

OF PUPPIES AND PIRATES

So here's a Happy Easter story of puppies and pirates.

There once was a Portuguese Water puppy that lived, for a time, with older cousins at a big estate in Hyannisport, MA. Because the puppy's cousin's people were Democrats, the puppy learned not only basic puppy manners, but also a fine respect for Democratic institutions, including social services, tolerance, and solidarity with other working breeds.

There came a time when that Portuguese Water

CREDIT WHERE DUE: KEITH OLBERMANN EDITION

I watch Keith Olbermann, and his Countdown show on MSNBC, pretty much daily, but I have been pretty critical of him in the past; today i want to give him credit for taking on President Obama's depressing willingness to adopt the same unconstitutional and un-American policies on civil liberties/warrantless surveillance.

WHITE HOUSE FLOWERS: MAKE A

STATEMENT

The White House is looking for a new florist. Not only is this an opportunity to integrate more contemporary arrangements into White House arrangements. But it's also an opportunity to insist that the flowers that go into White House arrangements have been grown and processed under conditions that are safe for workers.

LOBBYISTS WAILING ABOUT DELICIOUS HELL FOR LOBBYISTS

Lobbyists are, predictably, very sad that they have to lobby for stimulus funds in writing rather than in person.

DID CHUCK TODD ASK ABOUT SACRIFICE BECAUSE HE'S BEEN ASKED TO SACRIFICE?

Turns out that Chuck Todd has probably been asked to hold off on any pay raises he has gotten recently. Maybe that's why he's so insistent that Main Street "start" making sacrifices.

DECLINING JUSTICE: DOJ LETS STATUTE RUN ON BUSH CRIMINALITY

On March 10, 2009 Emptywheel noted that the five year statute of limitation on the initial criminal wiretapping acts by the Bush/Cheney Administration in the al-Haramain case were expiring. Now the final statute of limitations on the criminal wiretaps of al-Haramain has expired as of 12 pm last night.

OBAMA CREATES DELICIOUS HELL FOR STIMULUS LOBBYISTS

Obama just issued a memo requiring all communications with lobbyists about the stimulus bill to be posted online.

THE GEITHNER MASTER PLAN TO RECOVER THE AIG BONUSES

Pretty much the only news this week has been outrage over the bogus bonuses paid to individuals in the AIG Financial Products division (yes, they have already been paid) and discussion among the political class as to how to remedy the situation. The moment we have all been waiting for has arrived: Tim Geithner has announced his master plan. Sounds like he stole

it from Gomer Pyle.

WIN THE SUPER BOWL? WIN A LONG TRIP TO IRELAND!!!

A nice touch, announcing this on St. Paddy' Day:

President Barack Obama today announced his intent to nominate Steelers owner Dan Rooney as ambassador to Ireland.

In a statement from the White House, Mr. Obama said, "I am honored and grateful that such a dedicated and accomplished individual has agreed to serve as the representative of the United States to the Irish people."

GREG CRAIG WON'T TELL YOU HOW OBAMA DISAPPEARED THE WHISTLEBLOWERS

Some lawyer who looks remarkably like Greg Craig doesn't want you to know whether or not Obama will prosecute whistleblowers.