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## FIVE THINGS WE LEARNED FROM READING...

Tuesday, March 09, 2004

**NEW YORK TIMES COLUMNIST CORRECTION** - A David Brooks column entitled "Clash of Titans" from March 6, 2004 claimed that the Democratic Party only nominates candidates whose "family had an upper-deck berth on the Mayflower" and that the Republican Party only nominates candidates who own "a ranch the size of Oklahoma". Over the past forty years, none of the the Democratic Party nominees for President were descendants of the original Pilgrims who settled the Massachussets colony. Likewise, none of the Republican party nominees for President have ever owned a ranch the size of Oklahoma.  
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**Mark Jurkowitz at The Boston Globe** has the goods on CNN's "True Believers", a documentary on the Dean campaign. "Howard Dean's campaign manager, Joe Trippi, watches with dismay and disbelief as clips of Dean's infamous post-Iowa caucus scream speech are replayed over and over on a TV screen. 'It's like one of those big explosions in the war,' he mutters. And television is riveted by the spectacle.

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**Nick Denton of Gawker Media** is under assault from Jason Calacanis who is stealing away talent with the promise of a better deal.

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**Dobbs v. Glassman.**

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**Tina Brown has declared** the end of celebrity culture. From her CNBC ratings, she may be right.

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**Myrna Blyth is learning** how to lose friends and influence people to hate you by ripping into the world of women's media where she reigned for years as the editor of Ladies Home Journal.

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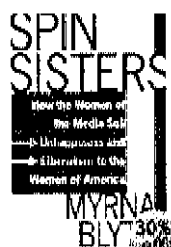
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It was a big weekend for political humor with the Aspen Comedy Festival in full swing in Colorado and DC's Gridiron Dinner starring Dick Cheney, Rudy Giuliani, Hillary Clinton. Bob Novak mocked the Plame Affair while Aspen comics agreed that Bush is good for business.

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Australian Blogger Tim Blair takes down fabricating Chicago Tribune writer.

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Are the cable news shows just "men screaming at other men in front of a male audience"?

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The Martha Stewart verdict caused pandemonium for producers causing MSNBC and CNBC to initially report Stewart was not guilty on some of the four charges and quickly correct themselves. WaPo reported that CNBC's Mike Huckman "kept checking the wrong boxes on a large chart as he gave the news. 'Number one -- Not guilty for Martha Stewart on the conspiracy charge.' This went on for nearly two minutes until Huckman got word that Stewart had been convicted, and apologized."

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Catherine Haydon Jones, a former Paula Zahn producer from her days at Fox News, got hitched. She is the daughter of Christopher Jones of WNYW-NY (Fox 5 in New York).

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Chris and Kathleen Matthews honored with David Brinkley Award.

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Katie Couric is taking a shot at replacing Barbara Walters with a raft of primetime interviews while NBC continues to insist that Couric, and Today co-host Matt Lauer, are hardcore political junkies.

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Mike Barnicle is back in the Boston papers.

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 Paul Dedard - Washington Whispers  
 Ed Henry - Heard on The Hill  
 The Shadow - The Shadow  
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 Yahoo TV/Entertainment Gossip Page

## Media Columnists:

Mark Glaser - Online J. Rev. [link](#)  
 Howard Kurtz - Washington Post  
 Howard Kurtz - WaPo Blog  
 Lisa de Moraes - Washington Post  
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 Peter Johnson - USA TODAY  
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 Jon Friedman - CBSMarketWatch

## HooHoo:

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 The Smoking Gun  
 Dateline Hollywood

## Bloggers:

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 Eugene Volokh - Volokh Conspiracy [link](#)  
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 Jeff Jarvis - Buzz Machine [link](#)  
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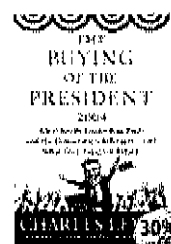


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Sean Hannity is rocking the house in Roanoke and Wichita.

[Comment \(0\)](#)Laura Ingraham wants to [sell you a gun](#) and, if the price is right, she will give you the gun over dinner.[Comment \(0\)](#)The Network anchors are feeling restless with Tom Brokaw just back from Afghanistan, Dan Rather in Iraq and Peter Jennings following [hot on his heels](#).[Comment \(0\)](#)

Monday, March 08, 2004

My little New York Times Columnist Correction Policy continues to make the rounds. I should thank a couple of people for helping get the message out. Don Luskin was first up after I posted the faux web page who, in turn, got it over to Mickey Kaus at Slate. The mystery of how [Instapundit got it so fast](#) was cleared up over the weekend when Tony Snow of Fox News copped to using the page to "fool" Glenn Reynolds. Tsk, tsk (more than a few folks were not only fooled but continue to believe the site is real).

