

# The Pluto Observer

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## August BOTM Award

The staff at The Pluto Observer is bestowing the Plutonian Backhand-of-the-Month Award for August on all the commodities speculators on Earth, who are the real culprits behind the soaring price of that planet's crude oil production. Their foolhardiness and just plain greed is responsible for at least one dollar of America's four-dollar-a-gallon retail gasoline price. On Pluto, where speculation is not only considered stupid but highly illegal, the punishment for such unbridled greed with little or no regard to its consequences is life without the possibility of parole on one of or three orbiting moon prisons. Out there, our prisoners are too busy trying to stay warm to have any time for playing guessing games about the future cost of anything.

Now that NASA's Phoenix lander has discovered that Martian soil contains salts and once interacted with water, maybe NASA can tell us where all the water went. We at The Observer think if and when NASA finds that out they'll try to keep it a great big secret just like they hide the facts about Planet X.



Fred Fortune

Interplanetary misfit and intergalactic felon Fred Fortune is still on the lam and he is believed to be living in the Mars underground. While Solar System authorities have no actual proof of Fortune's whereabouts, his vitriolic lampooning of Earth culture can be read online at [fredfortune.tblog.com/](http://fredfortune.tblog.com/). This blog is the kooky and popular social outcast's newest venture into journalism. If you can call it that. While we at the Observer are not impressed by yellow journalism of any kind, we always applaud brave new voices when they are homeless underdogs pursued by known tyrant nations.

## Tip-of-the-Day

"For everything you endeavor to do there is at least one person trying to stop you".

## China's Shame

It's time for China to stop arresting citizens in that country for being concerned about the safe construction of their public schools. Or, as it were, the decided lack of it. Like when school children are killed because of tumbling schoolhouses, such as during the recent earthquake in Sichuan province. And it's totally out of line for China to build and showcase their new China Central Television headquarters building in Beijing just for the upcoming Olympic Games when a lot of children in that country may die in unsafe schools.

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- ☞ Ten easy steps toward surviving the Planet X disaster on February 14, 2013
- ☞ The Pluto Observer interviews wild and wacky blogger and Milky Way criminal Fred Fortune
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