

SUNSET CITY SENTINEL

HOSTAGE SITUATION ENDS IN CAPTURE OF CRIMINALS

By Mark Mars

A meeting of the Citizens' League was interrupted by a well-planned assault by criminals armed with automatic weapons and acting with an almost military precision. The criminals, demanding a ransom of a million dollars and a police escort to a waiting yacht, were apprehended at the last minute by an extremely well-planned rescue by a group of superheroes including the city's protector, Vigilance, along with the beautiful female heroes Nightdancer and Dixie Hill, and their powerful companion The Wall. Mayor Goodman, along with District Attorney Dennis Drinkwater, Police Commissioner Vincent Redgrove, and Chief of Police Sam Stone, issued a proclamation thanking the heroes for their valiant efforts, and praising the contributions that the superhero community has made to Sunset City. It is believed that these criminals might have had some link with the criminals responsible for the robbery at Sunset University (see related story). The gang have been sent to the Ultra-Security section of Diomedus Penitentiary pending their trial.

Hermes 5 Lifts Off

By Chase Chesterton

Major Dirk Drake, the first astronaut to be sent into outer space twice, has blasted off from Astro City in a successful launch. His space capsule will orbit the Earth for a week before splashing down to a parachute-assisted landing in the Pacific Ocean, where it will be picked up by the USS Enterprise. US Space Command reports that everything is "Condition Go" for the mission.

Advanced Computer Stolen by Criminal Gang

By Mark Mars

The most advanced computational device on the planet, the M-5, was stolen by a group of criminals dressed in uniforms that match those worn by the gang that took hostages at the Overlook Restaurant. Police believe that there is a connection between the two crimes. Gas bombs were used in both attacks, and police have commented upon the military precision with which the operations were carried out.

Bolshoi Triumphs in Gotham

By Cat Cardigan

The Bolshoi Ballet's tour of the United States got off to a magnificent start with their performances in Gotham City, the cultural hub of America. Gotham critics agreed that the magnificent company left the Gotham City Ballet miles behind, and illustrated the superiority of the European traditions. Ballet Master Anton Romanov expressed his intense satisfaction at his troupe's performance, and said that he had greatly enjoyed his visit to Gotham City. "The atmosphere here is beautiful," he said, "and reminds me very much of Europe. I briefly journeyed across the river to Metropolis, but found it too cold and austere for my taste." The Bolshoi will next travel to Capitol City for a series of performances.

Prominent Scientist to Open Lab in Sunset City

By Chase Chesterton

Multiple Noble Prize winning scientist Dr Alexander Luthor announced plans to open a research laboratory in Sunset City. "While I will always consider Metropolis to be my primary base of operations," Dr Luthor said, "I feel that there are certain operations that can be better carried out further away from the distractions of the principal city. Sunset City offers many benefits that I believe have not yet been sufficiently taken advantage of." Dr Luthor is expected to fly to Sunset City in the near future to oversee the creation of his new facilities.

Assassination Attempt on Police Commissioner

By Patricia Weathers

A daring daylight assault on Police Commissioner Vincent Redgrove in the Opera Cafe was foiled by superheroine Nightdancer, who easily defeated the three armed thugs who menaced the brave Commissioner. It is believed that this murderous assault was a response to the Commissioner's announced crackdown on organized crime in the city. Commissioner Redgrove expressed his personal gratitude to the beautiful heroine, and his daughter Victoria, who was present during the assassination attempt and has only recently returned to Sunset City from Gotham Women's College, said that she was pleased to see that Sunset City had such a powerful female hero.