Here were some of my favorite comments:

"A Brilliant Parody" - [Tomfoolery](#)"just trust me, it's hilarious" - [An Experiment in Scotch](#)"you got me good" Email from [tpfp\\_blog](#)"Well-done dopple" - [Mickey Kaus at kausfiles on Slate.com](#) - 3/4/04"I've been had" - [Cori Dauber at Rantingprofs](#)

"You deserve to be sued. Paul Krugman is right." E-mail from Elliot G.

"genuinely funny" - [Eric Alterman at Altercations on MSNBC.com](#)

"flippant analysis" E-mail from Vladimir D.

"very, very mischievous" [Ken Waight at Lyinginponds](#)

"It took me two days to figure out that it wasn't the real Times." Email from Allen T.

A number of sites have continued to link to the page including [The Lopsided Poopdeck](#), [Fishkite](#), [Discount Blogger](#), [lloydtown](#), [Timeswatch](#) (3/4/04), [Ciao](#), [HugoZoom](#),

[James Taranto - Best of the Web](#), [Gregg Easterbrook - Easterblogger](#), [Cori Dauber - Rantingprofs](#), [Andrew Sullivan - Daily Dish](#), [Mickey Kaus - Slate](#), [Eric Alterman - Altercations](#), [Don Luskin - Poor and Stupid](#), [Bob Somerby - Daily Howler](#)

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## Media Watchdogs:

[Brendan Nyhan - Spinsanity](#), [CJR - Campaign Desk](#), [Brooks Jackson - FactCheck.org](#), [Ken Waight - Lying in Ponds](#), [Brent Bozell - Media Research Center](#), [Jim Naureckas - FAIR](#), [Clay Waters - Times Watch](#), [Jim Sparkman - ChronWatch](#)

## Misc. Political:

[OpinionJournal.com](#), [The National Review](#), [NRO - The Corner](#), [Greg Pierce - Inside Politics](#), [Al Kamen - In The Loop](#), [Counterpunch](#)

## Network Newsletters:

[ABC The Notes](#), [MSNBC First Read](#), [CNN Daily Grind](#), [CBS Washington Wrap](#)

## Newspapers:

[New York Times - Opinion](#), [Washington Post - Opinion](#), [Wall Street Journal - Opinion](#)

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[Project Vote Smart](#), [Congress.org](#), [Congressional Biographies](#), [Polling Report](#), [Political Graveyard](#)

## Book Lists:

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A few folks were apparently take in [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), [here](#).  
Sorry about that.

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I'm working on today's DRD newsletter [right now!](#)

I am posting information as it arrives prior to sending out the newsletter so if you want a heads up on the stories we are tracking and the guest information for the shows we cover check it out. We publish around 6 PM. If you want to get on the mailing list sign up over there (to the right ==>>>>)

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Sunday, March 07, 2004

**REPLY to TND FROM SHARPTON CAMPAIGN:** Rachel Noerdlinger of National Action Network/Sharpton 2004 sent the following message this morning "Robert.. no commitments have been made to Fox News Channel" and attached a copy of The New York Times article (below)

**Bill O'Reilly, Sean Hannity and...Al Sharpton?** Tucker Carlson, appearing on The Chris Matthews Show, revealed that Al Sharpton is in discussions with Roger Ailes about hosting a talk show on the Fox News Channel.

**UPDATE:** Newsmax picks up on the [Sharpton to Fox](#) story.

**UPDATE:** The New York Times provides the details on the [Sharpton to Fox](#) story.

*"Mr. Sharpton, who retained the William Morris talent agency two weeks ago, said he wanted to be the host of his own cable news and radio programs, and his talent representatives said they were pursuing talks with all conceivable outlets."*

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Saturday, March 06, 2004

**UPDATE:** the newsletter [is ready](#)

I'm working on today's DRD newsletter [right now!](#)

I am posting information as it arrives prior to sending out the newsletter so if you want a heads up on the stories we are tracking and the guest information for the shows we cover check it out. We publish around 6 PM. If you want to get on the mailing list sign up over there (to the right ==>>>>)

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## Television Shows:

