

## **ROAD TRIP: ARRIVAL IN DENVER**

Damn our country is beautiful! Here's a pic for you all while I catch up on what has happened while I was taking the beauty in.

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## **ROAD TRIP: DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION EDITION**

emptywheel sets off for the Convention and to see Lake Superior and Mt. Rushmore along the way.

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## **MAHER ARAR GETS A(NOTHER) DAY IN COURT**

The 2nd Circuit Court of Appeals has decided to rehear Maher Arar's lawsuit against the government for sending him to Syria to be tortured.

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## **SHORTER WAPO: THE**

# **ANTHRAX CASE SUX**

The FBI's explanation for when and how Bruce Ivins drove to Princeton to mail the anthrax continues to "evolve"—and even still, they can't come up with evidence that puts him in NJ.

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# **DID KARL ROVE CHAT TO SAAKASHVILI ABOUT SOUTH OSSETIA TOO?**

The White House has started to panic over a July 9 meeting between Condi Rice and Mikheil Saakashvili, desperate to suggest they didn't encourage Georgia's crack-down in South Ossetia. Given that panic, I wonder whether Karl Rove had any similar chats with Saakashvili when they were in Yalta together just days later?

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# **NO ONE COULD HAVE PREDICTED, REPUBLIC OF GEORGIA, THE FOLLOW-UP**

Surprise! Condi Rice is now claiming "no one could have predicted" Georgia would incite the Russians. Surprise! Journalists still treat the claim credibly.

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# **ONCE AGAIN, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT USES VALERIE TO SCREW JOE**

That the Appeals Court threw out the Wilsons' suit is not surprising. That the logic in Sentelle's opinion is so crappy and ignorant is. It basically argues that because Valerie Wilson has no recourse to the Privacy Act wrt Cheney and Libby and Rove, those thugs can violated Joe Wilson's First and Fifth Amendment rights too!

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# **HARD QWESCHINS: WHAT THE TRADMEDIA WILL NEVER ASK MCCAIN, BUT SHOULD**

So what questions would you like to see McCain asked, though it'll never happen?

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# **I HATE TO SAY I TOLD YOU SO...**

The Bush Administration has known well how to avoid punishment for Hatch Act violations: simply to have those who commit those violations to quit. Therefore, it should be no surprise that Mukasey has announced Goodling and her friends will avoid any charges for their violations.

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# **“NO ONE COULD HAVE PREDICTED,” REPUBLIC OF GEORGIA EDITION**

Was the Administration really surprised by the Georgian incitement of Russia in South Ossetia? Or were they more surprised that Russia didn't fulfill an apparent agreement about their inevitable response?