

## **“THE WATERBOARD”**

When the CIA OIG refers to water-boarding, they refer to it as “the water board.” Makes it sound even more medieval, doesn’t it?

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## **MUKASEY’S TROUBLING HISTORICAL ARGUMENT**

Mukasey’s defense of John Yoo in his commencement address at Boston College Law School has drawn a lot of attention. But it’s the logic behind his defense, and not the defense per se, that really concerns me.

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## **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.

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## **FITZ ON FIRING**

Patrick Fitzgerald answers about five questions about being fired as a USA—one of which is

somewhat revealing wrt the Libby and Rezko investigations.

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## **EW'S FAMOUS FOOTBALL TRASH TALK\* - WHAT THE PUCK EDITION**

Are you ready for some football? Hot damn, I am. And guess what, there really is football to talk about. And lots of other things too, but let's start off with the gridiron. Trash talks are fairly infrequent these days, so go to town on any and all sports, and any other trashin you got on your mind.

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## **TORTURE TAPE INVESTIGATION IN HPSCI**

HPSCI is reportedly making progress on its Torture Tape investigation.

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## **A PEEK INTO THE TORTURE TAPE INVESTIGATION**

The CIA's response to a court order in the Hani Abdullah suit seems to suggest that John Durham believes some files pertinent to the torture

tapes may have gotten destroyed by CIA's OIG.

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## **JANE HARMAN V. JELLO JAY: COMPARE AND CONTRAST**

Jane Harman explained her response to the warrantless wiretap program over at TPMCafe. I'm interested in it not so much to determine whether Eric Lichtblau or she is right about whether she "switched her view" on the program (I think Harman is actually too sensitive to the charge; as she tells it, she did drastically change her view, but not because of the publicity of Lichtblau's reporting, but because of the

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## **THE POINTY END OF A DULL SPEAR**

Not only was Jose Rodriguez responsible for the destruction of the torture tapes, he appears to have been responsible for preventing any real oversight of the bungling kidnapping of Abu Omar.

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## **TWO-FRONTED WAR IN DEFENSE OF THE**

# CONSTITUTION IN THE HOUSE

Steven Bradbury rationalizes torture while  
Conyers tries to salvage separation of powers.