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Lawmakers hear pleas from needy

Budget crisis threatens services

By SHIRA SCHOENBERG
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"It's more important to have courts open than to have Fish and Game open," Broderick said. "It's more important to have the courts open than 5,000 automobiles and vehicles on state rolls."

Broderick suggested taking money from the highway system, which goes to the Department of Transportation and Department of Safety, and using it for motor-vehicle-related court cases.

"I can't believe the Department of Safety, Department of Transportation, which are not in the Constitution, are more important than folks who come in the front doors on domestic violence, divorce, stalking petitions or juvenile delinquency," Broderick said.

"In 1784, the promise that was made talks about prompt access to justice," Broderick said, referring to the year the state Constitution was ratified. "Apparently they could afford that in 1784."

After his testimony, Smith criticized Broderick for advocating for the courts but not offering solutions to solve the state's budgetary woes.

"I'm sorry you chose to use your time today to draw a line as if you were on the bright side and everyone else was on the

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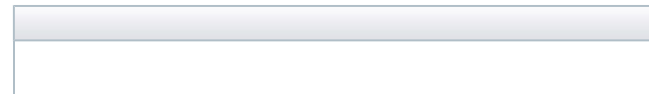
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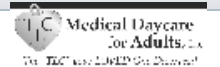


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Other, Smith said. We are struggling mightily to solve a problem that is not new to New Hampshire but that is worse today than it's been in many years."

Ralph Holmes, president of the New Hampshire Association for Justice, then offered a solution.

The association proposed that the state take money from fees collected by the Department of Insurance, the Public Utilities Commission and the Banking Commission and use that money to fund some of the regulatory disputes pending in the courts. All three of those departments have a surplus, according to the Association for Justice.

"It's a loophole in the revenue funding system that could be used to fund \$4 million in proposed cuts to the judiciary," Holmes said.

New Hampshire Bar Association President Jim Tenn warned that with further cuts, the court system could grind to a halt.

"The issue we face is whether our state will adhere to the guarantees set forth in the New Hampshire state Constitution - the guarantee to provide New Hampshire citizens with meaningful access to a justice system," Tenn said.

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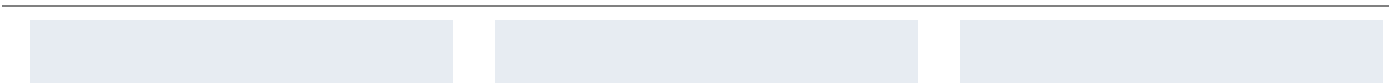
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As per usual

By Dave in Suncook on Sun, 04/18/2010 - 01:05

When big govt. must cut, they first cut essential services(punish you stupid people for making us do this),but shy away from the top heavy executive/administrative branch of govt. They cut the ditch digger but not his dept.heads 3 assistants and personal cars. I heard Supreme Court Justice Broderick speaking about Lynchs cuts.He gave some interesting numbers on how few people Lynch cut from his wing of govt.compared to all the other agencies,even though his dept.has grown out of control and has the most employees. Lynch is and has been a very bad executive, and would quickly lose any position he held in the private sector with such a record.

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Cutting Costs only to Add Costs, Who's Really Going to Pay?

By lindasaleski on Sat, 04/17/2010 - 15:45

Dropping the contracts of the three youth shelter care programs in the state of New Hampshire and transferring the effort to the Sununu Center will cost the state more both in the short term and the long term. The daily cost for a placement at the Sununu Center is higher than at any of the programs that are in existence now. Will that change? How much is it going to cost to create shelter and transitional programs at an institution designed to be a locked facility? How much will it cost to staff and do professional development? How long will it take to develop the experience of the 20+ years of specialized programs already serving the at-risk youth of the state? Antrim Girls' Shelter is the only program of its kind for girls and young women in the state of New Hampshire. It is a program of Lutheran Social Services of New England, a faith-based organization, helping families and individuals for over 20 years. "Hard decisions" or politically brokered, expedient decisions?

