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BOTM Award

The Pluto Observer bestows the February 2009 *Plutonian Backhand-of-the-Month Award* on the Obama Administration. Yep, *already*. There are two recipients this month. The February 2009 BOTM Award goes to the Obama White House for allowing a clown like Rahm Emanuel to become White House Chief of Staff and to The President's Cabinet for allowing themselves to be degraded by a 49-year-old "bad boy" who cracks his knuckles at Oval Office meetings and who thumbs his nose in public at the press.

This isn't Hollywood where spoiled twenty-something brats have ruled that celluloid kingdom for decades. This is government and this is the visibility of the White House we're talking about. Plus, the White House Chief of Staff is not 25, he's 49. Besides, the attention he thinks he's getting isn't all about him anyway. It's about the dignity of The Presidency and the people they both serve. Remember that federal oath? We doubt it. Rahm Emanuel is not White House Chief of Staff material He's just a starry-eyed punk lost in Paradise.

Grilled Goose

While most Americans applauded the pilot of the goose-stricken plane that crash landed into New York's Hudson River on January 15th, we Plutonians are shaking our heads in dismay at the airline industry for not coming up with some kind of *grill* for jet engines. You know, like the engine grills that are still on automobiles? That's right. Maybe jet airbuses don't have to worry about road dirt and hitting deer and coyotes but taking even *one* Canada goose in the ol' turbo will bring you down. So, if the goose can't be sucked into the engine, then only the goose will have to worry about its life and not the 155 passengers aboard. Can anyone say, "Duh?"

A big Plutonian Tip-of-the-Hat to the Illinois Legislature for tossing Gov. Rod Blagojevich out of office for abuse of power and for "being beneath the dignity of the State of Illinois". We'll give another tip-of-the-hat to the next group of people who toss this shameless crook into prison.

We've Got High Hopes for Hillary

Out here on the ninth planet from the sun we're expecting big things from newly-confirmed U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton. We think she'll do more than just let herself be attached to strings that are being pulled by the White House. Unlike Condoleezza Rice, we're pretty sure that Secretary Clinton has a mind of her own and the muscle to use it.

With the help of President Obama's bold, new stance of "listening instead of demanding" on U.S. foreign policy in the Middle East, we think Secretary of State Clinton will help establish a lasting peace between Israel and its many enemies instead of allowing Israel to cling to U.S. apron strings while it bullies the non-Jewish world. We even think Secretary Clinton can convince Iran to come clean about its nuclear ambitions and play a big role in securing a Middle East peace. Instead of being its second-biggest enemy.