

# GATEWAY GAZETTE

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## REPTAR INVASION!

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*By Harold Moore*

Earth has been attacked by an alien race, government officials admitted after the news was revealed by the Metropolis Daily Planet. The aliens, known as the Reptar, are a species of militaristic and predatory lizard-like beings, with a society apparently similar to that of the Nazi Party. Their invasion was thwarted when intelligence provided by Major Dirk Drake allowed the targeting of the invasion fleet by a US atomic missile. Government sources admit that the existence of the Reptar, and their threat to Earth, has been known for some time, and was deliberately kept secret from the citizens of the United States while the government negotiated with foreign nations and prepared defense plans. President Farfield's administration has promised a full briefing to the press in the near future regarding the extent of the Reptar menace.

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### SKELETONS UNEARTHED BY MINOR QUAKE

*By Jack Kemp*

A small tremor in Sunset City resulted in damage to two old buildings, revealing a dozen skeletons believed to date from the time of the city's founding. Historians theorize that the buildings might have been built over a previously unknown graveyard. Emergency personnel responding to the report of building damage removed the skeletons from the scene.

### MISSILE LAUNCHED FROM METROPOLIS

*By Kendell Caperman*

There is still no explanation for the recent launch of a missile from the middle of Metropolis. Government officials deny reports that the launch was in any way tied in with the Reptar threat.

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### POWERFUL HURRICANE THREATENS CARIBBEAN

*By Hubert Hubbersmith*

A powerful hurricane continues to threaten the Caribbean region. The unseasonably early storm is reported to be one of the strongest on record. Numerous islands have been evacuated in the path of the storm.

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### PARADES, MUSIC & FIREWORKS

*By Jack Kemp*

Sunset City will go all out in this year's celebration of the birth of our country. Several parades with patriotic themes are planned for the day, with numerous street fairs and festivals taking place throughout the city. The day's festivities will end with a display of fireworks launched from barges anchored in the bay, providing a stunning climax visible from everywhere in the Sunset Bay Area.

### DRAKE RENEWS CIVIC ACTIVITIES

*By Prescott Price*

Businessman and philanthropist William Francis Drake, recovering from a serious illness that forced his resignation from several corporate boards and his withdrawal from the day-to-day management of Drake Industries, has announced that he will once again become involved with numerous philanthropic and artistic organizations in Sunset City. "My recent indisposition has just brought home to me how much this city means to me," Mr Drake said in a press release, "And I want to once again begin giving back to the city that has given me so much." Business leaders say that they have heard nothing to indicate that Drake will resume his business activities anytime soon.

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### HERMES 6 REVEALED AS MILITARY MISSION

*By Harold Moore*

Inside sources at the US Space Agency have reported that the Hermes 6 spacecraft is being planned as a military operation, presumably to gather information on whether the Reptar still lurk near the Earth after the recent defeat of their space armada. Major Dirk Drake, who proved vital in the American repulsion of the invasion, has been selected as the pilot for the mission.