

All the Dirt We Can Dig Up

Moon Leaves Earth's Orbit

Koenig Orders Immediate Return

Thousands of astounded humans and hundreds of frustrated lovers watched today as the moon blasted its way out of Earth's orbit.

Commander John Koenig took immediate control of the situation by ordering the moon

to resume its orbit or face disciplinary action.

The moon refused to comply and was immediately placed under arrest.

Two security guards were killed in the ensuing struggle. Their names were not immediately released, as their next-of-kin had already been notified of their deaths when they signed on with Security.



SPORTS

This week's winners of the hide and seek contest are still Sue Jameson and Dick Carlton, who remain unfound after 32 weeks. A reward has been offered for their return. Good luck kids!

TUNNEL TIMES RECEIVES AWARD

The Tunnel Times was recently awarded the coveted Underwriter's Laboratory Award for having the most out-of-date story ever printed in a newspaper. The story "Moon Leaves Earth's Orbit." was originally scheduled for the September 14th issue, but was dropped at the last minute in favor of the volleyball scores.

The same story was dropped from all subsequent issues for similar reasons.

The story was salvaged by a belated plea from the Alpha Procrastinators Society, as a part of their New Year's pledge to catch up on the news.

second annual

ALPHA OLYMPICS

The Alpha Olympics will be held next Saturday, weather permitting. Teams have already been formed and practice is being held for the following events:

In water sports; the 5,000 Meter Heat Stroke and the Three Meter Bellyflop. The judges promise us that the water sports and ice hockey will not run concurrently this year.

In track and field, the Run, Dodge and Fall, Pies at 50 Paces, and the 500 Meter Freestyle Fleeing Contest.

We have a special orienteering event this year. Teams will be taken out to

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THE TUNNEL TIMES STAPH

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This week, little Peggy Sue is about to lose the mortgage on her quarters to Mean Grossman, the evil gambler, who caught her roommate Melvin in a crooked crap game and won all his money, jewelry and Star Wars bubblegum cards. Meanwhile, Melinda is still having trouble with her recurring headaches, which seem to recur only when her husband Rodney

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is off duty. She has secretly forged his name on transfer papers to the Security Section, in hopes that he will be killed off and she will be free to marry her dashing young lover, Beauregard, from Botany.

MOVIE MOVIE MOVIE MOVIE

This week's movie is "Invasion of the Body Snatchers" a 1978 movie starring Leonard Nimoy. We think he once had a hit TV series, but no one can remember the name of it.

LOST AND FOUND

Lost: five kittens. Answer to the names Merrill, Lynch, Pierce, Fenner and Smith. If found, please leave note in rm. 312.

Found: one Siamese Kitten. Owner may claim by contacting J. Koenig.

SPORTS

the blue sector and the first team to find their way back wins. This event will not be held concurrently with the Hide-and-Go-Seek contest.

In the Marathon, three times around the base--your choice of inside or out.

The equestrian event will be limited to three entrants this year as we don't want to tire Maya out too much.

Dear Esmerelda

Dear Esmerelda,
My wife seems to have these recurring migraine headaches, but only when I'm off duty.
Also, I found a request for a transfer to the Security Section with my name on it. Is she trying to tell me something?

Signed
All out of aspirin and Panicing.

Dear All,
My Advice to you is to tear up the transfer and keep your wife out of Botany.
Love ya'.
Essie

For those of you who complained that last week's puzzle was too hard, we have simplified things a bit.



- Across: 1. First number
Down: 1. Opposite of in.

This space is usually reserved for the editor's comment, but I feel, as the editor, it is unwise to speak out against the status quo, as the authorities appear to have placed a stoolie among my

flunkies and I am sure the authorities are closing in on me. Until next ish, your crusading editor.

WANT ADS

Wanted: One planet, suitable for inhabitation. Contact J. Koenig.

PERSONALS

I'm alive! V. Bergman.

No you're not! F. Freiberger.

HELP WANTED

Security Personnel. Great Life insurance benefits. Excellent retirement plan. (for survivors) Apply A. Verdeschi.

