



NEOCRONICLE LAUNCHES

THE CITY was spared from rain and fog last week when a large group of people gathered in Via Rosso to witness the grand opening of the NeoCronicle offices.

Our esteemed leader Lion Reza signed the permits for the independent news paper just last month, something that had been in the works for many years. At 09:00 on Wed 13th Feb the doors to the NeoCronicle offices were opened and a select few were allowed in for a tour.

Large open work spaces and state of the art equipment promises a lot for the journalists that have come from near and far to give the people of Neocron their monthly dose of news, and undoubtedly a dose of smut too. A big release party is planned for Club Veronique tomorrow night, when hopefully you will be able to get a hold of your first holodisc copy.

So far reactions from the general public have been good. The innovative idea to use holodisc to spread the word, instead of flat screen of your HomeTerm, has many people within the city's more technically inclined groups very excited. Some citizens have also voiced concerns that NeoCronicle will not reflect the opinions of the people but much rather the word of Mr. Reza and the city administration.



New Home: The NeoCronicle Offices in Via Rosso

One thing is for sure. No matter from which walk of life you come, you are sure to be affected by this new innovative attempt to take the news out of your living room and into the streets.

This is a reflection by an independent writer, written on the day of our grand opening. NeoCronicle is proud to announce that this budding journalist is now a part of our growing family.



WARNING TO CIVILIANS

THERE HAS been a recent outbreak of rebellious activity in and around the city of Neocron. While your loyal Police Force has been extremely successful in eradicating the perpetrators, please realize that these terrorists are vile scum, and are trying to destroy our very way of life. They do not respect law and order, they do not value human life, and worst of all, they do not care about you, the citizen. The government of Lion Reza has worked very hard to ensure a safe environment for its citizens, one where people are protected to the fullest extent of the law. We take great pride in offering citizens a place where they can live long, fulfilling lives, and pay their taxes like all good citizens do.

Remember, being a citizen of Neocron is not a right, it is a privilege. One afforded to you by the benevolent Lion Reza. Those who do not wish to respect the law and order that is in place are more than welcome to live like rabid dogs out in the Wastelands.

We are demanding that everyone who may have information about known terrorists come forth and do your civic duty as citizens and report these devils to your local Neocron Police Department. We will be offering rewards for all information leading to the arrest and/or death of known terrorists. Also there will be postings of bounties, which are available through LawNet or your local NCPD, giving you, the citizen, an opportunity to show your government what you really have to offer.

We encourage all citizens to actively seek out and kill known terrorists and terrorist organizations, for which there will be generous rewards given. (continued on page 2)

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HOVERBIKE DEATHS RISE

LAST NIGHT a total of 4 people lost their lives during several illegal hoverbike races, while several others received serious injuries. Reports claim that at least 3 different races took place during the night. NCPD officials remained very calm and stated, "The death toll of illegal hoverbike activities has dropped some 34% in comparison to the same period last year". Questions remains on what figures the NCPD used to base its results. The fact that there can be so many illegal races taking place regularly, indicates the need for more manpower in the ranks of the NCPD.



WARNING TO CIVILIANS (continued from page 1) There will also be public executions held, so that you, the citizen, can watch the punishment Live through your HomeTerm. Only by eliminating the threat can we ensure a safe, happy environment for our citizens and their precious children.

A final note to all of the terrorists and terrorist sympathizers out there: The government of Lion Reza is the greatest government that has ever existed, we provide our citizens with all of the protection they deserve, and we will not allow filthy worms to threaten the peace that we have brought to this war-torn city. If you continue your cowardly attacks that have killed many innocent civilians, you can be certain that you will live the rest of your life in fear.

NeoCronicle Launch Party
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Club Veronique
 (Pepper Park, District 2)
Fri 22nd Feb '02
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 NEOCRON'S HOTTEST CLUB

ANCIENT MYSTERY

LOCAL STORES saw an interesting boost to their revenue, on what would've been the 14th February by the ancient time calendar. Lot's of citizens still celebrate the ancient ritual called "valentine's day". The research department at the museum of ancient culture has not been able to unravel the identity of this "valentine" character, and they still don't know why everyone loved this "valentine" so much. Archaeological engineers are currently digging up some kind of ancient tomb of papers. The use of it has not been revealed. Officials believe to find all the answers of "valentine's day" any day now. Developments will be published as they are revealed.

