

Letters from Dale

Hello, from space



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If there's one thing I learned as a little kid in the late 1950s, it's not to believe my lying eyes and ears. Here's a satirical blast from my past.

If he were alive today, take for instance what Mr. Gene Shepherd might say about four Artemis II astronauts going to the back side of the moon riding fancy high and mighty in an Orion spaceship.

I listened to Jean Shepherd on my crystal radio in bed on Saturday nights at midnight when my parents were asleep and I was just a kid in the 50s before we had a TV.

Mr. Shepherd was a master at using humor to talk about current events. Google him, and you can still hear some of his old radio broadcasts.

His program came

from WOR Radio in New York City, and I was listening in bed in Philadelphia.

Mr. Shepherd explained everything about everything including going to the back side of the moon in an honest talk he called a "Moonologue."

To verify Mr. Shepherd's credentials for his Moonologue, he is the voice "Ralphie" in the 1983 movie, "A Christmas Story" about the Red Ryder BB gun, the "triple dog dare when the kid gets his tongue stuck on a frozen light pole," and his winning a leg-lamp for Christmas and putting it in the center of his living room window.

Jean Shepherd knew everything about space hoaxes and the far side of the moon.

He said the Space Race against the

Russians is just a "cosmic hoax," that if ever anybody truly peeked behind the curtain of the great mysteries of life (or the universe), we'd find everything a big disappointment. He said space is just "cheap facades."

Take for instance what he said about the back side of the moon. He called it his "Plywood Philosophy."

He divided people up into two categories, Night People who are artists, insomniacs, and non-conformists who stayed up nights for his broadcast, and Day People who are the corporate square world people.

He told the night people, like me, that the Space Race between the Soviet Union and America to peek at the far side of the moon was bound to

disappointment.

He said there is no ancient civilization or rare minerals back there for the astronauts to discover.

He said the official version of reality is that the back side of the moon is just a thin veneer of plywood.

I personally remember Mr. Shepherd telling the Night People about the "Moon as Plywood."

He said only night people stumble on the truth that what the world builds up about the back side of the moon is not true. Astronauts will not find water and ancient rare minerals.

He called such talk, "dignified illusions for day people to believe." He said the truth is that "the back side of the moon is a Hollywood set of a cheap construction

project." The truth is that the back side of the moon is "plywood and balsa wood.

On the far side of the moon the first astronauts will probably just find a stamp on the plywood that says, "MADE BY THE ACME PRO CO. - FORT LEE, NEW JERSEY."

My Grandmom German never listened to Mr. Shepherd on a crystal radio in bed at midnight, but she was smart anyway.

She said it's impossible for anybody to go to the moon, much less the back side.

My brother Paul said that grandmom believed the astronauts who said they went to the back side of the moon were only hiding behind a star long enough to come back and say they did.

While I'm writing

this everybody on earth believes four astronauts flew around the back side of the moon and saw what nobody else has ever seen. You can believe it if you want, Grandmom German notwithstanding!

As for me, Mr. Jean Shepherd said words when I was a little kid that I've never forgotten, and I'll be 85 on President Rutherford B. Hayes 204th birthday October 4, 2026.

Things you tell a little kid in his ear at midnight as though you are speaking God's truth about the universe and such don't get forgotten overnight.

Truth is, take a kid lying' in his bed at midnight, whisper through an earpiece into his ear, and for better or worse when he is old, he will still remember. Proverbs 22:6.

Legals

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Blough To enter into executive session pursuant to 25 O.S. 307 B 4 to engage in confidential communications between the public body and its attorney concerning a pending investigation claim or action in Kizzie Sims individually and as Special Administrator of the Estate of Gregory Neil Davis v. BOCC et al CIV-23-780-R and

where on advice of its attorney the board has determined that disclosure will seriously impair the ability of the public body to process the claim or conduct a pending investigation litigation or proceeding in the public interest. Requested by Brian Maughan Commissioner for District Two and Chairman of the Board on behalf

of Lisa Endres ADA. Return from executive session 1017 Foster moved Blough seconded to return at 10:17 a.m. The motion carried by the following vote: Aye: 3 - Maughan Foster and Blough Action regarding confidential communications between the public body and its attorney concerning a pending investigation claim or action in

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public interest. Requested by Brian Maughan Commissioner for District Two and Chairman of the Board on behalf of Lisa Endres ADA. PROCAS Maughan moved Foster seconded to proceed as discussed in executive session. The motion carried by the following vote: Aye: 2 - Maughan and Foster No: 1 - Blough No Citizen Participation

Adjourn 1017 Foster moved Blough seconded to adjourn at 10:17 a.m. The motion carried by the following vote: Aye: 3 - Maughan Foster and Blough

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CRYPTOQUIP

UFZL RV TORBO SRJI IBGLFZ
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QP IQFM PDQ PK IRUOQ:

ORJL-FVJ-IOGRLS.
Saturday's Cryptoquip: THE TWO MEN PROPELLING THEIR GONDOLAS WITH TOTALLY DIFFERENT METHODS WERE POLAR OPPOSITES.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: O equals H

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.
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April 20 Cryptoquip

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This week's puzzle

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Last week's answer

- Across**
- Composer Stravinsky
 - Muslim pilgrimage
 - Famous long knife
 - Baronet's wife
 - Helm position
 - Crow cousin
 - Overseas residences
 - Fine steeds
 - Dry red wine
 - Iditarod command
 - Musical transitions
 - Germative
 - Heckle
 - Albania capital
 - Turf area
 - Women as distinguished from men
 - Asphalt
 - Tea variety
 - Be a contender
 - More than bushed
 - Blunted swords
 - Change a flat
 - By the book
 - Benedictine, e.g.
 - A washing
 - Of the flock
 - Do some cobbling
 - AM/FM device
 - Extended sightseeing tour
 - Cake coat
 - Base runner's goal
 - Edible starchy taro root
 - Bothersome
 - Featherhead
 - Bar crossers
- Down**
- As previously given, abbr.
 - Amusements

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- Spanish card game
- Rare soft orange mineral
- Scurry
- Actress Macgraw
- Consider
- The Good Shepard
- Hindu, maybe
- Blade
- Aves, once
- Bird's beak
- Naval off.
- Hale and hardy
- Stiff bristles
- Planter
- Enrage
- Artless
- Actress Potts
- Loads cargo
- Coarse person
- Fifth Avenue sight
- Vacillate
- Glacial formation
- Classic car
- Holy sculpture
- Basketball hoop
- Triad
- Having overhangs
- Wall coating
- January stone
- Katarina Witt's figure
- Cookie or candy
- Avoid captivity
- Boast
- A son of Aphrodite
- Boot hill abbr.
- Air hero
- Affront socially
- Calligrapher's supply
- Alain's friend

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