manager/Bias against Metahumans/LTG# 206 (52-4371).

New management and remodeling have done much to improve this family-style hotel. Try the Ork-style fish and chips in the hotel's small restaurant if you have a strong stomach and a passion for hot food.

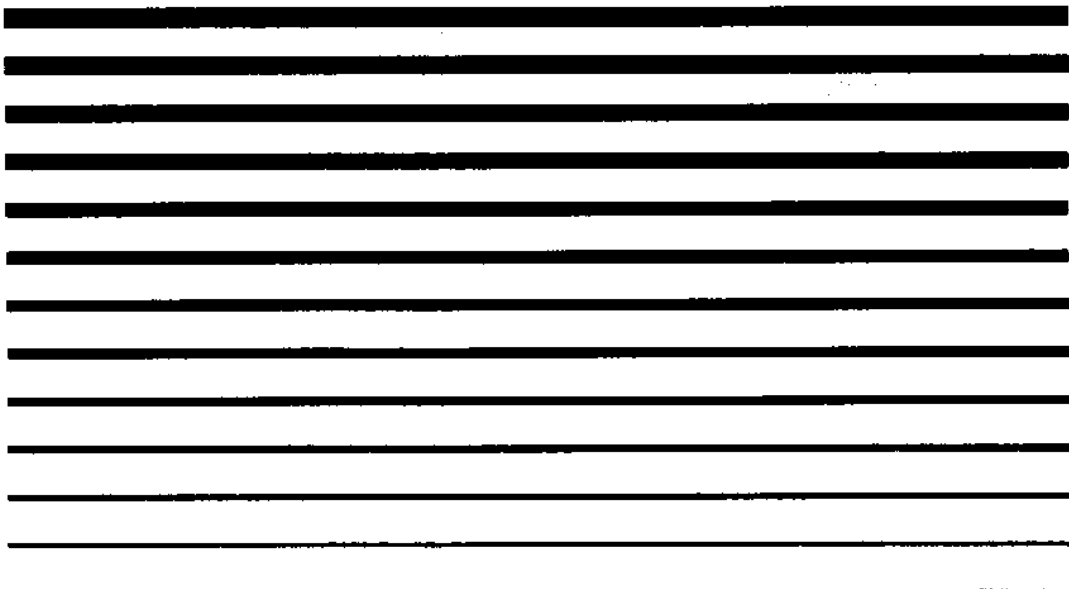
>>>>[Chez Ogino was the site of a brutal robbery attempt in 2046 by a gang of Orks and Elves. The robbery ended violently with the death of 20 guests and employees. This is why the new owners, survivors of the robbery, are violently prejudiced against Metahumans.]<<<<<
—SPD (18:51:10/12-8-50)

Gates Underground Hotel (#12 H)

Luxury Hotel (20 floors) and Shopping Mall Archetype (1 floor)/Pier 69/Donovan Peecher, Manager/No Racial Bias/LTG# 2206 (52-1624).

The Underground is a great tourist attraction because six of its floors are actually under Puget Sound. Five of those floors have hotel rooms allowing guests to look through special windows into the waters. The bottom floor is a mall built out into the Sound, with many large windows on the walls and ceilings providing a view of this seaworld. The sea floor has been enhanced with artificial rocks, and daily feedings encourage fish to come near. The Gates Seaview Restaurant at the far end of the mall offers the most spectacular view.

>>>>[Yeah, too bad the water is too cloudy most of the time...]<<<<<
—Smiley (19:51:42/01-21-51)



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Hotel Nikko (#9 Downtown)

Luxury Hotel Archetype (16 floors)/Third Avenue and Pike Street/Floyd Calundann, Manager/Subtle Bias Against Orks and Trolls/LTG# 206 (52-4534).

The oriental decor of the restaurant reflects the heavily Japanese clientele of this wonderful hotel in the heart of downtown. The lobby is small but elegant, displaying rare Japanese prints and pottery. Some rooms have private kitchens and dining rooms where the hotel's chefs cook special meals for important guests.

>>>>>[This hotel is about to be incorporated into the Lucas hotel chain.]<<<<<<

—Connie Connoisseur (21:16:42/10-18-50)

Laubenstein Plaza (#11 Downtown)

Luxury Hotel Archetype (15 floors)/Sixth Avenue and Pike Street/Theodore Labombard, Manager/No Racial Bias/LTG# 2206 (52-2552).

The Plaza is popular for its comfortable size and fine services. A gallery of Laubenstein paintings clutters the lobby, but the collection is valuable and important. Below street level is Laubenstein Lights, a popular night spot also decorated with work by the famous painter.

Lucas Palace (#13 Downtown)

Luxury Hotel Archetype (25 floors)/Third Avenue and Virginia Street/Jeffrey Myrvang, Manager/No Racial Bias/LTG# 206 (52-0441).

This posh hotel, flagship of the small chain owned by the wealthy Lucas family, is a monument to glitzy commercialism. From its large rooms decorated in red velvet to its sneeringly corrupt staff, it caters to a warped idea of a luxury hotel.

>>>>>[Outside the hotel kitchen, in an alley, I saw two squatters fighting over scraps of food, mere morsels that the guests inside surely never thought twice about.]<<<<<<

—Tarlán Greenbough (11:14:16/2-19-51)

Mayflower Park Hotel (#7 Downtown)

Middle Class Hotel Archetype (14 floors)/Fourth Avenue and Pine Street/Marilee Keys, Manager/No Racial Bias/LTG# 2206 (52-6498).

This family-style hotel retains its late-90s condition, giving it an antique ambience. The large rooms and excellent Mayflower restaurant are remarkably low-priced.

>>>>>[One of the reasons the hotel can keep its prices down is its ownership by a group of retired shadowrunners known as "The Bishops." Who they are or what they did to earn their money remains a mystery.]<<<<<<

Connie Connoisseur (18:41:53/9-2-50)

New Century Square Hotel (#17 Downtown)

Luxury Hotel Archetype (30 floors)/Second Avenue and University Street/Bernard Siminich, Manager/No Racial Bias/LTG# 206 (52-2022).

This hotel recently opened to mixed reviews. While the service and size of the rooms are excellent, physical plant problems have plagued the facility. Elevators are sometimes unreliable, and the ventilation system has collapsed three times, spewing dust and fumes from the city streets into the rooms, causing panic and forcing the use of breathers.

>>>>>[Bernard Siminich, the hotel's owner, is a skilled mage who likes to play practical jokes on his more pompous guests. He enjoys casting gruesome illusions in their rooms or levitating the table and chairs of a family at dinner. A tamed Barghest, whom he affectionately calls "Hellhound," is his favorite pet.]<<<<<<

—Connie Connoisseur (12:34:51/9-22-50)

Seattle Hilton (#18 Downtown)

Luxury Hotel Archetype (30 floors)/Sixth Avenue and University Street/Wilson Ueda, Manager/Subtle Bias Against Orks and Trolls/LTG# 206 (52-4058).

This hotel is the grandfather of all the city's luxury hotels. It is almost 100 years old, but its interior has been renovated so often as to be ultra-modern rather than quaint and atmospheric.

Stouffer-Madison Hotel (#16 Downtown)

Middle Class Hotel Archetype (10 floors)/Sixth Avenue and Madison Street/Protacio Cororan, Manager/No Racial Bias/LTG# 206 (52-6328).

This is a quiet, well-tended, family-style hotel favored by businessmen. The Red Lobster Restaurant on the top floor is an excellent, reasonably priced soy-seafood eatery. The Stouffer-Madison is a good place to stay, despite the acid rain-pitted windows and the gaggle of skyscrapers that block any good views from the rooms.

Warwick Hotel (#15 Downtown)

Luxury Hotel Archetype (20 floors)/Fourth Avenue and Lenora Street/Paul Ahvakana, Manager/No Racial Bias/LTG# 206 (52-4117).

A landmark since the late 70s, the Warwick recently underwent a major renovation to return the hotel to its earlier, understated elegance. The repairs also corrected serious ventilation problems that, for the past five years, forced patrons to wear breathers. Views from the rooms and from the hotel's two excellent restaurants are wonderful.

>>>>>[There are rumors that the Hilton chain is about to buy out the Warwick.]<<<<<<

—Nuyen Nick (17:51:17/9-12-50)

West Coast Hamlin Hotel (#14 Downtown)

Middle Class Hotel Archetype (30 floors)/Eighth Avenue and Pine Street/Brice Cagle, Manager/Subtle Bias Against Metahumans/LTG# 2206 (52-5180).

Green rooms with green doors and plenty of green plants in every chamber make it obvious that this family-style hotel tries to cater to Native Americans and Elves. The special effort ends there, however, for the owners seem to lack any real knowledge of the needs and desires of either of these racial groups.

Westin Hotel (#8 Downtown)

Upper-Class Hotel Archetype (60 floors)/Fifth Avenue and Steward Street/Kevin McKeen, Manager/No Racial Bias/LTG# 206 (52-3587).

As headquarters and flagship of the Westin International Hotel Corporation, this first-class hotel offers many extras. The city's natives may have dubbed the building's three towers "corncobs" (and other less polite nicknames), but the rooms on the upper floors do offer tremendous views of the city. Trader Vic's, the Emerald Room, and the Elven View are three first-class restaurants in the hotel. Westin has five hotels in the Seattle Metroplex alone.

Wylie's Gala Inn (#10 Downtown)

Middle Class Hotel Archetype (20 floors)/Fourth Avenue and Pike Street/Billy Feathers, Manager/No Racial Bias/LTG# 206 (52-3564).

The 1930s decor of this hotel seems better-suited to a detective trideo than to modern-day Seattle. Service is good, if a little slow. This was the first hotel of the small Wylie's Gala Inn chain.

>>>>[The Mafia owns this chain and sometimes uses these hotels for hiding its kidnap victims.]<<<<<

—Connie Connoisseur (23:15:54/10-25-50)

>>>>[No doubt Connie is soon to be among them.]<<<<<

—Anonymous (05:42:12/10-26-50)

>>>>[Wylie's hotels are also used to stash hot loot. According to one downtown hotel worker, there is a vault in the basement of the building. Trucks enter the alley behind the hotel and either load or unload items from the vault. My source says that the vault is usually filled with computer and electronics items.]<<<<<

—SPD (17:15:41/10-27-50)

>>>>[Anyone interested in joining me to check this out should call LTG # 206 (52-2381/91).]<<<<<

—King Klick (09:51:17/11-21-50)

>>>>[Hey, King! Last time I checked, you were a decker for O'Malley! Do I smell a tiny set-up here?]<<<<<

—Zapper Weisman (09:53:02/11-21-50)

RESTAURANTS & BARS**A Little Bit O' Saigon (#37 Downtown)**

Fast Food/Small Restaurant and Bar Archetypes/South Jackson Street & Broadway/Xiem Nguyen, Owner/No Racial Bias/LTG# 206 (56-7184).

This family-style restaurant offers some of the best Vietnamese food in the city. The owners are friendly folk who often mention their country's troubles and how grateful they are to have come to Seattle. The excellence of the food, which the unsuspecting may find quite spicy, is well worth any delay in getting a table. Bring your breather because the air conditioner is often broken or malfunctioning.

>>>>[Many people are of the opinion that Xiem Nguyen is the leader of the Yellow and Red Seoulpa Ring responsible for the assassination of Wayne Olson of the district zoning commission.]<<<<<

—Smiley (12:58:41/11-21-50)

>>>>[It is hard to imagine Mr. Nguyen as the leader of some gang. He is a short, balding man who lost his right arm while fleeing the Vietnamese government. He barely knows City Speak, let alone English.]<<<<<

—Max Matrix Walker (19:17:49/12-25-50)

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The Big Rhino (#31 Downtown)

Large Restaurant Archetype/Seneca Street & First Avenue/Gregory Armtwister, Owner/Bias Against Non-Orks and Trolls/LTG# 206 (56-9145).

The best Ork restaurant on the west coast is a no-frills eatery in the basement of the Seattle Utilities Building, near one of the public entrances into the Ork underground city. The Big Rhino is more of a dining hall than a typical restaurant. Customers sit down at long tables and are automatically given huge steins of beer. The cuisine is heavy on meat and sauces, as might be expected from Ork food.

>>>>>[There is entertainment during most hours, usually foul-mouthed comics or strippers, with the patrons throwing food or bones at them when not pleased with a performance. This is not a family restaurant by any stretch of the imagination. Warning to non-Ork tourists: most of the customers are Ork and most will be drunk, which could mean you will be singled out for verbal abuse. Do not go alone if you want to avoid trouble.]<<<<<<

—Connie Connoisseur (02:17:16/11-24-50)

Bosco's (#34 Downtown)

Mid-Size Restaurant and Bar Archetypes/Roy Street & Ninth Avenue North/Wolf Boscovitch, Owner/Bias Against Non-Elves/LTG# 206 (56-1576).

Bosco's is a little more rowdy and upbeat than most of the stuffy and sedate Elven establishments. This family-style restaurant caters to sports-minded customers, with several large trideo screens and cable access to sports channels.

Cafe Sport (#19 Downtown)

Mid-Size Restaurant and Bar Archetypes/Virginia Street & Western Avenue/Raul Cuevas, Manager/No Racial Bias/LTG# 206 (56-4802).

This first-class restaurant, which is almost 80 years old, is still as cozy as the day it opened. The brief menu offers seafood and Salish dishes done to perfection.

Damian's (#25 Downtown)

Large Restaurant and Bar Archetype/Bell Street & Second Avenue/Royce Stoddard, Owner/Bias Against Metahumans/LTG# 206 (56-2724).

Damian's bills itself as "the best meat-and-potatoes, all-American family restaurant in the UCASI" It is filled top-to-bottom with mementos of the last century. The place is interesting, but the problem with dining here is that well-done seems to mean burned to a crisp.

>>>>>[The owner is a known member of the Humanis Politclub.]<<<<<<

—Connie Connoisseur (19-21-45/9-24-50)

>>>>>[He also has a long police record of charges of assaulting Metahumans and inciting riots. Since recently becoming more active in the Humanis leadership, rumors have begun that he wants to become head of the Seattle Humanis Politclub.]<<<<<<

—SPD (21:42:16/12-8-50)

The Edge (#24 Downtown)

Large Restaurant and Bar Archetype/Ninth Avenue and Denny Way/Nava Ruffler, Manager/Subtle Bias Against Non-Elves/LTG# 206 (56-2587).

The Edge is Seattle's premier first-class Elven restaurant. The cuisine is a mix of Native American and vegetarian, with a smattering of the Oriental style that often passes for "Elven" dishes today. Plants and terrariums dominate the decor, giving a glen-like effect.

>>>>>[The Edge is a favorite of Seattle's wealthy Elves and Elf wannabes.]<<<<<<

—The Dead Deckers Society (12:51:13/12-4-50)

>>>>>[The Edge has become the favorite hangout of Tish Ambrosia, one of Seattle's hottest young simsense stars. Recently, the tall, willowy blonde was seen here clinging tightly to the arm of the district mayor.]<<<<<<

—Media Hound (21:15:17/12-9-50)

Elliot's (#45 Downtown)

Large Restaurant Archetype/Pier 60/Gerald Quesnell, Manager/Bias Against Humans/LTG# 206 (56-3516).

This first-class restaurant's location on the city's waterfront gives it a spectacular view. Unfortunately, the French soy menu does not live up to the normal high standards, and the staff's indifference to Humans does not make this a great place to visit.

Glass Onion (#29 Downtown)

Large Restaurant Archetype/Madison Street & Second Avenue/Evin Tamura, Owner/Subtle Bias Against Non-Asians/LTG# 206 (56-3392).

Though the Japanese soy cuisine is good, The Glass Onion's drab interior and poor air filtering make a visit disappointing. The family-style restaurant does have private rooms that are a little brighter, but still not worth the money.

>>>>>[There are confirmed reports of magical incidents occurring in The Glass Onion, such as a customer's soup suddenly levitating and spilling into his lap, or of fireballs emanating from a wall grate. These incidents coincide with rumors that the owners keep two nagas in the basement.]<<<<<<

—The Dead Deckers Society (09:13:51/11-24-50)

>>>>>[Our investigation was unable to turn up any hard evidence of nagas held in captivity, mainly because the owner refused us entry to the basement. Nagas are sentient and magic-capable. If a pair is in captivity, we consider it equivalent to slavery.]<<<<<<

—Association for the Prevention of Cruelty to Paranaturals (10:17:31/2-1-50)

>>>>>[Hey, I'm all for freeing the poor critters. Anyone interested in pitching in can call me at LTG# 206 (67-2284) before April 1.]<<<<<<

—Rough Rider (15:51:16/11-1-50)

>>>>>[I, for one, truly desire to go on a run with someone who broadcasts the job all over the Matrix. Get professional, Rough Rider!]<<<<<<

—Zapper Weisman (17:22:03/11-1-50)

Gracie's For Ribs (#49 Downtown)

Mid-Size Restaurant and Bar Archetypes/Olive Street & Belmont Avenue/Grace Tveit, Owner/No Racial Bias/LTG# 206 (56-9737).

Gracie's is a favorite of Orks and anyone else who loves barbecued meats. The first-class prices are steep, but the huge plates of ribs, chicken, sausages, and even salmon, are worth it.

Gravity Bar (#35 Downtown)

Mid-Size Restaurant and Bar Archetypes/Stewart Street & First Avenue/Aillar McBeath, Manager/No Racial Bias/LTG# 206 (56-3978).

The Gravity Bar is the main hangout for Seattle's rich singles. The decor is unforgivably trendy, the music loud, the employees blandly beautiful, and the prices astronomical. The only redeeming feature of this and other Gravity Bars is the Manhattan cuisine.

>>>>>[There are rumors of a tunnel running from the restaurant's basement to the Ork underground. Why or who is responsible is unknown.]<<<<<<

—SPD (18:59:10/12-8-50)

>>>>>[Just last week, I heard that the Kethert Antique Store, which is next door to the Gravity Bar, is actually a front for an illegal body shop run by a Ms. Rebecca Sarrow.]<<<<<<

—Anonymous (31:49:51/01-15-51)

The Gray Line (#47 Downtown)

Large Restaurant Archetype/Pier 63/Lawrence Bjeland, Owner/No Racial Bias/LTG# 206 (56-3372).

This elegant restaurant actually sits *in* Puget Sound, rather than alongside it. During high tide, the water rises high enough that it touches the transparent walls of the lower dining area. Lights and constructed marine habitats draw marine animals, such as sea lions and otters, into view. The food is a mix of Elvish and Sallsh.

>>>>>[In June of '49, two Ork gunmen robbed the patrons of the restaurant, but guards and police soon had them in a pitched gun battle. When the Orks tried to shoot their way out, stray bullets destroyed one of the underwater glass panes, flooding the lower section of the restaurant and drowning twelve people. The bag of loot collected by the gunmen, which included several pieces of jewelry valued at more than 100,000 nuyen, was washed away and never found. To this day, divers continue to search the Sound for the lost treasure.]<<<<<<

—SPD (21:71:39/11-22-50)

Green Village (#22 Downtown)

Mid-size Restaurant and Bar Archetype/South Main Street & Fifth Avenue South/Donovan Won and Tsu-Liang Hsu, Managers/No Racial Bias/LTG# 206 (56-1636).

This modest, family-style restaurant specializes in Chinese cuisine, but the non-adventurous will find some American-style dishes, too. Especially recommended are the soy-chicken in black bean sauce and soy-octopus tentacles.

Icarus Descending (#33 Downtown)

Mid-Size Restaurant Archetype/Harrison Street & Dexter Avenue North/Jacob Whisenant, Manager/No Racial Bias/LTG# 206 (56-9230).

This first-class Elven restaurant may not have the best view in Seattle, but its food certainly deserves a try. Perhaps the first Elven seafood place in Seattle, the menu is a mix of seafood and vegetarian, with a house specialty of Dunganess crab on a bed of seasoned seaweed. Prices are expensive.

>>>>>[There are rumors that some of the restaurant staff are members of a Chinese Tong, which is the traditional Chinese equivalent of a Japanese Yakuza clan. The Yakuza gangs swallowed up most of Seattle's Tongs long ago, with the few Tong survivors evolving into police clubs devoted to protecting the Chinese population from Yakuza excesses. Unfortunately, the Tongs are just as violent as the Yakuza.]<<<<<<

—The Dead Deckers Society (12:16:17/12-8-50)

Knutson's Country Home (#44 Downtown)

Mid-Size Restaurant Archetype/Broad Street & Elliot Avenue/Darrell Knutson, Manager/No Racial Bias/LTG# 206 (56-9147).

Knutson's Country Home serves authentic 20th-century country cuisine, using mostly natural ingredients. The decor is straight out of a museum, with authentic, red-checked cotton tablecloths, blue and white china, and milk served in white ceramic pitchers. Only the noisy ventilation system spoils the atmosphere of this first-class restaurant.

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University St. & Terry Ave.
LTG# 206 (56-6785)

Lee Chee Garden (#21 Downtown)

Fast Food/Small Restaurant Archetype/Fifth Avenue West & Elliot Avenue/Eric Wong, Manager/No Racial Bias/LTG# 206 (56-4236).

This small, family-style restaurant's all-soy menu offers dishes from all over the Orient. Though the food is good, the service is painfully slow.

>>>>[There are rumors that Eric Wong, owner of Lee Chee Garden, is a skilled wizard of the ancient Chinese tradition. There are also unsubstantiated reports that Wong regularly consults with the ghost of an ancient Chinese scholar.]<<<<<

—Connie Connoisseur (18:32:19/12-4-50)

Ling Ho (#30 Downtown)

Mid-Size Restaurant Archetype/Cherry Street & Eighth Avenue/Cathy Matsuyama, Manager/No Racial Bias/LTG# 206 (56-4954).

One year after a suspicious fire destroyed much of Ling Ho, the owners have proudly announced its reopening. The Japanese and Chinese food served here is excellent and moderately priced.

>>>>[Owned and run by Yakuza. The Mafia is believed responsible for the fire.]<<<<<

—Connie Connoisseur (17:51:47/11-24-50)

>>>>[Don't be so sure. From the description of the fire and from rumors I've been hearing, it's possible the fire was actually intended for Dekkison's jewelry, which is adjacent to Ling Ho. Some thieves might have tried to start a fire as a way of breaking in.]<<<<<

—Smiley (23:51:21/12-8-50)

Marcus' Hovel (#38 Downtown)

Mid-Size Restaurant Archetype/Virginia Street & Eighth Avenue/Kenneth Marcus, Owner/Bias Against Orks and Trolls/LTG# 206 (56-2121).

This "hovel" is actually an attractive, family-style restaurant in the lobby of the Misner Aquaculture Building. What makes it unique is the huge aquarium extending from the lobby of the building to the center of the dining area. The aquarium is as mesmerizing as the excellent seafood served here.

Maxmillion's (#48 Downtown)

Large Restaurant Archetype/Alaskan Way across from Pier 64/Howard Ramos, Manager/Bias Against Orks and Trolls/LTG# 206 (56-6088).

Prices are low for a first-class restaurant, and the Azlan cuisine is very good at Maxmillion's. The selection of soy and natural food dishes is impressive.

>>>>[Mitsuhama Computer Technologies bought Maximillon's in 2048. Since then, the restaurant has become a center for the MCT Intelligence agency. It is rumored that some backrooms have transformed into a fair-sized computer and communication center for MCT agents.]<<<<<

—The Dead Deckers Society (19:51:39/11-24-50)

>>>>[The NSA, FBI, and the other megacorps seem concerned over MCT's sudden increase in Information-gathering. In the past, such increased activity usually meant that MCT was planning a major operation sometime soon.]<<<<<

—Smiley (05:28:19/12-6-50)

Miner's Landing (#46 Downtown)

Mid-Size Restaurant and Bar Archetypes/Pier 63/Pamela Wescott, Manager/No Racial Bias/LTG# 206 (56-7830).

Miner's Landing is a good place to learn a bit about Seattle's past. Upon entering, guests are seated inside a converted wooden warehouse decorated with mementos of the city's history. Throughout the dinner, a troupe of actors in period costume perform humorous skits that highlight Seattle's earliest days. The food is authentic to that time. All in all, this family-style place is fun to visit.

Murphy's Law (#42 Downtown)

Fast Food/Small Restaurant and Bar Archetype/Cedar Street & Western Avenue/Wanda Radzewica, Manager/No Racial Bias/LTG# 206 (56-7343).

This is perhaps the seediest, most disreputable-looking bar and restaurant that actually serves good food. The specialty is a delectable soy pizza.

>>>>[Never mind the seediness. The soy pizza and beer are too good to pass up. We also hear tell that several secret rooms in the basement are the site of high-stake card and simsense games.]<<<<<

—The Dead Deckers Society (10:51:19/12-12-50)

Nyen Lang (#40 Downtown)

Mid-Size Restaurant Archetype/South Dearborn Street & Maynard Avenue/Nyen Lang, Owner/Racial Bias Against Metahumans/LTG# 206 (56-2451).

The menu at Nyen Lang is a collection of Mongolian and Tibetan soy dishes. The uninited are sometimes disappointed by the exotic Tibetan cuisine, for its base ingredient of half-curdled goat's milk is definitely an acquired taste. The first-class restaurant also features a magic show by the owner and his assistants, in which the fierce figures of a Tibetan mandala (a Buddhist representation of heaven) come to life. You may not care for the food, but the show is one-of-a-kind.

>>>>[Rumors say that the restaurant serves soy products tainted by dimethylcyclotech, a pesticide. So far, three deaths have been attributed to the tainted soy, but the city government has done nothing.]<<<<<

—Connie Connolisseur (10:18:51/12-26-50)

Ohgi-Ya (#20 Downtown)

Mid-Size Restaurant Archetype/Fourth Avenue South & South Main Street/Jay Chou, Manager/Bias Against Trolls/LTG# 206 (56-4179).

Though the interior of this family-style restaurant is a jumble of Eastern and Western styles, the Chinese food served here is among the best in the city. The one drawback is a poor ventilation system.

>>>>[The Yakuza own Ohgi-Ya.]<<<<<

—Connie Connolisseur (10:14:31/11-24-50)

>>>>[Word on the street is that someone is organizing a muscle party to rid the restaurant of its Yakuza parasites. Anyone who's interested and has experience in guard and small-unit tactics should leave a message at the downtown YMCA or call LTG# 206 (56-8842/17) to arrange a meeting.]<<<<<

—Anonymous (10:18:41/11-27-50)

The Other Place (#23 Downtown)

Mid-Size Restaurant and Bar Archetype/First Avenue and Union Street/Amanda Rosellini, Owner/No Racial Bias/LTG# 06 (56-5304).

One of the oldest and most popular first-class restaurants in Seattle, The Other Place has been in business for almost 90 years. The menu is heavy on French meat and poultry dishes (real and soy versions), but also includes many American and Sallish dishes. Prices are high, but the Rosellini tradition of offering an a la carte menu of dishes in three price brackets allows even those on a budget to dine at this Seattle landmark.

Pink Door (#36 Downtown)

Fast Food/Small Restaurant and Bar Archetypes/Pine Street & Western Avenue/Aaron Jaynes, Owner/No Racial Bias/LTG# 206 (56-6084).

The Pink Door isn't really a restaurant, but rather a large no-frills bar that happens to be next to a bakery. Meat pies, gyoza, and sausages are sold here, as well as chocolate eclairs and cakes. Beware of the water.

Purple Haze (#32 Downtown)

Large Restaurant Archetype/Bell Street & Elliot Street/Rebecca Szolias, Manager/No Racial Bias/LTG# 206 (56-3314).

This luxury restaurant offers cooking by some of the best Pueblo chefs outside the Pueblo nation. Hot and spicy hominy-pork stew in chili sauce is their specialty.

>>>>[The restaurant is co-owned by Jacob McKimmon, a member of the Infamous Greerson-Fuchi Combat Team.]<<<<<

—Connie Connoisseur (6:28:48 /11-24-50)

Reno's (#43 Downtown)

Mid-Size Restaurant and Bar Archetype/Battery Street & Fourth Avenue/Reno Pyatt, Owner/No Racial Bias/LTG # 206 (56-7964).

Reno's serves some of the finest Sioux, Pueblo, and Atzlan dishes for the money. A former combat biker owns the family-style restaurant.

>>>>[He also happens to be the financier of many shadowrunners.]<<<<<

—Connie Connoisseur (19:59:41/01-24-51)

>>>>[That's right, I do back the adventurous. But I'll be damned if I'm gonna back any greenhorns who'll either get themselves killed or spill their guts to the police the second they're caught. I've been burned too many times by would-be runners who had guns and an idea, but nothing between their ears. If you haven't got experience or a rep, all you'll get from me is a friendly smile and a menu.]<<<<<

—Reno Pyatt (19:59:51/02-3-51)

Run Run Shaw's (#27 Downtown)

Mid-Size Restaurant Archetype/South Weller Street & Sixth Avenue South/Sun Chou, Manager/No Racial Bias/LTG# 206 (56-7123).

When the craving for cheap and quick Chinese soy food strikes, a visit to this no-frills restaurant is a must. Not only is the food good and healthy, it is also served almost seconds after you order. The restaurant's interior is dull, however, and often inundated by odors from a nearby plastics factory.

>>>>[Run Run Shaw's is Yakuza-controlled.]<<<<<

—SPD (13:04:11/12-8-50)

THE Sports Bar (#39 Downtown)

Mid-Size Restaurant and Bar Archetype/University Street & Terry Avenue/Don Sipilla, Owner/No Racial Bias/LTG# 206 (56-6785).

THE Sports Bar is considered the best of its type in Seattle. The family-style restaurant is divided into two rooms, each catering to a different sport. Both rooms have the most advanced trideo systems and cable hook-ups. The food is all-American, with a curious touch of Native American.

>>>>[THE Sports Bar has been under investigation by the city for a variety of crimes, including fronting for the Mafia, spiking customer's drinks with drugs to loosen their inhibitions and credsticks, and even the use of unspecified meat in their burgers.]<<<<<

—SPD (22:38:59/11-21-50)

>>>>[I heard that the Mafia has put out a contract on Sipilla because they fear he's about to spill his guts to the badges. I also heard that Sipilla knows about the price on his head and is desperately looking for a way to escape the city.]<<<<<

—Anonymous (19:54:10/12-25-50)

>>>>[If it is true that the Mafia wants Sipilla dead, that means he must know something very damaging to the mob. After all, the mob isn't in the habit of killing every restaurant owner who speaks to the police.]<<<<<

—Smiley (23:51:20/12-28-50)

Takuri's (#28 Downtown)

Mid-Size Restaurant and Bar Archetype/Marion Street & Fourth Avenue/Semmer Matsumoto, Manager/No Racial Bias/LTG# 206 (56-2969).

The owners of Takuri's have an arrangement with some of the best restaurants in Tokyo. The Tokyo restaurants send their chefs to Seattle for a "working vacation" at Takuri's, whose owners provide the chefs with use of a large, luxurious apartment on Lake Washington during their stay. Reservations are a must.

Tam's Under the Needle (#41 Downtown)

Fast Food/Small Restaurant Archetype/Denny Way & Fifth Avenue North/Barbara Tam, Manager/No Racial Bias/LTG# 206 (56-5032).

This little no-frills restaurant sits in the shadow of the Space Needle and serves a delightful combination of Salish, Elven, Ork, and Canadian-American soy dishes. It is well worth the wait for a table.

You Should Not Eat So Much! (#26 Downtown)

Large Restaurant Archetype/Pier 60/Bishop Ulrey, Manger/No Racial Bias/LTG# 206 (56-9288).

The view from this downtown family-style restaurant makes just looking out the windows worth the price of a meal. One of the bigger restaurants in the fast-food chain, it offers many extras that some smaller ones do not. In addition to its "Gourmet Soy" menu, the Pier 60 location serves several natural food dishes, including apple pie with cinnamon sauce and a great cup of espresso.

>>>>[The manager is a former low-level Aztechnology exec who still has many friends inside the mega-corp.]<<<<<

—Connie Connoisseur (05:41:37/11-24-50)



NIGHTCLUBS

Alabaster Maiden (#12 H)

Night Club Archetype/East Mercer Street & Twelfth Avenue /Janette Degroot, Owner/No Racial Bias/LTG# 206 (52-4320).

The Alabaster Maiden is named after one of the city's first magicians, Gabriella Dematto. According to local legend, she overstepped her abilities while trying to escape from a go-gang and inadvertently became permanently petrified as the alabaster statue that now stands at the entry into the club. The place is a favorite of the city's younger mages and shamans.

Club Penumbra (#69 Downtown)

Night Club Archetype/Fifth Avenue and Yesler Way/Jacob Hokama, Owner/Bias Against Ugly People/LTG# 206 (52-1379).

>>>>[Club Penumbra is one of the oldest and most respected in the city. Neither Penumbra's moon surface floor and stary walls, nor its state-of-the-art trideo and laser effects, have changed for 20 years, much to the satisfaction of the club's regulars, many of whom are shadowrunners.]<<<<<

—Connie Connolsseur (17:31:02/12-28-50)

Dante's Inferno (#70 Downtown)

Night Club Archetype/Fifth Avenue and Madison Street/Dante Passini, Owner/No Racial Bias/LTG# 206 (52-8016).

Designed to resemble the poet Dante's vision of Hell, this club is in a class by itself. Nine, huge glass dance floors pulsate with energy while four ramps spiral downward, eventually leading to the bottom level, a private room marked "Hell".

>>>>[I you want to see and be seen in Seattle, this is the place to go.]<<<<<

—Connie Connolsseur (23:17:48/12-10-50)

Matchstick's (#12 G)

Night Club and Fast Food/Small Restaurant Archetypes/Fourth Avenue North & Denny Way/Carl Steward, Manager/No Racial Bias/LTG# 206 (56-2249).

The interior of this small, members-only nightclub near the Space Needle resembles a jazz-joint of the 1930s. The club is a favorite place for shadowrunners and their hangers-on.

Psychedelic Pirate (#11 H)

Night Club Archetype/University Way & Fifty-second Street/Mickey Loo, Owner/No Racial Bias/LTG# 206 (52-5277).

Smoke and flash are what first come to mind when people think of this club, but the music here is often first-rate. This is the place for new young talent to come and perform, hoping that a record producer might be in the crowd. It's a favorite hangout for the city's young and magically talented.

>>>>>[Mickey Loo has had several run-ins with the law, but has always managed to beat the charges. He has connections, most of them high up and on the wrong side of the law.]<<<<<<

—SPD (10:36:47/9-23-50)

Seward Club (#14 H)

Casino Archetype/Juneau Street & Twenty-eighth Avenue South/Wayne Sinclair, Owner/No Racial Bias/LTG# 206 (52-1719):

The Seward Club is one of three legal casinos in the city. Even those who don't gamble might enjoy a visit to this beautiful '90s baroque-style building where they could rub elbows with some of the city's notables amid the Seward's luxurious interior.

>>>>>[Recent rumors suggest that a Yakuza clan is attempting to take control of this casino by blackmailing the owner with compromising films and letters.]<<<<<<

—Connie Connosseur (22:58:10/9-17-50)

>>>>>[I don't know how much luck the Yakuza's are going to have. Wayne Sinclair is a determined guy who has surrounded himself with a staff of experienced muscle and brains. If the Yaks make any serious moves, it would turn into a bloodbath.]<<<<<<

—SPD (13:45:29/10-29-50)

Sybreospace (#71 Downtown)

Night Club Archetype/Seventh Avenue and Columbia Street/Andrea Silvereyes, Manager/Subtle Bias Against Orks and Trolls/LTG# 206 (56-7149).

Not a place for the mild-mannered or the meek of heart, Sybreospace's neon lights and pounding rhythms put it at the leading edge of downtown nightlife.

>>>>>[A favorite of downtown deckers.]<<<<<<

—The Dead Deckers Society (15:47:39/1-24-51)

>>>>>[Cutting Edge (#13 H)

Night Club Archetype/Maynard Avenue & South Lane Street/Jack "Slick" Watson, Owner/Heavy Bias Against Strangers/LTG# 206 (56-4418).

This is little more than a sleazy girly-bar where local lechers come to drool over the women and get drunk on cheap soy-beer. Occasionally, a meet goes down here, but the regular customers are so paranoid that even the toughest razor-guy would wither under their stares.]<<<<<<

—Connie Connosseur (22:47:38/10-11-50)

>>>>>[From the moment I walked through the door, I knew I was not welcome here. Not that I found the choking smoke and stench of beer at all enticing. With every eye in the room trained on me, I felt the strangest surge of guilt, as though I were the only one who had committed some terrible deed. Or perhaps the only one who had not.]<<<<<<

—Tarian Greenbough (11:14:50/2-19-51)

SEATTLE CENTER

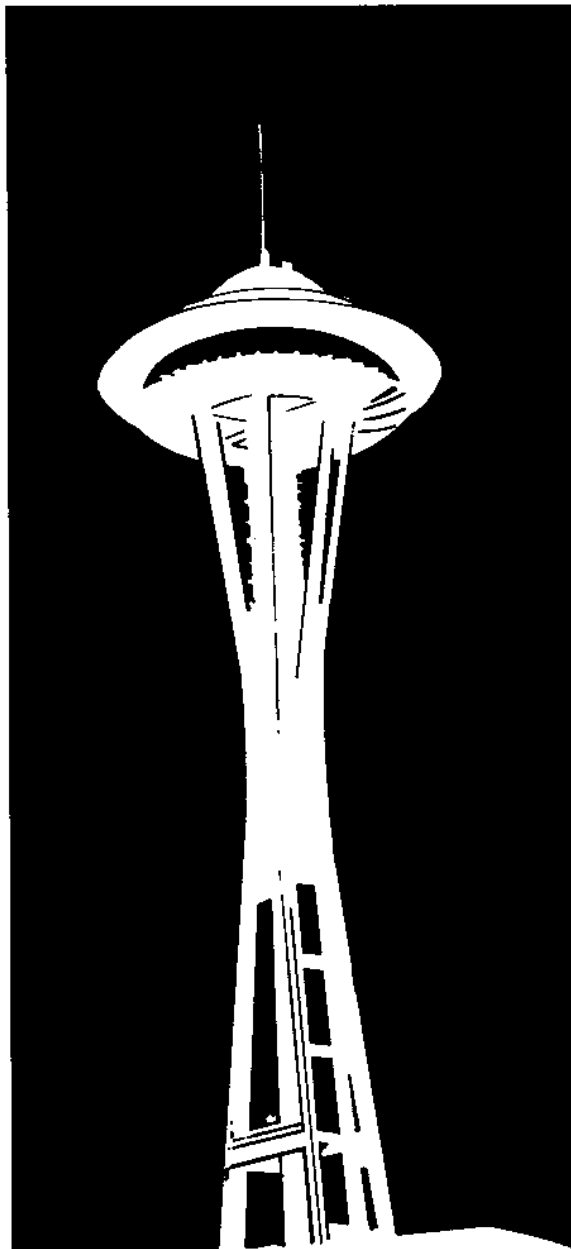
In 1962, Seattle hosted a World's Fair. When it was over, there remained a collection of monuments and buildings called the Seattle Center, which to this day hosts many special events, such as festivals, concerts, exhibitions, and sporting events. One of the largest is Heritage Week, a festival celebrating the city's many different cultures in the last week of May. Another major event is Bumbershoot in September, the last major outdoor festival in Seattle before the rains begin.

Parking is the biggest problem in going to and from the center. There are several accessible parking garages in the area, but the crowds can still make it a slow, frustrating process. Visitors may avoid it all by going via monorail or by bus through the underground tunnels.

Aquarium (#50 Downtown)

Pier 64/Dr. Robert Gromling, Director/No Racial Bias/LTG# 206 (52-5620).

This small, but well-designed aquarium focuses most of its attention on the sea life in Puget Sound. Visitors begin by weaving their way past displays and aquariums that inform as well as amaze. Next come convincing recreations of the coastal ecosystems typical of the waters of Puget Sound, complete with live shorebirds. Visitors then enter a large, glass-domed room completely surrounded by an aquarium containing sharks, salmon, snapper, octopi, and other denizens of the Sound. Visitors can follow the salmon ladder up and outside to appreciate the view of Elliott Bay and to see the stars of the aquarium—the sea lions and the sea otters. Hours vary seasonally. Admission is six nuyen for adults, three nuyen for children.



Grab a bite at
Tam's
 Under the Needle
 Donny Way & Fifth Ave. N.
 LTG 206 (56-5032)

Aurora Village (#8 G)

Shopping Mall Archetype (5 floors)/1100 North 200th Street/Michael Watkins, Mall Association President/LTG# 206 (53-0422).

With more than 200 stores, restaurants, and entertainment centers, Aurora Village is one of the downtown district's four major shopping malls. The "Wolves of the Federated Commonwealth," winners of the last Battle-Mech regional tourney, are frequent visitors to the BattleTech Arena on the fourth floor of the mall.

>>>>[This mall has two body shops: Body+Tech and A Whole New You. Both are well-staffed and adhere strictly to the rules, so neither sweet-talk nor bribes will get you anywhere. Seattle is an exception among urban sprawl cities, most of which do not feature body shops or weapons stores in shopping malls.]<<<<<

—Connie Connoisseur (13:51:17/12-16-50)

>>>>[A great new tech store called Wrecked Decks has recently opened on Level Four. The store sells used decks and parts, and is run by Elizabeth Hewer. I heard that she was a major-league corporate decker for Fuchi before a runner fried her nerves for breakfast.]<<<<<

—Night Tripper (09:31:29/02-13-51)

Bagley Wright Theater/The Playhouse (#12 H)

Boren Avenue & West Thomas Street/Bernard Dagsaan, Director/LTG# 206 (52-5593).

The Bagley Wright Theater is the home to the Seattle Repertory Theater, while the smaller Playhouse is used by the Kerensky Comedy Troupe.

Center House (#12 G)

Roy Street & Fourth Avenue/Esther Renville, Director/No Racial Bias/LTG# 206 (52-4784).

This cavernous ten-story mall is host to a diverse collection of stores and restaurants from around the world. It is always crowded with conventioners grabbing a meal, teenagers trying to look tough, and tourists admiring the roving illusionists and mimes.

>>>>[A favorite hangout of chippers.]<<<<<

—SPD (15:41:19/1-22-50)

Downtown Library (#52 Downtown)

Seneca Street & Fourth Avenue/Michele Ostreicher, City Librarian No Racial Bias/LTG# 206 (52-0639).

Unlike other cities, Seattle retains its library system. There are over one million books and magazines scattered among the city's 100 branch libraries.

Seattle residents are able to access an electronic version of the Downtown Library through SeaSource, the public data network set up and maintained by Renraku.

Evergreen Kingdom (#12 G)

West Thomas Street & Second Avenue/Joseph Rempel, Director/No Racial Bias/LTG# 06 (52-0150).

The Evergreen Kingdom amusement park is located in the southeastern corner of the Seattle Center. It was built by the city in conjunction with Disney Enterprises, and manages to pack quite a bit of fun and thrills into a small area. Some of the outdoor rides are closed during the winter.

Exhibition Hall (#12 G)

538 West Harrison Street/Brad Phillips, Director/No Racial Bias/LTG# 206 (52-3648).

This large and modern hall is the site of hundreds of conventions and trade and consumer fairs. There are many small exhibition rooms adjoining the main hall.

Northgate Mall (#9-10 H)

Shopping Mall Archetype (10 floors)/Northgate Way & First Avenue/Nadine Niemann, Mall Association President/LTG# 206 (53-0300).

The Northgate Mall has its share of popular attractions, most of them aimed at those in a middle- to upper-class lifestyle. The mall's nightclub, the Play Fair, was the last venue of the megagroup known as Concrete Dreams.

>>>>>[This huge mall has six body shops: two Body+Tech stores, two A Whole New You clinics, Northgate Body Enhancements, and Dr. George's Cyberware Clinic. Of the six, Dr. George's has the reputation of being the cheapest and loosest with the rules.]<<<<<

—Connie Connors (14:19:41/11-16-50)

Omnidome (#51 Downtown)

Pier 64/Allan McKnight, Manager/No Racial Bias/LTG# 06 (52-0615).

The Omnidome is located next to the Seattle Aquarium in the preserved warehouse that serves as a plaza. The Omnidome, owned by the Renraku megacorporation, is the largest triscreen theater in the city. Between shows, people are entertained by illusionists, both in person and via the huge triscreen.

Opera House (#12 G)

800 North Taylor Avenue/Carl Haliburg, Director/No Racial Bias/LTG# 2206 (52-0213).

This building is the home of the Seattle Symphony, the Seattle Opera, and the Pacific Northwest Ballet.

Pacific Science Center (#57 Downtown)

East Mercer Street & Harvard Avenue/Dr. James Ormalanz, Director/No Racial Bias/LTG# 206 (52-3657).

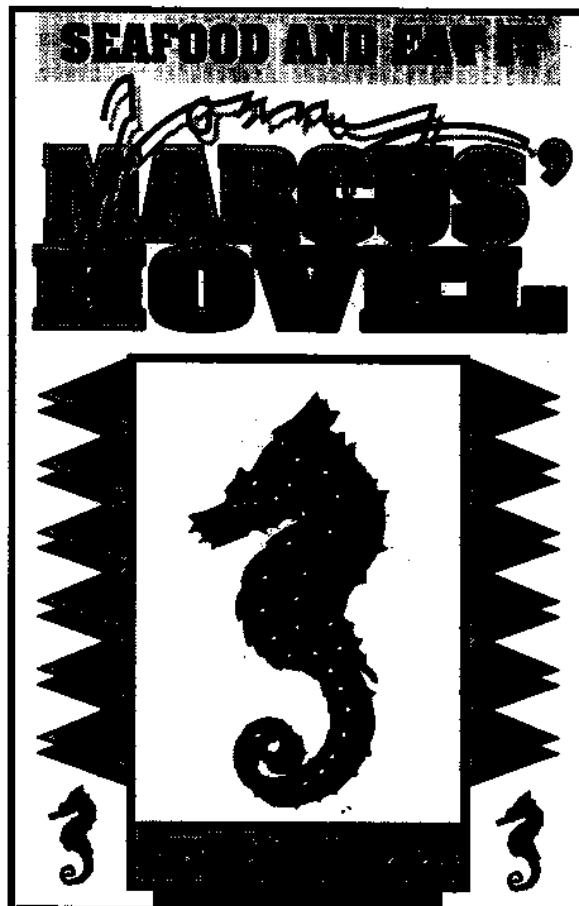
The Pacific Science Center, with its white arches and shallow reflecting pools, is a graceful structure. The building is host to traveling science and culture exhibits, as well as permanent exhibits on mathematics, physics, medicine, and magic. There are many interactive displays, including a device that allows children to jack into the city's Matrix. Other draws include a planetarium, a BattleTech Arena, and an Omnidome trideo theater.

Pike Place Farmer's Market (#56 Downtown)

Shopping Mall Archetype (1 floor, plus stores on lower levels)/1431 First Avenue/Glenn Tasso, President/LTG# 206 (51-9196).

The market first opened in 1907 after a group of farmers decided to get together to sell good produce without the added cost of middlemen. Over the years, the market became a haphazard collection of open-air food stalls, bookstores, cappuccino bars, and specialty stores so quaint and removed from the mad rush of time that it became one of Seattle's most popular tourist spots. Today's mall was recently renovated to look as it did at the turn of the century. It is always crowded, with half the people buying and the other half soaking up the colorful atmosphere.

West of the intersection of Pike and First Avenue, under the famous market sign and clock, is the covered Main Arcade where farmers and fishermen still sell their wares the old-fashioned way—on beds of ice in wooden boxes. All around the Arcade are bookstores, flower shops, and tiny restaurants. Downstairs and to the rear of the Arcade are several larger restaurants and specialty stores. As the market has no security other than the three or four policeman perpetually hanging around the pastry shops and coffee bars, some caution is advised after dark.



Renton Mall (#16 J)

Shopping Mall Archetype (4 floors)/Rainier Avenue South & Houser Way South/Lana Rodriguez, Mall Association President/LTG# 206 (51-4233).

Most of the shops in the Renton Mall are aimed at the middle-class lifestyle.

>>>>[Watch out for Wolf Brian, manager of Weapons World. He's crazy. He caught me looking into one of the store's back rooms one day, and just about tore off my head and threatened to give me a .44 caliber enema if he ever caught me in his store again.]<<<<<

—Anonymous (09:14:17/11-19-50)

Seattle Art Museum Pavilion (#12 H)

1401 East Observatory Drive/Dr. Edward Kadra, Director/No Racial Bias/LTG# 206 (52-2873).

This building, which resembles a collapsed tepee, houses an impressive collection of local and Salish art.

Seattle Coliseum (#12 G)

250 North First Avenue/Darren Hale, Director/No Racial Bias/LTG# 206 (52-6110).

The Coliseum hosts many large conventions and concerts. It is also where the Federated-Boeing Transoms, the city's semi-pro basketball team, play.

Seattle Convention and Trade Center (#59 Downtown)

Eighth Avenue and Pike Street/Kevin Gromling, Director/No Racial Bias/LTG# 206 (52-3312).

This huge, multi-storied convention center is built above Intercity 5. In addition to the many rooms and show floors, the center has a hotel, parking garage, and large garden.

>>>>[The convention center's large garden has many levels and blind alleys, making it a favorite place for muggers to lie in wait for unsuspecting tourists.]<<<<<

—SPD (01:21:16/12-17-50)

Seattle University (#60 Downtown)

1701 Broadway/Jennifer Treewhisper, Dean of Students/Subtle Bias Against Non-Magician Humans/LTG# 206 (52-5256).

While students of Seattle U. can choose from a wide range of degrees, the most-sought-after is the Masters in Magical Theory and Arts. Of all the colleges in the city offering the same degree, only Seattle U. and Pacific University have the faculty and facilities for a truly diligent study of magic. The campus reflects this prestige with its ivy-covered buildings and unique architectural designs, looking as though only magic could have produced them.

Space Needle (#61 Downtown)

410 West Thomas Street/Linda Gallahan, Director/No Racial Bias/LTG# 206 (52-6500).

For almost one hundred years, this free-standing metal tower has been the symbol of the Seattle Metroplex. It is 185 meters tall, and has an observation deck, two restaurants, and three bars. A ride in gilded elevators up to the observation decks costs five nuyen.

Of the two restaurants, the best and most well-known is the Eye of the Needle. The circular restaurant and bar is located just beneath the observation deck, and is reached by several elevators from the ground or observation deck. The restaurant slowly rotates, and the view is breathtaking. By the time the meal is over, diners will have enjoyed a birds-eye-view of the whole city.

Much of the luxury restaurant's success is the work of Gynt, the owner. This gregarious Dwarf knows everyone who is anyone in Seattle, and what's more, also knows how to put them at ease.

>>>>[The owner of the Eye of the Needle hires formidable guards to protect his establishment. Though very courteous and well-mannered, all are experienced shadowrunners.]<<<<<

—SPD (12:09:18/01-22-51)

>>>>[They also have some very secure private dining rooms, equipped with hermetic circles and state-of-the-art white-noise generators for those confidential discussions.]<<<<<

—Zapper Welsman (01:23:12/01-23-51)

University of Washington (#11 H)

Montlake Boulevard NE/Charles Epoch, Dean of the Board/No Racial Bias/LTG# 206 (52-2084).

The UW (pronounced U-Dub by locals) is the oldest institution of higher learning in the Pacific Northwest. The campus is a study in contrasts, ranging from the beautiful cherry trees and neo-gothic buildings of the Quadrangle to the '70s-style architecture of Red Square. Adjoining is Husky Stadium, home to the UW football team, as well as offering one of the most beautiful views of Union Bay.

>>>>[In the past 20 years, UW has consistently turned out superb computer specialists, due largely to the work of Professor Karl Enebo, Dean of the School of Computer Science. His genius as a teacher has made the UW a major center of computer research.]<<<<<

—Nuyen Nick (19:16:51/11-26-50)

Y.M.C.A. (#55 Downtown)

University Street & Fourth Avenue/Allan Lindsey, Manager/No Racial Bias/LTG# 206 (52-4985).

The downtown YMCA is a fully equipped health club that also provides cheap rooms to travelers.

>>>>[In 2049, the YMCA was the site of the death of a Fuchi Industries executive and the woman he loved. What made the incident unusual was that Fuchi suppressed news of the murder-suicide. The YMCA is also a favorite meeting place for shadowrunners.]<<<<<

—Smiley (21:16:31/12-1-50)

>>>>[Not any more.]<<<<<

—Zapper Welsman (03:47:17/12-2-50)

OTHER LOCATIONS**SEATTLE-TACOMA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (#16 - 17 H)**

Perimeter Road/Carl Grodaback, Airport Director/No Racial Bias/LTG 2206(22-8906).

Thirty-nine airlines and air-freight services use Sea-Tac Airport. The spacious main terminal has two floors. People entering Seattle use the first floor, where they pass through security, collect their luggage, and then catch a taxi, bus, or rent a car. A ramp takes cars and buses up a ramp to the second floor of the terminal building, dropping off people and their luggage at the airline ticket counters. Behind the ticket area are shops, restaurants, and walkways leading to the "B" and "C" gates. On the first floor are two subways taking passengers to and from the North and South satellite gates.

>>>>[Since September of '49, Sea-Tac has substantially beefed up its security by hiring Lone Star police officers and corporate guards from Federated Boeing, Renraku, Aztechnology, and Mitsuhamra. No one has been able to discover why. Even the rumor mill is silent.]<<<<<

—Smiley (23:17:53/9-16-50)

>>>>[I heard that the extra security is due to threats against Seattle by several mega-terrorist organizations.]<<<<<

—Anonymous (21:17:52/10-22-50)

>>>>[Lone Star allegedly gives the area a B security rating. Interesting.]<<<<<

—SPD (21:19:43/12-8-50)

GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS**Charles Royer Building (Metroplex Hall) (#62 Downtown)**

Fourth Avenue and Seneca Street/Marilyn Schultz, Governor/No Racial Bias/LTG# 206 (55-0119).

This attractive, 30-story building sheathed in dark green glass houses the city government and the Governor's office. At the main entrances are two sculptures: one of Chief Seattle, for whom the city was named, the other of Charles C. Lindstrom, founder of the Seattle Metroplex.

Federal Building (#63 Downtown)

Seneca Street & First Avenue/Mitchell Sarchet, Chief of NSA Operations (Seattle), Marian Tudor, Chief of FBI Operations (Seattle)/No Racial Bias/LTG# 206 (55-7797).

>>>>[This 72-story building is the center of the federal government's presence in Seattle. The feds clearly demonstrated their concern over Seattle's possible secession from the UCAS when leaders of the NSA and FBI were given control over all federal resources in the area. It is believed that the two intelligence agencies take up nearly half the Federal Building, using the latest intelligence-gathering devices, including an ultra-sophisticated computer system, holding cells, and interrogation rooms.]<<<<<

—Smiley (13:51:41/12-17-50)

Metroplex Prison (#64 Downtown)

Sixth Avenue and Spring Street/Harland Grotem, Warden/No Racial Bias.

The Metroplex Prison's thick walls, dead-gray color, and tower-like shape make it one of the more oppressive-looking buildings in the city.

>>>>[Inmates call the current warden Growler Grotem for the way he growls when upset as well as his delight in physical abuse.]<<<<<

—SPD (18:31:19/12-16-50)

Metroplex Supreme Court (#53 Downtown)
Spring Street & Fifth Avenue/ No Racial Bias/LTG# 206 (52-3282).

The imposing Metroplex Supreme Court, the equivalent of a State Supreme Court, has been the center of controversy since it was erected in 2045. Seattlites either love or despise its dark marble exterior and the outdoor sculpture of two huge justices, hooded heads bent as though in weariness. Whether this edifice be beautiful or ugly, few would deny that the courthouse is striking to the eye.

U.C.A.S. Post Office (#54 Downtown)
Union Street & Fourth Avenue/Charles Sleasman, Post Master/No Racial Bias/LTG# 206 (52-2210).

>>>>>[Sources say the Postmaster and other key Post Office officials are under investigation. The focus of the investigation is unclear at this time.]<<<<<<
—SPD (18:51:41/11-24-50)

>>>>>[The Postmaster is being investigated for possible connections to a local Seoupa ring, and for using his position in the Post Office to gather information on potential targets.]<<<<<<
—Deliverer (21:41:17/12-5-50)

BUSINESSES

Dassum Securities and Investments (#65 Downtown)
Large Bank Archetype/Fourth Avenue and University Street/Alberta Johnson, Vice Chairman/No Racial Bias/LTG#206 (52-7217).

Federated Boeing Field (#14 - 15 H)
Airport Way South/William Vogel, CEO/No Racial Bias/LTG#206 (52-5403).

Some of the company's smaller aircraft, such as its military reconnaissance tilt-rotors and remotely piloted vehicles, are made at Federated Boeing Field. This is also where aircraft built at other facilities are painted and given final tests before being delivered to buyers. The main business offices of the company are located at Corson Avenue and East Marginal Way in a rectangular, 70-story skyscraper with tinted windows that form huge corporate logos.