Career Focus : The Scrapper

LIFE IN the city isn't all about violence and action you know. I mean, take me for example. Sure, I'm a trained soldier. Being a tank I was actually born and taught to kill quickly and effectively. But we don't always end up doing what life intended of us. What you have to keep in mind though, is that if you live by the sword, you die by the sword. And even soldiers need money to put food on the table.

That's why you have to make credits one way or another. Some of my friends take the easiest approach, they kill for cash, working as hitmen, or mercenaries for hire. This isn't easy work however, and it can be costly. Their genrep bills are way higher than mine, that's a fact. Myself, I'm a 'scrapper'.

I find and sell equipment and scrap resources to constructors and larger companies. It gives you a good buck and it's a job that allows you to get around. It also allows



Working Man: Making the trade

me an extra satisfaction by taking care of the pesky critters that plague the city. It's a low risk, high gain job. Sure, those that go out in to the wastes and hunt down large scale prey gain more than I do, but they also risk more.

You find all matter of things around the city. Scrap metal, glass, recyclable biomass, wire and so on. Its hard work, carrying it all around, but the Go Guardians placed all over the city make sure you don't have to carry it for very long. Some of my friends laugh at my chosen line of work, saying that they can't understand why I'd rather do this than hunt the big prizes. Well, you have to get your funding from somewhere. I don't have the big guns, nor do I have the fancy implants, but like I said, this is easy gain at low risk.

One of the best aspects of the job is getting to meet interesting people as I work. I've come across my fair share of Fallen Angel traders, mutant gangs, bountyhunters, lost souls and hardened criminals. My lack of fancy gear is probably what has kept me alive on more than one occasion. I'm simply not a target worth dealing with.

I also get to mix with many others from the regular workforce. Researchers and constructors buy my materials,



Hanging Out: You can't work all the time...

repairmen take care of my gear and medic's sometimes patch me up and sell me first aid. I trade with just about everyone and sometimes I follow the strike teams out in to the field. They usually leave heaps of scrap behind.

I am content with my life as a 'scrapper', I am one of the companies best resource gatherers after all. And we are all needed, we all have a function. So, don't think it is all about fighting. Fighting will get you a long way, but eventually it will also get you killed. Stay cool, stay safe. That's what I always say.



HOMELESSNESS INCREASES

IN THIS day and age no one is equal. We're governed by the judge, jury and executioners, also known as CopBots, the workforce of Lion Reza. Their relentless power control seizes the districts of Via Rosso and Plaza, but there is also another presence scouring the skyline as the number of homeless people increase. Poverty stricken citi-



zens litter the streets in Plaza and Pepper Park, found amongst old boxes and rubbish, drinking to forget their sorrows and babbling incoherently at anyone who'll listen. Yet nothing is done. They are tolerated in this world of survival, of which they will mostly likely fail! They should be forgotten, they need to be removed, they *must* be annihilated!

PRIZE SPRAYS

THE CITY administration has started a new graffiti spraying contest which will be judged by a jury of top artists. Budding sprayers need to fill in application form A324-2B to enter. The contest fits in the rehabilitation program for the whole Pepper Park district.



The city administration has not yet announced the prize money, but they did say that the total prize fund will exceed

50000 credits, thanks to generous donations from Diamond Real Estate. It looks like both parties' can benefit from a well developed and safer Pepper Park. We'll have to wait for reactions from ruling factions of Pepper Park. Word is that they are not happy about the new artistic initiative.

CHARITABLE HOST

LATE FRIDAY night the NCPD was called to an apartment building in Via Rosso 1 to investigate reports about loud noises, which sounded like gunshots, coming from the apartment of a Mr. Jarod Westlake.

Upon further investigation it was found that Mr. Westlake and a number of close friends, were having a wild party, celebrating the opening of a new NCPD Academy in their sector, and the so-called "gunshots" were in fact champagne bottle corks popping.

