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BATKID SAVES CITY

Hooded hero nabs Riddler, rescues damsel in distress

By Clark Kent

Gotham City was saved from apparent ruin Friday when a pint-sized superhero saved the city from myriad public enemies.

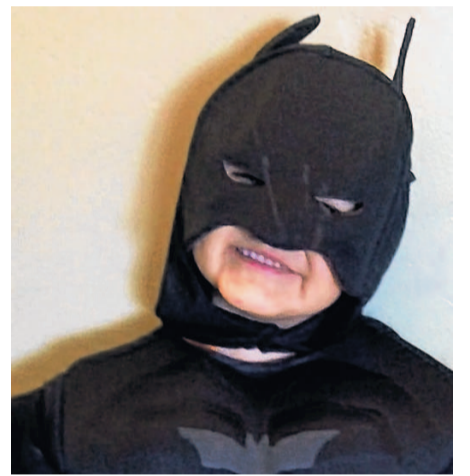
Strangely clothed in dark armor, a cape and pointy-eared mask, this new

hero burst into the Nob Hill neighborhood just in time to rescue a woman from the Hyde Street cable car tracks.

This reporter has learned that shortly thereafter, the masked crusader — dubbed “Batkid” due to his spritely stature and unusual attire — also stopped a bizarre daytime bank rob-

bery, seizing the infamous Riddler as he attempted to make off with the life savings of Gotham’s citizens.

“These are not the daring feats of just any hero,” Mayor Ed Lee said. “This is clearly the work of a SUPER hero, one that we are proud to call a resident of Gotham.”



Peter Parker / The Chronicle

The elusive Batkid caught on film.



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The Penguin’s plan to hide among the penguins at the Academy of Sciences exhibit was promptly foiled when Batkid recognized the evildoer’s green armband.

Penguin can’t hide from the Batkid

Kidnapper’s hideout discovered in plain sight



Lou Seal, mascot of the Gotham City Giants, was rescued by Batkid.

By Lois Lane

The myth of Batkid continued to swell Friday when, after a morning that including a foiled robbery and rescuing a helpless citizen, the police chief was forced yet again to call on the legendary figure to fight Gotham’s crime wave.

Chief Greg Suhr told The Chronicle he could find no officer on staff that could compete with Batkid’s prowess when the city’s most beloved mascot was kidnapped by the notorious Penguin.

Lou Seal, mascot of the Gotham City Giants, was freed by Batkid shortly after lunchtime. A crowd of hundreds gaped in horror as they watched the

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Chief Greg Suhr

Batmobile chase the kidnapper, who will be arraigned Monday on charges of racketeering the baseball season, kidnapping, overall maliciousness and bad body odor.

“I knew there was only one person who could be up to such a monumental rescue,” Chief Suhr said. “Thank you, Batkid, for saving the Giant’s 2014 season!”

Caped crusader crushes crime

By Brenda Starr

The crime wave that has instilled fear in every member of Gotham’s population seems to have stalled, as Batkid continues to catch notorious criminals.

Mere weeks ago, mothers reported feeling too scared to go to the supermarket to buy ice cream for their children. But since Batkid’s emergence on the scene, ice cream sales around the city have skyrocketed — a fact local shopkeepers attribute

to safer streets.

“I used to be scared to open my windows at night. Now, thanks to Batkid, I don’t have to be scared. Thanks, Batkid!” said J. Jonah Jameson, 56, of Pacific Heights.

Murderers, burglars, muggers and homework copiers seem to have moved to other, superhero-free cities. Like Los Angeles.

Crime overall has dropped 1,000 percent — a staggering number never before seen in U.S. history.

Batkid’s secret revealed at last

By Perry White

The truth of Batkid’s true identity has eluded police and newspaper reporters alike — until now.

On the day Mayor Ed Lee presented Batkid the key to the city for his heroic deeds, sources revealed to The Chronicle that the masked crusader is none other than Miles, a 5-year-old kindergartener from Northern California.

“By day he is a pretty normal kid, but when something goes wrong, Miles disappears and Batkid emerges,” said a friend, who spoke on the condition of anonymity. “It’s more than a coincidence.

“I have no idea how he makes all those cool things he uses as Batkid. He must really pay attention at school,” the friend added.



Mike Kepka/The Chronicle

Batkid unmasked.

This reporter has also learned a shocking truth — that Miles has leukemia.

“I don’t know if all that medicine helped make him into a superhero, but it certainly didn’t hurt,” said Dr. Who, an associate of the physician who treated Miles.

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Weather

Decreasing clouds.
Highs: 60-74.
Lows: 36-52.

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