

BREAKING
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WELCOME

This page is to explain what you will find inside this free supplement for Starship Scavengers.

These are the front pages of an in-universe data sheet (newspaper) that goes out across the sector.

Written in a slightly trashy journalistic style whether you can believe all you read it up to you.

You will also find that the important news often gets regulated to the margins to make way for the more crowd-pleasing articles - like sporting events or music concerts. (Just like in real life.)

The idea is to amuse you and give you some extra content for your scavenger games.

The advert at the bottom of each page should have enough game rule information in it that you can buy and use the equipment in-game for your character.

SINGLE PAGE

This is important!

Each release of the Frontier Times is only the front page of the in-universe paper.

That means that each page you see in this collected edition is the front page of a different edition of the data sheet.

Sorry, but when it says 'see more on pg 43' there is no page 43. I know, mean of us, but we don't have the time to write the whole fake newspaper!

The pages are numbered but not dated so read in number order and you will see news stories start, rise and ebb away.

Issues are listed most recent first.

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BREAKING NEWS

DEATH TOURS AMONGST THE STARS

The owner of EasyStarFlight Tours has been giving testimony in court over claims that they deliberately sent several cruise ships into dangerous space, with vidcast influencers filming any subsequent disasters or attacks.

Our very own editor-in-chief, Amon J. Josa-Jenha, gave testimony yesterday saying:

'If anyone was going to be in on a gimmick like this, then it would be the Frontier Times. As every right-minded reading creature knows, we are at the forefront of both hard-hitting journalism and cultural entertainment.

No one asked us about this, and frankly, if they had, I'd have turned them down flat. I mean, come on. Everyone knows you don't send those crackpot influencers to do real work; you send disposable journalist interns. That's what they are for.

So no, I don't believe a word of it, but of course, everyone should subscribe to the Frontier Times to learn who was really behind it all.'

The case continues.



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GYRE STATION IS ON THE MOVE - BUT TO WHERE?

STAR BOY OUT!

The big news in the entertainment space is that the teen-idol sensation Nebula-Slayer H. (now Star Boy) is out of the latest Big Killer Ship games.

He was voted 'Least likely to be the last survivor' by his fellow shipmates and ejected into space in a tense semi-final last week.

Viewing estimates say 70% of the local vid viewers watched this event, which was being screened opposite the new governor's appointment on the Government Channel. The governor, we are told, is not 'impressed'.

Despite getting a 80:20 ratio of viewer votes in favour of being left in space we can confirm that he was successfully retrieved by the tug boat *Someone Has To Do It*.

We can confirm he is going to write a book entitled 'My 9 Minutes in Deep Space and How it Felt'.

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LOST KALAR OCEANSHIP FOUND!

WRAITHS ONBOARD!

Passengers on several inner world luxury liners travelling between Doliea and Empress have reported seeing wraithlike figures on their ships.

These figures have been appearing in or near the engine rooms and then moving through the ship; some reports say randomly, others suggest they may be looking for something.

At first, it was thought these were wraith stalkers but we consulted with the R'ck R'ck (explorer and ex-officer in the legendary 38th Combined Armies Squadron) and he assured us that if those had been real wraith stalkers, everyone on board those vessels would have been killed.

Bear in mind R'ck R'ck is a mantid, so that is as close as our translation protocols can translate his words, but we think he was trying to be reassuring.

We understand that the captain of the luxury liner The Mary Sue triggered an engine radiation spike in a successful attempt to disperse these figures from her vessel.

The captain was praised for her quick thinking by authorities but is now being sued by several of the passengers for radiation sickness after they refused to take the radiation pills from the ship's stores as they 'tasted vile'.

(Ed. That's rich people for you, I guess.)

On other vessels, some crew and passengers have fired on these figures but to little or no effect.

More coverage of this on page 21.

Meanwhile, in an even more terrifying item, our entertainment reporter Bitzy Bling can reveal that the latest T. Tay.T album has **TOTALLY** bombed on release!! She is said to be horrified. We cover this inside on pages 2-20.



Security footage acquired at great expense



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MADIS GINK DIES!

The reclusive billionaire, who's been avoiding our highly paid journalists for years, has finally died.

The official death declaration has been released, and it seems that his eccentric nature has lived on after his death.

Not only is the death declaration back-dated six months, but the will has been put into public domain for all to read – and the most incredible thing – you dear reader, could benefit from it!

At least maybe. More on that in a moment.

Madis left each of his fifteen children with a trust fund worth over one hundred million credits; however, we understand that for the last six months, a total of thirty-six different lawsuits have been raised by lawyers representing the children.

