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## PLUTO IN THE DOGHOUSE

Pluto as we knew it is no more. The International Astronomical Union (IAU) reclassified the body in August from one of the nine planets that make up our solar system to a "dwarf planet". But that didn't impress most Adler visitors - more than 60% of visitors polled feel Pluto should be a planet.

What can you do if you want to show support for Pluto? The [Infinity Shop](#) is still stocking Pluto-related gifts and books, and tiny Pluto still has a spot - for now - in the Adler's Milky Way Gallery.

[Click here for the Adler's statement about Pluto's reclassification...](#)

## FREE EVENT - COSMIC CATASTROPHES

Did an asteroid impact kill the dinosaurs? Do aliens exist? How do we search for life on other planets? These questions and more will be discussed at a **FREE event on September 19, at 7:00** at the Harris Theater in Millennium Park. Asteroid expert David Morrison will present a lecture on **Cosmic Impacts and Evolution**, followed by **Cosmic Catastrophes**, a panel discussion moderated by NPR's Ira Flatow and featuring scientists Jill Tarter, J. Craig Wheeler and David



Grinspoon. Tarter - a past recipient of the Adler's Women in Space Science Award - was the inspiration for Carl Sagan's novel *Contact* (and was later portrayed by Jodie Foster).

The lecture and discussion are part of *Pale Blue Dot*, an academic workshop hosted by the Adler and the NASA Astrobiology Institute. Those interested in observing sessions of the workshop (via simulcast) on Monday, September 18 or Wednesday, September 20 can email [supportadler@adlerplanetarium.org](mailto:supportadler@adlerplanetarium.org) for more information.

*Pale Blue Dot III: Searching for Life on Distant Worlds* is made possible by support from The Brinson Foundation.

### **Cosmic Impacts and Cosmic Catastrophes - FREE PUBLIC EVENT**

Tuesday, September 19, 7:00 p.m.  
Harris Theater in Millennium Park  
205 E. Randolph Drive

[Click here for more information about this "cosmic" event...](#)



## **NEW WAYS TO VISIT THE ADLER**

Visiting the Adler just got a little easier thanks to **Discount Days at the Adler** – 52 days of the year that offer free general admission, and the brand new **Museum Campus Pass**.

Every Monday and Tuesday through December 19, 2006 and select days in 2007 will be free to the public. **Discount Days at the Adler** are sponsored by LaSalle Bank.

The new **Museum Campus Pass: Two Kings and a Pharaoh** offers access to the Adler, [The Field Museum](#), and the [Shedd Aquarium](#) and is available September 5 – October 31st with a cost of \$55 for adults and \$38.50 for children. The price includes general admission to The Field Museum and a ticket to *Tutankhamun and the Golden Age of the Pharaohs*,

an all-access pass to Shedd Aquarium, plus general admission to the Adler Planetarium and choice of one sky show. The pass is good for seven days. For tickets, call The Field Museum at (312) 665-7929.

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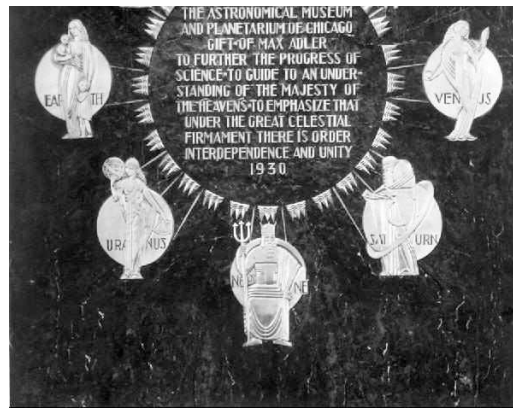
## **FUN FACT: PLUTO AND THE ADLER**

Illinois native Clyde Tombaugh discovered Pluto on February 18, 1930, just three months before the Adler Planetarium opened. Unfortunately for Pluto, by the time



Tombaugh made his discovery, commissioned artist Alphonso Ianelli had already completed work on the Adler's bronze dedication plaque, which celebrated the eight known planets at the time. Today, for the first time in its history, the plaque accurately represents our Solar System.

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