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## HIGHBROW

● **Joe Lieberman**, crucial to the overall Senate vote on health-care reform, *shockingly* isn't committed to supporting the Democratic plan.



● Internet pioneer Tim Berners-Lee admits that the two forward slashes at the beginning of web addresses are **completely unnecessary**.



● Big Dance Theater's trippy, witty **Comme Toujours Here I Stand** at the Kitchen.

● **The Collected Stories of Lydia Davis**: Many of them are so short they could be "Matrix" items themselves.

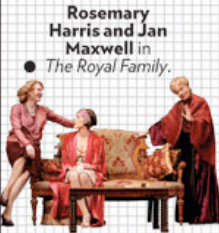


● State Senator Hiram Monserrate **will not lose his seat** despite a conviction for "recklessly causing physical injury" to his girlfriend.

● The United States Geological Survey has issued a report suggesting that **giant snakes are taking over the country**.



● According to the American Dental Association, **tooth-grinding** has risen with the bad economy.



● **Rosemary Harris and Jan Maxwell** in *The Royal Family*.

● The "piano stairs" YouTube video—slash-public-health experiment.



● Negativity in the N.J. governor's race has started turning the tide toward **an independent guy** no one even knew was running until a few weeks ago.



● A shimmying, high-kicking 76-year-old **Chita Rivera** belts out jazzy versions of her Broadway repertoire at Birdland.



● Giuliani makes a couple **trade seats with him** in the middle of a Yankees game.



● The **transit-workers union** allegedly institutes a "slowdown" as part of some arcane contract dispute.

● Tom Waits's new live album will include an entire side's worth of **stage chatter**.



● Alexander McQueen debuts ten-inch heels that look like **disco lobster claws**. Torturous, but kind of amazing.



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● ... Which is apparently being spread by **beer pong at bars**.

● The **lack of chemistry** between John Stamos and Gina Gershon in *Bye Bye Birdie*.



● A **bill in the House** may put an end to commercials that are twice as loud as the show they're interrupting.



● **Parks and Recreation** is way better this season, especially the episode that started off with "cave sex."



● GOP chairman-clown **Michael Steele** launches a blog called What Up?

● *Men's Journal* names Brooklyn the best city for a pub crawl, but suggests an **itinerary that goes from Williamsburg to Park Slope**. Coming soon to Clinton Hill: drunk, lost male tourists.



● There's a new **Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy sequel** coming out even though author Douglas Adams died in 2001 ...

● ... but *Artemis Fowl* author **Eoin Colfer** wrote it, so it might be good.



● Former *New York* staffer Amy Sohn's engaging **Prospect Park West**.



● Cinematic action video game **Uncharted 2**, the year's best title so far.



● The Olsen twins have designed **\$350 sunglasses**.

● **NBC** cancels intriguing cop show *Southland* before its second season airs, claiming its content is too dark.



● **Pumpkin-flavored beer**. Can't we admit it's better in theory than in practice?



● **Everything else** that's pumpkin-flavored.

● Under-the-radar, nouveau-*Roseanne* sitcom **The Middle**.



● **Barry Manilow and Bob Dylan** are both releasing Christmas albums.

● This headline in the U.K.'s *Telegraph*: "**Schoolgirl 'Wanted to Lose Virginity Before Large Hadron Collider Caused End of World.'**"

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## LOWBROW