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### May 22, 2004

#### Star-Ledger on NJ Blogging Moms

Pick up today's Star-Ledger to read about blogging parents in NJ. There's an on the story [here](#). The emphasis is on blogging moms. Lizabeth from [Mom and Po](#) and the great Kate from [Katespot](#) are featured. Lizabeth got an above the fold the "Today" section, not too bad.

posted by **roberto** @ 10:48:  
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### May 21, 2004

#### Top Movie Deaths of All-Time

A British magazine, Total Film, is publishing a list of the [top 50 best movie deat](#) time based on a survey of movie critics. The top six:

1. Janet Leigh getting hacked to death in the shower in "Psycho".
2. Slim Pickens riding a nuke at the end of "Dr. Strangelove".
3. King Kong falling from the Empire State Bulding in the 1933 movie.
4. Alan Rickman doing a slow motion fall to earth in "Die Hard".
5. Faye Dunaway and Warren Beaty dying in a blaze of glory at the end of ' Clyde".
6. Bambi's mom getting shot by hunters in the 1942 Disney flick.

I would add (1) Sonny Corleone getting shot up at the toll booth in "The Godfat Almost any of the deaths in "Scarface" (3) Russell Crowe at the end of "Gladiatc Nicholson in "The Shining" (5)the mountain man getting it with a bow and arro "Deliverance". The entire list will be published next month.

posted by **roberto** @ 23:25:  
 category: [ [Entertainment](#) ] [cor](#)

#### John Podhoretz on the Presidential Race in New Jersey

The great columnist John Podhoretz has also noticed the latest Quinnipiac Unive registered voters in New Jersey [ [link](#) ]. As I've also noted, Kerry probably consi Jersey to be a safe state, but if he has to run ads here to hold off Bush, he'll be

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trouble. Trouble because it means his campaign isn't doing so hot, and trouble I media buying in New Jersey means NYC media which will take a big chunk out of campaign war chest.

Poor John, I'm in tears. All the news is not glum in Kerryville, at least he's got [s owners](#) on his side. In between lap dances, patrons at strip clubs will be asked to cheer for John Kerry. For some reason, the strip club industry thinks re-electing George E for business. I don't remember seeing John Ashcroft boarding up any "adult entertainment businesses in the last 3-1/2 years.

posted by **roberto** @ 19:24:  
category: [ [New Jersey](#) ] [cor](#)

### Out of State Blogger on NJ Taxes

Delaware blogger Fritz from Sneaking Suspicions is up on current events in New Jersey you can tell by reading his post "[What fools must they think us tax-paying mortals](#) believe Delaware has some of the lowest state taxes in the country, so when Fritz announced about a \$6000 property tax bill, he must be thinking Dupont mansion, not East 3 bedroom ranch. Fritz is against McGreevey's FAIR tax which is what the "millionaire is being called. FAIR means Fair and Immediate Relief, so a tax hike bill is first called "millionaires tax" then a FAIR tax. Fritz calls this "class envy" as policy, a robbery scheme masked with focus group driven code words. I can't argue with that.

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## May 19, 2004

### NJ Presidential Poll: Kerry 46% Bush 43% Nader 5%

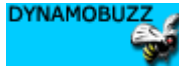
The latest Quinnipiac University poll of registered voters in New Jersey has John Kerry a slim 3% lead over George Bush with Ralph Nader pulling in 5%. Without Nader Kerry by 3%, which is a statistical tie [[link](#)]. After two months of the media taking the best shot at Bush by running nothing but negative stories (Iraq prisoners, 9-11 gas prices) John Kerry still isn't beating Bush in New Jersey, one of the most liberal states in America and a state Al Gore won by 18% in 2000. Let's face it, John Kerry is all the excitement of moldy bread. While Bush's approval ratings are low, that means mean voters are about to vote for Kerry.

posted by **roberto** @ 22:20:  
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### Watch Your Wallets, Here Comes Cablevision

Cablevision is arguing that they do not need permission to raise cable rates, that the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities has no jurisdiction over the cable industry [[link](#)]. Comcast is not joining the battle, preferring to watch from the sidelines while Cablevision does the dirty work. Cablevision and Comcast own almost all the cable TV business in New Jersey.

Hey, I'm a free market capitalist and all that, but Cablevision has shown that when we give someone monopoly power they will abuse it. I work in private industry, and I've seen how company treated customers the way Cablevision treats subscribers, my company is out of business and I'd be stocking shelves in Wal-Mart. I've heard Comcast isn't better. Perhaps some direct cable competition, not just satellite providers like Dish Network give Cablevision and Comcast a swift kick in the butt so they get their act together.



start thinking about the customer.

posted by **roberto** @ 09:29:  
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### Cal Thomas on Abu Ghraib

On May-13, I questioned if mixing men and women together in these guard unit Iraq contributed to the breakdown in discipline and command that lead to the p abuse scandal [ [link](#) ]. Today, columnist Cal Thomas has written a column, "[Sex and the breakdown at Abu Ghraib](#)" basically agreeing with my theory.

posted by **roberto** @ 09:20:  
category: [ [Politics](#) ] [cor](#)

### Time for Baseball

I took the family to Commerce Bank Ballpark in Bridgewater tonight to see the Patriots play the Long Island Ducks in an Atlantic League baseball game. I try to three or four games a year. The stadium is only about 10 minutes from my hou traffic isn't bad even when there's a sell-out.

