

“America Is Tied To The Train Tracks” and “Anti-Semites & Other Ignoramuses”

During the silent movie era, every villain eventually tied every heroine to the railroad tracks. Just in the nick of time, the hero would gallop up on horseback and free her just before the 4:20 out of Joplin came barreling through. Once in a while, it would be Rin Tin Tin who untied the knots with his teeth, a trick not even Tom Mix ever mastered.

These days, the progressives have hogtied America and it grows increasingly unlikely that either man or beast would be able to rescue her.

Judging by an article titled “Readin’, Writin’ and Social Justice Agitatin’,” written by Michelle Malkin, it appears that our schools are even in worse shape than most of us imagined. In cities across the nation, magnet schools whose curriculum is geared to promoting “social justice” have begun springing up. Their mission statements read like something out of the Saul Alinsky playbook, mired with such brain-numbing verbiage as “helping students to develop the necessary skills to analyze and synthesize information and to generate empathy by looking to multiple sides of important issues facing the world, be that hunger, water quality, racial barriers, child labor or imbalance of power.”

In other words, these schools are looking to make certain that America never lacks for clones of Barack Obama. Imagine a generation of youngsters coming of age with a belief that America and capitalism are evil, collectivism is good. The only good thing about these schools is that the kids will be somewhat handicapped in life by the fact that they won’t be able to read, write or do math.

There are so many things that are rotten about liberals, running the gamut from their arrogance to the foolishness of their ideas, from their love of chanting while marching around in circles carrying placards bearing simple-minded slogans to their lack of historical knowledge, that it's hard to decide which of their failings is worst. But if forced to pick just one, I'd probably go with hypocrisy.

After all, it shouldn't be too much to ask for a little consistency between their words and their actions. I mean, really, shouldn't a professor who spends his class time railing against capitalism have his salary slashed to the bone? Shouldn't a Caucasian journalist who constantly harps on the disadvantages faced by minorities have to surrender his job to a black or a Hispanic? Shouldn't women who claim men should have no say when it comes to female reproductive rights insist that *Roe v. Wade*, which was made the law of the land by an all-male Supreme Court, be reversed? And shouldn't liberal pinheads who label cops bigoted goons be denied the right to call them in an emergency?

In case you're one of those people who wonder why it is that so many Hollywood actors and actresses seem so loony, a partial answer may be found in the fact that Michelle Pfeiffer, Tom Cruise, Rose McGowan, River and Joaquin Phoenix, Glenn Close and John Travolta, were all raised or have spent years in very peculiar cults. And in this instance, I'm not referring to the Democratic Party.

As a Jew, it is a source of great shame that there are about 35 Jews in Congress and now that Eric Cantor is gone, every single one of them is a left-wing moron. And when you realize how much power and seniority people like Dianne Feinstein, Brad Sherman, Chuck Schumer, Barbara Boxer, Henry Waxman, Richard Blumenthal, Carl Levin, Bernie Sanders, Debbie Wasserman-Schultz and Al Franken, have, you can't help thinking how much good they could have done if they'd all been brought up as Republicans. So I blame the parents.

In case you missed the news, Obama picked Ron Klain to be the Ebola Response Coordinator. When you realize this is the same bumpkin who appointed the likes of Hillary Clinton, Chuck Hagel, John Kerry, Rahm Emanuel, Kathleen Sebelius, Eric Shenseki, Elena Kagan, Sonia Sotomayor, Valerie Jarrett and Eric Holder, to positions of authority, it's not too surprising that Obama chose a guy with no medical experience to be the Ebola czar.

However, when you know something about Mr. Klain's background, you'll better understand how he got the job. Twenty years ago, Klain was Janet Reno's chief of staff. He's also the political hack who greased the rails so that the extremely partisan Ruth Bader Ginsburg had no trouble at all moving from her controversial job as chief counsel for the ACLU straight to the Supreme Court.

Finally, Mr. Klain has served as an advisor to Vice President Al Gore and was Vice President Joe Biden's chief of staff.

Actually when you think about it, a political operative who has spent most of his adult life in close proximity to the likes of Janet Reno, the Clintons, Al Gore and Joe Biden, may be just the person to be point man when it comes to dealing with toxic organisms.

Finally, a reader, Robert Thomason, sent me an email in which he opined that whether it's at the top of the GOP ticket or in second position, there's a strong possibility that Jeb Bush, whom neither of us favor, would be on it in 2016.

