

GATEWAY GAZETTE

SPACE CAPSULE MISSING

by Harold Moore

All contact with the Hermes 5 space capsule has been lost, according to the latest reports from the US Space Agency. No satisfactory reason has yet been given, although inside sources report that there is grave suspicion that Russian space weapons might have been used against the spacecraft. Such weapons might well have killed the spaceship's pilot, Major Dirk Drake of Sunset City, before he had time to radio for help.

Senator Ferris Farfield, chairman of the Committee on Space, refused to comment on the matter, saying that speculation must wait until the space capsule has been recovered and further evidence can be evaluated.

Ironclad captured by Army

By Hubert Hubbersmith

In a daring nighttime operation in the Industrial District of Sunset City, US Army personnel immobilized and captured the armored criminal known as Ironclad. This operation, carried out with the knowledge and permission of the city government and assistance from the Sunset City police department, was the final culmination of a longstanding government effort to capture the criminal. Army officials revealed that Ironclad is in fact Lt. Lance Freeman of the US Army, a renegade soldier wanted for treason.

Dr Lex Luthor to address Congress

by Harold Moore

Noble Prize winning scientist Dr Lex Luthor is scheduled to address a meeting of the House of Representatives on the importance of scientific education for the future of the United States. Dr Luthor has stated in the past his firm commitment to increasing the amount of science taught in the public school system of the United States. His most recent book, "Every Child a Scientist" has been well-received by the scholastic community.

Baghdad Street Coffeeshop Vandalized for Second Time

By Kendell Caperman

Magda's Coffees and Teas, a popular coffee shop, suffered damaged to its skylight for the second time when a burglar burst through it just after closing time. The skylight had only recently been repaired after having been destroyed by the vigilante Direwolf, when he and a rogue group of soldiers from Presidium Base attacked a group of unarmed civilians in an illegal military action which has still not been satisfactorily explained.

Vandalism in Graveyard

by Jack Kemp

Caretakers at the Sunset Rest Cemetery reported the vandalism of a grave in one of the oldest sections of the cemetery. The grave had been dug up, the coffin opened, and the remains apparently stolen. Police have no evidence as to the person or persons responsible for this act of sacrilege.

Jeweler Beaten in Robbery

by Kendell Caperman

Sunset City jeweler Desmond Weedlington is in serious condition after having been badly beaten during a robbery of his jewelry store. Mr. Weedlington has no recollection of the incident, and has not been able to give the police any information regarding his assailant.

Volunteer Research Program Instituted at Diomedus Penitentiary

by Harold Moore

Doctor Carl Crusher, head of Experimental Medicine at Sunset City University, has announced that final approval for human experimentation has been granted by the US Justice Department. Only volunteer subjects will be accepted for the research into advanced methods of disease prevention.