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AIDS for the most part is a

By Ryan Joseph Murdough on Fri, 04/16/2010 - 14:45

AIDS for the most part is a behavioral disease. Why should our taxes help these people out?



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I didn't say ALL people who

By Ryan Joseph Murdough on Fri, 04/16/2010 - 17:32

I didn't say ALL people who have contracted HIV/AIDS did so by poor behavior but MOST do.

Men Who Have Sex with Men (MSM)

<http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/topics/msm/index.htm>

African Americans

<http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/topics/aa/index.htm>

Statistics & Surveillance

<http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/topics/surveillance/index.htm>

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It's infact HIV

By Meow meow on Sat, 04/17/2010 - 14:19

The people who contract HIV that you say are behavioral are all walks of life. The critera for contracting HIV is not to be black or a homosexual. It's people who are IV drug users and share needles as well as anyone engaging in intercourse unprotected with someone who is infected. Did you not learn this in health class? The behavioral aspect is that these people were not cautious and very careless. There are many white people Ryan that have HIV and they are not homosexuals either.

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And what is your definition of "poor behavior"???

By Hunter Dan on Fri, 04/16/2010 - 20:17

BEING BLACK?!?!?!?!?!?

According to the links you posted, you think that being black or gay is "poor behavior."

You have outdone even yourself on this one . . . I CANNOT WAIT until you attempt to gain public office. It's gonna be F-U-N!!!!!!



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Hey Dan..

By [Nhdriver](#) on Sat, 04/17/2010 - 12:49

It's like most of the chowder heads I have met that work on loading docks over the years. The "Muscle shirt crew" as I call them because that seems to be the uniform of choice. Anyhow in their ignorant bliss they will proceed to inform you of how all the problems of society are because of blacks or gays or immigrants etc. All the while ignoring the fact that they have failed in their own personal life due to their own choices.



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Put on the muscle shirt and punch the clock, And let the ignorance be bliss !

Woof !

Nhdriver

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Open mouth, Insert foot...

By [Nhdriver](#) on Fri, 04/16/2010 - 17:22

Kid, you out did yourself this time. What would you like to do fire up a euthanasia program? your "final solution" to the AIDS question? or just let them die in misery. And before you go off on any racist rants about AIDS, I suggest you do some research into the the OPV trials conducted by Hilary Koprowski and Albert Sabin in the 1950's And the contamination of the Polio vaccine by an unknown primate virus. The trials were conducted in the Congo area. It is highly likely that we in our desire to conquer polio unleashed AIDS on the world.



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You mentioned in one of your posts that you work with the mentally handicapped. How do you treat them if they have HIV/AIDS?

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Bigotry is Self-Inflicted

By [corrighann](#) on Fri, 04/16/2010 - 19:10

With your classic "blaming the victim" attitude, let's hope you never need treatment for a mental illness in the kind of system you envision.

John Corrigan

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By [Meow meow](#) on Fri, 04/16/2010 - 15:51

I can't believe you!! Actually what am I talking about ofcourse I can. So is it behavioral when you contacted it thru a blood transfusion? How about if you got pricked with a needle providing care to someone? What if you were born with it? Is it your fault if you were born with it? How about if you were raped?? Huh Ryan how about if you were raped? That is not a choice is it? You really should think these things thru before you post them.



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Silly Kitty

By [klt919](#) on Fri, 04/16/2010 - 22:31

If you were raped you were probably in a "black neighborhood", they should have known better!!

Ryan, you are a sad excuse for a person. Its a scary thought there are people like you out there, interacting with our youth, Infecting your child with your disgusting views...

Sigh,

Just when i think you cant top it, you do.

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Young Mr. Biggot...

By [jonstah](#) on Fri, 04/16/2010 - 15:50

I hope the hell you never need services because someone beat the brains (what little you have) out of you and left you without being able to fend for yourself. I can't believe the dumb things that come out of your keyboard.

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Ryan

By [HopkintonResident](#) on Fri, 04/16/2010 - 15:43

There's no way this person is "real". No one could be that ignorant and oblivious. He's beyond laughable!

