Truth behind

Nargis and help for bookworms
CYCLONE NARGIS
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Never fear, though. We have a few links here that will give you a bit more than you will see on the front pages or on prime time. If you're not too busy cheering 20whatsit.

The Irrawady-
http://www.irrawaddy.org/
This is a news magazine site covering Burma and South-East Asia. Loads of in-depth articles and photographs.
Mizzima-
http://www.mizzima.com/ & http://www.mizzima. tv/Another news site, again with a Burma focus. This one also has a lot of video, as the '.tv' domain may indicate. As with The Ir-rawady, also a very strong political agenda.
Burma Cyclone-
http://burmaemergency.wordpress.com/
This is a blog run by a trio of Columbia School of Journalism stu-dents. They had covered the lives of Burmese refugees in New York for their Masters project, and they now run this blog, which seeks to put out information not just about the disaster but also about the politics behind the aid offers being ignored.
World Wide Help-
http://worldwidehelp.blogspot.com/
Last because (disclosure) your columnist is a founder member. WWH is a multinational group modelled after the very successful SEA-EAT (or TsunamiHelp) collablog, which seeks to put out in-formation about aid efforts, and how concerned folks like you and me can offer help, donate, even volunteer.
The information coming out of Burma is still scarce, not surpris-ing considering that the communications infrastructure took quite a beating, but there is some information about NGOs you
can support.
After all the reading about the cyclone's effects, your columnist
isn't really feeling like dishing out the usual mix of truly sublime nonsense. So here's a couple of reasonably sensible sites to keep
you goingnntil we sink once more to our usual standards.

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