

Tom Shales

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"More fun than a barrel of monkeys." Has anyone ever stopped to think how cranky, if not downright vicious, a barrellful of monkeys would be, especially once released from the barrel?

~Tom Shales

People of a certain age look back on the Mayberry of 'The Andy Griffith Show' and become almost as homesick for that simple fictional hamlet as they do for their own home towns.

~Tom Shales

A fellow with the inventiveness of Albert Einstein but with the attention span of Daffy Duck.

~Tom Shales

The fault is in our stars, dear Brutus: not the glass screen through which we see them.

~Tom Shales

Crime dramas will never go away as long as people turn to television for, among other things, reassurance and comfort.

~Tom Shales

Gimmicks come and go; the cop show seems one genre that will never leave - not as long as people like to sit at home in the suburbs and see what awful things go on in the cities.

~Tom Shales

In the 500-channel universe, which may, of course, contain many more channels than 500, the fun never stops - fun at such a fever pitch as to sometimes seem threatening, numbing, even agonizing.

~Tom Shales

Late-night television is like the cereal aisle in the supermarket: too many choices. Also, too many 'different' brands that really aren't

different at all.

~Tom Shales

Like sugar and, oh - let's say the most tabloidy and gossipy reality television programs - credit is, for millions, genuinely addictive.

~Tom Shales

If the networks can get audiences to tolerate pop-up promos by the dozens, maybe they'll start selling pop-up commercials, too.

~Tom Shales

By a twist of fate rather than anything approaching journalistic enterprise, I did the last major interview with Johnny Carson.

~Tom Shales

Jimmy Kimmel still comes across like a guy who crashed a party and got caught at it, yet adamantly refuses to leave.

~Tom Shales

Obviously neither 'American Idol' nor 'Dancing With the Stars' is a variety show in the classic sense, but the way they incorporate elements of drama, comedy and suspense is moderately ingenious.

~Tom Shales

The perils of credit and debt, especially perilous in the computer age, have long been acknowledged in pop culture, but very infrequently by TV.

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