The officers were invited in for a non-alcoholic drink and Mr. Westlake, who felt bad for causing the city the inconvenience, donated a significant amount of money to the "Toys for CopBot Kids" fund.

NeoCronicle and the NCPD wishes to extend it warmest regards to this outstanding citizen.



PAGE 3 HONEY OF THE MONTH

EVERY MONTH we're gonna please you, tease you, and make you wanna see more.

This month we have Heather, 19, from Neocron. Her bodily curves will make you shudder, or look away in embarrassment. Hopefully the former. Enjoy!

Herkes Unity : Part I

APRIL 23. The preparations are almost done. The guys are loading the last of the perishable food into the cargo freighters while I'm sitting on a packing crate, just out of sight, scribbling this note to you. Everyone's so excited... I mean, this one might really be it!

Damn classified information! I wish that I could tell you all about our expedition, but those damn suits would hang my sorry ass if I did. I promise that this is the best chance we've ever had. We've got new information, better supplies, more men, and full backing from the NCPD. If we find what we're after, this'll make all those other expeditions worth the time I had to spend away from you.

I know that I've been gone a lot lately, and that you've suffered the most, but, I want you to know that I love you more than anything. More than these expeditions, more than my research, more than anything the world could ever hold for me. Even if this one turns up empty too, I want you to know that I'm going to quit fieldwork afterwards. Not seeing you for months at a time is getting too damn hard. It's just not worth it anymore. It's never been worth it.

I can hear that diesel Traxstar that the mechanics have been trying to fix starting to rumble, so I guess this is good-bye. I wish you could have been here so that I could've said goodbye in person, but I realize that after last night you probably didn't want to wake up early to come see me off, or come say goodbye at all... I'll straighten everything out with you as soon as I get back. I promise.

To a new life, Love, John...



NCPD NEEDS YOU

THE NCPD has started a new public relations campaign. It seems that they are understaffed. Recent polls indicate that there will be a serious population growth noticeable within a couple of months. To guide the new population and to educate them, the NCPD is looking for new recruits.



A Brief History of Neocron : Part I

AROUND THE end of the 27th century, Earth was an exploited and destroyed planet. The climate and nations were all in upheaval. The Ceres wars, excessive environmental pollution, global warming and the contaminated radiation that enters through a perforated atmosphere, had turned this once blue planet into a grayish-brownish sphere of sludge.

Humanity had long overcome its collective feeling of guilt for the state Earth was in, and had begun to search for a new home. Finally they make a strike in a distant part of space.

Over the course of various decades, gigantic treks transported the majority of humanity to the planet Irata3.

The remnants of the world's population regrouped behind the protective walls of three teaming mega metropolis'. Safety shields, artificial atmospheres and magnetic fields protect these cities against contaminated radiation that sweeps the land and makes survival without heavy protective gear outside the cities impossible.

2005 and technological capabilities are expanding with the introduction of the holographic mass storage media. The holodisk is scanned with a laser and even the introductory model can contain amounts of data 100 times larger than the maximum capacity of conventional mass media based on magnetic fields.

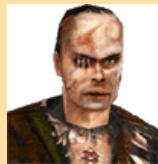
The Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) takes this newly available technology and launches the Ceres project. The name Ceres is derived from the roman name of the Greek goddess Demeter, who was worshiped in ancient Greek as the mother of the earth and the goddess of fertility. The name was chosen because the knowledge of man is the seed (physics, chemistry, biology, mathematics etc.) as well as the fruit (technology, architecture, medicine, agriculture etc) of planet Earth at the same time.

Designed to be completed within the next 20 years the Ceres project aims to store the whole knowledge of humanity clearly arranged on one holodisk.

Meanwhile NASA sparked the beginning of a new era in space exploration with the first ever manned mission to Mars. But 10 years later, in 2018 the program suffered a set back when following an accident the entire crew of the fourth mission is killed.

By 2028, when the Ceres project should have been nearing completion, the project leader, Dr. Karmann announces at a press conference that he believes, that should a primitive civilization gain access to the information contained within the Ceres project, then they would be able to build nuclear plants after just a few decades.