>>>>>[According to information from the FBI and NSA, there is an investigation underway of possible Federated Boeing involvement in the overthrow of the Malaysian government. According to documents I have seen, Federated Boeing guardsmen were seen training soldiers of the Malaysian Peoples Front, who carried out a successful coup against the communist government in late 2049. Perhaps the most telling bit of information was the announcement just days after the coup that Federated Boeing was planning to build a large factory in Malaysia.]<<<<<<

—Smiley (17:48:09/12-28-50)

Federated Boeing Shipyards (#13 G)
SW Florida Street & Twenty-sixth Avenue SW/Brandon Zumwalt, President of Boeing Marine Division/No Racial Bias/LTG# 206 (52-0787).

The Federated Boeing Shipyards manufacture the company's military and commercial hydroplanes and hovercraft. The factory and business offices are located in the 20-story building on the edge of the west waterway.

>>>>>[Recent rumors from both the Matrix and the street suggest that the shipyards are about to expand, and that negotiations are underway with Sea & Land Freight Service to buy what they own of Harbor Island. A possible complication is the appearance of the Marine Division of MCT, which has offered a bid for the same land.]<<<<<<
—Nuyen Nick (18:47:43/11-22-50)

Fuchi Industrial Electronics Compound (#13 H)
Twenty-first Avenue South & Massachusetts Street/Darren Villers, Vice President of NW Operations/No Racial Bias/LTG# 206 (52-6605).

The Fuchi compound was built in 2018, destroyed during the Night of Rage, then rebuilt in 2042. Seven skyscrapers, each of a different height, encircle the central building. At night, all the buildings light up and advertise Fuchi products.

The Fuchi megacorporation, which manufactures computers, simsense equipment, and other electronics, has three major factories in Seattle: one downtown and two in the Bellevue District.

>>>>>[I hear that Fuchi is going to buy up land in Snohomish for some hush-hush project. Anyone else heard anything?]<<<<<<
—Mick the Quick (14:51:27/10-02-50)

Haukshorn Complex (#11 H)

Roosevelt Way & Fiftieth Street/Stanton Haukshorn, Vice President of Seattle Operation/Bias Against Elves/LTG# 206 (52-9689).

>>>>>[Haukshorn Chemicals built its twin red and blue skyscrapers in 2038. Since then, the buildings, as well as the company, have gone downhill. The metallic colors that used to shine at night are now dull and dingy. Tours of the edifice are still interesting, but also reveal how much decline it has suffered.

The Haukshorns' many legal woes, sloppy management, and numerous pollution lawsuits have left the corporation nearly bankrupt. There are rumors that the Haukshorn family is looking to sell the company, but a series of terrible chemical accidents in South America late last year have greatly reduced the firm's market value.]<<<<<<

—Nuyen Nick (19:41:49/10-02-50)

>>>>>[The Haukshorns, those miserable parasites, are indeed trying to unload the company after raping the land for almost 50 years. Their factories, particularly the ones in the Barrens, have been polluting Seattle for so long that to allow the family to sell the company and walk away unpunished would be a travesty. That is why I am launching a movement to punish the Haukshorn family. Those interested call LTG# 206 (54-4895) or leave a message at the YMCA.]<<<<<<

—The Hawker (21:34:15/12-29-50)

Ingersoll and Berkley Tower (#12 G)

Aurora Avenue North & Mercer Street/Vera Sassinian, Vice President/LTG# 206 (52-2197).

The Ingersoll and Berkley Tower is a minor marvel. In keeping with the company's aquacultural nature, architects created a stepped skyscraper so that gardens could be planted on the roofs.

Lone Star Security Building (#66 Downtown)

Second Avenue and Union Street/William Loudon, Marshal of Seattle Division/No Racial Bias/LTG# 206 (52-0292).

The building housing Lone Star Security's executive and business branches is a blue pyramid shape. Tours of the building and the company's museum run every hour.

>>>>>[There are 20 floors beneath ground level, half of them filled with reserve patrol cars, assault vehicles, helicopters, and weapons.]<<<<<<

—Nuyen Nick (23:51:47/12-22-50)

>>>>>[Even though I have little respect for Lone Star, the people who replaced the Seattle Police Department, I must admit that their offices and high-tech toys are damned impressive.]<<<<<<

—SPD (09:16:43/12-29-50)

McKuen's Scrap and Salvage Yard (#67 Downtown)

Third Avenue and Madison Street/J.C. McKuen, Owner/No Racial Bias/LTG# 206 (52-2176).

A continual eyesore amid the splendor of downtown Seattle, McKuen's nonetheless has the customers to stay in business. Whether buying or selling, McKuen himself promises "good prices on good junk, or your money back."

Mitsuhama Computer Technologies Complex (#15 I)

Martin Luther King, Jr. Way & Sixty-eighth Avenue South/Tamatsu Sakura, Head of Mitsuhama Computer Technologies, North America/No Racial Bias/LTG# 206 (52-7411).

The six impressive black and silver skyscrapers of the MCT complex tower above the other buildings along the south shore of Lake Washington.

>>>>>[The buildings and grounds may be immaculately clean, but the megacorp itself has a dirty image. From the day it was formed, the company has been suspected of close ties to the Yakuza, a suspicion borne out by documented meetings between various Yakuza clan bosses and MCT members. Mitsuhama's public reaction to the accusations remains a steadfast denial.

According to Lone Star, both the FBI and NSA firmly believe that Tamatsu Sakura has commissioned a Yakuza clan of Seattle to assassinate several ex-MCT members, but obtaining the evidence to prosecute is another story. The computer defenses at the MCT complex are virtually impenetrable. Black IC protect almost all nodes and matrix components, which is why the system is known as "The Black Hole of Mitsuhama". Seven deckers have died trying to penetrate these defenses.

All this, plus MCT's recent unsuccessful attempts, financial and physical, to take over Federated Boeing, have made this corporation the undisputed villain of Seattle. In local street jargon, to commit "a Mitsuhama" means to attack someone.]<<<<<<

—Nuyen Nick (14:63:10/12-22-50)

>>>>>[Don't know who told ya that info about the "Black Hole of Mitsuhama", but it just ain't so. Their system's got so many holes they're losing thousands of nuyen in data a day just to system errors. We're not even talking about "external losses".

—The Dead Decker's Society (17:21:29/01-04-51)

MEDICAL

Harborview Hospital (#2 Downtown)

Hospital Archetype (12 floors)/329 East Ninth Avenue/Norman Togle, Chief of Administration/No Racial Bias/LTG# 2206 (52-9824).

An excellent hospital specializing in burn and emergency medicine.

Health Maintenance Organization (#5 Downtown)

Hospital Archetype (13 floors)/Thomas Street and Boylston Avenue/Dr. Edward Oden, Chief of Surgery/No Racial Bias/LTG# 2206 (52-2675).

This large hospital was built by several local health insurance corporations.

Nightingale's Body Parts (#4 Downtown)

Hospital and Body Shop Archetypes (3 floors)/104 John Street/Dr. Charlotte Coleburg, Chief of Administration/Bias Against Orks and Trots/LTG# 2206 (52-2675).

This small glass building is a private hospital for many of the city's elite and rich, as well as a cyberware research facility financed by Fuchi Industrial Electronics.

>>>>[Nightingale's is named after Nurse Nightingale, the persona program of a real nurse who participated in an elaborate shadowrun to steal a fortune from several Seattle megacorporations in 2032. She used her portion of the loot to build this hospital and several body shops in the city.]<<<<<

—SPD (21:45:18/12-8-50)

>>>>[And Fuchi pumps money into it? Very interesting, as they say in the old Z-D flicks.]<<<<<

—Siren (18:19:41/12-27-50)

Seattle General Hospital (#1 Downtown)

Hospital Archetype (14 floors)/201 East 16th Avenue/Dr. Cameron Trepus, Chief of Administration/No Racial Bias/LTG# 206 (52-2380).

In 2048, the Seattle General Hospital building was declared a national landmark as a prime example of late-90s architecture.

>>>>>[Seattle General has the reputation for being the only place where the desperate can go for care. There are also several illegal body shops being run from doctors' offices. Rumors about incompetent doctors, drug-dealing in the lobbies, and the disappearance of body parts are common, though not necessarily true.]<<<<<<

—Doc U-Dub (18:42:51/1-26-50)

>>>>>[Doctor Jason Kethers, Chief of Pathology, sells body parts to the syndicates.]<<<<<

—Silver Doctor (11:28:14/2-10-50)

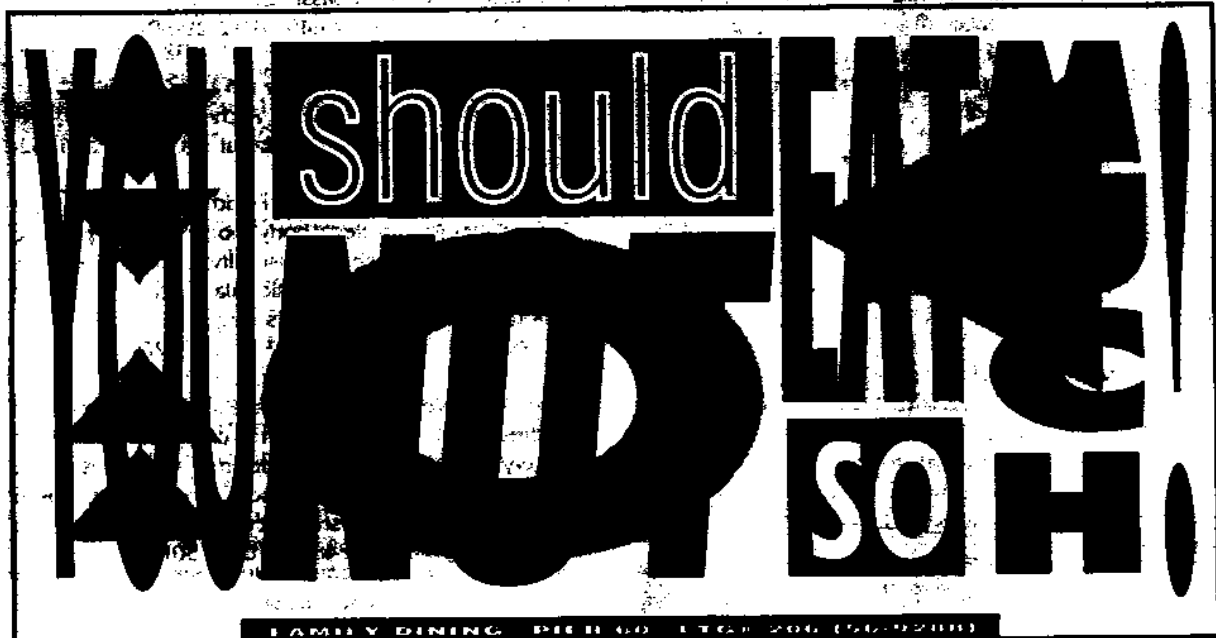
>>>>>[Doc Kethers was arrested on 4/1/50. Detectives in charge of the case are sure, however, that others in the hospital will be more than happy to take up the trade in body parts.]<<<<<<

—SPD (10:29:45/4-5-50)

U.S. Public Health Hospital (#3 Downtown)

Hospital Archetype (14 floors)/1200 Twelfth Avenue South/Dr. Richard Hensrud, Chief of Administration/No Racial Bias/LTG# 2206 (52-4278).

Notable here is the excellent cafeteria staffed entirely by handicapped employees.



>>>>>[This is where people without medical insurance usually end up. Recent maneuvering hints that one of the megacorps may buy the hospital from the city.]<<<<<<
—Doc U-Dub (23:43:16/9-26-50)

>>>>>[Mitsuhama Medical is the party interested in buying the hospital.]<<<<<<
—Nuyen Nick (12:45:13/9-28-50)

>>>>>[Butchers!]<<<<<<
—Shogun (19:41:12/10-18-50)

University Hospital (#111)

Hospital Archetype (18 floors)/1959 Pacific Avenue South/Dr. Aaron Chu, Hospital Administrator, Dean of Medicine/No Racial Bias/LTG# 206 (52-4800).

A major research hospital known for its transplant and cyberware research centers.

MISCELLANEOUS

Executive Body Enhancements (Various Locations)

Body Shop Archetype/Wally Reule, General Manager of Seattle Chain/Bias Against Metahumans/LTG# varies.

For the up and coming corper who has to look and feel his best, this is the place to shop for the latest in custom-designed cyberware. Visit any one of the ten shops downtown or stop in at the newest Ultra Enhancement shop at 501 West Jackson.

Nukkt Burgers (Various Locations)

Fast Food/Small Restaurant Archetype/Bailey J. Farnsworth, General Manager of Seattle Chain/No Racial Bias/LTG# varies.

Home of the famous one-stop, beef-in-a-basket, feast-on-a-bun. A popular attraction throughout the city, this chain is a mainstay of the fast food scene. The original restaurant at Lenora Street and Fifth Avenue is now officially an historic landmark.

>>>>>[Also home of the killer Nuke and Serve Burritos with the funny stuff inside that keeps 'em coming back for more. And more. And more.]<<<<<<
—Zapper Welsman (14:15:54/12-28-50)

Stuffer Shacks (Various Locations)

Small Store Archetype/D.L. Olson, General Manager of Seattle Chain/No Racial Bias/LTG# varies.

From soy milk to the latest simsense chip, Stuffer Shacks offer the widest variety of goods 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at locations throughout the downtown area.

>>>>>[Always a last-minute life-saver.]<<<<<<
—Connie Connoisseur (18:54:10/10-14-50)

>>>>>[The bi-level store on the corner of Madison Street and Ninth Avenue is in the heart of downtown and offers the most complete inventory around.]<<<<<<
—King Klick (04:05:00/1-8-51)

Weapons World (#68 Downtown)

Large Store Archetype (2 Floors)/Sixth Avenue and Olive Street/Diderson Ksyogi, Owner/No Racial Bias/LTG# 206 (53-6510).

The downtown Weapons World is the flagship of Diderson Ksyogi's 33 stores in the Seattle Metroplex. It offers a bewildering array of weapons. On the second floor are several test ranges where customers can try out the weapons. There is even a small combat simulator for those who want to see how a weapon stands up in battle.

>>>>>[Diderson Ksyogi is a man with ties to all three major crime syndicates, as well as many go-gangs. FBI and Lone Star agents are convinced he provides heavy weapons to these gangs, but they have no hard evidence to make an arrest. NSA investigators believe Ksyogi may be supplying arms to several terrorist organizations, including Alamos 20,000, The Red Brigade, The People's Anti-Satanist Movement, and the Militant Metahuman League.]<<<<<<

—Smiley (17:32:42/11-8-50)

>>>>>[There are rumors that Ksyogi has a well-defended mansion in the Puyallup Barrens, and that hidden somewhere in the building is a huge vault of jewels and gold—Ksyogi's two greatest passions.]<<<<<<

—Matrix Mauler (23:45:08/12-29-50)

>>>>>[Fast Freddie's Surgery (#6 Downtown)]

Hospital and Body Shop Archetype (Level 1)/Pier 59/Fred Tschida, Owner/No Racial Bias/LTG# 206 (52-4527).

Hidden behind and below Freddie's Salmon Eatery (a fine restaurant) is an illegal body shop with the reputation for being fast yet uncharacteristically concerned with the patient's health. Dr. Carla Michalla Maljalla and Bruce McKittrick are the body shop's surgeons.]<<<<<<

—Connie Connoisseur (13:54:18/9-28-50)

>>>>>[I can vouch for Fast Freddie's work. I went in for a cybereye, but there were some complications during surgery. Dr. Maljalla stayed with me when most other street docs would have thrown me into a garbage dumpster to die. The work is expensive, but worth the nuyen.]<<<<<<

—Anonymous (23:48:43/10-30-50)

RENRAKU ARCOLOGY

GIANT OF THE SEATTLE SKYLINE

ARCOLOGY AT A GLANCE

Location: 1 Renraku Avenue (875 - 2nd Avenue)

Construction Started: 2040

Expected Completion: 2054 (Late Summer)

Dimensions: 780 meters by 650 meters and 828 meters tall (969 meters tall when completed)

Floors: 276 (320 when completed)

Elevators: 329 (401 when completed)

Population: 70,000 permanent residents (92,000 when completed)

Human: 90%

Elf: 6%

Dwarf: 1%

Ork: 1%

Troll: 1%

Other: 1%

Per Capita Income: 48,000¥

Below Poverty Level: 0%

On Fortune's Active Traders List: 2%

Corporate Affiliation: 99%

Voting Precincts: 2

Education:

<12 years: 0%

High School: 23%

College Degree: 60%

Graduate Degree: 17%

Hospitals and Clinics: 21 (36 when completed)

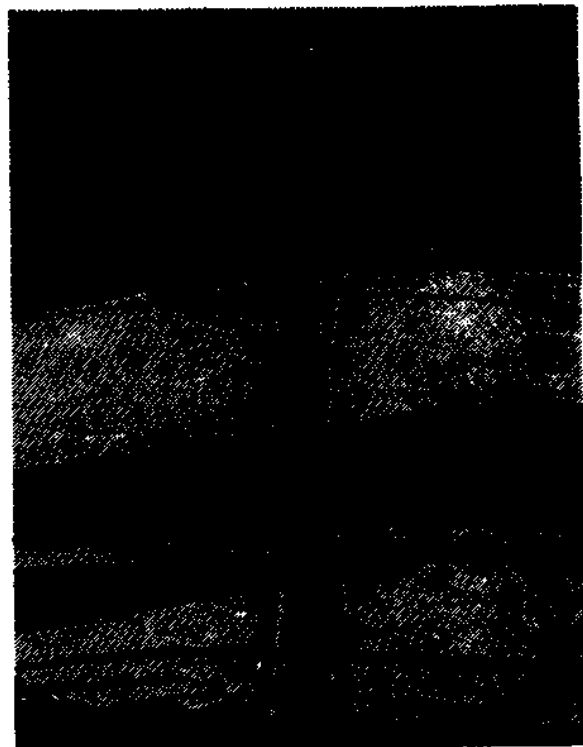
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On a first visit to downtown Seattle, the truncated pyramid of the Renraku Arcology is an inspirational sight. Even those already familiar with arcologies in other cities will be impressed by the size of the ninth-largest building in the world. The Renraku Arcology is as innovative as it is enormous. The Arcology's windows, which are tinted a pleasant and appropriate shade of silvery green, can withstand gale force winds. To reduce the effects of the arcology's shadow on the surrounding area, architects used the latest in sunlight-manipulation technology. The sunlit outer walls of the arcology contain thousands of conduits and reflectors to collect sunlight on one side and pass it through the building to the arcology's farms, after which it is channeled out the arcology's shadowed side, illuminating sections of the city. Seattlites like to refer to

"Renraku Zombies," tourists who stumble over their own feet because they can't stop gawking upward at the huge building.

The Renraku Arcology is completely self-sufficient. It can grow its own food, purify its own water, dispose of its wastes, and provide everything its 70,000 residents require. Like a castle of old, Renraku can lock its doors and seal out the rest of Seattle at any time in the case of any threat.

Luckily, relations between Renraku and Seattle are cordial, and the public is encouraged to visit the arcology's massive shopping malls and take the many tours that show off this tremendous building's capabilities. In addition to tours, the lower levels of the Arcology, including the magnificent Mall and Club Quarter, are open to the general public. The Mall is easily accessible from the Renraku monorail station, and the Club Quarter has a half-dozen small and medium-sized landing pads able to accommodate the helicopters and VTOL craft of the local glitterati.



Parts of the tour also bring visitors through the fascinating environmental support areas, and even past the computer system that houses the Seattle public data base, SeaSource, maintained by Renraku.

>>>>[Management of the arcology itself, as well as of the megacorporation's business goals, has created a Byzantine bureaucracy of countless departments, divisions, and aggregates. At its head is Sherman Huang. Not only is Huang the president of Renraku America, he is responsible for the company's UCAS performance and the arcology's smooth functioning.

Advising Sherman Huang is a board of directors composed of the heads of the Arcology's four major divisions: Douglas Geon, Director of Business Affairs; Wendell Merrit-Pardini, Director of Arcology Administration; Sheri Reuf, Director of Food and Water Production; and Tadashi Marushige, Director of Security.

Sherman Huang is also advised by the Arcology Expert Program (AEP), a vast computer construct that he helped design. The AEP is the overlord of the arcology's tremendous computer system. Rumor says that this program is so sophisticated that it is barely a step away from true artificial intelligence.

Dr. Vanessa Cliber is the director of all computer operations in the arcology, as well as being one of the company's most brilliant computer hardware and software designers. If the rumors about a truly self-aware computer hidden somewhere in the arcology matrix are true, Cliber and Sherman Huang are its designers and parents.]<<<<<

—Nuyen Nick (07:34:28/7-23-50)

>>>>[According to my sources in the intelligence community, Renraku security is investigating Douglas Geon. Mr. Geon apparently frequents the city's brothels during his leisure, where he divulges minor company secrets to the madames, who then turn a profit from his information. Damage has been minimal, but the potential for trouble is great enough that Mr. Geon could be confined to the arcology for life.]<<<<<

—Smiley (21:23:10/8-19-50)

>>>>[I heard that Mitsuhamma is contemplating stealing Geon away from Renraku. I also heard that the Renraku big bosses in Japan aren't waiting for the results of the security investigation and are preparing to reorganize Renraku America, with an eye to getting rid of Geon completely.]<<<<<

—Anonymous (17:48:04/8-26-50)

>>>>[Hey, if that's true, then Renraku isn't going to let Geon just walk away from the company. I'll bet my pension that he is going to have a very tragic and very fatal accident unless MCT can get to him first.]<<<<<

—SPD (11:56:10/9-29-50)

>>>>>[SECURITY

Renraku Arcology systems are fearsome, with an array of cameras, motion sensors, locks, crisis doors, security stations, and patrolling guards on every floor. Residents of the arcology feel safe from crime, but they must feel paranoid, knowing that their every move, even the most intimate, is being monitored.

The building was designed to keep the public away from the arcology's residents. The public elevators stop only at floors open to general tours, and only Renraku tour guides and elevator attendants can operate them. The doors of elevators used by employees and their families will not close until after an ID check has been made on anyone attempting to enter.

The security personnel guarding the building are graduates of the Renraku Guard Academy of Seoul and are some of the toughest in the world. English is a second language for most of the guards, so it's a good idea to take extra care when talking to them to avoid an unfortunate misunderstanding. Each guard wears the Renraku black and red and carries a machine pistol and a sword. In an alert, members of the elite Renraku Red Samurai also take up posts to protect vital areas and to escort the company's executives to safety.

Security in the computer matrix is equally fierce. The computer is so laced with Black IC and tar traps that Seattle deckers have dubbed Renraku's black and red castle construct the "Black Tower" or "The Tower of Blood," rating it second only to Aztechnology's. Anyone trying to datasteal must contend not only with matrix defenses, but an aggressive group of decker hounds as well. If Renraku's hounds, which include a contingent of Red Samurai, don't accidentally kill an intruding decker, they can track one and get him to the nearest police station faster than you can say what's up, chummer.

The Renraku computer system's size is its weakness. Such immensity makes it vulnerable to a decker patient enough to study it for the kind of tiny chinks that will let him slip through the system's defenses unnoticed.]<<<<<

—Smiley (18:04:23/1-15-51)

>>>>>[Yeah, like anybody's actually done it.]<<<<<

—Metallic Marauder (21:12:43/2-21-51)

>>>>>[Renraku security is every bit as formidable as Smiley says. My encounters with Renraku guards have shown them to be expertly trained and downright nasty. When Smiley says that English is a second language, he isn't kidding. Most of the guards cannot understand anything that isn't spoken slowly and phrased carefully. Renraku is devious enough to mix together guards who are fluent in English and City Speak, which means you're never quite sure whether the mountain of muscle in front of you understands anything you say or understands it only too well.]<<<<<

—SPD (22:54:29/2-22-51)

>>>>[As a mere computer programmer newly assigned to Gaeatronics, I came to Seattle as the newborn colt brought upon the open plain. Nothing could have prepared me for what I saw and felt standing beside the base of the monstrous Renraku pyramid. The size and strength of the walls themselves spoke all too well of the corporation's domination over any one man.

It was during one of the scheduled tours that I snuck out of the waiting line and walked over to touch the fabled structure. I did not get within ten feet of it before I was confronted by five Renraku guards with machine pistols raised. Yes, everything about that place was frightening.]<<<<<

—Tarlán Greenbough (11:15:11/2-19-51)

>>>>[FLOOR DIRECTORY

The following floor plan is based on my forays into this vast and dangerous place. The description for each floor is only that of the primary activity performed there. Each floor may actually be the location of many other activities. Some sections (manufacturing and so on) are actually blocks of floors extending many stories, but taking up only a smaller portion of each individual floor. Take care, chummers.]<<<<<

—Renraku Fox (23:46:31/7-29-50)

**WEAPONS
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WORLD
...Or Else!**

South Avenue and Olive Street, LTG# 270 (S.J. 1110)

FLOORS 274 – 276

These floors are under construction.

FLOORS 272 – 273

Contain machinery and materials for construction.

FLOOR 271

Construction workers' office and barracks. Heavy security by Renraku guards.

FLOORS 261 – 270

The nine floors near the top of the Renraku Arcology are the most luxurious and secure housing in Seattle. Each apartment has at least ten rooms and an indoor garden overlooking the city. At the center of each floor is a group of stores and restaurants. The Red Samurais provide exclusive security.

Whenever the arcology grows another 30 floors, new luxury housing is built at the top and the company's elite move into the new section. The floors vacated are altered to become mid-level executive housing, with their former floors altered to accommodate middle class housing, and so on.

>>>>[Wizzer! What a waste of time and materials...]<<<<<

—Findler-Man (12:24:19/12-17-50)

>>>>[Yeah, but think of the prestige!]<<<<<

—Shiner (21:04:23/12-29-50)

FLOORS 254 – 260

That extra row of windows along the edge are the offices of the Board of Directors all along the outer wall. Don't think about lobbing a high-explosive missile up there. They've got computer-controlled sentry guns and the thickest damn armored glass you've ever seen.

FLOORS 252 – 253

Product assembly, mostly microtronics. Many "clean rooms". All but the largest Renraku products can be assembled on these floors. Each factory floor has special freight elevators leading to the basement, where parts and finished products can be stored. Products vary from floor to floor.

The southwest section of 252 makes secret computer systems (mostly IC programs) for the sole use of company computers. This is also where most of the computer R&D labs are located. If the rumored AI does exist, it's likely to be somewhere on Floor 252.

FLOOR 251

Aquaculture, agriculture, food storage, and waste collection are carried out here. Huge hydroponic tanks for growing vegetables and raising fish dominate most of this floor.

FLOORS 231 – 250

Mid-level executive housing.

FLOORS 213 – 230

Corporate offices.

FLOORS 203 – 212

Residences, libraries, and labs of corporate magicians are housed here, along with residences of other corporate employees. Much of these levels have been slated for future use.

Many of Renraku's mages live on these ten floors, which are specially designed to put magicians, who represent a major investment and resource for the corporation, at ease.

All ten floors have space devoted to paranatural animals. Research is conducted on animals with magical abilities to see if they can be trained to work as guards for the corporation or if it is possible to strip the animal of its magical abilities, either by magic or through surgery, so that the magic could be used by a person.

>>>>[The latest rumor around here is that some of the vets and magicians in the hush-hush Paranatural Animal Breeding Program have created a new breed of Harpy they call the Renraku Red. It is supposed to be more magically powerful, and more intelligent, making it easier to train. There is also some talk about radio reports of a Renraku Cambodian expedition that encountered a miniature dracoform.]<<<<<<

—Renny the Mage (17:21:34/08-21-50)

FLOOR 202

Product assembly.

This floor is used for manufacture of special computer peripherals for use on Renraku computers. It also has several research labs and software development offices.

>>>>[I've heard that this is where Dr. Ciber has her office and that the research into Artificial Intelligence goes on here and not on 252.]<<<<<<

—Arcology Ears (20:53:12/8-22-50)

FLOOR 201

Aquaculture, agriculture, food storage, and waste collection.

FLOORS 181 – 200

Middle-class housing.

FLOORS 173 – 180

Corporate offices.

FLOOR 172

This floor is used for manufacture of small computer mainframes and peripherals for sale to the public.

>>>>[At grossly inflated prices, I might add. Ya gotta pay for the Arcology, ya know.]<<<<<<

—Fast Jack (23:17:25/02-02-51)

FLOOR 171

Aquaculture, agriculture, food storage, and waste collection.

FLOORS 153 – 170

These floors provide housing for the company's blue-collar workers in the arcology. The accommodations are fairly spacious (a compensation for the loss of much privacy). Each floor has at least four mall areas where workers can find almost everything. Workers can also order what they need through the arcology datanet. Some stores and restaurants are not Renraku subsidiaries, but are staffed by family members of Renraku employees. Each floor also has two amusement areas (trideos, night-clubs, bars, and small zoos). Every residential floor is ringed by a narrow strip of grass and trees that take advantage of the windows.

A clinic is also on each floor, with one major hospital area for every block of apartment floors.

FLOOR 152

Manufacture and assembly of commercial software and hardware systems for Renraku mainframes worldwide.

FLOOR 151

Aquaculture, agriculture, food storage, and waste collection.

FLOORS 131 – 150

Middle-class housing.

FLOORS 123 – 130

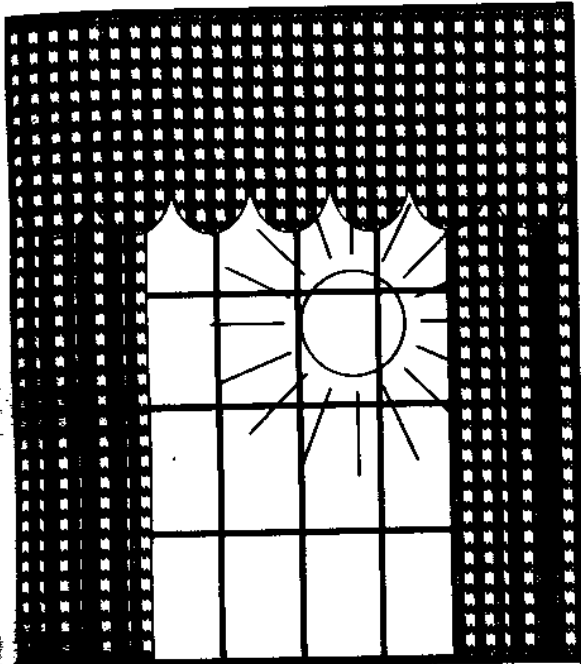
Corporate offices.

FLOOR 122

Manufacture and assembly of electronic trideo and sirmsense equipment for sale to the public. Has a large R&D department.

FLOOR 121

Aquaculture, agriculture, food storage, and waste collection.



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FLOORS 103 - 120

Blue-collar worker housing.

FLOOR 102

Development and packaging of software for personal computers.

FLOOR 101

Aquaculture, agriculture, food storage, and waste collection.

FLOORS 81 - 100

Middle-class housing.

FLOORS 73 - 80

Corporate offices.

FLOOR 72

Manufacturing is carried out on this floor, but I have no idea what. Records are unusually obscure and security unusually thick.

>>>>>[They're heavy into cyber-research on 72. mate. Saw it with my own eyes. Huge rooms filled with short-sighted doctors peering over an assortment of cyber parts. It was enough to give you the shivers, chummer.]<<<<<<

—Anonymous (17:21:28/1-29-51)

FLOOR 71

Aquaculture, agriculture, food storage, and waste collection.

FLOORS 53 - 70

Blue-collar worker housing.

FLOOR 52

Manufacture of small personal computers.

FLOOR 51

Aquaculture, agriculture, food storage, and waste collection.

FLOORS 31 - 50

Middle-class housing.

Floor 31 is at the bottom of the sloping pyramid section of the arcology that sits atop the blockish base. On the roof of the base section are public gardens, restaurants, and amusement centers accessible through the 31st floor. Public tours go no higher than this.

FLOORS 23 - 30

Corporate offices, which are visited by tours.



**FLOOR 22**

Manufacture of expensive electronic items, such as large sound systems, huge triideo screens, and the like.

FLOOR 21

Tours visit this floor, which is dedicated to aquaculture, agriculture, food storage, and waste collection.

FLOORS 7 - 20

Mainly used for blue-collar worker housing. Tours do not visit these floors.

FLOOR 6

Mall Offices and Club Quarter.

The Club Quarter is a group of 15 clubs on the northern half of Floor 6. These range from the sedate Blue Room to the raucous screech-metal of The Frag Grenade. Each club has a fully staffed, and fully sound-insulated restaurant.

The Frag Grenade

>>>>>[This screech-metal club has a unique stage that rises and falls and moves out over the dance floor according to the lead singer's decisions. The Frag Grenade attracts the arcology's chip and wire addicts.]<<<<<<

—Connie Connoisseur (05:29:32/9/30/50)

>>>>>[Simon Atenyard and Carl Toney, two of the biggest chip dealers in the city, are habitués of the club quarter.]<<<<<<

—SPD (22:02:46/10-22-50)

Rumpelstiltskin's

>>>>>[Almost a "middle of the road" club, if you can believe that. Trendy, but not so much that it's unbearable. Easy access from Sky Pad 12.]<<<<<<

—Connie Connoisseur (05:38:19/9/30/50)

FLOORS 1 - 5

These floors house a shopping mall as well as a variety of amusements, sights, and spectacles on the first floor. These include a tropical forest complete with twisting vines, a swimming pool, a coral reef aquarium, piped-in sunlight, and a waterfall cascading down from the ceiling of the third floor over glittering quartz boulders from Madagascar. There is also a permanent circus, a zoo, a stage, and an amusement park. Entrance to the first floor of the mall is either by elevator from the garage or through one of the 16 entrances along Renraku Avenue and Fourth Avenue South.

Most of the mall's 620 stores and restaurants are subsidiaries of the Renraku corporation and offer a universe of products for shoppers. Outside merchants can rent space in the malls, but only after approval by the Board of Directors and an extremely thorough security check into the company and the people who would be working at the mall. There are currently 265 non-Renraku stores in the mall, including Lordstrungs, The Beaux, and Ivar's Seattle Dining.

In the eastern corner of the third floor is the monorail station, which is as impressive as it is security-conscious.

FLOOR B1

The function of this floor is to provide service and security corridors for Renraku Mall.

In the southwest corner are six freight elevators to Piers 54 and 55. Next to the elevators is a large loading dock able to unload 20 trucks at a time. After entering the Renraku compound, a truck travels down through a tunnel to where its manifest can be checked and the driver's ID confirmed before entry into the loading bay.

FLOORS B2 - 6

These floors comprise the Renraku Garage. Each level is well-lit, with plenty of security cameras, phones, elevators, and "safe booths" to which someone could run and enclose himself if chased. Entry to the garage is only via Intercity 5. Cars are monitored, and a series of stoplights and detours into side tunnels can deny suspicious vehicles access.

>>>>[I've been hearing rumors about a group of young Orks who tunneled their way from the underground city into the garage five years ago. According to the stories, they were killed, and arcology engineers walked up their tunnel. I've nothing to go on but a rumor. Has anyone else heard anything about it?]<<<<<<
—SPD (19:29:08/7-04-50)

>>>>[I haven't found any records of the incident, either, but there are enough gaps in the files to suggest a major attempt at a cover-up. I've noticed that the floor in the eastern corner of B4 is very different from the other floors of the garage. Digging into the records, I found something about a "renovation" of the area in 2045. If the stories are more than rumors, this was where the Orks came in.]<<<<<<
—Renraku Fox (21:10:35/7-29-50)

FLOOR B5

Bus Tunnel Station.

The east corner of this floor is the station where Metro buses leave the tunnel and enter the Renraku bus station. The station is three times the size of regular tunnel stations and large enough for 18 buses to load and unload passengers at one time. Eight elevators lead up to the mall. Security is extremely tight, with five guard booths and at least eight patrolling guards.

FLOORS B7 - 8

Renraku manufactures almost 20 percent of its large computers and computer hardware for the North American continent on these two floors. There are six employee elevators going up and eight freight elevators from the storage floors below to the docks above. Each floor has a cafeteria and clinic. Special tours visit this floor.

FLOORS B9 - 10

This floor is used for storage of computer parts and finished hardware and software products. The finished products are bundled and piled onto freight elevators up to the loading docks and piers, for delivery to distributors.

FLOOR B11

Renraku software is duplicated, tested, and packaged on this floor. Because most of the work is automated, few people are present. Tours visit this floor. Rumors tell of Orks having tunneled up to the walls of this floor and B12.

FLOOR B12

This entire floor is devoted to training guards and soldiers to defend the arcology with a minimum amount of force. There are several obstacle courses, designed to simulate the layout of different floors, plus classrooms, firing ranges, and gymnasiums.

FLOORS B13 - 15

Here is where huge tanks treat all the arcology's wastes for as much recycling as possible. What cannot be recycled is flushed into Puget Sound, much to the dismay of the city government and the Salish-Shidhe Council.

>>>>[Da burns.]<<<<<<
—Findler-Man (21:32:45/1-16-51)

FLOORS B16 - 17

These are aquaculture areas where Renraku's sea farmers grow fresh and salt water fish, crustaceans, and plants for consumption by the arcology's residents. Tours visit these floors.

>>>>[A recent flurry of rumors say that fish from Renraku's basement cultures are tainted with high concentrations of a metal toxin, and that many people have died or are seriously ill.]<<<<<<
—Connie Connoisseur (06:32:14/8-21-50)

>>>>[What? No body shops?]<<<<<<
—Galahad (13:29:03/2-04-51)

FLOORS B18 - 19

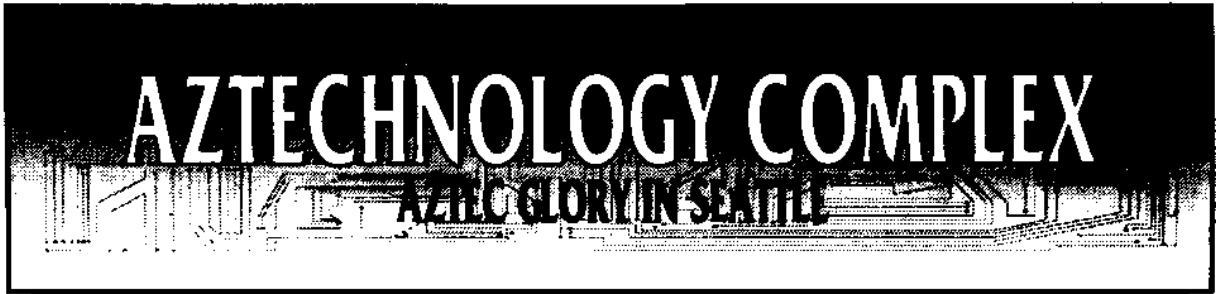
Surplus perishable food is kept in freezers on this floor.

FLOOR B20

Emergency headquarters and stronghold. Recent investigations, both matrix and physical, have revealed that floor B20 is for use by the corp's executives in case the arcology were under attack. There are four private elevators from the executive floors. Security is tight.

FLOOR B21

On this floor, Renraku uses three small fission plants to generate 70 percent of its electricity. Only one of the power plants is operating at any one time. Security around the three power plants is extreme.



PYRAMID AT A GLANCE

Main Entrance: Broadway Avenue East & East Harrison Street

Construction Started: 2022

Completed: 2030

Complex Dimensions: 500 meters by 500 meters (Main Building, 195 meters by 195 meters and 300 meters tall)

Floors: 72

Elevators: 50

Population: 5,000 permanent residents

Human: 72%

Elf: 13%

Dwarf: 2%

Ork: 11%

Troll: 1%

Other: 1%

Per Capita Income: 52,000¥

Below Poverty Level: <1%

On Fortune's Active Traders List: 2%

Corporate Affiliation: 99%

Voting Precincts: 0

Education:

<12 Years: 1%

High School: 26%

College Degree: 61%

Graduate Degree: 12%

Hospitals and Clinics: 6

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The buildings of the Aztechnology Northwest Complex are not the largest in Seattle, but they are easily among the most distinct. Modeled after the religious structures of the Aztec and Mayan people of centuries past, the complex of buildings is dominated by a central pyramid of fabulous design.

The huge friezes lining the walls of the central pyramid represent an amazing technical feat. They are constructed from half-meter thick slabs of artificially grown quartz crystal. A computer-driven laser system was used to carve images of the ancient Aztec and Mayan gods and heroes into the stone. The eighty slabs weigh ten tons each and were carefully fitted into grooves on the building's frame, then sealed with special adhesives.

By day, the friezes look like gray carved stone. After sundown, however, huge lights are turned on behind the carving, bringing the gray, stone figures suddenly to life with white and amber illumination. All night long, tourists crowd the dirigibles and helicopters that offer a chance to view the wondrously illuminated frieze as a whole.

>>>>>[Vice President Salvador Ramirez has been the division head of Aztechnology's northwest operations for the last ten years. He is a slick man, with the manners and looks to get him through almost any situation. Yet, he was once the corp's most feared assassin, who routinely murdered any government official standing in the way of business. Though Ramirez maintains his cool in public, he is rumored to have an explosive temper.

The division has not fared well under his control, seeing only a paltry 7 percent growth in general sales in recent years. The one bright spot has been the 15 percent increase in weapons sale, due in large part to the division's alliance with the Weapons World chain of firearm stores. Aztechnology guns and flak suits have been selling well, but its electronics products have lost 15 percent of the market share to Renraku and Mitsuhamma. Add to these woes Aztechnology's failed attempt to take control of Federated-Boeing in 2048.

Ramirez must have been enraged when his superiors in Atzlan stepped in without consulting him last December, firing and replacing two of his department heads. We hear that Ramirez took the Atzlan action as an insult that he hopes to pay back by seizing control of the megacorp.

Emilio Pascua is the assistant vice president in charge of the distribution and sale of Aztechnology food and home appliances. He was one of the replacements sent to turn around Aztechnology's falling sales in Seattle and the surrounding lands. The fact that President Juan Atzcapotzalco personally appointed Pascua indicates that the young, good-looking man is being groomed for future advancement. The rumors of a rift between Ramirez and Pascua are not surprising.

President Atzcapotzalco sent Maria Cruzan to revive the company's ailing electronics division. She is a skilled businesswoman with a strong background in electronics and psychology. She spent her first few months studying

the performance of distributors of Aztechnology products and owners of Aztechnology stores, promoting some and firing others. Among those fired were Ramirez friends and supporters.

Avelino Galvez is the assistant vice president in charge of the local manufacture and distribution of Aztechnology weapons and vehicles. Tall and thin, with dark curly hair and a cyber right arm, he is a veteran of Aztechnology's military. The recent firings and rumors of coming changes have shaken Galvez and left him wondering whether he should retire or move to another corp.]<<<<<<

—Nuyen Nick (13:54:18/9-30-50)

>>>>>[I think Ramirez will conduct a purge of all major department heads in the next year or two, getting rid of anyone not loyal to him. He will probably then move on to attack, not the President, but Carlos Rivera, Vice President in charge of Northern Hemisphere Operations.

Many in the Pyramid are staunchly loyal to President Atzcapotzalco, including the majority of the company's local military forces. There is also the strong possibility that sleeper agents may be activated by the home office to kill Ramirez.]<<<<<<

—Smiley (23:46:43/10-10-50)

>>>>>[Reynaldo Martinez is the head of security in Seattle. He is also responsible for gathering information about the company's competitors, enemies, and employees whose loyalty is questionable.

Reynaldo Martinez has almost one battalion of soldiers from the Fifth Leopard Guards at his disposal. In addition to 1,000 guards and "secret service" agents. Under his leadership, the Leopard Guards have embarked on a program of vigorous training, conducting urban combat drills in various areas of the Redmond and Puyallup Barrens owned by Aztechnology and slated for demolition. A new program to heighten the physical fitness of the troops is the ostensible explanation for the sudden increase in military activity.]<<<<<<

—Smiley (14:03:08/11-27-50)

>>>>>[I've heard that there's dissension in the ranks of the local Leopards and that the relentless drilling is the company's way of dealing with it. According to inside sources, the soldiers are so split between support for Ramirez or for the President that fights, even fatal ones, have become common.]<<<<<<

—Sergeant York (18:27:32/12-23-50)

>>>>>[Most of what the Sarge says is true, but since the purge of disloyal members, things should improve. The people should also know that the Leopards are currently testing a new riot-control vehicle and a courier panzer.]<<<<<<

—Anonymous (23:14:51/1-28-51)

>>>>>[One of my first business contacts was with a George Koontz of the Research and Development Department within Aztechnology. He spoke of having designed a new computerized water valve system, one that my superiors in the Sallish-Shidhe Council would be very interested in. I arrived at the Aztechnology Complex two days later, only to be informed that Mr. Koontz' employment had been "terminated." When I asked to meet with his successor, the guard at the front desk simply said that that would not be possible.]<<<<<<

—Tarian Greenbough (11:15:29/2-19-51)

>>>>>[FLOOR DIRECTORY

Got this info from a chummer with a debt problem. It turned out to be thinner data than I thought, so I'm putting it up for the world to see, such as it is.]<<<<<<

—Fast Jack (11:34:21/1-18-51)

TOP FLOOR, "THE TEMPLE"

The richly appointed offices of Aztechnology Northwest are housed within the carved surface of the temple-like structure on the roof of the Pyramid. It has richly furnished offices for the Vice President, his secretaries, and a huge boardroom with the latest electronic display devices. Outside the Temple is a landing pad for helicopters and tilt-engine aircraft. The security measures to protect the Temple include several anti-aircraft guns and missile batteries hidden in the corners of the roof.

>>>>>[I hear the roof pad is used for blood sacrifices on certain Mayan holy days. (Yuk-yuk)]<<<<<<

—Seven-toed Slim (15:54:17/2-1-51)

FLOORS 72 - 71

Offices of the Board of Directors.

FLOORS 70 - 65

Offices of upper-level management. Every office has an adjoining Jacuzzi.

FLOOR 64

Mid-level management and security operate out of this floor. A unit of Leopard Guards waits in full combat gear for any alarm. If called upon, the soldiers take special elevators whose hidden doors open into the walls of all of the floors.

FLOORS 63 - 60

Luxury and upper-class housing.

FLOORS 59 - 50

Middle-class housing.

FLOORS 49 - 47

Offices.

FLOORS 46 - 45

Residences, libraries, and labs of corporate magicians. Aztechnology's mages live and do much of their research on these floors, so all kinds of magical manifestations are common in the corridors. They say that stepping off the elevator anywhere on Floors 44 and 45 is like entering the Twilight Zone.

Laboratories are little more than bare rooms whose walls and doors are vault-thick and wired with microphones and cameras to capture every second of a magician's attempt to cast a new spell. If the results are good, the magician is guaranteed a substantial boost in prestige, position, and pay. If the results are bad, as is common, an emergency team of master magicians neutralizes the errant spell, and the remains of the casting magician are removed to make the room ready for the next experiment.

>>>>>[By the way, the magical security around the upper levels of the Pyramid are said to be second only to the security present in the computer systems. And we know how nasty those Aztech mages get.]<<<<<<

—Johnny Fever (04:23:51/1-19-51)

FLOORS 44 - 40

Offices.

FLOORS 38 - 39

Mail for residents of the Pyramid.

FLOORS 37 - 20

Offices.

FLOORS 10 - 19

Offices.

FLOORS 1 - 9

Reception area and offices.

These floors are used for meetings between Aztechnology officials and VIPs. Aztechnology spares no expense to impress, so each floor has spacious offices, grand meeting rooms, several excellent restaurants, and several mall areas where clients can buy Aztechnology products at wholesale prices. The public can tour only the first floor, where most of the stores are located.

FLOORS B1 - 3

Garage for employee vehicles.

FLOORS B4 - 7

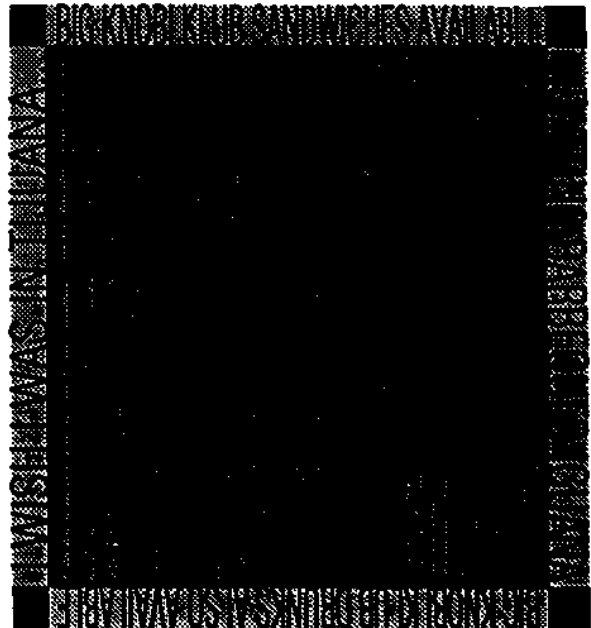
New products built by both Aztechnology and the competition are analyzed here by researchers and advertising experts. They decide how best to package and promote products and how to attack those of the competition.

**FLOORS B8 - 10**

Little is known about these floors except that all are in constant use and are guarded by members of the Leopard Guards.

>>>>>[I work at the Pyramid in the motor pool section. I've seen huge trucks enter basement floors 8, 9, and 10, carrying what looks to be parts of some huge machines and tarp-covered vehicles. The trucks then leave the building without their cargo. On various occasions, I've seen squads of Leopards entering Floor 8, and once, an ambulance carried one of them away.]<<<<<<

—Anonymous (09:48:59/2-01-51)



COUNCIL ISLAND

ISLAND OF WILDERNESS AND DIPLOMACY

COUNCIL ISLAND AT A GLANCE

Island Size: Approximately 25 square kilometers

Population: 3,000

Human: 34%

Elf: 32%

Dwarf: 4%

Ork: 21%

Troll: 4%

Other: 5%

Population Density: Approximately 120 per square kilometer

Per Capita Income: 65,000¥ per year

Below Poverty Level: 0%

Persons Rated on Fortune's Active Traders List: 1%

Persons of Corporate Affiliation: 2%

Education:

<12 years: 0%

High School Equivalency: 15%

College Equivalency: 56%

Advanced Studies Certificates: 29%

Hospitals and Clinics: 2

LTG Access Number: 2206-CI

Visitors to Council Island sometimes feel that they have been cast back into a distant time when man lived in harmony with nature. The island's buildings are constructed from rough-hewn logs, the government officials wear handwoven garments, and trees are everywhere. This feeling of escape to a simpler time usually lasts until you run into a bureaucrat carrying a portable computer or notice the solar collectors on the roofs of the log buildings or hear the sounds of downtown Seattle only minutes away.

Even before the Awakening, the large island in the middle of Lake Washington was a beautiful place. It was called Mercer Island then, and the city's wealthy liked to build their palatial homes on the island's evergreen-covered hills. When the Treaty of Denver ceded Mercer Island to the Salish-Shidhe Council for use as their embassy in Seattle, they renamed the island and embarked on an ambitious project to transform it.

Most of the modern buildings and roads were torn down, with Salish and Shidhe buildings erected in place of the luxurious homes. Where roads once divided the island, the Council nurtured forests and woodlands. Where sparrows might once have been considered wildlife, raccoons, deer hawks, and smaller, paranatural animals now roam freely. It takes a small army of botanists, ornithologists, and veterinarians to tend to the island's wildlife, and there is a never-ending battle against air and water pollution.

Getting to Council Island might take some time and effort, but it is worth the visit to experience a kind of return to nature.

>>>>>[There is little crime on Council Island, mainly because of the island's small population and the Salish bureaucracy's thoroughness in screening visitors. The Council strictly regulates the number of Seattlites allowed on Council Island at any one time. Visitors who have not made an appointment are turned back at the Intercity 90 exit, or else put on the first ferry to Seattle. Those with reservations, but who are known members of polluting or racist organizations, are also barred admittance. Even those whose datafiles pass inspection must submit to a search for contraband and weapons before they can set foot on the island.

Massive security roadblocks along the highway and docks are meant to stop criminals from entering disguised as tourists. Despite the risk, burglars find the homes of wealthy diplomats too much to resist. To combat the problem, Chief Walter Mallea and his Council Island Police enforce heavy security.

Surprisingly, go-gangs of motorized thugs have managed to force their way onto the island over the years. In 2041, the Leather Devils succeeded in breaching Island security and went on a rampage that left more than 50 dead before Island Police, aided by the UCC and Lone Star Rapid Deployment teams, finally drove them off. Since then, the Council has constructed pillboxes on either side of the Intercity 90 exit, while armored Metroplex Guard units cruise the highway. Despite the beefed-up security, go-gangs still create havoc from time to time.]<<<<<

—Smiley (06:23:49/01-11-51)

>>>>[I was always frustrated when it came to dealing with the Council Island Police. They're so damned secretive about what's happening on the Island that it was nearly impossible to coordinate anything with them. Then they blame us if we don't show up the instant trouble arrives! If they'd allow Seattle to build a small police station or communication center on the island, things would not be in such a perpetual state of confusion between the two forces. Nevertheless, Lone Star rates the whole Island with an A rating.]<<<<<

—SPD (09:01:25/01-21-51)

GEOGRAPHY

Council Island is approximately 25 square kilometers of land rising up from the depths of Lake Washington. The only way to reach the island by automobile is via the Intercity bridge. The other way in is by ferry from various points along the shore of Lake Washington.

There are only 3,000 inhabitants on Council Island. Many are diplomats and their families from the Salish-Shidhe Council and other Native American Nations, the rest are the rangers and scientists who care for the island's wildlife. The only non-Native American residents are veterinarians from the University of Washington, translators, chauffeurs, and others whose services are vital to the Council's functioning.

POLITICS

Jon Moses, the Salish-Shidhe Council ambassador to Seattle, is Chief of Council Island. His second is Lady Laura Drywell of the Wenatchee Elf tribe. Sidwell Tamahnous, a Salish shaman who was educated at the University of Washington, advises both on Seattle and its politics.

Those who work on Council Island are divided into three groups. The first are the diplomats, who represent the Salish-Shidhe in negotiations with the city government and the megacorporations.

Bureaucrats are the second large group on Council Island. Their task is keeping up with the daily flood of red tape, as well as greeting and guiding visitors to the island. They are usually kind and courteous.

The rest of the island's inhabitants are foresters, biologists, and shamans. They care care for and control the island's wildlife, conduct tours, and carry on research. They are also responsible for monitoring the pollutants in the air and water of Seattle to see that the city lives up to its environmental treaties with the Council.

>>>>[Chief Moses has represented the Salish-Shidhe Council and the rest of the Native American Nations for years. However, some of his people believe he should step down in favor of someone younger.

Most of this sentiment comes from a growing militant faction in favor of the Salish-Shidhe becoming more forceful in its dealings with Seattle. They believe that Chief Moses's pragmatic approach to such issues as polluted Council lands, illegal immigrants from the city, and intrusions by corporate militaries and shadowrunners have weakened the Council. They are particularly concerned with the rising tide of racism against Elves and Native Americans in the city.]<<<<<

—Smiley (21:14:07/12-16-50)

>>>>[I'm neither a Native American nor an Elf, and I don't know much about them, but I do work on Council Island. We've been hearing a lot of rumors lately that the Makah and Crow diplomats are smuggling weapons onto the island to protect themselves from go-gangs. I also hear that some of the younger warriors intend to carry out operations against polluters or racist polidubs. I've even heard that they intend to remove the Chief from office.]<<<<<

—Anonymous (19:21:15/12-22-50)

>>>>[Many here in Seattle speak of Council Island as little more than a playground of the S-S Council. How wrong they all are.]<<<<<

—Tartan Greenbough (11:15:44/2-19-51)

PLACES OF INTEREST

HOTELS

Council Island Inn (#13 J)

Luxury Hotel Archetype (3 floors)/Roanoke Way/Kenneth Kale, Manager/No Racial Bias/LTG# 2206-CI (82-1204).

An attractive hotel set on the shore of Council Island, the Inn is usually reserved for the Ambassador's guests and other diplomats.

>>>>[The hotel is a luxurious mix of glitter and natural materials. The rooms are adorned with Native American and Metahuman art, most of which is priceless. Not surprisingly, hotel security is very tight.]<<<<<

—Connie Connoisseur (18:29:51/12-16-50)

>>>>[But sometimes not tight enough. Last week, thieves stole a jade Elvish sculpture by Louis Wyome, a painting by Sam Caim Waters, and a Salish ceremonial mask inlaid with gold and jewels. The Island Police have kept the lid on the story, hoping to catch the thieves before word leaks out. They think it was an inside job. I overheard the manager telling the police chief about finding a secret tunnel in the basement.]<<<<<

—Molly the Island Maid (04:22:00/12-19-50)

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Council Island LTC# 2206-CI (82-8663)

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RESTAURANTS & BARS

Friendship Restaurant (#13 D)

Large Restaurant and Bar Archetypes/SE Twenty-second Street/Daniel Illahie, Manager/No Racial Bias/LTG# 2206-CI (82-8663).

