## AN ISSUE OF FAIRNESS

mamayaga makes a superb point, in response to
Byron Calame's explanation that withholding the
NSA domestic spying story was an issue of
fairness:

[C]andidatesaffected by a negative article deserve to have time â€" several days to aweek â€" to get their response disseminated before voters head to thepolls.

## To which mamayaga asks:

By the same logic, shouldn't the major news media have held the storyof bin Laden's conveceenient new videotape until a few days after theelection? Or did they only want to be "fair" to one candidate?

Well, Calame doesn't really speak for all the major news media. But let's see how the NYT treated the OBL video: