

SUNSET CITY SENTINEL

RIOT AT DRAKE STADIUM

By Robin Starling

In an unprecedented display of sports violence the stands of Sir Francis Drake Stadium erupted in a volcano of mindless aggression during the much-anticipated game between the Sunset City Seals and the Gotham City Angels. There was certainly nothing angelic about the madness that seemed to engulf the entire stadium, as players began fighting one another, fans fought furiously among themselves, and some fans even poured onto the playing field to assault the players.

There is no known reason for this mass insanity. Sunset City University's Professor Malthus opines that this sort of behavior could be a variation of so-called 'mob-mentality.' "Humans in large numbers often behave differently than any of the individuals would if they were not part of the group," the professor explains, "And in an emotionally charged situation, such as many people experience at major sporting events, it is not difficult for the emotional gestalt to tip towards violence. Sports are simply redirected violent impulses, after all."

Police officials do not seem to be accepting the psychological theory, however. According to police sources they are concentrating investigations on the theory that the strange behavior was caused by a mind-altering gas released by persons unknown.

Miraculously, injuries were relatively light, confined to a few broken bones and numerous bruises. Stadium officials are considering whether to increase security at future events.

Lex Luthor Arrives for Opening of LexCorp West

By Chase Chesterton

Nobel laureate and businessman Dr Lex Luthor returned briefly to Sunset City to preside over the official opening of the new headquarters of LexCorp West, the recently created West Coast division of his international corporation.

While in the city Dr Luthor, an avid baseball fan, also attended the Seals-Angels game at Sir Francis Drake Stadium. According to rumor he has been approached by police authorities for ideas about what might have caused the outbreak of mass hysteria that occurred during that game. Dr Luthor refuses to confirm or deny these rumors, merely saying that, "I am always happy to assist the civil authorities in any way that I can. That is the duty and the pleasure of every American citizen."

When questioned about another rumor, that there was a robbery inside LexCorp Tower shortly before it officially opened, Dr Luthor merely laughed and replied, "I don't know where these stories come from. Our security is top notch, and I can assure you that no one could get into or out of the Tower without our knowing about it."

Dr Luthor is expected to return to Metropolis within the next few days.

Cultural Embassy to Rhodesia

By Cat Cardigan

Some of Sunset City's best and brightest will be making a goodwill tour of the African nation of Rhodesia, along with our esteemed mayor. The handsome and charming ambassador of the bustling Rhodesian Federation recently visited our city as part of a tour of major American centers of commerce and art, and reports are that he and Mayor Goodman became fast friends. Now our always active mayor is reciprocating, and visiting the ambassador's native land. With him will go several important business leaders to discuss trade and commerce, and a representative sample of some of the culture for which our city is world famous.

Chief among these will be the Sunset City Ballet Company. Director Michael Smertin reports that his dancers are all extremely excited by this opportunity to bring the best of American dance to another continent, and look forward to exploring and making new friends for Sunset City.

Also joining the mayor's expedition will be the world-famous stage magician and international playboy, Magnus Specter, who will be flying there in his own private airplane. Mr. Specter is certainly no stranger to international performance, but as far as we know this will be his first performance on the dark continent. We look forward to reports that he has not only "seen the elephant," but has also made it disappear.