This remark provided the project with a huge amount of public attention. Within 12 months Dr. Karmann was found brutally murdered and the Ceres project was removed from MIT and became classified as a top-secret state affair.



CYCLOPS ADVICE COLUMN

"Dear Cyclops. I recently got a job as a stripper at club veronique but I haven't told my boyfriend because I'm afraid he might kill me! What should I do?"
-Yours, Emmi"

Hi Emmi, it seems like your in a bit of a situation here. If your boyfriend is willing to kill you over something this trivial then I suggest you do the same. For only a few thousand credits you can get a good hitman to remove him. Problem solved!

"Hi Cyclops, I recently purchased a new Hoverbike DXe 5000 for some smooth cruising out in the Wastelands. So, as you do I started racing around a bit in the wastes only to be run over by a tank! I now have a compact Hoverbike, what the hell can I do with that?"
-Cheers, Bref Altar"

LOL, Bref that's pretty funny ya know. My suggestion is that you take it to Earl's corner and sell it to one of those midgits for a few creds, either that or challenge the tank dude to a duel?

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A Copbots Beat : Part I

THIS IS the first in a series of articles about COPbots, as I was granted permission to accompany a COPbot patrol on regular intervals, to observe them as they work. This first article deals with a COPbots beat and average patrol.

First off, COPbots are quite uninteresting as interviews go. Most of their answers are along the line of "Yes", "No", "Affirmative" and so forth. They don't answer any questions except those directly related to their work and they are not the kind of company you'd share a discussion with over a cup of coffee. Their actions speak far louder than words however, and you're never bored for long on a COPbot patrol through the more dangerous areas of town.

My first "walk-along" was with a patrol assigned to the outer areas of Pepper Park. I met the two COP'ers at their station HQ, where I had to sign a document confirming that I was going along with the COPbots willingly and took full responsibility for my actions and anything that happened to me. I was given brief instructions by a clerk on how to act in given situations, and away we went. As I walked along next to them, I could not help but to notice how well they actually blended in with their environment. They didn't take up much room as they walked down the street, but it was obvious that they indeed were "kings of the hill". A few people avoided the COP'ers as they approached, but most didn't even seem to notice them. The only sounds made by these robotic enforcers were their armored feet clunking along the pavement.

We hadn't been going long, before the COP'ers were called into action. Without warning one of them turned to me and briskly said "Follow us", and they took off running down the street. I had some difficulty keeping up with them, they can move quite fast if need be. People moved out of the way as they saw two huge hunks of metal barreling down the street, followed by a small man in a trenchcoat. I asked them what was up and the cold, easy answer was "Robbery in progress. Arms and traffic violation. 3 counts of murder". I was slightly taken back at first. Myself, I could hardly get the words out with the

"His chest was ripped into a mess of flesh and blood"



Mean Streets: A CopBots work is never done, especially in Neocron.

running and all, but the COP'ers reply was as calm as an ice cream bar on a Monday morning. "Robbery in progress" apparently meant as much, or as little, as "3 counts of murder" to the COP'er. Personally, I see quite a difference there, but it appears as if he, or it, didn't.

We rounded a corner and a brief look at the surroundings told me we were on a quite busy street, filled with all manner of shops and public services. I immediately noticed two men lying face down in pools of blood on the street, dressed in suits. One had a gun in his hand and a large portion of his head missing, the other with several bullet holes through his gut. Beyond these two corpses, I saw three men running towards a subway entrance. The COP'ers kept on running, unholstering their weapons as they ran. A simple, "Halt! NCPD!!"

echoed out over the street, coming from one of the COP'ers. Two of the men stopped and spun around, throwing their weapons to their shoulder.

I ducked into a doorway for cover and saw that the COP'ers didn't even flinch, they were closing on their prey at an alarming speed. The third

man continued down into the subway and disappeared as his two comrades lay down covering fire directly at the COP'ers. The street was now nearly empty, as people ran for cover.