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What in gods name

By [mlareau](#) on Fri, 04/16/2010 - 15:34



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is wrong with you????

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Taxes

By [KAD](#) on Fri, 04/16/2010 - 12:51

Adding or increasing taxes NEVER solves the problem. Everyone, including the State needs to live within its means. Help, in any case, is and was suppose to be temporary at best, not something for someone to live on for their entire life!!!!!! We are not bleeding hearts forever.



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Never Solves the Problem?

By [corriganh](#) on Fri, 04/16/2010 - 18:59

Social Security and Medicare solved the problem of millions of old people forced into poverty when they outlived their productive years.

At the state level, it was a combination of federal, state and local taxes that paid for the municipal sewage systems that cleaned up the Merrimack River and other New Hampshire waters.

Before they were paved, our roads became rivers of mud in the spring. It was taxes that paid for the asphalt and concrete and the labor to build a modern transportation system.

Let's cut taxes and discharge all the firefighters. Give layoff notices to public health nurses. Get rid of all those layabout teachers.

Pure luck and a hardworking attitude won't protect you when your kid gets sick or your house burns down. Holding your breath won't protect you when the next flu epidemic hits. Robbing your kids of a decent education won't build our society's future.

Taxes are the price we pay for civilization. Where would you draw the line at cutting government?

John Corrigan

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State Budget Cuts

By icetea47 on Fri, 04/16/2010 - 09:27

State needs to live within its means. The state has been building its empires for many years as the revenue grew so did the state budgets, up 17% in one year alone. It is time for the state to tighten its belt and live within its means. No more increased taxes or new taxes for the state to spend. Time to stop the give away programs for baby sitting when the mother/father does not work, free lawyers for people who cannot afford one, time to look at where these people spend their money, drugs, alcohol, and smoking and other unnecessary items that the taxpayer is expected to foot the bill, Too many unnecessary social services at the taxpayer's expense, people sitting at home on their computers, but they cannot work due to a disability, many are not disable, but have learned to play the system. What does it take to realize that so few working paying people can not afford to support so many people. Wake up and stop taking from the taxpayers. The taxpayers are not the solution, the free loaders are the problem and need to be stopped.

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The users

By cavman35 on Fri, 04/16/2010 - 13:57

Last summer I was over in Wolfboro during the "Old Town days" festival. I stopped in a local store on the north side of town after getting some gas. A woman in front of me had a child sitting out in the car and she had her mother with her. Her mother brought over two six packs of beer and tried to use her daughters AFDC credit card to pay for it. The clerk said no and the mother got very irate until they notice several of us just looking at them. They then left the store without purchasing anything.

I would be for helping people except that when I see them buy beers and a several packs of cigarettes plus some lottery tickets then I have a real trouble giving them any sort of help.

In 1997 I went through a complete bankruptcy due to medical reasons. I qualified and was on food stamps getting a grand total of \$27.00 in food stamps. With that I purchased the big bundles of celery and a big tub of peanut butter. Many days my meals were in fact celery and peanut butter. Once a month my huge spending spree was a small diet drink and a big pretzel at a mall purchased on the slow week day when it was 25% off. I went no place else and did nothing else to get by on my small disability check from the Veterans Administration.

Nowadays people expect to be fully supported by a welfare state in which they should get a Crackberry with unlimited air time plus they have to get the latest 55 inch high def TV plus the max package for services from their internet provider and cable TV provider because "Everyone else is doing it."

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Re: Users

By HopkintonResident on Fri, 04/16/2010 - 17:54

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ALL people receiving State Aid should have to take a drug test AND be alcohol & nicotine free. If you could afford those things, then you shouldn't be requesting state aid.

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These Judges spend more time at work instead of golfing!

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By [factfinder4u](#) on Fri, 04/16/2010 - 07:57

They would also have conducted numerous hearings if they were in court yesterday instead of whining at the LOB.

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How about

By [littlecitygirl](#) on Fri, 04/16/2010 - 13:24

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How about declaring the month of May as "Follow a Judge Month" and having each Judge in the NH Judicial System have a private citizen follow him or her for the entire month?