## ABC

[Good Morning America](#) (Diane Sawyer, Charles Gibson)  
[Primetime Live](#) (Charles Gibson, Diane Sawyer)  
[20/20](#) (John Stossel, Barbara Walters)  
[Nightline](#) (Ted Koppel)  
[This Week](#) (G. Stephanopoulos)  
[Jimmy Kimmel Live](#) (J. Kimmel) - discontinued coverage

## CBS

[The Early Show](#) (Smith, Storm, et al)  
[60 Minutes II](#)  
[The David Letterman Show](#) (David Letterman)  
[The Late Late Show](#) (Craig Kilborn)  
[Sunday Morning](#) (Charles Osgood)  
[Face the Nation](#) (Bob Schieffer)  
[60 Minutes](#)  
[48 Hours](#) (Lesley Stahl) - discontinued coverage

## CNBC

[Special Report](#) (Maria Bartiromo)  
[Capital Report](#) (Alan Murray, Gloria Borger)  
[The News on CNBC](#) (John Siegenthaler)  
[Dennis Miller](#) (Alan Murray, Gloria Borger)  
[Tim Russert](#) (Tim Russert)  
[Closing Bell](#) (Maria Bartiromo) - discontinued coverage  
[Business Center](#) (Ken Inauna, Susan Herrera) - cancelled  
[Checkpoint](#) - cancelled  
[Kudlow and Cramer](#) (Lawrence Kudlow, James Cramer) - discontinued coverage

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## CNN

[American Morning](#) (Soledad O'Brien, Bill Hemmer)  
[Inside Politics](#) (Judy Woodruff)  
[Crossfire](#) (Regala/Carville, Novak/Carlson)  
[Wolf Blitzer Reports](#) (Wolf Blitzer)  
[Lou Dobbs Tonight](#) (Lou Dobbs)  
[Anderson Cooper 360](#) (Anderson Cooper)  
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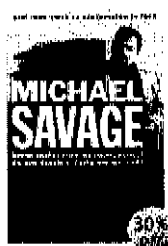
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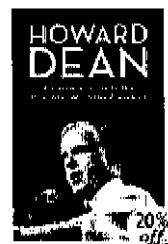


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**CNN.com beats MSNBC.com.**

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**Mr. Brokaw, Start Your Engine.**

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**Sean Hannity is sparking controversy in Utah and giving some lots of reasons to hate him.**

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**Howard Stern sees the end of his career around the corner.**

*"I know that it's over for me. I have been really good at predicting my career and I know when I'm outmatched. It's over for me as a broadcaster. I'm checkmated"*

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**Tim Blair's latest victim is speaking out. Boo hoo.**

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**Is Lou Dobbs selling out his friends to score ratings points?**

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**RSS is the biggest development in Internet technology since the web browser.**

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**With Tom Brokaw just back from Afghanistan and Peter Jennings announcing a trip to Iraq, Dan Rather suddenly announced that he too is heading into the war zone.**

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**Arianna Huffington all but disappeared from our radar screen after he failed bid for Governor in California. Turns out she is producing a movie on the incident in Tulia, Texas. Halle Berry may have something to say about that.**

On the Story

xThe Capital Gang (Mark Shields)  
Larry King Live Weekend (Larry King)  
Reliable Sources (Howard Kurtz)  
Late Edition (Wolf Blitzer)

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Fox News Watch (Eric Burns)  
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The Big Story Weekend (Rita Cosby)  
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After Hours (Cal Thomas)

**MSNBC**

Imus in the Morning (Don Imus)  
Hardball (Chris Matthews)  
Countdown (Keith Olbermann)  
Deborah Norville Tonight (Deborah Norville)  
Scarborough Country (Joe Scarborough)  
Duchanan and Press (Pat Buchanan, Bill Press) - cancelled  
American Voices (Frank Luntz) - hiatus  
Jesse Ventura's America (Jesse Ventura) - cancelled

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**NBC**

Today Show (Katie Couric, Matt Lauer)  
Dateline NBC (Stone Phillips)  
Late Night (Conan O'Brien)  
Tonight Show (Jay Leno)  
Saturday Night Live  
Meet the Press (Tim Russert)

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Washington Week (Gwen Ifill)  
Frontline  
NOW (Bill Moyers)  
The Charlie Rose Show (Charlie Rose)  
Think Tank (Ben Wattenberg)  
To The Contrary (Bonnie Erbe)  
McLaughlin One on One (John McLaughlin)

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The Daily Show (Jon Stewart)

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Cold Pizza (Kit Hoover, Jay Crawford)

**FOX**

Fox News Sunday (Chris Wallace)

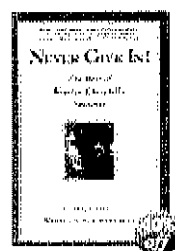
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**Charlie Gibson has had enough** and he is not going to take it any more.