This wonderful, family-style restaurant serves some of the finest natural foods on the Pacific coast. The credit goes, of course, to Chef Vivian Whirlwind, a wizard with trout, salmon, crab, and shellfish dishes. Even more amazing is that a huge meal costs only 10 nuyen!

>>>>>[The Council would like to raise the price to 20 nuyen, but they know their customers have come to expect a good but cheap natural meal, and would protest. Sever major restaurant corporations have been attempting to lure Vivian Whirlwind to their employ, from even as far away as Hong Kong.]<<<<<

—Connie Connaisseur (21:17:20/12-24-50)

SALISH-SHIDHE LODGES

Aquaculture Lodge (#14 D)

Seventy-first Street SE/Dr. Carol Pehpah, Chief of Island Aquaculture/No Racial Bias/LTG# 2206-CI (82-0630).

The Salish-Shidhe raise a variety of salmon and trout fingerlings that they imprint with the water from local creeks and streams. The fish are then released in hopes they will return to spawn in the local streams in three or four years. The lodge is also responsible for monitoring the lake's health.

Eagle Lodge (#14 B)

Island Crest Way & Sixty-eighth Street SE/Chief Martin Walks Strong, Chief of Eagle Lodge/No Racial Bias/LTG# 2206-CI (82-1167).

The Council raises rare eagles, hawks, and falcons here in a huge netted aviary, for eventual release into the wild. Outside the aviary are several nesting pairs of bald and golden eagles that have adopted Eagle Lodge's craggy roof for nesting.

Grand Council Lodge (#13 D)

Thirty-second Street SE & Seventy-eighth Avenue SE/LTG# 2206-CI (82-6785).

The ambassador and his staff work in this large building. No one without a pass will get by the guards at the front entrance.

>>>>[In the eight years I've worked on Council Island, I have heard many rumors about secret passages in the Grand Council Lodge. I never believed any of it until I was cleaning just beyond Grand Council Room one day. Hearing a sound, I looked up to see Chief Moses enter the chamber from a hidden door behind his desk. Apparently, he didn't see me. After he left the room, I went in and managed to find the trigger to open the door. The passage led straight to Chief Moses' office.]<<<<<

—A Sallsh Nobody (09:16:32/12-30-50)

Medicine Lodge Hollow (#14 J)

At the center of Council Island is a wondrous clearing dedicated to a large number of totems. This is one of the most frequented areas on Council Island, visited by both the faithful and the curious. All that is asked in return for use of the medicine lodges is a small donation.

>>>>[While wonderful as a place of reverence, the medicine lodges are not personal enough for use by a true shaman, though many have claimed significant results from magic attempted in the area.]<<<<<

—Lancer(13:18:59/12-05-50)

Museum Lodge (#13 J)

Thirtieth Street SE & Seventy-eighth Avenue SE/Dr. Gregory Ipshoot, Curator/No Racial Bias/LTG# 2206-CI (82-1098).

This small but thorough museum chronicles the histories of the Pacific Northwest Native American tribes.

Passport Lodge (#13 J)

Thirty-second Street SE & Seventy-seventh Avenue SE/Chief Curtis Halaki, Chief of Passport Lodge/No Racial Bias/LTG# 2206-CI (82-3780).

This large lodge, with its maze of rooms, is where the Council conducts most of its business with Seattle. It is here that one obtains passes to the Council lands, and immigration visas.

>>>>[If you don't want to put up with the hassle and security checks of an official pass, call LTG# 2206 (52-2657). For the small fee of 200 nuyen, I'll give you the name of a helpful employee in the passport lodge who will take good care of you.]<<<<<

—Friend of the Common Man (23:51:29/12-29-50)

>>>>[Don't fall for this scam, folks. I'll bet my last nuyen that this "friend of the common man" is either a con man or a lunatic who'll slit you eight ways to Sunday and sell your remains to body shops around the city. If you're too desperate to listen to me, at least don't arrange a face-to-face with this joker without taking along plenty of muscle and iron.]<<<<<

—SPD (15:24:56/01-01-51)

OTHER LOCATIONS

MEDICAL

Council Island Hospital (#13 J)

Hospital Archetype (2 floors)/Thirtieth SE & Island Crest Way/Drive Joseph Mowitz, Chief Administrator/No Racial Bias/LTG# 2206-CI (82-3024).

A small but excellently run hospital that does not charge for treatment given to patients who take ill while visiting the island.

>>>>[Many features set this hospital apart from the rest of the care centers in Seattle. In keeping with Elven and Native American styles, most rooms are circular, paneled with dark wood, and scented with continuously burning incense. Medical treatment here is holistic, aimed at healing both the patient's physical and mental state.]<<<<<

—Doc U-Dub (05:07:49/12-25-50)

>>>>[The hospital does considerable research into pollution-related diseases and injuries, with talk that the Council may form Hazardous Material Teams (Hazmat Teams) to work alongside those of Seattle. Corporations are always trying to entice the hospital's doctors away from the island and into the private sector.]<<<<<

—Nurse Friday (10:18:54/12-28-50)

South Island Clinic (#14 J)

Hospital Archetype (1 floor)/Island Crest Way & SE Sixty-eighth Street/Dr. Andrew Mandjlkov, Chief Administrator/No Racial Bias/LTG# 2206-CI (82-6327).

>>>>[I hear Dr. Mandjlkov is an escapee from one of the East European "countries", where the secret police were very interested in him.]<<<<<

—Inquiring Mind (12:57:18/12-21-50)

BELLEVUE

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BELLEVUE AT A GLANCE

District Size: Approximately 242 square kilometers

Population: 209,000

Human: 63%

Elf: 13%

Dwarf: 2%

Ork: 19%

Troll: 2%

Other: 1%

Population Density: Approximately 860 per square kilometer

Per Capita Income: 110,000*

Below Poverty Level: 19%

On Fortune's Active Traders List: 1%

Corporate Affiliation: 89%

Voting Precincts: 2

Education:

<12 years: 21%

High School Equivalency: 29%

College Equivalency: 31%

Advanced Studies Certificates: 19%

Hospitals and Clinics: 11

LTG Access Number: 9206

Bellevue has always been a favorite retreat for Seattle's rich and powerful. Before the Awakening, the district's forested hills were a favorite place for building homes away from the crowds and noise of downtown Seattle. Bellevue still has that air of pristine beauty, though the trees have long since been stripped away and replaced with forests of apartment towers.

A quick tour of Bellevue's elegant business center reveals that computers and microtronics are responsible for the area's wealth and reputation. Not only is the district home to the offices of Mikrodeck, but computer giants such as Fuchi Industrial Electronics also maintain important business and research facilities here as well.

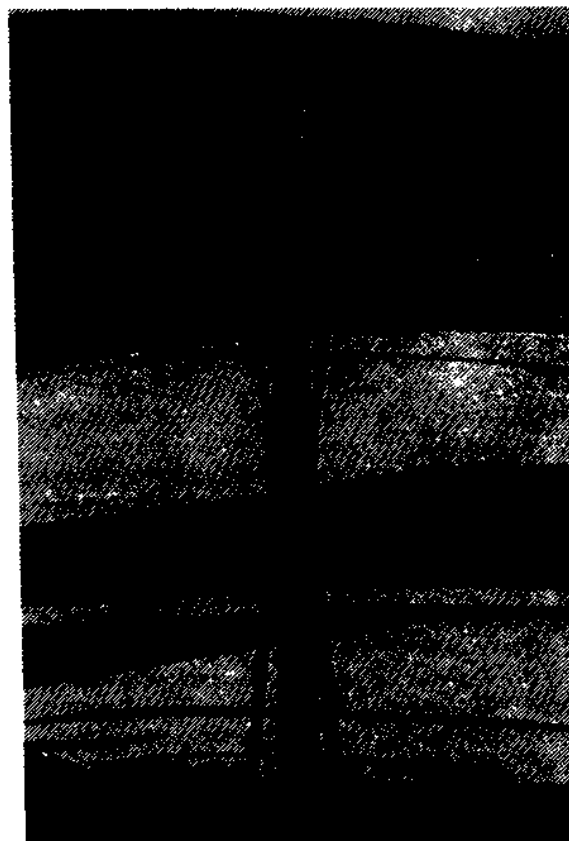
Expect to spend at least half a day seeing the sights of the district, maybe even the evening in the many excellent restaurants, trideo theaters, and night spots.

>>>>>[I don't know about you, but I think people in Bellevue are every bit as snobby as their reputation. Whenever I see someone in a Neo-Shaker shirt, a Fellini-Med breather, or Whitelaw electric sunglasses, I know they're from Bellevue. They're just too rich, too hip, and too goddamn slotted-up for their own good.]<<<<<<

—Anonymous (21:39:51/21-18-50)

GEOGRAPHY AND DEMOGRAPHICS

The landscape of Bellevue is dominated by rolling hills and deep-water lakes. Having been mostly stripped of their trees, the hills have suffered a fearful toll from erosion. Only a few still offer their turn-of-the-century forests and spectacular views of downtown.



The waters of Lake Washington form the western edge of Bellevue, while Lake Sammamish defines most of its eastern edge. Both lakes provide much of the metroplex's drinking water, as well as being the source of many recreational activities. The lakes are connected to one another by the Dixie Lee Ray Lake Tunnelway System, a complex system of locks and tunnels.

Access to Bellevue from downtown Seattle is limited. The Intercity 520 and the Intercity 90 bridges are the most direct connection between the two districts, but traffic jams them most of the day. Air traffic is often just as heavy.

According to the last city census, there are more than 200,000 people living in Bellevue. Not surprisingly, the adults are well-educated, with more than half at least college graduates. Metahumans comprise a third of the district's population. Bellevue is predominantly a mix of Scandinavian and Japanese cultures, with a smattering of Chinese, Koreans, and a small but significant number of Africans.

>>>>>[White-collar crime is the vice of choice here in Bellevue. The money coming into the district because of the high-tech corporations is a mighty powerful temptation. Not a day goes by without word of at least one district official being arrested or under investigation for embezzling.

All this money floating around has attracted the Yakuza and the Mafia, too. Both own plenty of businesses in the district, which operate as fronts to fence and launder their illegal gains.

Ethnos is the purported *oyabun* of Bellevue's largest and most powerful Yakuza clan, while Jefferson Higa is said to be *capo* of its Mafia. Both are experienced and respected businessmen, as well as ruthless crime leaders.

The Seoupa Rings in Bellevue dominate prostitution and chip-pushing, taking up rackets that the Mafia and Yakuza consider small-time. Because of the high volume of business, the Seoupas have been able to drop some of their characteristic secrecy in favor of a business structure, much like the notorious syndicates. Of the five known Bellevue Rings, the Phantom Lakers, led by the charismatic David Ockrassa, and Karen Pok Moon's Divine Revenge are the largest.

The Leather Devils and the 405 Hellhounds are the largest go-gangs in the district. The intersection of the highways near Factoria is a favorite battleground. At least twice a month, the two gangs lock horns, fouling up traffic throughout the district and littering the highway with broken bodies and burning vehicles.

The Lake Acids is a new go-gang that appeared in Bellevue four months ago. Seemingly to come from nowhere, they beat the stuffing out of the Chaos Brigade for control of Intercity 520. The Acids' ability to show so much muscle so quickly suggests that they may be getting serious financial help from outside.]<<<<<

—Bellevue Lone Ranger (03-21-05/12-4-50)

>>>>>[The Lone Ranger is pretty much on target about crime in Bellevue. You don't have to be poor and desperate to be a criminal. I've been hearing that the Lake Acids ride Raptors carrying professionally mounted weapons. That could be the lead somebody needs to track down their backer.]<<<<<

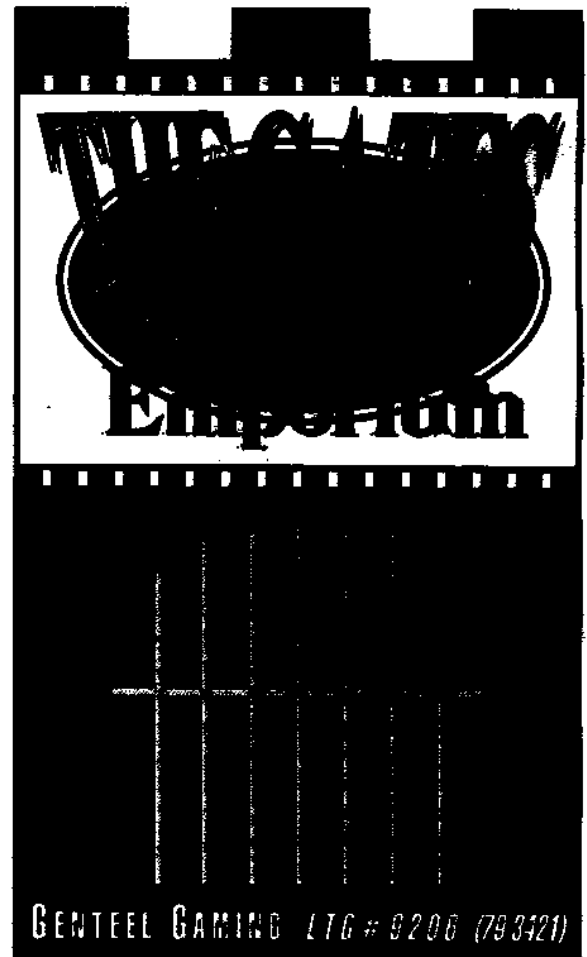
—SPD (14:51:18/12-21-50)

>>>>>[The Lake Acids have a warehouse where they store most of their gear. It's at the intersection of 88th Avenue and NE Points Drive. But watch out, it's heavily guarded by bikers with heavy iron, and at least one cybered-up dog. The dog can hear you coming from a kilometer away, see your neck in the blackest night, and make a rabid pit bull seem tame by comparison.]<<<<<

—Anonymous (04:50:49/12-28-50)

>>>>>[I live in the neighborhood of Newcastle where the local Block Association recently purchased a new contract with Knight-Errant Security Services for additional police protection. Apparently, equal protection under the law gives way to who has the most money.]<<<<<

—Tarlan Greenbough (11:16:03/2-19-51)



POLITICS

The Mayor of Bellevue is Tian C. Campbell. During his eight years in office, Mayor Campbell has vigorously supported all efforts to increase Bellevue's steady economic growth.

>>>>Tian Campbell may not be such a shoe-in for a third term as everyone seems to think. He is currently under investigation for two major scandals, either of which could remove him from office, possibly even lead to his death.

The Bellevue Vista Mall was supposed to be a major shopping center in the district's northern section. In early 2049, the mall's president suddenly disappeared, along with some 65 million nuyen, making the abandoned construction site one of the world's most expensive holes in the ground. This put Mayor Campbell, an avid supporter of the project and its president, on the hot seat. Investigators from Lone Star and the Metroplex Attorney General's office are currently sifting through records to learn whether the mayor may have illegally used his position to coerce the district into approving construction of the mall. They are also looking into his personal financial records to discover any unusually large credits during the past year.

The other cloud hanging over Mayor Campbell's head involves his friendship with Karen Pok Moon, suspected leader of the Divine Revenge Seoulpa Ring. Campbell insists the two were only acquaintances back in college, and that he hasn't seen Moon since. Witnesses swear they have seen the mayor and Moon together recently. Campbell's opponents say he gave her privileged information concerning local businesses. Is it mere coincidence that many of these businesses have since fallen victim to acts of crime and sabotage?

Aside from these woes, the mayor also faces charges by his critics that he is a puppet of the shadowy United Corporation Council, making them the real power in government.

The United Corporation Council began as a chamber of commerce, where business leaders gathered for informal discussion of relevant issues. The UCC quickly outgrew this innocent charter. Its members now use their considerable economic and political clout in ways both legal and illegal. They are particularly strong in Bellevue, where a permanent UCC "observer" is on duty in the District Council chambers at all times. One word from this observer can pass or kill a law. There are also reports that the UCC has given city officials, including the mayor, gifts and credits in exchange for support of UCC-sponsored bills.]<<<<<

—Smiley (23:40:54/11-27-50)

>>>>[I've been suspicious of the UCC ever since it was created. Corporations already have too much power. Letting them band together is like tying together sticks of high-explosive to see what would happen. If I were governor, I would have put an end to that club of mega-rich goons a long time ago.]<<<<<

—SPD (18:39:10/12-19-50)

>>>>[Not many people know that a hotline in the Mayor's office runs straight into UCC offices.]<<<<<

—Anonymous (13:51:20/12-22-50)

ECONOMY

The computer and microelectronics industries have been the bedrock of Bellevue's economy for over a century. Microdeck, Fuchi, Mitsuhamu, and Renraku, giants of the industry, all have factories and research labs in the district. Such secondary industries as independent computer labs and think tanks, retail outlets, transportation, and entertainment companies also play a part in the district's economy.

This heavy reliance on one industry does tend to make the economy cyclical in nature. Fortunately, computers are such an integral part of the world that the last serious threat to the district's economy occurred back in 2029, when computers all over the globe began to crash.

NEIGHBORHOODS

>>>>[I've added Lone Star's Security Ratings for all neighborhoods listed below.]<<<<<

—SPD (10:17:54/12-30-50)

	Security Rating
Inglewood: Upper Class	AA
Bothell: Lower-Middle Class	B
Juanita: Upper Class	AA
Kirkland: Middle Class	A
Yarrow Point: Upper Class	AA
Hunts Point: Luxury Class	AAA
Medina: Upper Class	AA
Clyde Hill: Middle Class	A
Bellevue: Middle Class	A - B
Redmond: Lower Class	C
Beaux Arts: Luxury Class	AAA
Rosemont Beach: Luxury Class	AAA
Vasa Park: Luxury Class	AAA
Newport: Middle Class	A - B
East Gate: Lower Class	C
Newcastle: Lower Class	C
May Creek: Lower Class	C
Coalfield: Lower Class	C
Regency Park: Luxury Class	AAA

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PLACES OF INTEREST

HOTELS

Bellevue Hilton (#12 J)

Luxury Hotel Archetype(20 floors)/100 - 112th Avenue NE/Arthur Ralsoni, Manager/No Racial Bias/LTG# 9206 (74-0475).

The Bellevue Hilton is the best bet on Bellevue's Hotel Row. It has three restaurants and is located near a local health club.

Greenwoods Inn (#11 K)

Luxury Hotel Archetype(12 floors)/625 - 116th Avenue NE/ Harold Slach, Manager/Subtle Bias Against Metahumans/LTG# 9206 (74-6862).

The hotel offers little in the way of scenic views, but its rooms, restaurants, and service still make it one of the best in the business.

>>>>>[Bellevue Sleep & Eat (#13 L)

Cheap Hotel Archetype(8 'floors')/381 West Lake Sammamish Parkway SE/They hate everybody/Michelle Kudrick, Owner/LTG# 9206 (74-4708) (When the bill's paid, anyway.)

This hotel offers a panoramic view of an abandoned warehouse. The rooms are infested with all manner of animal and human parasites. That's the sleep part. The eat part you'll have to find out for yourself.]<<<<<<

—Barracuda (17:19:04/12-20-50)

>>>>>[Owned by the Phantom Lake Ring, this is home to many of the district's chipheads and drug addicts. It's also where many shadowrunners go to hide out until the heat dies down. If you're dying for a place to stay, or just looking for a place to die, this may be the it.]<<<<<<

—The Bellevue Lone Ranger (03:01:40/12-25-50)

RESTAURANTS AND BARS

Bellevue Crab House (#12 J)

Mid-size Restaurant Archetype/Main Street & 108th Avenue NE/Benita Paolino, Manager/No Racial Bias/LTG# 9206 (78-8197).

This excellent first-class seafood restaurant is in the heart of the district's business center.

Ezell's Southern Accent (#9 J)

Small Restaurant and Bar Archetypes/100th Avenue NE & 116th Place NE/Ezell Kapsch, Owner/No Racial Bias/LTG# 9206 (77-1663).

In spite of the rather shabby exterior, the Confederate cuisine served at this family-style restaurant is first-rate.

The Mogul (#12 J)

Large Restaurant and Bar Archetypes/NE Eighth Street & 108th Avenue NE/Hoshlar Pahal, Owner/No Racial Bias/LTG# 9206 (78-0862)

This is one of the best Indian restaurants in the city. It has a cozy interior, a large menu, and modest prices. The lunch-hour buffet is one of the best bargains around. Hoshlar Pahal is a skilled master of the Hindu-Shaman tradition, who sometimes entertains his guests with demonstrations of his skill.

>>>>The Mogul is a favorite of the district's more well-to-do mages and the occasional shaman.<<<<<<
—Connie Connaisseur (19:32:18/12-16-50)

The Silver Fools (#10 J)

Small Restaurant and Bar Archetypes/Market Street & Fourteenth Avenue NW/Clare Myles, Manager/No Racial Bias/LTG# 9206 (78-5078).

The interior of this modest eatery is spacious, dark, and private. The soy is great, as is the beer.

>>>>[The backroom of The Silver Fools has a lot of high-powered computer equipment. What it's doing there is anybody's guess.]<<<<<<
—The Dead Decker's Society (19:17:38/12-29-50)

>>>>[Bellevue Four House (#11 K)]

Bar Archetype/NE 40th Street & 148th Avenue NE/Howard "In Your Face" Troxell, Owner/No Racial Bias/LTG# 9206 (77-1806) (It's a credphone.)

The Friday Night Fights are a must, as are the Tuesday night Stuppy Soy Wrestling Matches.]<<<<<<
—Findler-Man (16:42:19/01-18-51)

>>>>[If someone didn't know that this was a major hangout of shadowrunners, he'd swear it was just another condemned building. It's tough to get past the bouncer unless he knows you.]<<<<<<
—Connie Connaisseur (18:01:04/01-23-51)

>>>>[Chip truth, lady, you ain't gonna find one shadowrunner in the place. Not here. It's too classy]<<<<<<
—Findler-Man (20:49:16/02-04-51)

TOURIST ATTRACTIONS

Bellevue Art Museum (#12 J)

Bellevue Square, Eighth Street NE & Bellevue Way/Amanda Klineburger, Curator/No Racial Bias/LTG# 9206 (75-9369).

This bright, three-story museum sits at the north corner of the mall and displays one of the best collections of artwork on the Pacific coast. Its prize is the fabulous Ruby Bosatsu, a meter-high gold statue of a Buddhist saint with an egg-sized ruby in its crown.

Bellevue Square (#12 J)

Shopping Mall Archetype (5 floors)/Eighth Street NE & Bellevue Way/Frover Foster, Mall Association President/No Racial Bias/LTG# 9206 (79-5995).

Bellevue Square was built in the late 1960s, making it one of the city's oldest shopping malls. It is also the largest and most popular in the district. Two nightclubs, Angel Express and Dragon's Roar, attract local celebrities.

>>>>[The resident Yakuza clan controls the Angel Express and the Bellevue Mafia runs the Dragon's Roar. The mall also has two body shops, a Whole New You and a Body-Tech. Both are reputed to have on staff at all times a doctor or two who are willing to conveniently lose a patient's records, given the right monetary incentive.]<<<<<<

—Bellevue Benson (09:17:15/01:23:50)

>>>>[If all is well in Bellevue, why are there so many beggars at the mall?]<<<<<<
—Tarlán Greenbough (11:16:33/2-19-51)

Main Place Arcade (#12 J)

Shopping Mall Archetype (2 floors)/112th Avenue SE & Main Street/Marian Trenary, Mall Association President/Bias Against Metahumans/LTG 9206 (78-9488).

The Main Place Arcade lies in the heart of Bellevue's old city, whose turn-of-the-century flavor has been carefully preserved. The mall is full of small shops featuring the handiwork of local craftsmen and merchants.

>>>>Residents of the neighborhood who want to preserve the old way of life strongly encourage Metahumans to live and work elsewhere. From this comes rumors of anti-Metahuman polyclubs flourishing in this part of town. The arcade has one tech store and one body shop, either of which is second-rate, at best.]<<<<<<

—Connie Connaisseur (21:16:30/12-29-50)

>>>>[I've heard that police from several racist groups use the arcade's storerooms for meetings.]<<<<<<
—Anonymous (10:17:16/01-12-51)

>>>>[Yeah, you could walk around the street here in your hood and no one would give you a second glance.]<<<<<<

—Skinner (15:42:19/01-20-51)

Thomas Vintners (#12 K)

1717 - 136th Place NE/Janus and Erik Thomas, Owner/
LTC# 9206 (75-6805).

This is Seattle's only winery. Thomas Vintners is 100 years old, and produces wine that rivals the best of France or California. The vineyards are covered with a dome and the air kept clean with the latest technology. Tours are conducted daily and include tastings of Thomas wines.

>>>>[Pressure has been building for the Thomas brothers to sell their land to commercial developers. One or more of the interested developers has resorted to violence in an attempt to persuade the brothers to sell.]<<<<<
—SPD (19:51:10/12-29-50)

>>>>[As a group of devoted lovers of the grape, we are outraged at what's happening to the Thomas Vintners. That's why we've decided to pool our money together and hire seven of the best runners to help defend their business. Those interested in helping should call LTC# 9206 (75-2773.)<<<<<

—Wine Lovers United (19:41:10/01-02-51)

OTHER LOCATIONS**GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS****Bellevue District Courthouse (#12 J)**

Bellevue Way SE & Main Street/LTC# 9206 (75-5448).

Bellevue District Hall (#12 K)

1151 East Main Street/LTC# 9206 (75-4844).

District Hall is large, bright, and airy building whose construction was completed just last summer.

>>>>[It also has the latest in computer security systems.]<<<<<

—SPD (05:18:54/11-24-50)

Bellevue Correctional Facility (#15 L)

May Valley Road SE/Carl Kaech, Warden/LTC# 9206 (75-7846).

Nicknamed "The Brickyard," this is where convicted offenders are sent to be rehabilitated.

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BUSINESSES

Ares Macrotechnology Inc. (#13 J)

Bellevue Way SE & Sixteenth Street SE/ Karen King, Supervising Vice President/No Racial Bias/LTG# 9206 (78-4730).

The dark red Ares building rising above the shores of Lake Washington is a striking symbol of the company's growing presence in Seattle. Knight Errant Security, a division of Ares Macrotechnology, is second only to Lone Star as the security firm employed to protect corporations. Ares weapons, particularly their handguns, have become the weapon of choice for many governments, corporations, and private citizens.

Cavilard Research Center (#12 K)

1302 - 118th Avenue SE/Jan Martinson, Director/LTG# 9206 (40-8324).

The full extent of what goes on at this sprawling research and development center is a highly sought-after but well-guarded secret. What is known is that the center is run by Mitsuhamma Computer Technologies, whose admitted specialty is compu-optic systems and biotech research. The stores of information on Cavilard's computer systems are virtually limitless.

>>>>>[I hear somebody just burned them very nicely, thank-you. I wonder who that might have been?]<<<<<<
—Toshi (18:51:51/12-20-50)

Fuchi Research Compound (#12 J)

Sixth Street SE & 112th Avenue SE/Darren Villiers, Senior Vice President In Charge of Seattle Operations/No Racial Bias/LTG# 9206 (78-3147).

Fuchi has had laboratories in Bellevue ever since the megacorporation was founded. At first, Fuchi's presence was nothing more than a small group of rented offices. Today, the compound consists of two enormous skyscrapers.

>>>>>[Darren Villiers, one of the heads of Fuchi in Seattle, is a mysterious figure. Few know what he looks like, yet his name keeps appearing in stories about UCC's growing power in Bellevue politics.

The Fuchi labs are almost as mysterious, though some rumors still manage to leak out. One of the more interesting ones involves Fuchi scientists trying to map the neural pathways of a Human brain, then entering that data into their largest computers in hopes of creating the first truly artificial intelligence. Deckers who tried to run the Fuchi Matrix last year claim the corp's IC systems were almost inhumanly fast.]<<<<<<

—Nuyen Nick (21:17:20/11-4-50)

Gaeatronics (#12 J)

119 West Groat Point Drive/Deborah Joshua, Vice President/No Racial Bias/LTG# 9206 (78-0295).

The sprawling multi-level Gaeatronics building is sometimes known affectionately as Gaeatronics Mountain, probably because of the trees and shrubbery growing on the roof and the Ivy climbing along the sides of the building.

Gaeatronics is owned and operated by the Salish-Shidhe Council. The president is David Gray Bear, younger brother of Harold Gray Bear, Chief of the Salish-Shidhe Council.

>>>>>[Though Deborah Joshua is the official representative of Gaeatronics in Seattle, most people wait until David Gray Bear is in town to conduct their business. Deborah Joshua doesn't like being continually upstaged. Word is that Gaeatronics is interested in building a second fusion plant on the Olympic Peninsula and is looking for another corporation to help finance it. At the moment, Fuchi Power Industries seems to be the front runner, but Renraku Engineering is also about to make a bid.]<<<<<<
—Nuyen Nick (10:41:17/12-04-50)

>>>>>[Much as our ancestors did, we here at Gaeatronics harness the energy that nature gives us.]<<<<<<
—Tarlan Greenbough (11:16:41/02-19-51)

Global Technologies (#13 J)

1903 South 100th Avenue SE/Urlan Manes, Chairman of the Board/No Racial Bias/LTG# 9206 (76-2193).

>>>>>[Proving the adage that bigger isn't always better, this small-scale skillsoft and simsense producer is making a name for itself with superior skillchips. These chips combine standard skillsoft technology with the newest in neurocyber development.]<<<<<<
—Nuyen Nick (09:15:49/12-23-50)

Microdeck Industries (#12 K)

Microdeck Plaza, Main Street & 124th Avenue NE/ Brian W. Gates III, Chairman of the Board/No Racial Bias/LTG# 9206 (78-5082).

Microdeck has been a leading publisher of computer software for almost as long as there have been computers. The company was founded, and is still owned and run, by the Gates family to develop software for small business and home use, but operations soon expanded to include manufacture of military and aerospace software. The company has maintained its reputation through six generations of the Gates family.

MEDICAL**Overlake Medical Research Center (#12 K)**

Hospital Archetype (13 floors)/1035 - 116th Avenue NE/Dr. Scott Oeser, CEO/No Racial Bias/LTG# 9206 (78-3961).

The largest hospital in the district, Overlake is a major research center that devotes much of its resources to seeking cures for pollution-caused cancers.

>>>>[Dr. Douglas Sekerak leads a small Overlake research team that investigates body-regeneration techniques. Recent reports show the lab making great strides. So great that several megacorporations, including Fuchi and Denton Medical, have been trying to buy out the hospital just to obtain Dr. Sekerak's data.]<<<<<

—Dr. Bellevue Benson (3:22:49/1-03-51)

Cougar Mountain Hospital (#14 L)

Hospital Archetype (8 floors)/18910 SE Sixty-sixth Street/Dr. Lora Neale, Chief of Administration/No Racial Bias/LTG# 9206 (75-6537).

This hospital lies on the site of what was once Black Cougar Mountain before it was leveled in 2010 as part of an ambitious federal housing project. The facility was formerly considered one of the finest hospitals in Seattle.

>>>>The reason Cougar Mountain lost some of its rep was the discovery of a large illegal body parts warehouse in January 2050. The racket, run by twelve of the hospital's doctors, was referred to in the media as "the Frankenstein Factory".<<<<<

—Doc U-Dub (09:51:49/12:08-50)

>>>>[Hey, there was another warehouse of body parts that they didn't find. If you're interested in freezers filled with body parts worth millions, leave a message for Jack Sprat at the downtown YMCA.]<<<<<

—Anonymous (12:10:56/12-16-50)

MISCELLANEOUS**The Gates (#12 J)**

Casino Archetype/830 SE Shoreland Drive/Jake Fayette, Manager/No Racial Bias/LTG# 9206 (79-3421).

This large and opulent casino was built by Charles Gates, father of Microdeck's current CEO, Brian W. Gates III.

>>>>>[Charles Gates earned considerable notoriety for his shadowrunning adventures and his quieter pursuits, such as piloting the Microdeck Marauder hydroplane in Seafair hydroplane races. Charles Gates disappeared in 2045. Brian Gates assumed control of the company and the casino, even though Charles was never officially declared dead.

The casino is a dazzling maze of grand show rooms and private card rooms. It has an excellent restaurant and it is a rare night when someone famous doesn't make an appearance.]<<<<<

—Connie Connoisseur (07:10:22/11-29-50)

>>>>>[Many believe that Charles Gates is still alive. They say he was among the shadowrunners who pulled off the Trebuchet Robbery in 2045 and has been hiding for the past five years to avoid capture.]<<<<<

—The Seward Spy (03:01:02/12-21-50)

DeGear's Electronics (312 L)

Large Store and Body Shop Archetypes/148th Avenue NE and Eighth Street NE/Arnold DeGear, Owner/Bias Against Orks and Trolls/LTG# 9206 (78-3662).

This is one of the largest non-corporate tech stores in Bellevue.

>>>>>[It is also the secret location of one of the better illegal body shops in the district.]<<<<<

—Nuyen Nick (10:25:49/412-15-50)

>>>>>[Not so secret now, is it, chummer? Better hope its owners don't have a terminal.]<<<<<

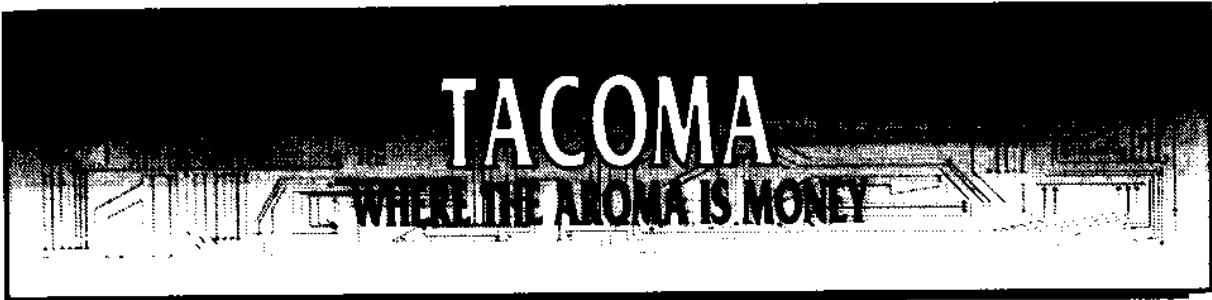
—Anonymous (17:21:15/12-19-50)

>>>>>[Bob's Beer Factory (#11 K)

Bar and Body Shop Archetypes/150th Avenue NE & 51st Street NE/Broken Jaw Bob, Owner/No Racial Bias/LTG# 9206 (78-0660).

This scummy little bar is a front for an even scummier body shop run by Carl Phang. Phang supposedly graduated from a top-notch university in China. The bodies of those who have died under his cure are probably dumped into Lake Sammamish, if not chopped up and sold to the black market. The body shop has been busted 20 times in the last five years, but each time, the doctor managed to clear his name and reopen the shop as though nothing had happened. He obviously has high connections somewhere. If it were up to me, though, he'd be dead by now.]<<<<<

—Bellevue Lone Ranger (11:23:31/2-14-50)



TACOMA AT A GLANCE

District Size: Approximately 570 square kilometers

Population: 375,000

Human: 71%

Elf: 11%

Dwarf: 1%

Ork: 15%

Troll: 1%

Other: 1%

Population Density: Approximately 658 per square kilometer

Per Capita Income: 59,000¥ per year

Below Poverty Level: 26%

On Fortune's Active Traders List: 1%

Corporate Affiliation: 89%

Voting Precincts: 8

Education:

<12 years: 25%

High School Equivalency: 48%

College Equivalency: 21%

Advanced Studies Certificates: 6%

Hospitals and Clinics: 6

LTG Access Number: 5206

For decades, Tacoma has lived in the shadow of downtown Seattle. Seattle was white collar to Tacoma's blue. Seattle was tall majestic skyscrapers to Tacoma's polluting smelters and paper mills. In short, Seattle was rich and Tacoma was poor. Residents of Tacoma could do little more than endure Seattlites' snide remarks about "Tacoma's Aroma".

But now its day has come. Ever since 2039, the megacorps have been buying up land in the district at an unprecedented rate. Citizens of Tacoma can now gaze proudly at the shiny new skyscrapers under construction while bustling freighter traffic sails in and out of the city's expanded port.

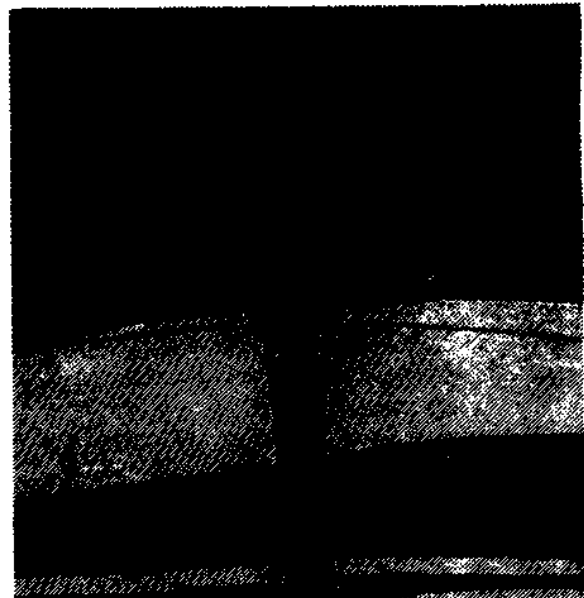
Despite this rapid growth, the charming, turn-of-the-century downtown area has been meticulously preserved, as have many of the historic reminders of the Night of Rage. Now that the future of the district looks so bright, don't be surprised if you hear a snide joke or two about downtown Seattle.

>>>>>In most parts of Seattle, the Mafia and Yakuza fight on fairly even terms. In Tacoma, however, Yakuza clans dominate, with the Mafia reduced to the minor role usually reserved for Seoulpa Rings.

Yakuza dominance stems from the far-sightedness of one of its leaders, Waino Aho. Twenty-two years ago, while everyone else was buying in the downtown and Bellevue districts, Aho, then a mid-level accountant for one of the clans, saw a golden opportunity. He began to secretly buy up the cheaper Tacoma property with Yakuza money. His bold move enraged many Yakuza *oyabuns*, but his life was spared by the chaos of the Night of Rage.

After the vast destruction of the riots, Tacoma property went for sale at next to nothing. Waino Aho's foresight gave his clan a stranglehold in Tacoma and eventually led to his accession to *oyabun*.

The Mafia, in an effort to counter Yakuza power, has adopted violent tactics. Bombings, assassinations, drive-by shootings, all aimed at Yakuza holdings, are commonplace in Tacoma. These tactics may have closed down many smaller Yakuza front companies, but have done little to increase the Mafia's own power in the district. Much of the Mafia's problems here and in other districts stems from their inability to deal with small, cell organizations like those that make up the Yakuza.



The task of trying to establish a Mafia foothold in Tacoma has fallen to Matt Yuhl, who Mafia Don O'Malley flew in from New York.

The Seoulpa Rings in Tacoma operate successfully on a smaller scale. From the safety of Tacoma's many Korean neighborhoods, the Rings can reach out and strike at almost any small target. Though the Tacoma Rings hate the Yakuza as much as any other Seoulpa Ring, they realize that striking some great blow against the district's many Yakuza clans would only lead to reprisals against the Korean community. The Rings content themselves with their profitable jewelry heists and bank robberies, staying out of the syndicate's way.

Tacoma has more than its share of thriller and go-gangs. The most fearsome go-gang is known as the Spike Wheels and it controls the Tacoma stretch of Interdcity 5. Most gang members are Troils who ride specially enlarged combat bikes. Some of Tacoma's fiercest thrill gangs are the Fircrest Surgeons, the Milton Dark Angels, and the Lakewood Giants.

By far the most destructive thrill gang are the Ragers of Tacoma's waterfront. These young Orks are the sons and daughters of survivors of the Night of Rage. The Ragers prey on people, particularly Humans, up and down Commencement Bay—all in the name of Ork freedom and self-defense. Local authorities believe the Ragers use underground tunnels to move about. They have never been able to track down or capture any of the gang members.]<<<<<

—Bomber (17:32:51/10-24-50)

>>>>>The memory of those killed by Human insanity is still fresh in our hearts and in our minds. Death to anyone who wants to take our homes from us! Death to Humans!<<<<<

—Ragers United (23:51:19/10-29-50)

GEOGRAPHY AND DEMOGRAPHICS

Tacoma is a large, flat district that juts down into Puget Sound. The few existing hills were levelled off to form one of the best deep, wide harbors in the Pacific Northwest. Engineers have further deepened and widened the bay. A complex series of docks, waterways, warehouses, and railroads carry out tons of commerce every day without trouble, far exceeding Seattle's capacities.

Almost 400,000 people live in the district of Tacoma. Most are middle-class workers who owe their allegiance to one of the megacorporations.

Bitter memories of the Night of Rage and the hundreds of Metahumans who died in the warehouse fires on the docks of Tacoma are still fresh in many people's minds, particularly for the few Metahumans still living in the district.

POLITICS

Eva W. Pratt is the Interim Mayor of Tacoma. She assumed control of the government in September 2049, after a madwoman assassinated Mayor Michael Alvarado. Eva Pratt has been offered her party's nomination in the special election to be held next August.

>>>>>[Investigations into Michael Alvarado's assassination have turned up very little. This is what I've been able to pull from my sources in Lone Star.

On the night of September 10, 2049, Mayor Alvarado's limousine pulled up in front of the Tacoma Sheraton (South 13th Street and Broadway Plaza). Tom Reynolds, his chauffeur, was at the wheel. According to Mr. Reynolds, the mayor stepped out of the car and was immediately accosted by a woman in rags reeking of garbage. Though most of what she shouted and screamed was gibberish, the chauffeur did hear her yell that Alvarado was the father of her child.

By that time, both Mr. Reynolds and the hotel doorman were coming to drag the woman away. Seeing them approach, she suddenly pulled out a knife and stabbed Mayor Alvarado twice in the chest. The doorman, a weapons hobbyist, recognized the knife as a Hickory Woodsman Special. Stunned, the doorman and chauffeur froze in their tracks as the woman bent down and whispered something into the dying man's ear. Alvarado whispered something in return. According to Mr. Reynolds, the woman then smiled and ran off into the night. She was never found.

This case is strange. Why was the mayor stopping at the Tacoma Sheraton at that time of night? (Matrix rumors hint that he may have been going to see one Veronica Alcalá, a simsense starlet.) Who was the assassin? Was she insane, or did she plan this assault? Was it true that Mayor Alvarado was the father of her child? Where would a true squatter get such a professional knife? And perhaps most important, what was it the man and woman said to one another as the mayor lay dying on the street?

Some say the mayor was the latest victim of Squatter Josephine, a professional assassin. Others think he was the victim of Veronica Alcalá's greatest performance. Still others blame his estranged wife. There are even rumors that the rag woman was actually a Yakuza assassin in drag. The truth of that night may never be known.]<<<<<

—SPD (18:36:31/11-22-50)

>>>>[Tacoma has traditionally been a conservative Republican district. The Republicans boast of their 20-year domination of the Tacoma local government, which they claim is a strong contrast to the corruption-riddled Democratic government of downtown Seattle. Above all, the district prospered greatly during their dominance.

Ever since Mayor Alvarado's death, it has begun to look as though the Tacoma GOP is not the last bastion of honesty in government that it claims to be. The Yakuza are definitely to blame for some of the corruption, but most is due to political cronyism and the greed for money and power.

And how will all this affect the elections for a new district mayor next year?]<<<<<

—Smiley (09:12:18/12-10-50)

>>>>[Worse, what happens if the rumors are true that some GOPs have scammed millions of nuyen from the district and are now preparing to leave the country?]<<<<<

—Anonymous (8:19:43/1-8-51)

ECONOMY

Tacoma's economy used to rest solely on heavy industry and trade, but the recent real estate and construction boom is broadening the district's economic base to include more private businesses.

There are 18 major factories in Tacoma, manufacturing everything from steel girders and paper to sea-going freighters. Federated Boeing's metal refinery, where precious metals and alloys are created for production of their aircraft, is the largest and most important factory in the district.

Tacoma's modern port is capable of handling commercial ships of all sizes. Artificial waterways and the widened entrance to the Puyallup River have reduced traffic congestion around the port, and provide enough room for the largest freighters to dock without difficulty. Every year, 400 freighters from all around the Pacific Rim dock at Tacoma. They unload a variety of goods, including finished products for Seattle's stores and raw materials for its factories. Waiting on the docks for export are tons of Seattle, UCAS, and NAN goods. Two of the most important exports are food from the Salish-Shidhe Council farms and aircraft from Federated Boeing.

Walking almost anywhere in the district, a visitor will be amazed at the number of sparkling new corporate towers, such as the Shiawase Corporation Complex, under construction. These new buildings are the most obvious signs of a real estate boom that has made many Tacoma residents rich beyond their wildest imaginations.

Tacoma's sudden emergence as a business center, along with its still flourishing foundation of industry and trade, make it the focus of enough money and power that the district ranks below only downtown Seattle and Bellevue economically.

NEIGHBORHOODS

>>>>[Again, I've dropped in Lone Star's security ratings for each of the Tacoma neighborhoods.]<<<<<

—SPD (14:31:17/12-7-50)

	Security Rating
Des Moines: Lower Middle Class	B
Zenith: Luxury Class	AAA
Kent: -Lower Middle Class	B
Federal Way: Upper Class	AA
Northeast Tacoma: Lower Class	C
South Tacoma: Lower Class	C
Ruston: Luxury Class	AAA
Firecrest: Middle Class	A
University Place: Luxury Class	AAA
Rife: Lower Class	C
Milton: Lower Class	C
Menlo Park: Upper Class	AA
Stellacoom: Upper Class	AA
Lakewood Center: Middle Class	A
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PLACES OF INTEREST

HOTELS

Lakewood Comfy Cubicle (#24 D)

Cheap Hotel Archetype (8 floors)/6125 Motor Avenue SW/No Racial Bias/Bruce Meyrick, Manager/LTG# 5206 (12-8766).

This no-frills cubicle hotel, like most others of the Comfy Cubicle hotel chain, offers reasonable value for tourists on a tight budget.

>>>>[Everybody sing, "Ain't no coffin, like my old coffin, the one I used to call home...."]<<<<<

—Findler-Man (14:54:19/01-17-51)

>>>>[The manager is a skilled magician with a pet Eyekiller. The animal, whose name is Gouger, has killed more than a few people trying to rob the hotel or harm the manager.]<<<<<

—Connie Connolsseur (21:16:51/2-01-51)

>>>>[I hear that the manager is a former shadowrunner who has millions of nuyen stashed at his home in the south of Tacoma. Anyone know his address? If so, contact me at LTG# 5206 (12-6225).]<<<<<

—The Tacoma Fox (18:51:17/02-02-51)

>>>>[Yeah, real smart, posting your LTG# on a public datanet. "Hey, let's go rob this guy's house! Anybody wanna come? And hey, DON'T TELL THE COPS!" Idiots.]<<<<<

—Fastjack (15-51-18/02-19-51)

Sheraton Tacoma (#22 F)

Luxury Hotel Archetype (15 floors)/South Thirteenth Street & Broadway Plaza/Karin Nevjel, Manager/No Racial Bias/LTG# 5206 (16-2230).

More than 300 Metahumans fled to this turn-of-the-century hotel to hide from the flames of the Night of Rage. They were protected from certain death by the hotel's predominantly Human staff, who literally barricaded the entrances of the hotel against terrorist intruders. This moment in the hotel's history is proudly remembered with a plaque and a small museum in the lobby.

The plush decor and affordable prices make the Sheraton Tacoma a favorite of many visitors.

>>>>[There may be a secret entrance leading from the hotel basement to a suspected Ork Underground. The hotel is also the meeting place for a pro-Ork poll-club.]<<<<<

—SPD (18:51:16/12-26-50)

>>>>[Shouldn't that be a "nesting place"?]<<<<<

—Sandman (20:18:43/10-31-50)

Tacoma Dome Hotel (#22 F)

Luxury Hotel Archetype (8 floors)/East Twenty-sixth Street & E Street/Steve Bostwick, Manager/No Racial Bias/LTG# 5206 (16-8868).

The Tacoma Dome is one of the best hotels in the district. Its rooms are luxurious, its main restaurant superb, the large solarium is a wonderful place to relax, and the location offers easy access to the district's public transportation.

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RESTAURANTS AND BARS

DeClery's (#21 F)

Bar Archetype/Fiftieth Avenue NE & Thirty-eighth Street NE/Vincent "Bonecrusher" DeClery, Owner/No Racial Bias/LTG# 5206 (14-0924).

>>>>[DeClery's is one of the few places in Tacoma controlled by the Mafia. The owner used to be an enforcer for the mob, though he tells his patrons that he got the scars on his face and hands playing for a semi-pro brawl team in Ohio.]<<<<<<

—SPD (19:59:14/10-2-50)

>>>>[There's a strong safe built into the floor of the office that holds the more precious items that Mafia thugs obtain. Sometimes the safe is empty. Other times it's stuffed with things worth plenty of nuyen.]<<<<<<

—Anonymous (10:52:45/12-21-50)

Lakewood Shezan (#25 D)

Mid-Size Restaurant Archetype/Gravelly Lake Drive & 112th Street SW/Fred Limballa, Owner/No Racial Bias/LTG# 5206 (14-6461).

A family-style restaurant that specializes in Tanzanian-Indian cuisine, the Lakewood Shezan is run by a family of recent immigrants from Tanzania. The exotic menu, even the soy half, is excellent.

Tacoma Purple Haze (#22 F)

Large Restaurant and Bar Archetypes/South Twenty-fifth Street & Jefferson Avenue/Marcos Saracho, Manager/No Racial Bias/LTG# 5206 (14-5662).

One of the best first-class restaurants in the district, the Purple Haze offers cuisine that is a wonderful mix of Texan, Azlan, and Pueblo dishes.

>>>>[A favorite with the area's celebrities, including the hottest shadowrunners of the moment.]<<<<<<

—Connie Connoisseur (15:51:10/10-29-50)

>>>>[Lady, keep pointing out where the real shadowrunners are hanging out, and they ain't gonna be there for long.]<<<<<<

—Mr. Mo (08:15:58/11-06-50)

Tacoma Style (#23 C)

Mid-Size Restaurant and Bar Archetypes/Grandview Drive & Sunset Beach Road/Ben Tunistra, Manager/No Racial Bias/LTG# 5206 (17-3337).

This trendy restaurant has a wonderful view of Puget Sound and an excellent Salsish menu. The first-class restaurant is a major attraction for the young and beautiful people, most of whom will go downstairs to the Style Nightclub after dinner.

>>>>[The bar is a favorite hangout for Tacoma's Mr. Johnsons. The dress code is strictly enforced. Shadowrunners must dress up if they plan to meet a contact here, or else they'll have to contend with Betty, the bouncer. She's tough as nails.]<<<<<<

—Tacoma Matrix Skater (19:04:50/10-2-50)

>>>>[Gak! Can you believe this dreck? A hangout for Mr. Johnsons? What's the point?]<<<<<<

—Mr. Mo (19:22:51/11-07-50)

>>>>[Basil's Faulty Bar (#24 C)

Bar Archetype/Westgate Boulevard & Pearl Street/Abe Heep, Owner/No Racial Bias/LTG# 5206 (14-2582).

Abe Heep was a major player in a certain intelligence operation. Code-named Tangent, he conducted operations all over the world with great skill and daring. Then he retired and opened this bar. All kinds of intelligence agents come here to chat with Mr. Heep.]<<<<<<

—Smiley (21:10:32/11-2-50)

>>>>[Word here in Renraku Intelligence is that Mr. Heep exchanges trade secrets and intelligence information with shadowrunners. If that's true, he must be a very brave man.]<<<<<<

—Big Blue (10:39:21/11-29-50)

>>>>[And now that you've dumped that data, he'll be a brave dead man.]<<<<<<

—Mr. Mo (10:24:01/11-08-50)

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TOURIST ATTRACTIONS

Charles Royer Station (#21 F)

1001 Puyallup Avenue/Richard Ocampo, Station Master/No Racial Bias/LTG# 5206 (16-1171).

This is the district's transportation hub. The Charles Royer Station is a boarding point for people wishing to take the bullet train to San Francisco. It is also a major heliport, with flights to and from Sea-Tac and all the other major helipads in the city. The station is a large building built in the style of 1930s train stations.

The Crying Wall (#22 F)

Main Entrance: Basement of the Bickson Building, East Eleventh Street & St. Paul Avenue Underground/Daniel Sanger, Chief Tour Guide/Bias Against Humans/LTG# 5206 (15-0667).

During the infamous Night of Rage, thousands of Metahumans died in the fires that broke out on the docks of the Tacoma waterfront. After the riots, the survivors decided to erect a monument to those who died. What the Ork and Dwarf sculptors created was the Crying Wall, a somber tableau 20 meters long and 6 meters high that commemorates the night's terrible events. It is a powerful work of art. The public is invited to view the wall, though the informal contingent of Ork guards will tolerate no slights, real or intended, from Human visitors.

>>>>[Over ten years since it happened, and still the Night of Rage stirs fresh in the soul. I stood for a long time before the Crying Wall, adding my own tears to the grief that inspired this great work of the spirit.]<<<<<<

—Tarlan Greenbough (11:16:54/2-19-51)

Sea-Tac Mall (#20 H)

Shopping Mall Archetype (5 floors)/South 320th Street & Pacific Highway/Nicanor Rodriguez, Mall Association President/LTG# 5206 (17-8173).

Tourists usually enjoy shopping at the Sea-Tac Mall, which specializes in shops selling either Seattle-made goods or products from the Salish-Shidhe Council.

>>>>[Three years ago, the Sea-Tac Mall was the target of a terrorist bombing that killed five people. Last month, the mall president received a warning from the Black February group that soon another blast would rock "that den of Human overlords and their Metahuman lackeys."]<<<<<<

—Connie Connaisseur (05:48:31/11-29-50)

>>>>["That den of Human overlords and their Metahuman lackeys." Gee, who does that leave to plant the bomb? The Sasquatches?]<<<<<<

—Torqamada (18:21:10/12-06-50)

Tacoma Ferry Terminal (#21 E)

Oakes Street & North Thirty-second Street/Albert Villock, Manager/No Racial Bias/LTG# 5206 (15-3050).

The large and well-kept ferry terminal links Tacoma with downtown Seattle and Everett. It has just reopened after engineers spent a month repairing the docks damaged when one of the ferries accidentally rammed into it.

Tacoma Mall (#23 E)

Shopping Mall Archetype (4 floors)/Forty-seventh Street & Pine Street/Paul Yamada, Mall Association President/LTG# 5206 (16-0705).

The Tacoma Mall is the oldest shopping mall in the city, with some of the buildings dating back to the 1960s. Quaint enough to lack many of the modern conveniences, the mall and its stores are aimed mostly at the area's middle class families.

>>>>[The Tacoma Mall has several antique stores that are good places to find pre-Awakening curios. One of them, The Naughty Nineties, also sells bootleg computer programs. The mall has a Body+Tech body shop whose chief doctor, Dr. Thomas Hennessy, performs the occasional illegal operation.]<<<<<<

—Connie Connaisseur (16:23:09/12-22-50)

Villa Plaza (#24 D)

Shopping Mall Archetype (2 floors)/Gravelly Lake Drive and Alfareta Street SW/Aaron Tato, Mall Association President/LTG# 5206 (13-1154).

Villa Plaza was recently rebuilt, and its fine shops now include a large Salish International store.

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>>>>[A food riot in 2048 is the reason Villa Plaza had to be rebuilt. A month-long strike by transportation workers had already emptied the shelves of most local grocery stores. When word got out that negotiations between the city and the truckers had broken down again, a riot broke out in the Lakewood Center area. An angry crowd looted and burned most of the shopping mall's stores, as well as the Salish International Store.]<<<<<<

—Connie Cornoisseur (12:51:10/12-21-50)

OTHER LOCATIONS

GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS

Port of Tacoma Police Station (#22 E)

Police Station Archetype/25 East Eighteenth Street & D Street East/Julie Sannicolas, Precinct Commander/No Racial Bias/LTG# 5206 (14-0920).

This police station is responsible for the western half of the port of Tacoma. It is also responsible for maintaining order in the heart of the business district.

Silcox Island Correctional Facilities (#25 C)

Silcox Island, American Lake/Curtis Troutner, Warden/No Racial Bias/LTG# 5206 (14-9597).

This prison is a tall, mean-looking, 30-story building in the center of Silcox Island. It is reputed to be a hellhole.

Tacoma District Courthouse (#22 E)

1102 A Street/LTG# 5206 (14-0540).

Tacoma District Hall (#22 E)

747 Market Street/LTG# 5206 (14-0351).

BUSINESSES

Brichert Paper Mills (#21 F)

Thirty-first Street NE & Fifty-third Avenue NE/Lawrence Bittenbender, Manager/No Racial Bias/LTG# 5206 (19-3987).

