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## The Pitiful Press

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Yesterday, the U.S. government granted official recognition to the Syrian opposition. Yesterday, the negotiations over the fiscal cliff continued. Yesterday, North Korea launched a missile into orbit. Yesterday, Michigan passed a "right-to-work" law. But, you wouldn't have known it if you were watching CNN last night. As soon as news broke about a shooting at a shopping mall in Portland, Oregon, CNN went into ambulance-chaser mode. The shootings in Portland were awful, to be sure. My heart goes out to the victims' and their families. But, except for very few people, that event will not have much of an effect on the world. The other stories that got shunted aside will. Sometimes I wonder who makes the editorial decisions over at CNN.

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