

SUNSET CITY SENTINEL

ALIEN THREAT!

By Butler Wiseman

Government officials have publicly acknowledged that an alien species poses a serious threat to the planet Earth. The United States and other governments have known of this threat for some time, but have kept the existence of the aliens and their repeated attacks secret until it was discovered and revealed by Daily Planet reporter Lois Lane. So far all that is known of the aliens is that they are called Reptar, and they appear to have advanced technology including interstellar space travel and high powered energy weapons, and that they have made at least two attacks upon Earth. Both attacks have been driven back, once with the assistance of unnamed superheroes, and the second with an atomic missile. Presidential science advisor Lex Luthor has promised further information will be provided to the public soon, and has offered assurances that a defensive strategy is in place to protect Earth.

EXPLOSION NEAR ASTRO CITY

By Mark Mars

Coast guard ships continue to search for any wreckage after reports of a large explosion off the eastern coast of the US near Astro City. Ships at sea at the time claim that the explosion appeared to be fairly high in the air, leading to speculation that it might have been an aircraft. There are no reports of missing commercial or private airplanes travelling through that area, however.

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

By Cat Cardigan

This year's celebration of Independence Day in Sunset City is expected to be the largest and most spectacular ever, with numerous festivals and street fairs around the city, culminating in a dazzling fireworks display over Sunset Bay. Meteorologists forecast a clear night, perfect for watching the display from anywhere along the bay.

SMALL EARTHQUAKE HITS SUNSET CITY

By Chase Chesterton

Two buildings in the Italian Quarter were damaged during a low-intensity earthquake. There are no reports of injuries, although neighborhood residents report having seen evidence of fire around the time of the earthquake.

SUNSET CITY A QUARTER ATOM-POWERED

By Chase Chesterton

The Pleasantville atomic reactor is now completely on line, and according to Sunset City Power Company officials one quarter of all the power being used in Sunset City now comes from the awesome power of the atom.

CRIME DOWN IN CHINATOWN

By Johnny Chin

According to police reports criminal incidents in Chinatown have decreased dramatically in the recent past. Police attribute this to new community outreach programs. However, various sources within the Chinatown community claim that the downturn is the calm before the storm, and regard the relative peacefulness with suspicion. "The dragon is angry," said one wizened resident. "And he licks his wounds. Soon he will rage." Police officials refused to comment on what they called, "Nothing but silly superstitious twaddle."

DRAKE BALLETT COMMISSIONED

By Cat Cardigan

Millionaire philanthropist William Francis Drake, returning to an active social life after his recent unexpected retirement from both business and social engagements, has reportedly commissioned Michael Smertin of the Sunset City Ballet to produce a new ballet based on the history of Sunset City. The artistic community of Sunset City is abuzz over these rumors, and great things are expected. There has been much speculation about the reason for Drake's seclusion, and those who feared he was seriously ill are cheered by the news that he will once more be taking a major role in the artistic life of Sunset City.