The following is to be read immediately after the Daily Darian, edition One

Current Events

Election:
There is an upcoming mayoral election. The two main contenders are the current mayor, Charles Watts and Thomas Wilson. The “buzz” is, that Watts will lose. Lately he has been seen little, and won’t talk to the press. He still does publicity things for his election though. But his office has been making some unpopular decisions. Wilson is the stereotypical baby kissing hand shaker. His charm alone seems to have many peoples vote. His platform is shaky, since he waffles on the issues.

Economy:
Darien already had Lexcorp aeronautics, but has recently added a Daewoo plant, and Psion-inc (recently purchased by Lexcorp). The economy is booming.

Police Strike:
Many of the police force is threatening to strike. They have put up with lower than average wages, for the good of Darien for years. Now that the economy is on the upswing, they feel they deserve higher pay. Especially since the new economy is bringing in new criminals. Economists have crunched the numbers, and Darien police make nearly 30% less than other cities with comparable crime rates, who’s economy is still at Darien’s pre-boom economy.

Crime Rate:
With the police threatening to strike and the economy rising, the overall crime rate is on the rise. There has also been a citywide outbreak of petty theft and vandalism crimes.

The Pack:
They have been seen less and less in town. Melee is leading them to the global hero market. On top of that, they seem unconcerned with the petty crime on the rise. Many people think that the pack feels it is beneath them to deal with it.

Crime Free Zone:
The news has reported that a small area of the city centered on Fifth and Finch St. has seen a drop in crime to almost 0%. What crime has occurred has been stopped. The captured criminals are often found in dumpsters or tied to a lamppost. They only remember darkness and cold. Locals of the area will not comment. This area was known for heavy drug traffic and violence.

Police Commissioner Hero stance:
Emmett Barnes, the current police commissioner, has taken a hard stance on Vigilantes in Darien. Even The Pack had to become “sanctioned”. Sanctioned simply means that in order for a hero to operate without being pursued by police, they must give the police dept a way to contact them. If there is a group, at least one member must be the contact. The Heroes do NOT need to give up any personal info, and may keep their anonymity.