

THE DIPLOMATIC BRIDGE TO SOMEWHERE IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Ten days after the election, I wrote what turned out to be, at the time, a somewhat controversial piece on the meaning of the hints by Obama that Hillary Clinton might be his Secretary of State, opining that it might portend a serious and affirmative play on middle east peace by the incoming Obama Administration. It is still in its infancy, but it appears that is proving true.

ELENA KAGAN CONFIRMS HER VACUITY AND FARCE

Yesterday's Judiciary Committee consideration of Obama Solicitor General nominee Elena Kagan proved that confirmation hearings are not totally useless, we learned something new about Kagan before the SJC. She was for honest and open answers to Senator's questions at confirmation hearings before she was against it.

DANA JILL SIMPSON AND GREG CRAIG

Dana Jill Simpson is pissed that Greg Craig didn't recuse himself from negotiations over Rove's testimony. And in the process, she dished that Richard Shelby fronts a corrupt aviation

firm through the corrupt judge who presided over the Siegelman trial.

MICHELLE'S TRICEPS CONTINUE TO DISARM CRITICS

The snippy columnists are still attacking Michelle Obama for showing off her buff arms. But ordinary women are reacting by lifting weights.

OBAMA'S TWO "IFS" ON FISA: HEADS I WIN, TAILS YOU LOSE

Both main suits on FISA—the al-Haramain suit and the retroactive immunity suit—are about to go to the Ninth Circuit so that Court can define the meaning of “if” in each case. Obama argues those “ifs” should give his Administration the utmost flexibility to keep secrets—and avoid legal consequences for illegal wiretapping.

MICHELLE'S BUFF ARMS

I can't tell whether Jodi Cantor's screed about Michelle's triceps says more about insecurities she might have about her own reporting or about her own triceps.

DARRELL ISSA'S BURNING CONCERN ABOUT WHITE HOUSE EMAILS? NOT SO HOT...

Funny. Last week, Darrell Issa thought the matter of missing White House emails was an urgent matter. This week? He couldn't care less.

CONDI'S WHOLE LIFE, IN THREE VOLUMES, WORTH SLIGHTLY MORE THAN DAVID PLOUFFE'S TWO-YEAR CAMPAIGN

Apparently, the market values David Plouffe's work getting Obama elected to be worth the same as the entire Administration tenure of most members of Bush's inner circle.

VENI, VIDI, VICI - OBAMA'S FORECLOSURE REVEAL IN PHOENIX

As you may know, President Obama came to Phoenix in order to roll out his \$75 Billion Plan to Fight Home Foreclosures. This was exciting for

me, because Obama spent last night at a resort, Montelucia, about 3/4 of a mile from my house. Here are the details of the plan he announced and photos from his visit.

OBAMA HATES THE TRUTH ON BINYAN MOHAMED

The news last week that President Obama had bought into and signed off on the full boat of shameful state secrets assertion in the case of Binyan Mohamed v Jeppesen Dataplan set off a wave of criticism. Obama came to the criticism the old fashioned way, he earned it by breaking his campaign promise and continuing the wretched excess of unitary secrecy.