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**Paula Zahn was whooping it up** at the Four Seasons for her birthday bash.

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**Rudy and Hillary will fill in for "W" this weekend at the Gridiron dinner.**

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**Is Rush Limbaugh the victim of a double standard** in Florida drug case?

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Friday, March 05, 2004

**Viacom Declares War:** First it was those raunchy music videos being played 24/7 on MTV, then it was the Janet Jackson Flash Dance during CBS' Super Bowl Halftime Show and now Blue, Nickelodeon's lovable dog, has joined the fray in the culture wars. Even Captain Renault wouldn't be buying Mel Karmazin's professions of innocence at this point.

A preamble first: my two-year old daughter loves Blues Clues which means I watch A LOT of Blues Clues. I never really thought much about the show - I am usually working on my laptop while my daughter sits transfixed by the TV. Over the past few weeks, however, I was more than a little surprised when I realized that their Valentine's Day episode omitted the phrase "Valentine's Day". Instead Joe, Blue and the loveable characters on the show exchange "Love Day" cards discuss "Love Day". There are a number of theories as to why this done over at the NickJr.com forum but it seems safe to bet that the idea was to secularize what is, at heart, a Christian feast day.

I left messages for the folks at Viacom Media Relations and Nickelodeon but have not heard back. Perhaps they will get back to me on Monday. In the meantime, here is a little taste of the dialog on the Nickelodeon forums:

"This morning I was watching Blues Clues and the episode was on Valentine's Day and the clue turned out to be as the answer, Cinderella. She comes out saying "Happy Love Day." Why not the regular "Happy Valentine's Day" This makes me very upset as I am a mother of a Christian child and don't want our beliefs to be dictated by someone who believes differently. I am going to pass this along

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**HBO**

Real Time (Bill Maher)  
K-Street - cancelled

**NBC Enterprises**

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The Chris Matthews Show (Chris Matthews)

**Oliver Production Group**

The McLaughlin Group (John McLaughlin)

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**WUSA**

Inside Washington (Gordon Peterson)

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NPR Talk of the Nation  
NPR The Tavis Smiley Show  
NPR On The Media  
NPR NOW with Bill Moyers  
NPR The Diane Rehm Show  
NPR Forum w/Michael Krasny

westwood one radio

WWI The Laura Ingraham Show  
WWI The G. Gordon Liddy Show  
WWI Imus in the Morning  
WWI Larry King Live  
WWI The Jim Bohannon Show  
WWI The Radio Factor with Bill O'Reilly

abc radio network

ABC Batchelor and Alexander  
ABC The Sean Hannity Show  
ABC Sam Donaldson Show  
ABC The Larry Elder Show

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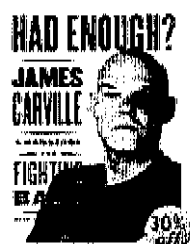
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to other mothers who also let their children watch this cartoon and also feel as I do. That the right words should be "Happy Valentine's Day" I will also pass this on to bulletin boards to other mothers who let their children watch this cartoon." (olivia26)

"Maybe it's called that because not everyone believes in the same things you do. People came to America to get away from having a particular religion imposed on them. Funny that most Americans can't name more than three presidents yet insist that everything have "Christian Value". You people are hilarious!" (whatadrag)

"As a Christian also, there is only one way to make these people change the way they are doing the shows .. not watch them. As with everything, the only way to make the shows executives understand that we are displeased, is to stop watching their production, and to stop purchasing their goods and services. When that happens, then they listen. It always comes down to the dollar. And unfortunately, the kids don't understand. I have watched Blue's Clues with my son for 5 years, but with the change to Joe and the programming, I think Blues Clues will not be watched in our house anymore." (dadiscool)

"wow...everyone gets all riled up at the smallest of things/" (karebear13)

"I did do my american thing and speak up about it. I called the network and gave my complaint in a voice recorder. Now I am going to send a letter. Here is the information for anyone else who is interested in voicing a complaint. I really like Blue's Clues. My dd enjoys it and gets good things from it, educational and just all around good viewing time for her. But I don't like this change. I like the traditional themes as they are. The majority rules and if the majority wants it back to the way it was then it should be as that. Because, after all, if you have no customers watching your show or buying your propaganda then you have lost money. I'm not letting my dd watch the new episodes. I still let her watch the old episodes with Steve. The new ones I don't trust so we just watch a different channel I won't even buy her stickers now. (212) 258-8000

Nickelodeon  
Viewer Services Hotline  
1515 Broadway  
New York, NY 10036

The program showed (sic) on February 16, 2004 at 12:30 p.m." (olivia26)

I can hardly wait for next December when it's "GIFT DAY" at Blue's house.

