

SUNSET CITY SENTINEL

MYSTERIOUS LEXCORP-HERO CONNECTION

By Patricia Weathers

Some of Sunset City's most powerful heroes were seen coming out of the headquarters of LexCorp West, several of them obviously badly injured. Dixie Hill, Direwolf, Nightdancer and Wall, and some other currently unidentified heroes exited the building in the middle of the day, and were quickly bundled away in LexCorp limousines. LexCorp West president Paul Pollard refused press requests for information, saying only "We greatly appreciate everything Miss Hill and her companions have done for Sunset City, and for members of the public and the business community." City officials deny any knowledge of events involving LexCorp West which might be a threat to the city grave enough to require the presence of so many heroes.

POLICE TASK FORCE REACHES OUT

By Mark Mars

Recently promoted Sunset City Police Lieutenant Joe Wojosky has been placed in charge of the Special Task Force on the Devil's Point, a recently created special unit intended to address the increasing level of street violence in that neighborhood. In an unexpected statement, Lt Wojosky has said that his first priority will be to seek local community involvement. "Locking up kids ain't the answer," he said in a press briefing, "Not if we don't find out what's really going on and do what we have to to put a stop to it."

CIVIC PETITION DELAYED BY RAIN OF STOLEN FOOD

By Butler Wiseman

A plan by a group of Devil's Point businessmen was delayed due to an unexpected flood of baby food and assorted bottled food and drink. Apparently a local youth gang strongly objected to the nature of the petition, a request to the mayor's office to increase police pressure against youth gangs within the Devil's Point neighborhood. In an ironic twist, the food had all been stolen from the store owned by the leader of the group of businessmen. A reporter at the scene of the mashed-fruit attack discovered several hundred jars and bottles discarded upon the roof of the building, where they had apparently been emptied into several trash cans before being poured upon the businessmen. In an unexpected twist, this reporter noted that many of the labels on the empty jars appeared to show that the food had passed its expiration date, and should not have been on sale.

SOCIALITE'S MISSING RELATIVES RETURN

By Cat Cardigan

Gilbert and Maryanne Wiggins, the niece and nephew-in-law of Sunset City social leader Pauline Pollard, have returned to Sunset City after a decade's disappearance. The Wiggins family said that there would be no public comment upon their whereabouts during their long period of absence. "We are just glad to be back home," Mr Wiggins told this reporter, and we look forward to getting on with our lives."

TONG VIOLENCE ROCKS CHINATOWN

By Johnny Chin

Chinatown streets erupted in violence when the Dread Dragon tong struck back at local business and society leaders believed to have aided the hero Vigilance in his efforts to fight the influence of this vicious criminal organization. While local residents are refusing to speak with police out of fear of future reprisals, sources within the Chinese community report that no one doubts that the Dragons were responsible for the acts of destruction and assault that occurred. "They were sending us a message," one frightened young woman said, on promise of anonymity. "And we all understand it very clearly. Outsiders cannot protect us, and we would be fools to think that they can." While the police claim that arrests will occur swiftly, informed individuals who have observed the situation in Chinatown for many years doubt that official investigations will produce any results.

FAIRFIELD-DRYWATER DEBATES TO BE HELD

By Butler Wiseman

Presidential debates between Senator Ferris Fairfield and General David Drywater are scheduled for Sunset City. They will be televised nationally, and will be moderated by Sunset Sentinel editor Julius Justinian. Senator Fairfield currently leads in the polls, but General Drywater's support among the business community remains strong. International relations and metahuman affairs are expected to be the major topics of debate.