The stadium is very nice (see picture below). I think it seats almost 6000 people really isn't a bad seat in the house. They've improved the food and concessions Price are typical of what you will find in most sports arenas. My son had pizza a daughter had a hot dog. I had a hot dog and chicken and fries. My wife is obvious into baseball tradition, she had a grilled chicken wrap. We also had popcorn, pe nachos. I thought the nachos looked gross, but the rest of the family ate them I was eyeing my fries, but she had to stick to the Cheerios. They have an incredible selection, though I stuck with soda.

There is lots of between inning entertainment, I mean lots!! My kids were trying the tee-shirts as they were shooting them into the crowd with a slingshot, but they were pushed aside by the bigger kids. The Patriot's mascot is a poodle type thing named after ex-NY Yankee Sparky Lyle who is a part owner of the team.

The Patriots lost 3-1 in a very well pitched game. The Patriots started Jason Dickey pitched in the major leagues for the Anaheim Angels. The Patriots have a couple major league players, like Scott Aldred and Luis Lopez. The Ducks had ex-Mets and Bill Pulsipher and Bud Harrelson is a coach.

The Patriots have 10 fireworks nights scheduled throughout the season, I'll see to one once school is out.



posted by **roberto** @ 01:54:  
category: [ [General](#) ] 3 c

### **Murray Sabrin Decides to Skip the Governor's Race**

PoliticsNJ is reporting that Murray Sabrin has decided that he will not be running governor in 2005. Too bad, because I like him and I think he'd have a good shot winning.

posted by **roberto** @ 01:42:  
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### **Good News from Iraq**

Enough already with Abu Ghraib prison. Everyone except for NBC is sick of that about looking at good news?? Even the laziest of bloggers can easily find many happening in Iraq.

- While rising oil prices are taking money out of our economy, they are helping Iraq. Since last May 28th, Iraq has made **\$9 billion** in oil sales, money which has been spent yet but has been deposited into an escrow account for use in the country.
- Hundreds of Iraqi professors and educators who had fled the country during Saddam's years have returned to work on educating Iraq's youth [ [link](#) ]. This highlights the stories of many Iraqis who fled the country to avoid Baathist persecution who are now returning with computers and new hope on Iraq.
- Iraq's healthcare system was a joke before the war. The vaunted "Oil for food" program that was supposed to buy medicine and supplies for Iraq was instead turned into a private piggy bank for Saddam, his allies and the parasites around him in France. The healthcare system in Iraq is being **rebuilt** with US funds and outside investors. One of its first projects is to vaccinate all of Iraq's children.
- Iraq's soccer team beat Saudi Arabia last week to qualify for the 2004 Olympic games in Athens [ [link](#) ]. Saddam's evil son Uday was in charge of athletic

past, and athletes were tortured and maimed if they didn't perform. Now going to the Olympics.

- The political situation is making drastic improvements. This is a country months ago was run by the Baath party, an organization modeled after the party. If you spurned the Baath, you were tossed feet first into plastic bags. Or you were tied to a chair and forced to watch your wife and daughters in front of you. Now there are local elections going on all over the country. Washington Post, no friend of the White House, reports [In Iraqi Towns, I Experiment Finds Some Success](#) . In Nasiriyah, women's activists are going door to door to encourage women to vote.

You won't find Katie Couric reporting stuff like this, because her job along with the media is to get John Kerry elected. Bush needs to bypass the media the way Reagan did and take the success stories directly to the American public. What's for?? Most of America wants Iraq to be a success and the foundation is in place. A story to the majority of America that wants to hear the good news, screw Dan F. Russert, Chris Matthews, the LA Times, that pig Michael Moore, CNN and all the liberal media, and let the chips fall where they may.

And if you want to see better pictures from Iraq, look [here](#) and [here](#) .

posted by **roberto** @ 01:28:  
category: [ [Politics](#) ] [cor](#)

## May 17, 2004

### Deer Infestation Talk at Unbillable Hours

The Unbillable Hours Blog talks about the deer infestation problem in New Jersey. I've hit two deer in New Jersey. In 1998, I hit one doing on 287 south near exit (Bernardsville). I was able to drive the car home, though I had to stop to refill the tank. That was ~\$3000 in damage. Four months ago I just barely hit one on route 22 Bridgewater. I thought I missed him though I heard a slight thump. I cracked the window on the passenger side.