These paper mills have been a Tacoma landmark for over a century. The factory's stacks used to constantly spew out acid-smelling smoke that gave Tacoma its reputation for a bad aroma. The mills continue to manufacture all types of paper as well as cardboard for use in boxes and crates.

>>>>[I've been hearing rumors that the company's researchers are experimenting with a cardboard and plastic resin mix that, if successful, could be used for cheap housing. Needless to say, this could help the company's sagging fortunes.]<<<<<<

—Doc Fisk (06:51:45/12-18-50)

Federated Boeing Metalworks (#21 G)

Port of Tacoma Road & Marshall Avenue/Michael Robley, Manager/No Racial Bias/LTG# 5206 (19-9334).

Most of the special alloys and metals needed for Federated Boeing aircraft are forged here. The raw materials for the foundry are delivered at nearby docks, then trucked into the factory for unloading into the maw of the huge forges. Considerable research takes place here as metallurgists mix various metals and experiment with new techniques in hopes of creating an alloy lighter and stronger than known before.

Learson Shipyards (#21 F)

East Eleventh Street & Marine View Drive/Angelica Learson, Owner/No Racial Bias/LTG# 5206 (16-4301).

>>>>[The Learson shipyards have been making commercial ships for almost 30 years. Though they construct several types, Learson is best known for their 2,000-ton *Sea Flyer*, a high-tech craft with a trimaran hull and four engines on moveable arms. The ship's incredible cruising speed of 30 knots, its stability, and its excellent maneuverability all combine to make a ship so popular with Asian companies that the shipyard has a six-year backlog of orders. Korean and Japanese shipbuilders would like to get their hands on the *Sea Flyer's* construction secrets.]<<<<<<

—Nuyen Nick (19:54:11/12-04-50)

Pacific Rim Communications Unlimited (#21 E)

Sixth Avenue & Union Avenue/Cassandra Paul, Vice President, Seattle Operations/No Racial Bias/LTG# 5206 (19-0532).

Pacific Rim Communications provides communication services to many Asian nations. In 2048, PRC bought Pacific Northwest Bell, thus gaining a secure foothold in the lucrative North American market.

Shlawase Corporation (#21 E)

Sixth Avenue South & J Street/Shigeru Aoyama, President of Seattle Operations/No Racial Bias/LTG# 5206 (16-2608).

The twin Shlawase towers were the first buildings to rise from the devastation of the Night of Rage. Its offices handle Shlawase business for most of the Pacific coast as well as being the site of major cyberware research. The company is known for its high-tech expertise, particularly in cyberware. Their several research facilities in Seattle include the one at the Humana Hospital in Tacoma.

>>>>[The company seems remarkably unconcerned about security. Tours are long and thorough. They even show you the scout panzers the company used to repel a hostile incursion into one of their factories two years ago.]<<<<<<

—SPD (09:17:09/12-29-50)

MEDICAL**Doctor's Hospital of Tacoma (#21 E)**

Hospital Archetype (15 floors)/737 South Fawcett Avenue/Ira Newbrey, Chief of Administration/No Racial Bias/LTG# 5206 (19-4822).

Founded by a group of doctors before the turn of the century, the hospital has always been known for the quality of its orthopedic staff.

>>>>[Doctor's Hospital has a successful and very legal body shop that even does some operations for charity.]<<<<<

—Doc U-Dub (13:19:41/3-2-49)

>>>>[I heard that when they conduct experiments on charity cases and the experiment goes bad, they blame it on the patient.]<<<<<

—Anonymous (04:21:16/3-6-50)

Humana Hospital (#22 E)

Hospital Archetype (11 floors)/South Nineteenth Street & South Lawrence Street/Clifford Rayl, Chief of Administration/No Racial Bias/LTG# 5206 (19-2782).

This large and well-run hospital is operated by the city's health organization.

>>>>[Tourists getting sick in south Seattle eventually end up here. Dr. Michael Mainzner, an orthopedic surgeon, reportedly runs an illegal body shop out of his office three blocks south of the hospital.]<<<<<

—Dr. Killjoy (18:48:15/11-2-50)

Margaret Bridge Child Health Hospital (#22 E)

Hospital Archetype (10 floors)/315 South K Street/Dr. Barbara Gagliardi, Chief of Administration/Children Only/LTG# 5206 (15-3319).

Bridge Hospital concentrates all its efforts on caring for the city's critically ill children. This hospital has won world renown for its research into childhood diseases and their effects on Metahuman children.

Tacoma Charity General (#22 E)

Hospital Archetype (25 floors)/315 South K Street/Cyrus Darmiento, Chief of Administration/No Racial Bias/LTG# 5206 (16-9485)

This large hospital is run by several charity organizations to benefit the district's poor.

>>>>[This is probably the worst hospital in Tacoma because of its indifferent staff and lack of money for proper equipment. There are plenty of stories about illegal activities going on here, mostly to do with drugs.]<<<<<

—Nurse Trideo (23:56:07/12-02-50)

MISCELLANEOUS**Fenris Nacht (#21 F)**

Night Club Archetype/1807 North Forty-ninth Avenue Court NE/Eddie Traber, Manager/Subtle Bias Against Trolls and Orks/LTG# 5206 (16-3719).

>>>>[At first glance, this place looks more like a primitive cave than a Tacoma night club. That is, if you can get in past the armed doorman. Secrecy and privacy are the key words here, making it an ideal place for fixers to hold court and do their business.]<<<<<

—Connie Connoisseur (10:41:10/12-26-50)

>>>>[If only these sullied walls could talk....]<<<<<

—Anonymous (06:54:51/01-01-51)

Palace of China (#23 C)

Night Club Archetype/Soundview Drive West & Brookside Way/Kim Randant, Manager/Will not admit Trolls/LTG# 5206 (14-0945)

The Palace of China is one of the best night clubs in Tacoma. Its ornate medieval Chinese decor is popular with the area's wealthy young singles. The club owner is a skilled mage who often demonstrates elaborate illusions.

Tacoma Nybbles & Bytes (#22 E)

Large Store Archetype/4020 South Steele Street/Cassandra Van Vleck, Manager/No Racial Bias/LTG# 5206 (16-9756).

This store carries excellent computer equipment as well as a small selection of rare talismans and lore books.

<<<<<[Both deckers and magicians like this store. Tacoma's shadowrunners frequently meet either here or at the nearby Red Robin restaurant.]<<<<<

—Connie Connoisseur (18:51:07/12-29-50)

>>>>[The owner is particularly helpful and will sometimes conduct tours of the local Matrix for novices or those unfamiliar with the area.]<<<<<

—Silver Ball (04:17:59/12-02-50)

Zalensky's Electronics (#22 C)

Medium Store and Body Shop Archetypes/Twenty-seventh Street West & Bridgeport Way/Kevin Zalensky, Owner/No Racial Bias/LTG# 5206 (17-7029).

>>>>[Zalensky's is a front for a small body shop run by Dr. Margaret Carruthers, who does a lot of work altering local Yak street samurai.]<<<<<

—Big Blue (12:32:01/12-8-50)

RENRAKU MALL



OVER 600 STORES FOR YOUR SHOPPING CONVENIENCE
A CIRCUS AND AN AMUSEMENT PARK FOR THE KIDS
THIRTY-FIVE RESTAURANTS FOR YOUR DINING PLEASURE
VISIT THE CORAL REEF AQUARIUM

PARK IN OUR UNDERGROUND GARAGE
PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION TO THE
THIRD FLOOR MONORAIL STATION
OR JUST WALK TO RENRAKU AVE. & FOURTH AVE S

VISIT US

EVERETT

EVERETT AT A GLANCE

District Size: Approximately 207 square kilometers

Population: 229,000

Human: 72%

Elf: 14%

Dwarf: 1%

Ork: 11%

Troll: 1%

Other: 1%

Population Density: Approximately 1,100 per square kilometer

Per Capita Income: 58,500\$ per year

Below Poverty Level: 20%

On Fortune's Active Traders List: 1%

Corporate Affiliation: 69%

Voting Precincts: 5

Education:

<12 years: 21%

High School Equivalency: 29%

College Equivalency: 39%

Advanced Studies Certificates: 11%

Hospitals and Clinics: 15

LTG Access Number: 3206

The people of Everett, or what some call Seattle North, are just now beginning to prove false the preconception that theirs is the backwoods district. As Everett revitalizes its economy, it is attracting large corporate investors and developers. Where once its economy depended on the naval shipyard and the assembly lines of Federated Boeing, Everett now boasts a diverse and multi-faceted community. No longer will Everett be known only for its ships, planes, and stormy weather.

>>>>>[Neither the Mafia nor the Yakuza are deeply involved with Everett. Like nearly everyone else, they have always considered the district a small-time market with little potential for profit.

Of the two, the Mafia is in the strongest position in the district. It controls Everett's illegal gambling and prostitution, most of which is centered in Casino Corner, the district's only red-light zone. Gerard Vigilia, trusted confidant of Don James O'Malley, is head of the Everett Mafia. Yakuza control the commercial docks as well as some of the district's small businesses.

The district's recent economic growth has raised the very real possibility of a syndicate war. Both organizations are mindful of how the Yakuza bought up Tacoma just before it became the hottest district in the plex.

The sudden increase in Mafia-Yakuza clashes over the past year seems to justify these fears. Most of the violent confrontations have occurred on the southern edge of Casino Corner. In one instance, the Yakuza tried to set up a prostitution ring, only to be expelled by Mafia soldiers in a series of gun battles that cost 15 lives and numerous injuries. Curiously, the local media and the district government have kept quiet about the increased violence.

Two Seoulpa Rings operate on the outskirts of the Everett underworld, both having survived quite well on the crumbs of opportunity the syndicates left behind.

The district government is relatively clean. The few corrupt officials are petty embezzlers with no real ambition except to line their own pockets. In recent months, however, there have been reports of Mafia and Yakuza members approaching government officials. According to my sources, no one in the General Assembly or on the mayor's staff has tumbled yet, but the underworld's increased interest in the government bodes ill for the district.

The Red Rovers go-gang menaces much of Everett's highway network, and they virtually claim the Pinehurst residential area as their own. The Razor Heads of downtown Old Everett are the biggest thriller gang in the district.]<<<<<

—Smiley (13:51:20/12-17-50)

GEOGRAPHY AND DEMOGRAPHICS

Bounded on the north by the lands of the Salish-Shidhe, on the west by Puget Sound, and on the east and south by the District of Snohomish, Everett is the northernmost district of the Seattle metroplex. The Snohomish River cuts through the district's northeast section. A series of ridges and hills divides the southeastern sector, while the rest of the land is relatively flat.

According to the 2045 city census, more than 220,000 people live in Everett. The largest minority of Metahumans are Elves, while Dwarfs make up the smallest. Almost a third of the district's population is of Canadian ancestry. There is also a significant percentage of German and Scandinavian descendants.

POLITICS

The Honorable Samantha Tillian is the district mayor of Everett. A Democrat and Sinsearach Elf, Tillian is a capable and popular administrator. During her first term in office, she sparked the district's economy by luring two major corporations into opening major office complexes in Everett, a feat her predecessors had been unable to carry off. The public was so pleased with her performance that they overwhelmingly elected her to a second term in 2048. She and her entourage are a common sight out walking and talking with the people.

The District Hall is on 3002 Wetmore Avenue in Old Everett. It offers a tourist information center, as well as a small historical museum in the lower level.

>>>>[Everett politics is extremely dull, when compared to what goes on in the other districts. In most parts of the plex, every rock seems to hide some slimy politician. Here you have to dig long and hard to uncover any dirt.

But things may be changing for the worse. As Everett's economy grows, more and more of the wrong kind of people will be attracted. Already there are hints of crime gangs showing greater interest in corrupting city officials. As the region continues to boom, the corruption is bound to spread.

Everett Republicans and Democrats are bitter adversaries who have fought one another tooth and nail for control of the government over the past three decades. One major reason that the district was in the economic doldrums for so long was the total lack of cooperation between the two parties. Unlike her predecessors, Mayor Tillian has been able to rise above the bickering and to coax the two parties into at least occasional agreement and compromise. If she can continue to do this, all the hype about Everett's renaissance may yet come true.]<<<<<

—The Everett Watcher (19:54:13/12-13-50)

ECONOMY

Up till a few years ago, the Everett economy was completely dependent on the sprawling Federated Boeing airplane factories and the Everett Naval Shipyards for its revenue. While this gave the district considerable security, all efforts to broaden the district's economy were unsuccessful.

Then Mayor Tillian was elected. She has worked hard to attract new businesses into the district by offering great deals on land sales and by sponsoring pro-business legislation. Her efforts have been rewarded with the construction of the Independent Information Network skyscraper in Lynwood and the Dadson Vision Entertainments complex near Mill Creek. In 2049, the United Corporation Council paid the district a high compliment by naming it the best for starting a new business. Other major corporations in the district include Ingersoll and Berkley Soy Products Unlimited, Thomas Lake Mining and Oil, and Bicson Biomedicals.

A walk in any one of Everett's residential communities reveals how much the economy is changing. Gone are the deserted lots, empty stores, and squatter's villages of a decade ago. Today, new buildings are under construction, new stores are opening their doors, and low-cost housing is being developed.

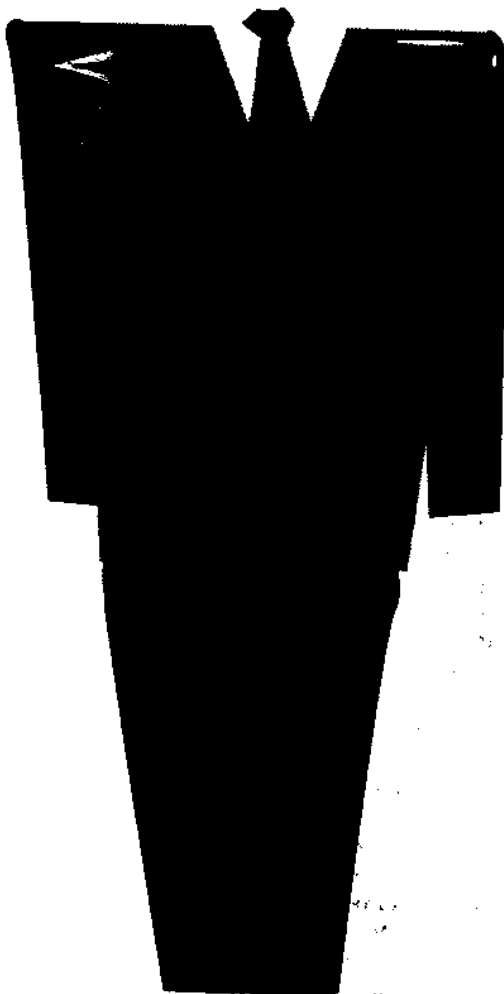
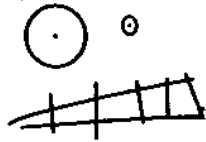
NEIGHBORHOODS

>>>>[I've added Lone Star's security ratings to the table below.]<<<<<

—SPD (12:12:15/12-18-50)

	Security Rating
Old Everett: Lower Class	C
Everett Naval Shipyard: Middle Class	B - C
Edgewater: Luxury Class	AAA
Lowell: Squatter	D
Casino Corner: Red Light	C
Beverly Park: Upper Class	AA
Intercky: Lower Class	C
Pinehurst: Lower Class	C - D
Darlington: Middle Class	A - B
Federated Boeing (Everett Facilities):	
Middle Class	A
Fairmount: Lower Class	C
Mukilteo: Upper Class	AA
Nelson's Corner: Middle Class	A - B
Mill Creek: Middle Class	A - B
Keeler's Corner: Squatter	C - D
Norma Beach: Luxury Class	AAA
Meadowdale: Luxury Class	AAA
Edmonds: Upper Class	AA
Perrinville: Middle Class	B
Lynwood: Middle Class	B
Alderwood Manor: Upper Class	AA

RUBBER SUIT



LTG# 2206 (73-1209)
DANCE

PLACES OF INTEREST

HOTELS

Everett Gala Inn (#5 H)

Average Hotel Archetype (4 floors)/19th Avenue SE & 132nd Street SE/Brian Unger, Manager/Bias Against Orks and Troks/LTG# 3206 (74-8922).

This family-style hotel is clean and affordable. Next door is the Rainforest Mall, a small shopping center whose stores offer a wide variety of legal goods at moderate prices.

>>>>[Carl Edgcomb, the Assistant Manager, is a big wheeler-dealer in the black market. He can provide all sorts of illegal goodies for the right price. He also has extensive connections with the local underworld.]<<<<<

—Connie Connaisseur (12:04:06/11-29-50)

>>>>[I'm forming a little expedition to take a look at the hotel vault. I heard that someone, maybe Edgcomb, keeps quite a few valuables there. I need a good decker who can sneak into the hotel computer and get me some info, a strong gun who will be quiet and calm, and a driver who knows what he's doing. If interested, leave a message for me at the Everett YMCA.]<<<<<

—Roughrider (21:45:51/12-03-50)

Everett Triple Tree Inn (#3 J)

Luxury Hotel Archetype (10 floors)/ Beverly Boulevard & Madison Street/Robert Dehark, Manager/No Racial Bias/LTG# 3206 (73-9925).

The Triple Tree Inn is a posh hotel with an excellent view of the district, a top-notch restaurant, and even a small gambling room.

RESTAURANTS AND BARS

Grand Attraction (#6 H)

Large Restaurant and Bar Archetypes/ 52nd Avenue West & 168th Street SW/Mitch Stillfarm, Manager/Bias Against Elves/LTG# 3206 (71-3721).

The restaurant and bar are not quite as grand as their name, but serve good food and drinks for a fair price.

>>>>[What makes the place noteworthy are its owners, a group of retired shadowrunners who always draw a crowd of the area's current runners.]<<<<<

—The Dead Deckers Society (02:07:08/12-05-50)

>>>>>[I'm pretty sure that the owner, Carla Doyle, was once a member of the Bishops shadowrunning team. The joint's manager is another interesting one. As far as I can tell, Mitch Stiffarm is not his real name, which means he must be on the run from someone.]<<<<<<
—Kevin All-Ears (18:42:16/12-25-50)

>>>>>[If Mitch hears you're sniffing around about his past, he'll pound you into the floor.]<<<<<<
—Anonymous (23:59:59/12-26-50)

>>>>>[Kevin Talbot, aka Keven All-Ears, was found murdered on 5/20/50 in the alley behind the restaurant. Mitch Stiffarm, the obvious suspect, has disappeared, and is probably hiding somewhere in the Barrrens. The restaurant closed down when the owners learned of the murder. It is not known when, or if, it will reopen.]<<<<<<
—SPD (22:19:53/01-17-51)

Gravity Bar North (#4 H)

Mid-Size Restaurant Archetype/401 - 88th Street SW on the shore side/ Elizabeth Trilla, Owner/No Racial Bias/LTG# 3206 (78-4288).

A wonderful first-class restaurant with a spectacular view of Puget Sound, the Gravity Bar is definitely a local favorite. Its seafood cuisine and seclusion from the hustle of downtown attract many vacationing celebrities.

>>>>>[This is a favorite watering hole for the area's shadowrunners. Vic, the bartender, is known for using his magical abilities to levitate drinks, along with other adolescent pranks that often infuriate the female patrons.]<<<<<<
—Connie Connoisseur (13:17:45/11-29-50)

>>>>>[Dirty Rikki's (#4 D)

Bar Archetype/Muliditeo Speedway and Chennault Beach Road/Harry "Flamboyance" Brown, Owner/No Racial Bias/LTG# 3206 (72-8424).

Dirty Rikki's is located in the basement of a ramshackle building that sells lore books, talismans, and used computers. Flamboyance Brown is a former wage mage who appears to have been involved in more than a few scrapes. Most people consider him a rather disagreeable character, but his knowledge of megacorporations and wage mages makes him an important source of information.]<<<<<<

—Connie Connoisseur (18:05:01/11-29-50)

>>>>>[Ebey's Bar (#4 I)

Bar Archetype/112th Street SW & Airport Road/Jenny Ebey, Owner/No Racial Bias/LTG# 3206 (72-3710).

Chummer, this place is sly. Bag the drek exterior and glide on in. Once your eyes tune in to the gloom, you'll see the district's raddest runners data-interfacing and knocking back Ebey's evil brews. There are deckers here, along with mother earth magicians, symbol squinters, chipheads, and just about everyone else a walker on the wild side would want to peep to. So jander in, chummer. Jander in and show no shakes, or the runners will show you their spines.]<<<<<<

—Har the Jar (01:04:00/12-23-50)

>>>>>[Jason's Bar and Grill (#3 J)

Seedy Bar Archetype/Beverly Lane & Barbara Lane/Jason Dryers, Owner/No Racial Bias/LTG# 3206 (72-2057).

Jason's is a Mafia front for an illegal prostitution and gambling den operating on the bar's top four floors. Trying to go upstairs without proper identification or the correct codeword is not advised. Codewords change daily, and are kept in the bar's well-protected computer.]<<<<<<

—Casey the Caser (19:43:19/12-16-50)

>>>>>[I remember seeing a woman here, a tall, striking figure with her face apparently painted to match her striped clothing. Her eyes locked on to me, so I smiled. Then she slowly ran her tongue over her lips, and growled. It was not the sound a Human makes.]<<<<<<
—Tarlan Greenbough (18:45:16/2-19-51)

TOURIST ATTRACTIONS

Alderwood Mall (#6 I)

Shopping Mall Archetype (2 floors)/36th Avenue West & 184th Street SW/John Cronath, Mall Association President/No Racial Bias/LTG# 3206 (72-8764).

>>>>>[The place has a real good Hardware Etc. store. The owner, Don French, is an expert on legal and illegal software, as well as certain hardware.]<<<<<<
—The Dead Deckers Society (23:19:52/12-06-50)

Everett Beacon Mall (#4 J)

Shopping Mall Archetype (3 floors)/648 - 100th Street SE/Vivan Danbers, Mall Association President/No Racial Bias/LTG# 3206 (72-0955).

Three years ago, a bomb destroyed much of this mall. It was completely rebuilt and now has many more shops and much stronger security measures.

>>>>[Many believe the bomb was aimed specifically at destroying the mall's Body+Tech body shop, no matter how many innocent victims were killed. Police were unusually tight-lipped about the investigation, then seemed to lose interest real quick.]<<<<<<

—Connie Connoisseur (23:18:49/12-30-50)

>>>>[That's because the bomber was a cop.]<<<<<<

—Anonymous (22:39:17/01-05-51)

Mukilteo City Park (#3 H)

Front Street & Mukilteo Speedway/LTG# 3206 (72-8437).

The park is so close to the Puget Sound that it seldom gets any smog. During the day, the park is filled with people happily enjoying the fresh air.

>>>>[By night, the park is a haven for the area's chipheads, who come here either to turn on or to par-handle for credit. The large open areas also make the park a favorite place for meets and drops. As long as everything is quiet, the police don't come around too often.]<<<<<<

—Mr. Bush (09:38:29/12-09-50)

OTHER LOCATIONS

GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS

Everett District Court House (#1 J)

3015 Wetmore Avenue/LTG# 3206 (76-1002).

Everett District Hall (#1 J)

3002 Wetmore Avenue/LTG# 3206 (76-0088).

Seattle Ferry Terminal (Everett) (#3 H)

Mukilteo Speedway & Front Street/Brian Talbot, Operator/No Racial Bias/LTG# 3206 (76-2375).

>>>>[Seedy bars are on either side of the ferry terminal. The Green Fish is a hangout for the area's street samurai, while the Fish Bone is where the area's deckers go.]<<<<<<

—Captain Ahab (13:04:29/12-01-50)

>>>>[Darrington Correctional Facilities (#4 I)

Cyrus Way & Russel Road/Richard ManCrusher, Warden/LTG# 3206 (77-4922).

Security here is at maximum level.

This is the largest and one of the oldest prisons in Seattle. A rotten place to work. A worse place to live.]<<<<<<

—SPD (03:13:42/12-20-50)

DADSON VISION

IF YOU HAVE THE TALENT, WE WANT YOU.

BUSINESSES

Dadson Vision Entertainments (#4 D)

Seventh Avenue SE & Everett Mall Way SE/Robert Baldock, Vice President/No Racial Bias/LTG# 3206 (70-8122).

Dadson Vision Entertainment is a major manufacturer of high-class trideo entertainment systems. It is also one of the largest talent agencies in Seattle. The company's home offices are in the California Free State.

>>>>[Dadson is a slick company, and I wouldn't trust them for a second. As a rookie, I once had a run-in with two of their "talent agents" who were trying to kidnap a young woman from a downtown club. For guys who supposedly spend all day on the comm lines, they had plenty behind their punches. They left without the girl, but I paid the price. Since then, I've kept my ear out on Dadson Vision, and have heard a few rumors about how the company is only a front for the California Free State Intelligence Service, which, in turn, is a puppet organization of the Japanese Intelligence Agency.]<<<<<

—SPD (10:10:32/12-23-50)

Everett Naval Shipyard (#1 - 2 D)

Main Gates: Rucker Avenue & Pacific Avenue/Rear Admiral Jennifer McNair, Shipyard Commander/No Racial Bias/LTG# 3206 (70-7555).

The Everett Naval Shipyard was built in the 1990s as a homeport for a carrier battlegroup. It also became a shipyard capable of repairing and resupplying the largest warships afloat. For a time, the yards were humming with constant activity, and the district boomed on the pay of the thousands of sailors. The changes brought on by the Awakening, the rise of the megacorporations as independent military powers, and the decline of the United States Navy eventually changed all this. At first, it looked as though the shipyard would shut down, but in 2042, the shipyard got a second lease on life when Congress passed the Military Improvements Act.

Since then, the Everett Naval Shipyard has been very busy. It is currently the homeport for the nuclear carrier battlegroup based around the supercarrier *Koontz*. Occasionally, a cutter from the Salish-Shidhe will come to the shipyards for repairs and refitting, in accordance with the treaty between the Salish-Shidhe Council Defense Forces and the City of Seattle.

>>>>[I've heard through the grapevine that the *Tezcacalipoca*, Aztechnology's pride and joy, is steaming here from Atzlan. If that doesn't get your hackles up, Mitsuhamma's *Izanagi* is also rumored heading our way. Allegedly, either or both are going to try and force the UCAS base commander's hand by demanding that their ships be allowed to dock within the port. Current UCAS Navy regulations prohibit corporate warships from utilizing federal bases, except in case of emergency.]<<<<<

—Cap'n Silver (12:02:09/01-28-51)

Federated Boeing Everett Facility (3 - 4 1 - D)

Main Gates: 938 84th Street SW//Carl Livsted, Director of Everett Operations/No Racial Bias/LTG# 3206 (74-6644).

>>>>[Federated Boeing's Everett factories have been in operation for nearly 90 years. Throughout that time, they have been constructing most of the company's large passenger aircraft. There are ten factories currently in operation, five under the roof of the largest building in the world, including the assembly line that makes the mammoth Boeing 828.

Surrounding the factories and the runways of Paine Field is housing for approximately 20 percent of the company's workers. The rent-free housing, uniformly provided with many free services, is designated for workers Federated Boeing considers too valuable to live away from the facility. The cost of maintaining the housing and security measures are worth it in this era of employee abductions and assassinations between rival megacorporations. Nonetheless, some resident employees complain of feeling like prisoners.]<<<<<

—Nuyen Nick (19:04:29/12-23-50)

>>>>[There are rumors that engineers at the Everett factories have discovered a flaw in the wing supports of the huge 828. Supposedly, they are urging a recall of all 828 airliners before something terrible happens. There is also a rumor that Quentin Sandersee, a top-notch aircraft designer, is dissatisfied with his current pay and position and has met with reps from several rival aerospace firms. Federated Boeing Security is shadowing his every move.]<<<<<

—The FB Insider (21:42:17/12-28-50)

>>>>[Watch out for FB Security. They might be courteous and all smiles in public, but they're real bulldogs when it comes to interrogating someone.]<<<<<

—SPD (13:07:11/12-29-50)

Independent Information Network Building (#6 I)

36th Avenue West & 179th Street SW/Vice President Carla Cassina, Chief of Seattle Operations/Subtle Bias Against Humans/LTG# 3206 (78-2287).

The IIN is a Metahuman-owned, worldwide news agency similar to the Associated Press and the United Journalists International. Issues important to Metahumans are given priority.

Ingersoll and Berkley Soy Processing (#3 L)

Foster Slough Road and G. A. R. Road/Assistant Vice President Conley Vanderson Manager/No Racial Bias/LTG# 3206 (72-8393).

Ingersoll and Berkeley creates much of the soy used in Seattle's foods. The soy is processed in the large white building, while the nearby lagoon is part of an on-going experiment in raising freshwater crustaceans.

Thomas Lake Mining and Oil (#5 K)

14756 - 35th Avenue SE near Thomas Lake/Yolanda Purser, Chairperson/Discriminates Against Orks, Trolls, and Humans/LTG# 3206 (76-3874).

In 2044, a group of Dwarfs pooled their money and bought up all the land around Thomas Lake. Almost immediately after, beginning to dig for irrigation, they made a discovery of major deposits of precious metals, including silver and titanium. Overnight, these became the wealthiest Dwarfs in the UCAS. The company has been steadily expanding and is now negotiating with the Sallsh-Shidhe to begin mining in their lands.

>>>>>[Bicson BioMedicals (#4 I)

Beverly Park Road & 117th Street SW/Jay G. Bicson, President/No Racial Bias/LTG# 3206 (72-3972).

Bicson is a small pharmaceutical company that specializes in producing drugs to ease a patient's physical assimilation of cyberware. The most interesting rumors about Bicson say that the company has developed a drug that may allow implantation of organs not perfectly tissue-matched with the patient's. Street and Matrix sources say the company has been secretly giving samples of the drug to illegal body shops in Everett in exchange for data on the drug's effectiveness. They do this to get around tough government restrictions against testing experimental drugs on Humans.]<<<<<<

—Nuyen Nick (05:15:49/11-27-50)

>>>>>[I'm a street doc with a body shop here in Everett, but forgive me if I don't say exactly where. As one of the doctors who participated in Bicson's "Informal study," I found Cybertram, the name of the experimental drug, to be simply incredible. Not only did it substantially lessen body shock to a cyber implant, but it did a damned good job of reducing post-surgery trauma. Hell, with that stuff, I could give a guy full muscle augmentation, cybereyes, datajack—the works—and he would be up off the table and out the door five minutes after the operation. Not that a lot of street docs don't already shove their patients out the door as soon as they revive, with or without some new drug. But a patient pumped full of Cybertram doesn't suffer any of the inflammation, the immuno reactions, or blood pressure fluctuations that other patients do. It's great stuff. Let's get it on the market.]<<<<<<

—Doc Slash (01:44:59/12-21-50)



MEDICAL

Billing's Medical Services (#6 H)

Hospital Archetype (3 floors)/188th Street & Pacific Highway/Bishop Parker, Chief of Administration/ No Racial Bias/LTG# 3206 (74-1176).

>>>>>[Dr. Carl Twillings of Billing's orthopedic surgery department operates an illegal body shop somewhere in Old Everett. I don't know the address, but I do know he shares duties with Mitch Ibele, a guy kicked out of medical school for being implicated in a datasteal. I don't know how skilled Ibele is as a surgeon, but I heard that business is good.]<<<<<<

—Nurse Trode (23:17:04/12-09-50)

Everett General Hospital (#1 J)

Hospital Archetype (14 floors)/Thirteenth Street & Colby Avenue/Dr. Samuel Skinston, Chief of Administration/No Racial Bias/LTG# 3206 (72-4399).

An excellent hospital especially noted for its skilled surgical staff.

>>>>>[This is where most tourists and uninsured people are taken for care.]<<<<<<

—Doc U-Dub (18:15:31/12-05-50)

>>>>>[Lone Star recently arrested the hospital's chief accountant, who had apparently been embezzling huge amounts and taking out loans at local banks to cover the missing money. Now the bank is almost bankrupt and deep in debt to other banks.]<<<<<<

—Anonymous (23:42:11/12-11-50)

>>>>>[I heard that Fuchi might buy the hospital.]<<<<<<

—Fuchi Walker (11:42:12/12-16-50)

>>>>>[Why doesn't the hospital just sell that huge freezer of illegally obtained body parts they have hidden in the basement?]<<<<<<

—Black Talker (20:46:13/12-21-50)

>>>>>[Don't spread such dirty rumors. Not unless you have the proof to back it up.]<<<<<<

—SPD (02:39:37/12-22-50)

Everett Naval Hospital (#2 J)

Hospital Archetype (10 floors)/916 East Pacific Avenue/Dr. Vincent Velklow, Chief of Administration/ No Racial Bias/ LTG# 3206 (72-5561).

Though this hospital was originally restricted to military personnel, a grant from the UCC and permission from the federal government resulted in its doors opening to the public.

Travis Memorial (#5 H)

Hospital Archetype (20 floors)/Norma Beach Road and Fifty-second Avenue West/Jason Devers, Chairman of the Board/ No Racial Bias/ LTG# 3206 (72-3389).

Travis Memorial has an excellent burn center, as well as a world-class cancer treatment facility. Both depend on a highly trained staff of doctors, healer mages, and shamans.

>>>>>[At Travis, patients are assigned both a magician and a doctor. These two confer with one another and decide what mix of science and magic is best for the patient.]<<<<<<

Doc U-Dub (03:00:49/11-28-50)

>>>>>[Combining today's medical technology with such nonsense is a waste of time, not to mention being dangerous for the patient. Over the past year, I've seen many people die after having consulted with these witch doctors. And the damned hospital administration did absolutely nothing! I'm going to the CAMA with my findings. Maybe they will listen to me and get rid of these mumbo-jumbo artists.]<<<<<<

—Doc Irate (10:52:10/12-01-50)

MISCELLANEOUS

Everett Community College (#6 J)

2000 - 68th Avenue W/Arthur Edelblute, Dean of the Administration/No Racial Bias/LTG# 3206 (72-9258).

>>>>>[Everett Community College has been the scene of considerable unrest. The Pure-Human Rights Group, a Humanis spin-off, has been agitating to get the college administration to bar all Metahumans from the school's fraternity houses. Their demands have been met with silence from the administration and open hostility from most of the student body. Just recently, the bodies of two Pure-Human members were found hanging from a tree outside the student center. There are no suspects, though word on the street has it that a student who is the son of a major Renraku official was responsible.]<<<<<<

—Frat Rat (21:10:54/12-21-50)

Hajek's Computers (#1 J)

Shadow Tech Store Archetype/194th Street SW & 44th Avenue West/Angela "Dark Angel" Hajek, Owner/ No Racial Bias/LTG# 3206 (72-2958).

Hajek's Computers is one of the biggest independent decker stores in the district. It offers a wide selection of decks, hardware, software, and accessories.

>>>>[The owner runs a tight ship and will not deal illegal hardware or software with anyone she doesn't know personally. However, the salespeople will sell illegal items to customers who are willing to cough up a bribe of about 30 percent of the item's cost.]<<<<<<
—Silver Twins (14:53:19/12-06-50)

Kennedy's Cheap Electronics (#1 J)

Medium Store and Body Shop Archetypes/Sixteenth Avenue & Baker Street/Brian "The Wizard" Kennedy, Owner/No Racial Bias/LTG# 3206 (78-4757).

>>>>[This electronics store is a front for a body shop run by Dr. Sato Green. If you want a cyberware implant from him, a former patient of the body shop has to vouch for you first. Word on the street is that Dr. Green is a reliable street doc who occasionally offers cyberware and body parts of excellent quality. How he acquires such high-class items is not known.]<<<<<<

—The Dead Deckers Society (22:43:51/12-17-50)

>>>>[He's got connections with the Mafia, that's how he gets his body parts.]<<<<<<

—Neon Leon (22:40:21/01-02-51)

>>>>[You're full of drek, Leon. Dr. Green gets his wares from a huge body warehouse that he and other street docs own in the northern part of the district.]<<<<<<

—Free Skater (14:54:32/01-05-51)

>>>>[Hey, jam that, Skater. You've seen too many ghoules, chummer. Not every doc is a butcher ready to slice your arms off and sew them on a limp suit. Doc is Mafia-bound. That's how he rates good stuff.]<<<<<<

—Neon Leon (03:47:22/01-13-51)

Lynwood Library (#6 H)

19200 Forty-fourth Avenue W/Craig Moon, Head Librarian/No Racial Bias/LTG# 3206 (75-3509).

>>>>[In the basement of the public library is a hidden room that contains almost one thousand books on hermetic magic. The head librarian and his assistant, Cheryl Schrick, have been secretly collecting the books since the Awakening, and they now have one of the largest private collections in the city. They have also been diligently copying the information into their computers for eventual entry into the city's public database. The library is well-defended by physical and magical defenses.]<<<<<<

—Mage Without Wages (18:05:18/12-30-50)

>>>>[I saw suits poking around the library. They looked like Mitsuhama types to me.]<<<<<<

—Anonymous (13:05:18/12-30-50)

>>>>[Watch for a raid on the library by a megacorp team. A big lore library like that is too much of a temptation for the big boys to pass up. I hope the librarians' health insurance is paid up.]<<<<<<

—Carolina Computer Rider (22:34:10/01-05-51)

The Rubber Suit (#3 J)

Night Club Archetype/Upper Ridge Road & Eightieth Street SW/Inez Totten, Owner/Will Not Admit Trolls/LTG# 3206 (73-1209).

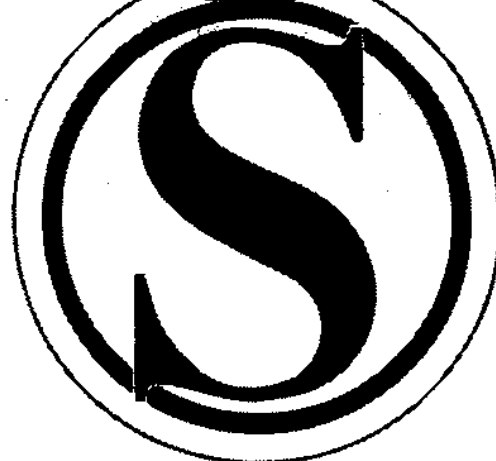
The Rubber Suit is the largest and most exclusive night club in the district.

>>>>[It is also a favorite hangout for younger Yakuza. One night in November 2049, the club was strafed with automatic fire. The Yakuza blamed the Mafia for the attack, though there is evidence that a Seoupa Ring was actually responsible.]<<<<<<

—Connie Connosseur (18:41:06/12-07-50)

SHERATON

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**REFUGE OF THE METAHUMANS
DURING THE INFAMOUS
NIGHT OF RAGE.**

S. 13th St. & Broadway Plaza

LTG# 5206 (16-2230)

RENTON

RENTON AT A GLANCE

District Size: Approximately 259 square kilometers

Population: 218,000

Human: 65%

Elf: 10%

Dwarf: 2%

Ork: 20%

Troll: 1%

Other: 2%

Population Density: Approximately 840 per square kilometer

Per Capita Income: 90,000¥ per year

Below Poverty Level: 19%

On Fortune's Active Traders List: 1%

Corporate Affiliation: 68%

Voting Precincts: 5

Education:

<Twelve Years: 19%

High School Equivalency: 43%

College Degree: 26%

Graduate Degree: 12%

Hospitals and Clinics: 13

LTG Access Number: 16206

Some people say that Renton is just one big apartment complex where Seattle goes home to sleep, but the district has much more to offer. The hills cutting through Renton are the highest in the city and give hikers breathtaking views of the plex and especially of majestic Mount Rainier. For those whose tastes are more sedate, reservations at one of Renton's fish-stocked lakes might be another pleasant outdoor excursion.

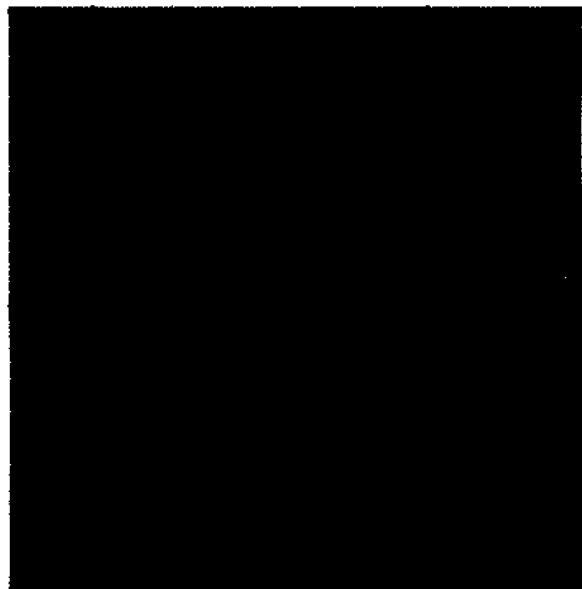
Just strolling around the district and meeting the people can be enjoyable as well. Renton is sprinkled with many places to shop and dine, most of which are pleasantly empty during the day. Renton also has several well-known nightclubs where one can go to unwind at night.

To the rest of Seattle, Renton may just be a bedroom community. The discerning tourist, however, will not leave it out of his itinerary.

>>>>>[The Mafia and Yakuza are very active in Renton. The Yakuza clan run by Orman Koseba seems to have a grip on the district's many businesses, while the Mafia, headed by Jonathan Garritano, controls the district's illegal gambling industry. Both are rumored to have control over several key government officials. These corrupted officials were responsible for reducing the budget of the district's alcohol and chip education and rehabilitation programs. There are also three Seoulpa Rings active in Renton.

Chip and alcohol addiction are high among Renton's young people, no doubt encouraged by the Mafia and Yakuza. The problem has become so severe that Mayor Vandersalm has considered calling out the Metroplex Guard to crack down on the district's chip dens.

One of the many side effects of the substance and chip abuse is the unusually high number of gangs they attract. Only the Barrens have more go- and street gangs. The Blood Mountain Boys are a go-gang that claims InterCity 169 as its own. When not terrorizing that stretch of highway, the gang travels the roads that twist in and out of the district's hills and mountains. The Mountain Boys are one of the most violent gangs around. There are several smaller go-gangs that divide up the rest of the district among themselves. Do not travel in Renton at night unless heavily armed or escorted.



Among the many thrill gangs in the housing projects of the district, the worst are the Rat Eaters of the South Renton Housing Project. They are so vicious that the Yakuza use them to intimidate shop owners as well as to carry out the occasional killing.]<<<<<

—Smiley (09:18:12/11-27-49)

>>>>>[I have only two things to add to Smiley's synopsis. First, I busted Orman Koseba for pushing BTL chips just after he arrived in Seattle. He may look like a little dumpling of a man, but that guy is a master puppeteer. I thought I had him cold, but he wasn't in the cage more than ten minutes before Yakuza lawyers were all over us, threatening charges of false arrest and police brutality. (I had to slug him one to cuff him). Even more incredible was the way Koseba conned some of our own guys into believing that I was the villain, not him. As he left, free as a scummy bird, he looked at me and smiled. It doesn't surprise me that he is now the leader of the Renton Yakuza.

The other thing I want to say is that for some reason the streets of Renton, while pleasant and reasonably clean during sunny days (which isn't often), take on a threatening and depressing feel on cloudy days or at night. Maybe it has to do with the hundreds of apartment buildings that all seem to look the same. When it was dark, they seemed to me like the walls of a maze and I was the tiny white mouse. One false turn and I would be trapped in a dead-end with some of the district's most dangerous rats.]<<<<<

—SPD (18:15:31/1-29-50)

GEOGRAPHY AND DEMOGRAPHICS

Renton is bounded on the north by the districts of Bellevue and Redmond, on the west by downtown Seattle and Tacoma, on the south by Auburn, and on the east by the Native American lands.

Despite its heavy development, Renton has somehow managed to retain at least some of its original natural beauty. The geography is dominated by a spur of beautiful green hills and ridges that rise sharply along the district's northern boundary. Running from southeast to northwest, the ridges include Cougar Mountain (elevation 1,167 meters) and Tiger Mountain (elevation 902 meters). Away from the hills, the land becomes level farmland before being taken over by housing and light industry. Scattered throughout Renton are a chain of small lakes, but Lake Youngs, the largest, is almost two kilometers long.

There are over 200,000 people in Renton. Metahumans make up 35 percent of the district's population, with 40,000 Orks comprising the largest minority group. Culturally, the rest of the district is a mix of people claiming German, Scandinavian, Chinese, Japanese, Korean, and Filipino ancestry.

POLITICS

Carl B. Vandersalm, Renton's 62-year-old mayor, has spent the last ten years building up the district's economy and tourism industry. Cougar Mountain Resort was completed in 2047 only because of the mayor's efforts to promote tourism. The voters have showed their appreciation by electing him to his third term in 2048.

Social policies in the district have, traditionally, been very liberal. Racial prejudice is not tolerated, and race-relations boards are always ready to step in to mediate race-related disputes.

>>>>>[Though Renton has made a concerted effort to eliminate racism, the Humanis Policlub and its ilk are not only active in the district, but they have made alarming progress in recent years. The policlubs actively recruit the district's bored and rebellious teenagers, with so many voting-age young people now swelling the ranks of these hate groups that they now have representation in the district government.]<<<<<

—Smiley (24:13:49/12-22-49)

>>>>>[As usual, Smiley is too polite to come out and say that the Humanis scum have a virtual stranglehold on the district's future. Even 20 years ago when I was a rookie in a prowler car, I saw Humanis recruiters hanging around the schools waiting to fill kids with their drek about this-or-that race being responsible for all the world's troubles. The worst thing about it is that the racists taught the kids to hide their hatred and prejudice behind phony smiles and fake demonstrations of racial good will. At least the fools in the Barrrens are up front about who they hate and why. In Renton, you can't be sure if a smiling teenager is really a straight-thinking believer in giving everybody a chance, or a twisted little pervert ready to sink a knife into some poor Metahuman mother the second her back is turned.]<<<<<

—SPD (17:58:13/1-29-50)

>>>>>[We deplore the comments made by SPD (whoever he is) about our district. He is obviously delirious to imply that our streets are home to nothing but knife-toting racists.]<<<<<

—The Renton Race Relations Coalition (09:13:26/1-29-50)

>>>>[I served the Seattle Police Department for 30 years before it disbanded, and I know this city better than I know my wife and kids. I stand by what I said, and I might further point out that on the day the Renton Race Relations people filed their complaint, three Elves were found executed in south Renton. Don't ever call me a liar again.]<<<<<

—SPD (18:01:26/2-05-50)

>>>>[Careful, chummer. The way you say that makes it sound like you did it.]<<<<<

—Findler-Man (17:12:01/01-17-51)

ECONOMY

Renton's economy is geared heavily toward merchandising. The Renton Center Mall, the Maple Valley Mall, and the Auburn Center are all located here. In addition, there are countless smaller shopping centers and individual stores.

This does not mean that the district lacks major industries. Several large companies are based in Renton, most of them involved in the security industry. Talbot Security Vehicles in Kent modifies vehicles to improve their performance and survivability; the Petrovitsky Personal Security company, a subsidiary of Mitsuhamma Computer Technologies, manufactures security systems for apartment complexes; and Knight Errant Security maintains an academy where guards and security specialists are trained.

The district is also home to many independent software developers. Blood Monies Software, Night Crawlers Corporation, and Power Persona, are software house names recognizable to any dedicated decker. Megacorporations often try to lure away the brilliant, if eccentric, geniuses who work in these shops. A visit to the showrooms of these small companies is a must if you have any interest in computers.

NEIGHBORHOODS

>>>>[I've added Lone Star security ratings once more.]<<<<<

—SPD (06:10:47/12-10-50)

	Security Rating
Issaquah: Middle Class	A - B
Renton: Upper Class	AA
Lake Youngs: Luxury	AAA
Maplewood: Middle Class	B
Kent: Middle Class	B
Maple Valley: Upper Class	AA
Thomas: Middle Class	A - B
Four Lakes: Upper Class	AA
Merideth: Lower Class	B - C
Christopher: Lower Class	C
Spring Lake: Upper Class	AA

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PLACES OF INTEREST

HOTELS

Cougar Mountain Resort Hotel (#15 L)

Luxury Hotel Archetype (7 floors)/182nd Avenue SE and 102nd Street SE/Dan Hoyeckl, Manager/No Racial Bias/LTG# 16206 (46-2389).

This beautiful hotel is the heart of a large resort near the summit of the mountain. The resort offers many activities that take full advantage of the beautiful wilderness of Cougar Mountain. It has a ski slope during the winter.

>>>>[My friends in Lone Star tell me that the resort is a favorite meeting place for corporate officials, especially MCT corpors and their Yakuza friends.]<<<<<<
—SPD (19:27:25/2-19-51)

Lake Youngs Hilton (#17 K)

Luxury Hotel Archetype (12 floors)/192nd Street SE and 148th Avenue/John Donalee, Manager/No Racial Bias/LTG# 16206 (46-2395).

This excellent hotel has a lower-level mini-mall that actually extends out into the lake. The stunning view of the lake bottom makes this a popular tourist stop.

Renton Inn (#15 J)

Average Hotel Archetype (10 floors)/ Sunset Boulevard & Aberdeen Avenue NE/Nevalyn Kimble, Owner/No Racial Bias/LTG# 16206 (42-6485).

This attractive and inexpensive family-style hotel also serves as the headquarters for the Renton Inn Corporation. The corporation has 20 smaller hotels scattered through the metroplex and another ten in the California Free State.

>>>>[The corporation's executives are known for their willingness to do just about anything to move up the corporate ladder. The company's history is littered with lurid scandals, arrests, and rumors. Nevertheless, the Renton Inn manages to stay in business.]<<<<<<
—Nuyen Nick (14:00:52/2-3-50)

>>>>[Merleth Comfy Cubicle (#20 J)

Cheap Hotel Archetype (2 floors)/Thirty-seventh Street NW & Auburn Wan N/Ruthanne Kamalu, Manager/ Bias Against Orks and Trolls/LTG# 16206 (43-2323).

This dingy little hotel has the reputation of being the place to meet contacts and go-betweens. Patients recovering from operations at the nearby illegal bodyshop frequently come here to recover or to die. The place is frequently raided by police looking for chip addicts.]<<<<<<
—Connie Connoisseur (10:12:00/3-2-50)

RESTAURANTS & BARS

Azteca International, South (#14 J)

Large Restaurant Archetype/North 28th Place & Burnett Avenue/Hans Scatna, Manager/No Racial Bias/LTG# 16206 (42-2309).

This luxury restaurant's location on Lake Washington gives it wonderful atmosphere to accompany the excellent fresh-water fish dishes that are the highlight of the menu.

>>>>[This restaurant has several secret rooms, one of which houses a heavily protected computer.]<<<<<<
—Connie Connoisseur (12:25:47/3-2-50)

>>>>[I have been informed that the computer is a "cold vault" of sensitive Aztechnology information. Though the computer is not connected to the Matrix, it is heavily defended by both guards and IC, and is booby-trapped to self-destruct if threatened. As to what is in its datastores and why Aztechnology should need such an unusual place to store information is beyond me.]<<<<<<
—Smiley (19:29:41/3-15-50)

>>>>[Hey, I'm game. Anyone want in to find out what's in that computer? Contact me at LTG# 16206 (53-2214).]<<<<<<
—Texas Bill (05:33:20/3-29-51)

DUSTY BOOTS

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>>>>[Mon Hing Restaurant and Bar (#19 J)

Fast Food/Small Restaurant and Bar Archetypes/
South Central Avenue & Interdy 516/Gregory Lim,
Owner/ No Racial Bias/LTG# 16206 (42-3480).

Mon Hing's is a favorite hangout for the lower-level
police officers and detectives from the nearby West Kent
police station.]<<<<<

—Connie Connolsseur (01:27:50/1-25-51)

Wanda's Witchery (#18 K)

Fast Food/Small Restaurant and Bar Archetypes/
208th Street SE & 148th Avenue SE/Wanda Dato, Man-
ager/Bias Against Orks/LTG# 16206 (40-7130).

This quaint, family-style restaurant provides both
high-tech and magical entertainments by young deckers
and shamans. Though the food is quite ordinary, it's filling
and portions are large.

>>>>[This place attracts many neighborhood deckers
and magic-users, who in turn attract corporate recruiters
and shadowrunners who want to look over the current
crop of talent. Two shadowrunners, Carl Stice and Kathy
Stockdale, are no longer welcome here since they re-
cruited three local customers for an operation that went
sour. All three boys were killed, and a lot of us think the
kids were never intended to be anything more than
cannon fodder for the run.]<<<<<

—Peg Leg Letriclan (03:25:52/3-29-50)

>>>>[Renton Hole in the Wall (#16 M)

Bar Archetype/Maple Valley Road & Jones Road/Jean
Trudel, Owner/LTG# 16206 (40-1955).

Down-and-out shadowrunners like to come here for
some ungodly reason. The place is as slimy as its name
implies, and only the exceedingly brave or stupid dare to
enter this dark hole. Who knows what might slide up next
to you and either threaten to powder your bones or else
make some obscene proposition.]<<<<<

—Connie Connolsseur (14:40:58/3-2-50)

>>>>[The Terror Pit (#17 K)

Fast Food/Small Restaurant and Bar Archetypes/SE
208th Street & 132nd Avenue SE/Shirley McElyea, Owner/
No Racial Bias/LTG# 16206 (40-0551).

This seedy bar is a favorite of the area's magicians,
who like to frighten customers with hideous illusions. The
owner, who regulars call "Huggable Shirley," was a wage
mage for Mitsuhamra before she lost her right arm and leg
in defense of a corporate research lab that was later found
empty and worthless.]<<<<<

—Connie Connolsseur (02:15:02/1-25-51)

TOURIST ATTRACTIONS

Auburn Center (#21 J)

Shopping Mall Archetype (3 floors)/Main Street West
& Lund Road/Brian Stealth, Mall Association President/
No Racial Bias/LTG# 16206 (44-2459).

>>>>[Auburn Center caters to the middle and lower
classes. It has very light security, allowing almost anyone
into the mall. There is one Body+Tech body shop.]<<<<<

—Connie Connolsseur (01:02:59/3-11-50)

>>>>[I hear that the doctors at this Body+Tech shop will
"forget" to file reports on their operations if you pay an
extra 30 percent. I also hear that Yak enforcers go there to
get beefed-up.]<<<<<

—Anonymous (21:19:31/2-22-50)

Maple Valley Mall (#18 M)

Shopping Mall Archetype (3 floors)/220th Place SE &
Bain Road SE/Lorie Norval, Mall Association President/
No Racial Bias/LTG# 16206 (44-2397).

This mall is large enough to contain an amusement
park.

>>>>[The mall has a great deck store called Maple Leaf
Computers, whose owner, Cassandra Tuckeck, is reputed to
be a former major-league decker. The mall also has
three body shops: Body+Tech, Whole New You, and a
privately owned shop called Renton Body Enhance-
ments.]<<<<<

—Connie Connolsseur (05:09:24/2-18-50)

>>>>[Some extremely violent magical manifestations
have occurred in the northern end of the mall over the past
month. I've seen everything from ghostly dragons, Indian
warriors, and the shades of demon-like creatures rising
from the floor in that section of the mall. The Mall Asso-
ciation closed that half of the facility yesterday, and I saw
what looked like a representative from the Salish nation
talking with the Mall president today. The Mall Associa-
tion has clamped down hard on news of the problem,
fearing shoppers will be frightened away.]<<<<<

—Hosana (17:15:32/5-26-50)

Renton Center Mall (#16 J)

Shopping Mall Archetype (2 floors)/Puget Drive SE &
Grant Avenue South/Victor Leaptrott, Mall Association
President/LTG# 16206 (40-6723)0.

Most of the shops in this mall cater only to the very
wealthy.

>>>>[This mall has two body shops. One is a Body+Tech and the other is a Whole New You. In the corner of the mall is a small zoo of paranatural animals.]<<<<<

—Connie Connoisseur (23:01:20/3-2-50)

>>>>[Is body shops all Connie can think of? What about Tjang's Lore Store? It's a great place if you're interested in Chinese magic. Or Larry's Rifery, the largest Independent weapons store in Seattle?]<<<<<

—Wall Crawler (12:01:37/3-26-50)

>>>>[Wall Crawler sounds like a Mall Association president.]<<<<<

—Connie Connoisseur (13:45:31/3-27-50)

OTHER LOCATIONS

GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS

Renton District Court House (#14 M)

640 NW Gilman Boulevard/LTG# 16206 (44-9864).

Renton District Hall (18 J)

220 South Fourth Avenue/LTG# 16206 (44-9887).

>>>>[Shadow Lake Correctional Facilities (#18 L)

232nd Street SE & 196th Avenue SE/Henry Lado, Warden/Bias Against Metahumans/LTG# 16206 (42-8797).

A high number of repeat Matrix criminals do time at Shadow Lake.]<<<<<

—SPD (05:21:18/2-1-50)

BUSINESSES

Blood Monies Software (#17 K)

116th Avenue SE & SE 168th Street/Summer Siwek, Owner/No Racial Bias/LTG# 16206 (45-4289).