When Thomason explained that since 1928, the GOP had not won a single presidential election that didn't have either Nixon or someone named Bush on board, my first response was that he was nuts. But after running the past 23 elections through my head, I realized that the only ones the Republicans had won were in '52 and '56 (Eisenhower & Nixon), '68 and '72 (Nixon & Agnew), '80 and '84 (Reagan & Bush), '88 (Bush & Quayle), '00 and '04

(Bush & Cheney).

The oddest thing of all is that most of us are unaware of the fact that royalty is apparently alive and well in America.

ANTI-SEMITES & OTHER IGNORAMUSES

As is usually the case, the mainstream media ignored what in a different time would have been a major news story. It seems that in Valenton, a city on the outskirts of Paris, the French once again took the opportunity to display its legendary hatred of Jews by naming a street in honor of Marwan Barghouti, a Palestinian terrorist serving time for murdering five Israelis.

They weren't even dissuaded by the fact that a couple of his victims had been born in France. But, then, like the Nazis with whom so many Frenchmen collaborated during WWII, the prevailing attitude is that you can be either French or Jewish, but you can't be both.

It seems that Mr. Barghouti had already been granted honorary French citizenship by a large number of French towns and cities. So far as the French are concerned, Barghouti is a liberator, which is exactly how millions of their fathers and grandfathers regarded Hitler.

In somewhat related news, a Palestinian recently murdered a Jewish baby in Jerusalem. Naturally, I blame the killer, but I also blame the Israeli government. It seems that the killer had already served time for terrorist activity, but had been released. So long as Israel doesn't make terrorist activity a capital offense, the politicians should be held accountable for all such acts of recidivism.

In Canada, a few days after one Muslim crashed his car into two Canadian soldiers, killing one, another shot and killed a second Canadian soldier and then attempted to shoot up Parliament. Fortunately, the sergeant-at-arms, a former police officer, shot and killed him before he could add to his Islamic resume.

The facts are these: one, the shooter had changed his name from Michael Joseph Hall to Michael Zehaf-Bibeau; two, he had converted to Islam, and three, ISIL had recently transmitted orders to the Islamic faithful to murder as many soldiers in Canada and the U.S. as possible. And yet, the politicians and their craven allies in the media once again pretended that a jihadist's motives were unknown.

Closer to home, we have been bombarded with tributes to newspaper editor Ben Bradlee, who had just died at the age of 93. Most of the gushing involved his time at the Washington Post when he oversaw the work by Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein during their endless coverage of the Watergate scandal.

Having been in my 30s at the time, I felt it was a molehill of a story that would have stayed that size if Richard Nixon hadn't allowed his ego and paranoia to turn it into a Mt. Everest-sized scandal.

It seems that a few political operatives decided to burgle the office of the Democratic National Committee in the Watergate complex. Why anyone was curious what a party on the verge of losing a presidential election by 18 million votes, and an Electoral College margin of 520-17, was up to is a mystery for the ages. If Nixon had been half as smart as people claimed he was, all he needed to do was insist he knew nothing about what the Five Stooges had been up to, and that would have been the end of it. But, of course, being a politician, his instinct was to deny, lie and cover up.

But even back then, I couldn't figure out why Bradley, Woodward and Bernstein, were being hailed for their courage. As an editor and reporters, they risked nothing and stood to gain fame, fortune and the ability to brag that they'd brought down a president. The one person at the Post who risked anything was the publisher, Katharine Graham. She was the only one of the four who stood to lose friends and social standing because in her circle, unlike theirs, Richard Nixon was a popular president and not the sewer rat that editorial cartoonist Herblock had been portraying him as for the previous quarter century.

Usually when people quote Santayana's line about those who fail to learn from history being doomed to repeat it, they're referring to ancient history. But it seems that some of us have memories that are so short they could dance under a table wearing a top hat. I refer to the scary fact that in just the past two years, eight different states have made it possible for people with terrible credit scores to buy homes with minimum down payments.

I'm sure that those of you old enough to remember all the way back to the 2008 bursting of the real estate bubble are scratching your heads. But the explanation is quite predictable. It seems that the consumer loan industry has gone on a bribing binge. As I said, so far it has worked in eight states. If your state isn't one of them, it's safe to assume it soon will be. State legislators really hate being left out in the cold when the slop is being tossed to the other pigs.

Speaking of swine, it seems that, according to Barack Obama, Harry Reid, Nancy Pelosi and Hillary Clinton, the greatest threat facing us isn't Ebola, ISIL, Vladimir Putin, the Iranian mullahs or even Jim Carrey movies; it's income inequality.

