

DOOLITTLE'S PAYOFF

How much money do you think Republican Congressmen had to pay John Doolittle to encourage the scandal-plagued Congressman to retire after this term?

EMPTYWHEEL'S FAMOUS FOOTBALL TRASH TALK* SUPER BOWL XLII EDITION

Show Time Baby! The big one is upon us. Whats up with Tom's boot? That Giselle is kinda cute. Michael Strahan is a hoot. It is all happening right here in the Valley of the Sun; and currently Valley of the unusually cold. But the sun is shining, the stars are all here and everybody is working to the weekend. Beer thirty is going to start now and go until the fat lady is done singing. Crack open a cool one and start trashing up the joint.

YET MORE COMMUNICATIONS DIRTY BUSINESS: KARL ROVE AND PHILIP ZELIKOW

Not only does Karl Rove have a penchant for losing—even deleting—emails. But apparently he carried on back-channel communications with Karl

Rove for much of the period of the 9/11 Commission's investigation.

FOR FEAR OF FEAR - PART ONE

It has been an exciting and fascinating two days, yesterday and today. It has been the best and worst of American democracy in action. The thrill of victory in stopping the contemptible SSCI bill with telco immunity yesterday, and the defeat today in extending the similarly contemptible Protect America Act.

REID ON FISA: IT'S UP TO THE PRESIDENT

Harry Reid says it's up to the President whether he gets a FISA bill or not. It's a good message. But it's one we need to repeat all weekend long.

THE GAZAN JAIL-BUST AND MIDDLE EAST DYNAMICS

While we were all glued to CSPAN on the FISA fight yesterday, Hamas engineered a massive jailbreak that may have redefined the dynamics of Middle Eastern politics.

BRENT WILKES “THE LEADER OF A CRIMINAL ENTERPRISE”

The Probation Office has recommended that Brent Wilkes receive a sentence of sixty years. You think this virtual life sentence will get the attention of all the other Bush cronies getting corrupt contracts through bribes?

EMPTYWHEEL’S FAMOUS FOOTBALL TRASH TALK THREAD* - DIVISION PLAYOFF EDITION

We are now down to genuine pro football. No more Cinderellas; the teams that ought to be here are here. Who you taking? Why? The tundra is frozen, time to get it on!

MARK FOLEY FALLS INTO PELOSI’S LAP

Not literally, of course. She’s not his type. But the Blotter is reporting that Florida investigators have asked the Speaker’s help in accessing Foley’s Congressional computer, which they had been prevented from subpoenaing because of the William Jefferson ruling extending Speech and Debate to Congressional materials.

Florida law enforcement officials investigating
former Republican Rep.

DICKIE SCRUGGS TIMELINE

A link to a great timeline on the Dickie
Scruggs' case.