



Isn't That Special

The Legislative Special session started today at 1:00.

In reaction to Brewer's veto of nearly the entire budget, President Burns responded that "It appears the governor is having problems managing the level of responsibility to which she has been elevated,"



Brewer responded by calling Burns' comments "regrettable and terribly unproductive."

Senators Tibshraeny and used their points of personal privilege Aboud to urge the President to bring a level of civility to the Special Session.



Meanwhile, JLBC Director Richard Stavneak addressed a joint session of the House and Senate to explain the effects of Governor Brewer's vetoes.

First, the line item veto eliminated \$3.2 Billion of K-12 funding, then there were line item vetoes that eliminated \$775 million in lump sum reductions in other agencies, third the vetoes may place the state out of compliance for the requirements for \$2.3 billion in federal stimulus funds. Fourth, the veto of the entire BRB package results in a \$1.35 billion loss to the June 30th plan approved by the Legislature. Finally, the line item vetoes of the intent statements on the use of federal stabilization funds—it's not clear that the executive has the authority to veto those footnotes.

Secret Deal?

Senator Jack Harper sent me an interesting e-mail. He referenced this quote from a Tribune article and asked if there is some sort of side deal going on. Here's the info from the Trib.



"Arizona Education Association president John Wright, speaking from the National Education Association's convention in California, praised Brewer's (veto).

"We really want to thank her for keeping her word .."Wright said."

Keeping her word? Harper wondered what Wright meant by that phrase. Is it a reference to an agreement?

I asked Brewer Spokesman Paul Senseman about it and received this response.

"The only deal she had was with the Speaker and the President. And that deal, apparently, did not extend to all in leadership."

Ouch. Dude, I mean seriously, Ouch.

Sean Noble Hospitalized after Car Accident



Republican Strategist and former Shadegg Chief of Staff Sean Noble was seriously injured in a car accident on Friday night.

Noble lost control of his car while driving down a mountain late Friday night after a youth conference. His car flipped, and Sean had to crawl back up to the road and flag someone down. .

He is scheduled to be released from he ICU today then he's supposed to be in the hospital for one week, then at home for 6 weeks. Our prayers are with Sean and his family.



Rubber Chicken Circuit:

I thought you would be interested in some of the speeches being offered this week.

The "No Major Announcement Tour"

Arizona Attorney General Terry Goddard will be the guest speaker at the Pima County Democratic Party Nucleus Club meeting, Thursday, July 9, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m., at the Viscount Suite Hotel, 4855 E. Broadway.

Goddard is unlikely to actually announce anything, but he may indicate what he is perhaps considering.



"Tito, Hand me a Tissue"

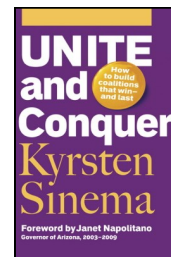
On Wednesday, July 8th Secretary of State Ken Bennett will be giving his "tissue box" presentation that concisely explains the current state budget deficit issues and how it got to this point.

Embassy Suites Phoenix-Biltmore 2630 E. Camelback

Time: 7:30 a.m. Check-in 8:00 a.m. Start time
\$45.00 Non-Chapter Members

Must Avoid Snarky Irony Reference

State Rep. Kyrsten Sinema will be signing her new Book. "Unite and Conquer," on Friday, July 17, 2009 from 5:30pm - 7:30pm at the Changing Hands Bookstore on the Southwest corner of Guadalupe and McClintock in Tempe.



Martin on the Roller Coaster

Arizona State Treasurer, Dean Martin, to Address Real Estate Investors

Monday, July 13th - 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM - Celebrity Theatre

Arizona State Treasurer, Dean Martin, will address the Arizona Real Estate Investors Association on Monday, July 13, 2009, at the Celebrity Theatre. Treasurer Martin's presentation will focus on Arizona's economy taking a specific look at how we got where we are, how we are going to get out, and what the future looks like.

(I've seen this presentation twice now and it's excellent.)