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The story of Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day probably derives it's origins from the ancient Roman festival of Lupercalia, which was held on February 15th in honor of their god Lupercus who was called upon to drive the fierce wolves in the nearby woods away. One of the customs was that on the eve of the festival names of Roman girls were written on slips of paper and placed into jars. Each young man drew a slip and the girl whose name was chosen was to be his sweetheart for the year.

Legend has it that it was named Valentine's Day in honor of a Roman priest serving at a time when Christianity was still a new religion. The Emperor at that time, Claudius II, ordered the Roman soldiers NOT to marry or become engaged. Claudius believed that as married men, his soldiers would want to stay home with their families rather than fight his wars. The priest Valentine defied the Emperor's decree and secretly married the young couples. He was eventually arrested, imprisoned, and put to death. Valentine was named a saint after his beheading on February 14th, the eve of the Roman holiday Lupercalia. As Rome became more Christian, the priests moved the spring holiday from the 15th of February to the 14th - Valentine's Day. Now the holiday honors Saint Valentine instead of Lupercus.

Calendar of Events

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4th - General Meeting -
      Turbo Tax demonstration
      New User class
      7:00pm Room D-118,
      Robert E. Lee HS
1st - 1st SATURDAY....
      aka....Electronics Trade Day
      Dallas, Tx
11th - SIG Meeting - Q -n- A session
      7:00pm Timeless Books & Video
 8th - INFO MART....
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        North Texas PC Users Group
        Dallas, Tx
18th - TCC Board meeting
        7:00pm Barnes & Noble Bookstore
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WEB SITES of the month

[Free Valentines (Photo,clipart)](#)
[Children Valentines (printable)](#)
[Valentine with Loveland canc. stamp](#)
[Love Stories, Videos, games](#)

Ask Miss Windows:

Q: Can I enlarge the print that I see on my monitor for easier reading or do I have to buy a monitor with a larger screen?

A: Yes the print you see can be enlarged by lowering the resolution/pixel setting. In **Win95**, right click on the desktop , choose **properties** and then settings. 640x480 is usually the lowest you can pick, you can also try changing the font size found there. Or if you need to make the text larger for you icon's on your desktop you can right click your mouse button on your desktop then go to properties, then go to appearance, then go to item, then go to icon, then go to font and from here you can change your font style, size and make them **bold**.

Q: My vent blows hot or cold air on my PC, does this matter ? If so, how far away from a vent should my PC be ?

A: The cold won't affect your computer but the heat will cause it to over heat so I would try to keep it at least 6-7 feet away from a vent blowing heat.

Q: I am curious about **Windows NT**. How does it differ from **Windows '95** and do you feel that it will become the industry standard?

A: NT now has the same look as **Windows "95"** has but **NT** is a much more secure system and a much more stable system than **Windows "95"**. **NT** will become the next operating system for home computers as it has been the industry standard for BIG business for a number of years.

Q: My monitor screen looks fogged up and I can't seem to clean it off. What can I do?

A: Switch glass cleaner. Look for one that does NOT contain any alcohol. Alcohol can cloud up the anti-glare screen on most monitors.

A Win for Free Speech on the Web

Bill of Rights makes headway in cyberspace. Advocates of free speech and privacy on the Internet are celebrating small but relevant advances in the courtroom and software arena these days. In a decision that could bode well for the lengthy uphill battle facing the Electronic Frontier Foundation, academics, American businesses and civil libertarians, a San Francisco court recently ruled in favor of overturning export restrictions on a technology for protecting communication on the Internet called cryptography. In addition, several vendors are addressing privacy concerns raised by the increasing use of **"cookie technology"** with a new class of software dubbed **"cookie busters."**

Personalizing The Web, Safely On the technology front, software and media companies are addressing new privacy issues with a new class of software. In response to concerns over cookie technology-data files stored on users' hard drives that enable Web sites to personalize the delivery of content by learning they're preferences and what they've already visited on the site-ZDNet has released Cookie Master, a free downloadable software utility that lets you easily delete cookies from your hard drive. It also informs you of the Web sites that are monitoring you.