After the accident in 1998, my insurance company sent me a standard form as a claim. There's a section which asks you to draw a diagram to describe the accident. I drew a little stick figure deer (a 6-pointer) and showed my car striking him with lines in all directions showing the point of impact.

Tom went to a meeting to discuss the deer problem in his town, but it sounds like the problem is that most of the people there don't consider the deer to be a problem. He suggested deer sterilization. I think to sterilize deer you have to shoot them with a tranquilizer every few months. Yeah, right!! You'd be better off trying to get the deer to use birth control.

Deer in New Jersey don't have any natural predators (unless you count SUV's) so the population grows out of control. Let's import some mountain lions, that'll take care of them.

Tom briefly discusses the other Jersey infestation, Canadian geese. I've noticed baby geese out there grazing at the size of the roads, I guess they hatch them in the water. A little chick looks so adorable, but I have to remind myself that in a few months they'll be leaving goose droppings all over the state. Maybe if the mountain lions can go after the geese once they've gorged themselves on venison.

posted by **roberto** @ 22:33:  
category: [ [New Jersey](#) ] [cor](#)

### This Means War!!

What's up with Canada?? They're putting a 40% tariff on all American made fro: imported into Canada [ [link](#) ]. That's it. I propose a 40% tariff on all albums by / Morissette, Rush and Bryan Adams plus we scoop up all the droppings from the geese and dump them on the Canadian side of the Rainbow Bridge at Niagara F

posted by **roberto** @ 21:58:  
category: [ [General](#) ] [cor](#)

### Another Jersey Blogger via Indiana

I just found this blog, [10 Weeks in Jersey](#) , which is written by someone named Zeigert who just moved here from Indiana and seems to be writing for a newsp Asbury Park (The Islander??). He may be a summer intern, which is where he g Weeks" title for the blog. Andy seems amazed that there are actually people in who "tawlk funny" like the guys on the Sopranos. His latest post is about his fir Sandy Hook.

posted by **roberto** @ 21:46:  
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### Alien Movies About Abortion??

I'm a big fan of the Alien movies. I saw the first one in the movie theater while teenager, and the second movie is a classic. The third one sucks big time, and t one is a bit quirky, not as good as the first two but still enjoyable.

I never thought the Alien movies were about abortion, but so claims American   movie reviewer James Bowman in his review of the fourth movie, "[Alien Resurn](#) thought the Sigourney Weaver - Winona Ryder relationship in that movie was a (Bowman implies a lesbian relationship), and all the male characters in that mo either incompetent, testosterone-hyped louts or just plain evil. In Aliens, the th characters (Ripley, the little girl Newt and the buff Marine Vasquez) were all str the male characters (Paul Reiser, Bill Paxton and the "Gorman" character) were as weaker. When Weaver kills the mutant creature at the end of the "Alien Res Bowman points out all the abortion related symbolism. Maybe Bowman is right, sometimes a movie is just a movie.

posted by **roberto** @ 21:23:  
category: [ [Entertainment](#) ] [cor](#)

### This is Scary

Microsoft is pushing for the use of Windows software to be embedded into every devices. To prove their point at its annual Windows Hardware Engineering Confe Seattle, Microsoft showed off a Hummer which is controlled with Windows softw Can you imagine the problems if one of Windows viruses gets into a 3 ton piece riding on our highways??

posted by **roberto** @ 13:58:  
category: [ [Computing](#) ] [cor](#)

**May 16, 2004**

**Random Jeresy Blog Notes**



- Clayton Kramer [discusses](#) the right to shoot someone in New Jersey if they are stealing your personal property outside of your house. DON'T DO IT. You do have the right to shoot someone who is stealing your car unless they are physically threatening you. You do have this right in 38 states, but New Jersey is one of those that does not allow it. The article discusses the case of a Gloucester County man who shot and killed someone trying to steal his all terrain vehicle. Hey, I've only shot one once, at a turkey shoot held by the police department at Palisade Park. But I think you should be able to use some kind of force to prevent someone from taking or damaging your property.
- Photoblogger Andrew Raff has a [nice picture](#) called "Sunset over Jersey" showing the view of the NJ waterfront from Manhattan or Brooklyn. Raff also has a post about "[blue books](#)", those thin books we all used in exams. I should say "used to use", because now colleges are making you take exams using ExamSoft software and a laptop. And so there goes another tradition.
- The Wandering Tax Pro has a report of his [recent trip](#) down to Asbury Park. He has got other Jersey stuff on his blog and he's a tax attorney, so you can read up on New Jersey and taxes and the 3rd annual Sci-Fi and Fantasy Film Week-Loew's in Jersey City.

posted by **roberto** @ 18:09:  
category: [ [New Jersey](#) ] [cor](#)

## May 15, 2004

### More Good News for Coffee Drinkers

More [benefits of heavy coffee drinking](#) :

A reduced risk of type 2 diabetes. Three to four cups a day mean a 20% lower risk. The more you drink the lower the risk.

