

The Pluto Observer

Watchdog to the Solar System

Earth Edition

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First Anniversary Edition

This month *The Pluto Observer* is one year old. In September 2005 the first issue of the *Observer* was launched and made available *free* to readers on the World Wide Web.

The Pluto Observer is part of michaelcasher.com website and is still a free, one-page monthly newsletter from the planet Pluto, bringing you the latest solar system news and commentary.

How much longer *The Pluto Observer* will continue to be an alternative news and cultural resource will be determined by its readership.

Katrina Anniversary

One year ago Hurricane Katrina devastated the city of New Orleans in the U.S. as well as Mississippi's Gulf Coast. Most of the survivors in this area are still doing basic cleanup and their lives are a far cry from being restored to normal, if normal means still clinging to land that was never fit for human habitation in the first place.

Anniversary Plutonian Backhand-of-the-Month

There was no debate on the planet Pluto about the recipient of the First Anniversary September 2006 BOTM award. It gets bestowed with as much fanfare as we could muster out here on the ninth planet to Earth's *International Astronomical Union* for trying to recreate the solar system in the image of greased palms.

For the official record, Pluto is very much a *planet*. It is spherical and has three moons and circles the sun. It even puts out an official monthly newsletter.

Any effort by an Earth-based astronomical "think thank" to denigrate a classic planet like Pluto while pouring a planetary pedestal under an asteroid like Ceres stinks to high heaven of discoverer do-do.

Plutonian Tip-of-the-Day

"When you try to compare apples to oranges, saying that the apples are actually oranges really doesn't make much of a case."

"Going Postal" is 20

Twenty Earth years ago a U.S. Postal worker in the state of Oklahoma went to work and systematically gunned down 14 people before killing himself.

On the planet Pluto and especially here at *The Pluto Observer*, we always ask the same question when we hear about mass murder/suicides in America the Beautiful. If someone wants to blow their own brains out why don't they do it *before* attempting to blow any one else's brains out?

As always, Earthlings tend to shoot first and then forget what the question was they were going to ask later.

In the next issue of The Pluto Observer

☞ $9 + 0 = 12$: The new math for Earth's astronomers

☞ Earth is really a moon circling a lost clay pigeon from the next new planet *Titan*.

☞ Why Plutonians never marry Earthlings. Pluto's pluton vs. planet bias takes heat.