

# GATEWAY GAZETTE

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## POLICE HELPLESS IN HOSTAGE CRISIS

*By CC Cairne*

Sunset City's finest stood by helplessly for hours as armed thugs held the Citizens' League, the organization of our city's self-appointed "most important men," hostage at the exclusive Overlook Restaurant. The criminals, armed with the sort of automatic weapons more commonly associated with military personnel, demanded and were given a million dollars in ransom money, and a police van for their getaway. They were only stopped by a freak blowout to one of their tires, resulting in an accident which flipped the van over and allowed several masked vigilantes and hundreds of police pulled from other duties to surround and overpower the criminals, freeing the hostages. The mayor of our city, along with the police commissioner, the district attorney, the chief of police, and Senator Farfield, were all held as helpless pawns of these villains during many long hours of drawn-out negotiation and helpless siege.

Miraculously, no one was injured, and the event ended with the arrest of all the criminals, which would appear to be some kind of record for the Sunset City Police Department. The mayor and other city officials took this opportunity to fall over themselves in praise of vigilantism, apparently in recognition of the failure of the police to handle situations of this sort. These comments were apparently a reference to the masked man who calls himself Vigilance, who was observed standing outside the restaurant during the crisis to no obvious effect. There has not been an explanation of the failure of security which allowed the incident to take place.

### Atomic Scientist Murdered

*By Kendell Caperman*

The world's foremost atomic scientist, Professor Werner Wagner, was found murdered in his Metropolis apartment. His body showed numerous bruises, and the cause of death was a broken neck. The body was discovered by two reporters from the Metropolis Daily Planet, Pulitzer Prize winner Lois Lane and photographer James Olsen. Police have no leads to the identity of the murderer. The only clue was the presence of a black swan feather at the scene of the crime.

### Thinking Machine Stolen

*By Harold Moore*

The M-5 Computational Device, the most advanced artificial intelligence machine in existence, was stolen from Sunset University. It appears that a well-organized group of criminals broke into the Science Building, rendering everyone unconscious with some form of gas attack, and made away with the machine. Police report that there are no clues as to the identity of these criminals.

### Monstrous Creatures Attack Zoo Personnel

*By Hubert Hubbersmith*

Hideously mutated creatures, believed to have been created by the same freakish forces of nature that are responsible for the creation of so-called "superhumans," went berserk at the Sunset City Zoological Gardens, causing much property damage before they were finally subdued by Zoo guards and police called to the scene. Concerned citizens have called for immediate government investigations of the forces that are capable of unleashing such dangerous beasts upon an innocent public.

### Baby Rescued by Brave Citizen

*By Jack Kemp*

An unknown citizen of Sunset City risked her life to save a mother and her baby when they were nearly run down by speeding cars. This brave girl, who gave her name only as Mary, leapt into the street, to sweep mother and child out of the path of the onrushing vehicles. Eyewitnesses testify to the bravery of the young woman, and many have commented on how this sort of heroism means so much more than that of masked vigilantes, who are concerned only for their own aggrandizement. The Gazette salutes the unknown heroine, and honors her spirit of brave self-sacrifice and nobility.