Coffee has been associated with decreased risk of gallstone disease and Parkinson's disease.

Some studies have also shown that it's associated with decreased risk of suicide and colon cancer.

Some people think you run a greater risk of bladder cancer with heavy coffee drinking, but that's never been proven in any studies. So, drink up!!

posted by **roberto** @ 14:15:  
category: [ [General](#) ] [cor](#)

### Hosting Problems at DynamoBuzz

I went to log in to my account only to see the dreaded "THE ACCOUNT FOR DYNAMOBUZZ.COM HAS BEEN SUSPENDED". Yikes, I thought all my regular visitors would think I'm a deadbeat or something.

My next thought was that I had exceeded my monthly bandwidth allowance. I'm using about 1 gigabyte a month of traffic, and I was shocked to see the last time that I checked

had topped 600MB halfway through the month. I thought I was getting more vi  
but I never thought I'd exceed by monthly allowance.

Anyway, what happened is my host, Websyzt, sold it's accounts to another host  
new host had trouble crediting my account with the left over balance from Web  
was back on line at arround midnight.

posted by **roberto** @ 08:34:  
category: [ [General](#) ] [cor](#)

### Web Nielsen Ratings

The most popular shopping spots on the internet according to the most recent  
[Nielsen/NetRatings](#) : (1)eBay (2)Amazon (3)Shopping.com (4)Yahoo (5)Expedia  
Wal-Mart (8)Target (9)Obitiz (10)Travelocity. eBay leads in average time per vis  
whooping 41 minutes compared to 10 minutes per vist for Expedia.

I've only been visited eBay and Amazon, none of the others. I have read that w  
heavier on-line shoppers than men. It took me a long time before I even gave c  
credit card number on-line.

posted by **roberto** @ 08:28:  
category: [ [Computing](#) ] [1](#)

## May 13, 2004

### Abu Ghraib

If you read the last few paragraphs of [this story at MSNBC](#) about the Abu Ghra  
Iraq, it sounds like there was absolutely no discipline at all amongst the MP's. T  
quotes soldiers who were at the prison who say there was heavy drinking and r  
public sex amongst the soldiers. There were even mattresses put in the middle c  
with chairs around them for the soldiers to perform with an audience. Apparentl  
Lynndie England was a star performer. Many of the images the congressman re  
private featured Missie England having sex with numerous partners. One lawma  
the pictures, "Almost everybody was naked all the time." Her "boyfriend" who is  
investigation was technically her supervisor. England is four months pregnant.

Public sex acts, rowdiness, women flashing breasts, heavy beer drinking. Is this  
spring break?? It's like those "Girl Gone Wild" videos on late night cable.

I think a question that should be asked but probably won't is the effect of wom  
in combat situations with men. I think there were even pictures of Jessica Lyncl  
her shirt in front of other reservists in her unit. The units that have the best mo  
to be the Special Forces units, which are just about totally male. I have to wonc  
in young women with young men and putting them in situations like this is just  
break down in discipline and unit effectiveness. It's time to rethink this whole w  
combat question in my opinion.

posted by **roberto** @ 21:47:  
category: [ [Politics](#) ] [cor](#)

### Google and "Liberal Blogs"

This is really funny. Do a Google search for "liberal blogs" and DynamoBuzz is o  
second page, #14 of 442,000 results. Those left-wingers are going to be really  
they click on the DynamoBuzz link expecting to read some liberal bleeding hear



instead get a fistfull of good ole' fashioned, right wing hootin' and hollerin'!!

Check it out "<http://www.google.com/search?hl=en&lr=&safe=off&c2coff=1&q=liberal+blogs&btnG=Search>".

posted by **roberto** @ 20:56:  
category: [ [General](#) ] [cor](#)

### **Peggy Noonan on New Jersey**

One of my favorite writers and cable news talking heads is Peggy Noonan, and in her Opinion Journal she has a wide ranging piece about New Jersey [[link](#)]. Though born and lives in the city, Peggy lived in Jersey as a youth, graduating from Rut High School and getting a BA from Fairleigh Dickinson University.

The article touches on the Sopranos, terrorism, McGreevey and the cloning issue politicians and the Catholic church. Peggy discusses the Port of Newark and how bad feeling that if there is a next big terrorist strike in the U.S., the Port of New be the new ground zero. Let's hope not.

posted by **roberto** @ 20:23:  
category: [ [New Jersey](#) ] [cor](#)

## **May 12, 2004**

### **Free Beer + Hockey = Winning Combination**

The Tampa Bay Lightning of the National Hockey League offered free beer to any attendance at this past Saturday's playoff game who put down a deposit for sea for next year [[link](#)]. Twenty five fans signed up for the deal and got to drink free night. Sounds like a good deal to me, but those party poopers at Mothers Again Driving were against it. Perhaps the Lightning should give away something less controversial, like a free hunting rifle.

posted by **roberto** @ 14:39:  
category: [ [Sports](#) ] [cor](#)

### **Joe Kyrillos Speaks on Property Taxes**

I've generally been harsh with NJ GOP leader Senator Joe Kyrillos, who has been of the state party as it has been transformed from a governing majority to its current position as weak opposition party in the state. But I give the senator a lot of credit for putting forward a [plan](#) to address the issue of property taxes, spending and school funding. If more of our elected officials actually suggested solutions, then perhaps we wouldn't need some constitutional convention.

