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Without ceremony or fanfare, we at The Pluto Observer would like to bestow this month's Plutonian Backhand-of-the-Month Award on the United States Postal Service. The USPS recently admitted that, without the junk mail business, it could not thrive as a business itself. Most Americans can easily figure out that e-mail has dethroned First Class Mail and has helped to bring about the slow demise of the outdated and mismanaged dinosaur that most Americans simply call "The Post Office". It takes a lot of guts for a federal agency to admit to the public that it cannot exist unless it helps dispense unwanted mail as its primary function. Most of us out here on the ninth planet think it's time for Americans to privatize mail delivery in that country and let the best competitors have all the business. The rest of us feel that privatizing the U.S. Postal Service simply wouldn't make any difference at all.

After five years of war in Iraq, the U.S. has proven the fact that wars never end until it's unprofitable to wage them.



Fortune Finally Fingered

The Pluto Observer has participated in the "Interplanetary Alert Program" for three years now, doing its fair share to alert all inhabited planets encircling the star called Sol about armed and dangerous interplanetary felons who are currently on the lam. The one pictured above has several aliases and the most frequently used one is Fred Fortune. He is also known throughout the solar system as Freddy Fingers, "Freddy the Freeloader" and Maude Adams. If this man applies for a job at your convenience store or tavern, please call the Illuminati at once. Even though this particular fugitive from justice is only armed with a forked tongue, he is still considered to be dangerous.

Media Madness

We Plutonians are always more alarmed by television news reports about public figures who are involved in some type of sexual scandal than we are about the scandal itself. A case in point is the recent hullabaloo over Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick being arraigned on felony charges over his recent lie about his affair with his female chief of staff. What? We repeat. What?? My, oh, my, if this is news then every Plutonian that we know will eat his or her hat. How Mayor Kilpatrick was put in a position to have to lie about his alleged affair demonstrates how out of focus 21st century American justice has become. When the mayor of a large American city spends city money without the approval of city council, that's one thing. Who he may or may not have in his bed is quite another and certainly no one's business except his and hers.

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