

ACTUALLY, TWO DOJ EMPLOYEES QUIT THIS WEEK

It's funny how, now that we're so attuned to BushCo's Friday news dumps, something reported on Friday attracts more notice than something reported on Thursday.

On Friday, we learned that Rachel Brand, one of the last remaining DOJ clique-members (and a tangential one at that) will resign on July 9.

Rachel Brand, the assistant attorney general in the Office of Legal Policy, will step down July 9, the department said in a statement. The statement did not give a reason for her departure, but Brand is expecting a baby soon.

I can understand not wanting to expose a near-child to the cesspool that is DOJ right now.

On Thursday, we learned that Scott Schools, technically an employee of EOUSA and currently interim USA for San Francisco, will resign around July 13.

Scott Schools, who became the interim U.S. attorney in San Francisco after Kevin Ryan was fired in February, will leave within weeks to return to South Carolina as a county prosecutor.

Schools, 45, was nominated Wednesday by South Carolina Gov. Mark Sanford to be the solicitor, the equivalent of a district attorney, for Charleston and Berkeley counties. He will succeed Ralph Hoisington, who died of cancer June 9. Schools said Hoisington was an old friend with whom he once shared a law office.

The appointment requires confirmation by the state Senate. Schools said he will

remain at his San Francisco post at least through July 13 during the confirmation process. Schools, a Republican, would face election to a new term as solicitor next year if he decided to run. He was noncommittal about a candidacy Wednesday.

I'm actually **more** intrigued by Schools' resignation than Brand's. From the reporting on Schools, it sounds like Bush might actually be nearing a nomination to serve as USA for San Francisco.