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Give It A Rest Already!

Although it doesn't quite qualify for this month's *Backhand-of-the-Month Award*, the incessant picking on U.S. President Barack Obama by the U.S. news media is getting close to warranting a smack on the gib by Plutonians who know better.

That's right, we know better than to think that *any* U.S. president ever got elected because he was squeaky clean. Being squeaky clean will *never* land you the driver's seat in the Oval Office. That's like expecting Santa Claus to be fit and trim.

So *what* if Goldman Sachs made contributions to Barack Obama's presidential election campaign and got a break from the new Prez because of it? If the United States was in such dire need of being protected from Goldman Sachs because of Securities and Exchange fraud, CEO Lloyd Blankfein would already be on his way to prison.

So, let's get real. The American people are not all that interested in throwing devious money tenders into the pokey and keeping them there. Case in point: Martha Stewart.

Duh!

A recent U.S. study is trying to tell us that motorcycle fatalities in that country peaked in 2008 and has been declining ever since. But the same study has failed to arrive at a provable reason for the sudden decline. Well, we have one.

How about the fact that a lot more motorcyclists were out on the road without their helmets in 2008 because more and more helmet laws were done away with? And how about the fact that gasoline was cheaper in 2008 than in 2010 and also that more motorcyclists were working in 2008 and could therefore more afford to tear around the countryside on their noisy Harley Hogs back in 2008 than in 2010? Thank heavens.

British researchers are toying with the notion that frogs can somehow predict earthquakes. Great. If it proves to be true, then maybe they can teach the frogs to speak in tongues and tell human beings not to build their homes on stilts or out of flimsy material and to stay away from cliffs altogether.

Double Duh!

We at the *Observer* could hardly believe the warning nearby residents were given when the Pennsylvania Game Commission decided to do a "controlled burn" on State Game Land 176. As 6,231 wooden acres went up in flames in an effort to control the type of future fauna in that part of Pennsylvania, the Game Commission actually told folks near the burn site to "avoid the smoke".

Hmmm. When 6,231 acres of forest underbrush is on fire in your local area, the only way we can think of to avoid the smoke is to go to *another* area until the fire is out and the smoke has cleared.

In other words, the state of Pennsylvania was telling residents of three affected townships in Centre County to simply "go away" for awhile.

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