As silly as that sounds, what's even sillier is that those sounding the alarm, namely, Obama, Reid, Pelosi and Clinton,

are all multimillionaires, all very comfortably –even luxuriously – ensconced within the 1%, the very group that Democrats never tire of demonizing.

Of course it also happens to be the only group in America that can afford those endless \$35,000-a-plate dinners Obama spends his non-golfing days attending.

It's no surprise that Democratic big wigs are hypocrites and that they lie, sometimes it seems, just to stay in practice. But what I don't understand is why all the Democratic little wigs pretend not to notice.

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“Liars & The Lies They Tell” and “Consequential Kvetching”

If politicians and bureaucrats ever stopped lying for even five minutes, the ensuing silence would make the rest of us think we'd gone deaf.

For instance, we're being told repeatedly that we have nothing to fear from the fellow down in Dallas who, instead of bringing back a souvenir t-shirt reading “I've Been to Liberia, Don't Ask Me Why,” brought home a case of Ebola.

We're being told by medical professionals, who just happen to be paid by the federal government, that the disease is terribly difficult to transmit. I'd almost be willing to believe them if every time I see one of these victims being

transported to a hospital, he or she wasn't being accompanied by people decked out from head to toe in hazmat suits.

Perhaps I'm simply being too doggone cynical, a trait I seem to have been born with, a trait I keep trying to overcome, but the politicians and bureaucrats simply won't let me. For instance, just in the past few years, they lied about funneling weapons to Mexican gangsters and they lied about ObamaCare; they refer to Islamic terrorism as workplace violence, lied about the IRS not targeting conservatives and they let our veterans die while waiting for medical attention.

The bastards even lied to the Ebola victim, sending him home from the hospital the first time he showed up, essentially telling him he had a bad cold even after he came clean about where he'd just come from. On the other hand, he'd lied to the Liberians about having had no contact with Ebola victims just so he could get an exit visa. Makes a person wonder if once he's cured, assuming he's one of the lucky ones, Thomas Duncan plans to run for public office.

Even Obama's former Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta blames the President for what's happening in Iraq. Unfortunately, like every other schmuck in Washington, he waited three long years to write a book, expressing his dire warnings.

It's simply not in the DNA of political appointees to ever quit over a matter of principle. We are told, belatedly, that even Secretary of State Hillary Clinton urged Obama to maintain a force of at least 10,000, but preferably 24,000, soldiers in Iraq to avoid the likes of ISIL filling the inevitable vacuum.

But, clearly, it is too much to expect public servants to forego the limos, the free junkets to exotic locales, the five-star hotels and the kowtowing entourages, over such a minor issue as national security.

It's as if a lack of principles has become a prerequisite for

those employed in Washington, D.C. We are constantly seeing the same lack of character and patriotism every time some bureaucratic nonentity claims to take total responsibility for an act of incompetence or criminality, but doesn't resign or, unfortunately, ever face an indictment and a prison term.

One of the ironies of life is that the Democrats have assumed as one of their favorite themes the Republican War on Women. Talk aboutchutzpah! This is the party of Jack, Bobby and Ted Kennedy, Lyndon Johnson, Bob Packwood and Bill Clinton. Each of them was married and an Olympic-class sexual predator. One of them was a rapist and one of them left his paramour to drown in his car while he ran home and got his family's legion of suck-ups to provide him with an alibi.

Just about the only woman who has come through an association with the higher-ups in the liberal camp virtually unscathed was Julia, the fictional character the Democrats came up with to illustrate how benevolent their policies are when it comes to females. Of course, Julia was shown to be entirely dependent on a man, Uncle Sam, to clothe, feed and house her, even though the likes of Hillary Clinton, Debbie Wasserman-Schultz, Nancy Pelosi and Elizabeth Warren, are constantly telling young women how independent and powerful they are in this post Roe v. Wade America.

But a great many single women are so stupid that they can't even see the obvious contradiction between being sold Julia on the one hand and flattery carrying the aroma of manure on the other hand.

When I say that single women, who vote overwhelmingly for the Democrats, are stupid, I'm not out to insult them, I'm merely stating a fact.

For instance, they're so dumb that they actually think abortion on demand is a boon for them. Actually, Roe v. Wade has been one giant Get Out of Jail Free card for irresponsible

males. It ensures that they can have unprotected sex with 10 different women in the same day, knowing they won't be stuck having to provide even one cent in child support. Is it any wonder that Bill Clinton has been such an ardent supporter of the 1973 Supreme Court decision?

