

# **THE ARPAIO PARDON: YOU'RE NOT THE AUDIENCE**

The message Trump is sending with his promised pardon of Joe Arpaio is that he'll make sure abusive cops never face any federal consequences.

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## **THE NINE-MINUTE GAP [UPDATE-2]**

Consider yourself warned: this won't be a very long post. It's about three particular tweets. NOTE THE UPDATES AT BOTTOM.

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## **THE "LIBERAL" NY TIMES FOCUSES ON THE NEXT DISASTROUS GOP DADDY**

No, Mike Pence is not the answer we are looking for. Nor any other GOP daddy. Their day culminated in their adopted son Trump.

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## **THREE THINGS: BAD, WORSE, AND JUST DEAL ALREADY**

Not so artistic deal on air craft; sketchy deal handing radioactive materials on our dime; and just freaking cut a deal already. This is an open thread.

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## **SOWING CONFUSION ABOUT FUSION**

Fusion GPS is now best known for the dossier it ordered from a former MI6 intelligence officer Christopher Steele. What Fusion is and does is a matter some want to confuse.

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## **THREE THINGS: IT'S ALL ABOUT THE CABLE, MABEL. OH, AND THE MOOCH**

It's not often we have so many stories related to cable television making headlines on the same day. And then Scaramucci's exit blew it up. This is an open thread.

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# **MEDITATIONS: WHAT IS THIS THING? EXAMINING TRUMP-RUSSIA**

Given what is before us, all that we know as fact about Trump-Russia, what is this thing?

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## **THREE \*MORE\* THINGS: TARSMACKED, SHUFFLED AND SCREWED?**

It's a mid-summer Friday, damn it all; time to play golf, right? Apparently not before stirring up the hornets' nest. Yet another open thread.

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## **THREE THINGS: IN THE DEBRIS FIELD AFTER HEALTH CARE 'FREEDOM' ACT**

Some bits related to 'the show' late last night on the Senate floor, and not. This is an open thread.

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# **WITH CLOWNS TO THE LEFT, AND JOKERS ON THE RIGHT, TRUMP TURNS TO SCARAMUCCI**

Well, I don't know why I came here tonight  
I got the feeling that something ain't right...