

GATEWAY GAZETTE

EVIL MONK & NUN HIJACK FIREWORKS

By Hubert Hubbersmith

Independence Day festivities in Sunset City nearly ended in tragedy, when a mysterious monk and nun took control of the fireworks barge in the bay and launched all of the rockets toward the unsuspecting crowd watching on the Gateway Bridge. The attack was prevented by quick actions of LexCorp West security teams waiting on boats beneath the bridge. A LexCorp West spokesman reports that the boats were waiting there due to a tip that some such criminal activity might occur, but he refused to elaborate until LexCorp West VP Paul Pollard has had a chance to speak with police officials regarding the matter.

However, the fact that intrepid private eye Dixie Hill was spotted on the scene, and according to some sources was in fact giving orders to the LexCorp teams, has led to widespread speculation that she was the source of the information that prevented the disaster from occurring.

Police Commissioner Vincent Redgrove has refused to comment, but has said that he is looking forward to a chance to speak with Mr Pollard and "whoever his source of information on this threat might have been," to determine the source of the attack, and whether any further danger to the city might be forthcoming from that direction.

LEXCORP AND MILITARY TEAMUP

By Harold Moore

Sources inside the National Space Agency have reported that the Hermes 6 spacecraft is going to include a wide variety of extremely advanced military and scientific equipment, jointly developed by the US military and major defense contractor LexCorp. Major Dirk Drake, who was previously captured by the alien Reptar and escaped from them in time to warn Earth of an impending attack, will be the pilot of the capsule. Major Drake is reported to have been undergoing intensive training in the use of the new equipment in Astro City.

ARE ALIENS AMONG US?

By Jack Kemp

A secret FBI report has been leaked to the press, revealing that an alien captured by the US government several months ago managed to escape by disguising itself as a human. Requests for comment on the report have not been answered. The report seems to indicate that this alien was capable of transforming itself into the appearance of a variety of people, and appeared completely human when it was disguised. It is unknown whether the alien was a member of the Reptar, or whether this is another alien species entirely.

DIXIE HILL PILOTS EXPERIMENTAL JET

By Kendell Caperman

The skilled polymath Dixie Hill displayed yet another of her myriad talents when she took off from Hollywood City International Airport during a raging storm in an experimental passenger jet aircraft. The experimental airplane, designed for high-speed passenger travel over long distances, behaved perfectly in the hands of Miss Hill, and made the long journey in under an hour. The only passenger on the plane was Miss Hill's mother, the wife of missing private investigator Dixon Hill. All other aircraft were grounded due to the severity of the unexpected and highly unusual storm, but Miss Hill appears to have had no difficulty despite the weather.

DRAKE IN MEETING WITH MAYOR

By Prescott Price

Millionaire philanthropist William Francis Drake is reported to have met with Mayor Goodman. The topic of the meeting has not been revealed, but it is known that Drake, who is believed to have recently recovered from a severe illness, has expressed an interest in returning to an active role in the social life of the city. Before retiring from public life and his business interests, Drake was one of the leading members of the Citizens' League. Rumor has it that he intends to once more become active in that organization.