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Backhand-of-the-Month Award for August

The *Pluto Observer* has never before given a Plutonian BOTM Award to an entire nation but this month *Observer* staffers are voting unanimously to bestow the August BOTM award on the nation of Israel. Responding to the Hezbollah kidnapping of two Israeli soldiers, Israel decided that blowing up innocent men, women and children in Lebanon was a proper response to Hezbollah. The nation of Syria, which is the strong arm behind Hezbollah, would have been the logical choice for this month's award but when a U.S. ally kills civilians in another country with impunity, that nation garners all the disgrace the BOTM conveys.

Oil Barons Lick Chops

Earth's Oil Barons are licking their chops in anticipation of windfall profits derived from new price gouging in response to Wall Street speculation about escalating violence in the Middle East. What we Plutonians would like to know is how many of those petroleum market forecasters are actually on the OPEC payroll?

Iraqi Violence Sends Message

Iraq's new coalition government comprised of Sunnis, Shiites and Kurds appears to be nothing more than window dressing. When Sunni terrorists can lure Shiite job seekers into a van and then blow up them up, it certainly appears as if cooperation is not the watchword in that country. And when Sunni gunmen start spraying Shiite shoppers with bullets, killing women and children as well, planet Earth sends a grave message to the rest of the solar system which says that Earthlings have no respect for one another or for life, itself. The historical, ongoing and unrelenting animosity in the Old Testament lands also broadcasts a program of hatred fueled by religion and religious differences, which seems to be the real cause of Middle East unrest and violence.

Plutonian Tip-of-the- Day

"If you're looking for trouble, nine times out of ten you will find it."

Flight 800 Massacre

Ten years ago TWA Flight 800, carrying 230 people from New York to Paris, crashed off the U.S. east coast and investigators are still mulling over possible causes of that tragic event. From our orbiting telescope out near the Van Allen Belt, we Plutonians observed that fateful event just as we observed the fatal crash that killed John Kennedy Jr. in that same decade. What NTSB and FAA officials will never uncover is that both planes were destroyed by a particle beam weapon aimed at them from the supposedly defunct Montauk Air Force base at the very tip of Long Island. Earthlings who know the truth are either members of the U.S. Air Force or the CIA but no one takes the "fly boys" and the "spooks" seriously in the new millennium.

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