

SUNSET CITY SENTINEL

Robot-Piloted Plane Crashes in City Prisoners Escape in Confusion

By Mark Mars

In an astounding prisoner escape, the group of criminals who recently took the Citizens' League hostage at the Overlook Restaurant fled from police custody after an airplane crashed to the ground directly in front of the Courthouse, and a robot rose from the flaming wreckage to menace police. Authorities have had no luck in tracing the source of the aircraft, and the robot also managed to escape during the confusion.

Police attention was held by the rampaging mechanical foe while confederates of the criminals apparently dug their way up into the armored police van from an underground tunnel, pumping the van full of the same knockout gas that had

been used in their criminal action at the restaurant, and during an apparently related robbery of an advanced computer from Sunset University. Police guards within the van were knocked unconscious, but none suffered any lasting effects from the gas, and no one was injured during the escape.

Police Commissioner Vincent Redgrove told reporters that police are following several promising leads in apprehending the escaped fugitives, and in determining the nature of the gang behind these well-orchestrated acts of criminal villainy. "They have gone too far," Redgrove said, "And with every act they have left more and more clues behind. It is only a matter of time before we draw closed the net that is even now closing around them."

Hermes 5 Recovered

By Chase Chesterton

The entire nation breathed a sigh of relief after the Hermes 5 space capsule was successfully recovered from the Pacific Ocean by the USS Enterprise, after the capsule's perfect re-entry from Earth orbit and parachute-assisted splashdown. There had been a great deal of concern over the fate of the craft and its pilot, Sunset City's own Major Dirk Drake, since a failure of his radio caused a communications outage. The nation watched the recovery of the capsule on a live television broadcast, which was briefly interrupted due to a technical problem. Major Drake's wife and son were on board the Enterprise to welcome him home, along with Senator Ferris Farfield.

Policeman Saved by Dixie Hill

By Patricia Weathers

Miss Dixie Hill, the lovely and multi-talented young woman who is often seen in the company of some of Sunset City's most illustrious defenders, exceeded even her normal standards of heroism when she brought a police officer back from the brink of death. The officer, injured in a high-speed chase of a panel truck stolen by fur thieves, had suffered serious injuries, and doctors say that if it were not for Miss Hill's prompt attention he would certainly have died. The thieves have not yet been apprehended.

Improperly Managed Prop Damages Symphony Hall

By Cat Cardigan

The audience of The Mysterious Specter received even more excitement than they were expecting when an automaton intended for use in a future performance was prematurely activated, and went upon a rampage at the conclusion of a performance. The immense statue caused a considerable stir among the departing patrons of the famous illusionist's act, and some reported that they were almost convinced that infernal agents had come to claim the magician and drag him, like Don Juan, to the depths. Officials from the Elizabeth Drake Memorial Hall report that there was some property damage, but that Mr Specter is arranging for repairs.

Former Juvenile Delinquents Claim "We Want to Help"

By Butler Wiseman

In a surprising turnaround, youths in the Devil's Point neighborhood of Sunset City have recently declared their intention to do their part to turn around their neighborhood, and to assist in a variety of renovation projects. Authorities have welcomed this outpouring of civic zeal.

Chinatown Youths in Fight

By Johnny Chin

Several young men in Chinatown were injured during a nighttime brawl. Their injuries were not serious, and police have not pressed charges.