

STOP MAKING SCOTTIE MCC RICH!!

Cannonfire is right. People have gotten way too excited over this Scottie McC “revelation.” I’d advise you all to look closely at what John Dean had to say about the flap on Olbermann:

Dean: Well, there’s very little that’s specific in this. I actually thought about calling the publisher today. He’s a very able publisher—Peter Osnos, Public Affairs, good journalist.

ROVE IS REJECTED BY TIME

For the record, I heartily approve of both of Newsweek’s recent pundit hires—Rove and Markos. After all, news outlets dump a lot of money to pay pundits whose predictions turn out to be wrong year after year. So why not hire two guys who at least have contributed historic innovations to elections—the guys who execute campaigns, rather than talk about doing so?

RADIOACTIVE DHS

There is not one but two articles in the WaPo today suggesting DHS’ massive corruption is impeding its efforts to get protective scanners in place at our ports and border. The first article explains that implementation of the big radiation detectors designated for the borders will be delayed, again.

For more than a year, Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff and others have told

Congress that the costly next-generation machines would sharply improve the

GOP OFFER HEALTHCARE TO ALL THOSE WITHOUT PRE- EXISTING CONDITIONS

According to the LAT, the GOP presidential candidates have come up with a brilliant way of offering insurance to the uninsured: leave out those with pre-existing conditions, including people with medical histories just like the candidates' themselves.

When Rudolph W. Giuliani was diagnosed with prostate cancer in the spring of 2000, one thing he did not have to worry about was a lack of medical insurance.

Today, the former New York mayor joins two other

HEY SENATORS! WHAT ABOUT IMMUNITY FOR FORMER QWEST OFFICIALS

As I pointed out in this post, the Senate Intelligence Committee used a remarkable argument to justify giving the telecoms immunity in their FISA bill. Basically, it argued the telecoms could neither prove or disprove whether they were entitled to immunity according to existing statutes, because the mean old Bush

Administration had invoked State Secrets.

SCOTTIE

As several folks have pointed out to me, Scottie McC is getting chatty:

The most powerful leader in the world had called upon me to speak on his behalf and help restore credibility he lost amid the failure to find weapons of mass destruction in Iraq. So I stood at the White House briefing room podium in front of the glare of the klieg lights for the better part of two weeks and publicly exonerated two of

FIEGER MAKES ALLEGATIONS ABOUT ARKANSAS

I admit—I'm getting sucked into the Geoffrey Fieger case. I will have more to say, but the short version is this:

The government alleges that Fieger and his partner got employees from their law firm to donate to John Edwards in his 2004 election. And then, the government further alleges, they reimbursed those people.

WILL LUIS POSADA FACE

JUSTICE?

Back in May, a judge dismissed immigration charges against Cuban terrorist Luis Posada Carriles, arguing he had been tricked in the interview that led to his indictment. At the time, it looked like BushCo threw the case, not wanting to convict one of their favored terrorists.

But now, two of his associates have pled guilty to charges of obstruction of justice in connection with his case.

Two associates of Cuban exile Luis

NO, PAKISTAN WAS THE LAST BIG TEST. AND WE FAILED IT.

“Serious Person” Michael O’Hanlon and escalation surge architect Fred Kagan end their op-ed with the following words.

There was a time when volatility in places like Pakistan was mostly a humanitarian worry; today it is as much a threat to our basic security as Soviet tanks once were. We must be militarily and diplomatically prepared to keep ourselves safe in such a world.

PAULOSE RESIGNS

I think it’s great that Rachel Paulose has resigned (h/t JF)

Rachel Paulose, the embattled U.S. attorney for

Minnesota, will be leaving the post to take a position at the Justice Department in Washington, according to a Bush administration official and a congressional aide.

According to a news release sent by the department of justice, Paulose has accepted a position as Counselor to the Assistant Attorney General for Legal Policy at the Department of Justice in Washington, D.C.