Finally, it is time for yet another Prelutsky poll. This time, there are just two questions: Will the GOP reclaim control of the Senate in the midterm elections? If they do, will it make any real difference?

Please send your votes to me at BurtPrelutsky@aol.com without any commentary, just a simple Yes or No if you'd be so kind.

Consequential Kvetching

We all have things to complain about. We always have and we always will. But it strikes me that the things we have to gripe about have become increasingly important over the past 30 years or so because so often they leave America and the world in worse shape than before.

Our education system, once the envy of the world, has become hostage to progressive teachers, professors, administrators, fascistic student bodies and Islamic pressure groups.

Our mass media, which at one time, at least made the attempt to deal objectively with the news has, in the wake of Woodward and Bernstein's enormous success, tossed off even the pretense of being anything other than a propaganda outlet for a liberal agenda.

Our politicians, who used to at least try to appear bi-partisan on issues important to the well-being of America, made it possible for voters who claimed they voted for the man, not the party, to sound principled and not merely self-

deluded.

I was once married to a woman who, as a child, had come up with what I regarded as so diabolical a plan, she could have easily have taken top prize in a Machiavellian competition, if there had been such a thing. When she was about seven or eight, she took it upon herself to teach her brother, who was three or four at the time, the colors. But she intentionally taught them wrong, so he thought orange was blue and yellow was black and green was red. When I asked her why she had done it, she couldn't recall. I guess when you're seven or eight, you do evil things for no other reason than that it's fun.

That's the case, unless you're a liberal at any age. Then you can pretend that global warming is settled science when, in reality, it's merely a way for some people, people like Al Gore, to get rich and for other people, people such as Obama, Reid, Pelosi and Schumer, to gain even more control over the economy and the electorate, as they did with the satanic Affordable Care Act.

I used to question the mere existence of NATO. Knowing the European nations for the contemptible, leftist cowards they are, I couldn't imagine why we continued to be a member. Once the organization threw the doors open to Turkey, an Islamic fox in the chicken coop, I knew that whatever past excuse there may have been for our membership, it no longer existed. Perhaps others were surprised by Turkey's refusal to allow us to have airbases within its borders for the purpose of attacking the Islamic State, but not I. The fact is that Muslims, as we've seen time and again, haven't the slightest objection to killing other Muslims, but they really hate it when non-Muslims, otherwise known as infidels, get in on the fun.

People who aren't thinking straight complain that we're stuck with a do-nothing Congress. It strikes me as the ideal situation. I mean, why would anyone want these people passing

more laws and creating more regulations? If a toddler marks up your walls with crayons, would any sane person deal with the situation by providing him with an open can of paint? If it were up to me, Congress would meet for one month a year, and I would cut their salaries, pensions and staffs, by an equivalent 87.5 %.

Every once in a while, the difference between having talent and possessing wisdom, decency or even commonsense, is as obvious as an elephant in your kitchen. I happen to think that England's Emma Thompson is not only a great actress, but a wonderful screenwriter, but that doesn't prevent her from being an anti-Semitic apologist for the Arabs and Muslims trying to exterminate Israel.

I also happen to think that Carl Reiner is a gifted actor, writer and director, and a nice guy so long as you're not discussing politics. I've been a fan for about 65 years, ever since he was a regular on the Sid Caesar Show. But a few years ago, he told me that he had two photos on the wall behind his desk. One was of FDR; the other was of Barack Obama.

He also told me that next to the Gettysburg Address, he thought that Obama's speech about there being neither a blue America nor a red America, but only a purple America, was the greatest speech in human history.

Now even if Obama hadn't proven himself to be most divisive president ever, outdoing even Lincoln, who only divided America geographically, it is outrageous for an educated person to accord Obama's speech such homage.

Would anyone seriously claim that it was greater than Christ's Sermon on the Mount? Greater than FDR's first inaugural, in which he assured Americans midst the Depression that they had nothing to fear but fear itself? Greater than Lou Gehrig's farewell to baseball in which the doomed 36-year-old claimed to be the luckiest man on the face of the earth? Greater than

Patrick Henry's inspiring address in 1775, in which he rallied his countrymen to the Revolution by declaring, "I know not what course others may take, but as for me, give me Liberty or give me Death"? Greater than Indian Chief Joseph's concluding his speech surrendering the Nez Perce tribe to the U.S. Army with the eloquent "From where the sun now stands, I will fight no more"?

