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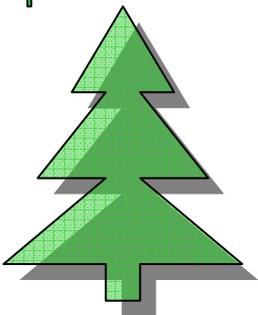


Cyberspace News

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Dedicated To The Memory Of Vince Barilla

Dear readers, although you're reading this in June, I'm actually writing it in April. You need to know that because last night I found out that Vince Barilla died. And it's because of Vince that I've been writing Cyberspace News for the past ten years.

When I answered the ad in VolunteerMatch for a newsletter writer ten years ago, Vince was the contact person. During my interview, he was as kind as could be. Despite the fact that I was pregnant and in spite of my declaration that "family came first" he hired me. He told me that if Cyberspace News ever got in the way of my family, he *expected* me to quit. He said he'd always support me. He did.

If there was one person I could constantly count on, it was Vince. During the early days of CN, I would physically bring the paper in for proofing by the newsletter committee. Vince was a superb proofreader who would gently correct my mistakes with a

smile and a touch of his hand on mine. After I gave birth, Vince welcomed my son to WACC, calling Jacob WACC's "youngest member." No matter what the baby was doing during meetings, Vince would tell me to relax. He said he understood that Jacob and I were a "team." He went out of his way to make me feel at ease.

When I was able to transmit the CN electronically, Vince still periodically called me to make sure everything was all right. He had such a soft, husky, warm voice. I welcomed his conversation. I will miss that voice.

Vince was one of those rare individuals with a heart of gold. He was someone who unfailingly supported me, made me laugh, and made my life better for having known him.

And so I'm dedicating this issue of Cyberspace News to someone who made a real difference in my life. Rest in peace, Vince. You will always be in my heart.

Saving Money When You Print

Some time ago, I pointed out that you can save some money on ink by printing most documents using Grayscale. Now comes word that you can save up to \$20 per year by just adjusting the font you use when you print.

Because different fonts require different amounts of ink to print, you could be buying new printer cartridges less often if you write in, say, Century Gothic rather than Arial. Schools and businesses could save thousands of dollars with font changes. Data on the subject from Printer.com, a Dutch company that evaluates printer attributes, persuaded the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay to make a switch. Faculty and staff were asked to use Century Gothic for all printed documents. The school also plans to change its e-mail system so it uses Century Gothic.

So far, the feedback has been positive. The school of 6,500 students spends about \$100,000 per year on ink and toner cartridges. Although students and staff can change the default font to something more ink-intensive, The university expects to save \$5,000 to \$10,000 per year with the font switch.

When Printer.com tested popular fonts for their ink-friendly ways, Century Gothic and Times New Roman topped the list. Calibri, Verdana, Arial and Sans Serif were

next, followed by Trebuchet, Tahoma and Franklin Gothic Medium. Century Gothic uses about 30 percent less ink than Arial. The amount of ink a font drains is mainly driven by the thickness of its lines. A font with "narrow" or "light" in its name is usually better than its "bold" or "black" counterpart, said an ink researcher at Hewlett-Packard Co., the world's top maker of printers.

Also, serif fonts — those with short horizontal lines at the top and bottom of characters — tend to use thinner lines and thus less ink than a "sans serif" counterpart.

But while using less ink at home can help you buy roughly one fewer printer cartridge each year, it's not necessarily better for the environment. That's because some fonts that use less ink, including Century Gothic, are also wider. A document that's one page in Arial could extend to a second page if printed in Century Gothic.

It may be that the individual characters use less ink, but if you're using more paper, that's not so green, is it?

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CN Has A New Email Address

Thanks to Bill Shapiro, you can now email your friendly neighborhood Cyberspace News editor at cn@wacci.net.

Got a favorite website you'd like to share with other CN readers? Have you learned a nifty computer trick you think others might be interested in? Or have you heard something you think other readers might want to know?

