

Editor's note: This is the final episode of Space is the Place

Frost and the landing squad creature struggled wildly. escaped from the Galoot village Jack was preved because on the planet Ong. Once in the with the Argus.

Once Jack was safely aboard ship, he found he had to wear a bulky suit and bubble-shaped helmet for 48 hours - a bringing any alien viruses aboard ship.

Though exhausted, Jack parked areas the Argus patrolled. himself in the rec center. He thought he would watch a little box before of Chad Sorensen and Mindy Danko. retiring. The two clones, Floyd and Lloyd, were arm-wrestling again. Neither seal while mowing the lawn of his parseemed to be winning.

The show on the box wasn't bad - it was a documentary about the life on Jack's home planet, Earth, narrated by a Capt. Glutemate. A kind of intergalactic Jacques Cousteau, Glutemate and his crew came from the planet Sintax. They all looked like giant cucumbers with arms and legs, and Mister Potatohead eyes stuck all over them.

In their spaceship, the SS Cellulite, Glutemate and his crew traveled vast distances across space. These voyages were made possible by their undergoing dormancies in suspended animation tanks. Crammed together in the huge glass vat of liquid they bore an amazing likeness to a jar of kosher dills. When they arrived at a planet they would film the life found there.

The film about Earth showed events such as a brood of dinosaurs hatching. Undetected, Glutemate also had filmed Julius Ceasar stalking and swatting a fly as it scampered across a map, as well as taking rare footage of Beethoven, who was shown resting his head on his piano in an effort to hear himself playing.

In one scene, Glutemate's crew

chased and caught an early East African hominid. As he tagged its ear and In last week's episode, Jack attached a radio tracking device, the

Jack was peeved because nobody else wanted to watch the documentary. landing pod, they rendezvoused Of the 35 persons in the rec center, only five were Earthlings. Someone switched the channel to the "Water-Boy -Squirrei-Girl Action Hour," the most popular show onboard ship, though its precautionary measure against his creators had died 200 years before. Its signals were just now reaching the

> The show recounted the adventures Chad had been bitten by a radioactive ents' cottage on Martha's vineyard. Thereafter, Chad had the power to change into a liquid at will - he could flow underneath doors, hide in a garden hose or escape down a drain.

Mindy, a park ranger, had unwittingly eaten some acorns from a tree that housed a forest demon. Thereafter she could climb right up skyscrapers, carry confiscated weapons and evidence in her flexible cheeks, and gnaw through metal and concrete as if it were butter.

These two joined forces to fight crime and wore colorful costumes when

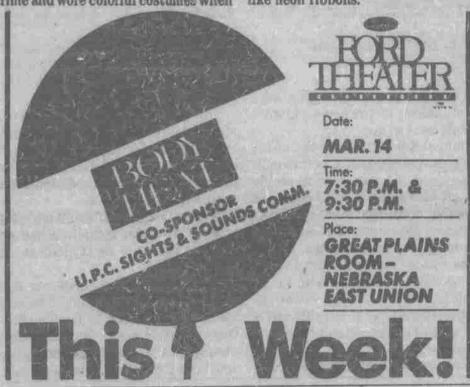
doing so. What's more, three times an hour they would pick up guitars, sing and dance - their songs usually bore a lesson, such as the importance of maintaining a stringent oral hygiene program.

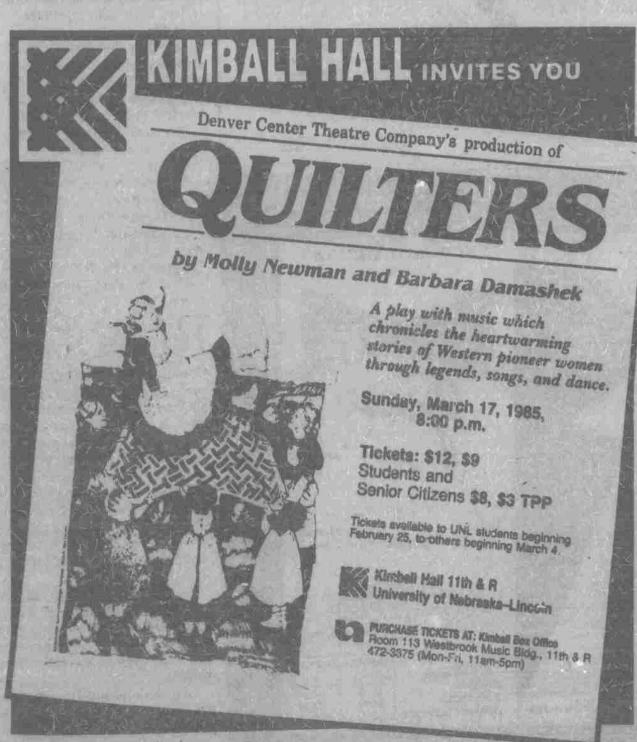
The show was interupted: one of the navigators read a bulletin over the loudspeakers. The ship was to stop at Earth, in order to pick up shipments of pine seedlings, carp fingerlings and plankton, as well as 800 electric guitars and 90,000 pink plastic flamingos for lawn and garden display.

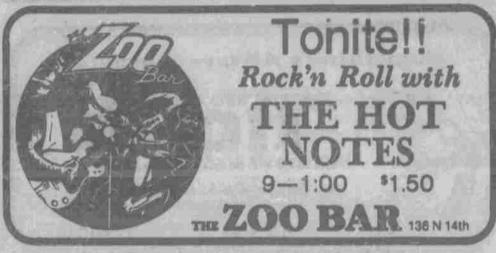
The flamingos were about the only thing Eath was particularly noted for. They really caught on throughout the galaxy, even on planets that had no creatures even vaguely resembling flamingos.

Jack was curious about what his home planet was like now. Since leaving he had traveled across seven space "time zones" - everybody he had known there had been dead 300 years.

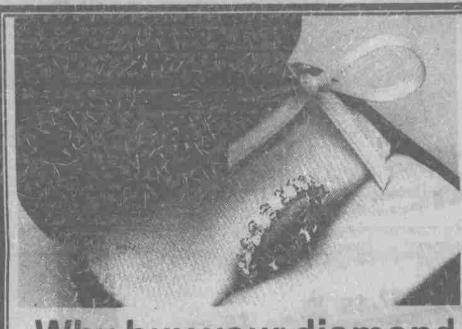
He glanced out a window as the Argus' engines kicked in. They were going so fast Jack saw the backs of planets they passed before he saw the front of them. Beams of light coming from the ship trailed back in its wake, like neon ribbons.











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