

# The Pluto Observer

Watchdog to the Solar System

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## Our New Look

The Pluto Observer has a new look for 2008, with an easier to read text and, basically, a bold new look that says we're still committed to bringing the people of Earth a lot of the news that's overlooked on that misguided and backward planet. And, yes, Jonco Bugos remains our star reporter and the Observer's only Earthling covering solar system news.

## January 2008 BOTM Award

Because no one else is saying it, we at The Pluto Observer will say it with the Backhand-of-the-Month Award. The BOTM Award for January 2008 goes to the American media covering the 2008 Presidential Election. We are happy to award these misguided and unprofessional, so-called reporters our famous monthly award which exposes groups of Earthlings rather than individuals and their errant ways because they have forgotten how to determine winners in debates and polls or else they don't care. What they do care about is money and which candidate has raised the most. We Plutonians will take a straw poll over that any day.

## Will the real Putin Please Stand Up?

How President Putin of Russia can be on the cover of Time Magazine as their "Person of the Year", for pulling his country out of the post-Cold War mud and into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, is a curious reminder of how Earth media misjudges character. This is the same man who is now committed to selling a pre-nuclear country like Iran surface-to-air missiles. We at the Observer are looking for the USSR to make a comeback by 2013.

### Plutonian Tip-of-the-Day

"When the rich get richer, someone else always winds up in the poor house."

## Chasing Their Own Tails

A lot of Earthlings still don't believe in life on other planets, despite the fact that Earth astronomers have detected 268 extrasolar planets in orbit around 230 stars. But they still chase ghosts on TV.

## New Jersey Nonsense

On Pluto, where a lot of crimes are punishable by death, including murder, playing with atoms and tinkering with deadly germs, we are appalled at the recent decision by the state of New Jersey to abolish the death penalty. Your stupid message to the rest of the solar system was read loud and clear on the ninth planet from the sun. If you kill innocent men, women and even children in the state of New Jersey, the state of New Jersey will house, clothe and feed you for the rest of your life. That, without question, is the bottom line.

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- ☞ Learning Martian as a second language
- ☞ Why extraterrestrials often mistake amusement parks for penal colonies
- ☞ What to do when a Plutonian asks you for directions