Pretty Good Privacy , a software company specializing in digital privacy software, also makes a cookie monitoring tool called PCPcookie.cutter. The software is based on what the company calls "network stream interception technology," which allows you to select which cookies you would like to store on your system. If you so choose, you can manually delete cookie text files from your browser, and set your browser to prompt you when a Web site tries to load a cookie. - Angela Hickman

Submitted by: John Albright
From: PC Magazine

Web Page Design

Last month we talked about the basic format of a web page. This month we will cover inline images, and graphic requirements for the web. If anyone has a specific question on **HTML**, bring it to me at the next meeting or E-mail it to me at **Kevin@tyler.net** . I will try to cover it in the next NewsLink.

Everyone likes the pictures that we see on web pages, but there are some things to consider when adding graphics to you page. The first question is where will I get my images. You can make them yourself using a program like **Paint Shop Pro**, or you can get them from the Web. Just remember that when you download an image from the Internet you will still need permission from the owner to use it.

You will need to decide on a format. Starting sometime in 1997 most browsers will support the new **PNG** (Portable Network Graphic), but for right now your stuck with either the **GIF** or **JPG** formats. Lets say an image saved as a 256 color **GIF** is 10 kilobytes in size. The same image saved as a 16 million

color **JPG** will be 8kb. On a web page there is not a noticeable difference; but every kilobyte that you can cut out of your graphics will shorten the time it takes for your page to download. A good rule of thumb is to never have a graphic larger that 20k.

Here are three tags for adding an inline image to your page.

<IMG SRC="intech logo1.jpg">
<IMG SRC="intech logo1.jpg" ALT="Internet Technologies Logo">
<IMG SRC="intech logo1.jpg" ALT="Internet Technologies Logo" BORDER=0>

All the tags assume that the image "intech logo1.jpg" is located in the same directory as your web page. The second tag includes the Alternate text option, so that a message about the image is displayed until the image can be downloaded. The third tag includes the **BORDER** option. This tells the browser to place a border around the image. The default is **BORDER=1**, so you only need to add this option if you don't want a border.

Submitted by: Kevin Calvert

Look@Me Control, Version 1.0

Whiteboard applications and other application-sharing programs have become more common over the past six months. Farallon Communications, looking to capitalize on this trend, has released Look@Me Control, Version 1.0, which allows you to view another user's screen contents in real-time over the Internet.

Look@Me is based on Farallon's Timbuktu Pro program, a system collaboration tool. The Look@Me ActiveX control can be downloaded from the company's home page; it installs instantly, with little or no input needed. Once installed, the control allows you to interact with other Look@Me users and users of the Timbuktu program. You can edit documents, view graphics, and discuss and troubleshoot problems.

To use the program, go to the Look@Me Lounge, at www.farallon.com/www/look/ie/look@any.htm. You'll be asked if you'd like to make your PC visible to others on the Internet. If you say yes, your IP address will be added to the list of people waiting to interact. You can customize your experience by right-clicking on the Look@Me icon, which brings up a menu that lets you set your PC's name and deactivate the command that makes you visible. If no visitor computers are visible, you can use one of three Farallon PCs to test the control.

The Control works well but is often slow and may hang itself occasionally. You can view the other person's PC in a small pop-up window or directly in the browser. There are three other Look@Me versions available: a Netscape plug-in, a Macintosh version, and a standalone application.

Look@Me Control, Version 1.0
List price: Free.
Requires: Windows 95 or NT; Microsoft Internet Explorer 3.0.
[Farallon Communications Inc.](#)

Submitted by: John Albright
From: PC Magazine

Junk E-Mail

Do you get junk E-mail? What can you do to stop Junk E-mail? Here are a few tips of things to do.