Kyrillos' plan would establish a different formula for state wide aid to schools that would not be as heavily based on the spending in the wealthier districts or incomes but on urban/suburban factors and the needs of the district. He would force the individual districts to give up their control over non-academic spending (transportation, food supplies) and turn that over to county purchasing boards. He would also limit year to year increases to the inflation rate with some adjustments for school population. Schools would lose up to 15% of their state aid for violating this provision. Teachers unions would be against that.

As Kyrillos says in the article "...you can't be for property tax reform and be for the status quo at the same time." Excellent job, Joe.

posted by **roberto** @ 09:43:  
category: [ [New Jersey](#) ] [cor](#)

### Bush Still Ahead of Kerry

I stop by [Real Clear Politics](#) on a regular basis to check out all the latest polls o presidential race. Five polls taken last week are all within the statistical margin 4 out of 5 of the polls show Bush ahead. This was right in the middle of the wee those Iraqi POW stories were breaking.

This says a few things:

- The public is much smarter than the liberal media assumes. I doubt if an 100% happy about what's going on in Iraq, but that doesn't automatic into a vote for John Kerry. A solid percentage of the public realizes we ar and stuff happens in war that is uncontrollable.
- John Kerry is an awful candidate. No excitement, zippo. The polls always that against an un-named democrat, Bush would lose, but when you put Kerry's name up there, the polls shift. My solution: Kerry should change "un-named democrat" and put that on the ballot in November.
- The economy is doing better, and the people see it. If we're still adding ; 300,000 jobs a month between now and the election, it will be real hard democrats to claim this is the worst economy ever.

Of course, things can happen in the next 6 months, but I'll still bet on Bush.

posted by **roberto** @ 09:22:  
category: [ [Politics](#) ] [cor](#)

### My Son's Team Now 3-1

My son's baseball team won again last night, 9-6. The team is now 3-1 and look good. Unfortunately, the team they lost to crushed them 18-0, and I think if the them 20 times they wouldn't win once.

Daniel walked and struck out. He looks much better at the plate than he did ear season, but he's still shaky in the outfield. I try to give him pointers on where t where to run to when the ball is hit, but I don't want to turn into one of those Li dads who drives coaches crazy.

After the game, Daniel asked me if we could go to a batting cage and take som swings. I think Fair Way Golf in Piscataway has batting cages, I'll see if I have t weekend.

posted by **roberto** @ 09:14:  
category: [ [General](#) ] [cor](#)

## May 11, 2004

### New Jeresy Hot Dogs

I just stumbled across this [discussion thread](#) at a site called Roadfood.com whe talking about New Jersey hot dogs. This is the kind of discussion you see at the MunchMobile forum at NJ.com. One of the guys posting on this thread, John Fo apparently eaten at almost every hot dog joint in the state. He even can tell yo

makes what hot dog sold at each place and what's in them. I think with hot dog it's best you don't know what's in them. Fox particularly likes the dogs at the G Inn in Union.

posted by **roberto** @ 01:09:  
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### NJ Bookstore to Debut Printing on Demand

Bookends in Ridgewood will be one of the first book sellers in the country to fea Printing on Demand, of paperback books [ [link](#) ]. They're using an Instabook ma right now can print from any of 10,000 titles, mostly out of print titles along wit "non-custom" books. With POD, bookstores do not have to stock dozens of copi that may need to be sent back to the publisher if they're not sold. Places like all mini-malls that don't have a lot of space could host a bookstore with literally th millions of titles.

I can see Printing on Demand expanding to the point where it will put the big pu houses out of business. Who needs a big NYC outfit to publish your book when y make it available to Instabook for sale directly to the public. You don't need a b money to print up books, they're only printed when someone goes to buy the b sell 500 copies of a book, you might be able to make a couple of hundred bucks

posted by **roberto** @ 01:01:  
category: [ [New Jersey](#) ] [cor](#)

## May 9, 2004

### Return of Juan Valdez

I don't know if I'm typical, but I'm a big time heavy coffee drinker who doesn't for Starbucks. I doubt if I've gone there more than four or five times in my life. associated Starbucks with "yuppie" and "coffee with funny names". I still don't exactly is a frappuccino, I think it's coffee with a head on it, right??

