

# **MUKASEY'S WHACK-A-MOLE MORTGAGE FRAUD APPROACH**

What's the logic behind Mukasey's localized strategy to investigate mortgage fraud?

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# **KSM REFUSES LAWYER BECAUSE OF ALL THE LEGAL SAME SEX MARRIAGE IN THE US**

KSM says he doesn't want a lawyer because same sex marriage is permitted in the US. Do you think it's worth telling him that, in 48 states, he's wrong?

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# **THE DHS REPORT ON MAHER ARAR**

Marty Lederman links to the DHS OIG report on Maher Arar's transfer to and subsequent torture in Syria. It's really really ugly reading, even though they've obviously redacted a lot of the paragraphs that ought to reveal the decision making process by which we decided sending Arar home to Canada or even to Switzerland so instead sent him to be tortured (many of the redacted paragraphs are marked with "U's,"

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## **WHITEHOUSE: BUSH'S LIES "ROT THE VERY FIBER OF DEMOCRACY"**

Sheldon Whitehouse's speech on Bush's lies to bring us to war.

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## **PHASE II REPORT WORKING THREAD**

The SSCI has released (finally) the remaining reports on Iraq intelligence. I'm printing them out and beginning to read. If you want to read, too, use this thread to talk about what you've found. Report on how Bush and Cheney said things that the intelligence didn't support. Report on how Dougie "stupidest fucking guy on the planet" Feith set up his own intelligence shop to bypass the professionals. For a background, here's McClatchy.

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## **FITZGERALD TO CONYERS: "OKAY, NOW I'M READY TO TALK"**

Patrick Fitzgerald sure seems to be sending Congress a message that he can now talk about the evidence revealed in the Rezko trial that Karl Rove tried to get him fired.

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## **THE JAG DISMISSES THE UNITARY EXECUTIVE**

Golly. The JAG doesn't think much of John Yoo's unitary executive theories.

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## **DOD CONTRACT GOES TO KNOWN MONEY- LAUNDERER**

Gaith Pharaon was a key player in the BCCI scandal—the Saudi playboy who schmoozed the people in the US who allowed BCCI to purchase banks in the US. Apparently, we're now back in business with him, buying oil for Bagram Air Base.

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## **GOLDWATER AND KENNEDY, OR LINCOLN AND DOUGLAS?**

McCain envisions Goldwater and Kennedy. Obama envisions Lincoln and Douglas. What does that say about their conception of their own campaigns?

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# **BUSH'S DOJ: OKAY, MAYBE WE WON'T IMPRISON SIEGELMAN FOR 30 YEARS**

Siegelman's prosecutors just gave up their appeal to keep Don Siegelman in jail for 30 years.