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

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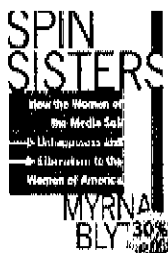
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It was a big weekend for political humor with the Aspen Comedy Festival in full swing in Colorado and DC's Gridiron Dinner starring Dick Cheney, Rudy Giuliani, Hillary Clinton. Bob Novak mocked the Plame Affair while Aspen comics agreed that Bush is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