

# The Pluto Observer

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## October BOTM

*The Pluto Observer* unceremoniously awards the October 2006 Backhand-of-the-Month Award to Earth's Minor Planet Center for renaming the planet Pluto. On September 7<sup>th</sup> the MPC dared to call the *Observer's* home planet Asteroid #134340. Our first question for the MPC would be how many asteroids do they know that have three moons? Our second question would be do they also have anything to do with the false intelligence reports of Osama bin Laden's death?

## French "Kiss Off"

The recent French Intelligence report claiming the demise of al-Qaida terrorist leader Osama bin Laden holds no water on the planet Pluto and ought to be dry-docked on Earth as well. These reports have always been wrong before. That such wishful thinking makes international and solar system headlines leads us at the *Observer* to wonder if the words "French" and "intelligence" aren't antonyms in the English language.

### Plutonian Tip-of-the-Day

"If it sounds too good to be true, it's probably front-page news."

## Real Papal Faux Pas Never Reported

The fact that Pope Benedict XVI offended the entire Muslim world by quoting an obscure medieval text labeling some of the teachings of Islam's founder as "evil and inhuman" is hardly the real story of recent Papal loose lips on planet Earth.

Neither was it when the Pope quoted a passage describing how the Prophet Muhammad commanded his followers to "spread by the sword the faith." On Pluto, we all know that the Pope was quoting fact.

No, the real newsworthy story is that Pope Benedict bothered to dig up and parrot these words at all and to a religiously-divided world that is on the brink of committing hate crimes at the drop of a hat and in the name of their God. The rest of the story is that, in doing so, the Pope acted like the proverbial kettle calling the pot black. Apparently, the Crusades never existed.

On Pluto, one's religious beliefs are protected. But organized religion has always been considered an act of terrorism.

## Montreal Madness A Latter Day Sign

The September 13<sup>th</sup> shootings at Dawson College in Montreal, Canada, in which one person was killed and 19 wounded, reminds all Plutonians that Earthlings have a deadly tendency to blame others for their problems. When it comes to shooting first and asking questions later, the United States can no longer be singled out as the only nation needing a serious attitude adjustment.

## Gulf of Mexico Find: Band-Aid Therapy for U.S. Oil Addiction

We at the *Observer* feel that Chevron's recent discovery of massive oil fields beneath the Gulf of Mexico will only turn the clock back on America's freedom from fossil fuels. But then, what do we know? We're not even a planet anymore.

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