

|| Events in City 32 ||

January 11, 2018

7 children – 3 boys, 4 girls – reported missing during “Storm of ’18.” 32 inches of snowfall in less than 24 hours brings city to a halt. Recovery efforts begin 3 days later. None of the children are ever found.

November 2, 2027

Incumbent Mayor Stewart Sabro, Euro-African male, loses election by narrow margin to Dr. Agueda Rodriquez, Hispanic female. 4 days later, schoolteacher Paul Oak, Caucasian male, 45, murders Dr. Rodriquez in her home by strangulation.

July 4, 2031

The bodies of 9 children – 5 girls and 4 boys, ages between 7 and 9 – are discovered in a city reservoir. Cause of death: accidental drowning while swimming. The children were not under adult supervision.

April 1, 2040

City census reports population 51% Hispanic descent, 28% European descent, 9% African descent, 10% Asian descent, 2% other. There is a 3% margin of error.

September 21, 2052

Fire at the City Academy for Boys kills 26 students between the ages of 6 and 7, as well as 2 adult teachers. All were trapped in a single classroom in the North Wing.

November 4, 2059

Jesus Rey, former entrepreneurial businessman and social activist, is elected city mayor in landslide election, beating incumbent Maksim

Kerzer, whose administration had been ripe with financial and sexual scandals.

January 1, 2062

City annexes adjacent 3 counties as part of controversial National City Expansion Act, passed in 2060 by both the U.S. House of Representatives and the U. S. Senate. The act was drafted to counter taxation/revenue imbalances related to urban growth.

August-November, 2069

All city playgrounds are torn down. An anonymous charitable donation of \$16.7 million funds much of the overdue reconstruction. 1 out of every 6 parks of the 460 public parks are designed by a single architect, Tomas Zigon, renowned Argentinean ex-Patriot and city fellow. Each 'Zigon Park' follows matching plans, making them iconic landmarks throughout the city.

February 3, 2074

Fred 'Farmer' O'Bannon arrested. Parts recovered at the scene are identified as the remains of 33 young girls, all between the ages of 2 and 6. 12 victims remain unidentified. O'Bannon is later executed under Radiation Law of '75. His final words: 'You didn't find half.'

June 1, 2074

National Urban Re-Zoning Act passes in U.S. Congress after the longest congressional deliberation on record. The divisive act goes into effect the following year.

January 1, 2075

City _____ is re-christened City 32, in accordance with National Urban Re-Zoning Act.

March 22, 2082

City 32 population surpasses 6.5 million. Most recent census estimates population 68% Hispanic descent, 12% Asian descent, 11% European descent, 7% African descent, 2% other. There is a 1% margin of error.

February 24, 2087

Franco J. Cocanaugher elected mayor.

June 7, 2088

Issue 11, the repeal of Prop. 473 Anti-Privacy Law, passes with strong popular support, requiring the removal of all surveillance cameras from public streets and squares after decades of official monitoring. Fears of a crime wave prove unfounded. In fact, the crime rate drops to its lowest rate in 30 years by the end of the decade.

December 1, 2090

City Council appropriates funds for the creation of 175 'sunrise platforms' to be erected throughout the city. The platforms are mounted on the tops of buildings, both public and private, which have the best possible views of the east. Each seats 25. Shortly after opening, 1 platform collapses, killing 14, including 4 young boys. Despite this, the platforms remain in use.

December 1, 2091

Doll Weather System deployed.

October 23, 2097

81 children reported missing in a single day.