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America's Mystery Deaths

The Centers for Disease Control in the United States seems to be stumped as to why there are now more drug-related deaths than traffic-related deaths in that country. Out here on the ninth planet, where it's colder than a witch's you-know-what all the time, we think we have the answer to The CDC's puzzling problem. One quick look at the Top 10 list of U.S. states where drug deaths outnumber traffic deaths tells us a lot. *More drug deaths than traffic deaths:*

1. Pennsylvania
2. Massachusetts
3. New Hampshire
4. Rhode Island
5. Connecticut
6. New York
7. New Jersey
8. Maryland
10. Ohio

We think people who live in these ten states are just *colder* and *more crowded* than those in the other 40 states. Apparently, the only thing that keeps them from dying of drug overdoses is when they get in their cars, turn on the heat and head out into the country.

Of course, what do *we* know?

BOTM Award for November 2009

It's pretty much a no-brainer that this month's *Plutonian Backhand-of-the-Month Award* should go to everyone involved with the "boy in the balloon" hoax that had Americans and the rest of the world as well glued to their TV sets. In vain, that is. We're encouraged that criminal charges have been filed against the cowardly and opportunistic "media outlet" and the foolish, selfish, greedy and criminally-negligent parents of the hapless six-year-old boy.

If there's any *cosmic* justice in this outcome, not only will the guilty parties be punished but maybe you Americans will finally realize that television is not the Holy Grail. Besides, if you want reality, don't turn on your TV sets. Just walk out your front door.

Really, Now

Lighting up the Empire State Building to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of Communist China is more like PR for NYC than a Hats-Off to Red China.

Obama Health Reform A Mimic of BushCare and Hillary's Bush Lite

We Plutonians will be the first to admit it when we're wrong. We've been wrong before and it's no big deal. What *is* a big deal is that we missed the mark by a long shot when we supported U.S. President Barack Obama's so-called sweeping health-care reform bill that the Senate Finance Committee has now approved. After it's merged later with a similar bill in another Senate committee it will go to the full Senate for debate. Well, we hope it's defeated for the plain and simple reason that this bill will *still* require U.S. citizens with *no money* to purchase health insurance. Wow. That's like walking up to a homeless person on the street and demanding five dollars from his or her empty pockets. Totally unbelievable.

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