

**Subject: CONNECTING THE DOTS**

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In an e-mail to Jayson last Thursday, I alerted him to the coverstory about The New York Times in the current issue of the Village Voice --- accessible via [www.villagevoice.com](http://www.villagevoice.com). -- and stated:

I have no doubt but that The Times' protectionism of Governor Pataki, *et al.* -- as painstakingly documented by our correspondence and complaints to The Times -- also stems from its interest in obtaining for itself favorable financial deals for its new building, for which, additionally, it would need the cooperation of the courts.

I did not then realize that in addition to this coverstory by Paul Moses, entitled "Times' to Commoners: Go Elsewhere", this same current issue of the Village Voice contains two additional articles relevant to The Times -- as to which "THE DOTS ARE NOT CONNECTED". These articles are: "Pataki's Quiet Court-Packing" by Tom Robbins AND "Serving a Life Term" by Sydney Schanberg.

Meanwhile, in last week's issue of The Nation ([www.thenation.com](http://www.thenation.com)), Eric Alterman wrote a column, "The Times, It Is A-Ragirl" refuting The Times supposed liberalism and, in so doing, referring to its "commitment to objectivity and professionalism", "reality-based reporting", and "typical standards of evidence", etc. He concludes by raising questions about "the Times editorial process", asking "Did we put Jayson Blair's fictions on the front page? Did we instruct Judith Miller to channel Cheney and Chalabi in her WMD reporting?..."

I will refrain from contacting these four journalists and others until hearing from you as to your interest -- which I hope will be by week's end. Please advise if this is not sufficient time for you to let me know.

Regards.

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