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### AOL gets it right!

In the new stand-alone e-mail client bundled with a new version of AOL Instant Messenger and an address book, AOL Communicator has an Identity Manager feature that can **digitally sign** and **encrypt e-mails** as well as **instant messages**. You can synchronize certificates with Internet Explorer and Windows, as well as import them from previous versions of Netscape.

Story [HERE](#)

### Professional Entertainers Volunteer their Services for SENIORS

Houston, Texas. Interested in a **nostalgia party**? -- how about **facepainting**? Those in the Houston area are invited to contact [maryann@prodigy.net](mailto:maryann@prodigy.net). Offered: 1940 "Big Band Parties & 1950 "Sock Hops"

For their website, Click [Here](#)



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### KAZAA Lite- no ads...

Those interesting in **file sharing**, might want to download KaZaA Lite, the new **advertisement free version**. The lawsuit against Australia based Kazaa has been delayed. Federal Judge Stephen Wilson has not decided whether to allow KaZaA's parent Shraman Networks to be sued in the U.S. "I find the argument about providing the service to so many California residents compelling" said the judge. This delay is part of a larger suit for copyright infringement brought by the Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA) and the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) against a number of file swapping companies. A federal judge in Chicago recently ordered file-swapping service Madster, formerly known as Aimster, to prevent trades of copyrighted music and unplug its computers from the Internet.

Full [Story HERE](#)

New **Worm** on KAZAA: [Story HERE](#)

### Highly Recommended Site

### Just for FUN!

- . How to Impress Your Date
- . Letter Project
- . Children's Guide to Life's Lessons
- . Alphabet
- . How to Dance Properly



### EMAIL BUDDY! Digital PARROT ...

Yes, I went to COMDEX, a huge tradeshow featuring services, business and consumer products from all over the world. It was held the 3rd week of November here in Las Vegas, NV, USA. Among the many cool and interesting things I saw was this must-have for gadget loving 'kids' of all ages.

This digital assistant by MITSUMI electronics is branded PC MASCOT and retrieves email, alerts users to newly arrived messages and reads them aloud for you. It will also remind you of important appointments! Full Story [HERE](#)

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\*\*\* Alert! Windows Users - WINEVAR email VIRUS

Winevar **changes ownership information** in the computer's registry, **kills antivirus programs**, and infects the victim machine with the Funlove virus. It also mails itself to the user's e-mail contacts.

Full Story [HERE](#)

## Cool Gift Ideas

### Shower Curtain for Tennis Enthusiasts!

<http://www.bathroomtennis.com>



Wrist PDA... a winner at COMDEX.

Get it [HERE](#)

### Looking for Business Presentation Syntax? Try The Web Economy Bullshit Generator

<http://www.dack.com/web/bullshit.html>



Another Gift Idea...

Flatulence Telephone

I can't help myself. It looks like an ordinary

phone and is fully functional, but instead of ringing, it Farts! *The ringer can be switched to ring like a normal phone.* FCC registered.

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## Expedia Adds \$5 Booking



Airlines are charging around \$20 to \$30 for their fees... Orbitz initiated

a similar booking fee of \$5 last year, and several years ago, Priceline kicked off a \$4.95 booking fee but quickly increased it to \$5.95. [Full Story HERE](#)

## H-OT at COMDEX!



### Disco Nights PC's

Photo by S. Knowles

Many of the *coolest* things at **COMDEX** were displayed at the Taiwan Pavillion, where manufacturers were looking for USA distributors for their products. Auto Hoyo Enterprise Co., a veteran and versatile specialist in producing electronic accessories was selling what it called "disco lights" as computer accessories. There were illuminated speakers with shifting lights, fluorescent neon lights and light projectors in fluorescent colors. Website [HERE](#)



One year ago, Digital Times moved from San Francisco and its failed dot coms, readily available broadband Internet access in places like bakeries and upscale laundromats, excellent public transit and culture galore for glitzy Las Vegas!



A painful transition for sure, but I have come to appreciate L.V. for the great place that it is. HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

-editor

## Amtrak got it... Streaming Media with Audio, please ...



Last year I reported that Amtrak's

greeting postcard site, featured nifty animated Holiday postcards, but that it was missing one thing... TRAIN SOUNDS! This year's card got it right!

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