- **Respond assertively. Send complaints to the Postmaster@address at the junk E-mailers mail host.**
- **If a message includes an 800 number, try calling it and informing whomever answers that you don't appreciate their messages.**
- **If you continue to receive junk E-mail from the same address or host name, ask your Internet service provider to consider bouncing all mail from that host.**

Spread the word; tell your friends to join in the fight.

Submitted by: Sigrid Foreman
From: PC Novice Magazine

The End of Web Surfing

A new market for Web broadcasting takes shape. The online industry's newest marketing darling is taking shape with help from players big and small. Internet broadcasting, content delivery, call it what you will--the way in which users access Web content is on the verge of a big change. No more surfing to Web sites. Content, including company newsletters sent over your intranet, entertainment and business news, sports, weather, and stock quotes from the Internet, is coming straight to your desktop.

PointCast began the revolution less than a year ago and, with a recently announced partnership with Microsoft, is set to shape this nascent market further. The bigwigs aren't the only ones betting on this new Web landscape, either: Almost half a dozen other developers are poised to get in on the game.

In a deal that puts its next version of the PointCast Network client software into Microsoft's upcoming Windows operating system (to be released in June), PointCast gains a valuable ally and an nparalleled opportunity to increase its 1.7 million subscriber base. In turn, Microsoft will integrate a new version of its browser, Internet Explorer 4.0, into the PointCast Network. MSNBC, the television network and Web site from General Electric and Microsoft, will also become a content feed for PointCast.

The Microsoft/PointCast alliance may be a serious threat to Netscape, whose talks with PointCast some months back regarding a similar agreement never materialized. But Netscape is developing its own Internet broadcast technology to challenge new competitors. Announced last month, Constellation will deliver news and software to desktops from a variety of sources such as Marimba when Netscape delivers the new software, Communicator, by the end of the year.

Lesser-known software developers are also developing Internet broadcast products. Iffusion is the maker of a PointCast-like hybrid application called ArrIve that fetches information for you on a scheduled basis so you don't have go out to the Web and find it yourself. ArrIve will be available as a beta in January.

BackWeb Technologies announced last week the availability of its personalized broadcasting software. The BackWeb Client software is available as a free download for those who have BackWeb channels. ZD Net, General Motors, InfoSeek, The Weather Channel, Utopia, and The Patricia Seybold Group are just a few of the content producers broadcasting to users over the Internet. The software is now available for Windows 3.11, Windows 95, and Windows NT 4.0.

And just this week, InCommon released Downtown, which delivers content from Yahoo!, USA Today, SportsLine USA, Research Holdings, The New York Times, Movielink, The Motley Fool, Informix, Excite, and CBS Up-to-the Minute.

Submitted by: John Albright
From: PC Magazine

Trade in your Modem..??

Modem Trade-ins Prime the 56K Pump. Modem makers Hayes and Boca Research are trying to jump-start interest in 56K-bps modems by offering to take your slower baud units in trade. No word on how much the cash premium may be, although sources are talking under $100. Still, that may reduce the total price enough to make the risk worth it. The wheeling and dealing illustrates the soft market for the 56K products. Which comes as no surprise. We've been warning people to proceed with caution, given standards confusion and lack of ISP support for 56K.

Submitted by: Kevin Calvert

Please do the club a favor...

List any suggestions you have about the club and any thing else you may want to say. No need to sign if you Ndon't want to... we appreciate any and all suggestions or questions you may have. Then bring it to the next meeting. **REMEMBER... IT'S YOUR CLUB...!** Thank you. We'll read it and try to give you,

your answer at the meeting. Send E-mail to [The Web Slinger.](#)

TIME FLYS...!

Don't get caught with your articles down...!

Get them in early so I can plan on giving them the attention your time is worth. I would like them by the 15th of the month for insertion. Be the guy that gets the FRONT PAGE and be the envy of the club!

We wish to give a big thanks to all of the local area stores for distributing our newsletter in their stores. Please stop by and let them know you are from the Tyler Computer Club.

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