Though I'm perfectly happy with coffee from Quick Chek or Dunkin' Donuts, I m these new [Juan Valdez](#) coffee shops which are just now opening in the United S coffeehouses are owned by the National Federation of Coffee Growers of Coloml own the Juan Valdez copyright. It's a smart move because most 40-something j myself remember those Juan Valdez commercials from our youth. In another sn one of their first shops will be in Seattle, home to the Starbucks empire. I don't they'll have any sissy coffee, just good old fashion coffee with creme and sugar. them out.

posted by **roberto** @ 22:43:  
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### Happy Mother's Day to All



Hope you all had a Mother's Day. My ii came down from u on Saturday, and v out for brunch this We went to McCart Bridgewater. They very nice Mother's

brunch, I highly recommend it. My in-laws just left a few hours ago. They don't my kids that much, so it was good that they got to spend some time with them.

Here's a Mother's Day photo of my wife with Allison, Liliana and Daniel. Of course and Liliana have matching Gymboree outfits. Actually Daniel and I almost had outfits, but my wife gave me a dirty look when she saw me wearing jeans, so I into more formal attire. Like most kids, Daniel and Allison made gifts at school. made a very detailed pillow that she actually sewed in class, and Daniel made a box big enough to hold the jewelery from the King Tut exhibition. I talked to my early this evening, and everyone got to wish her a Happy Mother's Day. Overall day for everyone.

posted by **roberto** @ 20:40:  
category: [ [General](#) ] [cor](#)

### Calling Richard Ben-Veniste

The most unlikable person to come out of the 9-11 hearings is Richard Ben-Ven democrat lawyer who has a surgically implanted sh\*t eating grin on his face at . He would gain some credibility in my book if he followed up on [this story](#) . Seen British citizen had been recruited to be one of the 9-11 hijackers, but when he c United States, he got cold feet and turned himself over to the FBI. He told the f everything and passed lie detector tests. The feds didn't believe him and sent h England.

Why isn't Ben-Veniste on this?? Oops, I see this happened in the spring of 2000 Clinton, Janet Reno and company where on the job. That explains it.

posted by **roberto** @ 18:03:  
category: [ [Politics](#) ] [cor](#)

### Does This Seem Fair??

Someone explain this to me:

- Jayson Williams is found not guilty of the more serious charges in the sh death of Gus Christofi. The jury finds him guilty of four lesser charges, a say Williams may not get jail time.
- A guy in Los Angeles was sentenced to 42 days in jail for sneaking a cam a movie theater and illegally filming "The Alamo" [ [link](#) ].

No jail time for Williams vs. 42 days for sneaking a video camera into a movie t And the movie was "The Alamo", considered to be a bomb by most reviewers. M guy should have tried the insanity defense.

posted by **roberto** @ 17:24:  
category: [ [General](#) ] [cor](#)

## May 7, 2004

### NY Post Tabloid Style Headlines

In a bizarre story, police in Hamilton NJ found the body of a dead 39 year old w had been buried by her boyfriend. The boyfriend claimed she had been killed in accident in upstate NY and he brought her home to bury her.

The headline in the NY Post says "[N.J. COPS GRILL CORPSE BEAU](#)". Not as good as "HEADLESS BODY FOUND IN TOPLESS BAR", but still a good one.

posted by **roberto** @ 20:29:  
category: [ [New Jersey](#) ] [cor](#)

### Pleasantville Coach From Hell, Part II

By now, you've all heard about the NJ middle school basketball coach who embarrassed his players, a 13 year old boy, by giving him a "cry baby" trophy at an award ( [see post below](#) ). The school board recommended that he be fired, which makes me and everyone else in the state **except** for the lawyers, who told the school that a teacher cannot be fired without the school superintendent's recommendation. I state law, most likely written by the teacher's unions to protect incompetent teachers, says this one. So the school superintendent over-rides the school board and decides the coach will get to keep his job ( [link](#) ). Instead of the unemployment line, his punishment: no more coaching, 5 day suspension without pay, forfeit his next pay raise, "sensitivity" training and a public apology.

The article says that they must hold the awards banquet again, but this time he is supposed to give the student the proper trophy. You've got to be kidding me!! I kid, I'd tell him where to shove that trophy. Unbelievable!!

posted by **roberto** @ 17:41:  
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### Lautenberg Steps in it Again

The junior senator from New Jersey, blow hard Frank Lautenberg, wants a congressional hearing because Disney is not distributing Michael Moore's latest piece of garbage "Fahrenheit 9/11" ( [link](#) ). Perhaps Lautenberg was in his walker all day and didn't read the article "[Michael Moore admits Disney 'ban' was a stunt](#)". Seems like Disney told him that they wouldn't distribute his movie. Moore lied when he said he was or told about the Disney decision. Moore also lied when he said that he had a sign that said "That fat pig Moore is laughing all the way to the bank thanks to all the free publicity". The film is about to show at the Cannes Film Festival, and he can thank idiots like Lautenberg for extra headlines.