Those lawsuits are aimed at each other, AND the estate of their late father.

Yes truly. After being left a king's ransom in credits, these individuals want more.

Personally, this reporter would be on a beach on Trelqu!

As for the public share of the will, several facilities have benefited handsomely from the will, but perhaps the most exciting portion is a public treasure hunt for fifteen individual 'Madis Artefacts'.

Their exact nature or value is not stated in the will, but given the numbers on everything else in the will, it can only be expected that these are highly valuable.

Anyone can claim them, although over half the lawsuits from the children relate to these items and are challenging the giveaway.

Our overpaid lawyers (the editor said to call you that) say the will is legally sound and finders keepers. Needless to say, the scavengers in the system have gone wild, although the clues are obscure and some are time-locked. More inside, pages 12-24.



Dafne, Fredree and O'Jen, three of the Gink heirs



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LANDING DAY SPECIAL!

Two centuries after the scout ship *Don't Know Where We Are Going but We Will Find Out Soon* gracefully touched down* on the planet designated Heinlein 04, system-wide celebrations are being held.

*Rumours that it crash-landed are nothing but anti-military propaganda (we have been reliably informed by our contacts in the military.)

Admittedly, the celebrations are mandatory on Saurian planets as part of the system peace treaty but we are sure they are entering into them in the true spirit of the holiday.

Whether it is a colony ship touching down carrying millions of cryo-frozen eggs, or a past-its-best scout ship hard-landing on a new planet humans always mark the calendar.

Obviously, that works out better when no one else owns the planet but given the long peace the Heinlein system has enjoyed the crew of the *Don't Know Where* did us all a fine job two hundred years ago today even if it was a shock to them at the time!

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HUMAN RESEARCH VESSEL HEART OF IRON MISSING!

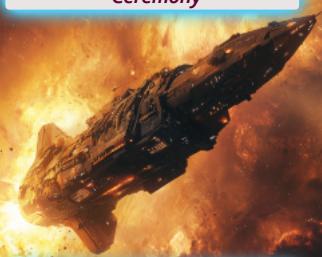
MUSIC FESTIVAL IS LIVE

As part of the Landing Day celebrations, the infamous New System Blues Music Festival went live this morning.

This year's line-up promises to showcase everything from what can be best described as traditional Earth wailing to music made from banging rocks together.

And we aren't joking about that last comment – the award-winning mantid band Rock-Dirt-Rock are opening the evening show and were seen in rehearsals practising with the traditional bong rocks which give mantis music its traditional – and divisive – sound.

Report inside from this years
Landing Day Last Flight
Ceremony



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NEW SHIP GRAVEYARD FOUND? MORE DETAILS SOON!

ANNUAL RELIEF RUN

Classic ship enthusiastst have been waiting for this for ages, the **annual charity relief run** has happened and as is tradition it has been led by a cotton-tail ship.

For those of you who skipped their starship drive history class in school, so-called cotton-tail ships are an unofficial class of ships that use an ancient inner-system space drive that dates back to the Wars of Unreason.

Pseudo-jump capable, these drives, when they burn hard enough, can initiate a small inner-system jump, or hop, as it is usually called.

As everyone knows, regular jump engines cannot operate within a star system due to the gravitational forces from planetoids but the cotton-drive uses the gravitational waves and does some clever science stuff that makes the ship vanish, then reappear in a new location within the same system.

They get their name from a distinctive energy plume that is vented as the drive builds to the jump threshold.

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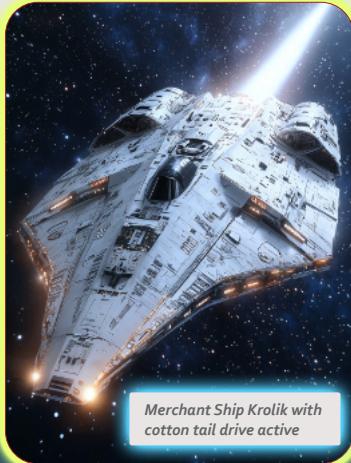
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REUSABLE!*

The use of these drives is heavily controlled and so the relief run, which sees a small armada of ships taking supplies from the capital planets to their neighbours is one of the few times that enthusiasts can gather to legally witness one of these ships in action.

Our science reporter Trixxie McBeal has talked with GA scientists and aside from interesting gossip about the local science director (see pictures page 3) she can confirm that the stories about the drives causing space-time anomalies or attracting wraith stalkers have no basis in science.