Assistant: Young and Female, to assist in sex research. All applicants carefully screened. Apply rm. 216, after 1700 hrs.

FOR SALE

For sale or rent: one gross snow shoes. Never used. Contact Miss Fitsimmonds, Supply.

For Sale: One eagle, slightly damaged. Will look great in your room as a coffee table or conversation piece. Contact A. Carter. rm. 216, before 1700 hrs.

H THE ALPHA HILTON

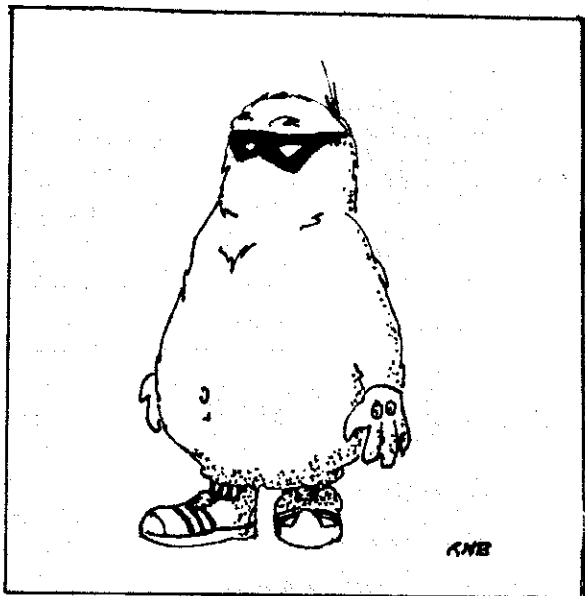
Where Alpha's Elite Stay!

call now for reservation

MYSTERIOUS UNKNOWN FORCE CAPTURED

Alpha scientific circles were awash with the news of the capture of what had been previously labeled as "a mysterious unknown force".

The Force was taken in the Beta Omega Kappa Gamma Tau Tau Tau System near the planet Waring. At the time of capture, the force seemingly offered no resistance.



Artist's Conception of
Unknown Force

yet crewman were thrown against the walls, and two security guards were killed.

The Unknown Force, described as 17 ft. 3 inches, and weighing ten lbs., declined to comment when questioned.

Sources close to the investigation report that the Force closely resembles a silly putty model of the Eiffel Tower, tied together with shoestrings and smelling like oatmeal cookies. No photo-

graphs have been released, but this artist's conception was rendered from the description given.

A POME

*A science-like mind that
we knew.
Felt alone in amongst a
new crew.
Not to feel insecure,
She found her own cure,
Now her security worries
are few.*

"'Nuff Said"

SPORTS, NEWS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hospital Report

Beauregard Hempel was found unconscious in the eagle hangar. He was treated for abrasions and contusions - cause unknown. He is expected to return to work in botany next week.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

For those of you who missed Chapter 29 of "The Edge of Alpha", he died.

Winners of the orienteering event have yet to be determined. None of the teams have reported in yet. Also none of the search teams that have been sent to find them have returned. Anyone seeing them, please call 113-7689-8753-0853.

The undisputed Hide and Go Seek champions of Alpha are Sue Jameson & Dick Carlton. They were found this week, but their record of 32 wks. still stands.

NOTICE:

Those of you who need surf boards. They're now in stock.

Prudence F.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

War & Peace, dove residents of rec room seven announce the imminent birth of seven dovelets, hatching time permitted. Guards will be posted over the eggs and any one found in possession of an omlette will be prosecuted.

Results of the Alpha Olympics, still in progress.

Basketball - Eagle Techs

Alpha Television Listings

6:00 AM - Sunrise Alpha -
Rev. Thineas Q. Fuster
denounces crime among the
youth of Alpha.

7:00 AM - Good Morning, Alpha
Host Lucas Hunt discusses
serious material shortages,
with special guest Paul Morrow
(provided the camera is re-
turned before air time.)

9:30 AM - Alpha Squares -
Guests include LOrne Green,
June Allison, Big Bird, Neil
Armstrong, & George III.
Hosted by Tom McAnn.