MEMO TO FRANK: Moore made a fool out of you. Are you embarrassed?? My guess is yes because embarrassment requires that you have a sense of shame. You, Mister Lautenberg, are shameless.

posted by **roberto** @ 17:34:  
category: [ [New Jersey](#) ] [cor](#)

### Washington Times on Tom Kean, Jr.

Today's Washington Times has an [article](#) about Tom Kean Jr. and his future political prospects. The 35-year old first term state senator has name recognition, but has held office very long. The article says Kean is seriously considering a run for governor. I'm still putting my money on Murray Sabrin, Bret Schundler or Diane Allen for the republican nod.

posted by **roberto** @ 17:24:  
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### Higher Milk and Egg Costs

Milk and egg prices have been going up in the New Jersey area [link]. Milk is going for \$4 a gallon and a dozen eggs may cost you \$3. This article says government regulation is a contributing cause. A ban on growth hormone means cows put out 4 to 5% less milk. The federal law on how many chickens can be in a chicken coop has been changing meaning fewer chickens until more coops can be built.

I'm sure if you did a poll, most people would be in favor of banning the use of growth hormones. And if you told them that there were 20 chickens per square yard in a coop and the law was being changed to make it no more than 15 chickens, they would be in favor of that too. But the cost of these regulations is never explained, and most people don't realize there's a cost to this, and if you tell them there's a cost to these changes they scream bloody murder.

Let's not forget that one of the contributing factors to the high cost of gas is government regulation requiring oxygenated fuel in many states. And as we discuss ways to get out of this crisis, the environmentalists stress "conservation" as the solution. What most people don't realize, and what the democrats and other liberals don't tell you, is that conservation means higher gas prices and less choices in car buying options. "Conservation" means older cars being forced off the roads because they guzzle more gas than newer cars, a change which would severely impact lower income citizens.

posted by **roberto** @ 17:15:  
category: [ [General](#) ] [cor](#)

## May 5, 2004

### New Additions to the Blogroll

I just added two new bloggers to the Dynamo Blog Roll:

- [Joe Territo](#) is a Jersey blogger out of Morris county, and his latest blog post is on-line for about 2 months. I say latest because he's tried before. Hopeful fourth time is a charm. Joe thought it was funny that my Babe Ruth League called me "Bobby" as a means of tormenting me. He obviously doesn't realize that it happened to me over 25 years ago yet I still bear the mental scar. Sensitivity training for you, Joe!! Joe has a [review of Quiznos subs](#) which I did a week or so after [my post](#) about Quiznos invading New Jersey. Joe's review likes them, though he expected the bread to be more toasty. Guess I'll have to break down and buy one.
- I found Rosemary "Queen of All Evil" through her discussion about Lautenberg's "chicken hawk" outburst on the floor of the senate. Rosemary is a thorough conservative soccer mom (not sure from where) with a nasty streak. The site does have pictures of kittens. I'll be checking out the Queen regularly.

Soccer moms were the hot demographic in the 2000 election, though I'm not sure if they were. Most soccer moms I know are politically conservative, and I believe Bush beat Clinton because of married women. Gore and Clinton always did very well with single women and soccer moms. The best reason I ever heard: single mothers are a bad judge of men, that's why they're single mothers.

posted by **roberto** @ 19:43:  
category: [ [General](#) ] [cor](#)

### A Very Nice New Jersey Photo Gallery

I just found a very well done [New Jersey Image Gallery](#) over at the Home News:



Tribune Site. The gallery has the portfolios of seven different photographers wh the Home News. Particularly well done are a night time shot of the [NY skyline b fireworks over Toms River](#) and [a skateboarder](#) on the waterfront in Jersey City also a section called [Eyelevel](#) with very nice black and white shots from the pag order prints if you wish.

posted by **roberto** @ 19:11:  
category: [ [New Jersey](#) ] [cor](#)

### Pleasantville Coach From Hell

I saw [this story](#) over at the Jersey Side and thought it was a gag. Some grade basketball coach in Pleasantville, New Jersey embarrassed one of his players by a "Cry Baby" award in front of the whole team at an awards banquet. The coach out and got a special trophy featuring a crying baby. My first thought was a Sat Live skit with Bill Murray playing the coach.

The only coach who ever tormented me was my Babe Ruth League coach. On th of practice, he asked me what name I go by. I said Roberto, Robert or Rob were him I didn't like being called Bob, and I hated being called Bobby. He called me the whole year.

posted by **roberto** @ 07:11:  
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### Spend \$55,000 to Collect \$19,000

NJ senator Wayne Bryant (D-Camden) is a partner in law firm hired by the Dela Port Authority to go after toll cheats. Rather than get paid by a percentage of w recovers, which is standard practice, Bryant's firm got a special deal to be paid far, the firm has billed [the DRPA \\$55,000 and collected \\$19,000](#). That's not too According to the article, Bryant's firm is the only one hired by the state of New . is being paid hourly. Hmm.., maybe time to change that, no??