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Thursday, March 04, 2004

Today fades as [GMA](#) gains.[Comment \(0\)](#)[american view radio network](#)[AVRN The Ken Hamblin Show](#)[radio america](#)[RAN Common Sense Radio w/Oliver North](#)

large local market shows

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"K Street" team hoping to top success of HBO flop.

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Sean Hannity bashes top Utah dem on his book tour.

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Irshad Manji is still making the Mullahs mad.

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Kinky Friedman is seeking George Bush's old job.

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Jesse Ventura is the BMO.

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Howard Stern is shocked by Clear Channel and Sam Brownback is shocked by Howard Stern.

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Maria Shriver is having her days in court.

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Larry David is trying to curb his wife's enthusiasm for politics.

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Chris Matthews is not making Bob Graham's day.

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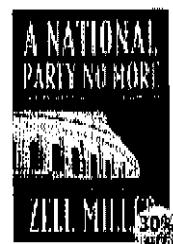


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**First Jason Alexander** and now models getting busy in the quest for Mid-East peace.

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**Yikes! Aaron Brown** is pissed.

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**Stuttering John** will bring new qualities to Leno.

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**Having chewed up** MSNBC and CNN, Fox is now going after CNBC.

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**Tim Blair** puts another lying reporter on the barbee.

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**Bush** spoke to reporters on Deep Background.

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**Katie Couric** is having to defende her hair and her sit down with Jayson Blair.

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**The Aspen Comedy Fest** is in full swing. The Onion staff is in hiding nearby.

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**TND Friend Victoria Zdrok** (Miss October 1994 and Penthouse Pet of the Year 2004) is taking on Playboy's Hugh Hefner.

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**Hopefully, the new policy** of no more spellcheckers at Dow Jones Newswires is not the beginning of a trends.

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**WLIB Radio** is a match made in headline writer heaven for the

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liberal talk radio network - Central Air - which is also close to announcing Janeane Garofalo is coming on board.

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Joe Wilson is going to be naming names in his new book.

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Some of the leading ombuds are digging bloggers and others can't stand them.

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**UPDATE:** The newsletter is done

I'm working on today's **DRD** newsletter right now!

I am posting information as it arrives prior to sending out the newsletter so if you want a heads up on the stories we are tracking and the guest information for the shows we cover check it out. We publish around 6 PM. If you want to get on the mailing list sign up over there (to the right ==>>>)

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**My faux Times Columnist Correction page** is making the rounds. A few people have echoed sentiments expressed over at The Lopsided Poopdeck:

*I know it's not really a page from the Times. My question is....can I make up pages like this and say anything I want and get away with it? I can think of some good articles I would like to write for the Times.*

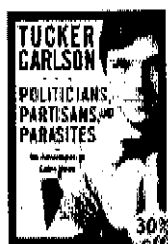
**HOW TO MAKE YOUR OWN NEW YORK TIMES WEB SITE**  
(or any site for that matter)

0. Anyone who knows basic HTML knows how easy this is but for those who don't here you go....

1. Open the page you want to replicate in your browser (I am using IE 6.0 so adjust accordingly)
2. Select View, Source so that a text file of the HTML code for the page appears (in my case, in Notepad)
3. Poke around to find text that you can change or modify (I tend to either scroll around or use the FIND feature to find a specific phrase I want to change or replace)
4. After you have made your changes you want save the text file with a .HTM ending
5. To view your work open the new .HTM file in your browser [NOTE: to test your work in progress make changes and hit REFRESH to view those changes in your browser]
6. Upload the finished file to the web

For example, I can use this to make my own version of The Lopsided Poopdeck.

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Wednesday, March 03, 2004

Since Arthur Sulzberger is showing no signs of honoring his word to put The Times columnist correction policy up for review I have gone ahead and created a satirical look at what a [Columnist Corrections Page](#) ought to look like. I am going to continue to host this page until such time as The Times begins to hold their out of control columnists to the same standards for accuracy as every other writer at The Times as defined by The Times Style Guide.

