

# TechTips Newsletter

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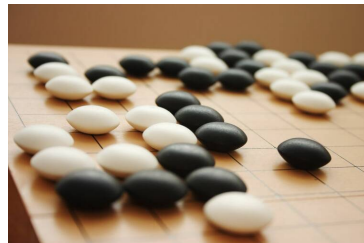
It's been 20 years since computers mastered checkers, beating the best player in the world, and 17 since they've mastered chess, but "Go" is still a mystery to computers.

Invented over 2500 years ago, Go was invented in China and played by emperor, generals, and child prodigies.

It is a game of strategy, like chess. Play begins with an empty board, where players alternate the placement of black and white stones, attempting to surround territory while avoiding capture by the enemy. Although it sounds very easy, it's quite difficult, and lots of fun. It's gameplay, unfortunately is too complex for computers. Even

the best computer version of "Go" cannot beat even the most novice of players.

Every March, Go programmers get together to compete against each other, to see who's program plays better. The top two programs go against a Go Sage, the equivalent of a chess master, to see how good their program is when going against a pro.



## Cooler kick- butt Moms.

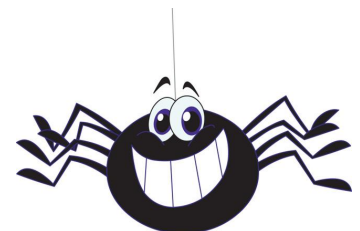
Superheroes are cool, but their mothers are pretty awesome too. Mrs. Incredible, Sarah Connors, Morticia Addams, Molly Weasley, and Leigh Anne Tuohy.



## UPGRADING YOUR COMPUTER?

We've recently done a mail-out marketing campaign where we included a bug in the envelope. This was done in order to hit home how pesky and annoying bugs, viruses, and malware are. It's funny...we've received much feedback about how annoying and "yucky" the bugs in the envelopes were...and yet many companies are still running Windows XP (which is no longer supported, and therefore VERY vulnerable to the bugs we're trying to warn you about), don't have up-to-date antivirus or antimalware software, or don't do regular backups.

If our bugs "bugged" you - Good! That is exactly what they are supposed to do. If you found them annoying, just think of what that bug would do to your computer network and your data! Ask us how to "bug-proof" your computer network! Call 204-800-3166 for more information.



## AMERICAN PARKS BAN CAMERA BEARING DRONES

Zion National Park in Utah told visitors to leave their drones at home when they came to the park Monday, May 5, as the increased amount of drones in the park has been disturbing both humans and wildlife. According to the park's rangers, the drones have scattered herds of bighorn sheep, and disturbed hikers trying to achieve some piece of mind, away from the noise of the city.

This decision came only two days after another American National Park said they were banning the use of drones in their park. Yosemite National Park in California told that drones were no longer allowed as they were concerned about the disturbance of

peregrine falcons, which nest in Yosemite's spectacular granite cliffs of Yosemite.



Both parks have cited a federal rule that allows the use of aircraft in the parks only with permission or for emergencies. The penalty for violating the rule can be up to six months imprisonment and a \$5,000 fine, according to the Zion news release.

There are currently no Canadian National Parks with this sort of ban, and there has been no news so far of any in the works, which is good news for any photographer or camera enthusiast looking to film some of our great National Parks.

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## STUDENT HACKER PRANKS SCHOOL

As a kid, did you ever think about pulling the fire alarm to get out of a test? That has been taken to a whole other level in Australia, where a high school student hacked his school's IT system and emailed a list of parents stating that the school had been damaged by a massive fire, and that school was

cancelled due to it being unfit for the children.

The emails were sent to a list of parents who had given their email addresses and phone numbers to receive important information such as school closures. The email was believable enough apparently, because many kids did not show

up for school on April 1st, April Fools Day, the morning it was sent.

The school division decided to go to police, as they saw the hack as concerning to their data and the privacy of their students. So far, the prankster has not been caught.

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## FRANCE BANS PHONES FROM CABINET SESSIONS

Phones have been banned from most schools, most work places, and now... Cabinet sessions? French President Francois Hollande decided to imposed a ban on mobile devices during cabinet sessions, telling ministers to leave their devices at the door.

A spokesperson has stated that this move was made in order to help "focus on what we must do," and will ensure that government officials "talk and listen to what is said and will no longer be able to tap away at this magnificent tool."