I heard the metallic bangs as the shots ricocheted the COPbot armor. One of the COP'ers raised his gun and fired while running, his bullets hit dead center. They first struck the rifle of one of the criminals, shattering the weapon and then hit the man in the lower torso. His chest was ripped into a mess of flesh and blood and he was flung up into the air and back against a streetlight. The other man started to move slowly backwards, still firing. He hadn't counted on the COPbots speed though and the other COP'er was already on him.

With one swift move the COP'er struck the man in the face with his elbow. There was a loud "crack" as the criminal's face, skull and neck were smashed and he hit the pavement as a limp sack of bones. The two COPbots continued down the subway. I stood paralyzed for a short while, amazed by the brutality and effectiveness I had just witnessed. After a few seconds I followed the COP'ers down the subway, accompanied by the distant sound of sirens...



Citizen Interrogation : Haha

I WAS born in Hawaii, USA, grew up in the States, Australia and the Philippines. I'm known in the Community as Haha or Kzap. Why the double personality? Its not! I just use Haha for everything and kzap for everything also. Make sense? no? Good =).

I got into web design when I got a computer in 1995 and found GeoCities... my site is still there I think.. Da EdGe anyone? I think I got something like 24k hits in total, hey people actually visited my site =) . I also found Pseudo.com and its vast IRC network, loved that place, too bad it had to close.

I also got Quake with my computer, and a internet connection. Now I'm sure you all know what that means, tons of deathmatch online. Quake went to Quake 2 and so on.

Sometime in 1999 I found myself in the Asherons Call beta, life would never be the same again. Pointless leveling, running around for no reason, and it was all fun. So beta ended. Then one day on the GameSpot beta section I found Neocron. I make it sound like some kind of religion don't I?

Anyway then I saw no really good fansites for Neocron and so decided to make my own and that's how Neocron Central started. And that's how it's been for almost 2 years. I really need to get a life... (note to self: get a life).



Name: Andre Marcelo-Tanner
Age: 17 - Last time I counted =)

Sex:
Male, don't question this, I am 101% sure of it.

Country of residence:
Philippines, oh yah did I mention the nightlife? the parties, the girls, the drinks!

Occupation:
College Student, studying, like real hard, well not really, but still doing my best to pass. Where's the motivation?

Gaming Credentials:
Started at Quake, we all know

where that lead to...

Life Credentials:
Trying to finish college?

Community History:
Member Since: April 27, 2000 - the EzBoard days... Had to do something when you find an amazing game like Neocron with such little support, of course everything has changed since then...

Life Expectations:
Success, with a capital S, preferably something to do with Gaming.

Favorite Woman:
sigh...

Favorite Game:
All-time fav - Quake, Current - Neocron, duh...

Favorite Music:
Anything not pop, and not classical. Michelle Branch is cute =) . Trance when you can't sleep.

Twisted Pair by: talltim



COMMUNITY SERVICE

Neocron Chat

A Neocron community meeting will be held Wednesday, February 27th at 11pm GMT (figure out what time this is in whatever part of the world you happen to reside in), with Special Guest, Jens "Nemesis" Bremmekamp!

The meeting will be held on IRC, server: irc.enterthegame.com in channel #neocron. Everyone is encouraged to attend the meeting to share their opinions and ideas about Neocron and the community.

If you do not have an IRC client, you can download one from www.mirc.com or www.besirc.com.

Neocron Look-a-like Contest

NeocronCentral is holding a contest in which 5 lucky winners will walk away with a brand new official Neocron T-shirt.

All you have to do is take a picture of yourself pretending to be one of your favorite Neocron characters (as seen in screenshots on www.neocroncentral.com) and send it in.

The deadline is on Saturday March 02, 2002 at 4:00 PM GMT so hurry up and get those pictures sent in! For official rules and regulations, check out www.neocroncentral.com!

NeocronOnline.com Gets Hacked

Unfortunately some kids found a vulnerability in the server that's hosting NeocronOnline (N/O), and decided to deface the website, as well as delete most of the files for the site.

N/O has been around for a long time and we don't want to see it end. Fortunately Preacher has mentioned plans for an entirely new design, and many members of the community have offered to help.

