

RESIDENTS OF NEIGHBORHOOD OF MAKE-BELIEVE ON EDGE AFTER RASH OF DRIVE-BY SHOOTINGS, ASSAULTS

MAKE BELIEVE - King Friday XIII, benevolent monarch who has ruled the Neighborhood of Make Believe for nearly forty years, will hold a news conference this morning to announce the formation of a gang task force to combat a series of random acts of violence in his kingdom.

Lady Elaine Fairchild, sole curator of the Museum-Go-Round, a popular tourist destination known for its world-famous Hall of Boomerangs, said her place has been shot up twice in the past week. "It's been hell sleeping at night, toots," said Ms. Fairchild. "I hope Friday can get this thing under control."



Daniel Striped Tiger, who retired to the Neighborhood after spending twenty years working for Siegfried and Roy, said he's noticed a change. "I grew up in this place. I never worried about getting stabbed or pistol-whipped when I was a cub." Daniel said things began to change when King Friday decided to tear down Corn Flake S. PECIALY'S Factory and build a casino. "That place just attracts the wrong element," he said.

Last evening, Ms. Henrietta Pussycat was assaulted while returning home from a visit with Dr. Bill Platypus. The suspect, described as a tall white male wearing a cardigan sweater and sneakers, remains at large. A spokesman for the King said his royal highness declined to blame gamblers for the spike in crime but vowed to restore law and order.

POPE BENEDICT SUSPECT IN RASH OF WASHINGTON D.C. ROBBERIES; GIANT "KEY TO CITY" USED TO ACCESS HOMES, BANK VAULTS

WASHINGTON - Washington D.C. Mayor Adrian Fenty has issued a plea to Pope Benedict XVI to turn himself in to police tonight after authorities issued a warrant for his arrest in connection with a series of burglaries in the Washington D.C. metropolitan area. Since Tuesday, numerous civic and financial institutions have suffered incalculable losses in a string of after-hours break-ins. No signs of forced entry were apparent to investigators, leading police to conclude that the perpetrator must have access to each of the buildings.

Mayor Fenty, who presented the Pope with a key to the city during a ceremony last Tuesday, was clearly upset. "When I gave the key to His Holiness, I asked him to be careful about who he gave it to. I want to remind all of you that the Pope has not been charged with a crime. I'm sure there is a very simple explanation for how so much money, art, jewels, and cars could have been stolen in such a short period of time and with such relative ease, and I'm certain that explanation does not implicate the Pontiff or his recently obtained key that opens every lock from Arlington to Bethesda."