Then please email me! Cyberspace News is user-friendly.



FREE And Fun

Come to our Computer Fun Meetings, which are free and open to everyone, whether you're a WACC member or not.

Meetings are held the second and fourth Mondays of each month from 11:30AM to 1PM.

CN On The Web

Cyberspace News is now archived on the WACC website. There you can see prior issues of CN, full issues of the newsletter between June 2007 and October 2009 as well as selected articles from other issues. In some articles, additional important material is included (for instance, information obtained after publication).

Just go to www.wacci.net and click the "Archives" button along the left side.

New Laws

Two new laws took effect which should impact the way you drive.

The first is a new Crosswalk Law* which you may have seen in practice in other states and which has finally come to New Jersey. Basically, it says that if you don't come to a complete stop and stay stopped for pedestrians in designated crosswalks and at intersections, you will face a \$200 fine, have to pay court costs, and get two points on your driver's license. You could also be subject to 15 days of community service plus insurance surcharges.

The second law again involves motorists and it was sent to me via WACC member George Morris. This directive is called the Move Over Law. It says that when you approach stationary emergency vehicles, tow trucks,

and other highway safety vehicles that are displaying red, blue and/or amber flashing lights, you must move over one lane away from the vehicles. If this is not safe, you must slow down below the posted speed limit. Fines for violating this law range from \$100 to \$500. For more information on the Move Over Law, log onto www.moveroverlaw.com.

WACCI members, what do you think of these laws? Please email me at cn@wacci.net.



**(Editor's note: Now if the authorities would just fine pedestrians who don't use the crosswalks and force you to stop your several ton vehicle rather than walk the 20 or so extra steps to use the crosswalk.)*

Saving Money (...continued from page 2)

The standard advice for trimming printing expenses still applies: Print in "draft mode" if you can. Use both sides of a page and do a print preview to make sure you're not printing pages with useless text such as a copyright line. Using an ink-saving font is one more technique to consider.

And the greenest way to save on ink is not to print at all. That's the philosophy Microsoft Corp.

said it uses when deciding which fonts to use in its Outlook and Word applications. They allege that the more pleasing a font looks on the screen, the less tempted someone will be to hit the Print key.

Source (note the absence of the www when typing this web address): news.yahoo.com



**Breaking News:
Cyberspace News
Will Continue
Through The
Summer**

Usually this is the last CN until September (do I hear a collective groan from my readers?). But I was recently asked to write editions for July and August and I'm happy to do so.

The summer editions will be shorter but should be chock-a-block full of info you can read at the pool, on the beach, or in your backyard.

And remember that YOU can be a part of Cyberspace News. Email me with your favorite links or computer tips.

We're going to have a great summer!

One Flaw In Women

Women have strengths that amaze men...

They bear hardships and carry burdens but hold happiness, love, and joy.

They smile when they want to scream.

They sing when they want to cry.

They cry when they are happy and laugh when they are nervous.

They fight for what they believe in.

They stand up to injustice.

They don't take "no" for an answer when they believe there is a better solution.

They go without so their family can have.

They go to the doctor with a frightened friend.

They love unconditionally.

They cry when their children excel and cheer when their friends get awards.

They are happy when they hear about a birth or a wedding.

Their hearts break when a friend dies.

They grieve at the loss of a family member, yet they are strong when they think there is no strength left.

They know that a hug and a kiss can heal a broken heart.

Women come in all shapes, sizes, and colors.

They'll drive, fly, walk, run, or

email you to show you how much they care about you.

The heart of a woman is what makes the world keep turning.

They bring joy, hope, and love.

They have compassion and ideas.

They bring moral support to their family and friends.

Women have vital things to say and everything to give.

However, if there is one flaw in women, it is that they forget their worth.

Please remind all your female friends and relatives just how utterly amazing they are.

Source: A friend.

Editor's note: Gentlemen, if you want equal time with something like this, email it to me and I'll publish it.