10:00 - \$20,000 Alphans -
Contestants play for \$20,000
in worthless money.

CLASSIFIED ADS**GET RESULTS**WANT ADS

Lost (or stolen) One camera
Please return to the studios
of Good Morning Alpha.

For Sale: Laws of Motion. Will
sell separately or as set of
three. Apply I. Newton

WANTED: Researcher for a new
book. Subject: the mating habits
of moon inhabitants. Apply
after 1700 hrs. Room 216

FOR SALE: Obsolescent but still
elegant theories of general &
special relativity. Apply A.
Einstein.

For Sale: One bridge, located
in scenic Brooklyn, NY. Contact
room 421. Ask for Sam.

NOTICE: The Alpha Lending
Library will be closed until
further notice, someone act-
ually borrowed the book.

10:30 AM - Today on Alpha -
Irrelevant topics are dis-
cussed with host, Mike Perfect.

12:00 PM - To Tell The Alphan -
Panelists try to guess the
occupations of contestants who
appear in regular moonbase
issue uniforms.

12:30 PM - The Price is Alphan -
Contestants try to put prices
on items no longer available
on Alpha. Host, Paul Morrow.

1:00 PM - Early, Early Show -
(Movie) "What's It All About
Alpha?"

3:00 PM - Moon Over Alpha -
The crime among youth prob-
lem is discussed with guest
Jackie Crawford.

3:30 PM - The Young and The
Alphan - (new hour long for-
mat)

4:00 PM - General Alpha -
(Expands to 37 minutes)

4:45 PM - Captain Alpha -
in today's episode Chicken
Little and Mr. Blackslacks
chase away the Captain,
thinking he is a radish.
Alpha's #1 rated show.

5:32 PM - The Galloping
Alphan - Today our chef
shows you how to prepare
cream of Soya soup, but
doesn't tell you how to
get someone to eat it.

Dear Esmeralda,

Dear Esmeralda,

*My husband has not been
home since he joined the
orienteering team. What
should I do until he gets
home.*

Frustrated

Dear Frustrated,

*Apply Room 216 after 1700
hours. Happy studying,
Crisie*

**CHAPTER
343**The Young & The Alphans

*The mad scientist, having
discovered the secret of
eternal youth, refuses
to sell it to Old Lady
Hackensack, who has fallen
madly in love with the
handsome, but ever so
young Phillip. Phillip
on the other hand, has
eyes only for Rhonda,
which causes him to bump
into things alot.*

CONTEST

The Tunnel Times is
proud to announce the
Name the Unknown Force
Contest. 1st prize, is
a two-week vacation for
two in the Blue Sector,
compliments of the Times.

NAME _____

SECTION _____

NAME THE FORCE ENTRY _____

Mail your entries to any-
one who will take them.

**P
U
ZZLE**

For those of you
who feel the puzzle
last week was still too
hard, we offer a do it
yourself puzzle:

syzygy
cede
Aqaba
vox
prim
flunk

Go to it people!

Security Chief, Tony Verdeschi, has announced the establishment of a special task force to help halt the recent crime wave that has struck Alpha.

Aside from the usual supply disappearances, large numbers of valuable eagle parts have been reported missing, as well as special equipment from computer supplies.

Current theory has it that the perpetrators of this theft are planning to open their own moonbase.

Chief Verdeschi announced that the new task force will consist of non-security personnel, who will be given over twenty minutes of intensive training. Verdeschi also released this picture of an eagle, razed by vandals. A reward has been offered for the person or persons responsible.

CRIME STRIKES...



Crime Strikes! Shown beside the vandalized Eagle are: (Left to right)

NOTICES

NOTICE: The offices of the Times have been moved from where they were to where they now are. If you know where the offices are, please inform our staph. Note: Cmdr. J. Koenig is NOT, I repeat NOT on the Times staph.

To Whom it May Concern: We now have in stock 100 side saddles. Will fit any horse. Contact P. Fitzsimmons, Supply.

LETTERS TO THE edeter

Dear Editor,

They were all out of snowshoes when I got to supply. I can't ski on a surfboard.

