

TABOO OPINIONS #82

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12-30-05 OUR MAN IN IRAQ, Part 2

Just a couple days ago, Ahmad Chalabi, our man in Iraq, the former Iraqi exile we and the Brits kept in London as a figurehead opposition to Saddam Hussein, and the man who provided us (and the Brits) all that fake “intelligence” concerning Hussein’s weapons of mass destruction---

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---and the man whom we imposed on our provisional (secular Shiite) Iraqi government as a Deputy Prime Minister (and hoped to maneuver to be the Prime Minister of the new, elected Iraqi government) ...*gasp*... and the man who did *not win* election to the new legislature on Dec. 15 and would soon be out of a job because he is a secular Shiite Moslem and the winners of the Dec. 15 election, the fundamentalist Shiite Moslems, intended to kick him out so fast it would make our government’s fundamentalist Born Again Christians’ heads swim ... *SUCK AIR!* ...

This man Chalabi has just been given the job of Iraqi Oil Minister. But this is an interim appointment surely, because sure as Hell the ruling fundamentalist Shiites will never allow him, a blatant tool of America and Britain, to stay in that powerful position.

This, mind you, as the largest oil refinery in Iraq has just (as of Dec. 18) shut down because the insurgents have threatened to bomb the gasoline tanker trucks and shoot the drivers. And as oil production in Iraq’s southern oil fields is in steady decline due to mismanagement and equipment failures.

I’ve never read that Chalabi has ever had oil industry experience.

And wouldn’t you think Chalabi would be on Bush’s shit list for sending all that fake and misleading WMD “intelligence” which led Bush to invade Iraq? But, no, the man is a favored insider who has had very recent Washington D.C. meetings with Rumsfeld, Rice and

Cheney! And perhaps, as a result of those meetings, he was appointed Iraq's new Oil Minister! It seems that either Chalabi is a valued operative who gives his employers what they want...or he's got something on Bush & Blair and is using that to leverage a long, lucrative career in government(s).

Stay tuned. This man's "career" fascinates me.

1-3-06 Happy New Year! Today we learn from the daily media report from Iraq that the Iraq government has managed to start convoying desperately needed gasoline tanker trucks from that shut-down-by-insurgents-threats refinery ... to Baghdad. It took them 16 days, but yesterday they guarded 15 tanker trucks in one day. Never mind that the previous daily number (and need) had been 90 tanker trucks per day!

1-5-06 And in today's newspaper I read that the Iraqi security forces tried to convoy 60 gas tanker trucks from the refinery to Baghdad. They were attacked by insurgents using rocket propelled grenades and machine guns. Result: 3 tankers destroyed, 15 tankers damaged, and the arrival of 'emergency call' U.S. forces who cleared the area.

No word on casualties, no word on what happened to the remaining tankers. But clearly the Iraqi armed forces are nowhere near ready to do the convoying job they must be able to do before 'coalition' forces can leave. In a perfect world, that is.

I'll follow this situation as much as the news media report it, since I think it a tell-tale of Iraq as a whole.

Movie Review: BEWITCHED

I was sucked into watching this stinker on On Demand (pay-per-view) and the description listed Nicole Kidman and Michael Caine as the stars.

So I thought it would be good. It was AWFUL!

What the blurb neglected to tell me was the horrific, overpowering presence of Will Ferrell, Hollywood's current [since the welcome death of Chris Farley] hambone king of pathetic mugging and overacting.

The blurb also didn't tell me that Shirley McClaine was in the movie playing witch Kidman's mother.

The producers undoubtedly cast fine, famous actors for their

name value, and perhaps to offset the Three Stooges level of Ferrell's self-centered acting, but to no avail.

The script was written to Ferrell's acting style and humor and never rose above Trite, Obvious and Contemptible. It wasted three fine actors.

Do not waste your time watching this bomb.

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