

BUSH PREPARES HIS PARDON PEN

Former US Pardon Attorney Margaret Love reviews of Bush's pardons and commutations to date (however ignoring his most famous—that of Scooter Libby) and ends with this tidbit:

Word on the street is that there will be more pardons after the election – and possibly even some before it. I would not be surprised to see a difference in the profile of those receiving pardons in the final weeks.

No, really, ya think?!? You think Bush is going to start working through the stack of requests from his thuggish pals to make sure he gives them a get out of jail free card before he leaves office?

You think maybe he's got the letters all drawn up, with the names of Dick and Addington and Yoo and Turdblossom and Clemons and Gonzales and Libby on them (note, given Dusty Foggo's dubious plea deal, Bush won't have to pardon Wilkes now)?

But what I find most fascinating is the suggestion that Bush might pardon people **before** the election. Eight days away, and the pardon won't wait?

It sort of makes you wonder whether he's taking a page out of Poppy's book, halting the investigation that would eventually incriminate him personally, as Poppy did with Cap? It sort of makes you wonder whether Bush knows that Nora Dannehy's investigation into the firing of David Iglesias won't otherwise end up proving—as newspapers have reported—that Bush personally gave the order to fire Iglesias for not prosecuting Democrats in time to influence the election?