This software house is known for its brilliant designs and unwavering honesty in business dealings. The resident genius of the company is Cham Lam Won, known as "Cham the Man" in the Matrix.

>>>>[On three separate occasions, MCT has offered Cham Lam Won huge sums of money, but Won flatly turned them down. Only his friends and wife Carla Weather Watcher know the reason why.]<<<<<

—Nuyen Nick (10:16:09/2-1-50)

>>>>[In November of this year, Blood Monies Software entered into a limited partnership with Renraku Computer Systems. Together we have developed the Red Samurai line of software, an ambitious package of advanced IC programs for the owners of small computer systems. We are very happy with the partnership, and expect to develop and publish new, innovative products in the months and years to come.]<<<<<

—Cham the Man (03:25:42/4-28-50)

>>>>[Rumors are that Cham the Man might be privy to information on Renraku's supposedly sentient computer system in the next year. If such a system exists, he'll be the first outsider to see it.]<<<<<

—Anonymous (07:18:21/5-21-50)

Federated Boeing Renton Facilities (#15 J)

Logan Avenue & North Sixth Street/Benoit Wantach, Assistant Vice President/LTG# 16206 (49-0746).

The manufacture of remote control vehicles is the main product here. The size of the vehicles range from the diminutive Bug Eye surveillance tilt-rotors to the huge Herd Animals.

>>>>[With remote control, one rigger pilot on a motherjet can actually fly up to ten Herd Animals across an ocean, safely landing them one at a time at an airport. Not every nation will allow convoys of Herd Animals to fly over their lands, but enough nations along the Pacific Rim do, which is what makes the manufacture of these planes feasible.]<<<<<

—Nuyen Nick (09:15:01/2-4-50)

>>>>[I've flown a Herd, and let me tell you it's no picnic. I heard Federated-Boeing is going to redesign the control systems to make it easier on the riggers.]<<<<<

—High Flyer (21:02:38/2-22-50)

Knight Errant Seattle Training Academy (#15 J)

Main Gates: 715 NE Third/Richard Blood Stumper, Chief Instructor/No Racial Bias/LTG# 16206 (45-4897).

Knight Errant Securities provides some of the best guards to protect people, places, and computers. The Seattle training facility looks more like a university than a training ground. All cadets are required to excel in classes on the latest security techniques, as well as complete a vigorous physical training. Each cadet is cross-trained so that Knight Errant deckers are well-acquainted with weapons and location security procedures, and location guards have a thorough knowledge of computers.

>>>>[Night Crawlers Corporation (#18)]
104th Avenue SE & 240th Street/Douglas Wolfard,
Owner/No Racial Bias/LTG# 16206 (41-6482).

Night Crawlers is as dark as the name implies. It is a major supplier of illegal software and hardware. The only thing protecting it from the law is that the owner's older brother is the head of the Decker Crimes Division in East Kent. Whether Detective Thomas Wolfard looks the other way out of family loyalty, or whether he receives a bribe is not known.]<<<<<

—Nuyen Nick (11:17:10/5-4-50)

>>>>[I know Detective Thomas Wolfard and I doubt that he is taking nuyen to keep the Lone Stars off Night Crawlers' back. If he is shielding the company, it is to protect his brother.]<<<<<

—SPD (12:18:17/3-5-50)

>>>>[Don't you believe it. Detective Wolfard is as dirty as they come. Why do you think they call him the "Wolf" on the streets?]<<<<<

—Anonymous (23:59:21/3-11-50)

>>>>[Talbot Security Vehicles (#17)]
1601 Davis Avenue South/Randall Talbot. Owner/
No Racial Bias/LTG# 16206 (40-7880).

For 20 years, this company has been modifying cars, making them faster, better-handling, and able to withstand armed assaults. Talbot's customers range from truckers who have to travel at night to little old ladies who want their cars strong enough to run go-gangers off the road. Recent rumors suggest that the company is about to unveil their first original-design vehicle. Codenamed "Road Hog," the car is intended to replace the aging Chrysler-Nissan Patrol-1 as the country's top gang-buster car. The company is set to give a demonstration of the vehicle to Lone Star officials in late September.]<<<<<

—Nuyen Nick (08:02:31/2-4-50)

>>>>[From what I hear, the Road Hog doesn't stand a chance of replacing the Patrol-1. Officers who have driven it say it lacks the engine power and necessary gun ports to be really effective against go-gangs.]<<<<<

—SPD (17:02:09/1-12-50)

FUCHI INDUSTRIAL ELECTRONICS
WORKING HARDER FOR YOUR BENEFIT.

MEDICAL**Auburn General Hospital (#21 J)**

Hospital Archetype (8 floors)/20 - 2nd Street NE/
Anita Sangray, Chief of Administration/ No Racial Bias/
LTG# 16206 (42-2380).

This hospital recently won acclaim for the research
done by Dr. Brian Pathwalker into procedures that may
one day make it easier for magicians to accept cyber
implants.

>>>>[The Mafia has been pumping money into the
doctor's research.]<<<<<

—Doc U-Dub (23:42:09/3-18-50)

City Health South (#20 J)

Hospital Archetype (21 floors)/2700 - 152nd Ave-
nue NE/Trung Lam, Chief of Administration/No Racial
Bias/LTG# 16206 (42-2378).

This hospital belongs to the city-wide insurance
organization. The facilities and staff are excellent.

Maple Valley General (#18 M)

Hospital Archetype (5 floors)/220th Avenue SE &
Sweeny Road SE/Dr. Caden Hayward, Chairman of the
Board/No Racial Bias/LTG# 16206 (42-5489).

This is an adequate hospital.

>>>>[The hospital's Dr. Vanessa Sanderson has her own
body shop in the rear of Karl's Medical Supplies store, just
two blocks west of the hospital.]<<<<<

—Doc U-Dub (23:52:04/7-18-50)

>>>>[On 1/28/50, Lone Star forces raided Dr.
Sanderson's illegal body shop. Some Yakuza had appar-
ently tipped her off and so she managed to strip the shop
of most of its equipment before getting away. She has not
been seen since.]<<<<<

—Nurse Renton (11:42:13/2-18-49)

>>>>[I've heard that Sanderson's a Yak now and that the
local Yakuza Clan's boss is letting her set up shop in one
of their front companies in north Renton. Don't know
exactly where.]<<<<<

Renton Matrix Skimmer (03:12:47/2-21-50)

>>>>[Greasy Ben's (#20 J)

Mid-Size Restaurant and Body Shop Archetypes/
Thirty-seventh Street NW & C Street NE/Benjamin Drath-
ers, Owner/Bias Against Metahumans/LTG# 16206 (42-
5512).

In the back of this redneck barbecue joint is an illegal
body shop run by Mitch Cerlew. Like most illegal chop
shops, it is a filthy, festering pit of infection and disease.
Those that survive the operation usually recover at the
nearby coffin hotel.]<<<<<

—SPD (02:13:59/4-12-50)

>>>>[I can confirm all that, and further add that Mitch
Cerlew was a student of the UW medical program who
was expelled because of illegal experiments he per-
formed on stray dogs and squatters.]<<<<<

—Doc U-Dub (10:23:41/2-28-50)

MISCELLANEOUS**The Murdered Mime (#18 J)**

Night Club Archetype/108th Avenue SE & 204th
Street SE/Bernard Slotto, Owner/Bias Against Ugly People/
LTG# 16206 (41-4578).

Revivalist rock bands consider this nightclub to be a
stepping stone toward appearing in the more prestigious
clubs downtown.

>>>>[It is also a favorite spot for rising young
Yakuzas.]<<<<<

—Connie Connoisseur (02:49:18/4-16-50)

>>>>[I am shocked and deeply hurt that anyone would
think criminals can come into my club. This is a straight
place, and I don't allow no thugs in here. I like honest
people, yes sir, and I do all I can to show them a good
time.]<<<<<

—Bernard Slotto (23:48:34/11-21-50)

>>>>[Bernard Slotto has a police file thick enough to fill
a datastore in the Lone Star computers, so I'd take
everything he says with a large grain of salt.]<<<<<

—SPD (01:03:51/11-22-50)

>>>>[You wound me, sir. It is true I have had dealings
with the police, but only for minor crimes such as tax
evasion and a misunderstanding over a ruby ring. Does
this make me an automatic member of the Yakuza? Does
a handful of parking tickets automatically mean I have
tattoos on my butt? I think not!]<<<<<

—Bernard Slotto (20:54:37/11-23-50)

>>>>[Yeah, sure, and it doesn't rain in Seattle, and you
don't have gun fights outside your club every night.]<<<<<

—SPD (02:01:00/11-24-50)

NEWS! NEWS! NEWS!

THEY'RE NOT JUST FOR BREAKFAST ANYMORE

>>>>>[Denton's Lore Store (#16)]

Talisman Shop Archetype/Benson Road South & Puget Drive South/Denton Jacobs, Owner/No Racial Bias/LTG# 16206 (41-5866).

This lore store and its owner have had a bad reputation ever since Denton's opened in '41. Last month a young apprentice mage bought a spellbook here that gave him incredible powers. How this store managed to come by such an important book is under investigation by several private and corporate mages.]<<<<<

—Cross-Over Sorcerer (20:32:56/7-1-50)

>>>>>[I heard that the book was worthless.]<<<<<

—Silver Street Shaman (03:11:49/7-2-50)

>>>>>[If so, then why was the young mage attacked twice, once by a thriller gang probably working for one of the syndicates and once by a corporate thug?]<<<<<

—Cross-Over Sorcerer (09:53:52/7-2-50)

>>>>>[I hope he's hiding.]<<<<<

—Silver Street Shaman (07:21:01/7-3-50)

>>>>>[Don't worry, he is.]<<<<<

—Cross-Over Sorcerer (07:25:54/7-3-50)

>>>>>[The Italiano (#18)]

Night Club Archetype/108th Avenue SE & 208th Street SE/Harold Wo, Owner/No Racial Bias/LTG# 16206 (41-4823).

This pretty little club across the street from the Murdered Mime is the favorite of young Mafia members. Coincidentally, there have been frequent and often deadly confrontations in and around the club. Surprisingly, the elders of the Mafia haven't tried to stop the fighting. One even said that it was "a good way to get rid of the hotheads."]<<<<<

—Connie Connoisseur (09:07:54/3-11-50)

>>>>>[This is a fairly common phenomenon among Mafia and Yakuza organizations with too many recruits and not enough to keep them all busy.]<<<<<

—Smiley (08:49:29/3-10-51)

COUGAR MOUNTAIN RESORT

182nd Ave. SE & 102nd St. SE
LTG# 16206 (46-2389)

AUBURN

AUBURN AT A GLANCE

District Size: Approximately 363 square kilometers

Population: 218,000

Human: 65%

EIE: 12%

Dwarf: 2%

Ork: 19%

Troll: 2%

Other: 1%

Population Density: Approximately 600 per square kilometer

Per Capita Income: 32,000Y per year

Below Poverty Level: 29%

On Fortune's Active Traders List: <1%

Corporate Affiliation: 63%

Voting Products: 5

Education:

<12 years: 30%

High School Equivalency: 42%

College Equivalency: 26%

Advanced Studies Certificates: 2%

Hospitals and Clinics: 7

LTG Access Number: 1206

Simple pleasures for simple people is how the people of Auburn proudly characterize their lifestyles. Most work hard in the region's factories, and are proud of it.

These men and women like to play just as hard when the day is done. Many folks like to spend their weekends playing either baseball or Urban Brawl (the Auburn Cardinals and the Auburn Rubblers are the city's best amateur baseball and brawl teams) or enjoying activities in one of the district's gymnasiums. Spectators can always enjoy a day at the races at the Seattle International Raceway. By night, the many bars and nightclubs offer all manner of other pleasures.

>>>>>[Crime is high in Auburn, particularly in the south, where squatters from Puyallup Barrens ply their trade as pickpockets or house thieves. Police efforts have only made the criminals more cunning, aggressive, and dangerous.]

The Mafia has the strongest presence in the district. Under Capo Jake Macapagal's control, the organization has extended its control throughout the district, with a power base in corrupt trucking companies and labor unions. The Yakuza's power exists in its control of the many seedy bars and gambling parlors. In addition, the local Yakuza clan have the run of the district's illegal chip trade.

In December 2049, the mayor had to fire Kevin Delancy, his close personal friend and assistant, after learning of Delancy's ties to a Yakuza clan. This scandal cast a shadow over the mayor's credibility, making him the object of investigations by the Auburn police and the FBI.

Toward the end of last year, tensions between the Mafia and the Yakuza became so great that it was everyday news to hear of another Mafia or Yakuza street soldier found floating in the Green River. Several confrontations were, however, too loud and too violent to be ignored. The worst occurred in July 2049, when Yakuza goons tried to assassinate several Mafia leaders at Eric's Italian Restaurant in Enumclaw. The gunfire of "Eric's Ten-Minute War" left 20 people dead, 14 of them innocent people who happened to be in the wrong place at the wrong time.]<<<<<

—SPD (18:22:59/12-05-50)

>>>>>[Everyone dumps on Auburn for its crime and pollution. Auburn is not the Barrens. I live and work here because the people are honest and kind. True, the district has its share of crime, but most, if not all of it, is caused by outsiders. If we could just close the borders to the scum from Puyallup and the environmentalist agitators, this place would be fine.]<<<<<

—An Auburn Cop (10:24:57/12-10-50)

GEOGRAPHY AND DEMOGRAPHICS

The District of Auburn is bordered by Renton on the north, Tacoma on the west, Puyallup on the south, and by the lands of the Salish-Shidhe Council on the east. The Green River and its tributaries cut through the heart of the district. The river feeds Lake Tapps, and opens up a wide, flat plain that used to be rich farmland before housing and factories took over.

The population is the cultural mix typical of any district. Orks and Trolls account for almost 20 percent of the general population. Scandinavian, Canadian, Oregonian, and Idahoan influences are also found throughout the area.

POLITICS

The flamboyant Zax Pound-Down is mayor of Auburn. He was elected in 2048 on the strength of his economic platform, ready wit, and wide popular appeal. Though the past two years have not been easy for the new mayor, he has managed to make some progress in solving the district's problems. He is an easily recognizable Ork who loves to travel throughout the district in a limousine painted with the greeting "Hi, neighbor, I'm your mayor."

>>>>>[Mayor Pound-Down's district is slowly choking on toxic wastes. Decades of heavy industrial production, with little or no government restraint has created a pollution problem almost as bad as that of the Barrens. The general public has been hostile to the few government attempts to clean up the district, fearing it might lead to factory shut-downs. Complicating the issue further are outside forces, particularly the environmental polidubs, who have been howling for a cleaner Auburn for years.

Caught between these two sides is Mayor Pound-Down, who is trying to please both the voters and his critics with a plan to clean up the district. Besides incentives for voluntary clean-up, Pound-Down has proposed stiff penalties for polluters and at least a temporary shut-down of six of the worst offending factories. Though many in the district agree that the six targeted factories, including three of the Blackman Chemicals Corporation, are terrible polluters, no one wants to see people lose their jobs.

In an attempt to defeat the mayor's environmental program, some person or persons have launched a smear campaign to discredit him. Rumors about the mayor, along with faked photos and tapes, have flooded the district. Though most were outrageous, a few stories have stuck, including one that connects Mayor Pound-Down with the local Yakuza clan.]<<<<<<

—Smiley (05:17:20/12-02-50)

>>>>>[As far as I know, the only true fact the rumor-mongers have on Mayor Pound-Down is that his cousin, Dellin Street Gray, is a member of an Everett Yak clan. What the rumors don't say is that Zax and Dellin never got along, and haven't seen each other in eleven years.

It would be a real shame if Zax is forced out of office. I've known him for eight years. He's a kind, conscientious, man who believes in serving the people.]<<<<<<

—SPD (21:25:48/12-06-50)

>>>>>[Mayor Zax Pound-Down is a crook, plain and simple. And the Yakuza own him. Didn't he have to fire Kevin Delancy, his assistant, after Lone Star proved he was a Yak? And that tale about him and his cousin not seeing one another is a load of drek. I've seen with my own orbs the two of them laughing and talking together down at the Hen-Peked Cock, and I got the pictures to prove it. Anyone wanting to know the truth, contact me at LTG# 1206 (85-3899). SPD is full of it.]<<<<<<

—Anonymous (22:01:57/12-10-50)

>>>>>[Let's give the Mayor a break! He's the only thing giving Auburn any class. Without him, we'd be a buncha wide-tied soy-brains. That guy's a roar. Even his name's a flip.]<<<<<<

—Pound-Down Fan (12:58:13/12-16-50)

ECONOMY

With more than 400 factories, metal refineries, and petrochemical plants in the district, Auburn is the manufacturing heart of Seattle. The biggest factories are part of the huge Boeing facility in eastern Auburn. Here 16 different assembly lines manufacture commercial and military aircraft. One line produces Yeager aerospace planes, which are the future of the UCAS space program. Tours of the Boeing facilities are conducted daily at noon, but reservations are required.

Auburn factories not involved with the aerospace industry manufacture a variety of other products. One of the most important is computer hardware. The huge Renraku complex in the district's west end was completed just last year. It is easily the largest factory of its type. Tours are informal but informative. Those interested in computers will want to visit the Clone Zone Mall, a collection of shops and factories near Inter-city 5 in the southwest end of the district. Companies such as Diamond Deckers and Brain Drain Enterprises sell their barely legal "clones" of brand-name computer hardware for excellent prices, while the other stores in the mall sell software at equally low prices.

The district's financial future looks bright. The continued success of Federated Boeing and the establishment of Renraku ensures that Auburn's workers will have plenty of work in the years to come.

NEIGHBORHOODS

>>>>[Once again I've added the Lone Star security ratings to the table.]<<<<<

—SPD (21:18:54/12-09-50)

	Security Rating
Maple Valley: Middle Class	B
Lake Wilderness: Upper Class	AA
Berrydale: Middle Class	A-B
Covington: Middle Class	B
Timberlane: Middle Class	B
Georgetown: Middle Class	B
Black Diamond: Lower Class	C
Auburn: Upper Class	AA
Algona: Middle Class	A-B
Pacific: Middle Class	A-B
Summer: Lower Class	B-C
Emmclaw: Lower Class	B-C
Boise: Squatter	D

PLACES OF INTEREST

HOTELS

Covington Rent and Rest Hotel (#19 L)

Cheap Hotel and Small Restaurant Archetypes (10 floors)/272nd Street SE & Wax Road SE/Elsie Roberge, Manager/No Racial Bias/LTG# 1206 (87-3257).

This inexpensive, family-style hotel shows how a cubicle hotel can be run well. It has the latest fire safety equipment, a small but efficient restaurant, and clean, well-kept sleeping cubicles.

>>>>[This hotel is really owned by a Yakuza clan. Next door is The Filthy Dragon, a seedy bar hiding Dr. Tong's Body Shop in its back room. A former scholar of the ancient cultures of North and Central America, the owner lost his professorship at the U of W because of a serious chip habit.]<<<<<

—Connie Connaisseur (23:18:16/12-21-50)

NUKIT BURGERS

VISIT THE ORIGINAL
NUKIT BURGERS RESTAURANT
 AT LENORA ST. AND FIFTH AVE.

Enemaclaw Moneymaker Hotel (#23 N)

Cheap Hotel Archetype (10 floors)/Mud Mountain Road & 252nd Avenue SE/Jacob Satter, Owner/No Racial Bias/LTG# 1206 (83-6461).

This no-frills hotel belongs to Aston's Moneymakers chain.

>>>>>[This would be just another squatter's hotel if not for the unusually high number of corporate officials who rent cubicles here during the third week of every other month. Willard, an Independent decker who tried to discover what was going on, disappeared in May of '49.]<<<<<<

—The Chrome Crooner (02:57:49/12-03/50)

Green River Inn (#21 M)

Average Hotel and Mid-size Restaurant Archetypes (10 floors)/SE Green Valley Road & 218th Avenue SE/Jeong Moon Lee, Manager/No Racial Bias/LTG# 1206 (88-2388).

Recently renovated, this family-style hotel now offers two floors of sleeping cubicles, in addition to its eight floors of regular rooms.

>>>>>[Lloyd Le Blanc, a high-ranking Mafia official, was assassinated in late 2049 just outside the Green River Inn. Though everyone immediately blamed the Yakuza, it later came out that they had nothing to do with the murder. The Mafia is offering a huge reward for information leading to the identity of Le Blanc's murderer.

The Green River area is very magically active, not because of any great concentration of mana or spirit, but because it was once the dumping grounds for one of the world's most notorious serial killers. Many claim the apparitions are the ghosts of his female victims.]<<<<<<

—The Chrome Crooner (05:13:37/11-29-50)

>>>>>[Dieringer Sleep Company (#22 J)

Cheap Hotel Archetype (6 floors)/East Valley Highway East & Forest Canyon Road/Barney Moulton, Owner/No Racial Bias/LTG# 1206 (89-2260).

This is a typical squatter's hotel. The only thing notable here is that the owner was once a high official with MCT who was brought down in one of the corporation's many internal purges.]<<<<<<

—Connie Connolsseur (08:37:46/12-05-50)

RESTAURANTS & BARS

Barn Burner (#23 N)

Large Restaurant and Bar Archetype/Griffin Avenue & Porter Street/Ben Grytness, Owner/No Racial Bias/LTG# 1206 (84-6312).

This first-class restaurant offers some of the best Cowboy cuisine outside of the Sioux Nation.

Magician's Feast (#22 J)

Mid-Size Restaurant and Bar Archetypes/Enchanted Parkway South & Twenty-eighth Avenue South/Wesley Nickerson, Owner/No Racial Bias/LTG# 1206 (85-1004).

This family-style restaurant is owned by a jovial mage who gave up corporate life to start his own business. It serves excellent American and Sallish foods.

>>>>>[Wesley Nickerson worked as a wage mage for Renraku. A good magician, he rose steadily in the ranks, retiring with a hefty pension and the friendship of many officials after 20 years' service. Today he enjoys running his restaurant. He knows everything about the area's magicians, many of whom visit the restaurant to eat, relax, and swap stories.

Mark Hlems, chief bartender and part owner of the establishment, was once a hot panzer rigger with Aztechnology. That was before he lost both his machine and his nerve in a fierce battle with MCT forces during a war game. After that, Hlems left the corporation, and helped open this restaurant and bar. Officials and friends from the corporation often visit here, hoping to coax Hlems back.]<<<<<<

—The Chrome Crooner (21:08:28/12-14-50)

>>>>>[The Aurora (#19 K)

Bar Archetype/304th Street E & 132nd Avenue E/Car Skaar, Owner/No Racial Bias/LTG# 1206 (84-5329).

This bar gets its name from the ghostly lights seen in the alley behind the bar at night. After investigating a little, the owner discovered that the lights were not the aurora borealis, but rather waves of gas rising from a nearby garbage dump and igniting with pollutants in the air.

The bar is poorly lit, poorly furnished, and serves some of the most vile pseudo-alcohol drinks ever made. Here's where soon-to-be squatters go to spend their meager nuyen. It is also home to many a fading shad-ownrunner, too slow, too weak, or too old to make it on the streets anymore. If you have a little money and a death wish, consider coming here and giving a has-been runner one last chance for glory.]<<<<<<

—Connie Connolsseur (03:24:56/12-09-50)

Take the Parkway
to an Enchanted Dining Experience



MAGICIAN'S FEAST

Enchanted Parkway S. & 28th Ave. S.
LTG# 1206 (81-6312)

>>>>[Casey's (#20 L)]

Bar Archetype/162nd Avenue SE & Lake Money-
mith Road/Homer Willette, Owner/No Racial Bias/LTG#
1206 (84-5122).

This bar is located near the Clone Zone Mall, where
used and semi-legal decks are bought and sold. It's a
favorite hangout with the deckers who work at the
mall.]<<<<<<

—The Dead Decker Society (17:32:45/12-27-50)

>>>>[The Hole Story (#21 D)]

Bar Archetype/Oravetz Road & Forty-first Street SE/
Jim BrainTwister, Owner/Orks preferred/LTG# 1206 (84-
5203).

The Hole Story is a favorite with Ork shadowrunners.
The great ones of their kind are immortalized in a hall of
fame in the back of the bar.]<<<<<<

—The Ork Chronicler (23:21:14/12-17-50)

>>>>[Yeah, they got their fangs bronzed and
plaqued!]<<<<<<

—Weasel (14:38:53/12-21-50)

TOURIST ATTRACTIONS

Auburn Mall (#22 D)

Shopping Mall Archetype (2 floors)/Elgth Street
East & East Valley Highway /Ivan Clzek, Mall Association
President/No Racial Bias/LTG# 1206 (81-2683).

This is the largest mall in the district, with many fine
shops and restaurants under its roof.

>>>>[The Auburn Mall has two bodyshops, a Body+Tech
on the north side and an Auburn Enhancement Center on
the west side. Both are rumored to accept any business,
with no questions asked. Also in the mall is a Weapons
World store with an unusually large collection of cheap
arms priced to attract the lower class and squatters. There
are also two computer stores, and a small, but well-
stocked, lore store.]<<<<<<

—Connie Connoisseur (12:54:49/12-09-50)

Clone Zone Mall (#24 D)

Shopping Mall Archetype (2 floors)/64th Street East
& 160th Avenue East/Sideena Smaaladen, Zone Associa-
tion President/LTG# 1206 (82-4944).

This mall does not provide security for its walkways
and plazat. Caution is advised.

>>>>[Some of the hottest deckers in the city come here
to buy equipment and check out the latest in gray-market
software.]<<<<<<

—Connie Connoisseur (17:54:23/12-09-50)

OTHER LOCATIONS

GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS

Auburn District Court House (#21 J)
M Street SE & Twenty-ninth Street SE/LTG# 1206 (85-3292).

Auburn District Hall (#21 J)
R Street SE & Twenty-ninth Street SE/LTG# 1206 (85-5043).

>>>>> **Wynaco Correctional Facilities (#20 K)**
Auburn Black Diamond Road & 148th Way SE/Galen Nicodemus, Warden/LTG# 1206 (85-2804).

Wynaco is a large, maximum-security prison equipped with the latest technical advances in security control. But all that fancy equipment doesn't work a damn bit better than the old-fashioned iron bars and iron locks. Just a few weeks ago, six inmates escaped to go on a day-long spree of women and chips before being found plastered senseless just steps away from jail. Had they been psychotic murderers instead of penny-ante crooks, the results might have been tragic instead of comic. The prison should unplug all those gadgets and go back to the iron bars. It makes a man humble to see barred windows cutting him off from the outside world.]<<<<<<

—SPD (22:19:54/12-12-50)

BARN BURNER

Griffin Ave. & Porter St.
LTG# 1206 (84-8512)



**THE BEST COWBOY CUISINE
OUTSIDE THE SIOUX NATION!**

BUSINESSES

Bowman Metal Works (#22 K)
Ofarrel Cutoff Road and Twelfth Street East/Aaron Wistrand, Manager/Slight Racial Bias Against Elves/LTG# 1206 (89-4322).

>>>>> [This company has been cited countless times for polluting the local lake and aquifer with toxic waste. Though Bowman has made token attempts to clean up the mess, nothing has really changed. Several extremist environmental policlubs, led by the Moontraps, are threatening to assassinate company officials, blow up the factory, and even poison the food of the company's workers.]<<<<<<

—Nuyen Nick (19:25:52/12-05-50)

>>>>> [Take one look at the belching smokestacks of this facility and understand why this company is an enemy to us all.]<<<<<<

—Tarian Greenbough (11:18:13/2-19-51)

Diamond Deckers (#23 J)
64th Street East & 160th Avenue East/Gury Jurden, Owner/No Racial Bias/LTG# 1206 (89-4180).

>>>>> [Diamond Deckers is a computer clone company famous, or infamous, for building decks that are slightly altered copies of Fuchi corporation computers. Fuchi tried legal action to stop Diamond Deckers, but they lost in court. The imitation is so blatant, and Diamond Deckers is reaping such profits, that many in the industry wonder why Fuchi hasn't sent in a squad of its company men to terminate the company.]<<<<<<

—The Dead Deckers Society (23:08:41/12-02-50)

>>>>> [I've heard it from the highest authority that Fuchi is secretly doing business with Diamond Deckers. They give Diamond prototype chip designs and experimental sirmsense interfaces in limited quantity. The Diamond Deckers product is, in effect, a test of the new design. Should an accidental death of a decker occur, Fuchi is safe from any legal action. If word of this secret partnership ever got out, Fuchi would, doubtless, take severe measures to protect themselves.]<<<<<<

—Fuchi Observer (23:25:48/12-05-50)

Federated Boeing Auburn Facility (#21 - 23 L - M)

Main Gates: Auburn Enumclaw Road & SE 408th Street/Vice President Craig Wakazuru, Director of Auburn Operations/No Racial Bias/LTG# 1206 (87-4918).

Most of Federated Boeing's military and experimental aircraft are made in these huge factory buildings and their smaller research labs. Security is understandably tight. Thus, tourists, who are usually granted privileges at other Federated Boeing facilities, are confined to a single air museum just inside the main gates.

>>>>>]One of the most closely guarded projects is Reynard Carnet's new *Raven* jet fighter. With wings and fuselage encased in a flexible skin that can be altered in mid-flight, this fighter marks a major leap forward in aviation technology. Few have actually seen it, making for many contradictory rumors about its performance during testing. Reports from reliable sources say the *Raven* is too much for one pilot and aviator to handle, and that an ultrasophisticated computer running the hottest Expert program is what really flies the jet. Then there are stories of the aircraft's skin able to alter its shape to cast the signatures of innocent commercial aircraft on most radar and IR sensors. Despite the glowing reports, the *Raven* is still three or four years away from full production.

Vice President Craig Wakazuru, Director of Auburn Operations, has announced that he is going to retire next summer. This has sparked a vicious battle among his potential successors. One candidate has embarked on a smear campaign and has hired thugs to "persuade" the others to drop out.]<<<<<<

—Nuyen Nick (18:24:53/12-07-50)

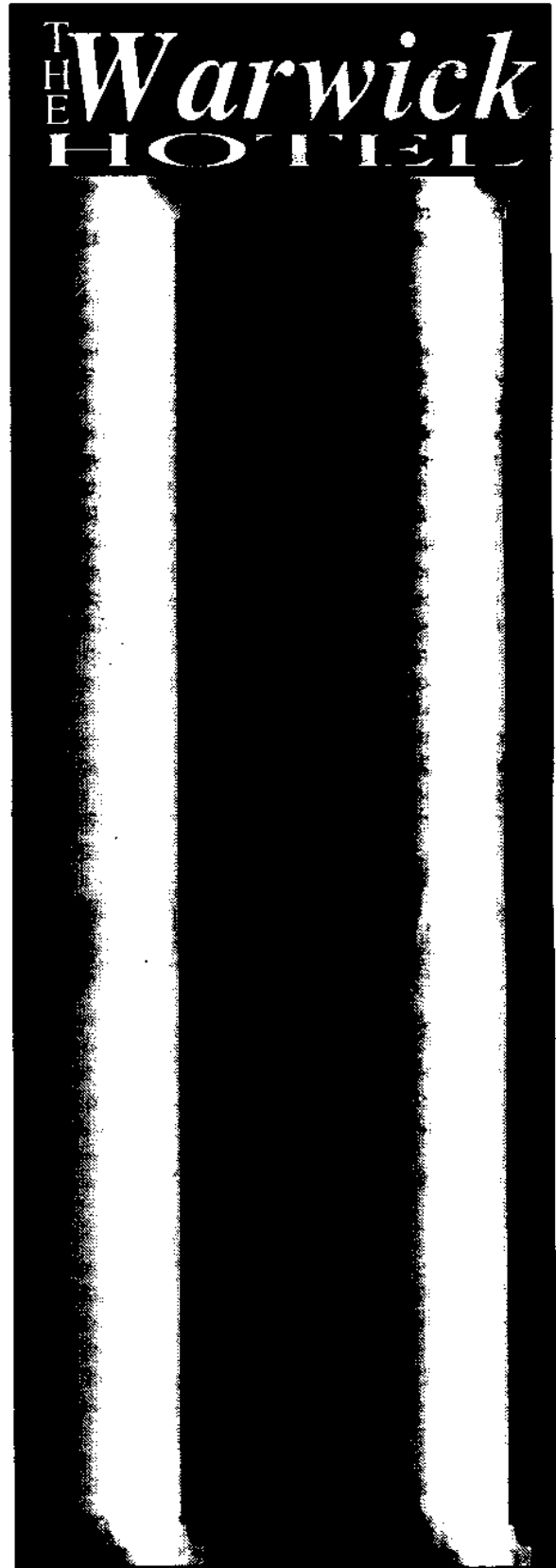
>>>>>]Jessica Sirianni, Director of Aircraft Weaponry, is the executive Nuyen Nick was talking about. I pity the fool who tries to compete with her. I've heard that she was born a squatter, and that only by some miracle did she manage to get schooling. This might explain the rough-looking characters who sometimes come for her after hours.]<<<<<<

—Anonymous (06:24:17/12-09-50)

United Oil Research and Development Laboratory (#21 D)

900 Forest Ridge Drive SE/James V. Rinchik, Director/No Racial Bias/LTG# 1206 (85-0017).

Big business means big money, and future success for the United Oil conglomerate depends, in large part, on new products that are developed here. Accordingly, security is a high priority. The laboratory is nothing short of an armed compound, with fences, sensor boxes, and over 100 security troopers employed to discourage unauthorized infiltration. The laboratory is actually a cluster of unassuming buildings built within sight of the White River.



MEDICAL

Algona Community Hospital (#21 J)

Hospital Archetype (8 floors)/First Avenue & Algona Boulevard North/Dr. Talsto Lamm, Chief of Administration/No Racial Bias/LTG# 1206 (85-5668).

Last year, Renraku Biocomp, leading researchers in artificial organs, bought land next to this hospital and began to build a large facility. It is scheduled to be completed in 2052.

Community General (#23 N)

Hospital Archetype (20 floors)/2125 C Street/Dr. Gregory Sutherland, Chief of Administration/No Racial Bias/LTG# 1206 (82-1418).

This is a charity hospital, run jointly by the Catholic Church and several Jewish charities.

>>>>[Many emergency cases from the Puyallup Barrers are brought here. With the constant flow of misery adding to the normal deluge of patients from this Auburn neighborhood, it is little wonder that Community General is a perpetual scene of organized chaos. It is just this maelstrom of disorder that sometimes attracts wealthy people who need treatment, but don't want the word to get out.]<<<<<

—Doc Doolittle (02:15:48/11-30-50)

Lake Wilderness Hospital (#18 M)

Hospital Archetype (10 floors)/248th Street SE & Gaffney Road/Darren Wardell, Chief of Administration/Bias Against Orks and Trolls/LTG# 1206 (85-2796).

This excellent hospital, with its location near the lake, seems more like a resort hotel than a place to go when sick.

>>>>[This hospital is popular with the magically active because of its peaceful, natural surroundings. Accordingly, the hospital has been gradually changing how it treats the magically active, taking a hint from the Salish and the more enlightened Seattle hospitals who welcome these special patients.]<<<<<

—Doc U-Dub (23:18:26/12-08-50)

>>>>[I work the graveyard shift, and I've been seeing some pretty strong things lately. I know that sophisticated people aren't supposed to bat an eyelash at ghosts in this day and age, but when I saw a man in silver armor rise up through the floor in front of me, I nearly jumped clean out of my skin! He looked at me, moved his mouth as if talking, then walked away. He's appeared every night I've been on duty. What gets to me is the lonely expression on his face. It actually makes me sad. I asked the night nurses about this, but they haven't seen a thing.]<<<<<

—Catherine White Dress (21:18:56/12-12-50)

MISCELLANEOUS

Stuck's Carnival (#21 J)

Casino Archetype/85th Avenue SE & SE 358th Street/Verna Stuck, Owner/No Racial Bias/LTG# 1206 (86-8812).

>>>>>[Stuck's Carnival has been aptly described as a "chipped-out casino". Everything about the place speaks of excess, from its red velvet furniture to its overly gracious hostesses who must surely use putty knives to put on their makeup. The place does a booming business among the district's lower and middle classes.]<<<<<

—Rita Roulette (22:15:52/12-14-50)

Ultra Resort (#23 K)

Large Restaurant and Luxury Hotel Archetypes (10 floors)/North Island Drive and North Vista Drive/Lyle Wisbey, Manager/No Racial Bias/LTG# 1206 (86-3155).

The secluded Ultra Resort on Tapps Island has been the source of controversy ever since it opened in 2049. After the resort closed the entire island to all but members of the Ultra Club, the debate became heated. Names of members and how they are selected is a closely guarded secret. Members are seldom seen except when debarking or boarding helicopters that taxi members to and from the resort.

>>>>>[Security around the island and its Matrix is very strong. Only a handful have ever tried to breach it, with none successful. The word is that members spend most of their time in one huge, white, windowless building. Rumors call this everything from a hospital for the city's underworld to a huge, elaborate brothel.]<<<<<

—Connie Connoisseur (23:41:51/12-10-50)

Stuck's Bag-Your-Body (#21 J)

Medium Store and Body Shop Archetypes/SE 358th Street & 87th Avenue SE/Mitch Stuck, Owner/No Racial Bias/LTG# 1206 (86-8645).

This body shop sits in the middle of Stuck, a micro-city of six square blocks. The mayor is Mitch Stuck, and he sees to it that gambling, prostitution, illegal chips, and his own chop shop are legal here in his little domain. Neither Seattle nor Lone Star can do anything about it, because they have no jurisdiction.]<<<<<

—Connie Connoisseur (19:24:51/12-18-50)

>>>>>[I've seen Mayor Stuck talking and laughing it up with major Mafia figures. And I know for a fact that Mafia hoods go to the body shop to get boosted with cyber and muscles.]<<<<<

—Anonymous (04:36:55/12-19-50)

SNOHOMISH

SNOHOMISH AT A GLANCE

District Size: Approximately 217 square kilometers

Population: 115,000

Human: 86%

Elf: 6%

Dwarf: 1%

Ork: 5%

Troll: 1%

Other: 1%

Population Density: Approximately 530 per square kilometer

Per Capita Income: 40,000\$ per year

Below Poverty Level: 22%

On Fortune's Active Traders List: <1%

Corporate Affiliation: 71%

Voting Precincts: 2

Education:

<12 Years: 23%

High School Equivalency: 52%

College Equivalency: 20%

Advanced Studies Certificates: 5%

Hospitals and Clinics: 8

LTG Access Number: # 17206

Snohomish, with its fertile farmlands, flowers, and wide, open expanses, is a startling contrast to the skyscrapers and concrete of downtown. The people of Snohomish are known for their friendliness, and the rugged, open spaces of the district can offer a refreshing change of scene from the quick pace of town.

The Seattle government has done everything possible to preserve this farmland, to the point of vetoing proposals to build new housing here that might ease the metroplex's shortage. The main reason is that the crops grown in Snohomish eliminate much of the need and expense of importing food into Seattle.

>>>>[Because of the sparse population, lack of heavy industry, and high rates of employment, Snohomish has one of the lowest crime rates in the plex. Illegal chips, prostitution, and gambling are confined to the more populated southern sections of the district. The Mafia and Yakuza have virtually no other foothold in this district.

What we do have in Snohomish is racial tension, with Metahumans and Indians terrorizing the district for years. If they aren't proof of the inherent evil of non-Humans, I don't know what is. I may be a cop who is duty-bound to protect everyone, but I'll be damned if I'm going out of my way for them. And I'm not the only one who feels that way. If you must visit, you'd better not travel alone.]<<<<<

—Knowing Cop (16:14:54/12-07-50)

GEOGRAPHY AND DEMOGRAPHICS

The District of Snohomish is bounded on the northeast by the lands of the Salish-Shidhe Council, on the southeast by the District of Redmond, on the south by the Districts of Bellevue and Downtown Seattle, and on the northwest by the District of Everett. The Snohomish River and its tributaries meander through flat, fertile lands in the eastern half of the district. (For ten nuyen, Paul's Elven Tours provide a scenic boat ride down this beautiful river.) Away from the river valleys, rolling hills dominate this peaceful district.

Snohomish is one of the most sparsely populated districts in the city. Only the Fort Lewis Military Base and Nature Preserve has fewer people. Seventy percent of the residents work outside of Snohomish, which makes commuter traffic quite heavy along every highway going in and out of the district.

Elves and Orks represent the largest Metahuman minorities in the Snohomish district, while Trolls account for less than 1 percent of the population. Culturally, the district has a German and Scandinavian heritage.

>>>>[The success of the district's agriculture owes as much to the prevailing winds from the west across the Olympic Peninsula and Puget Sound as it does to the rich soil. These winds spare Snohomish the air pollution that blankets other districts, allowing farmers to plant crops in the open without fear of acid rain and toxic contamination.

Occasionally, the winds from the south do come up and trap the smog against the mountains north of Snohomish, leaving the district covered in acidic smog. Most of the larger megacorp farms protect at least some of their crops with clear sheeting, neutralizing sprays, and the like, but the smaller farmers cannot afford such elaborate systems. If the winds don't change in time, their crops are ruined.]<<<<<

—Woppler the Weatherman (22:14:31/11-29-50)

POLITICS

Mike Walkstrong is mayor of Snohomish. He was elected in 2048 after Daniel Feddersen, the incumbent, died in a car accident.

>>>>[Street and Matrix sources agree that Daniel Feddersen was probably assassinated by the Humanis Polclub. Feddersen was once an important member of that racist group, and he used his administration to push for laws that made it nearly impossible for Metahumans to move into the district.

All this changed suddenly when Mayor Feddersen's son married an Elven woman, and became an outspoken critic of the Humanis Polclub. Feddersen himself saw the light after Humanis thugs attacked his son and daughter-in-law at a rally. He denounced his association with Humanis and threatened to expose its members publicly. Three days later, the mayor was killed in a car accident. Or at least that's what Lone Star detectives called it.

So now Mike Walkstrong, a Makah, is the district's first Native American mayor. Most of his first two years in office he has spent trying to undo the racist policies of his predecessors.

Karl Feddersen is District Prosecutor, and Jassila Feddersen, his wife, is Race Relations Advisor. Karl is the son of the late mayor, and he and Jassila's determination have played a big role in fortifying the new mayor's reforms.]<<<<<

—Smiley (03:25:46/12-11-50)

>>>>[Though the evidence is sparse, I have to agree that Mayor Feddersen's death is not likely to have been an accident. I saw the car, or what was left of it, after the "accident." The thing had obviously exploded and burned.

I'd hate to think Lone Star is involved in a cover-up, because that would implicate the entire Snohomish Police Department, but I'll report anything I learn.]<<<<<

—SPD (13:54:28/12-19-50)

ECONOMY

The economy of Snohomish relies on agriculture and aquaculture. Of the 50 major farms in the district, 39 are owned by megacorporations. G. Meyers Agriculture, Society Farms, and High-Yield Industries control the three largest farms in the district.

Along the banks of the Snohomish River are 15 aquaculture corporations, each using the river to raise a wide variety of aquatic food crops. Everything from Asian broad-leaf seaweed to Mississippi Crayfish is grown at these facilities. Most of the farms and aquaculture corporations do offer tours for visitors.

The district has only a few industries not related to food production. Kingsley Precision Metal manufactures metal from high-tech alloys, and Snohomish Optical Incorporated manufactures precision cyberware optics.

>>>>[The large agricultural corporations have continually attempted to absorb the smaller, privately owned farms, but their threats of violence have been only partially successful. The latest incident occurred with the firebombing of William Rueger's farm in March of this year. His house was burned to the ground and over half of his crops were ruined. Though city officials blamed squatters from the nearby Barrens, word on the Matrix is that thugs from the nearby G. Meyers megafarm were responsible.]<<<<<

—Smiley (09:13:42/12-16-50)

NEIGHBORHOODS

>>>>[The second column shows Lone Star's security ratings.]<<<<<

—SPD (17:22:19/12-09-50)

	Security Rating
Snohomish: Middle Class	A
Monroe: Lower Class	B - C
Cathcart: Lower Class	C
Malthby: Middle Class	B
Turner Corner: Middle Class	B
Thrasher's Corner: Lower Class	C
Kennard Corner: Middle Class	B - C
Bothell: Upper Class	AA
Brier: Middle Class	B
Mountlake Terrace: Upper Class	AA
Edmonds: Middle Class	A
Lynnwood: Lower Class	C

PLACES OF INTEREST

HOTELS

Snohomish Sheraton (#4 L)

Luxury Hotel Archetype (12 floors)/Second Street & Maple Avenue/Stanton Huger, Manager/No Racial Bias/LTG# 17206 (28-3458).

This comfortable hotel is located in the center of Old Snohomish.

>>>>[Brier Hotel (#8 I)

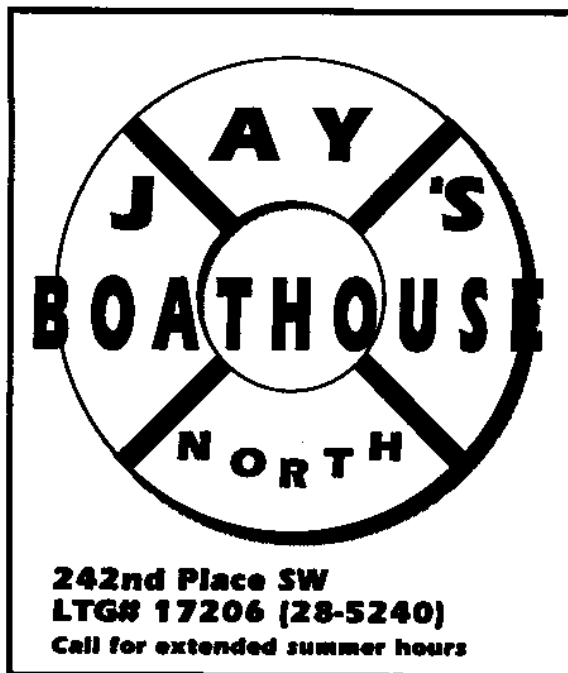
Average Hotel Archetype (8 floors)/Brier Road & 236th Street SW/Elling Retzer, Manager/Bias Against Orks and Trolls/LTG# 17206 (28-2382).

The Brier is a faded, acid-eaten relic that has managed to survive on its dilapidated charm for almost a century. Instead of dying gracefully, it has become the center of a bitter dispute between the two Keslynn sisters, co-owners of the hotel. Margaret Keslynn wants to keep the hotel just as it is, while her sister Sarah wants to renovate the building and put it up for sale as soon as possible.]<<<<<

—Connie Connoisseur (05:57:59/12-21-50)

>>>>[That isn't the half of it. Sarah is in deep with the Mafia, and has been using typical Mafia strong-arm tactics to get Margaret to give up her share of ownership. Margaret has, in turn, turned the hotel into an armed camp, with guards at every door to protect her and the hotel safe.]<<<<<

—Anonymous (21:43:38/12-28-50)



RESTAURANTS AND BARS

The Bawdy Lass (#6 J)

Night Club and Bar Archetypes/Filbert Road & 199th Place SE/Sian Lopper, Owner/No Racial Bias/LTG# 17206 (28-1132).

Jay's Boathouse North (#7 H)

Mid-Size Restaurant Archetype/242nd Place SW/Francis Napolitana, Owner/No Racial Bias/LTG# 17206 (28-5240)

An attractive first-class restaurant, Jay's specializes in Seattle and Salish cuisine.

>>>>[Shadowrunners like it here because the owner and several of the staff are former runners. Rumor has it that Francis Napolitana covertly sells information to runners and provides them with a secure place to transmit messages. Rumors also say he uses a computer to code the messages.

The restaurant has come under increasing pressure from local citizens to stop hiring and serving Metahumans. Last month, an undetonated firebomb was found on the premises.]<<<<<

—Connie Connoisseur (20:07:13/12-19-50)

The Top Side (#7 J)

Mid-Size Restaurant and Bar Archetypes/Canyon Park Road & Sixty-first Avenue SE/Joe Lownik, Owner/No Racial Bias/LTG# 17206 (28-5402).

This excellent family-style restaurant serves good soy seafood. Its nautical atmosphere is pleasant, but strong odors from the street sometimes spoil the effect.

>>>>[The Top Side's owner is Joe Lownik, a former Seattle Public Database Commissioner who retired in '42. He still has many contacts in the government, which is why shadowrunners often pay him a visit.]<<<<<

—Connie Connoisseur (23:24:29/01-12-51)

>>>>[I worked here for several weeks as a busboy, and noticed that the office area is always locked up. During the wee hours of the morning, I often saw trucks dropping off large packages that quickly vanished from sight.]<<<<<

—Wheel of Misfortune (17:51:46/01-19-51)

>>>>[Brother Anatole (#6 L)

Small Restaurant and Bar Archetypes/Snohomish Avenue & 180th Street SE/Ivan Carlwheel, Manager/Bias Against Metahumans/LTG# 17206 (26-6782).

Brother Anatole is no place for a Metahuman. The owner is an admitted racist and member of the Humans Polclub. For Humans, however, it's a good place to find muscle or information for a shadowrun.]<<<<<

—The Dead Deckers Society (05:11:29/12-07-50)

Blackstone's Museum & Zoo of the Paranatural



LTG 17206 (25-3297)
118 E Avenue B, Snohomish

>>>>[The Purgatory (#6 I)

Mid-Size Restaurant and Bar Archetypes/204th Street SW & Twenty-eighth Avenue West/Donalée Laureau, Owner/No Racial Bias/LTG# 17206 (28-2380).

This is a popular haunt of street mages and talismongers, who thrive in the restaurant's dark and dank atmosphere. Security is tight because of the district's anti-magic, racist tendencies. Gaining admittance requires either a password or sponsorship of a regular customer.<<<<<

—The Sleeper (10:14:08/12-22-50)

TOURIST ATTRACTIONS

Blackstone's Museum and Zoo of the Paranatural (#4 L)

118 E Avenue B/Clarence Leadbetter, Curator/No Racial Bias/LTG# 17206 (25-3297).

This is a privately owned zoo and museum whose collection of paranatural animals is on loan from the larger Fort Lewis and Woodland Park Zoos.

Bothell Mall (#8 K)

Shopping Mall Archetype (2 floors)/Bothell Way NE & 190th Street NE/Steven Shillington, Mall Association President/No Racial Bias/LTG# 17206 (26-5280).

Bothell Mall is new, with stores that cater mostly to the middle and upper class.

>>>>[If the rumors are true, the Bothell Mall Association is almost bankrupt and may start cutting back on security to save money. If that happens, many of the larger and more expensive stores will leave the mall. There are rumors that Mall Association President Shillington is desperate enough to consider hiring a shadowrunner team to make a run that would net enough big nuyen to keep the mall open.

The mall has an excellent Nybbles & Bytes computer store on its second level, as well as two body shops.<<<<<

—Connie Connoisseur (14:54:47/01-08-51)

Lake Forest Park (#8 I)

1015 Forest Park Drive NE/LTG# 17206 (25-2396).

This beautiful park makes an excellent picnic area when the weather is clear.

>>>>[Every night, the park becomes the battleground for two thrill gangs, the Snohomish Men and The Masters, an all-Metahuman gang. When they aren't busy hunting one another, they'll pounce on squatters or anyone else foolish enough to wander into the park after dark.<<<<<

—The Sleeper (23:17:54/12-23-50)

OTHER LOCATIONS

GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS

Snohomish District Court House (#7 G)

Main Street & Ninth Avenue N/LTG# 17206 (26-2387).

Snohomish District Hall (#4 L)

1009 East First Street/LTG# 17206 (26-9724).

The district capitol building is well worth a visit. The 80s architecture is interesting, and the surrounding gardens tended by the monks of the Holy Nature Spirits are exquisite.

>>>>[Thrasher's Correctional Facilities (#7 J)

3007 Nineteenth Avenue SE/Gerald Hodge, Warden/No Racial Bias/LTG# 17206 (21-3478).

A small prison of only 100 cells, it's reputed to be easy to break out of Thrasher's.]<<<<<

—SPD (11:54:48/12-19-50)

BUSINESSES

Berkley Soy Foods (#6 L - M)

Ninety-first Avenue SE & Alder Street/Nicholas Berkeley, Vice President/No Racial Bias/LTG# 17206 (27-5786).

>>>>[Berkley Soy has managed to stay away from the vicious in-fighting going on among the other farms. This may change, though, with the purchase of the neighboring farm by Green Star Food Products, Ingersoll and Berkley's most hated rival.]<<<<<

—Nuyen Nick (05:45:58/12-28-50)

**Berkley
Soy Foods**
...Everything good to eat

Edmonds Instruments (#7 H)

76th Avenue West & 212th Street SW/Sallen Olmstead, Owner/No Racial Bias/LTG# 17206 (29-3498).

Edmonds Instruments has been manufacturing precision aircraft and ship instruments for over 30 years. Up until two years ago, the company dealt exclusively with Federated Boeing. A second E.I. factory was completed last year, which allows Edmonds Instruments to extend its production facilities to other plane and ship manufacturers.

>>>>[The firm's fortunes are shaky. In January, a suspicious fire shut down the new factory for four months of repair. Then in February, Alf Lucklesch, the company's chief designer, was murdered. Neither Lone Star nor Edmonds has been able to explain why the company has become the target of industrial terrorism.]<<<<<

—Convex Condor (21:54:46/12-26-50)

>>>>[Edmonds has been seriously considering a buy-out by Federated Boeing. Could it be that someone within the company is trying to nix the deal? Or might Federated Boeing simply be using strong-arm tactics?]<<<<<

—SPD (05:41:45/01-22-51)

French W Ranch (#4 M - N)

Main Gates at 3001 - 125th Avenue SE/Carl Hoepfner, Owner/No Racial Bias/LTG# 17206 (28-3282).

The people of the French W Ranch are renegades among the ranchers and farmers of Snohomish. Carl Hoepfner is a Troll who fights the district's prejudice against Metahumans by hiring only Metahumans. Having cornered the prime beef market, Hoepfner has raised the price of beef to Seattle's most elegant restaurants.

>>>>[Attacks against the Hoepfner ranch are frequent. Drive-by shootings, bombings, arson, and cattle-rustling are everyday occurrences.]<<<<<

—Nuyen Nick (16:45:48/01-15-51)

Ingersoll Aquaculture (#6 M)

76th Avenue West & 212th Street/Val Sassinian, Vice President/No Racial Bias/LTG# 17206 (28-5380)

Ingersoll Aquaculture operates six pens of steelhead salmon just off Edwards Point, and ten large catfish pens in and along the Snohomish River.

>>>>[There have been rumblings of a huge shakeup throughout the company, and word is that no one, from the highest-level executives down to the lowliest shrimp-feeder, is guaranteed a job six months from now.]<<<<<

—Nuyen Nick (01:19:45/01-23-51)

Kingsley Precision Metals (#8 J)

80th Avenue NE & NE 185th Street/Ben Mawby, Owner/No Racial Bias/LTG# 17206 (28-5278).

This company creates rare alloys, then uses the alloys to manufacture parts for sale to other companies. Kingsley produces parts ranging from the wing struts of Federated Boeing 828s to elements of the latest remote surgery devices from Emerald Biotechnologies.

>>>>>[Kingsley Precision parts also find their way into some of the new, better-quality bootleg cyberware, but the company is desperately trying to keep that a secret.]<<<<<<

—Nuyen Nick (23:15:54/01-08-51)

>>>>>[Hey, I caught an earful from some tech guy at Kingsley who let it slip that the company's brain trust is on the verge of some metal-fusing breakthrough. All I could make out was that they'd found a way to melt metal without using heat. Think of it, chummer! That could change the face of heavy industry throughout the world! Not to mention how much nuyen it would be worth.]<<<<<<

—Summer Drummer (21:47:56/01-17-51)

>>>>>[The Russians have been doing that for years.]<<<<<<

—Comrade (19:35:40/01-27-51)

Snohomish Optical Incorporated (#7 K)

228th Street SE & 45th Avenue SE/Homer Rhodes, President/No Racial Bias/LTG# 17206 (25-2387).

>>>>>[This company's rise has been meteoric ever since its creation in 2045. It has consistently manufactured precision optics of any type in half the time it takes its competition. The firm's competitors have sent numerous shadow teams to steal the secret from the firm's computers, but none have been able to penetrate the fearsome defenses and the skills of the company's own decker, known only as Mr. Glass.]<<<<<<

—Nuyen Nick (22-19-32/01-12-51)

>>>>>[Hey, I know for a fact that Mr. Glass is no man, but an AI persona.]<<<<<<

—Anonymous (17:54:49/01-18-51)

>>>>>[No way. We know Mr. Glass, and he's a quiet, unassuming man with dazzling reflexes and an unbelievable grasp of computers. He's as real as you and me, so stop chattering the guide with your drivel.]<<<<<<

—The Dead Deckers Society (19:21:45/01-26-51)

Snohomish Society Farm (#5 - 6 K)

Main Gates at 2011 - 156th Street SE/ Marcus Shofner, President/Bias Against Orks and Troils/LTG# 17206 (28-5783).