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category: [ [New Jersey](#) ] [cor](#)

## May 3, 2004

### Don't Believe All the Good Economic News

Hey, if people think the economy is doing well, they won't vote for John Kerry!! the friendly socialists over at the New Jersey Policy Perspective are saying with recent press release "[New Jersey Jobs Situation Sliding Backwards](#)". They are r impressed with the growth in the economy and suggest that if we hadn't given tax refunds last summer, the economy would be doing better. Hey, you lefties: measly \$800 dollars last summer and bought a new refrigerator. Lots of other p their tax cut money which is why 3rd quarter 2003 GDP growth was the highest years.

NJPP laments the 40,000 manufacturing jobs lost in New Jersey in the last 2-1/: instead of blaming the McGreevey administration for \$2 billion in tax increases : hostile regulatory environment in the Garden State, they blame ..... George Bus Surprise, surprise!

posted by **roberto** @ 22:20:  
category: [ [New Jersey](#) ] [cor](#)

### Double Speak from McGreevey

First there was the millionaires' tax which actually will effect NJ residents makin \$500,000 a year. And now they're talking about a constitutional convention to a property taxes in New Jersey, but the convention ".. [must not tamper with long constitutional principles.](#) "

So McGreevey wants a constitutional convention that cannot change the constit why do we need it?? Why not just set up one of his fancy blue ribbon commissic one that recommended we raise the gasoline tax. Or the commission that recon we raise the beer tax. Or the commission that recommended we raise the cigar

posted by **roberto** @ 21:50:  
category: [ [New Jersey](#) ] [cor](#)

### Liberals Attack Pat Tillman

Michelle at A Small Victory has a post about cartoonist Ted Rall and his most re attempt at biting humor and satire [ [link](#) ]. Rall's latest cartoon mocks Pat Tillma former NFL star who gave up his pro football career to join the Army. Tillman w killed in action in Afghanistan. The cartoon was so offensive that MSNBC.com w it on their website. Michelle has the cartoon at her site, a work of art that has T saying he wanted to join the Army to kill Arabs and then suggests that he be ca instead of hero.

Next time you hear liberals say that they oppose the war but support the troops remember that it's hogwash. They hate the military and are actually encourage American soldiers dying because they think it helps John Kerry's election chance

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### Quiz Time

Question #1, for 100 points. Here are three events which occurred in the Middle last few weeks. Only one of the events has caused an "uproar" and "outrage" in world. Which one??

1. In Fallujah, Iraq, four American security contractors who were guarding shipments were killed, and their bodies were mutilated and set on fire ar from a bridge.
2. A woman who was 8 months pregnant was driving through the Gaza Stri four daughters, ages 2 to 11, when her car was attacked by two Palestin terrorists. The woman and her four children were shot to death. The terr walked up to the car and shot all the children and the pregnant woman i at point blank range and may have filmed the scene of the attack [ [link](#) ]
3. Iraqi POW's were filmed with hoods on their heads and also blindfolded lying on the ground in prison while under American guard.

The answer is #3. I'm not surprised.

posted by **roberto** @ 21:25:  
category: [ [Politics](#) ] [cor](#)

### The Blogosphere on Lautenberg

I enjoyed writing my post about Frank Lautenberg a few days back, comparing

Spiro Agnew. I used a thesaurus because I saw I had used the word "vile" three times. Loathsome was a good substitution for vile.

I found this quote from 18th century revivalist preacher Jonathan Edwards: "A wretched, despicable creature, a worm, a mere nothing...". It sounds like he was talking about our junior senator. I think he was around back then.

But rather than me saying it, let's see what other bloggers are saying about the

- [Hugh Hewitt](#) uses the term "historically assine" along with "reprehensible" and "Hypocritical" considering how Lautenberg drooled over certified draft dodger Clinton.
- At [Ravenwood's Universe](#) blogger Steve laments Lautenberg's combat in the Civil War caused him to lose the use of his spine.
- At [The Command Post](#), blogger Dan notes that Lautenberg acted like a school kid calling his opponent names rather than debating on the merits of Kerry's record.
- Rosemary, [Queen of All Evil](#) is relatively kind to Lautenberg, just calling him "sleazy". In the discussion of the post, it is noted that Ronald Reagan, Woodrow Wilson, FDR and Dwight D. Eisenhower meet Lautenberg's definition of Chickenhawk. Reagan was in the Army during WWII but stayed stateside and never served in the military but had the gall to send troops overseas to fight during WWI. FDR wasn't in a wheelchair until after WWI, a war he avoided. Eisenhower was stationed in Texas and Georgia during WWI and in WWII most of his time in offices so he never actually saw combat.
- Donald Sensing at [One Hand Clapping](#) addresses him as "...the dodderin' Frank Lautenberg"

Hey, Frank, at least people are talking about you, right?? Before your speech, I was wondering if you were still in Washington.

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