

# The Pluto Observer

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## December Plutonian BOTM Award

We Plutonians are hesitant to award this month's *Plutonian Backhand-of-the-Month Award* to an individual because of the Earthling tendency toward personal vendettas and retribution lawsuits. And, while we're not afraid of either, we wouldn't want our Earthling associate editor to suffer such indignities. Therefore, in keeping with our group recipient policies, we award the December trophy to all the young Earthlings who recently used France for kindling wood. We would have taken a keener interest in the rioting but, from our orbiting telescope out near the Van Allen Belt, it just looked to us like a slew of typical British soccer fans had simply missed their exit before the Channel Tunnel after their teams had either won or lost. Is there a difference? We never would have guessed that French couch potatoes were the real culprits.

## U.S. Navy Has Whale of a Time

The United States Navy is deep in doo-doo again, this time for supposedly endangering whales with its new sonar program. On Pluto, we find it interesting that no one on Earth seemed to care when the U.S. Navy barbecued dozens

of sailors and disassembled many more on the USS Eldridge after it vanished from sight more than fifty solar years ago in a Philadelphia navy yard and reappeared momentarily off the coast of Virginia. But then we Plutonians need to remember that *The Philadelphia Experiment* took place about twenty-five years before the earth-shattering discovery of whale song.

### Pluto Prisons Hailed as New Moons

It was an honest mistake, we admit, for NASA to think that the Hubble Telescope had recently identified two new moons orbiting Pluto. But the fact of the matter is the so-called moon newbies are in reality penal colonies that we built and placed into orbit about six solar years ago. We figured we'd better keep *our* firebug criminals as far away from our vehicles and stores as possible if we wanted to have anything left after they binged out on the six o'clock news and committed three or four hundred copycat crimes. So far, it's worked out pretty well for us. All of our convicted arsonists are freezing their behinds off now instead of waiting to burn in Hell later.

### Pluto's Tip-of-the-Day

"Don't count your chickens before they cross the road."

## Rosa Parks Honored At Last by U.S. Gov't

After 92 years of hosting her unique and courageous spirit and 50 years as an icon of the American civil rights movement, the body of Rosa Parks received a place of honor in the U.S. Capitol Rotunda. While thousands of American citizens of all ethnic backgrounds and walks of life waited in long lines to honor her, we people on Pluto wondered just how many people bothered to visit her when she was alive and thank her in person. We also puzzled over the fact that Rosa Parks was the first American woman to be so honored. When Eleanor Roosevelt had *not* lain in honor in the Capitol Rotunda after her passing, we assumed that the Capitol Clubhouse Rules were decidedly gender biased and carved in stone. We were wrong.

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