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So the court sells "Veblen" services, eh?

By [JosephSHAas](#) on Fri, 04/16/2010 - 10:19

factfinder4u: It's called a "Green Fee". They pay to play golf on the entire course, and not just on the green, so why do they call it a "Green Fee"? http://golf.about.com/cs/golfterms/g/bldef_greenfee.htm and especially a single green instead of in the plural of Greens Fee for all 18 holes.

They've got to "play the ball where it lies." (-)

"1944 - How to play Golf (Goofy) Disney Classic"

over at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yzuUp8CcTqA>

of 7:42 minutes, with 32,622 views so far.

In other words to go where the \$money is. And for the Legislature or General Court that's to extract filing fees out of the general public by statutes that are un-constitutional, as the law reads in Article 14 of to be free, complete and prompt! They're like Elmer Fudd. They have a problem with the letter r in the word: free.

Now to look for money from The Motor Vehicle Dept? Yup: I'd pay an extra \$50 a year for special plates that have an un-balanced scales of justice pictured on them to alert the visitors of this state of the corruption they might encounter in the court system by the bad apples therein. At least then the filing fees will be back to free. "You get what you pay for." Currently to pay for to be robbed is ridiculous! <http://www.google.com/>

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AIDS patients, cancer survivors, judges and single mothers

By [Joshtiffany](#) on Fri, 04/16/2010 - 09:24

Time to trot out the Children next.

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Democracy in Action

By [corrighann](#) on Fri, 04/16/2010 - 19:06

Do you have a problem with people organizing to speak out when they perceive that the government is doing something wrong? I call it democratic and patriotic. Yes, let's pay close attention to the fate of our children.

"It was once said that the moral test of government is how that government treats those who are in the dawn of life, the children; those who are in the twilight of life, the elderly; and those who are in the shadows of life, the sick, the needy and the handicapped."

Hubert H. Humphrey

John Corrigan

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You Have to Be Kidding Me

By [NHJonesy](#) on Fri, 04/16/2010 - 06:40

These folks actually believe that the State should be taking care of them? Honest to God, that is forcing every taxpayer in NH to make a charitable contribution. I have no problems if the State wants to provide minimal faciliation for churches, non-profits, businesses, and individuals to help these folks in need, but by the grace of god you can't force this on people. Otherwise who is to say what is a worthy cause or not? We all have needs...

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Have a heart

By [Meow meow](#) on Fri, 04/16/2010 - 10:34

So tell me, are the mentally ill going to take care of themselves? If these people do not have services to help them how are they supposed to be functioning citizens? Without these services these people may end up in tragedy,suicide.

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whatever happened

By mlareau on Fri, 04/16/2010 - 15:23

to families taking care of them?

If i were ever down on my luck i know my family would help out in a time of need.....

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So your saying.....

By Meow meow on Fri, 04/16/2010 - 15:47

That if your sister was schizophrenic that you would be able to care for her? Are you saying that if a family member had cancer that you would be able to help pay for their medical bills and daily living if needed as well as care for them. Wow mlareau you must not have to work and have loads of money if you can do that. It would have been grand if we were able to keep my grandmother at home instead of going into a nursing home. Nobody could quit their jobs to provide around the clock care for someone suffering from alzheimers and breast cancer. You say your family would help you in your time of need and I'm sure in some aspects they would. Mine would to but there are some things that they couldn't help you with.



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Agreed

By klt919 on Sat, 04/17/2010 - 08:25

Sometime is just not safe. Imagine a family member with Alzheimers awaking in the middle of the night and trying to cook something, only to start a fire. Imagine that schizophrenic sister thinking that she hears voices telling her to harm you or your children. Etc... Sure if my family member comes down with something and is in need i will try like heck to help them. I have worked in long term care, and its not the place i want them to go, sometimes though its the smartest, and safest way.



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Most people have plenty of heart...

By [LIAMD2](#) on Fri, 04/16/2010 - 12:39

...and sympathy. Some of us just don't want to work hard and play by the rules only to end up needy ourselves.