The Society Farm is ultramodern. Wheat, lettuce, cabbage, soy, apples, berries, and tomatoes are grown in huge fields that are electronically monitored and artificially conditioned. What can't be grown outdoors is cultivated in huge greenhouses located on the south side of the farm. The farm has a state-of-the-art security system to guard against trespassers and vandals.

>>>>>[Despite all the technology and hardware, things are not going so well. Crop yields have fallen off dramatically over the past two years, many farm hands have been laid off, and the farm manager has been called up to corporate headquarters three times for questioning. Official explanations of the farm's troubles point to the unusually harsh winter and heavy storms of last year. What they don't mention is a recent incident when two explosions leveled one greenhouse and a garage housing most of the farm's vehicles.

An investigation of the bombing identified a long list of possible suspects. The most obvious were the owners of rival farms. If it is true that Society Farm researchers have perfected a new "super tomato," it is not surprising that competitors such as Assenson's Flying Thunderbird Farm and Allied Independent Agribusiness of Snohomish Farms might resort to sabotage.

The privately owned farms would also like to see Society Farm fail, if only because its burly guards have harassed and abused the small farmers for years. As those same Society guards are avowed racists and prime suspects in the deaths of two Metahuman families, suspicion has also touched the Metahuman community.]<<<<<<

—Nuyen Nick (17:16:54/12-21-50)

>>>>>[Nuyen Nick fails to mention a fourth and most obvious possible suspect—the manager of Society Farms. Doesn't it make sense that the person responsible for a failing farm would want a diversion, a scapegoat to take the blame for his troubles? Check it out. You'll see that I'm right.]<<<<<<

—Anonymous (22:31:46/12-29-50)

>>>>>[Snohomish Security Personnel (#4 M)]

Thirteenth Street & Pine Avenue/Patrick Schriener, Owner/No Racial Bias/LTG# 17206 (26-8912).

On the surface, Snohomish Security is just another bodyguard company. But word has it that they have been gathering information on the other district farms, then resorting to blackmail.]<<<<<<

—SPD (13:54:17/01-18-51)

>>>>>[I've heard that some smaller farmers have banded together and hired muscle to help shut SSP down. I don't know how true this is, but the Bawdy Lass might be a good place to go for answers.]<<<<<<

—Anonymous (02:45:38/01-23-51)

MEDICAL**Mountlake Veterans Memorial (#7 h)**

Hospital Archetype/(6 floors)/220 Street SW & Fifty-second Avenue W/Dr. Peleti Pulu, Chief of Administration/No Racial Bias/LTG# 17206 (28-3573).

This is an excellent hospital, specializing in geriatrics and the cybersciences.

>>>>>[Mountlake has been undergoing some major changes in its administration. In one month alone, three advisors and four administrators were fired. According to rumor, Freen Bamboo Medical, the corporation that runs the hospital, began swinging the axe after they learned of some misappropriation of funds. They have installed Dr. Pulu as interim chairman until one of their own people comes over from Japan.

They still have the problem of finding the missing money, which may have been laundered through Hong Kong banks. The corporation is offering a reward of 50,000 nuyen and a percentage of the stolen money to anyone who returns it. Contact Dr. Pulu's secretary.]<<<<<<

—Queen Glide (23:51:16/12-22-50)

>>>>>[The missing money is not only hidden in Hong Kong, but in California and Atzlan as well. The whole purpose was to funnel money to the Yakuza, so you know any info has got to be well-protected. If I were you, chummer, I'd pass on this one. It's too big, too complicated, and littered with too many Yak razorguys waiting to make a move.]<<<<<<

—Anonymous (13:21:51/12-24-50)

Snohomish Medical Center (#4 I)

Hospital Archetype (8 floors)/Second Street & Avenue B/Sigurd Royset, Chief of Administration/Subtle Bias Against Orks and Trolls/LTG # 17206 (29-5287).

>>>>>[This fine hospital has been trying to live down an undeserved reputation as a haven of thieves and ghouls. It all came about after a scandal last year when Charles Selko, the hospital's chief medical examiner, was caught selling organs and limbs to street doctors. Upon further investigation, it was discovered that the morgue, under Dr. Selko's supervision, had been pirating the bodies of deceased patients for sale on the lucrative black market.

The media jumped all over the story, and for several weeks, they could not get enough of the "Medical Center Mayhem." The whole staff was tainted with the label of ghouls and monsters.]<<<<<<

—Doc U-Dub (18:23:45/12-04-50)

The Turner Clinic (#7 K)

Hospital Archetype (3 floors)/Maltby Road & Wood-ville Cut-Off/ Anita Sangray, Chief of Administration/Subtle Bias Against Metahumans/LTG# 17206 (26-5745).

>>>>>[Everyone knows Turner is bad news, but it's still the only hospital in the area. If someone has a cold or other simple ailment, they usually go to a nearby magician. For any major surgery or treatment, they still need the clinic. Complaining about Turner Clinic is like complaining about acid rain. No matter what anyone says or does, it won't go away.]<<<<<<

—Snohomish Roamer (11:54:26/12-17-50)

>>>>>[MISCELLANEOUS]**The Green Nymph (#7 J)**

Medium Store Archetype/224th Street SE & 49th Avenue SE/Farshorn, Owner/No Racial Bias/LTG # 17206 (27-3480).

Despite the region's prejudice against Metahumans, this Elf-owned lore store does a thriving business, not only in magical items but as an unofficial clinic as well.

Farshorn's neighbors accept him because he willingly treats the area's sick with his herbal and magical cures, charging only what they can afford. Most people in the neighborhood would much rather visit him than take their chances with the butchers at the Turner Clinic. Farshorn is a skilled healer. Just ask the hundreds of patients he has treated.]<<<<<<

—Jason of Snohomish (21:49:51/12-18-50)

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FORT LEWIS



FORT LEWIS AT A GLANCE

District Size: Approximately 197 square kilometers
Population: 98,000
Human: 61%
Elf: 14%
Dwarf: 3%
Orc: 16%
Troll: 3%
Other: 3%
Population Density: Approximately 500 per square kilometer
Per Capita Income: 30,000¥
Below Poverty Level: 31%
On Fortune's Active Traders List: <1%
Corporate Affiliation: 39%
Voting Precincts: 2
Education:
<12 years: 30%
High School Equivalency: 56%
College Equivalency: 13%
Advanced Studies Certificates: 1%
Hospitals and Clinics: 4
LTG Access Number: 22206

If the vast fields and farms of Snohomish are a stark contrast to the urban sprawl of Seattle, the evergreen forests of Fort Lewis District look almost from another time and another place entirely. These hundreds of acres of tranquil woodlands lie just an hour's drive from the heart of downtown. Hiking through the woods, or just touring the Fort Lewis Zoological Gardens offer an excellent way to spend a quiet day far from the crowds and pollution of the city.

>>>>>[Though Fort Lewis, like Snohomish, escapes most of Seattle's air pollution, that does not mean every acre is clean and pristine. Toxic wastes and industrial smog still kill several hundred trees every year. To save its precious trees, the district has launched a program of chemical dusting to neutralize the build-up of acids and toxins. Teams of rangers and botanists are always busy treating dying trees, cutting away those that are beyond help, and replanting them with fresh saplings. Guardsmen also patrol the forests to discourage trespassers (except for shamans), poachers, vandals, and arsonists. These protective measures are expensive, with the Seattle metroplex able to contribute only a portion of the necessary funds. Thus does it fall upon private donations from citizens and the Salish-Shidhe Council to keep the programs going.]<<<<<<

—Woppler the Weatherman (03:22:12/11-29-50)

GEOGRAPHY AND DEMOGRAPHICS

Fort Lewis is bordered by the District of Tacoma to the north, Puyallup to the east, the waters of Puget Sound to the northwest, and Salish-Shidhe Council lands to the south and southwest. The district itself is a broad expanse of marshes, forests, and the occasional hill that levels out near Puget Sound.

The district's population is sparse. Most inhabitants are soldiers, either for the Seattle Metroplex Guard or various corporation units and their families. Housing is provided by the city and the megacorporations near Intercity 5.

In addition to the 100,000 district residents, a heavy flow of people pass continually through Fort Lewis. These include shamans who have their medicine lodges in the woods, many Salish-Shidhe citizens who assist the foresters and garden-keepers, and residents of Puyallup on their way downtown.

>>>>>[People of my tribe have long told mystic tales of the powers of nature. Such magic comes alive once again in the fields and forests of Fort Lewis Preserve.]<<<<<<

—Tarlán Greenbough (21:17:23/2-19-51)

POLITICS

Colonel Winston Gajeway is District Mayor of Fort Lewis. The title of mayor came with Governor Schultz's appointment of Gajeway as Commander of the Metroplex Guard of the United Canadian American Armed Forces in 2045. Despite some initial distrust, the people of Fort Lewis now view Gajeway as a fair and competent political leader, as well as a strong military man.

>>>>>[According to my sources, this "competent political leader" is a tyrant. Having no grasp of how bureaucracy works, Gajeway is continually frustrated that his directives are not carried out immediately. He still thinks that running a government is as simple as commanding the troops. Indeed, his abrasive personality and harsh unwillingness to recognize political realities has cost the district dearly. Ten percent of the district's commercial industry has left since Gajeway took power. As long as he thinks of businessmen as some kind of ununiformed soldiers, the district's economic future will continue to be bleak.]<<<<<<
—Smiley (04:29:50/12:05:50)

>>>>>[I don't think Fort Lewis' troubles are all the Colonel's fault. He may not be the best politician around, but that doesn't mean the district's business leaders and government bureaucrats should take advantage of him. Look at the DuPont Mall deal. They promised him a grand new mall to perk up the local economy, then yanked the rug out from under him by refusing to begin construction. The businessmen say the Colonel insulted them, but I say they just wanted to wring concessions out of him without ever having to start work. Tayne Korb, the Mall Association President, is the worst. He's slime in a suit.]<<<<<<
—Miss Madigan See-All (12:10:53/12-27-50)

>>>>>[Though both the Yakuza and the Mafia have put a high priority on corrupting top military officials in Fort Lewis, their attempts to gain access to sophisticated weaponry and military hardware have so far met with little success. Because soldiers maintain such strict military discipline, they are less likely to succumb to outside influences. The best the syndicates have done is to establish small black markets to sell illegal alcohol and chips to the soldiers.

There are rumors that the Mafia has stolen some weapons from the military and that the Yakuza now controls several officers, but such victories are meaningless compared with the far-reaching power they wield in other districts. Charles Mostrom, a local Mafia leader, seems to be having more success bribing the shipping companies that carry supplies to and from the base.

Police reports of soldiers involved in assaults, even murders, are on the rise. Drunken off-duty soldiers spilling for a fight are responsible for most of the mayhem, but

some of the violence occurs during actual maneuvers. Official reports of "accidents during military training exercises" are remarkably commonplace. I've also heard plenty of stories about pitched battles between Metroplex Guard soldiers and corporate guards, usually based on racism between Humans and Metahumans. Many experts point to the segregation within the ranks as a prime reason for this problem. Why Colonel Gajeway refuses to better integrate his troops is beyond understanding.

The Spike Wheels go-gang regularly clashes with elements of the Metroplex Guards along Intercity 5. The Wheels is one of the meanest yet most skillful gangs in Seattle. Time and again, Colonel Gajeway has ordered Metroplex units out to intercept the gang, yet it is always the Metroplex Guards who come limping back after a clash.]<<<<<<

—Major Menace (03:14:57/12-30-50)

>>>>>[I never liked patrolling the Fort Lewis District. Too many kids with big guns and not enough brains to use them wisely. And I never liked it when the military went out on the highways to pick fights with the go-gangs. All it produces is more dead troopers, plus giving the gangs training exercise to keep in fighting trim. All the tougher for us when we have to ride against them.]<<<<<<

—SPD (17:29:43/01-07-51)

ECONOMY

The economy of Fort Lewis revolves around the soldiers' needs. What the troops cannot buy at the post exchanges, commissaries, and corporate outlets on base, they will find at three malls, the Parkland, the Lewis, and the Tillicum. All are close enough to the base to attract trade with the soldiers.

In recent months, the economy suffered a slight downturn after several major stores and a local hospital closed down. All are soon to be replaced, however.

NEIGHBORHOODS

>>>>>[Lone Star's security ratings have been added to the chart.]<<<<<<

—SPD (21:18:46/12-08-50)

	Security Rating
Parkland: Middle Class	B
Bridgeport Housing: Middle Class	A - B
Spanaway Lake Housing:	
Upper Class (Officer Housing)	AA
Madigan Housing: Middle Class	A
Gray Housing: Lower Class	B - C

PLACES OF INTEREST

HOTELS

Fort Lewis Visitor's Quarters (#26 C)
 Average Hotel Archetype (5 floors)/Forty-first Division Drive & Pennsylvania Avenue/Captain Cheryl Musser, Manager/No Racial Bias/LTG# 22206 (62-2318).

Visitors wishing to spend more than one day in Fort Lewis must stay here. The family-style hotel is short on certain comforts, but it is reasonably priced.

Parkland Gala Inn (#25 E)
 Average Hotel Archetype (6 floors)/119th Street South & Sheridan Street South/Diane Drow, Manager/Bias Against Orks and Trolls/LTG# 22206 (65-6510).

This pleasant hotel is conveniently located near the northeast entrance to McChord Airfield.

>>>>[The hotel is also conveniently located near the Soft Landing, a legal house of prostitution. Don't be too surprised if the hotel is packed with soldiers on leave.]<<<<<

—Connie Connolsseur (17:24:51/12-17-50)

RESTAURANTS AND BARS

Angela's (#25 E)
 Mid-Size Restaurant and Bar Archetypes/Yakima Avenue South & 134th Street/Angela Schonberg, Owner/No Racial Bias/LTG# 22206 (65-3192).

This family-style restaurant serves excellent soy and natural Italian food. Though the view isn't great (a garbage dump is across the street), the decor is pleasant and the air surprisingly fresh.

Golden Soy (#25 D)
 Mid-Size Restaurant Archetype/123rd Street & 49th Avenue/Suheun Hayes, Owner/No Racial Bias/LTG# 22206 (65-6682).

The Golden Soy is a family-style Chinese restaurant located near McChord Airfield. The decor is attractive, but the food, unfortunately, is mostly soy and too often overcooked.

Shy Giant (#25 E)
 Mid-Size Restaurant Archetype/129th Street South & Park Avenue South/Carlos Wissinger, Owner/No Racial Bias/LTG# 22206 (65-1354).

This is probably the best restaurant in the district. The owner, a very shy Troll, serves up a delectable brand of Californian and Sioux cuisine.

>>>>[This is a favorite meeting place for Fort Lewis' Native Americans.]<<<<<

—Connie Connolsseur (23:47:52/12-18-50)

>>>>[The Big "O" (#25 E)
 Seedy Bar Archetype/165th Street South & A Street/Karl "Pain" Nelson, Owner/No Racial Bias/LTG# 22206(65-7806).

This small, inconspicuous dive is the perfect place for shadowrunners to meet their contacts and customers. It's noisy inside, and the strippers are enough to keep most of the crowd preoccupied, allowing runners to conduct their business in relative privacy. The owner, an ex-runner, also lets friends use several private rooms in the rear.]<<<<<

—Connie Connolsseur (21:54:53/12-24-50)

>>>>[Lost Unicorn (#26 D)
 Bar Archetype/Woodbrook Road & 150th Street SW/Kay Tielacha, Owner/No Racial Bias/LTG# 22206 (65-5884).

This bar is said to be named for a unicorn that somehow got lost in the district and was accidentally run over by a car just outside the bar door. According to regulars, the ghost of the unicorn is a regular visitor. They also say that extraordinarily lucky things happen here. One night, for example, four guys were playing five-card draw, and within an hour, each drew a royal flush. The bar is a favorite gathering place for the district's magicians. Be forewarned that they like to play tricks on customers by casting illusions of the unicorn.]<<<<<

—The Dead Deckers Society (16:21:41/12-17-50)



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LTG# 22206 (65-3192)
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>>>>>[The Terrible Taps (#26 E)

Mid-Size Restaurant and Bar Archetypes/174th Street South & A Street/Ray Runyon, Manager/No Racial Bias/LTG# 2206 (65-9040)

This is a real great place to meet women and get really tanked up. Corporate warriors come here a lot, which makes for some pretty frequent fights. Lots of computer types hang out here, too.]<<<<<

—The At Ease Soldier (23:17:51/11-29-50)

TOURIST ATTRACTIONS

Fort Lewis Zoological Gardens (#26 - 27 C - D)

1011 West Jackson Avenue/Captain Katherine Wolf, Commander/No Racial Bias/LTG# 22206 (62-4225).

The Fort Lewis Zoological Gardens are a showcase for Seattle's commitment to rescuing endangered animal and plant species in the Pacific Northwest. It is easy to see why this zoo is often singled out as one of the best. Because exhibits minimize the gulf between man and animal, a walk through the zoo is as close as one can get to seeing the animals in their natural element. Without doubt, the most interesting exhibits are those of the paranormal animals in the north end. Many people are not aware that the zoo earns much of its money by breeding animals for sale to other nations, including the Salish-Shidhe Council, on the acres of forested land to the east and south of the zoo.

>>>>>[The Fort Lewis Zoo is one of the best breeders of paranatural animals, particularly the Golden Unicorn, the Cockatrice, and the Phoenix. The breeding programs are so successful that many outside organizations and foreign countries have gone to great lengths to discover our secret. Their attempts, which even included a botched-up kidnapping of one of our 300 handlers, have all been unsuccessful so far.

Rumors suggest that Sylvia Woods, Director of the Paranatural Breeding Program, has met secretly with officials of the Ueno Zoo of Tokyo, who want to get her away from Seattle. Let's hope it's not true.]<<<<<

—Ursa Major (09:24:55/12-05-50)

>>>>>[In a choice between being a soldier in battle and being a handler of paranatural animals, I'd rather be the soldier. I've been paralyzed twice by a Cockatrice, had my clothes burned off by a Phoenix, not to mention being chased by Barghests, stunned by Eyekillers, and generally made nauseous by Nagas. The only animal I get along with is the Unicorn, and no, it's not because I'm as pure as the driven snow.]<<<<<

—Anonymous (23:51:43/12-26-50)

McChord Airfield Visitors Center (#25 D)

Main Street and Central Avenue/Captain Charles Mickles, Public Liaison Officer/No Racial Bias/LTG# 22206 (62-1354).

For anyone interested in high-performance jet fighters, a trip to the Visitors Center of McChord Airfield is a must. Not only can one observe the aircraft of the Metroplex Guards and other corporate air units, but it is also possible to see the latest Federated Boeing aircraft being put through their paces by Guard pilots.

Pacific University (#25 E)

121st Street South & J Street//Michael Moucka, Dean of Administration/No Racial Bias/LTG# 22206 (62-2634).

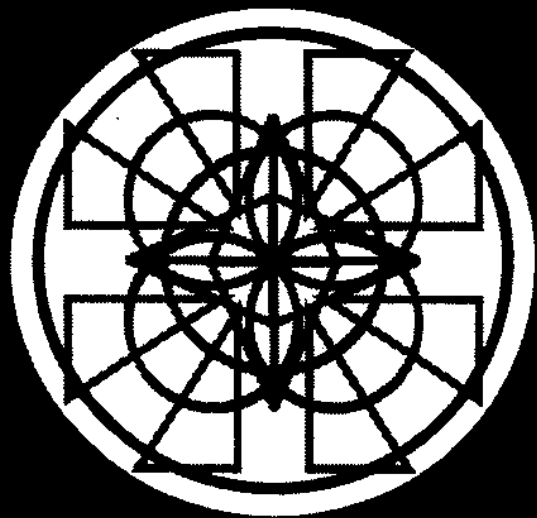
Pacific University is one of the city's finest learning institutions. Though it offers degree programs in many fields, Pacific is best known for its Schools of Magic and Music.

Parkland Mall (#25 E)

Shopping Mall Archetype (2 floors)/116th Street & 19th Avenue Court South/Kenneth Strehlow, Mall Association President/Bias Against Metahumans/LTG# 22206 (63-4405).

The Parkland Mall has many small stores and a large Lordstrung's, which offer soldiers from Fort Lewis a wide variety of items for sale.

A Taste of the Southwest



129th St. & Parkland Ave. General
LTG# 22206 (65-1354)

OTHER LOCATIONS

GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS

Fort Lewis District Hall and Metroplex Headquarters (#26 C)

Nevada Avenue & Fifteenth Street/LTG# 22206 (62-2696).

Fort Lewis Stockades (#26 D)

Coolidge Avenue and Adams Street/Captain Malafu Thurmon, Warden/LTG# 22206 (62-5098).

>>>>>[The UCAS military demands hard physical labor from its prisoners. All but the most violent inmates are assigned to work details that go out every day to clear forests or assist in major construction work.]<<<<<<

—SPD (17:22:54/12-19-50)

>>>>>[Urban Combat Simulator ("Downtown Hell") (#26 E)]

213 West Outer Drive/Captain Danny Napora, Commander/LTG# 22206 (62-9119).

The UCS is a 25-square block replica of downtown Seattle. The entire complex is studded with sensors and remote cameras linked to a large computer in a bunker in the center of the simulator. Companies of soldiers in full combat armor enter the simulator to confront a variety of simulated opponents. Soldiers and their opponents use simuslugs, bullets that mimic the trajectory and speed of normal rounds, but that melt on impact with any solid object. Even with simuslugs, simulator runs are dangerous in the extreme, especially for the members of the Metroplex Guards Special Forces who dutifully risk their lives to provide the soldiers with live targets.]<<<<<<

—Major Menace (17:29:45/12-01-50)

MEDICAL

Madigan Army Hospital (#26 D)

Hospital Archetype (16 floors)/3954 West Wilson Avenue/Dr. Denton McClelland, Commander/No Racial Bias/LTG# 22206 (62-4658).

This is one of the best military hospitals in the UCAS.

>>>>>[In the past six months, unexplained radiation leakage and the repeated disappearance of radioactive materials (and their subsequent discovery in odd places such as on top of an elevator) has been both embarrassing and dangerous. Military Police and Lone Star detectives have come up with neither explanations nor arrests. Rumors include speculation that the incidents are a paranormal phenomenon.]<<<<<<

—Nurse Station (21:15:17/11-29-50)

FORT LEWIS ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS



**COME SEE THE
PARANORMALS**

>>>>[Precisely. Didn't you know that the hospital is built on a graveyard? Restless spirits are definitely at work here, walking the halls and causing all kinds of trouble. They're ghosts, chummer.]<<<<<

—Anonymous (17:23:31/12-02-50)

>>>>[Please disregard previous entry. A few guests of our Psychiatric Ward managed to get access to a computer and were having a little fun writing bogus entries. The ringleader was Sergeant Adina Korski, a combat decker who suffered a total mental breakdown two years ago. All I can hope is that the editors of this guide will be able to weed out any fake entries they have made.]<<<<<

—Nurse Station (21:18:54/12-05-50)

McChord Hospital (#25 D)

Hospital Archetype (8 floors)/Battery Road & Fourth Street/Drive Margaret Wargi, Commander/No Racial Bias/LTG# 22206 (62-2028).

This hospital has a major burn center, and it provides emergency services for surrounding military and civilian community.

>>>>[McChord Hospital has a huge skin bank where they store every type and color skin in huge freezers. A high-security team grows the skin in a well-guarded lab in the third level of the basement. Drive Sammalee Knox, the Department Coordinator, has been selling specimens to street docs.]<<<<<

—Anonymous (19:32:10/12-24-50)

[MISCELLANEOUS

>>>>[The Drunken Non-Com (#26 E)

Night Club Archetype/Loop Road South & Old Military Road South/Norton Mioni, Owner/Will Not Admit Trolls/LTG# 22206 (68-1442).

The Drunken Non-Com is a small night club with an unsavory reputation. Rumor has it that the club is a front for the Yakuza.]<<<<<

—Connie Connolsseur (23:18:11/12-17-50)

>>>>Fort Lewis Sauna And Holistic Rest Center (#26 E)

Medium-Size Store and Body Shop Archetypes/140th Street South & Yakima Avenue/Joseph Nakai, Owner/No Racial Bias/LTG# 2206 (65-7058)

The ornate steam beds, herbal rooms, and attractive women make the sauna popular with the soldiers. Most do not realize that it is a front for a well-equipped body shop in the basement. Drive Brian Wing runs the body shop, and he and his staff of nurses have built a reputation for being honest and concerned, a rarity among illegal chop shops.]<<<<<

—Connie Connolsseur (18:24:51/12-19-50)

>>>>[Connie's trail is cold. Dr. Wing sold the sauna and body shop to Kevin Rethke for plenty of nuyen. The new owner brought in Ben Haukom as his street doc. Haukom is a butcher. I've heard about three people he's already disfigured, and he's probably been busy hiding the bodies of other "mistakes" all over the place.]<<<<<

—Anonymous (21:25:47/12-24-50)

>>>>[Miller-Forest Computers (#25 E)

Decker Store Archetype/Alaska Street South & 120th Street South/Wally "Walrus" Miller, Owner/No Racial Bias/LTG# 22206 (68-7655).

For anyone with needs or interests that are illegal, this is probably the best computer store in the district. The store's main room displays a typical array of powerless corporate suit machines, but the right connection or the right price can get you to a back vault where the really "hot" items are kept.

The store is also known for renting "hot" decks, which is unusual. Besides having to put up a large chunk of credit for the machine, the renter must agree in writing to give the store a percentage (usually one-third) of any loot obtained through use of the deck. There are security procedures, such as a location beeper on every deck, as well as self-destruct mechanisms, to discourage anyone from stealing the decks.]<<<<<

—Drunken Decker Society (11:17:59/12-22-50)

>>>>[O.K. Time out. Enough of this. I can't believe all this stuff about where to buy decks and software. Nobody who does this for a living expects to stay alive and still buy anything from a store. Everything is custom made to spec. No serial numbers, no warranty registration data fax numbers, no owner manuals. You buy off the shelf, chummer, and you ain't gonna last a micro-second.]<<<<<

—FastJack (12:54:37/02-14-51)

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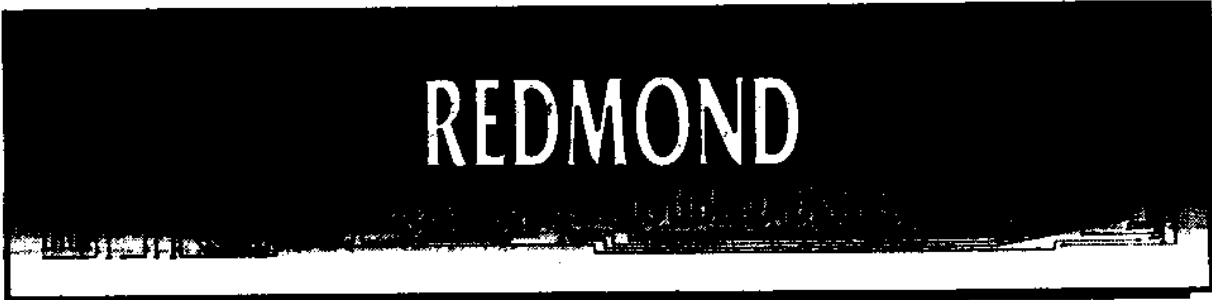
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REDMOND AT A GLANCE

- District Size:** Approximately 436 square kilometers
- Population:** 498,000
 - Human: 82%
 - Elf: 6%
 - Dwarf: 1%
 - Ork: 10%
 - Troll: 1%
 - Other: 1%
- Population Density:** Approximately 1,142 per square kilometer
- Per Capita Income:** 6,600\$ per year
- Below Poverty Level:** 79%
- On Fortune's Active Traders List:** 0%
- Corporate Affiliation:** 22%
- Voting Precincts:** 10
- Education:**
 - <12 Years: 78%
 - High School Equivalency: 18%
 - College Equivalency: 3%
 - Advanced Studies Certificates: 1%
- Hospitals and Clinics:** 6
- LTG Access Number:** 11206

The Seattle Metroplex, for all its beauty and splendor, is not immune to the problems that plague other major cities. One of the most pressing of these is the plight of its almost one million poor and homeless, whose lives are a daily struggle for survival. And their numbers are growing.

These unfortunates first turned whole blocks of housing into squatters' camps that scarred the city skyline, with whole "communities" eventually emerging. Seattle has two such large districts, where poverty is handed down from father to son and desperate crime is a fact of life. The two districts have been run down for so long that they are known simply as the Barrens.

The District of Redmond, or the Redmond Barrens, was once covered with lush evergreen forests and rich farm land. Slowly, it developed into a suburban sea of apartment complexes for Bellevue's and Seattle's workers. By the turn of the century, the area had finally found an industry of its own: the gathering and distribution of business information via a worldwide computer network. As the computer industry continued to blossom, huge

office complexes and tall skyscrapers began to dot the landscape.

Then came the Computer Crash of '29. A deadly virus ripped through the global computer network, crashing Redmond's industry almost overnight. The river of information stopped flowing, then it dried up completely. Eighty percent of the district's businesses collapsed, taking with them a district government that could not cope with the sudden calamity.

It was a full-scale panic. Most Redmond residents who lost their jobs fled to Bellevue, which had also been hit hard by the Crash but was still surviving. Within days, the economic lifeblood of the district was gone. Lured by stories of abandoned apartment houses and unguarded grocery stores, Seattle's homeless began to pour in. This, in turn, created more flight and more empty buildings, luring still more homeless.

Only now are we beginning to see a change for the better. Last year's financial figures showed that, for the first time in almost 20 years, the number of new businesses opening up in Redmond was greater than the number that failed. Some of the metroplex's major corporations are once again interested in the district. This economic upswing is far from complete, but at least it offers hope.

Visitors are advised to travel into Redmond only via one of the tours offered by Metro Transit Tours. It would not be wise to ignore the element of danger in the streets.

>>>>[All the abandoned buildings, all the darkened alleys. The scavengers. The survivors. No wonder they say that paranoia is not a problem in the Barrens. It is a way of life.]<<<<<

—Tarian Greenbough (11:19:02/2-19-51)

>>>>[Redmond is a violent place where possession of the smallest bit of food or the cheapest trinket can be reason enough to die. A weekly convoy of trucks delivering food to the district's few grocery stores always causes riots, as squatters risk death to try to stop the trucks so they can steal the food. Even at its most quiet, the district is a seething, angry mass that could explode at any moment.

Most of the Humans in the district still harbor a passionate hatred for all Metahumans. This racism stems from the Computer Crash of '29 when the first flurry of

rumors blamed Metahumans for the disaster. Human supremacy groups, such as the Humanis Policlub, the KKK, and The Order, flourish in the district, spreading their gospel of hatred and racial purity to receptive crowds. During such rallies, many citizens are more than willing to turn club or torch against any unprotected Elf or Ork. In fear for their lives, many Redmond Metahumans have banded together and begun to fight back.

The few companies with factories in Redmond had to build massive fortifications to protect their facilities against looters and vandals. Some firms have hired as guards the biggest and meanest squatters they can find. Accidental shootings in and around these fortified factories are just another fact of life in the Redmond Barrrens.

Neither the Mafia nor any of the Yakuza make much money here, though both have established black markets. The syndicates do find the district's mix of chaos and violence an excellent breeding ground for warriors and thieves. The Yakuza clans are particularly adept at identifying those who might become fearsome fighters or magicians. Recruits are trained and given a probationary period. If they pass, the most promising warriors receive performance-enhancing cyberware, and the magicians get access to the gang's library and its cache of magical items.

The Redmond Mafia has been in turmoil ever since 2039, when Carl Decavitt and a group of supporters declared their independence from the Seattle Mob. For his actions, Decavitt was summarily executed, but not before his renegade faction began a serious challenge for control of the district. The current leader of the renegades is Ra Halquist. Don James O'Malley of Seattle still considers himself in control of Redmond, with Theodore Atencio acting as Capo.

The Seoulpa Rings also use Redmond as a resource pool for new recruits. There are five known Rings operating in Redmond, continually supplying new members to the Rings in other districts. Of the five, the Ill Squires, led by Dan Aurigemma, is the most active.

There are hundreds, if not thousands, of thrill gangs thriving in the district. Every corner seems to have its own group of toughs claiming it as their turf. Three of the most infamous gangs are Metahuman: the Rusted Stiletos haunt Glow City, the Crimson Crush hound the people of Bargain Basement, while the Red Hot Nukes call Hollywood their own.]<<<<<

—Smiley (22:15:45/12-19-50)

>>>>>[I've worked in both the Redmond and the Puyallup Barrrens, and I think that Redmond is definitely tougher. There are more people living here, the air is dirtier, and the racism is worse.

Police patrols never go out in less than four-man squads, for the streets are just too dangerous. That's also why the police prefer to use riot cars like the Ares Citymaster or the smaller Nissan Patrol-1, each able to carry at least four cops. These cars have powerful engines

and high ground clearance that enables them to clear any obstacle, as well as a gun turret to dust off any squatter with a bad idea. The police also need to use quite a few more helicopters in Redmond than in other districts. With helicopters, they can travel faster around the district and carry more firepower than the average riot-control vehicle.

Despite the massive firepower the police have, I don't know anyone who likes to pull duty in the Barrrens. More police die here than anywhere else in the city.]<<<<<

—SPD (15:02:47/12-24-50)

GEOGRAPHY AND DEMOGRAPHICS

Redmond's terrain is quite flat, with its few existing hills in the southern end of the district. The winding path of the Snoqualmie River dominates almost a third of the district.

Close to 500,000 people live in Redmond. An accurate count is difficult because many have no permanent residence. The actual population could run anywhere from 300,000 to 700,000.

The district's population is diverse, but the number of Metahumans is low. Ever since the Night of Rage, the Awakened Races have tended to shy away from the non-Awakened, banding together in self-defense.

POLITICS

Mayor of Redmond is Jeffrey Gasston, upon whose shoulders the awesome responsibility of rebuilding this economic wasteland has fallen. His efforts, particularly his support for the Renton Center Mall, are the reason the district is experiencing its first economic revival in decades. Gasston was first elected in 2048.

>>>>>[Jeffrey Gasston is an inexperienced political leader with grandiose plans but no patience to see them through. His occasional successes, such as the Renton Center, do wonders for his popularity with the voters, but his idealism and free-spending ways have irritated the district government to the point of open revolt.

Gasston also faces the problem of dealing with the many officials who have sold their integrity to the Yakuza and the Mafia. Some say that almost a third of the Redmond government is involved with the syndicates.

Governor Schultz, impressed by Gasston's vigor, has been tutoring the young man in the ways of government. With some success, apparently, for Gasston has recently demonstrated much more political savvy in getting what he wants. He might even become politically adept before the next election.

It is almost meaningless to talk about local government in Redmond, however, for most of the district isn't really governed at all. Only the small strip along the district's border with Bellevue shows any trace of respect for law and order. An occasional Lone Star patrol is the only sign of police control in most of this urban wasteland.]<<<<<

—Nuyen Nick (21:39:40/12-18-50)

>>>>>[It's funny how many fat politicians find their way into the heart of the district. They come here in their big black limousines, snoop around, and pretend to be concerned about us. Why are they here? More likely looking for BTL chips than a good pizza. All I know is that they are constantly buzzing around like flies on you-know-what.]<<<<<

—Just Another Renton Squat (03:48:30/12-21-50)

>>>>>[Though recent reports that new businesses outnumber falling ones are true, it would be foolish to say that Redmond's long depression is over. The cooperation of government and corporations so vital to a healthy economy just doesn't exist here. Without help from the district government, it's a struggle to stay alive and afloat in the commercial world.

The few successful businesses do so only by selling illegal products such as chips. In addition, many petrochemical refineries, chemical plants, and metal recycling centers make money by selling inferior products to unscrupulous megacorporations, who, in turn, sell the products elsewhere. It is a sad fact that the government in this district is simply too weak to enforce the laws.

The factories make the Barrrens' bleak landscape look even uglier. Their rusting metal towers continuously spew out poisons into the air. The people call the factories "Toxic Castles," and they do resemble Gothic structures surrounded by their own moats of poisonous filth. Ironically, these factories generate the little honest money earned in Redmond.

Setting up shop in the district poses special problems for a corporation. One is the need to keep the factory and its workers safe, hence the high walls, electric fencing, and armed guards. Another difficulty is the transportation of materials to and from the factories. Desperate squatters know the value of these materials, and they will go to any lengths to obtain them. That's why most Redmond factories use either helicopter and tilt-rotor aircraft or the Snoqualmie River to ferry materials in and out.

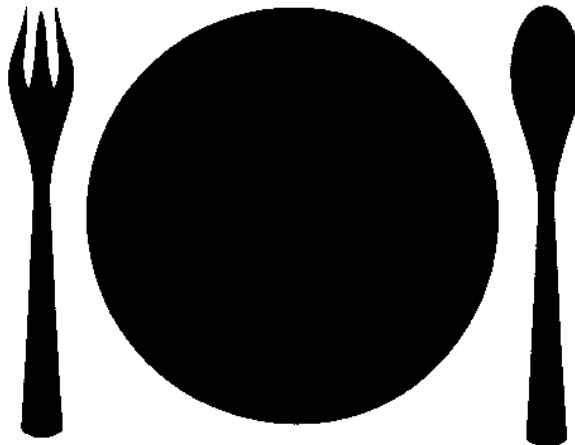
Only a handful of major businesses operate in the district, the largest being Hollywood Simsense Entertainments, Life-Eez Appliances, Monohan Vehicles, and Carnation-Seattle.]<<<<<

—Nuyen Nick (05:12:49/12-24-50)

>>>>>[One thing that Nuyen Nick didn't mention was the illegal traffic in body parts. Untold numbers of squatters living in the Barrrens have ended up on a chopping table. Hired thugs go out to find their targets, knock them over the head, and drag them back to some back-alley butcher shop, where they slice the poor guy up eight ways to Sunday to be sold to rich SOB's who want to live forever.]<<<<<

—Anonymous (21:48:50/12-29-50)

REDMOND PHOENIX HOUSE



JAPANESE-AMERICAN CUISINE AT ITS FINEST.
On Union Hill Road in Redmond LTG# 11206 (63-7516)

NEIGHBORHOODS

>>>>>[Almost the entire district of Redmond has been rated as an E security rating by Lone Star]<<<<<<
—SPD (16:49:10/12-18-50)

REDMOND (AKA TOURISTVILLE)

This is the most well-developed and orderly section of the district, due mostly to the presence of the Capitol Building and the proximity to Bellevue. All of the district's tourism is confined to this one area. Those who want to see the rest of the district will do so at their own risk. Indeed, this lower-class neighborhood seems like heaven compared to the rest of the district.

RAT'S NEST (NORTH SEATTLE GARBAGE CENTER)

This huge, open-air garbage dump is home to nearly a thousand people who live in huts amid the mounds of filth. Many claim to be shamans of the Rat totem, hence the area's name.

THE PLASTIC JUNGLES

At the turn of the century, a wealthy agriculturist built 20 of the largest greenhouses in the world. The tent-like buildings were several kilometers in diameter and stood on land considered too polluted with toxic waste to grow any crops. The agriculturist proved the skeptics wrong—almost. The land did yield amazing harvests of food, but it was too contaminated for public consumption.

The huge greenhouses were then used to grow tropical flowers until the Crash of '29, when the entire project was abandoned. Since then, they have become home for much of the district's Metahuman squatter population.

GLOW CITY

In 2013, Trojan-Satsop, a nuclear power plant, suffered a partial meltdown, contaminating Beaver Lake and the surrounding land for kilometers around. In 2028, a second power plant, this one run by Shiawase Atomix, was erected next to the rusting hulk of its predecessor. It has been providing power to the city ever since. After the Crash of '29, squatters began to build their hovels on the contaminated lands, despite the government's repeated attempts to remove them. The government eventually gave up and let the squatters remain. Since then, the squatter population has tripled. In spite of the extraordinarily high rates of cancer-related deaths and infant mortality.

BARGAIN BASEMENT

Bargain Basement used to be the location of some of the best apartment complexes in the district, but that was before the Crash. Today, the buildings are in decay,

requiring illegal hook-ups to keep their power and sanitation systems working. Bargain Basement is now the site of street markets and bazaars offering all types of goods. Mafia and Yakuza black markets flourish here.

Sophocles: Squatter
Brain Heavens: Lower Class
Parity: Squatter
Avondale: Squatter
Kingsgate: Squatter
Woodinville: Squatter
Hollywood: Lower Class

PLACES OF INTEREST

HOTELS

Redmond Center Hotel (#11 L)

Luxury Hotel and Mid-Size Restaurant Archetypes (10 floors)/Redmond Way & Avondale/Milk Rezac, Manager/No Racial Bias/LTG# 11206 (34-5901)

This plush hotel is right in the middle of the Redmond Center. Its rooms are excellent, yet not unaffordable. The Redmond Dining Room serves excellent Salsish-American food at equally good prices.

>>>>>[There are rumors that a Yakuza clan is blackmailing the manager into spilling all he knows about the entire Renton Center. This can only mean that the Yaks have their eye on something. Don't be surprised if it turns out they're looking to gain control of the whole mall.]<<<<<<

—Connie Connosseur (08:45:17/12-19-50)

>>>>>[The Yaks have been moving hot and heavy around here. It looks like Milk caved in.]<<<<<<

—Anonymous (23:37:25/12-22-50)

>>>>>[Yesterday, one of the hotel guests was found in his room with his throat slashed. Milk hasn't shown up in three days. Yaks don't waste any time.]<<<<<<

—Anonymous (21:15:45/12-28-50)

>>>>>[Novelty Hill Sleep & Eat (#10 N)

Cheap Hotel and Mid-Size Restaurant Archetypes (1 floor)/Novelty Hill Road & West Snoqualmie Valley Road/Brian Teunge, Owner/No Racial Bias/LTG# 11206 (64-6409).

This is a typical Redmond death-trap. Inside what used to be a warehouse are rows and rows of sleeping cubicles stacked 15-high without proper bracing. The cubicles are seldom cleaned. Only when the stench becomes unbearable does the owner decide to bring out the disinfectant and hose down the cubicles. In addition, the building has no fire alarms and is not guarded. A real hellhole.]<<<<<<

—Renton Filth Examiner (05:47:41/12-22-50)

RESTAURANTS & BARS

Banshee (#11 L)

Night Club Archetype/1267 - 163rd Avenue NE/
Jake Randall, Owner/No Racial Bias/LTG# 11206 (68-
1432).

Music, drinks, a bouncer—nothing really sets the
Banshee apart from any other bar in the plex, which is
exactly what makes it a popular place.

>>>>>[People who want to meet without calling atten-
tion to themselves like it here. For the right money, a
private room is available in the back.]<<<<<<

—Solo Mio (07:32:03/4-16-50)

Crusher 495 (#9 K)

Small Restaurant and Bar Archetypes/124th Avenue
& 143rd Street/Janus Koskey, Owner/No Racial Bias/
LTG# 11206 (68-5974).

Crusher 495 is owned and operated by Orks, which
is why the bar is so often the target of racist attacks. The
owners chose to fight back in an unusual way. They have
gone out of their way to gain acceptance in the neighbor-
hood. By loaning customers money, taking sick people to
the hospital in the bar's van, and other kindnesses, the
place has built up quite a following of Human supporters.

>>>>>[The bar owners are very good sources of informa-
tion about what's going on in the district.]<<<<<<

—Connie Connoisseur (22:18:55/12-19-50)

The Downfall (#8 K)

Bar Archetype/NE 175th Street & 140th Avenue NE/
Steve Eckerle, Owner/No Racial Bias/LTG# 11206 (68-
9103).

Compared to the other bars in the district, the Downfall
is a fairly safe and pleasant place to get a drink. The air is
clean, the lighting is good, and the people (mostly
magicians) are civil.

>>>>>[Best of all, the booze doesn't eat a hole in your
guts.]<<<<<<

—Just Another Renton Squat (16:49:57/11-29-50)

>>>>>[Diana, my favorite Downfall barmaid, has top-
quality hand razors. If a customer tries to get too friendly,
those razors are around the guy's neck so fast, it takes his
breath away. The only possible explanation is that she was
once a shadowrunner. I've been trying for months to find
out her story, but she just smiles and tells me I'm too
young.]<<<<<<

—Halloween (10:19:34/12-19-50)

Redmond Phoenix House (#11 M)

Mid-Size Restaurant and Bar Archetypes/Union Hill
Road/De Anh Trinka, Owner/No Racial Bias/LTG# 11206
(63-7516).

This first-class restaurant typifies a growing spirit of
pride and confidence within Redmond. This is Japanese-
American cuisine at its finest.

Yoshiro's (#8 K)

Small Restaurant and Bar Archetypes/Woodinville
Snohomish Road & 175th Street NE/Merlen Ruscin,
Manager/No Racial Bias/LTG# 11206 (68-4992).

Yoshiro's is still the predominant restaurant type in
the Barrrens, serving soy dishes that crudely approximate
natural dishes and SuBeer (beer made from soy by-
products) that tastes as cheap as it costs.

>>>>>[This restaurant attracts many shadowrun-
ners.]<<<<<<

—Connie Connoisseur (18:22:10/12-18-50)

>>>>>[The Jackal's Lantern (#12 L)

Bar Archetype/25th Street & 179th Avenue NE/No
Racial Bias/LTG# 11206 (68-8302).

A tough bar for a tough crowd, the Lantern fits right
in with the rest of the Redmond Barrrens. Come in for a shot
and a beer, and be careful when you turn your back.]<<<<<<

—Just Another Renton Squat (21:56:03/12-05-50)

>>>>>[The Joke (#11 L)

Bar Archetype/Union Hill Road & 208th Avenue NE/
Jacque Shurrock, Owner/No Racial Bias/LTG# 11206 (68-
6432).

The Yaks run this little bar on the ground floor of what
must have been a beautiful apartment tower before the
Crash. From what I've seen and heard, the Yaks also own
most of the building and have been using it as the
headquarters of their black market operations here in
Redmond.]<<<<<<

—Just Another Renton Squat (15:59:43/12-18-50)

>>>>>[Magic-users, particularly street shamans, frequent
the bar, for some weird reason.]<<<<<<

—Yahoo (11:17:50/12-22-50)

>>>>>[The Mad Woman (#11 M)

Night Club Archetype/51st Street NE & 228th Ave-
nue NE/Stan Casebier, Owner/No Racial Bias/LTG# 11206
(68-2711).

The Mad Woman used to be a major nightclub before
the Crash of '29. Now dancing and singing are out, while
heavy drinking is in, though the owners sometimes turn
on the radio so people can toss back shots in time with the
music. The place is usually crowded with unemployed
shadowrunners drowning their sorrows.]<<<<<<

—Connie Connoisseur (13:24:10/12-18-50)

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124th Ave. & 143rd St.

TOURIST ATTRACTIONS

Redmond Center Mall (#10 L)

Shopping Mall Archetype (2 floors)/Redmond Way & Avondale Way NE/Wilms Shinnick, Mall Association President/No Racial Bias/LTG# 11206 (63-1689).

The Redmond Center is a bright new addition to the otherwise dreary Redmond landscape. Many of the stores are owned by Renton citizens, and feature Renton-made products that reflect the region's new economic strength.

>>>>>[The shopping mall is indeed pretty to look at. It is also one of the most heavily protected in the city, a necessary precaution because mobs of squatters have twice tried to break in and loot the place.]<<<<<<

—Connie Connosseur (06:14:22/01-09-51)

>>>>>[Running throughout the complex is an underground system of tunnels and storage rooms for use in defense of the mall, should it come under siege.]<<<<<<

—Anonymous (15:54:48/01-21-51)

OTHER LOCATIONS

GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS

Redmond District Court House (#10 L)

NE 85th Street & 163rd Avenue/LTG# 11206 (67-5531).

Redmond District Hall (#10 L)

15670 NE 85th Street/LTG# 11206 (67-7566).

>>>>>[Hollywood Correctional Facilities (#9 K)

156th Place NE & 159th Avenue NE/Brian Brain-crusher, Warden.

This is the largest prison in Redmond. The prisoners are only half-joking when they say that they let themselves get caught so that they could enjoy the prison's facilities, as opposed to trying to stay alive on the streets of Redmond.]<<<<<<

—SPD (21:15:12/12-15-50)

>>>>>[I heard that the Renton Mafia (not the Seattle Mob) was going to try to spring Eddie Casad from Hollywood. Until he got caught, Eddie Casad was Renton's best assassin. Some say that the Seattle mob snitched on Eddie and led the police right to him. If that is true, look for Eddie to go after a little payback.]<<<<<<

—Anonymous (23:15:48/12-25-50)

BUSINESSES

Carnation-Seattle Ranch (#11 P)

3165 NE 60th Street/Fidelino Lawrenz, Vice President in charge of Seattle Operations/LTG# 11206 (63-2578).

Carnation-Seattle, the nation's largest dairy company, owns and operates a major dairy ranch on land that straddles Seattle's border with Council lands. This is possible because of the company's good relations with the Salish-Shidhe. (The Vice President's daughter, Barbara Lawrenz, is married to Roger Snowfield, a Tsee of one of the local tribes.) The Ranch employs company dairymen and Salish ranchers. According to the agreement between Carnation-Seattle and the Council, all but those employees living on the far outskirts of the Sprawl must return to the city every night. Numerous heliports help facilitate this transportation.

Hollywood Simsense Entertainments (#9 K)

NE 145th Street & 168th Avenue/Craig Gromling, Owner/No Racial Bias/LTG# 11206 (63-9802).

>>>>>[This factory manufactures cheap simsense rigs and thousands of even cheaper simsense chips. Most of the chips are filmed right here in Hollywood's own studios and lean toward the gory or pornographic. HSE has been linked with illegal distribution rings of the highly addictive BTL (Better Than Life) chips. So far, Lone Star and other federal authorities have been unable to gather enough evidence to take any action.]<<<<<<

—Nuyen Nick (18:24:54/12-27-50)



PACIFIC
WINDS

>>>>>[I work at HSE and I can tell you that there is a studio and lab strictly off-limits to most workers. Only certain techs are allowed in there, and they don't talk.]<<<<<<

—Anonymous (14:05:09/12-30-50)

Life-Eez Appliances (#11 O)

West Morrison Street & Stewart Avenue/Eric Niemer, Manager/LTG# 11206 (62-6463).

This huge, fortified factory manufactures cooking and cleaning appliances for the home. Materials are transported in and out by helicopter.

>>>>>[A group of Human supremacist have bombed the factory three times in the last two months to protest the factory's hiring of Metahumans. The last explosion left a large gap in the northern wall that hasn't been repaired yet.]<<<<<<

—Nuyen Nick (13:57:09/12-07-50)

>>>>>[Word around the factory is that an unregistered police club calling itself The Sword is responsible for most of these attacks. The Reverend Dean Cline is the leader of this group. When a friend of mine ran a SIN check on Cline, he discovered the Reverend is a cousin to Eric Niemer, the factory manager. This raises the interesting possibility that the attacks are based on more than race hatred.]<<<<<<

—Renton Filth-Raker (07:15:49/12-15-50)

Monohan Vehicles (#14 N)

Black Nugget Road/Evelyn Monohan, Owner/No Racial Bias/LTG# 11206 (63-5556).

The Slo-Go, Arrow, and Mohawk electric cars of Chrysler-Nissan are manufactured by Monohan in large assembly buildings hidden behind fortified walls. Raw materials are flown into the factory, while finished vehicles leave the district in heavily protected convoys.

>>>>>[Of late, there have been a flurry of rumors about C-N's dissatisfaction with the factory's managers. The megacorp is supposed to be considering buying up the factory and taking it away from the Monohan family entirely.]<<<<<<

—SPD (21:18:16/12-18-50)

>>>>>[I've heard talk that Ares Arms, a big maker of military and police vehicles, is also interested in trying to buy the Monohan facility for their own use. If true, it would mean a vicious bidding war between Ares and C-N. The contest would certainly make the Monohan family one of the richest families in Seattle.]<<<<<<

—Nuyen Nick (06:21:17/12-21-50)

MEDICAL

Hollywood Hospital (#9 L)

Hospital Archetype (2 floors)/NE 153rd Street & 154th Avenue NE/Dr. Edison Olszewski, Chief of Administration/Bias Against Metahumans/LTG# 11206 (65-2678).

>>>>>[This small hospital is typical of those in the Redmond Barrens. Most of the staff are not fully licensed doctors, the labs and surgical theaters are lacking essential equipment, and many rooms do not come close to meeting sanitation standards. Heavy security is another unfortunate fact of life for any Barrens hospital. To protect itself from radical poiclubs, chipheads, and thieving squatters, the hospital must employ armed guards at all times.]<<<<<<

—Doc U-Dub (23:01:22/12-05-50)

>>>>>[The administrator of Hollywood Hospital was a combat surgeon with the MCT armed forces before they bounced him for giving aid and comfort to the enemy. He's still pretty bitter about that.]<<<<<<

—Green Misery (23:14:19/12-14-50)

Redmond General (#10 L)

Hospital Archetype (25 floors)/164th Avenue NE & 85th Street NE/Dr. Chelli Grochala, Chief of Administration/No Racial Bias/LTG# 11206 (68-4672).

This large, modern hospital first opened in November 2049 and quickly became the center of health care for the district. The UCC shows its concern for the people of the district by making large donations every month to the hospital's Outreach and Emergency Services funds.

>>>>>[The Redmond General staff is definitely not as clean and well-polished as their hospital facilities. There is strong evidence to suggest that three surgeons, Doctors Timothy Abernathy, Dirk Carson, and William Jumpkick, run profitable and illegal body shops on the side. There are also plenty of rumors about the morgue doing a brisk business in body parts. This is not too surprising, as many patients at Redmond General do not have any next of kin.]<<<<<<

—Renton Filth Examiner (10:21:49/11-29-50)

>>>>>[Dr. Bob's Quickstitch Clinic (#11 M)

15001 NE 40th Street/Phil Wilson, M.D., Director/No Racial Bias/LTG# 11206 (62-9181).

This patch 'em up, take-your-chances medical clinic is known throughout Seattle as the place to go for fast and on-the-Q.T. repair. Considering the desperate types who might require such services, security is extensive.]<<<<<<

—No Man's Friend (06:30:10/12-27-50)

MISCELLANEOUS

The Skeleton (#11 L)

Night Club Archetype/Redmond Fall City Road & 196th Avenue NE/Eldred Garbina, Owner/Bias Against Metahumans/LTG# 11206 (64-8462).

This is the district's hottest nightclub. Redmond's best musicians trek to the Skeleton in hopes of attracting the attention of the music agents who are always there. The club also attracts rich young people from Bellevue who enjoy the thrill of slumming in Redmond.

>>>>>[The Body Mall (#13 N)

Hospital Archetype (4 floors) and Body Shop Archetypes/Issaquah-Beaver Lake Road & East Beaver Lake Drive/Doctor Fish Fitzgerald, Mall Association President/No Racial Bias/LTG# 11206 (64-8457).

Not too long ago, a group of street doctors banded together with some muscle to take over an abandoned Redmond hospital and open up a chain of body shops. Other doctors soon joined them, creating an entire mall where each body shop competes to offer the best prices to its customers. There are more than ten body shops in the building. The prices are usually 10 to 20 percent below those found elsewhere in the metroplex.]<<<<<<

—Doc U-Dub (23:18:54/12-09-50)

>>>>>[One of the street docs here is Dr. Leonard Clem. Until fired for stealing, he used to work at a Seattle Body+Tech Shop. He was and probably still is a capable doctor.]<<<<<<

—Nurse Know-It-All (03:05:57/12-11-50)

>>>>>[The owner is a Yak.]<<<<<<

—Anonymous (19:24:51/12-11-50)

>>>>>[The drek he is. He lost his brother to a Yak attack six years ago, and he hates those thugs with a passion. Slot some brains into your head, Anon.]<<<<<<

—The Rolling Stone (22:11:27/12-15-50)

>>>>>[Squatters' Mall (#12 N)

Shopping Mall Archetype (8 floors)/NE 8th Street & 244th Avenue NE/Bias Against Metahumans/LTG# 11206 (64-1262).

