

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.

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.

A LITTLE CIVILITY, PLEASE, LANNY

I saw Lanny Davis in the lobby here at the Rules Committee meeting. I had my little video camera and I wanted to ask him what he thought of his good friend Joe Lieberman who was now running around saying Barack Obama is a member of Hamas. But steam was coming out of Lanny’s ears and it didn’t seem like the best of times.

Anger just isn’t the way, Lanny. Politics is a gentleman’s game, part of the fine tradition of Cicero and the great orators. We lower ourselves

and our American ideals when we lose our temper and engage in this kind of coarse, angry, spittle-flecked vitriol.

I really wanted to introduce myself and give him a hail-fellow-well-met over Lieberman's senate victory (something he is no doubt proud of), but I have to say I feared for my very safety lest I approach him and he not be able to control his terrible temper.

Oh for shame.

WILL MCCAIN TURN OVER REQUESTED DOCUMENTS TO THE RENZI PROSECUTORS?

Not only did the FBI interview some of McCain's staffers on the land deal that got Rick Renzi indicted, as of last month, McCain had not turned over some of the documents they were looking for. Since McCain has a history of involvement in this kind of land swaps for friends, don't you think he ought to be more forthcoming?

CHECK OUT ACLU'S RELAUNCHED BLOG

Go check out my post at the ACLU's relaunched blog.

CIA ONCE AGAIN BURIES INFORMATION ON ABU ZUBAYDAH'S TORTURE

The CIA prevented DOJ's OIG from interviewing Abu Zubaydah for their report on detainee interrogation methods. As when they destroyed the tapes of Abu Zubaydah's interrogation, CIA seems to have been intent on preventing any evidence of what they did to Zubaydah from coming out.

YOU CAN'T CLEAN THE STENCH OUT OF THE STRAIGHT TALK FOR LOBBYISTS EXPRESS

McCain seems to think getting rid of active lobbyists from his campaign, one year in, will cleanse the campaign of the stench of impropriety. But how do clean the stench off the policy positions formulated in the last year, when the lobbyists had ready access to McCain on the Straight Talk for Lobbyists Express? McCain's policies will always be the policies of the lobbyists of his campaign, whether or not they've left of "retired" from lobbying.

DUKE CUNNINGHAM BRIBERY RING: TWO DOWN, TWO TO GO

Tommy K got a pretty tough sentence yesterday for bribing Duke Cunningham. But will we every learn just why he was allowed such a generous plea deal?

IT'S NOT JUST MCCAIN'S ADVISORS WITH FINANCIAL TIES TO EVIL DICTATORS; IT'S HIS WIFE

If Cindy McCain would just release her tax returns, we could all help her and her husband try to meet the standards John McCain claims to support on the campaign trail.

BUSH: THERE'S NO BETTER WAY TO STAY IN TOUCH THAN THROUGH E-MAIL

Bush looks forward to using email again, once he's in a place they don't delete it in bulk.