The issue of French politicians being on their phones during cabinet sessions has become more of concern since two politicians were photographed playing scrabble during a debate over gay marriage.

Of course, France isn't the first country to have issues with their members of government using mobile devices. China recently prohibited officials at the National People's Congress from having smartphones. India has had a problem with MPs peeking at adult themed movies while in Parliament.

## TEXTING AND WALKING APP IN THE WORKS

Texting and walking has caused many (pretty hilarious) mishaps. Remember the video that went viral just over a year ago of a girl so engrossed in whatever text she was sending that she walked into a fountain?

We see it all the time. People walking through malls on their phones, bumping into people and benches because they are only watching their phone.

Apple is in the process of finding a way to use an electronic communication device's camera to continuously capture and present video images as background within a text-messaging session,



allowing people to walk and text at the same time. This application, called "transparent texting" uses the rear facing camera to make it seem as though the user was looking through a transparent screen, allowing the user to text, while walking around and still being able to see what is ahead of them.

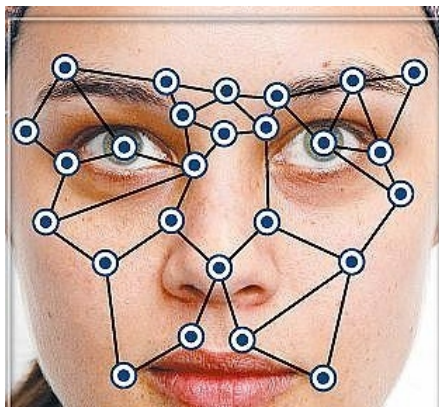
This seems like a great idea to stop people from walking into me at Walmart.

## FBI TURNS INTO HIGH TECH SPY MOVIE

The new high tech spy movies always have the cameras in the city, pulling up photos and information from the faces in the crowd.

The FBI is getting closer to this technology. They are planning to have a fully operational facial recognition system in place by this summer and may be well on its way to reaching that goal.

The system will be able to query a database of photos to identify individuals based on their appearance even if they do not have a criminal record.



By next year, the system will include up to 52 million photos that will help identify people of interest. Of these 52 million, 46

million will come from criminal images such as mugshots; 4.3 million from "civil images," including those from employer background checks; and 215,000 from the Repository for Individuals of Special Concern.

## DOES YOUR COMPANY WEBSITE.. LACK?

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# TechTip Postcard

Insider Tips and Secrets to Get The MOST Out of Your Computer

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## Do You Feel Your Computer Guy Isn't Showing You Enough **LOVE**?

Maybe it's the constant problems that continue to crop up with your e-mail, printer, server, applications or other programs. Or maybe he takes a little bit too long to call back and then when you DO get him on the phone, he's less than polite. Or maybe he constantly makes excuses about why things aren't working or forgets to follow through on your requests.

### *Enough Is Enough!*

These are the frustrations we hear all the time from business owners who are fed up with the lack of support and service they are getting from their computer guy or IT support company.

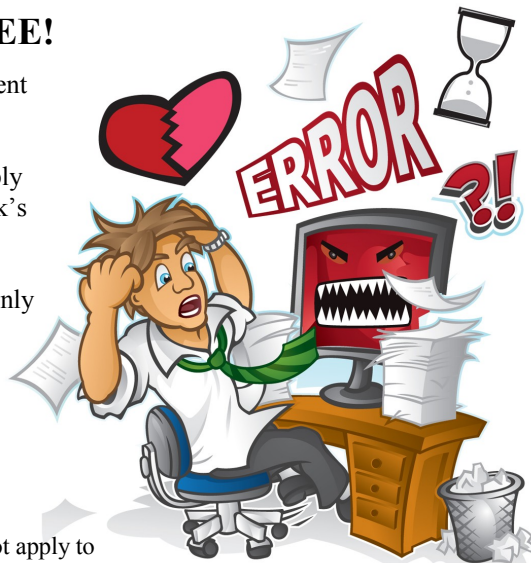
And while delivering fast, friendly IT support from technicians who actually know how to get things working isn't an amazing concept, I'm amazed at how many IT companies don't get it right.

### See What GREAT Computer Support Should Be...For FREE!

We're feeling the "love" from our current clients, and we'd like to offer you 2 FREE hours of computer support to resolve any problem you're having, or simply to perform a 'health check' on your network's security and backup systems. There are no strings attached and no fine print, but you have to call us by the end of June, and we only have a few spots available!

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