How about Reagan's address to the nation after the Challenger's explosion, honoring the seven Astronauts for their courage as "they slipped the surly bounds of earth" in order to "touch the face of God"? Or any of Churchill's morale-boosting speeches to the British people during the darkest days of World War II, but especially his 1940 address to the House of Commons, in which, employing the rumbling voice of God, which he often borrowed for such occasions, he said, "Let us therefore brace ourselves to our duties, and so bear ourselves that if the British Empire and its Commonwealth last for a thousand years, men will say, 'This was their finest hour.'"

In conclusion, it is worth noting that in 1850, California became the 31st state in the Union. Way back then, the people had no electricity. The state had no money. There were gun fights in the streets. Much of the land was desert, inhospitable to humans or agriculture. And most people spoke Spanish.

In other words, nothing much has changed in 164 years, except that it's gotten a lot harder to find a parking space.

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Words Well-Worth Heeding

As a rule, I prefer to fill my articles with my own well-chosen words, but there are some thoughts that deserve the widest possible circulation. For instance, in critiquing the state of education in America, it's hard to improve on the following 21 words of Thomas Sowell: "In an age when scientists are creating artificial intelligence, too many of our educational institutions seem to be creating artificial stupidity."

Although he wasn't necessarily known for his positive messages, I believe Friedrich Nietzsche neatly encapsulated the differences between socialism and capitalism when he wrote: "The craving for equality can express itself as a desire to pull everyone down to our own level or as a desire to raise ourselves up along with everyone else."

Or as someone else once pointed out, "Socialism is the system under which all are made equally miserable." But of course that isn't quite true. Whether we're referring to China, the Soviet Union, Cuba or North Korea, the ruling class always manages to feather its own nests very nicely. As George Orwell observed in "Animal Farm," in which he turned the Soviet Union nightmare into a fable: "All animals are equal, but some are more equal than others."

While some of us can't help trying to point out – logically, honestly, at times even humorously – all the damage being wreaked by Obama and his henchmen and henchwomen, Thomas Paine noted that "Time makes more converts than reason." That would explain why Obama became the first two-term president to receive fewer votes the second time around. So while it's true that time makes more converts, it doesn't necessarily make

them quickly enough to suit some of us.

But we don't want to get too carried away with what other people have to say when I still have so much on my mind. So, let me commend General James Amos for having the courage to complain about the way the Commander-in-Chief is doing his job. Someone has to have the nerve to point out that the emperor is as naked as a blue jay, and it's nice when that someone has stars on his shoulders.

For my part, as a Jew, I want to call out every Jewish member of Congress for not confronting Obama, Kerry and the anti-Semitic State Department, for spending weeks pretending there is a moral equivalence between Israel and her 8th century dwelling enemies. It is high time these Jewish politicians understood that Obama needs their support a lot more than they need his. Only the rankest sort of partisanship can explain why they either remained silent or joined anti-Semites like Penelope Cruz, Javier Bardem, Emma Thompson, Vanessa Redgrave and a slew of other show biz lunkheads in condemning Israel for "over-reacting" to thousands of missiles and scores of tunnels.

Let us keep in mind that these are the same coddled celebrities who take to their beds and sulk for a week if they even get a bad review. But they demand that Israel not raise a finger to prevent missiles from killing its own people.

The numerous references in the world's media to Israel's committing genocide was particularly insufferable not only because the Jews stood accused of doing to others what was so tragically done to them, but because it flies so blatantly in the face of reality. I mean, does anyone actually believe if the mission of Israel's military was to wipe out the Palestinians that after a month of trying they would have only managed to kill a thousand of them?

To be perfectly honest, I don't believe that anyone in the so-

called civilized world actually cares about the Palestinians or about any Arab or Muslim. How could they? These are the folks who celebrate suicide bombers. These are people who burn down churches and behead Christians. These are people who believe in honor killings and clitorectomies, and where different pay for the same work is the least of women's concerns. All of that being the case, you'll please pardon me if I don't believe those who claim that it's always Israel that's in the wrong in these Middle East conflicts, and who then self-righteously deny that they're Jew-haters.

Closer to home, we have Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg griping that while the Supreme Court is using language of "equal dignity" in recent rulings supporting same-sex marriages, "gender cases rarely get the same consideration." She complains: "The Court has yet to embrace the ability of women to decide themselves what their destiny will be."

