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Alternative to PayPal, Cont'd

My misadventure with PayPal was reported in the August edition of Digital Times. [Paypal](#) is the online banking / payment service now owned by eBay. **UniClear, launching October 1st** is the most secure online payment system available, using DSS [Dual Shield Security] 4096-bit two-way encryption, a new standard for Internet security and the latest technology available. VISA has reported that 50% of its fraudulent transactions are internet related. Some of the fraudulent transactions were from sites known to use SSL, a 'standard secure sockets layer' technology that is now obsolete, as it is possible to break the encryption. Interactive Demo on DSS is [HERE](#).

Windows OS, 'Gouging' Computer Repair Shops & SPAM WOES

The tech shop I went to when my system crashed on August 28 called, saying [they couldn't repair or return my computer without the original operating system CD](#) - not the backup CD I gave them. My computer was built for me in California in 1999 and the original CD is in California somewhere, so I had to repurchase Windows 2000 here in Las Vegas, for \$310.00 - ARGHH!

My livelihood is dependent upon my computer!
Threatened this morning with a very scary virus or worm attack [my system slowed to an absolute crawl and applications wouldn't even start up]. **SpyHunter**, which I run several times a day, found severely dangerous parasites in the registry. I quickly deleted them, and restarted the computer with my emergency repair disk. The computer is acting pretty normal now, so I thought I'd use my certified Windows 2000 CD to repair anything that might have been damaged. Having faithfully downloaded the Windows security updates, [I discovered that the operating system that I paid \\$300.00 for last month is useless, as it doesn't support the newer Service Pack 4 security upgrade](#) that I downloaded from Microsoft recently. So what's next? A Mac? What about my investment in Windows software and hardware?

Am still getting about 1500-2000 SPAM messages a day. I believe in free enterprise vs. government intervention where my email is concerned...it's the viruses and worms sent by bored geeks that upset(s) me. Marketeers can broadcast their message to 28.9 Million People for only \$129 and nothing I can do will stop them. Spamnix software is and working VERY well in tandem with Norton AntiVirus 2004. Together, they are locating and deleting email(s) that have attachments carrying viruses. A couple of hours every day are devoted to looking at NEW Spam and tagging it for Spamnix. If it's any consolation, [everyone I know is spending a lot of nonproductive downtime defending their PC's, expensive software applications and networks from attack.](#)



Circa 1995

the Internet FUN anymore? Now and then I turn nostalgic about it. My June 22, 1995 issue of Cyberspace Today claims that there are "Over 125 Internet Service Providers." Was that a BIG DEAL at the time? You bet!

-editor

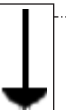
Warning! **Zinio Reader** is trouble = Received an email from mega-publisher Ziff Davis touting PC Magazine's new Special Wireless Issue in digital format.

Installed the Reader...my computer began weirding out, so tried uninstalling from Control Panel, causing a major PC FREEZE. Deleted it piece by piece but there is an executable file I cannot delete!

-editor

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Digitally Cool



iBuilder Postcard

Design an old-fashioned postcard from your browser. iBuilder by Vertical Response will mail it for you! Test it for **FREE**.

Telecommuter Unemployment Ruling

Our nation has approximately 32 million telecommuters {I'm one of them}. The New York State Court of Appeals ruled that a woman who had worked for a New York company from her home office in Florida was NOT eligible to collect unemployment in New York. She had already been denied benefits in Florida because her New York employer insisted she move there and she declined.

This ruling sets a precedent in N.Y. and could influence other cases in which telecommuters attempt to file for unemployment in the state where their employer is located, either because they were turned down in their own state or because the employer's state pays higher unemployment compensation.

PROJECTION ATOMIC CLOCK

Great idea by [Oregon Scientific!](#) Instead of fumbling for the alarm clock that's difficult to read in the dark, just look at the wall or ceiling and check out the time and outdoor temperature displayed in soft glowing red numbers. The projection can even be rotated 180 degrees and focused for added convenience. Alarm with 8 minute snooze.

Perfect for **students**, don't you think?

Line: ExactSet™ Projection Clock
Models: 30+
Styles: Travel, desktop, radio, etc.
Price Range: \$16.95 - \$199.95 USD

Features:

- Advanced liquid-crystal display (LCD) technology
- 8 minute snooze and crescendo alarm
- HiGlo™ Electro-luminescence screen backlight
- Projection displays time and OUTDOOR temperature
- ExactSet™ projection clock with one remote Cable Free™ sensor
- Sets itself automatically to the U.S. Atomic Clock
- AC Adapter Included
- Weather forecasts for the next 12-24 hours with graphical icons
- 12-hour clock and month/day calendar in English, French or Spanish
- Automatic Signal Reception Activation 6 times every 24 hours
- Batteries: 2-AA

With ExactSet™ technology, the clock links up to the U.S. Atomic Clock every four hours through radio frequency signals, to assure that the user is receiving the correct time. Oregon Scientific, Inc. is headquartered in Tualatin, Oregon, USA.



Model No: BAR338PA
Actual Size: 6x1.5x4.25
[Enlarged View](#)
Price: ~~\$99.95~~ **\$79.99**

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Horizontal Scrolling New Mouse Feature

SPREAD-SHEETS, anyone?

Microsoft has introduced **Intellimouse Explorer 2**, a wireless mouse with first-rate ergonomic shape and smooth-gliding performance.

The Tilt Wheel Technology incorporated into this model sounds v-e-r-y handy for Excel spreadsheet users. Comes in faux leather, faintly etched texture, platinum, metallic blue, or metallic gray