

THE DUBIOUS TIMELINE FROM PINCUS' LOVE LETTER TO BOB BENNETT

I've already ranted about how irresponsible it was for Walter Pincus and Joby Warrick to publish Bob Bennett's statement on behalf of Jose Rodriguez on the same day that John Rizzo testifies before Congress. Nothing like assisting the obstruction of an ongoing investigation. But now that I've done my ranting (and enjoyed the sun), here is the dubious timeline offered in Pincus and Warrick's article.

THE WHITE HOUSE RESPONSE ON BACKUP TAPES

The CIO of the White House Office of Administration pulls off a masterful feat: she claims that the White House should have all emails on its backup tapes, even while she's admitting that it may well be missing the emails from March 2003 to October 2003.

A CHEAP PLOY TO AVOID GIVING TESTIMONY,

JOSE RODRIGUEZ

Today's article from Joby Warrick and Walter Pincus answers a lot of questions we've been asking about the torture tapes—the biggest being that the tapes were stored and destroyed in Thailand. And it has a lot of interesting details. But its evident, overriding purpose, is to allow Jose Rodriguez and John Rizzo to coordinate stories before the latter testifies before Congress today.

YOU KNOW IT'S A CLUSTERFUCK IF EMPTYWHEEL AGREES WITH POWERLINE

PowerLine is offended that John McCain allowed Joe Lieberman to make robocalls for him. Well, so am I. Funny how these primaries can sow agreement from both sides of the aisle?

CLUSTERFUCK VOTE #279

My precinct in the People's Republic of Ann Arbor is crazily Democratic—almost 80% Dem performance. When I went to vote at around 3:45, I was around the 279th person to vote, counting absentee ballots. And from the looks of things, about two thirds of those people cast a vote in the Democratic primary.

FOX DISCOVERS FILIPINO MONKEY

Think Progress watches Fox so I don't have
to—and so bmaz can have some fun.

THE SUPPLICANT TO KINGS AND “ENTREPRENEURS”

Bush's speech to Saudi investors really
highlights the degree to which America has
become a suppliant nation.

NO IMMUNITY, YET, FOR RODRIGUEZ

HPSCI will hold off on having Jose Rodriguez
testify, which he won't do without an immunity
deal. But it doesn't seem like they've given up
the idea entirely.

INTERNATIONAL

REPUBLICAN INSTITUTE ENDORSES ACCURACY OF EXIT POLLS

Congratulations Presidents Kerry and Gore, the State Department's International Republican Institute has just belatedly declared you both President. Or perhaps not. Perhaps the IRI has not released its exit poll from the Kenyan election precisely because doing so would suggest exit polls are an accurate measure of election fraud—and all that might imply for recent US electoral politics.

JOHN SOLOMON'S PHONE RECORDS

Drudge reports that John Solomon is taking his oppo-research based reporting to the Washington Times to serve as Executive Editor. That makes me wonder, once again, about what kind of campaign the Bush Administration was preparing against Solomon after they secretly subpoenaed five days of Solomon's phone records.