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Heart and sympathy

By [Meow meow](#) on Fri, 04/16/2010 - 16:07

I agree with you Liam. I don't like to take care of people who don't need it. If someone does need it well then I have no problem at all. For example I am not very fond of someone who is on disability with a "bad" back yet they can sit in a boat and fish for eight hours. If you can work work, stop being lazy. There are some people who can't work though and those people need help and I have no problem with them getting it. Do you?



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Ahahaha!!

By [klt919](#) on Sat, 04/17/2010 - 08:22

:)

I too cannot stand "people" with backs "so bad" they cant work, yet can dance the night away, and carry foosball tables on their backs!



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He,he

By [Meow meow](#) on Sat, 04/17/2010 - 12:33

I knew that you were going to write that. The moment I started typing I knew that was going to be your response:)



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go get 'em catwoman

By LIAMD2 on Fri, 04/16/2010 - 16:15

Maybe you could help the guy with the bad back by walking on him with your high heels on...meow.



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Honestly Liam

By Meow meow on Fri, 04/16/2010 - 16:41

I'd like to. In fact I'd like to do the cha cha on his back. That will give him something to whine about.



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Legislators lack backbone

By kraftypat on Fri, 04/16/2010 - 05:33

Our legislators are so afraid to even whisper the words, broad based tax. Nobody dares to bring that up for fear of losing the next election. Well, get a grip folks. The state is in a financial bind and unless something is done about it, a lot of people are going to suffer.

Which is more important? Getting our state in a good fiscal position or getting reelected?

Pat Kraft



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pretty easy coming

By mlareau on Fri, 04/16/2010 - 15:24

from someone who is not working anymore..... and most likely does not have a family to raise.....

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Jessie L. Osborne State

By rjosborne on Fri, 04/16/2010 - 14:05

Jessie L. Osborne
State Representative, Concord
Pat

I am going to bring amendments in to try to get approval for more revenue but don't know if Leadership will allow this on SB 450 on tuesday in Ways and Means

You are right. No guts.

I am also appalled at the rudeness of the Chair of Finance.

She would never have treated the Governor with such disrespect as she did the Chief Justice who is a coequal partner in the three branches of Government.

I also know that the people who are so calloused about the plight of others should realize that it could just as easily be them in the same position of needing help.

Compassion is a necessity in this world. Remember do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

Jessie Osborne



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tax and spend liberals

By LIAMD2 on Fri, 04/16/2010 - 15:32

Tax and spend liberals are the problem and you, Ms. Osborne, need to be thrown out on your backside next election cycle.



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I believe you have it all wrong

By mlareau on Fri, 04/16/2010 - 15:31

Government (both state and federal) has made it so easy for everyone to rely on government to provide them with everything they need.

What is the incentive for someone who is down on their luck to do something about it? and why should they, we have politicians like yourself who keep taking and taking from the taxpayers and giving to those who don't.

AGAIN, STOP THE UNNECESSARY GOVERNMENT SPENDING...



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People are sick and tired of it...

"Every government degenerates when trusted to the rulers of the people alone. The people themselves are its only safe depositories." Thomas Jefferson

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what broad based tax...

By LIAMD2 on Fri, 04/16/2010 - 12:37

...an income tax? That sure would be nice for those of us that are retired state workers, wouldn't it Pat? It wouldn't impact the lifestyle of those types of people, would it Pat? How generous of you to have someone else shoulder the burden.



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Income Tax

By TheVoice on Fri, 04/16/2010 - 12:03

Repeat after me, NH needs an Income Tax by 2015 or it will completely be out of money and will need a Federal Bailout.

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You answered your own

By Honest Abe on Fri, 04/16/2010 - 06:25



You answered your own question in your first sentence, Pat. Getting re-elected is the answer.

But, on the national level, the good news is that Sarah Palin will never run for president when the president only gets 400k a year, and she can earn 12million in nine months just by running off at the mouth!!!

"Sarah Palin's capacity to be a constant embarrassment to herself is limitless." Steve Benen: Political Animal February 9, 2010



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