Superskier

Dear Sup,

Get a surfboard & a large saw.

Editor

Dear Editor,

Do you know what goes on in room 216 after 1700 hours? Awake in 214

Dear 2,

Yes, Isn't it wonderful?

Editor

ANNOUNCEMENT: The Alpha Lending Library is now reopened. Someone returned the book.

S P O R T S

ALPHA OLYMPICS

Pole Vault winner, Karl Sadowski, who is currently in an elliptical orbit 47 X 115 km. Olympic Committee members are currently negotiating with Traffic Control for an Eagle mission to recover Karl so that the awards ceremony, currently in its fourth week can be completed.

All orienteering teams have been recovered since last month's Alpha Olympics. Future teams will not consist of male & female partners.

Incidentally, has anyone seen Sue Jameson and Dick Carlton? They're gone again.....

This space for rent --- only \$19.99

Want Ads

Wanted: Special task force. Non security personnel ready to accept intensive training and dangerous assignment. Contact A. Verdeschi, Security

Wanted: A ride home. Will share driving and fuel expenses. Contact Beauregard Hempel, Botany.

For Sale: Coagulated alien invaders, made into paperweights. Great conversation pieces. Contact Waste Disposal Unit.

For Sale: 1 pair season tickets Atlanta Braves baseball games. Contact Mil Hamilton, Rm. 487.

Found: One glass Gadem module, Marked USS Valley Forge. Contains one drone and numerous valuable 60-watt light bulbs. Owner may have by identifying. Contact Imperial Groaci Fleet HQ.

Wanted: Qualified technician to do light computer repair work. Pay no obstacle for quality work. But must be done immediately. Contact D. B. US astronautics Admin. Spacecraft "Discovery" (XD-1) c/o Jupiter & beyond.

Wanted: Wife (or steady girl friend) Must be young and beautiful (Intelligence not necessary) and not given to fatal illnesses, standing in front of invading aliens, or running away with strangers from Gamma Beta etc. Apply room 216 ASAP. I'm lonely (and tired).

DEAR ESMERELDA

*Dear Esmeralda,
I get to bed by 1700 hrs.
but I always wake up tired.
Any suggestions?
Tired in 216*

*Darling,
Take up a hobby. Something
outside of your quarters. Try
dropping into room 222 when
you have the time.
Love,
Essie*

**MARY ALPHA
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CH. 344 CH. 344**

*Catherine, the young rich
socialite is still hospit-
alized with amnesia. Derek
tried to help her remember
their three illegitimate
children by hitting her
over the head with a brick.
Now she thinks she's Loretta
Young. Meanwhile, Lance
is trying to persuade Joan
to kill Edwin, in order
that Melanie can inherit
Cynthia's fortune and
Michael can marry Prudence.*

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE:
Minor moon with slightly
used scientific base (311
rooms, four baths) and
assorted alien artifacts.
Contact J. Koenig. (Date
of vacancy uncertain)

LOST: Spacecraft, of no
intrinsic and little
sentimental value,
Crew of seven plus one
robot. Answers to
"Jupiter 2" If found,
contact CBS NY, NY.

The Tunnel Times is proud to announce a new addition to its staph. Ron Butler (not his real name of course no one around here is crazy enough to use their real name) is a graduate of CA Tech and is currently stationed in Engineering. His specialty is in depth feature articles of at least two paragraphs. Welcome from the staph.

SHORTAGE FOUND

A shortage was discovered in the Medical Department drug supply room. When questioned, Will Pickett admitted taking the base's entire supply of dramamine. "When they told me how we was goin', I started to get seasick," explained Will.

Now you can enjoy dinner and learned conversation with your favorite literary, historical, or scientific personality. Reasonable fee. Contact M., Command Center after 1700 Hrs. (Keep it clean!)

movie

ZOMPIES OF THE STRATOSPHERE
I give this movie four
chuckles for sheer hysterics.
Farquar T. Peabody

EDITORIAL

The subject of this week's editorial is the abominable lack of supplies. Why it's getting so bad that I can't even get a new ribbon for my typewr