





TECH TIPS

Be My (Geeky) Valentine

What to get for the geek that has everything? Check out the Geek Valentines Day Gift Guide. It includes such geeky suggestions as:

1. I Love Geeks: The Official Handbook—A light-hearted look at geekdom from the eyes of a women (and geek) in love with a geeky guy. Includes guides to surviving and loving Comic Con and more. 
2. Geek Culture Energy Drinks—Energy drinks packaged as health potions. You can also score energy drinks packaged as Mana potions, blood transfusions, and zombie blood.
3. LED Flashing Heart Kit—Paper Valentine's are for rubes, this LED electronics kit will show your sweetheart you love them like LEDs love circuit boards. 
4. Geek T-Shirt—Who can resist a good geek t-shirt. These include love poems, geek love, and a t-shirt with a love meter that gets brighter the closer it gets to another wearer.
5. Parrot AR Drone Quadricopter—Short of a cyborg, this is the ultimate (although costly) geek gift! It's a quadricopter with a built-in camera, and controlled via iPhone or iPod Touch.

Visit www.howtogeek.com for more geeky Valentine's Day gift suggestions.

And In This Corner...

And the fight is on between Microsoft & Google yet again! Microsoft has recently taken out several full-page ads in several major U.S. newspapers that attempt to stir up resentment about Google's recent privacy policy changes.

You can see a full image of the ad on Microsoft's Technet Website, but here is a little snippet...

"Google is in the process of making some unpopular changes to some of their most popular products. Those changes, cloaked in language like "transparency," "simplicity" and "consistency" are really about one thing: making it easier for Google to connect the dots between everything you search, send, say or stream while using one of their services.

But, the way they're doing it is making it harder for you to maintain control of your personal information. Why are they so interested in doing this that they would risk that kind of backlash? One logical reason: EVERY DATA POINT THEY COLLECT AND CONNECT TO YOU INCREASES HOW VALUABLE YOU ARE TO AN ADVERTISER."

It continues, but you get the point. AND Microsoft is nice enough to offer solutions to this pesky problem...Bing, Hotmail, IE or Microsoft Office 365. Convenient.

100-Year Old Woman Finds Fountain of Youth in Nintendo DS

Most of us will never make it to the century mark, it's just not in our DNA, nor are we willing to give up the debauchery of our youth in the off-chance that we'll defy Father Time. There are the time-honored beliefs that we could follow in order to extend our time here on planet earth...like eating healthy, exercising...or playing videogames.

Kathleen Connell, or Kit as friends call her, celebrated her 100th birthday last week and gave credit to Nintendo for helping to keep her mind young with a Nintendo DS console her daughter bought her on the internet.

"It's absolutely super, I can't speak highly enough of it. I don't know what I would do without it," the grandmother of one told the U.K.'s Telegraph. Kit reports "I don't feel a day over 80", while following her routine of playing with her DS every evening, taking a break for tea, then plays some more. Kit advocates letting children play spelling and math games on the DS at school.

NOT letting my kids read this story...they don't need any more excuses to avoid homework in favour of videogames.

Trivia Winner — Congratulations to the Winner of the Trivia Question for Tim Horton's coffee & donuts:

Anderson Animal Hospital and Wellness Centre!

Located at 60 Marion, Anderson Animal Hospital, was started in 1942 by the late Dr. Norm Anderson. The current owner, Dr. Ron Worb, has owned the hospital since 1988. Over the decades, Anderson Animal Hospital has evolved with the ever changing profession of veterinary medicine. Recently they felt that moving towards a more preventative and integrative way of practicing veterinary medicine was the best solution for increasing overall companion animal wellness. Anderson Animal Hospital has to keep up-to-date technology-wise due to the extensive services they provide. For more information about Anderson Animal Hospital and Wellness Centre, please call them at 237-4555, or visit their website at www.aahwc.com.





Move Over Lex Luther, WikiLeaks is Looking For a Secret Lair!

WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange is looking for a secret lair for an eccentric base of operations. According to sources inside WikiLeaks, the site is looking for a new server location, and some bizarre options have been explored including a a micro-nation sea platform.

The financial backers of WikiLeaks are reportedly concerned about the long-arm of the U.S. law is the site data is stored anywhere that U.S. law can reach (they are currently set up in Sweden and Iceland). The idea of setting up shop on the micro-nation of Sealand (an WWII-era anti-aircraft platform), which is located in international waters, and might provide some legal protection.

This isn't their only option, however. They also have discussed placing servers on old military barges in international waters.

Maybe the Batcave wasn't available available...?

SOMEONE WE ALL KNOW, BUT WON'T ADMIT TO KNOWING...

Customer: I can't get on the Internet.

Tech Support: Are you sure you used the right password?

Customer: Yes, I'm sure. I saw my colleague do it.

Tech Support: Can you tell me what the password was:

Customer: Five dots.

VALENTINE'S TRIVIA QUESTION:

Approximately how many calories can be burned for kissing for 1 minute?

Email your answer to: answer@tbyd.ca for your chance to win Tim Horton's

High-Tech Sneakers for People with Alzheimer's Sport GPS Tracking

Forget the Maxwell Smart's shoe phone, a new shoe with GPS technology is being pitched as a wearable tracking device to help caretakers keep tabs on patients who suffer from Alzheimer's disease and dementia. The shoes have a tracking device nestled into the right sole, along with a GSM/CDMA antenna that extends up behind the heel, all of which is hidden out of sight and implemented in such a way that the wearer won't feel them.

The high-tech footwear is made by shoe company Aetrex with GPS technology provided by GTX Corp. Aetrex explains, "The Aetrex GPS Shoe is the most ground-breaking product containing GPS tracking technology designed to help protect individuals afflicted with Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia who have a tendency to wander and get lost".

The shoes don't come cheap, with a price tag of approximately \$300. The tracking comes at a cost as well. Caretakers can track and locate the shoes' wearers at any time using a website. For \$35/month it updates location information every 30 minutes. For an extra \$5/month, the wearer's location will be updated every 10 minutes.

If they made them in really weird colours & styles, we could market them to our teenagers. Then we'd know what time they really got in...

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