

Lots of things to look at today:

Fighting overnight in Najaf didn't go the way the militants there had hoped. Reports say 45 of them were killed, with no US casualties being reported. This is one of the few times we've gotten a count of enemy dead. Let's use that to make the point what happens when terrorists take on the coalition.

Lakhadar Brahimi addresses the security council today. His tenure as the UN's man in Iraq is already marked by controversy. The algerian born diplomat blames Israel for the Mideast's problems.

The Al Qaeda confessions in Jordan reveal a sinister plot to kill tens of thousands of people. If anyone wonders if Al Qaeda has mended its ways, this is the answer.

Bill Clinton's book "My Life" may come out in time to let John Kerry have the spotlight by convention time. Then again, maybe it won't.

The Supreme Court hears the contentious case of Cheney v. District of Columbia. The vice president contends that the members his energy task force, convened in 2001, should be protected from disclosure because of Executive privilege. Judicial Watch and other litigants argue that the privilege does not apply. SCOTUS is only HEARING ARGUMENTS not rendering a decision today. It may release tape recordings of the arguments it hears. The role of Justice Scalia has also become a point of contention.

Kobe Bryant case goes into the second day of hearings on the accuser's sexual history.

The Jayson Williams jury is likely to get the case today.