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NY Ferry Crash

If that ferry crash in NY had been in some third world country, 300 people would have died!

Canam Continues to Downsize

Well, today we lost four IT personnel including one at our office. It is such a shame and there was no warning. I've got to get focused on the job hunt.

Truck Drivers

What is it with truck drivers? They have this macho passing thing in which they are either trying to prove that they are a more skilled driver or that their truck is more powerful. So you get 50 cars piled up behind two trucks, one passing the other on a four-lane highway. This passing evolution goes on for like 4 or 5 miles. Get over it. Trucks don't rule the road. There should be no passing allowed unless they think they can get ahead of the other truck in less than a mile.

Configuration Woes

I tried to add categories again but they are not taking. IE won't wrap the text of the blog but Mozilla will. IE will open from the Javascript action in Netobjects Fusion but Mozilla will not.

Tiger in Harlem Apartment

I am sure you read about the guy in Harlem who got bit by his tiger. He was trying to protect his kitten from the tiger. Fool! Idiot! Plus he had a three foot alligator. He was a part-time cab driver and lived in a seven room apartment in Harlem! How could he afford that kind of apartment let alone feed his kitty cats???

Marines w/ Malaria

How about this one? 80 out of 290 Marines deployed to Liberia recently contracted malaria. The majority of them got it because they did not take their malarial medicines, sleep under mosquito nets and wear fatigues with special treatments to repel mosquito repellent. What are my tax dollars paying for??? Other than treating Marines for malaria????

Surfing the Underground

Tax Breaks for Corporations

According to the NY Times, House leaders are pushing to cut corporate taxes by \$60 billion. Isn't that about how much Bush says we need to finance the reconstruction of Iraq? Why cut now and pay later? Fools and lackeys for big business are what we have for representatives!

Problems w/ Photo Albums

I am aware of the fact that a couple of my Photo Album links are corrupt and am working on rectifying that.

Firebird and Thunderbird

When you get a chance go to Mozilla.org and check out the betas of their speed browser, Firebird, and stand alone mail/news client, Thunderbird. I am checking them out in the office and am reasonably impress. Firebird, at last, is a non-Microsoft browser that works with NT domain authentication!

Microsofts Shoots Itself in the Foot, Part MCII

According to the W2K News mailing list, Microsoft CFO John Connors, in talking about MS's first quarter results, said "...that sales people had been distracted helping customers cope with the Blaster virus." Damn, maybe if their software was not so full of holes, they could sell products instead of helping costumers recover from Microsoft's failures!

Annoying Cell Phone Antics

So, if it is not bad enough that people have to talk on cell phones in restaurants and other such public places, how bad is it to sit there browsing the web on your web-enabled phone and reading out everyone's horoscope to them? This woman in Dominion Brewery Saturday afternoon was doing so. First she started reading a bunch of crap off to her boyfriend who looked none too interested then she started asking people at the bar what their sign was and reading them their horoscopes. What a waste!

Wither Go Our Jobs

According to the Wall Street Journal, Senate aides noted that Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Orrin Hatch (R., Utah) is pushing a plan to circumvent the 65,000 cap on so-called H-1B temporary worker visas by expanding exemptions. What is the problem here? Is our student population a bunch of slackers that cannot do these jobs? What is our country turning into here? Americans don't want to work the shit jobs. Don't tell me they don't want to work the good jobs either.

What is the end result? We will have a migrant population of Hispanics and Eastern Europeans working the service jobs and a migrant population of Asians working the mid-level technical jobs, a bunch of upper-middle class Americans filling the management positions, and the upper-class managing the money to their best advantage and ripping everyone off.

We outsource and we insource. Don't tell me there are going to be enough management jobs to go around. Save America's jobs for Americans. These H-1B temporary workers need to take the knowledge they have and use it to benefit their own people and countries. How else will they be competitive in the future?

Broadband Access and the Company Network

It is too bad that broadband access speeds in the home exceed the network access capacities of many corporate networks. Just when you feel the need for speed, you're in your boxers or panties and bra (you make the choice), you get onto your always-on broadband equipped home network, and log onto your corporate network. Between the firewall, encryption, spam filters, antivirus software, intrusion protection devices, etc., your access is like molasses, not to be confused with mole asses. You log off, take a shower, put on your boxers and bra or panties on, and drive into the the freakin sweatshop. Then you realized you left your coffee maker on and your lunch at home. You are trailing toilet paper from your shoe and have the buttons and the holes mismatched on your shirt.

F'n Microsoft and Apple

I went to download the iTunes program for Windows and found that it was valid for W2K and XP. F.

Oxymoron

I saw on this past Saturday signs in the neighborhood for an "Indoor Yard Sale." Is it a yard sale or what? Is it a garage sale? WTF???