Inasmuch as Roe v. Wade has been on the books for about 40 years, I can only assume she's referring to women's inability to have a butcher like Dr. Kermit Gosnell perform third-trimester abortions. But in response, I say that if women really wish to decide their own destinies, they might want to refrain from engaging in unprotected, irresponsible, sexual relations.

Otherwise, Justice Ginsburg, it's a lot like whining that people who use illegal drugs, rob banks or commit suicide, don't get to determine their own destinies because their addiction, jail time or death, has unfairly intervened.

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Eunuchs & Evildoers

Whenever I see Obama deliver a speech, I have a visceral reaction unlike anything I've ever experienced without having first eaten something I should have left on my plate. It isn't his politics, alone, that brings on the gag reflex; it's the fact that he lies compulsively and then never acknowledges his lies when the facts inevitably show him to be lying.

For instance, when pushing the Affordable Care Act, he swore that it would save the typical family \$2,500 and that if they chose to, they would be able to hang on to their doctor. As we now discover, those were blatant whoppers. On the other hand, how is it that anyone could actually believe that medical coverage could be extended to 30 million additional people and it would cost less?

As to the identity of those 30 million tragic souls, Obama never identified them. I did. They were illegal aliens and young people who preferred spending their money on drugs, booze and entertainment. In other words, they were some of the folks who populated Obama's base.

The plain fact of the matter is that Barack Obama has waged class warfare ever since he was elected to the Illinois legislature. It is what the redistribution of wealth is all about. As it was envisioned and has been carried out by Obama, it takes from the middle class and gives to the poor. Marx and Lenin would be so proud.

It seems like every time you turn around, you hear about some school suspending a little kid for pretending a stick or his

finger is a gun. You also hear about schools banning baseballs and footballs from the playground, further feminizing young boys. While they're at it, they demonize competition and enforce a language code that makes English both anemic and basically dishonest.

The intended purpose of this female-imposed agenda is the transformation of American males into eunuchs. It's a war that's been waged by the members of NOW and their liberal cohorts for the past 40 years. It's a war that is prolonged every time some gasbag like Nancy Pelosi or Hillary Clinton pats herself on the back for breaking through the glass ceiling, pretending that we exist in an Islamic society where women have no rights and no opportunities.

Although America began life in miraculous fashion, the likes of Washington, Franklin, Jefferson and Hamilton, serving as midwives, it is fast becoming the land of the craven and the home of the freeloader. The list of our vices is now even longer than our virtues. It has become commonplace for homosexuality to be seen as an acceptable life style. Fifty million abortions have taken place since Roe v. Wade, and most of us don't even bat an eye.

Welfare and disability are gamed by millions of able-bodied people who feel they're entitled to live off the efforts of others. Hordes of viewers tune in to TV talk shows and have their hearts touched by celebrities who brag about overcoming addictions to booze and drugs, and never bother asking why their pampered idols didn't simply avoid the well-known pitfalls in the first place.

Illegitimacy is encouraged; the media promotes Marxism; wealthy actors promote the danger of global warming while flying in private jets; bureaucrats argue for higher taxes while failing to pay their own; the president closes military monuments and refuses to pay death benefits to military families while he plays golf on military bases; and the vice-

president deals with the government shutdown by taking his grandkids to vacation at Camp David.

Although candidate Obama vowed to bring us all together, he and his henchmen take every opportunity to demonize Republicans, labeling them arsonists, extortionists, traitors and murderers. Well, you know what they say – if the shoe fits, throw it at the other guy.

When Muslim terrorist Abu Anas Al-Liby was captured, the first thing I heard was that this administration planned to try him in a criminal court, that the death penalty would not be on the table, and, rather than squeeze him for essential information, he would be allowed to lawyer-up after a one week boat ride to the U.S. Frankly, when it comes to national security, I'd feel a lot better if Moe, Larry and Curly, were on the job.

Speaking of big dopes, when it comes to Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, one might leap to the conclusion that Alzheimer's had kicked in if not for the fact that she was just as dippy at 40 as she is at 80. In arguing for the extension of affirmative action in the case brought before the Supreme Court by the state of Michigan, Ginsburg said that racial considerations had to be taken into account in order to compensate for the political powerlessness of blacks. I suppose it's just possible that she has failed to notice that the current president and attorney general, along with two of the past four secretaries of state, have been black.

If anyone feels politically powerless in America today and could desperately use some of that affirmative action, it's conservatives.

As that old wag Plato once observed: "Those who are too smart to engage in politics are punished by being governed by those who are dumber."