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Earth's Middle East "At it Again"

Yep, it's hard to believe, but planet Earth's favorite warring factions have temporarily called it quits again. This time, it appears as if that planet's biggest anti-Semitic group, the Palestinians, has won another temporary victory, forcing the biggest group of rednecks on that planet, the Israelis, to vacate the Gaza Strip posthaste. It reminds us Plutonians of that bit of Martian trouble a few millennia back, when interplanetary felons from Neptune besieged the disputed Cydonia Territory, declaring that the famous Mars Face Natural Wonder had been put there by "the powers that be" just for them, while the Cydonites argued that they had built the naturally-occurring rock formation themselves. Well, we all know how that turned out. So, take a lesson from a page in our solar system history, you people of Earth, and make nice. Or just grow up.

Hurricanes Batter America

It's the twenty-first century on Earth and Americans are still being battered by hurricanes in the low-lying areas of the Gulf and East Coast. Didn't *anyone* down there ever read "Robinson Crusoe"? It's time to get off the beach and move to higher ground.

Halley's Comet Misnomer

With the return of Halley's Comet to Earth's viewing space fifty years from now, we at The Pluto Observer wonder if Earthlings will have been finally taught that the most famous comet in the solar system is not called "*Haley's* Comet", after all. We doubt it.

Hooray for Hawaii!

The American state of Hawaii is the first state in the Union to put a ceiling on the price of gasoline. Too bad it isn't a real cap and not just a weekly cosmetic hairdo.

Plutonian Backhand- of-the-Month Award

The first-ever Plutonian Backhand Award just *has* to go to NASA (as if one could backhand an entire organization) for posing as mere window dressing for Earth's failed space programs and for remaining an anachronism just to foster false patriotism. While the rest of the solar system and most of the Milky Way Galaxy use gravity circuits for interplanetary travel, only on Earth are they still blasting off in rockets. Come on, NASA, maybe Buck Rogers was state-of-the-art space travel during the Depression but this isn't the movies and, besides, we already showed you in 1948 how things really work.

Information Highway or Highway Robbery?

Following in the footsteps of its notoriously unscrupulous sister planet, Earth's famed "information Highway", the little darling techno-child with at least a half dozen paternity claims in force including a former American VP, the Internet has decayed into a lucrative dark alleyway for crooks and creeps. If Earthlings aren't very careful in the next few years, most of its six billion-plus citizens will be without identities or bank accounts or scruples and will have lost it all on the great World Wide Web. Mars banned cyber trade and file-sharing seven thousand years ago. But it was already too late for them. The Martian Web prowlers finally stole their atmosphere. Heads up Earth!

A Rap on the Knuckles for Earth's Automakers

For copying from their neighbors across the aisle again instead of doing their own homework. Afraid your own ideas won't sell?

In the October issue of The Pluto Observer:

- How the illegal Jupiter bicycle trade will affect *you*
- Rocket Sled Safety
- Why Venusians like to fight