Lets hope this sort of thing doesn't happen anymore in the Neocron community, and we hope to see N/O back on it's feet in no time.



Mr Z Says...

NOT WANTING to defend, ridicule, bias or even pass judgement on *long* hair, but why in the 28th century do men have all short hair! I mean, come on!

Long hair takes dedication, persuasion, even cajoling into getting it right. Surely we have the technology to deal with this untapped fashion, and often anarchic statement.

Take this fine specimen (see right), dedication! Is he going to be ousted from Neocron because of it?? Is he going to get a job in one of the shops, or get employed as a hacker or a bodyguard? Me thinks not! No jobs, no quests, and me thinks that even the clans will avoid him!

It's a scandal, a travesty of injustice that I believe needs rectifying! A protest! That's what's needed. A march through the plaza, and approach Lioon himself to get the matter rectified! All those in favor, start petitioning NOW!



Competition Results

THAT'S RIGHT folks, the first competition has come and has provided us with some quality winners, who will each win some exclusive Neocron branded items.

At this point, let us just say that the standard of entries was very high, and although we had to pick three, really everyone really is a winner. For the record, you are a talented bunch... keep it going!

For the moment then, let's turn our attentions to the chosen ones, who hopefully will receive the adulation and gratitude from the Neocron massive for taking the time and effort for entering and creating these pieces of art.

So in order of categories, let us announce the winners...

FAN ART & COMICS

- Eugene Teplitsky (Nefir Nefarious) with the entry titled "Neocron"
- Shem with the entry titled "Please Login Dark"
- John Leavitt with the entry titled "JLNeoposter"

- Viruspixel with the entry titled "GFX"

MUSIC CREATION

- Jim Dierking (Mr. Refusal of The Genesis Project) with his creation "Elsewhere in life"
- Anarchon with his creation "NeocronByAnarchon"
- Mr Pink with his creation "Bright Blue"

FAN FICTION & PROSE

- "Fallen Angels" by Martin Hultberg
- "The End of good times" & "The End?" by StrategosAutokrator
- "Curriculum Vitae" by Mars "Freak" Halagan

Each of the above are going to receive a pack of exclusive branded Neocron merchandise including a quality T-shirt, stylish backpack and a cool snowboarding hat.

What's on in Neocron

WELL KICKING us off this month is the NeoCronicle launch party to held at Club Veronique. This promises to be a great event, with a limited free bar, and "exotic" dancers, a good time is sure to be had by all.

Doors open at 21:00 GMT, and you can get free admission with the flyer in this issue. So get yourself down to Club Veronique this Friday... you wouldn't want to miss it now would you!

Coming up next week is the debut live performance from new retro metal band "Rabid Donkeys". The gig will be on the eve of the release of their first album, oddly entitled "For those about to listen... we pity you".

Their sound has recently been described in the Neocron Musical Express (NME) as "painful" and "like having your head rubbed up and down a cheese grater whilst someone saws off your legs". So that's definitely something to look forward to.

Also early next month sees the return of the annual "Criminal Carnage" festival. The centre point of the includes a section of the Plaza being closed off, whilst the city's cells are emptied into the area and giant spider mutant teleported in. Much hilarity and flowing of blood ensues. Seats are limited so get in now to avoid disappointment. Fun for all the Family...

These winners' efforts are available for download from www.neocron.com/competition.php.

A new competition will also be announced next week... so stay tuned.



Fashion Victim: The funky neocron gear

A Big Thank You Too...

...Jarod, Haha, NiteOps, SI33py, TallTim, Freezer, Longinius, Stephanie, Rico, Mr Z and the friendly people (though some slightly odd) in #neocron and #neocentral.

Also many thanks to www.neocrononline.com and www.neocroncentral.com for generally promoting the fanzine and helping come up with a name for the thing.

Anyone wishing to contribute to NeoCronicle #2 should send submissions to edward.willey@cdv.de, you've seen what we do now, so get writing! Deadline for issue 2 submissions : 22nd March, to be released 28th March.

-Smirnoff (NeoCronicle Editor)