Before the Crash of '29, this large mall was called Information Plaza, and its customers were exclusively the very rich. Now squatters live in the many abandoned stores and sell BTL chips and any other illegal items.]<<<<<<

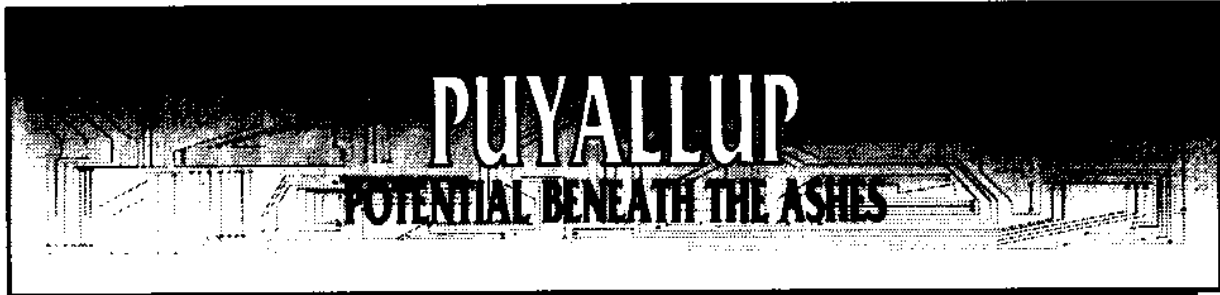
—Connie Connoisseur (12:46:21/11-29-50)

>>>>>[The Taetzal Building (#11 L)

What was once a flourishing office building, is now an abandoned 28-story shell in a slum. It serves as a potential shelter for shadowrunners and/or gang members in the Barrens.]<<<<<<

—Mr. Sirm (21:18:54/02-04-51)

PSA
Skeleton
Ltg 11206 (64-S462)



PUYALLUP AT A GLANCE

District Size: Approximately 1,008 square kilometers

Population: 506,000

Human: 48%

Elf: 21%

Dwarf: 4%

Ork: 22%

Troll: 4%

Other: 1%

Population Density: Approximately 502 per square kilometer

Per Capita Income: 6,200¥ per year

Below Poverty Level: 81%

On Fortune's Active Traders List: 0%

Corporate Affiliation: 18%

Voting Precincts: 10

Education:

<12 Years: 80%

High School Equivalency: 16%

College Equivalency: 4%

Advanced Studies Certificates: 0%

Hospitals and Clinics: 6

LTG Access Number: 4206

The District of Puyallup has been through some major changes in the past three decades. It started when Mount Rainier erupted on August 17, 2017, burying fertile farmland and bountiful apple orchards under tons of ash. One year later, the land, still choked with ash, became home to thousands of non-Indians fleeing the Native American takeover of the western United States. Then came the holocaust of the Night of Rage, when tens of thousands of Metahumans sought refuge in the district.

The best news in years is that several major corporations have lately taken an interest in the district. Mitsuhama Computer Technologies has even announced plans to build a major plant in Puyallup. Such changes could mean that Puyallup's enormous potential in man-made and natural resources might finally be tapped. People may one day come to think of Puyallup as a place where dreams become real, rather than lying buried in the ashes of Mount Rainier.

Puyallup is also the site of huge stretches of squatter camps, where the people mill about like ants on a dunghill.

Unlike the unsightly Redmond, the other Barren, Puyallup's stretches of black lava fields are hauntingly beautiful, even though devoid of life. Poverty and misery may abound, yet a strange, lost beauty seems hidden under the ash, just waiting to be born again. Those who wish to visit Puyallup should do so only via an escorted Metro Transit tour, or better yet, visit the scattered tourist sites via Federated-Boeing's armored helicopters.

>>>>[Mafia and Yakuza influence in the local government makes Puyallup an ideal place to stockpile their weapons, drugs, and loot. The many abandoned buildings and boarded-up warehouses are packed with their illegal materials. Each such building is a well-protected fortress, though it may not be evident from the street. The latest security systems have been installed, and guards will not hesitate to kill anyone poking around.

The syndicates' complete control over the district gives them free reign to use the area as a training camp for their recruits. In these "crime academies," promising recruits from every corner of the metroplex learn the ways of the syndicate, then receive specialized training according to their abilities. The locations of the various academies are ever-changing, with the average recruit receiving indoctrination in one location, physical training in another, and lessons in firearms in yet another.

David Galucci is in control of the Mafia in Puyallup. A charismatic leader, Galucci is one of the most powerful Mob figures and a likely successor to Seattle Don James O'Malley. David is the seventh generation of Galuccis who have been associated with the Mafia.

Kim Marsau is head of Puyallup's Yakuza clan. Though young, he has earned the right to this important post because of the way he managed to corrupt the Sioux Nation's White Rock government. He is a tough, pragmatic leader known for his decisiveness and uncanny foresight.

Many Seoulpa Rings operate in Puyallup. Most barely survive by preying on the already-poor citizens of the district, but two Rings are flourishing. One is the Lee Brigade run by Chun Lee, the rare Korean to have escaped the 2043 Yakuza purge of Koreans. His gang has been responsible for hit-and-run operations against Yakuza warehouses and even against a Yakuza decker academy.

Puyallup has more than its fair share of thrill gangs. Like the Redmond Barrans, there is not a patch of ground or square meter of building space where some gang is not ready to defend it to the death. Some of the strongest are the Black Rains, the Silent Ps, Forever Tacoma, and the Reality Hackers.

On top of this is the racial tension between Humans and Metahumans. When the terrified survivors of the Night of Rage fled to Puyallup, they forcibly removed many Humans from their homes. Fighting erupted, with high casualties on both sides. As in Redmond, these fires of mutual hatred continue to burn, often exploding into violence.

A few months ago, some Human racist pollicubs began to form armed militia units to police the borders of their neighborhoods. In response, Metahumans formed their own defense forces. At this stage, neither side is armed with anything heavier than a handgun, but the right spark could easily escalate matters into a kind of all-out war.]<<<<<<

—Smiley (03:13:34/5-18-50)

>>>>>[From a policeman's standpoint, Puyallup is a slightly safer beat than is Redmond. With fewer people living here, a cop isn't as constantly worried about an ambush. You can even find places to sit down and collect your wits without having to be constantly worried about an ambush. The vastness of Puyallup, on the other hand, does tend to stretch the available police force dangerously thin.

I would put Puyallup just below Redmond in terms of potential for serious racial violence. In Redmond, Humans so outnumber Metahumans that both sides keep to their places in society. In Puyallup, the Human and non-Human races stand in roughly equal numbers, with neither more likely to back down from a challenge.

—SPD (11:21:40/12-19-50)

GEOGRAPHY AND DEMOGRAPHICS

Puyallup is the largest district in the Seattle Metroplex, its 1,000 square kilometers stretching from the northern border with Auburn all the way to the Salish-Shidhe Council lands to the south and the east.

The most spectacular geographic feature of the district is the Mowich Lava Flow, a souvenir of the rivers of burning lava that poured down after Mount Rainier erupted. Whole towns and villages were destroyed, and lava fires burned for days, obliterating nearly all the district's vegetation. When the lava finally cooled, it solidified and formed kilometer-long beds of black, featureless rock.

The lava flow also forever altered the course of the Puyallup River. As the lava poured into the river, it pushed the water up past the banks and flooded most of the low-lying plains. In time, a new river bed was formed, but some of the river water sucked beneath the flow still makes its way to the top as powerful steam geysers and lakes of toxic, bubbling mud.

What Mount Rainier did not flood and scorch with lava, it blanketed with piles of ash almost two meters thick in some places. Cutting through the heaviest air filters and choking the life out of most machine engines, a heavy layer of fine gray ash eventually covered every square kilometer of the district.

Though all of Seattle is prone to earthquakes, Puyallup suffers the most severe tremors recorded. On average, the district experiences at least one major earthquake every five years.

More than half a million people live in the district, over half of them Metahuman. This is due to the Night of Rage, when Metahumans fled their homes in terror. Thousands banded together in Puyallup, creating their own communities.

>>>>>[Puyallup has the worst air pollution in the Metroplex. Hundreds of unregulated factories constantly chum toxins into the air, and the mountains to the south trap the filthy air directly over the district. What wind does blow through only serves to stir up the tons of ash, often screening out much of the sun and making midday look like the middle of the night.

The pollution of the Puyallup District is so bad that a Stage Red Smog Alert is declared an average of 189 times a year.]<<<<<<

—Woppler the Weatherman (04:29:47/5-26-50)

POLITICS

A spry 74, Roy Olmstead has been mayor of Puyallup for 18 years, making him the grand old man of Seattle politics. He is a vigorous fighter for his district, wheeling and dealing for every nuyen he can get. His is a constant struggle to persuade the outside world that the Puyallup Barrans are not a lost cause. This persistence is only now beginning to be rewarded. New business is slowly trickling in. In an effort to reach out to the people, Olmstead regularly tours the district in a specialty made Federated-Boeing helicopter.

>>>>[A Yakuza clan owns the north half of Lovelace while the Mafia controls the south. Fighting between the two gangs is frequent and bloody.]<<<<<

—Anonymous (04:10:30/09-09-50)

PUYALLUP

The middle-class Puyallup neighborhood is clean and tidy, compared to some others. The Capitol Building and cluster of surrounding businesses belie the stories of abject poverty throughout the rest of the district. This region owes much of its relative prosperity to the abundance of syndicate money in the hands of government officials.

TARISLAR

Tarlsar is said to be Elvish for "Remembrance." This collection of abandoned apartment buildings and squatter shacks is home to most of the district's Elves, who fled to Puyallup after the Night of Rage, vowing that they would never trust Humans again. True to their pledge, they keep their contact with Humans and the district government to an absolute minimum.

The Elves never intended to stay here for long, as Metahumans were negotiating for emigration into Council lands back then. When the Council's surprise decision went against Metahumans, Tarlsar became a permanent home for all Elves. The Salish-Shidhe Council's decision also put them high on the Elves' hate list.

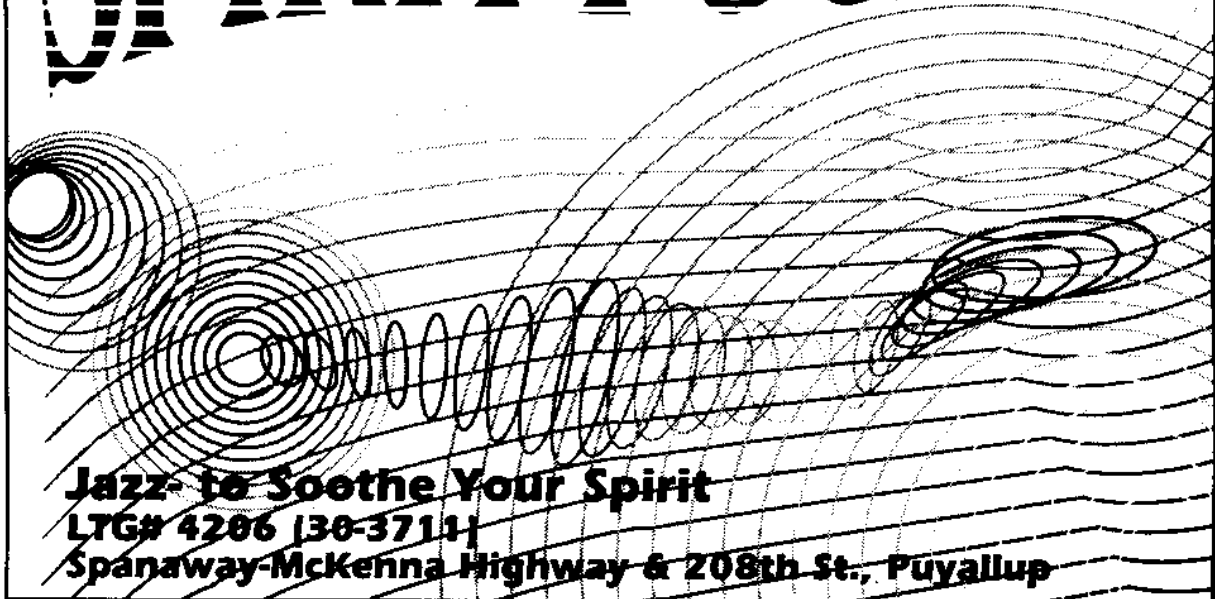
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PLACES OF INTEREST

HOTELS

Puyallup Lodge (#25 G)

Middle Class Hotel Archetype (12 floors)/102nd Avenue East & 104th Street East/David Rembert, Manager/ No Racial Bias/LTG# 4206 (31-6962).

Rooms at this modest, family-style hotel are priced low enough to be among the best bargains in the district.

>>>>>[The Lodge was built on a waste dump. When a Hazmat team investigated foul odors coming up from the basement last week, they discovered a high concentration of potentially hazardous gas build-up. Fans have been installed in the basement and eight methane torches sunk into the ground to burn off the gas. If this does not work, the hotel will probably have to close.]<<<<<<

—Connie Connoisseur (17:20:28/4-16-50)

>>>>>[I've a friend in the Hazmat team who says the fans aren't getting the job done. The gas problem is still awful. He also said that the management has even resorted to bribery to keep things quiet.]<<<<<<

—Anonymous (18:23:31/5-27-50)

>>>>>[Loveland Bump and Sleep (#27 F)

Middle Class Hotel (18 floors)/204th Street East & 14th Avenue East/Paul Villalobos, Owner/No Racial Bias/LTG# 206 (31-6739).

This hotel is a large, Mafia-owned brothel. Because the hotel's interior is so much smaller than the exterior suggests, it is possible that false walls hide secret passages between rooms. The one attempt to smuggle in equipment to detect such passages was a miserable failure.<<<<<<

—Puyallup Users Group (23:25:50/5-8-50)

>>>>>[Well, that sounds interesting. Anyone want to join me for a little fun? Call LTG# 4206 (57-2910) and leave a message for Band-Aid.]<<<<<<

—Anonymous (19:33:41/5-23-50)

RESTAURANTS & BARS

The Bishop's Corpse (#27 G)

Mid-Sized Restaurant and Bar Archetypes/224th Street East & Intercity 161/Earl Saenz, Owner/No Racial Bias/LTG# 4206 (31-9040).

This small, well-kept restaurant is very popular. Earl Saenz is admired for the soup kitchen he runs to benefit the area's squatters.

>>>>>[He is also a good source of information to anyone who'll contribute a few credits to his cause.]<<<<<<
—Connie Connoisseur (23:25:50/5-3-50)

>>>>>[A mansion near The Bishop's Corpse is protected by high walls and armed guards. On the main gates are the initials "JB". Does anyone know who this is?]<<<<<<
—Anonymous (21:32:11/5-15-50)

Twenten's (#27 I)

Small Restaurant and Bar Archetypes/Kapowsin Highway & Intercity 161/Jeannette "Jenny" Twenten, Manager/No Racial Bias/LTG# 4206 (31-0609).

Twenten's soy cuisine is considered a delicacy in these parts, and the no-fills prices make it a favorite with locals.

>>>>>[Jeannette Twenten is an elderly street shaman who likes to keep a protective eye on the area's magicians. Though her restaurant is in the middle of Mafia territory, it has never been taken over, or even approached, by the syndicate.]<<<<<<
—Dead Deckers Society (02:47:23/5-3-50)

>>>>>[The Mafia hasn't touched Twenten's ever since Jenny and her magic spells nearly wiped them out in a muscle attempt five years ago. The Mafia finally quit trying when they realized she was costing them too much time and too many men. Jenny's a powerhouse magician always willing to help other shamans of her totem.]<<<<<<
—Anonymous (01:00:59/5-16-50)

>>>>>[The Armadillo (#25 G)

Bar Archetype/128th Street East & Intercity 161/Theresa Smeland, Owner/No Racial Bias/LTG# 4206 (32-2298).

The Armadillo is a hot spot for the area's young deckers. A former decker herself, the owner secretly teaches many of the best and the brightest on her own deck in the basement. I don't know why she risks her deck like that.]<<<<<<
—Oil Slick Stanley (04:34:55/5-11-50)

>>>>>[Theresa grew up in Puyallup and wants to see young deckers able to get free of the Barrrens.]<<<<<<
—Barney Google (05:47:22/5-15-50)

>>>>>[That's a load of drek, chummer. Smeland is a Mafia recruiter. Anyone who shows any talent, she turns over to the Mafia dogs.]<<<<<<
—Anonymous (06:57:32/5-21-50)

>>>>>[Howling Good Time (#24 K)

Mid-Size Restaurant and Bar Archetypes/108th Street East & 202nd Avenue East/James "Hoss" Metcalf, Owner/Strong Bias Against Metahumans/LTG# 4206 (30-4276).

The people at this country and western bar hate Metahumans. If that doesn't bother you, it's a good place to recruit young toughs, and also for exchanging messages. The owner is a local politician with strong contacts throughout the district. As long as a message has nothing to do with Metahumans, he will gladly pass it along for a small fee. He also likes to talk about the district government.]<<<<<<
—Connie Connoisseur (08:23:23/5-26-50)

>>>>>[There's a full load of heavy weapons stored behind a hidden wall in the back room. You open it up by hitting simultaneously the light switch to the right of the door and the fan switch to the left.]<<<<<<
—Anonymous (09:09:09/5-28-50)

>>>>>[The Retirement (#25 I)

Mid-Sized Restaurant and Bar Archetypes/144th Street East & 126th Avenue East/Calvin Holdass, Owner/No Racial Bias/LTG# 4206 (31-5362).

Calvin Holdass, a former Metroplex government employee, is the owner of this dive. After 30 years as a bureaucrat, he was fired just one week before his retirement date. That's why he loves to dig up and spill dirt on city officials. He helps shadowrunners by divulging any sensitive information he can get about the government.]<<<<<<
—Connie Connoisseur (03:15:43/4-26-50)

TOURIST ATTRACTIONS

Hell's Kitchen Tours (#24 J)

214th Avenue East & Old Sumner Buckley Highway/Carl Vansweden, Owner/No Racial Bias/LTG#4206 (84-0836.)

This Auburn-based company conducts helicopter tours of the infamous Hell's Kitchen area of Puyallup.

>>>>>[Within the past year, several helicopters have crashed, due to mysterious, and some say, magical circumstances. Give it plenty of thought before deciding to take the tour. If you do take the risk, you'll encounter some of the eeriest and most wondrous sights you will ever see.]<<<<<<
—SPD (08:17:23/8-30-50)

>>>>>[The tour pilots can be bribed into dropping off passengers on the ash fields of Hell's Kitchen. The copters will later (hopefully) pick them up at a prearranged time and place.]<<<<<<
—The Electron Glider (23:01:23/8-30-50)

OTHER LOCATIONS

GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS

Puyallup District Court House (#24 H)

Tenth Avenue Southeast & Thirteenth Street Southeast/LTG# 4206 (31-2705).

Puyallup District Hall (#24 H)

Seventh Avenue Southeast & Thirteenth Street Southeast/LTG# 4206 (30-0632).

McMillin Correctional Facilities (#25 I)

Pioneer Way & 128th Street East/Jason Seljestad, Warden/LTG# 4206 (31-6077).

BUSINESSES

Kenston Aircraft Interiors (#26 G)

176th Street East & Thirteenth Avenue East/Arthur Reval, Manager/No Racial Bias/LTG# 4206 (31-7301).

This fortified factory manufactures passenger airplane interiors, mostly for Federated Boeing aircraft.

>>>>>[Recently, Federated Boeing inspectors discovered that several seats were constructed of a highly flammable material. Officials will neither confirm nor deny that this was an act of deliberate sabotage. The investigation continues.]<<<<<<

—Nuyen Nick (02:15:40/5-7-50)

>>>>>[I've heard that Lone Star was brought in to lead the investigations, which sounds like the company suspects sabotage. I hate to think how many of those flammable seats have come out of the factory already.]<<<<<<

—SPD (05:21:03/5-11-50)

Petrowski Farms (#27 - 28 I - K)

22481 Country Drive East/Duane Petrowski, Owner/LTG# 4206 (31-1827).

With its immense complex of fields and greenhouses, Petrowski Farm is one of the largest in Seattle. It is also one of the most heavily fortified. Over the years, the Petrowski family has refused to let volcanic dust, fires, or squatters interfere with cultivation of their land. For four generations, the Petrowskis have been independent farmers selling most of their produce in the Pike Place Farmer's Market in downtown Seattle.

>>>>>[The entire farm is surrounded by three sets of barbed-wire fencing, the outermost one electrified, and ten armored guard towers. Every ranch hand carries weapons and wears some type of armor. Such extreme measures are a response to five attacks by mobs of hungry squatters in the last year. A group of Trolls armed with machine guns led the last attack. No one knows who gave them the machine guns.

Last month, the Petrowski family took over a building in a nearby squatter settlement and opened a soup kitchen in hopes of defusing any bad feelings their neighbors might harbor.]<<<<<<

—Nuyen Nick (07:19:07/5-18-50)

>>>>>[**Black Junk Yards (25 L)**

Buckley Boulevard & 234th Avenue East/Cecil Pfost, Owner/LTG# 4206 (30-1827).

Most of the city's automobiles and bikes eventually end up behind the barbed-wire barriers of this huge junk yard. Even before the formation of the metroplex, wrecked and abandoned cars came here to be stripped of parts, then crushed in one of the yard's six huge metal compactors. The scrap metal is transported by helicopter to one of Seattle's factories, where it is melted down and purified for reuse. Though the yard's owner and his henchmen try their best to keep scavengers out, many thieves find secret entrances. Rat shamans are particularly adept at creeping into the yards and lifting some valuable metal.]<<<<<<

—Nuyen Nick (12:17:50/5-7-50)

>>>>>[Hol, time to slot in and deliver the lowdown on the Black Junk Yard. The Rats might hum to the sliminess of the yard, but they aren't the only ones to run the gauntlet, chummer. Frag that idea. Quite a few deckers dare the heavy iron 'cause there's a gold mine of cyberparts hidden there. There are some big vehicles—eighteen wheelers and cargo panzers—that are never crushed up like the others. Inside these babies are decks and all sorts of other goodies, a lot of them military. I don't know why they're there, and I don't give a drek. All I know is that I got a DL-65992 combat chip, and I'm running big-time stuff now.]<<<<<<

—The Pink Fink (07:24:27/5-16-50)

MEDICAL

Deireadh An Tuairbell (32 G)

Hospital Archetype (2 floors)/2278 East 408th Street East/Doctor Liam Og O'Flonin, Chief of Administration/Bias Against Humans/LTG# 4206 (31-2350).

>>>>>[This small, poorly supplied, understaffed hospital is the only medical center available to the Elves of Tarslar. All the hospital's power is obtained through an illegal hookup to a Gaeatronics underground power line.

Gaeatronics knows of the hookup, but cannot do anything about it. They dare not risk damaging this cable that carries 20 percent of Seattle's power in from the solar farms and geothermal power plants on the slopes of Mount Rainier.]<<<<<<

—Doc U-Dub (13:47:02/5-23-50)

GOVERNMENT

POLITICAL ORGANIZATION

The Seattle Metroplex is divided into ten districts, each governed by a District Mayor and a District Council. Mayors and Councilmembers are elected to four-year terms, with no limit on the number of terms they may serve. The districts are further divided up into 61 voting precincts, with each precinct representing roughly 5,000 people.

The Seattle Metroplex Government is presided over by a Governor elected to a four-year term. The Governor is responsible for enforcing the laws, collecting the taxes, and maintaining good relations among the Districts. There is no limit to the number of terms a Governor may serve. The Governor's office is located on the 30th floor of the Charles Royer Building in downtown Seattle.

Advising the Governor is the Cabinet. This 21-member council is comprised of the ten District Mayors, the Metroplex Treasurer, the Metroplex Attorney General, the Police Chief, the Fire Chief, and the Commissioners of Sanitation, Public Transportation, Public Works, Public Database, Public Utilities, and Race Relations. The Ambassador from the Salish-Shidhe Council is also part of the Cabinet. The Cabinet meets on the 18th floor of the Royer Building every other Tuesday, though the Governor can call emergency sessions at any time. With the exception of the District Mayors, all Cabinet Members are appointed by the Governor.

One hundred elected representatives from the city's ten districts make up the Metroplex Congress. The Congress meets on the first Thursday of every month in their beautiful chambers in the Royer Building. Here the walls are decorated with luxurious wooden panels carved by Salish sculptors, a gift from the Salish-Shidhe Council to the city of Seattle. Congressional Representatives are elected to six-year terms, with no limit on the number of terms they may serve.

Seattle politics tend to be rather bolsterous, even when compared to other city governments like Chicago or New York. Public officials shake hands, smile for the video cameras, and talk of "consensus" and "cooperation," but a typical day in the government involves plenty of wheeling and dealing, and no little bickering, table-pounding, and even shouting.

MAJOR SEATTLE OFFICIALS

(as of May 2050)

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Mayor of Redmond District: Jeffrey U. Gasston
Mayor of Snohomish District: Mike Walkstrom
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Mayor of Renton District: Carl B. Vandersalm
Mayor of Tacoma District: Eva W. Pratt
Mayor of Auburn District: Zax Pound-Down
Mayor of Fort Lewis District: Colonel Winston Gajeway,
(Commander of the Metroplex Guard)
Mayor of Puyallup District: Roy Olmstead
Metroplex Treasurer: Catherine DeBurke
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Chief of Police: William J. Loudon, Representing Lone Star Security Services
Fire Chief: Ashley Tront, Representing Franklin Associates, Inc.
Sanitation Commissioner: Richard K. Cary, Representing sanitation companies hired by the districts
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Public Database Commissioner: Olivia Yoshida, Representing Renraku Computer Systems.
Public Utilities Commissioner: Daniel Otter-McKreky, Representing Gaeatronics and Shlawase Atomics
Public Transportation Commissioner: Allan Greenspan, Representing Metro Transit International
Commissioner of Race Relations: Paula Willowhair
Salish-Shidhe Council Ambassador: Chief Jon Moses
Speaker of the House of Congress: Harry Sanderson
Seattle Democratic Party: Harry Sanderson, Chairman
Seattle Republican Party: Allan Paulson, Chairman
Seattle International Workers of the World: Fire Bishop, Chairman
Awakened Workers Party: Walter Moonlight, Chairman
Ork Rights Coalition: Jasper Squashright, Chairman

UCAS Senators

Eric Tollurude
Nelson Fareyes

UCAS Representatives

Yvonne Rasson
Brian Royer
Margaret Petersen
Blood Groove
Lydia Wilson
Mitchell Springer

Ambassador to the S-S Council: James Schultz

Ambassador to the Native American Nations: Gregory Simenson

Ambassador to Japan: Eric Ito

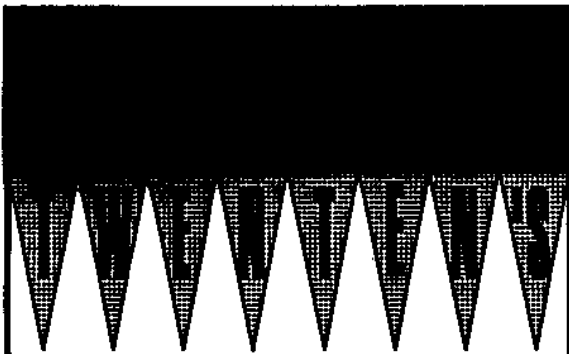
Ambassador to California Free State: Sarah Pinochet

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POLICLUBS

The most recent development in Seattle politics has been the emergence of small, special interest groups called policlubs. Appealing mostly to younger voters, each club gives voice to a particular slant on various issues. Among the most popular policlubs are the Awakened Workers Party, the Ork Rights Coalition, the Green Party (an environmentalist party), the Seattle Separatists, the Salish Unionists, and the International Workers of the World (aka the Wobblies). Though the Democratic and Republican Parties still dominate Seattle politics, the growing strength of these new policlubs ensures that minority viewpoints will continue to be heard.

Some policlubs are strictly banned from representation in city government because of their blatant violence and affiliation with terrorist organizations. Of these, the largest and most vicious is the infamous Hands of Five arm of the Alamos 20,000 Humanis Policlub. Other banned policlubs include the Ancients, a militant Elf-rights group and go-gang; the Order, a White Human supremacist organization; and the Moon Traps, a back-to-nature, survivalist policlub.

Though policlubs span the entire spectrum of political thought, they do tend to have similar internal structures and recruiting practices. The designated leader of a policlub is often a male in his mid-thirties who is well-educated, articulate, and forthright in expressing his beliefs. Next in line in the policlub hierarchy are the senior members of the policlub, the elders. The elders staff an Informal Steering Committee in charge of planning events and handling bureaucratic tasks. Under the Steering Committee is a Youth Leadership Committee, made up of teenagers and young adults. It is the responsibility of the Youth Committee to indoctrinate the voters of tomorrow, distribute literature, and help in recruiting new members.

Recruiting is the lifeblood of any policlub, and is usually accomplished in one of three ways. The first is through pamphlets and literature distributed on street corners. The second method involves a policlub's sponsorship of social functions, such as a dance, a samsense festival, or a sporting event. Political ideas are subtly mixed in with the festivities.

The third method involves sending attractive, young policlub members out to lure members of the opposite sex. They frequent bars and nightclubs and approach lonely individuals who are quite ignorant of what they may be getting into. All policlubs deny using this method.

>>>>[In the Hands of Five, they call that third method "Filthy Fishing". The Hand recruiters will do *anything* to get you into their fold. And once you're in, it's for good. I went to one meeting because a girl I'd met asked me to go. How was I to know she was already one of them? It was eight years before I could get out of that group.]<<<<<

—Anonymous (21:59:43/5-24-50)

RELATIONS WITH THE UCAS

Officially, relations between Seattle and Washington D.C. have never been better. However, there are signs of a growing gulf between the two seats of government, a gulf that may widen and eventually lead to Seattle declaring its independence.

The geographic distance between Seattle and the rest of the UCAS may explain this apparent rift, for the plex is now an island surrounded by Native American Nations. It could be more than that, however. Recently, the federal government in Washington issued a series of laws and tax hikes aimed at gaining greater control over individual city governments. Washington has also raised its Federal Military Induction Quotas, demanding that Seattle prove its loyalty to the UCAS by providing more young men and women for the UCAS Armed Forces. Those recruits who have joined the UCAS forces have all been stationed to units on the East Coast. Word is that every request for transfer, or even leave, back to Seattle is being denied.

The UCAS has tried to soothe Seattle's resentment by granting the metroplex certain powers that other cities do not have. A recent law gave Seattle the right to send its own ambassadors to nations on the Pacific Rim. For every placating action, however, the federal government has increased the presence of its own intelligence agencies in Seattle. The FBI, CIA, and several more clandestine organizations are planted deeply throughout the plex. Washington justifies their presence by saying these agents are a base of operations against foreign infiltration. Yet many Seattle residents believe that they themselves are the targets of Federal surveillance.

>>>>>[The people of Seattle have been flirting with the idea of independence for many years now, but only recently has the idea been expressed publicly. Only five years ago, it would have been considered impossible, but public rallies for independence are now a frequent occurrence. On the other hand, patriotic sentiment toward the UCAS remains strong in many circles. The latest polls indicate that one out of every three people supports the idea of Seattle becoming a sovereign nation.]<<<<<

—Smiley (23:12:47/2-27-50)

RELATIONS WITH THE SALISH-SHIDHE COUNCIL

The S-S Council controls all land surrounding the metroplex. Through Gaeatronics, the Council also controls all fresh water and electrical power that flows into Seattle. The Treaty of Denver strictly regulates Gaeatronics, with any interruption of power or water a major treaty violation.

Due to the efforts of former Seattle Governor Lindstrom and Chief David James, the political leader of the Council, relations between the two governments have never been stronger. It was Governor Lindstrom who first invited Chief James to sit in on his cabinet meetings, and it was Chief James who invited the Governor to speak at Council gatherings. This set the tone for peace and stability between Seattle and the Council. Seattle Councilmembers and tribal elders often get together for frank, to-the-point, and usually constructive dialogues on issues affecting both sides.

The Salish-Shidhe Council's prime concerns are the well-being of its people and preservation of its land. The pollution from Seattle is a great concern. The Treaty of Denver, as well as subsequent agreements between Seattle and the Council, have set specific standards for curbing air, water, and land pollution. Like so many laws, these were easier to write than to enforce. Companies failing to meet the standards are subject to vigorous prosecution by the Seattle Government. If the Salish-Shidhe finds the city lax in its duty, they have the legal authority to carry out their own arrest and prosecution of offenders. Several such incidents have occurred, but many Seattleites protested that the S-S Council was violating the city's sovereignty.

There is also disagreement between Seattle and the Council about what portion of Puget Sound the metroplex can claim. Unfortunately, the Treaty of Denver failed to clarify this issue. The city claims title to all waters up to ten kilometers from any metroplex shoreline, from Possession Sound near Everett to Nisqually Reach by Fort Lewis. The Council disagrees, claiming that Seattle is entitled only to the narrow strip of water one kilometer from the city shores. Negotiations over this issue have dragged on for nearly a decade, with still no compromise in sight. After several Seattle aquaculture businesses recently set up pens and net corrals in contested waters, the issue has again become a sore point in Seattle-Council relations.

>>>>>[Sure, things between the city and the Council are good. But they can be better. It's this latest wave of racial intolerance that's got me scared. In the city, radical Humanis types are getting way too much attention, and here in the Council lands, we are hearing talk of Seattle scum. Our governments don't seem to be doing much about it.]<<<<<

—John Silver Feather (12:14:26/4-27-50)

RELATIONS WITH OTHER NATIONS

In 2042, the UCAS granted Seattle the right to send its own ambassadors to any nations considered vital to its survival. The UCAS Congress passed this measure over the President's objections because it hoped to quell the anti-UCAS sentiment in far-off Seattle.

Seattle has sent ambassadors to 24 nations, most of them along the so-called Pacific Rim. These ambassadors have been largely responsible for the city's recent trade boom and strengthened relations with Australia, Korea, the China Democracy, the Philippines, and the Native American Nations.

Relations with Imperial Japan, however, are not so warm. Seattle flatly turned down that nation's offers of economic assistance (presumably the same kind that made California a virtual colony of this foreign power), and the Emperor was said to have been deeply insulted.

>>>>>[Seattle's ambassadors have been doing a fine job drumming up foreign trade. Perhaps too good. I've been getting numerous reports of the federal government's increasing animosity toward our people. Timothy Washburn, our man in Korea, has reported that UCAS Ambassador Kelly Mitchell deliberately sabotaged a lucrative deal Washburn had in the works with Chun Diversified. Whether this was personal retribution of some kind or part of a deliberate policy direct from Washington D.C. is yet unknown.]<<<<<

—Overseas Seer (18:32:25/3-23-50)

UNITED CORPORATION COUNCIL

In theory, the United Corporation Council is only an association of corporate officials and government personnel who meet informally to promote better labor relations and to air grievances by either side. Events over the past 20 years have shown the UCC to be much more than a club for men in suits.

The United Corporation Council was officially formed in 2030, one year after the great Computer Crash, in which a virus attacked the world's computer network. By the time the virus was finally eradicated by the gallant efforts of the Echo Mirage deckers, the global economy was in crisis.

It was when the virus first started wiping out datafiles that fear and confusion took over. Major corporations started blaming each other, charging industrial sabotage. In one case, executives from the Seattle office of Campana & Carrindum Technical Industries publicly accused its chief competitor, Aztechnology, of perpetrating the attack. They ordered their own security forces to "take out" Aztechnology, beginning a wave of private wars between corporations.

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It was in this chaotic atmosphere that 16 business executives decided to form the United Corporation Council. Its first priority was to unite the business community and establish lines of communication to avoid further conflicts. The first few years of the UCC's existence were spent establishing a network of hotlines between corporations and the scheduling of regular meetings between their major executives.

Though the members of the UCC were economic competitors, they all had a common interest in keeping the government from too much meddling or regulation of their activities. Soon, the UCC was sending its legal representatives to the city's cabinet and congressional meetings.

As more corporations saw it was in their self-interest to join the UCC, the organization began to branch out by funding the campaigns of politicians friendly to business.

The large influx of new members into the UCC necessitated the creation of a Central Planning Committee, made up of the original 16 business leaders. William Vogel, the CEO of Federated Boeing, was elected the committee's first chairman, a post he still fills. The UCC Planning Committee is also known as "the Inner Circle."

It was the Night of Rage in 2039 that revealed the power now wielded by the UCC. Their outrage (whether on moral grounds or because of business principles is anybody's guess) at the arrests and apparent murder of countless Metahumans was strong and swift. By threatening a business lock-out, they forced the hand of Governor Allenson. Overnight, the UCC showed that it had enough power and influence to be a kind of de facto government in Seattle.

The UCC has never again publicly flaunted its power since that time. It prefers to work in the shadows, secretly backing pro-business candidates (including Governor Marilyn Schultz's last two reelection campaigns) as well as representing Seattle's business interests in the halls of the metroplex government.

Since the birth and use of the United Corporate Council, other similar groups have formed. These include the Tampa Bay Commerce Commission, the London Business Club, and the Moscow Corporate Collective. This raises the important question of whether the corporations of the world are secretly building a global organization through which they hope to influence, if not control entirely, the planet's governments?

>>>>[There are plenty of rumors about suits from the UCC talking to the Mafia and the Yakuza. Since 2047, various law enforcement agencies, including the FBI and OCTF (Organized Crime Task Force), have supposedly recorded meetings between UCC officials and the two syndicates. The topic of these meetings is still a mystery.]<<<<<

—SPD (14:12:46/5-6-50)

UNITED CORPORATION COUNCIL CENTRAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

William Vogel, Federated Boeing, CPC Chairman
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Seattle has been blessed for most of its history with a healthy, prosperous economy. The city grew up first on the logging industry, supplying lumber for the rapidly growing settlements of California. Over the years, Seattle became an international market place, as the city opened more and more trade lines with Asian ports. The burgeoning aerospace industry took over from there, so that by the turn of the 20th century, Seattle was on the verge of becoming a major world economic center. Though the Treaty of Denver and the Awakening slowed Seattle's rise to such prominence, enough of the basic elements were already in place to guarantee the city's successful future.

Today, Seattle is the third busiest port in the UCAS. Over 2,000 cargo vessels arrive every year, bringing with them products from around the world. These same ships then sail out, their holds filled with Seattle and UCAS goods for export. In similar fashion, Sea-Tac International Airport handles well over 3,500 cargo flights a year. Overland trade, at one time strictly regulated by the Native American Nations, is once again profitable due to new treaties between Seattle and NAN.

Federated Boeing is the largest manufacturer of commercial airplanes in the world, and is Seattle's major industrial exporter. FB currently has ten years worth of orders for three of its most popular passenger planes, the 797, the 818, and the huge 828. Over 200,000 men and women are currently employed by Federated Boeing.

Another vital export is computer technologies. In the latter years of the 20th century, Seattle's solid economic base, cheap land, and highly skilled work force attracted the attention of huge Japanese and American corporations, who saw the city as the ideal location for construction of new factories and research facilities. At the same time, local computer manufacturers began to grow. Microdeck of Seattle is now one of the foremost UCAS software companies. Some 100,000 Seattleites are employed at various levels in the computer industry.

As for Seattle's economic disadvantages, most stem from its geographical isolation from the rest of the UCAS. Seattle commerce must also contend with limitations imposed by NAN on what they will allow to be transported over their lands. This impacts the economy in several ways.

Though Seattle can buy as much natural food as it wants from Salish farmers, it must import most of its soy and artificial foods from either the UCAS or California. The expense of transporting goods over these distances adds considerably to the consumer's price. In recent years, several food riots have broken out over particularly steep price hikes.

Subcomponent availability can also be a problem for the manufacturing sector. Seattle companies often have to wait weeks for the arrival of components and supplies from subsidiaries in the UCAS. This inevitably delays production or forces the firm to carry a larger-than-normal inventory of parts. Ultimately, it is the consumer who pays, because the manufacturers must charge more in order to break even. Seattle manufacturers have tried their best to reduce their dependence on non-local components, but only the larger companies, such as Federated Boeing, have the money and resources to do so.

The lack of available land for development is yet another difficulty. Only the nature preserve of Fort Lewis and the desolate Barrens remain undeveloped. The Barrens' high crime rate, along with the law requiring firms to provide free housing for all people it displaces, are major disadvantages to businesses expanding into these districts.

>>>>>[How many of you ever heard of a corp providing housing for the squatters that it displaces? Usually the dozers come in, mash the building down, and the devil take anyone who happens to be in an "officially condemned" building.]<<<<<<

—Anonymous (12:44:08/01-08-51)

>>>>>[The going price to get a building in the Barrens condemned is 100 nuyen.]<<<<<<

—SPD (02:17:39/02-28-51)

MAJOR SEATTLE CORPORATIONS

Following are profiles of ten of the most profitable corporations in Seattle, according to last year's published figures.

ARES MACROTECHNOLOGY INC.

Home Office Location: Detroit, Michigan, UCAS
President/CEO: Damien Knight

Principal Divisions

Division Name: Knight Errant Security
Division Head: Roger Soaring Owl
Chief Products/Services: Providing multi-faceted private and corporate security, both physical and electronic

Division Name: Ares Arms
Division Head: Guido Cantarelli
Chief Products/Services: Military and police equipment ranging from small arms and ammunition to top-line Ares vehicles

Business Profile:

Knight Errant Security is under direct control of Ares Macrotechnology's current CEO, Damien Knight. Knight, a mysterious figure with a clouded past, takes a direct role in all of Knight Errant's day-to-day operations. Rumor links his meteoric rise to the Computer Crash of '29 and profits made during that period of chaos. The first reliable public records of his dealings show him operating from Swedish data-havens for an aggressive buy-out of Ares Macrotechnology. His careful planning put him in the Director's chair of Ares within 24 hours of his first stock acquisition.

Security/Military Forces:

Ares Arms maintains extensive military assets, which are believed to be available to its sister division on a contingency basis.

ATLANTEAN FOUNDATION

Home Office Location: Atlanta, Georgia, CSA
President/CEO: Casey Williams

Principal Divisions

Division Name: Atlantean Foundation, Seattle
Division Head: George Snurston
Chief Products/Services: Datafiles and hard-copy information on the alleged technologies, lifestyles, and government of lost Atlantis. Also serves as a clearing house for the magically active in search of employment.

Business Profile:

Founded in 2012 by Sheila Blatavska, the Atlantean Foundation's avowed goal is a return to the "enlightened days of Atlantis." The Foundation gathers information on the lost continent from all sources, often financing expeditions in search of data, artifacts, or possible ruins.

Security/Military Forces:

The Atlantean Foundation subcontracts all security operations.

AZTECHNOLOGY

Home Office Location: Mexico City, Atzlan
President/CEO: Juan Atzacapotzalco

Principal Divisions

Division Name: Aztechnology, Northwest Division
Division Head: Salvador Ramirez
Chief Products/Services: Diversified products ranging from armaments to electronics

Business Profile:

Many experts believe that Aztechnology is the real power behind the current government of Atzlan. The company grew from a motley collection of South and Central American resource and technopirate companies in the early days of the Awakening. Much of Aztechnology's early growth stemmed from the activities of magically endowed employees and from ruthless tactics of industrial espionage and sabotage. The founder and his son are both said to be accomplished magicians. Despite the heavy industrial use of magic, Aztechnology lives up to its name by maintaining a brisk trade in cutting-edge technologies.

Security/Military Forces:

Aztechnology maintains extensive paramilitary forces and is a major participant in the corporate wars program. The Northwest Division maintains elements of the Third Atzlan Legion as backup to their efficient security teams.

FEDERATED BOEING

Home Office Location: Seattle, UCAS
President/CEO: William Vogel

Principal Divisions

Division Name: Aerospace Research
Division Head: Reynard Carnet
Chief Products/Services: Prototype aircraft and aircraft systems

Division Name: Boeing Assembly Plant
Division Head: Joan Barstow
Chief Products/Services: Commercial and military aircraft, including the commuter tilt-rotor, the 797 commercial airliner and the Eagle vectored thrust fighter

Business Profile:

Federated Boeing adapted quickly to the governmental changes in the Northwest. Separate negotiations with the Salish-Shidhe Council secured the company's major plants and facilities, as well as the continued supply of vital aluminum and special airspace privileges. Concessions made to the Council are not a matter of public record, but informed speculation asserts that the Council is now well-supplied with Federated Boeing products.

>>>>[Corporate rumor has it that Federated Boeing is fighting a shadow war with Mitsuhamma Computer Technologies in order to avoid a hostile takeover.]<<<<<<
—Nuyen Nick (11:15:03/12-28-50)

Security/Military Forces:

Federated Boeing's security personnel are well-armed and well-supplied with state-of-the-art aircraft. It is rumored that they can field a flight of their own Eagle fighters in defense of their holdings.

FUCHI INDUSTRIAL ELECTRONICS

Home Office Location: Tokyo, Japan

President/CEO: Richard Villiers

Principal Divisions

Division Name: Fuchi Systems Design

Division Head: Samantha Villiers

Chief Products/Services: Research, design, and production of advanced technology for the corporate, military, and industrial markets

Business Profile:

Fuchi Industrial Electronics is owned and operated by a consortium of three clans, the Yamana and Nakatoml families of Japan and the Villiers family of New York. Relations between the families are less than cordial, but efficiently business-like. The first ASIST Simulated Senses technology marketed by the company was an instant success, establishing the corporation right away and allowing it to withstand a billion-dollar international patent violation suit by ESP Systems of Chicago. Fuchi Industrial was a pioneer in cyberdeck technology and remains on the cutting edge of that field today.

>>>>[Technomancer rumor has it that Fuchi cyberdecks are hard-wired with "company-loyal" chips. Any attempts to raid Fuchi data bases with "alien" decks will be futile when going up against Fuchi IC programs.]<<<<<<
—Friends of Deckers (3:15:45/10-16-50)

Security/Military Forces: Information not available.

GAEATRONICS

Home Office Location: Olympia, Salish-Shidhe Council
President/CEO: David Gray Bear

Chief Products/Services: Power and water for Seattle

Business Profile:

Gaeatronics is owned and operated by the Salish-Shidhe Council. Members of the Council Nation receive free power allotments sufficient to run a typical homestead. Most of the power generated by the company's solar, wind, and single-fusion plant is sold to Seattle and various corporations.

Security/Military Forces:

Gaeatronics maintains standard security forces.

LONE STAR SECURITY SERVICES

Home Office Location: Austin, Texas, CSA

President/CEO: James Wilson

Principal Divisions

Division Name: LSSS-Seattle

Division Head: William Loudon

Chief Products/Services: Computer and physical security services

Business Profile:

Founder Clay Wilson patterned his operation on the Texas Rangers of the Old West. He was a rugged man and expected his men to be just as tough. Standards have not changed much in LSSS since Clay's brother James took over, though they accept women "peace officers" now. LSSS currently holds the law enforcement contract for Seattle.

Security/Military Forces:

All LSSS personnel are expected to be proficient with a sidearm. In effect, this greatly increases the number of security personnel available.

MITSUHAMA COMPUTER TECHNOLOGIES

Home Office Location: Kyoto, Japan

President/CEO: Toshiro Mitsuhamu

Principal Divisions

Division Name: MCT North America

Division Head: Tamatsu Sakura

Chief Products/Services: Data processors and computer interface and control devices.

Business Profile:

Mitsuhamu's name remains linked with known Yakuza gang leaders, despite legal attempts to clear it. The company is sharp and aggressive. Whether in the board room or in the research lab, it pushes its competitors hard.

>>>>[Rumor has it that Mitsuhamu is a front for the Yakuza. All its computer systems are guarded with the deadliest of IC.]<<<<<

—Nuyen Nick (11:15:30/10-22-50)

Security/Military Forces:

Mitsuhamu relies mostly on company personnel for internal security, but does not hesitate to hire outside "help" should the need arise.

RENRAKU COMPUTER SYSTEMS

Home Office Location: Chiba, Japan

President/CEO: Inazo Aneki

Principal Divisions

Division Name: Renraku America

Division Head: Sherman Huang

Chief Products/Services: Data storage and manipulation services, dedicated expert systems, and mainframe hardware. Renraku maintains SeaSource, the Seattle public data base.

Business Profile:

Whereas Renraku's early history was plagued with scandals and corruption, the company has become a stable corporation as its founder, Inazo Aneki, has grown older. For the past ten years, Renraku has been a strong, steadily growing, though not particularly innovative, firm. Hope is that completion of the ambitious Seattle Arcology Project (already three years behind schedule) will signal a positive new phase of development.

>>>>[It is rumored that the Renraku Arcology is to be the home of their latest secret, a self-aware computer, true Artificial Intelligence. The creation of this machine is said to be the reason for their lack of other major developments in the last ten years.]<<<<<

—Renraku Fox (08:03:30/12-29-50)

Security/Military Forces:

Renraku struggles to maintain heavy security, due to threats against their Arcology Project. Last year's well-publicized contract signed with Knight Errant Securities has reduced vandalism incidents by half.

SHIAWASE CORPORATION

Home Office Location: Osaka, Japan

President/CEO: Tadashi Shiawase

Principal Divisions

Division Name: Shiawase Atomics

Division Head: Christopher Keratsu

Chief Products/Services: Power

Division Name: Shiawase Envirotech

Division Head: Mariko Kiyonobu

Chief Products/Services: High technology with low environmental impact

Division Name: Shiawase Biotech

Division Head: Etsu Powicke

Chief Products/Services: Cyberware and biotechnology hardware

Business Profile:

Shiawase Corporation is a diversified company whose many holdings are tied together by the single theme of high technology. Internal training and indoctrination results in a high degree of employee loyalty, fostered by assurances of future care beyond what a typical corporate wage slave normally expects.

Security/Military Forces:

Shiawase maintains a light security force, relying instead on the loyalty of its employees. Research and development centers and power production facilities have a higher security complement. The Shiawase Samurai is a small, corporate unit of panzer-riggers made famous by the Shiawase-Aztechnology Dispute of 2047.

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CRIME

ORGANIZED CRIME

Like most cities in these troubled times, the Seattle metroplex government must fight organized crime for control of its streets. Where Seattle differs is in the more daring approach to the problem that it has recently adopted.

Governor Schultz won election to office with the promise of clean government. From day one of her term, she has been vigilant in prosecuting anyone in her administration caught breaking the law. Nor has she shown mercy to any government official even suspected of underworld connections. This is not to say that her government is totally free of corruption, but Seattle appears to be one of the cleanest administrations anywhere. People in other cities often see their government officials as puppets of organized crime, while in Seattle, Governor Schultz is viewed as a pillar of honesty and courage.

Though Schultz abhors the random violence, the peddling of addictive chips, and the prostitution fostered by the Yakuza clans and the Mafia, she knows the metroplex has neither the money nor the resources to fight the syndicates in an all-out war. In a kind of unofficial truce, the government tends to overlook syndicate activity unless it reaches the point of public and media outcry, or unless the violence is directed against innocent people.

It is estimated that the Yakuza, Mafia, and Seoulpa Rings are responsible for 60 percent of all crime committed in Seattle. All three organizations have "stables" of deckers, thieves, fences, pushers, enforcers, and assassins who do the mobs' bidding. Any freelance criminals not under syndicate control must be careful where they make their moves. Robbing a syndicate-controlled business or moving into one of their territories is a good way for a freelancer to bring his career to an untimely end.

>>>>>[The only thing I'd like to add is that the truce seldom lasts very long. Each side repeatedly tests the other's resolve, the syndicates by declaring open season on tourists, the government by stinging mob fences. Government-mob tensions in Seattle are always near the flash point.]<<<<<

—SPD (24:17:57/4-22-50)

YAKUZA

The Yakuza arrived in Seattle with the flood of Japanese refugees who fled their country after its economic and political collapse in 1996. The first Yakuza gangs found refuge in the city's crowded International District. It wasn't long before they had control over the area's small gambling clubs and betting parlors. Next came the protection money they extorted from local merchants. From this humble base, the Yakuza gangs grew in numbers and reputation, expanding into the rest of the city, with its lucrative markets for drug-dealing, extortion, and prostitution.

The Seattle Yakuza have always relied heavily on the clannishness of their fellow Asians. Protection rackets were a gold mine, offering Asian businesses protection from the non-Asian Mafia. The Asian community's reluctance to deal with outsiders hampered the SPD's attempt to break the Yakuza.

By the first decade of the century, the High Oyabun of Chiba had appointed every local Yakuza clan as Dungeness Crabs (a type of land crab native to the Pacific Northwest) of the 87th Prefecture. With this international backing, the Seattle Yakuza became even more deeply involved in importing illegal drugs.

The local oyabuns were rich enough by now to buy land, and they began to replace strong-arm tactics of the street with more subtle business tactics such as stock buyouts and corporate takeovers. Real estate became the new currency of the underworld.

The Yakuza's success put them squarely in the path of the Mafia, the traditional lords of Seattle's criminal underworld. Battles between the two rivals were frequent and bloody. Almost every day more bodies were found floating in a river or stuffed into dumpsters. For a time, it seemed the only hope for Seattle was that the two syndicates would kill each other off.

It was not to be. The gang war did claim the lives of most of the Yakuza's top officials, but the organization remained intact. To rebuild the Seattle clans, the Chiba oyabun sent in a completely new upper echelon, most of them Korean (then an underworld vassal of Japan). By 2032, these new bosses had all arrived and were adapting quickly. Already in place was a small, but fiercely loyal Korean population that they could count on for recruits and support. Soon these Korean bosses were thinking and

acting in terms of a Korean syndicate serving Korean interests.

Diplomatic attempts by the Yakuza in Japan to bring Seattle back into the fold failed, leading to an ultimatum in late 2042. Pledge your loyalty to us, the Yakuza oyabun ordered, or accept the consequences. The Koreans ignored the threat. In January 2043, Japanese assassins entered the Seattle metroplex to ruthlessly hunt down and kill the Korean leaders, showing no mercy. Only a handful did escape, keeping alive the Korean presence in Seattle's underworld to this day.

Following the bloody purge, all remaining Yakuza members had to prove their loyalty and allegiance to the Japanese bosses. Failure resulted in execution. Within weeks, the Seattle Yakuza was once again firmly in the hands of the Japanese.

The path was now open for new leadership. Hanzo Shotozumi arrived to become the new regional oyabun and immediately set about finding men and women he could trust. These young recruits would become the new lifeblood of the Seattle Yakuza. Shotozumi was a great believer in the old ways, stressing loyalty above all else. He brought back the Yakuza traditions of body tattoos and of amputating the fingers of any Yakuza who failed the oyabun.

>>>>>[His efforts have paid off handsomely. The Yakuza's control of property, extortion, BTL chips, and prostitution is stronger than ever. Today, it is the largest and strongest underworld syndicate in Seattle.]<<<<<<

—Smiley (01:14:48/5-1-50)

MAFIA

The Mafia first infiltrated Seattle back in the 1950s, almost overnight gaining a stranglehold over the docks. From there, it wasn't long before the Mafia was squeezing a percentage out of everything that came into Seattle. The mob was also quick to exploit the market for illegal drugs, importing them and then distributing through elaborate networks.

The Seattle mob was not growing anywhere as quickly as their associates on the East Coast who, by the turn of the century, were gaining control of whole city governments. Corruption and influence-peddling always existed in the Pacific Northwest, but it was at that time nowhere nearly as pervasive. The Mafia had a harder time gaining a foothold in the government in this part of the country.

The other major stumbling block to the mob's growth in the Pacific Northwest was its large Asian population. The Asian devotion to family and community was strong enough that most were reluctant to support any activities that could bring shame to their people. At the turn of the century, there were enough Asians in city and county governments to present a major obstacle to the Mafia's plans.

The emergence of the Yakuza throughout the region during the first decades of the 21st century also meant that the Mafia was faced with competition for the first time. They responded quickly and decisively by bringing in Brian O'Malley, the Chicago boss feared for his utter ruthlessness.

O'Malley was a strong believer in the old ways of Mafia tradition and power, ordering a number of assassinations of Yakuza leaders, hoping to deliver a quick and fatal blow to the upstart syndicate. The Yakuza, of course, responded by sending out assassins of their own. Corrupt city officials became important targets of both sides, as each gang tried to cut away the other's political base.

A truce was called in 2030 when the leaders of both sides were assassinated. Brian O'Malley was shot and killed in his home. The Yakuza oyabun and his captains were murdered a day later when a van filled with explosives crashed through the fence around his estate and exploded.

James O'Malley, Brian's older brother, was then mob boss in Milwaukee, with a good chance of one day rising to control of the Chicago gang. After his brother was killed, James's ambition was replaced by the desire for revenge. So obsessed was he with destroying those responsible instead of minding his own store that the Dons of New York finally had to strip James of his position and force him, on threat of death, to retire.

The Chicago branch of the Mafia, which had always controlled Seattle, did nothing to rebuild the mob in the metroplex after the gang war. They were content to hold onto what they had and to concentrate their energies on coping, as everyone was, with the events of the Awakening.

The appointment of the infamous Hanzo Shotozumi as leader of Seattle's Yakuza in 2044 revived the Mafia's interest in the metroplex. Shotozumi's quick moves on the city's crime scene showed the Mafia that it was in danger of losing Seattle entirely. To maintain their power, they lured James O'Malley out of retirement in 2045, appointing him the new Don of the Seattle metroplex. They knew he was the one man who would rather die than let the Yakuza take control of Seattle.

Since then, the Seattle Mafia has shown renewed energy, making inroads into the Yakuza action. Gradually establishing its power in the business centers and lower levels of government, Don James O'Malley has recently begun a special effort to recruit new Mafia muscle from among the desperate residents of the Barrens.

The new Don has also been aggressive at hitting the Yakuza. Attacks against the enemy's businesses and assassination of its officers have risen sharply in number since his arrival. With seeming glee, the new Don O'Malley has set the Seattle Mafia on a course as likely to collide with the metroplex government as with the Yakuza in the coming years. The war is not over.