Of course, should something suitably horrible happen we will be the first to bring you the news!



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BREAKING NEWS

BIOSHIP VESSELS REPORTED ON THE EDGES OF THE SYSTEM

SMASHING TIME!

CyberDino is back!!! We make no apologies for the exclamation marks as it has been confirmed by BigBeasties Inc. that their infamous CyberDino Championship will return this year.

For those of you who live under a rock this sport sees giant robots smashing and shooting it out for victory in custom-built arenas – okay, usually abandoned towns but that's pretty much the same thing.

Authorities declined to comment when we asked them but when pressed on it, a Galactic Alliance representative said, off the record, that 'As long as the damned things don't get out and eat people like last time, that will be fine.'



Billy Rex - Archive Picture

They are of course referring to the last championship, held on XX where a security wall was breached and twelve cyberdino's went on a rampage through the capital city.

For archive footage from that event, see page 40 - not for sensitive viewers!



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BREAKING NEWS

SAURIAN SCIENTIST UP ON CHARGES FOR ILLEGAL EXPERIMENTS ON SENTIENTS

DEEP TROUBLE?

Shocking reports from Evanna the Kalar system world suggest they have experienced several unexplained attacks deep under the waves.

We all know that strange life teems in the rich depths of Evanna. However rumours of kingdoms ruled over by egotistical manchildren with daddy issues have been rigorously denied - although this reporter is not so sure. Still, that is a report for another day.

For now, these unexplained attacks have been denied by the kalar world government and offworld reporters have been barred entry.

Nothing stops the Frontier Times however and we are able to share this image allegedly taken from a security feed deep underwater. We believe the beast to be a squidling but we are waiting for confirmation.

Legal Notice We did not bribe anyone for this image, it was voluntarily sent to us by a friend of the Times and our lawyers stand ready to confirm that in court.



Alleged security scan image - to be confirmed

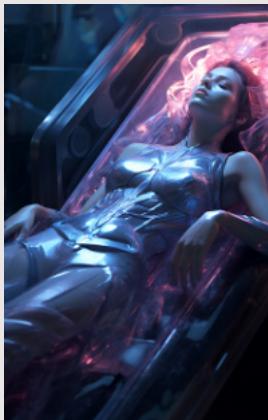
See page 52 for enhanced image



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NEW INFINITY PYRAMID
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LOCATED

POLITICAL MELTDOWN

On the mantid homeworld of Tyx Prime, hive prime elections ended in turmoil in several districts when winning candidates were jumped upon by their rivals and eaten alive.

Perhaps most surprising of all is that after a re-ballot was called, the killers, despite being in custody, were each voted in for the position of Hive Prime in their respective districts.

A spokesman for one of the winning candidates pointed out that eating a rival within a day of their winning electoral office was allowed under mantid tradition. They also added several comments about human politics which are too rude for the front page (see inside editorial pg 42).

The spokesperson then ended with 'Sneckwits in glass pods shouldn't throw grixx'.

Hive Prime Tixx-Bixx
reportedly eaten alive

We don't know what a grixx is but that also sounds pretty rude to us.

We hear the galactic alliance are speaking with the Tyx Prime world government to check the elections were by the book.

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LUCKY STAR PASSENGER CRUISER BELIEVED DESTROYED!

AND, THE WINNER IS...

In a stunning climax to the 398th yacht race, Mondragol again proved why he is the racer to beat with a spectacular display of piloting that saw him gravity hop off a solar flare to beat the zuza Mora in a neck-and-neck race to the finish.

Race fans couldn't have asked for more with an assassination attempt on Star Marsh McQueen, disqualifications for not aiding ships in peril and a hair-raising finish.

Also, the Lucky Star passenger cruiser that was booked by avid race fans to watch the final leg has, at the time of writing, vanished without contact. We assume it is just a result of the unusual solar activity.



Anyone with info should call our hotline.

Remember, we pay a premier for personal accounts and especially for real pictures of events, before the authorities impose taste filters.



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NAVIGATION OUTAGES - QUANTUM TURBULENCE TO BLAME SAY SCIENTISTS

RACING LATEST

The solar yacht race rushes towards an epic climax with two pilots in close contention for a win after G'Rak was disqualified for 'actions unbefitting a spacefarer' when he failed to stop and aid the Solar Queen, a civilian vessel. (As reported last issue.)

The saurian government has lodged a protest but sources close to Star Marshall McQueen say he is unlikely to rescind his decision.