*The Times does not welcome information about errors that call for correction in columns written by Times' Op-Ed columnists. Since The New York Times refuses to hold their columnists to any standard of accuracy, The National Debate has taken upon itself to offer this Supplemental Corrections Page for New York Times readers. Messages may be e-mailed to [nytcolumnistcorrections@thenationaldebate.com](mailto:nytcolumnistcorrections@thenationaldebate.com).*

*To reach the real public editor, Daniel Okrent, and ask him to press Times Publisher Arthur Sulzberger to make good on his promise to change The New York Times "columnist correction policy" which currently leaves the decision on whether to issue a correction up to the columnist, e-mail [public@nytimes.com](mailto:public@nytimes.com) or telephone (212) 556-7652.*

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**TND Survey Results** for our most recent question: What has been the most foolish TV moment in the 2004 campaign, so far?

**George Bush appears on Meet the Press - 60.8%**

John Kerry drives a Harley onto the Tonight Show stage - 18.78%

Howard Dean speaks to supporters after the Iowa Caucuses - 18.54%

Al Sharpton imitates James Brown on SNL - 1.88%

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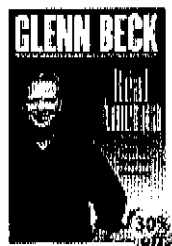
**UPDATE:** The DRD newsletter [is ready and waiting.](#)

**I'm working on today's DRD newsletter [right now!](#)**

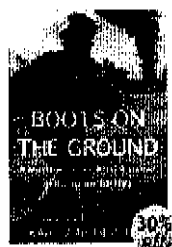
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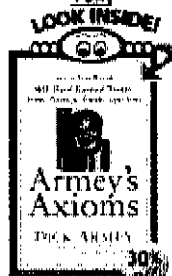
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**Note to Congressional staffers:** In yesterday's newsletter I wrote:

*Am I the only one who remembers Wonkette starting off with the intention of becoming a DC-version of Gawker with a lot of Page Six type, around-the-town gossip. It is starting to resemble something more akin to a MoDo version of a blog. How did the wheels come off so quickly?*

Wonkette replied to assure me that with Kerry wrapping up the nomination she **WILL** be getting out more so make sure you keep your boss out of the late night clubs and, more importantly, let her know if you come across a member of the loyal opposition canoodling or otherwise behaving badly. In an emergency you can also ping her on AIM at wonktip.

TND still has one concern about Ana Marie Cox. Her email was sent to me at 7:25 am this morning. That is just not going to work. If Wonkette is getting up any earlier than noon something is seriously wrong.

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**The radio dial** is getting a bit more crowded. Liberal radio is coming soon, Tony Snow is going national with his new radio show on Fox News Radio and Christopher Lyndon is getting a tryout on MPR. Meanwhile the head of the Democratic party in Utah is calling Sean Hannity a "pimp".

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**Am I wasting my time?**

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**Bob Dole finally found** his true calling, as an election night TV pundit, just as the election scene grinds to a halt for the next several months.

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**Bill O'Reilly is having a rough time** these days. His book is no longer topping the charts, he had to admit that he was wrong on the WMD issue and now he is being accused of plagiarism and controlling who goes on his show!

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**Fox continues to dominate CNN on TV** and is looking to extend that dominance to the Internet but CNN (and ABC) has a bigger campaign bus.

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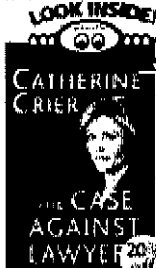
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**Jeff Greenfield will be receiving the Los Angeles Press Club's President's Award** in June.

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**Media bias is rearing its ugly head in the debate over gay marriage** where the press may be overly optimistic about Americans accepting the idea of same-sex marriages, in a recent photo released accompanying a story on Richard Perle, and in reports on economic data.

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**Walter Cronkite** may still be the King but he is open to the idea of being the Queen. During a speech the other day in San Francisco, Cronkite admitted "I do think one of the factors was we were of different sexes." He looked delighted as the laughter billowed around the room. "That doesn't mean I wouldn't have been happy to be married to several friends I had of the same sex," he followed.

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**Brit Hume managed to tick off a diva** when he won the coveted Taishoff Award for Broadcaster of the Year from Washington's National Press Foundation but Myna Blyth ticked off a whole room full of divas with her new book Spin Sisters which ripped women in the media.

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**Gray Davis "surprises" Arnold Schwarzenegger during Leno appearance.**

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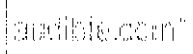
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