SEOULPA RINGS

The bloody expulsion of the Koreans from the Seattle Yakuza only fanned a centuries-old hatred between the Japanese and Koreans. The few Korean survivors refused to give up the fight. More determined than ever to upstage and defeat the Japanese, the Koreans formed their own criminal organization.

The hundred or so survivors knew only too well they lacked the resources to outmuscle the Mafia or the Yakuza. To make the best use of their small numbers, they adopted the Seoulpa Ring system first developed by Korean criminals and the anti-government gangs of the late 20th century.

To keep from being wiped out all at once, the Koreans scattered across the metroplex, establishing a loose network of small, semi-independent gangs, or Rings. Each Ring is responsible for working one specific street or neighborhood.

Recruiting is a vital part of Seoulpa Ring strategy. Leaders of each Ring recruit up to a dozen men and women a year to join their little gangs. These are often just street toughs who believe they are joining a local gang, not a city-wide syndicate. Only if these recruits show promise do the Ring leaders explain the real nature of Seoulpa Rings. After a year—if they make it—the recruits are encouraged to go off and start their own Rings.

Rings can communicate and cooperate through a system of complicated codewords, symbols, and computer data. The secrecy and independence between Rings ensures that if the government or the Yakuza uncover one, the other Rings will not be betrayed.

The Seoulpa Rings had little impact on the Seattle scene initially, but they became an obvious and viable threat as the Rings grew in number and skill. Because of their small size, they can react swiftly to any opportunity, often getting to a target well before the big syndicates can. Seoulpa Rings are often called "Seoulpa Squitos" on the street because they are so small, swift, and nasty.

Seoulpa Rings exist throughout the city, earning their money by setting up small burglary and street gambling operations. On more than one occasion, several Rings have gotten together to set up some elaborate scams, most often against Yakuza-front businesses.

>>>>>[Seoulpa Rings are also known to have a natural affinity for decker crimes. According to my sources, the Ring deckers have been getting some high-powered training and assistance from outside. Just recently, some Ring deckers were arrested carrying some very hot hardware. Further investigation revealed that the decks were from Soong Electronics, a top-notch Korean computer manufacturer. The one Ring decker who talked told of being taught by men with heavy Korean accents, men who refused to let the students see their faces.]<<<<<

—Smiley (21:18:49/4-21-50)

GANGS

GO-GANGS

Another problem of Seattle's are the bike gangs who menace travel along the plex's highways and streets. Go-gangs are groups of from 50 to 100 men and women on motorcycles, who commit acts of random violence and extort protection money from local businesses. The go-gangers often modify their motorcycles to make them look more fearsome by the addition of metal spikes and shark fins. Most bikes also carry at least one slug-throwing weapon welded onto the chassis. These can be fired from the front or the side of the bike.

Go-gangs boldly claim long stretches of road as their own territory, and they will defend their "patch of crete" against any incursion. When go-gangs butt heads, they race up and down a stretch of highway (usually an interchange between two highways), shooting at one another and sometimes jousting like black knights of old. The gangs call these battles "crash-and-burn fests". Fortunately, they tend to limit them to the late evening hours when most citizens are safe at home.

Most go-gangs in Seattle have ties to either the Mafia or the Yakuza, and routinely carry out their orders. Go-gangers are very effective intimidators and hitmen. The gangs show little long-term loyalty to the mobs, however, and may work for the Yakuza one week and the Mafia the next.

There are five major go-gangs operating in Seattle. The Red Rovers, Eye-Fivers, and Spike Wheels all claim parts of Inter-city 5 as their own. The Leather Devils are Human thugs who prowl Inter-city 90, and the 405 Hellhounds lay claim to Inter-city 405. The red Rovers are

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predominantly Ork riders who call the northern stretch of Intercity 5 their home. The Eye-Fivers are a Human gang who patrol the downtown stretch of the highway. The Spike Wheels are mostly Troils who control the Tacoma-Fort Lewis area. The Ancients, an Elven gang, are unique in claiming no real territory, preferring to attack a rival gang suddenly, and then disappear almost miraculously. In addition, many smaller gangs prow the city's smaller thoroughfares.

The gangs, when not cruising their territory, are usually holed up in hovels, which they call their "grease pits," usually located in the poorer neighborhoods along the highways. Gang members are notorious chip and alcohol abusers. To support their habits when the Mobs have no work for them, gangs resort to extortion or to sending weaker members out as prostitutes to raise the nuyen to buy the next day's supply of booze and drugs.

STREET GANGS

The pedestrian counterparts of the go-gangs are the street gangs. Street gangs, or "thrillers," lay claim to sections of city blocks that they call their "zones." The typical street gang has at least 20 members, each classified in one of four categories: Warriors, Pounders, Breeders, and Thieves. Each group plays its specific role in the overall function of the gang. A gang usually does not

make a distinction between men and women, preferring simply to use their strongest members as Warriors and Pounders, the most agile as Thieves, and the prettiest as their Breeders. Large, abandoned apartment buildings are a favorite hideout for most street gangs. All in all, the thriller gangs tend to live the same dirty, morally corrupt lifestyle as their mechanized brethren on the highways.

According to some estimates, there are almost 300 known street gangs in Seattle. Most are confined to the Redmond and Puyallup Barrens, but each district has its own particular plague of thrillers. No one living anywhere in the Seattle area can ever feel totally safe from the threat of gangs.

Some of the major gangs of the Redmond Barrens are the Rusted Stiletos, the Crimson Crush, the Brain Eaters, and the Red Hot Nukes. The Puyallup Barrens are infested with gangs such as the Black Rains, the Silent Ps, and the Reality Hackers. Downtown Seattle is the unwilling host of the Cutters, Troll Killers, Bloody Screammers, Disassemblers, and Halloweeners.

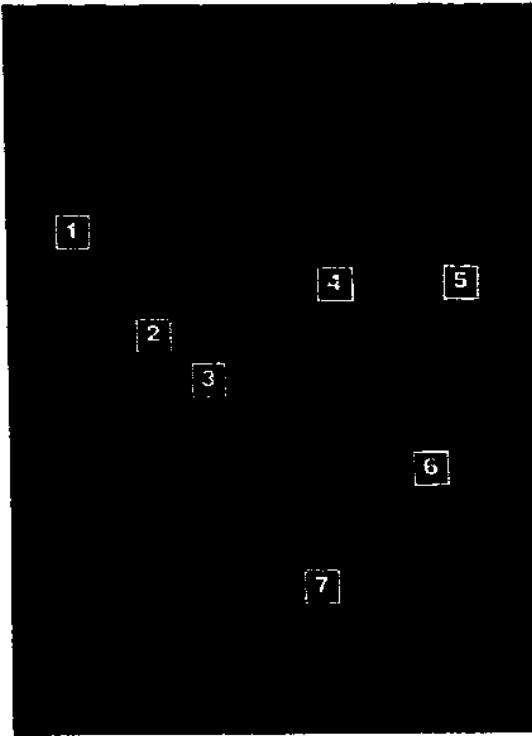
>>>>>[The names may be different, but one thing they all have in common is a love, almost a need, for violence.]<<<<<<

—SPD (16:11:49/12-17-50)

SEATTLE GANGS

Name	Type	Location	Colors	Race
Red Rovers	Go-gang	North Intercity 5	Red and Steel	Ork
Eye-Fivers	Go-gang	Central Intercity 5	Blue and White	Human
Spike Wheels	Go-gang	South Intercity 5	Brown and Gold	Troll
Leather Devils	Go-gang	Intercity 90	Black and Red	Human
405 Hellhounds	Go-gang	Intercity 405	Red and Orange	Human
Ancients	Go-gang	Varies	Dark Green and Blue	Elf
Blood Rumlbers	Go-gang	Intercity 9	Red and Blue	Human
Nova Rich	Street	Bellevue	Lemon and Denim	Human
Rusted Stiletos	Street	Redmond	Rust and Black	Troll
Crimson Crush	Street	Redmond	Red and Gold	Ork
Brain Eaters	Street	Redmond	White and Black	Human
Red Hot Nukes	Street	Redmond	Gray and Red	Dwarf
Black Rains	Street	Puyallup	Black and Gold	Ork
Silent Ps	Street	Puyallup	White and Gold	Elf
Forever Tacoma	Street	Puyallup	Red and Orange	Orks and Troils
Reality Hackers	Street	Puyallup	Silver and Gold	Human
Trogs	Street	Ork Underground	Red and Black	Ork and Troll
Night Hunters	Street	Renton	Silver and Black	Human
Cutters	Street	Downtown	Green and Gold	Human
Troll Killers	Street	Downtown	Red and Green	Human
Disassemblers	Street	Downtown	Gray and White	Troll
Bloody Screammers	Street	Downtown	Blue and Green	Ork
Halloweeners	Street	Downtown	Orange and Black	Human

SEATTLE'S FINEST



CORPORATE POLICE (PG. 157)

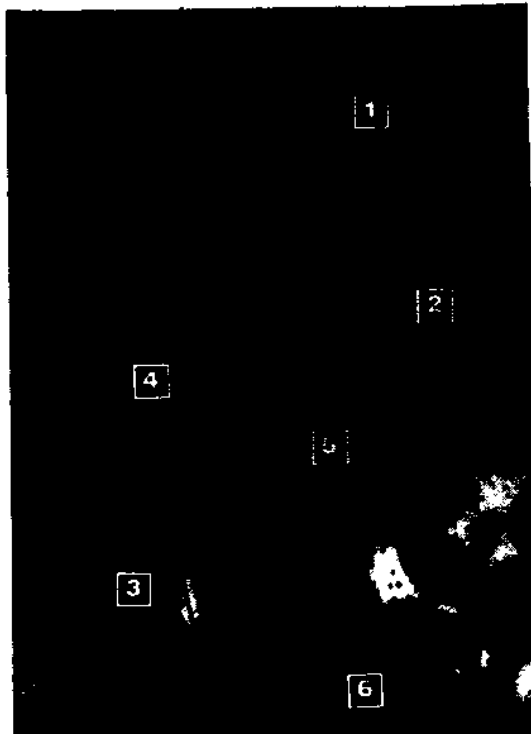
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4. KNIGHT-ERRANT
5. LONE STAR
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7. AZTECHNOLOGY

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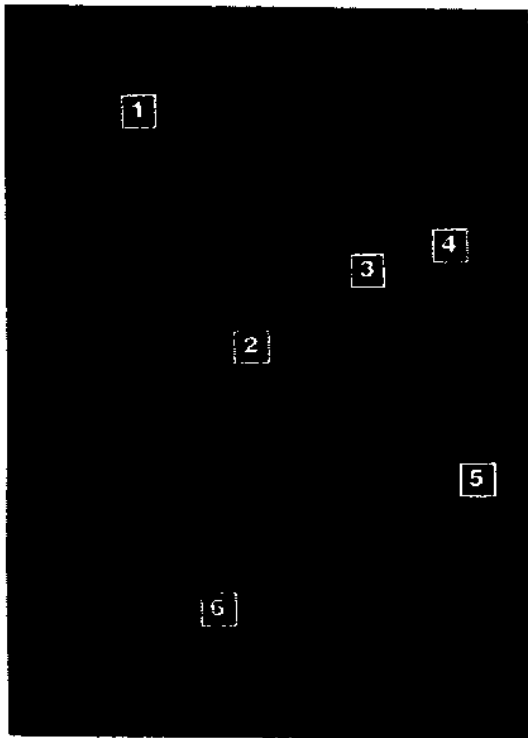
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1. RAZOR HEADS
2. BRAIN EATERS
3. BLOOD MOUNTAIN BOYS
4. EYE FIVERS
5. CRIMSON CRUSH
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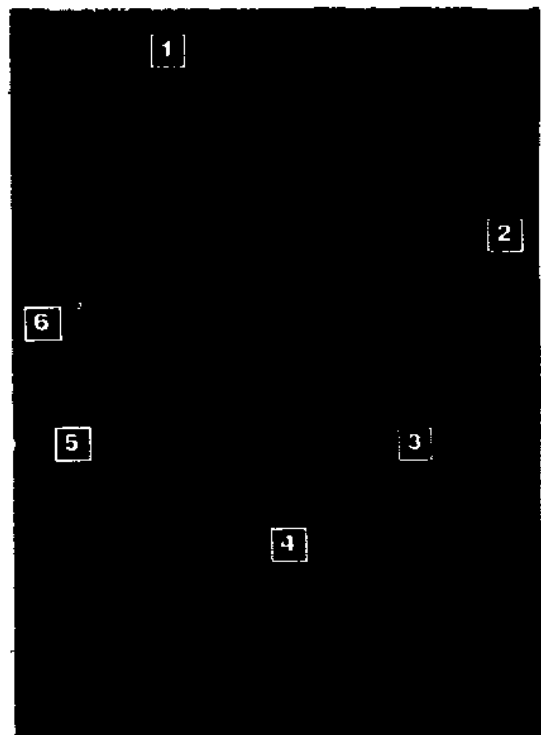
STREET GANGS (PG. 159)

- 1. ANCIENTS
- 2. HELL HOUNDS
- 3. LEATHER DEVILS
- 4. HALLOWEENERS
- 5. THE RAGERS
- 6. RUST STILETOS

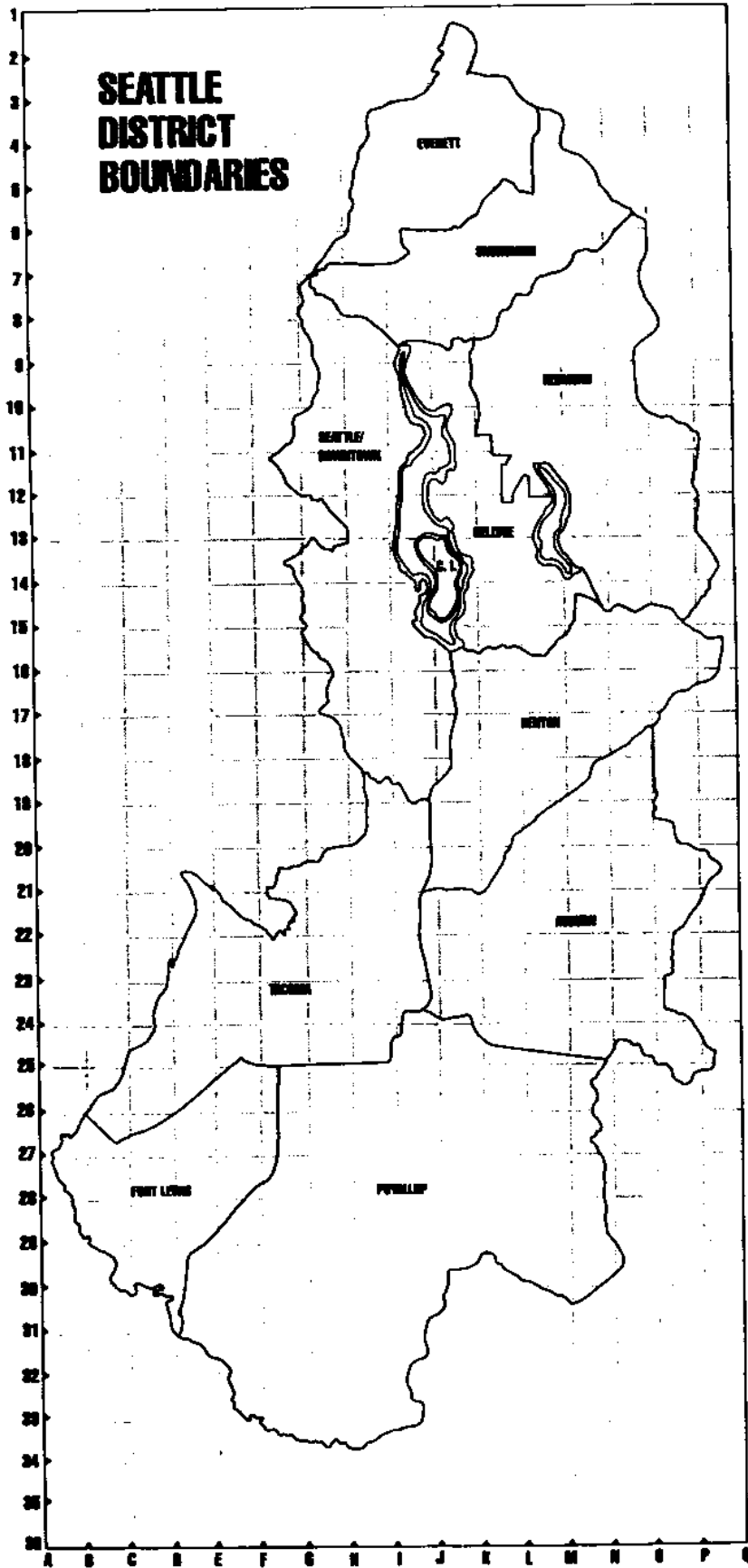
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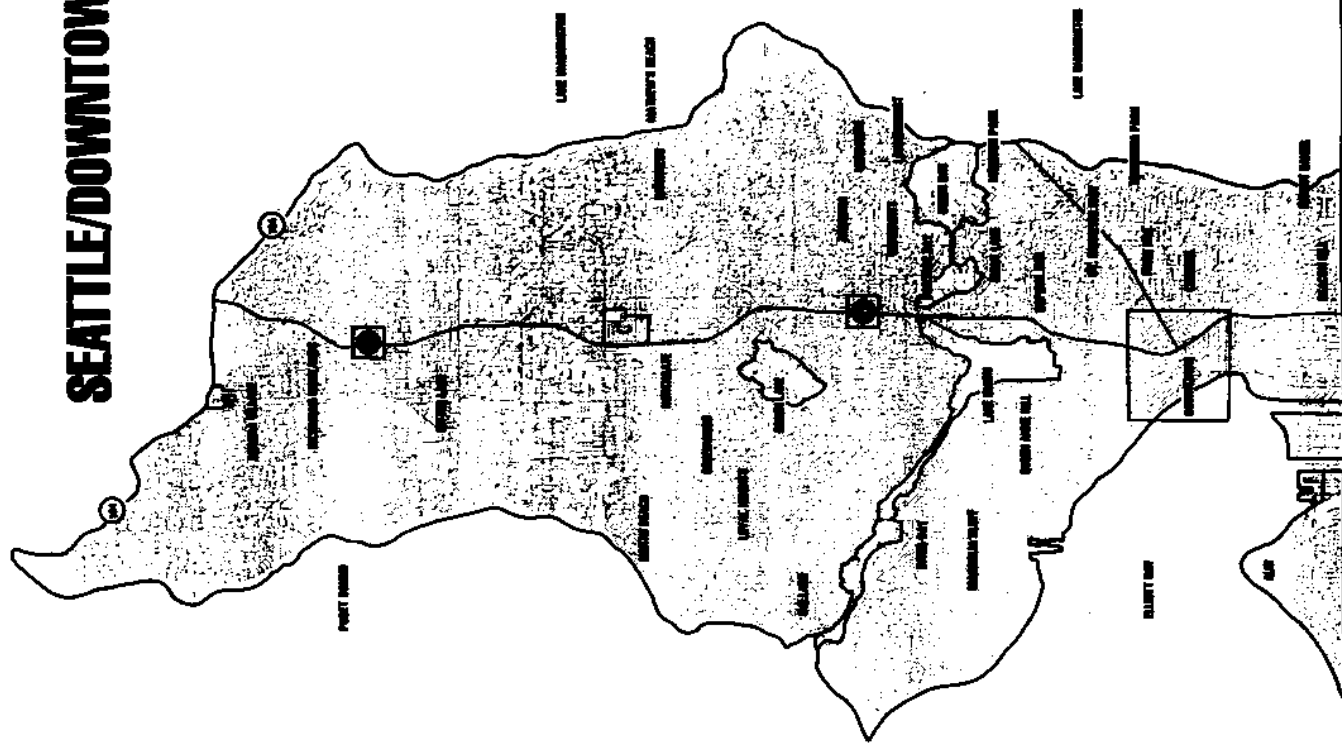
- 1. MAKAH CHIEF
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- 3. CASCADE CROW
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- 5. SINSEARACH ELF
- 6. CASCADE ORK



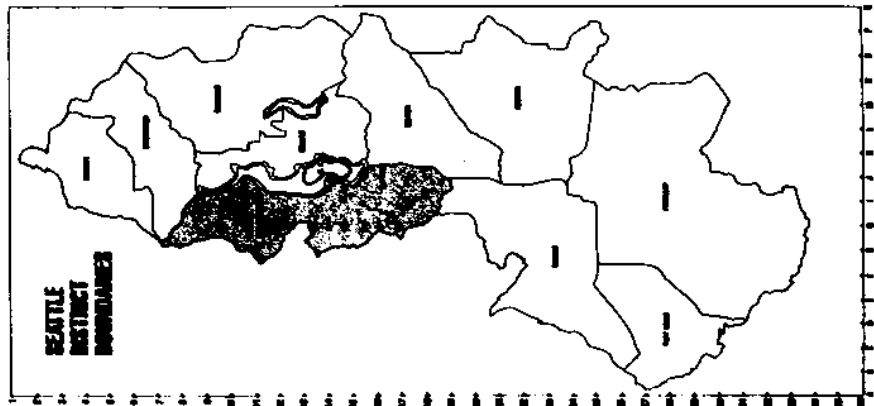
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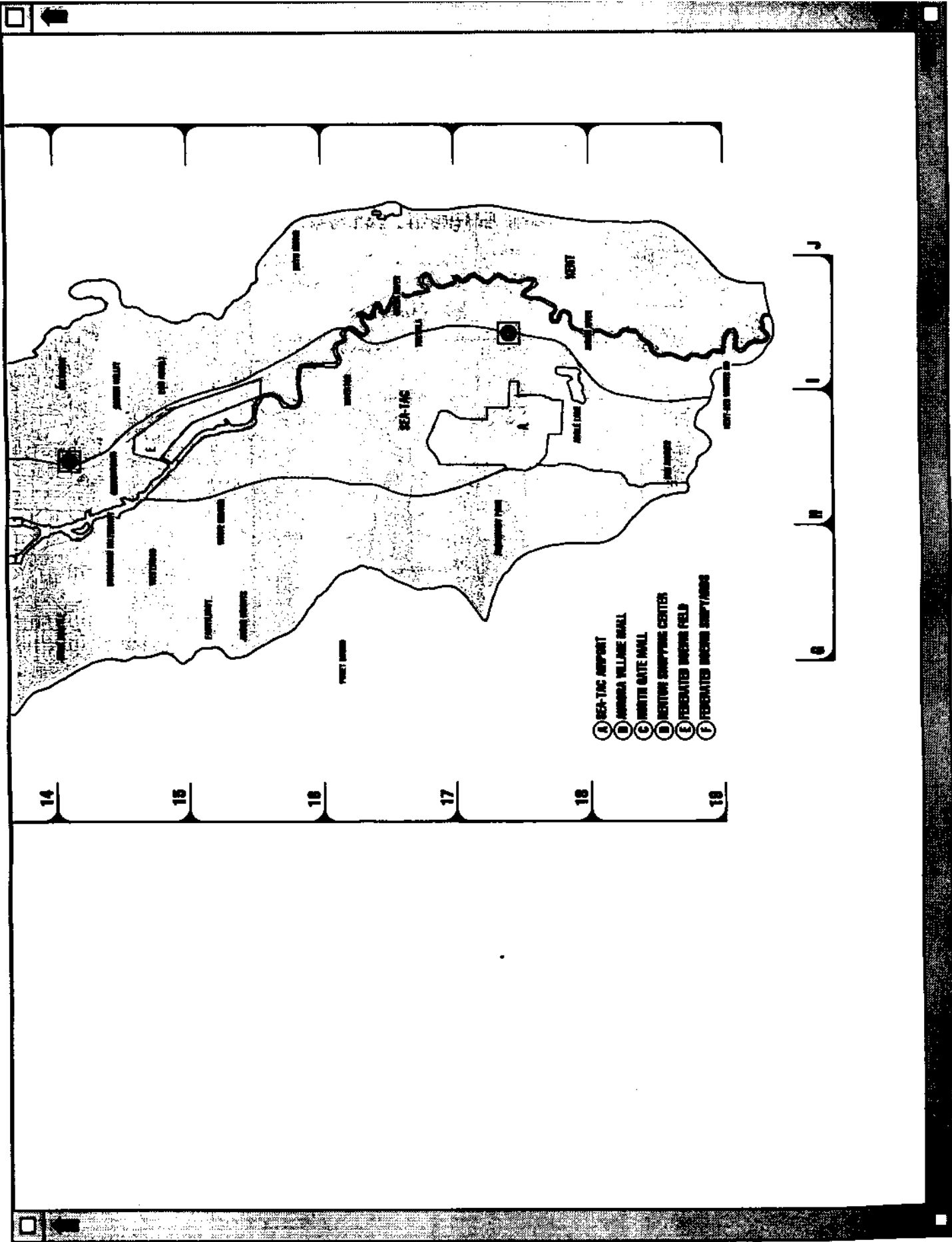


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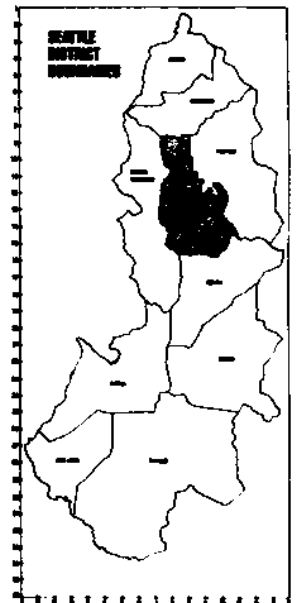
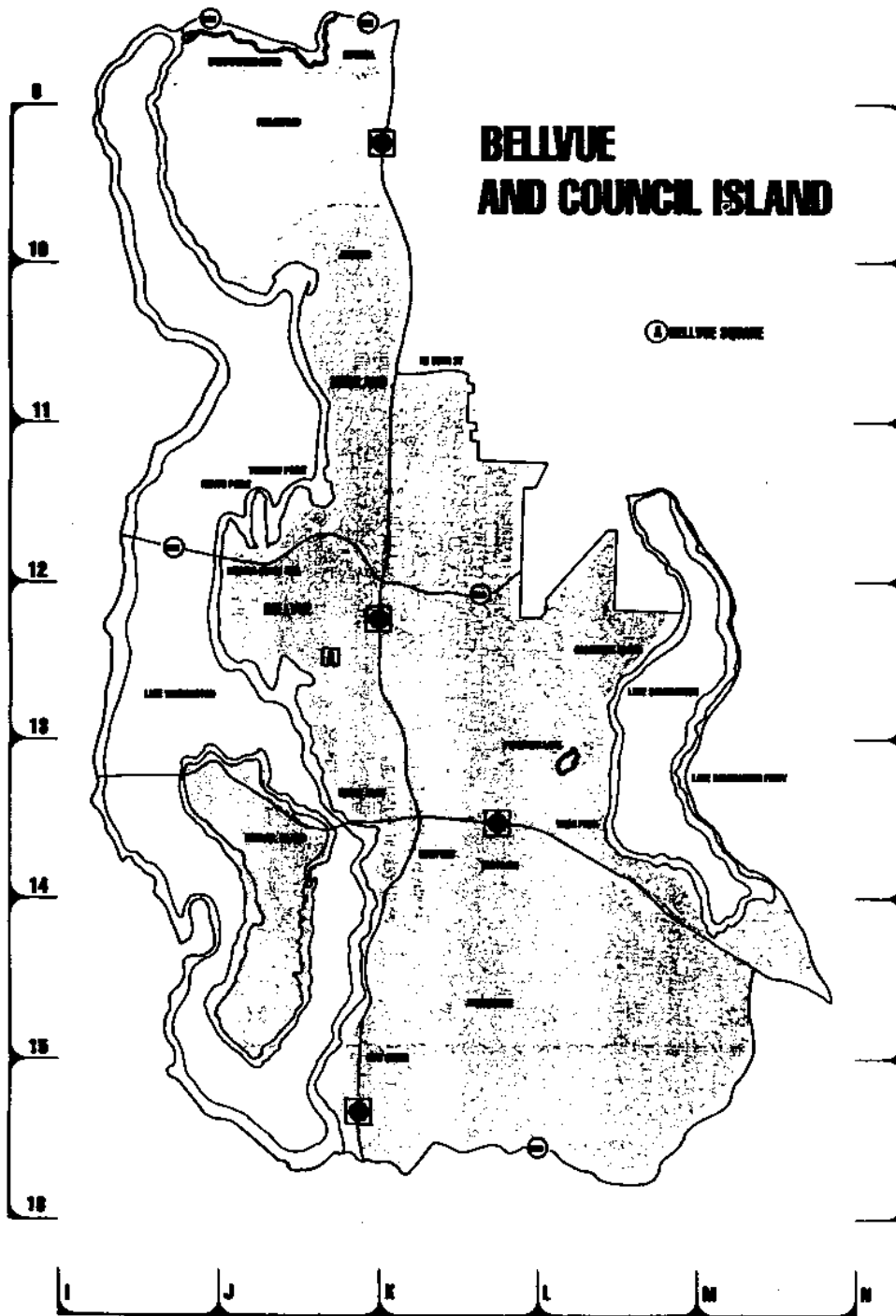


- A SEA-TAC AIRPORT
- B AMUNDIA VILLAGE MALL
- C NORTH GATE MALL
- D MENTOR SHOPPING CENTER
- E FEDERATED BUSINESS FIELD
- F FEDERATED BUSINESS CENTER

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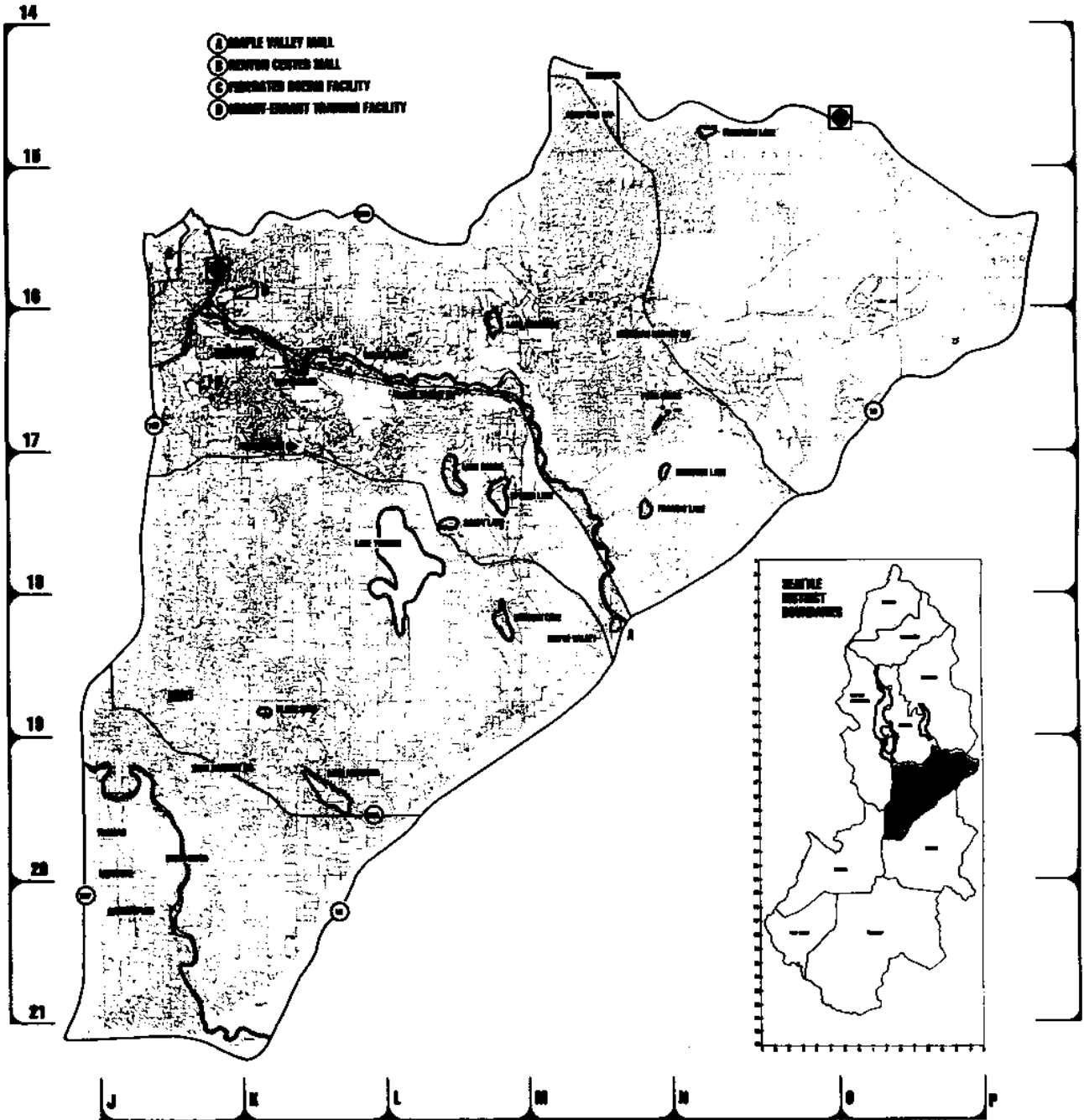
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- Ⓐ MAPLE VALLEY MALL
- Ⓑ REDFORD CENTER MALL
- Ⓒ INTEGRATED BUSINESS FACILITY
- Ⓓ WINDY-EMERY TRAINING FACILITY



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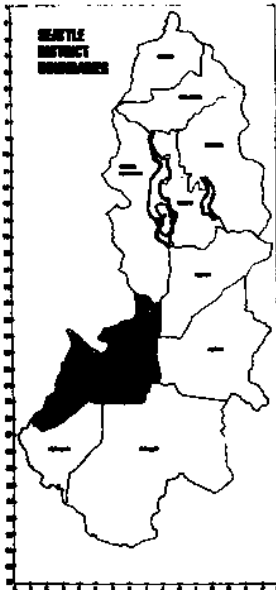
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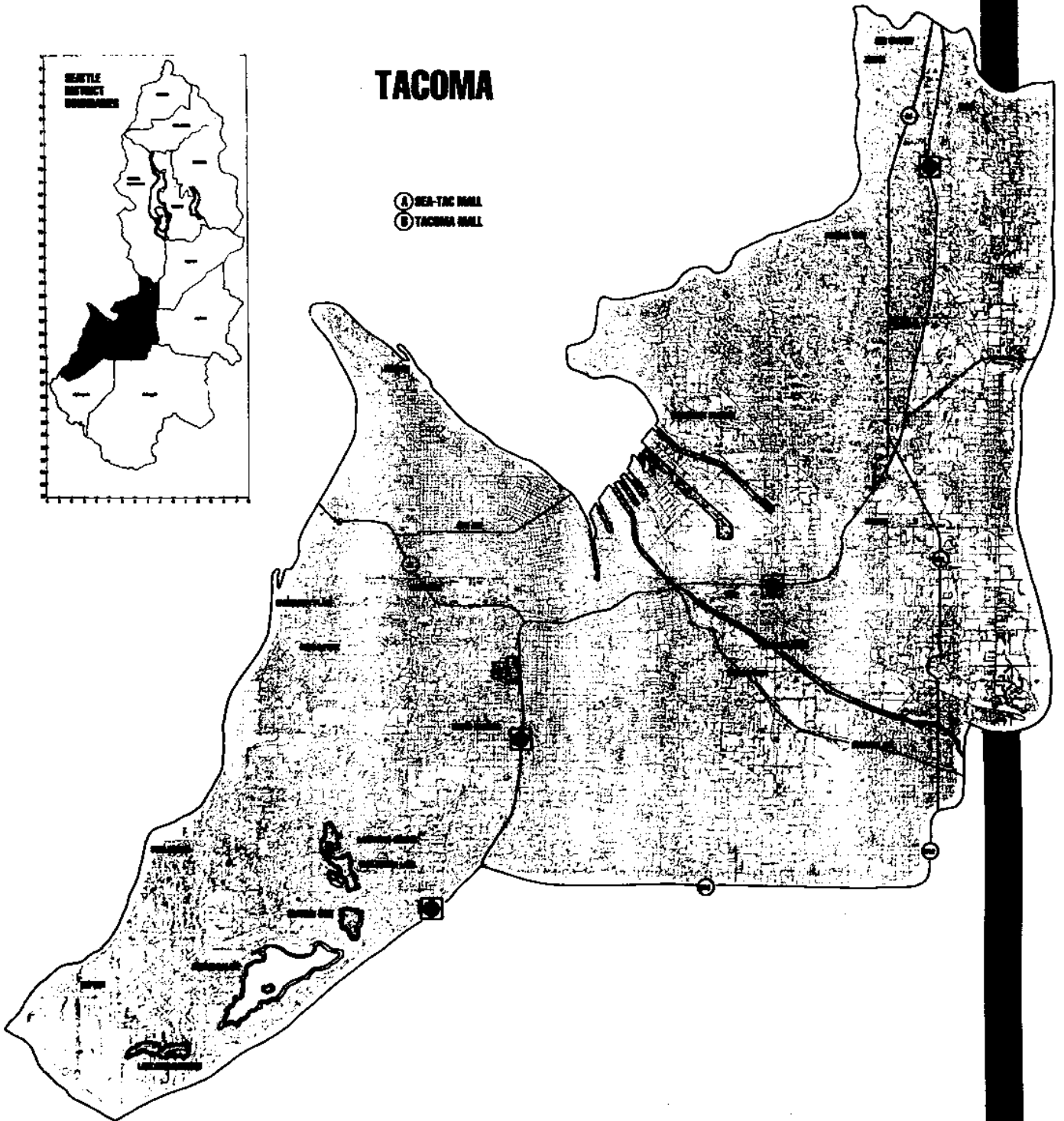
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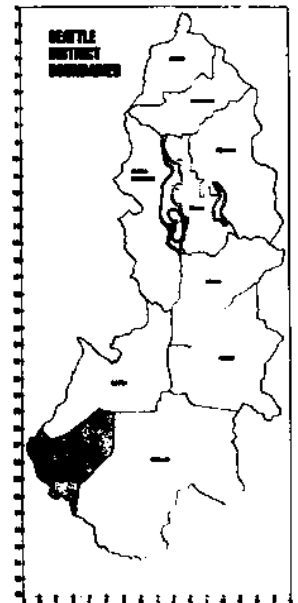
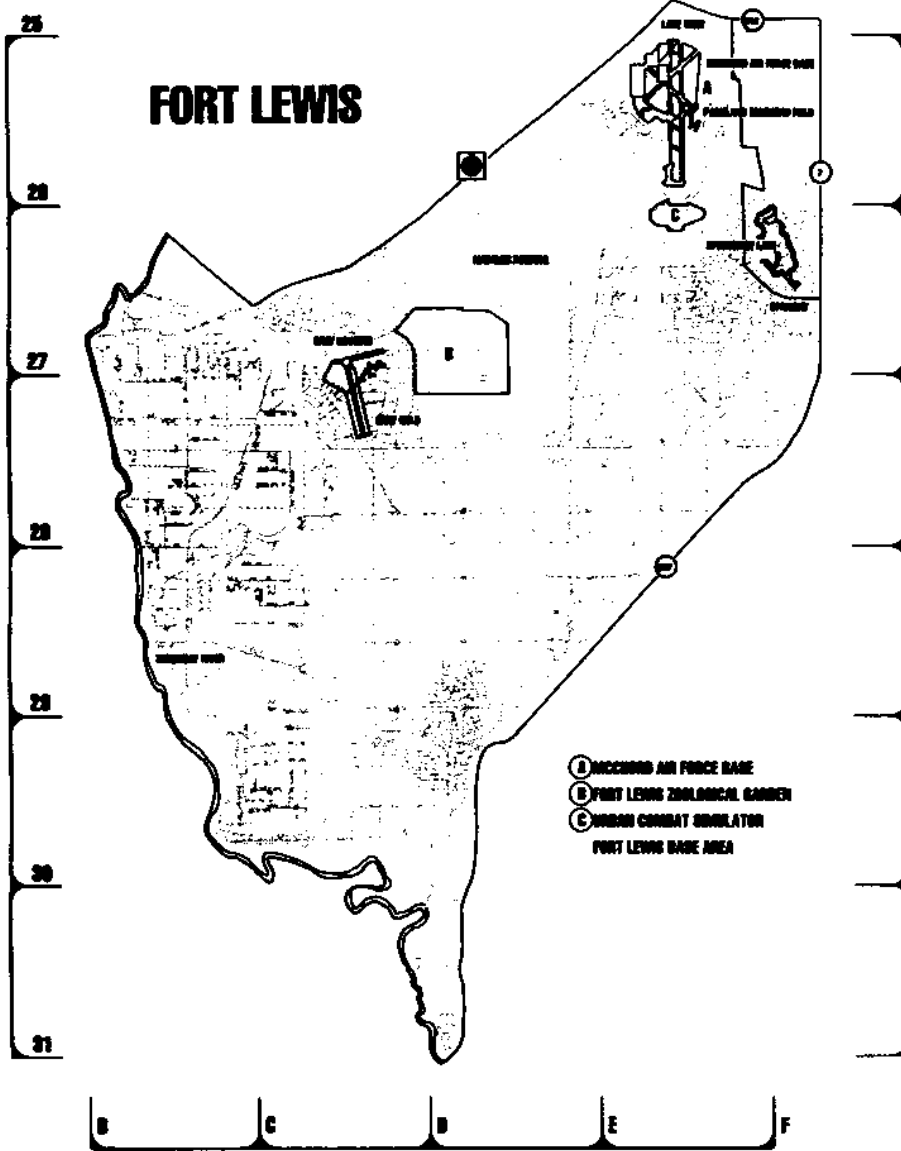


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- Ⓐ SEA-TAC HALL
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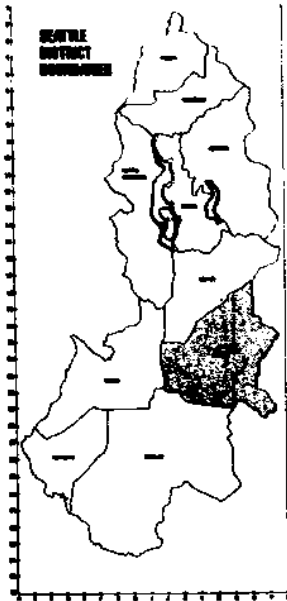


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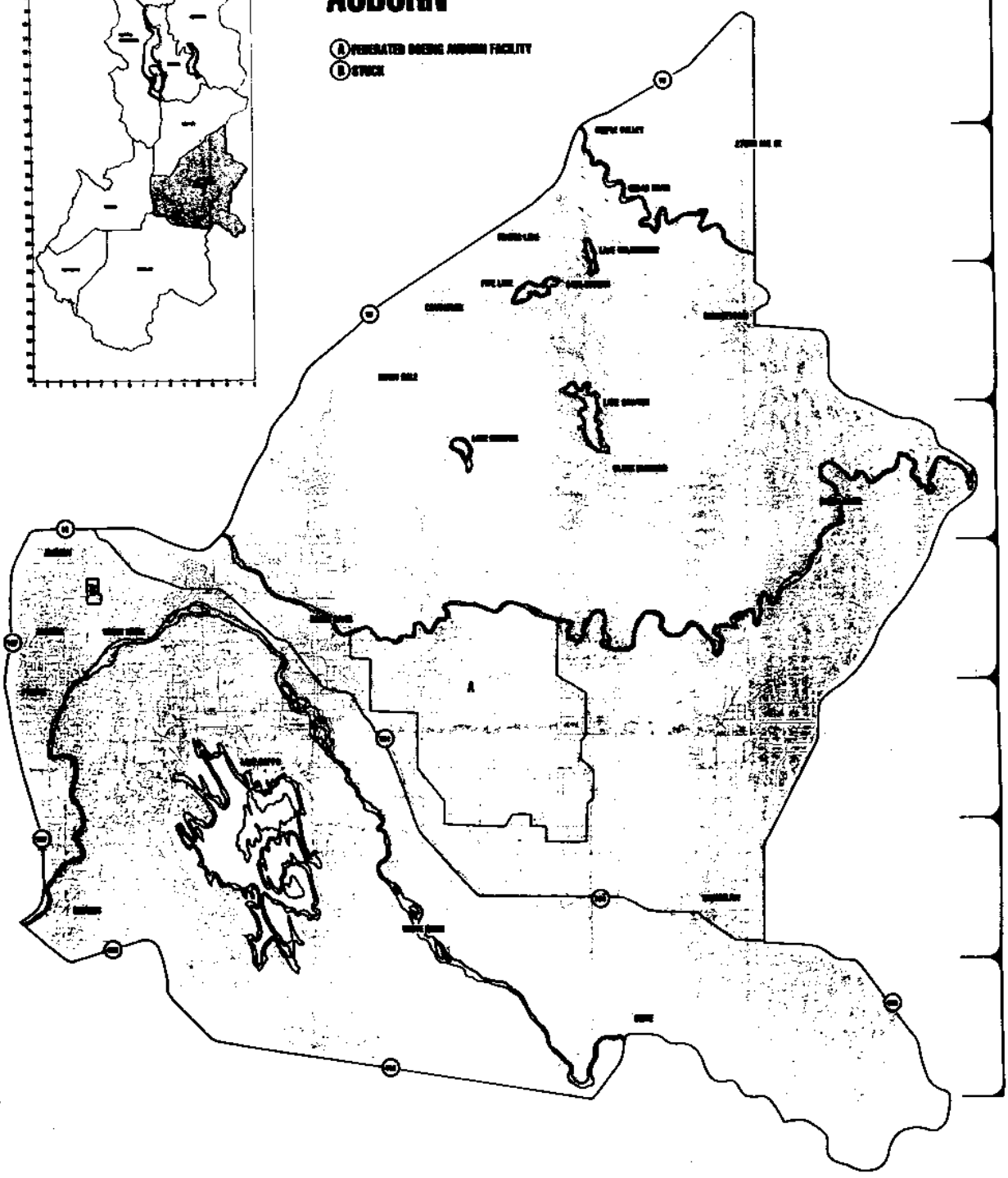
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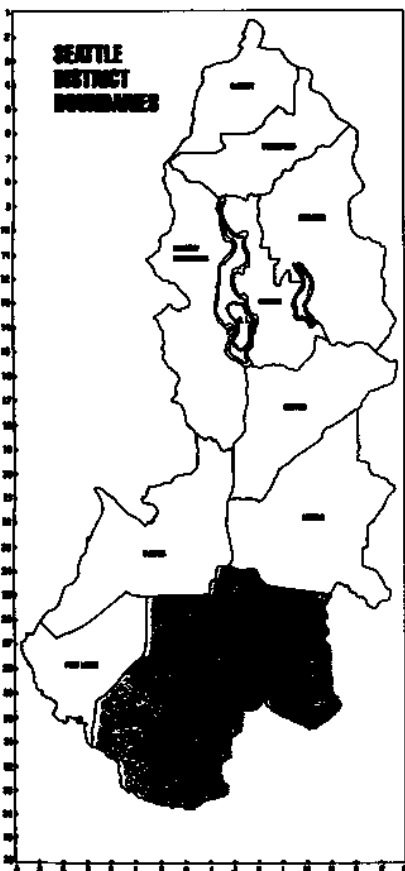
- ① GENERATOR DRIVING AUBURN FACILITY
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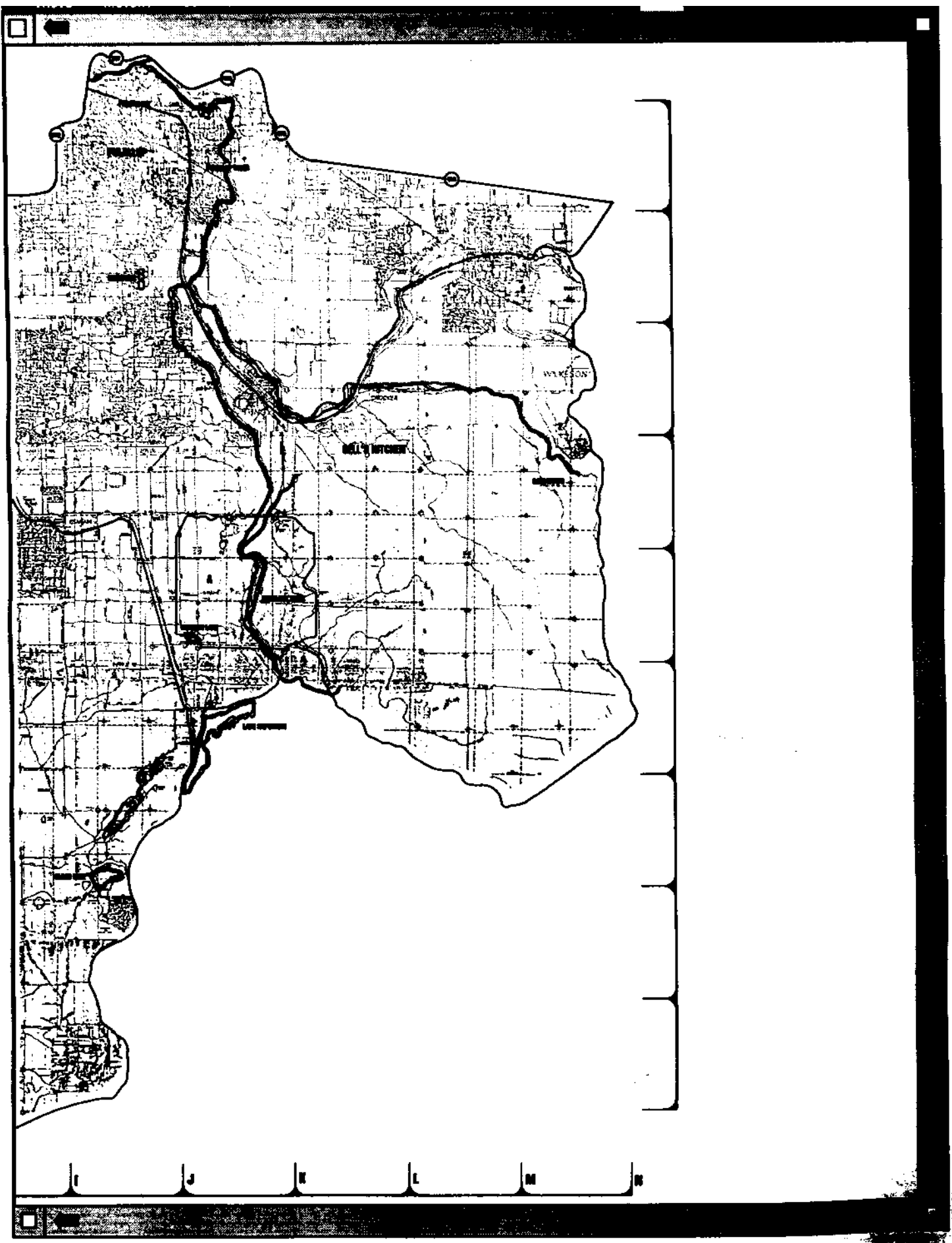
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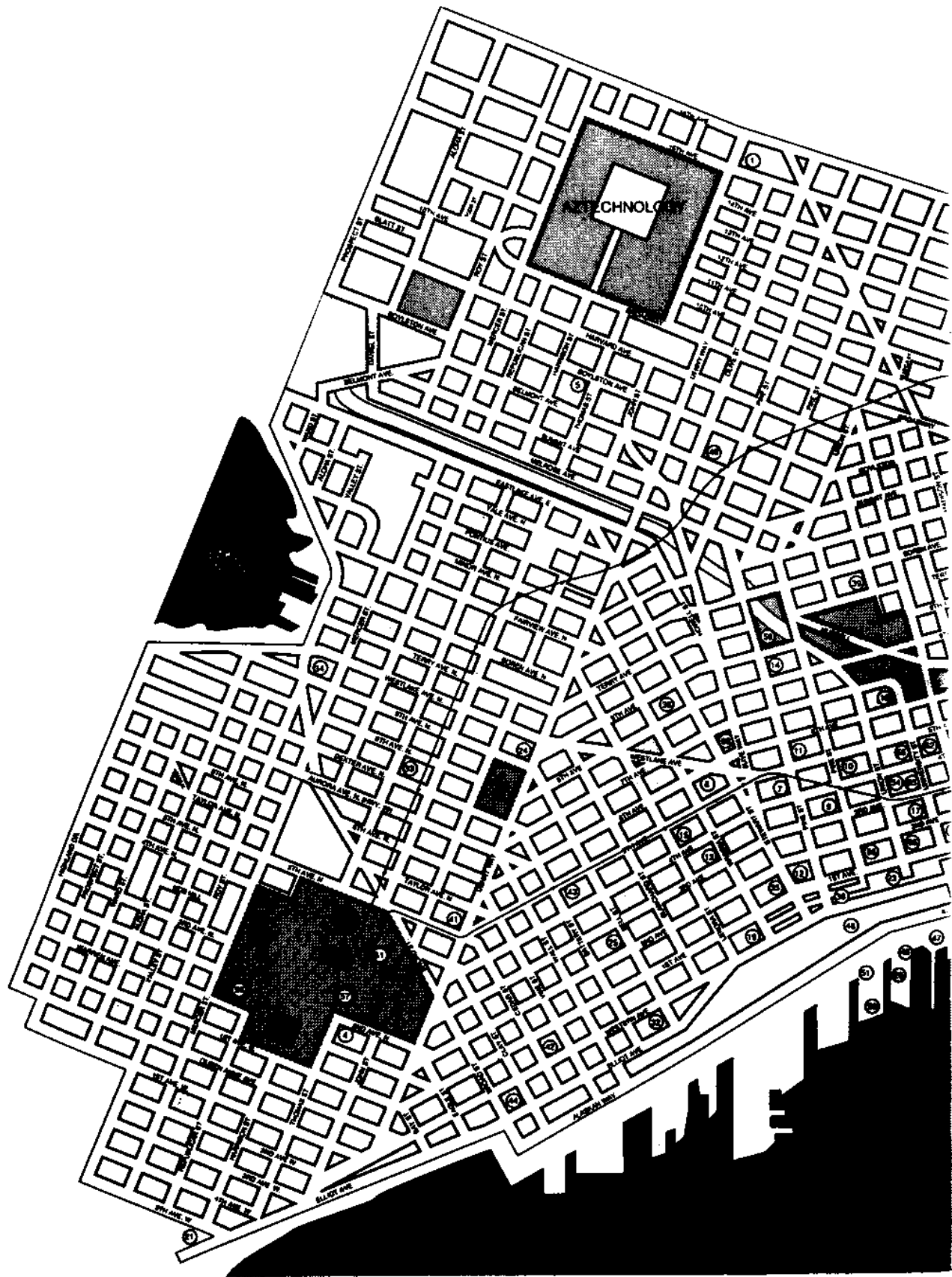


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Map Legend

1. Seattle General Hospital
2. Harborview Hospital
3. U.S. Public Health Hospital
4. Nightingale's Body Parts
5. Health Maintenance Organization
6. Fast Freddie's Surgery
7. The Mayflower Park Hotel
8. The Westin Hotel
9. Hotel Nikko
10. Wylie's Gala Inn
11. Laubenstein Plaza
12. Chez Ogino
13. Lucas Palace
14. The West Coast Hamlin Hotel
15. The Warwick Hotel
16. The Stuffer-Madison Hotel
17. The New Century Square Hotel
18. The Seattle Hilton
19. Cafe Sport
20. Ohgi-Ya (Chinese)
21. Lee Chee Garden
22. The Green Village (Chinese)
23. The Other Place
24. The Edge (Elven)
25. Damian's
26. You Should Not Eat So Much!
27. Run Run Shaw's (Chinese)
28. Takuri's (Japanese)
29. The Glass Onion (Japanese)
30. Ling Ho (Japanese)
31. The Big Rhino (Orkish-Underground)
32. Purple Haze
33. Icarus Descending (Elven)
34. Bosco's (Elven)
35. The Gravity Bar
36. The Pink Door
37. A Little Bit O' Saigou
38. Marcus' Hovel
39. THE Sports Bar
40. Nyen Lang's (Chinese)
41. Tam's Under The Needle
42. Murphy's Law
43. Reno's
44. Knutson's Country Home
45. Elliot's
46. Miner's Landing
47. The Grey Line
48. Maximillion's
49. Gracie's for Ribs
50. Seattle Aquarium
51. The Omnidome
52. Seattle Library
53. The County Courthouse
54. U.C.A.S. Post Office
55. Y.M.C.A.
56. Pike's Place Market
57. Pacific Science Center
58. Seattle Repertory Theatre
59. Seattle Trade and Convention Center
60. Seattle University
61. Seattle Space Needle
62. Charles Royer Building
63. Federal Building
64. Seattle Metroplex Prison
65. Dasmern Securities and Investments
66. Lone Star Security Building
67. McKuen's Scrap and Salvage Yard
68. Weapons World
69. Club Penumbra
70. Dante's Inferno
71. Syberspace