This leaves this year's surprise star Mora (zuza) and Mondragol 'the shadow' (human) neck and neck. As per his usual racing style, Mondragol is shadowing Mora and refusing to take the lead.

Will that change when they enter the notorious solar chicane? Race fans will remember that last year, four vessels were destroyed by solar flares whilst trying to skim too close to the celestial giant. Naturally, if that happens we will bring you pictures and analysis!

Speaking of pictures, our social research bots have uncovered some very uncovered pictures of racing ace Mora in her private time. For more, see page 3 [age verification required]. [Legal Citation: 6996 Fair usage rights of private media apply.]

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OMERTSON PRIME

EXCLUSIVE!

We can share the first public picture from Omertson Prime since it went dark over a month ago.

Our intrepid reporters paid good money to have someone else send this back so we could share it with you. A city on fire? a burning sky? Who, or what, could have done it? We discuss on page 47.

BREAKING NEWS

CONTACT LOST WITH
OMORTSON PRIME

RACE DISASTER AVERTED!

The solar yacht race nearly ended earlier today in disaster when the passenger liner Solar Queen lost power and drifted into the race lanes.

The salurian pilot G'Rak performed a last minute brake and burn manoeuvre to dodge the drifting vessel whilst the zuza pilot Mora who was in second place, abandoned her race to stay with the stricken liner, broadcasting a collision warning.

We understand that race officials are debating how to put her back into the race, potentially at the next transit point.

Questions are being asked why G'Rak's didn't stop and his team are yet to issue a statement.

For our analysis, see page 47.



Solar Queen on her maiden voyage six years ago



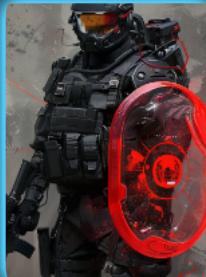
New T.Tay.T Concert

The highly popular, if controversial, cyborg singer T.Tay.T has announced new concert dates.

Tickets sold out in milliseconds and authorities are warning against fake ticket scams and screening sessions.

Our arts and entertainment reporter Bitzy Bling profiles the singer on page 32.

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Judge Caligula

BREAKING NEWS

PIRATE SIGHTINGS ON THE RISE - SECTOR WIDE WARNING IN PLACE

LAUNCHED!

After an unprecedented delay due to fears of pirate activity along the course and the mysterious assassination attempt on Star Marshal Johnny 'Comet' McQueen the 398th yacht race is finally underway!



Initial timing cams confirm that the ex-saurian-fighter-pilot-ace G'Rak is in the lead with the Zuzai pilot Mora in surprise second place.

Fans will remember that Mora only just qualified with the lowest recorded trial time. We can only assume she's spent the last six cycles doing some serious training or engine tweaking for her to hold such a position.

All could change though as the race enters the Van Broom belt for the second leg.

And remember race fans, don't copy those sweet racing moves when flying over populated planets or you might get shot down by the orbital defence systems. Don't say we didn't warn you.



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BREAKING NEWS

MINISTER HARP RESIGNS CITING HEALTH REASONS

RACE FEVER!

Race fever is running high across the sector as the contestant list has finally been released for the 398th yacht race. With only two solar weeks to go before the start we have a full breakdown inside but the top news is that Star Marshal Johnny 'Comet' McQueen will be the official adjudicator this year.



Star Marshall McQueen is a local legend having been instrumental in brokering the peace deal with the Salurian Clans who held a historical

claim on the sector before the human empire moved in. We hope to bring you an exclusive interview with him just as soon as his people returns any of our many messages.

LUPRIZ STRIKES?

The theft of the Cabor Crystal has security forces baffled. Rumours

are that notorious thief Lupriz is behind it.

Read our editorial
speculations on
page 47.



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BREAKING NEWS

VEET SEEN IN SYSTEM INWARD BOUND

GOOD NEWS FOR SCAVENGERS

Scanners are showing multiple wrecks detected. Registry scans are still being processed but initial indications are they are unassigned derelicts and suitable for salvage.

The corporate companies haven't shown an interest so either they know something we don't or they are too busy tracking the vreet spotted inward bound.

MINISTER IN TRADE BRIBERY SCANDAL

The question of the hour is - how did Trade Minister Harp afford that new shuttle on a government salary? We understand questions are being asked at the very top of the government on Meson IV.

The minister denies any wrong doing.

INNER PLANET YACHT RACE

The 398th annual inner planet yacht race takes place in a solar month. Contestants have already been seen practising around the Von Bloom asteroid field. The contestant list has yet to be fully announced but we are expected to see several returning champions.



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