

SUNSET CITY SENTINEL

CONTACT LOST WITH MAJOR DRAKE

By Chase Chesterton

The US Space Agency has reported that all radio contact with the recently launched Hermes 5 space capsule has been lost. However, agency officials have also been quick to point out that this loss of communications is most likely due to a simple radio malfunction, and should not be a cause for undue alarm. The Hermes 5 spacecraft is still on course, and is still expected to splash down on schedule in the Pacific Ocean. The USS Enterprise has been assigned the task of retrieving the space capsule when it returns to Earth.

Major Dirk Drake, the pilot of the Hermes 5, is a well-known resident of Sunset City, and the first astronaut to make two trips into outer space. His wife and son will accompany the USS Enterprise on its mission to retrieve the space capsule, as will Senator Ferris Farfield, the chairman of the Space Committee.

Bolshoi Ballet a Smash in Capitol City

By Cat Cardigan

Continuing its triumphant tour of the United States, the world-famous Bolshoi Ballet, under the masterful direction of choreographer and dancemaster Anton Romanov, performed to a standing ovation in the first of a series of performances in the nation's capitol. The level of ability shown by the dancers was astonishing, and once again shows how far American ballet has to go before it can begin to match that of the great companies of the Old World.

DIREWOLF DEFEATS IRONCLAD

By Patricia Weathers

The powerful superhero Direwolf, aided by his associates Dixie Hill Nightdancer, and Wall, defeated and captured the armored villain Ironclad after a grueling battle royal between the two powerhouses in an automobile wrecking yard in the Industrial District of Sunset City. The battle, engineered by a vengeance-obsessed Ironclad still angered over his earlier humiliation at the hands of Direwolf, ended with the villain, revealed by Direwolf to be AWOL US Army Lt. Lance Freeman, a suspected murderer and traitor, being turned over to a military police unit out of Presidium Base. General Ross Armstrong issued a statement praising Direwolf and his associates in the highest possible terms.

Hostage-Taking Gang to be Arraigned

By Mark Mars

The group of criminals who recently took a meeting of the Citizens' League hostage are to be brought before a judge for arraignment. The criminals, until now kept imprisoned in the Ultra-Security section of Diomedus Penitentiary, will be transported under tight security.

Juvenile Gang Breaks Windows in Chinatown

by Johnny Chin

Numerous Chinatown merchants over the past few weeks have been subjected to an unusual number of cases of vandalism. Police suspect that a gang of youths may be involved in these acts, although so far there have been no reliable eyewitness accounts from the residents of Chinatown. Rumors on the streets of Chinatown speak of a drawing of a Chinese dragon that has been found left in the vandalized building in several of these crimes.

Popularity of Mysterious Spectre Not a Mystery

By Cat Cardigan

Sunset City was treated to a performance by the greatest living master of the ancient art of stage magic last night, and the reason for the reverence with which other magicians regard him was clearly explained. Rarely has this reviewer been treated to such a dazzling spectacle, as the fascinating and elegant Magnus Spectre pushed the limits of his art to new heights of astonishing entertainment. The only true mystery remaining at the end of the evening was how such an amazing and attractive man has remained single for so long.