

*Foul play not suspected...*

## COMPUTER BULLETIN BOARD RECEIVES LAST RITES



CAROL STREAM—  
Reports from this Illinois community confirm the death of Copesco's computer bulletin board system.

A postmortem determined the cause of death was from natural causes—a lack of speed and sagging technological usefulness. Once the digital printer's workhorse for electronic print files transmission, the BBS has been replaced with an updated FTP site.

"Like the 14.4 bps modem," a company spokesperson says, "the bulletin board was state-of-the-art technology when put into service in 1995. However, we have been offering customers an easy-to-use web interface with our FTP site for several years."

FTP provides a much faster, more convenient way of sending PC and Macintosh digital files for printing. And...proprietary software is not required, the spokesperson claims.

### No Peeking Allowed

The FTP site is anonymous so it can be accessed without an entry password. But, not even a ghost or goblin can download or view any of the contents of files on the site. A secure site with an exclusive customer password (like abracadabra) can also be established on request, the company representative states.

### Not A Pretty Sight

An ardent crusader for FTP files transmission, the company says scary things can happen to print file attachments sent via e-mail. Many are

burned at the stake in their arduous journeys through various computer platforms and Internet servers. "Also, e-mail is not a real time medium," the spokesperson explained. "Therefore, files are often delayed in transmission or may be completely lost in a cyberspace abyss. FTP provides real time transmission. What is sent, is what is received."

Copesco's FTP site was updated this year to provide even easier customer access and drag and drop files transfer that works like a magic wand.

So Copesco bids farewell to the BBS. May It Rest in Peace. "FTP now reigns supreme," the spokesperson concluded, "unless a new technological avalanche creates the need for a new burial service."

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### Websites Offer Helpful Hints

Need help solving a Mac problem or troubleshooting a Zip or Jaz drive? The following websites offer a

wealth of useful information and technical tips to help you work better.

### Mac Fix-It

This website offers a variety of problem solving and troubleshooting pointers for Macintosh hardware and software as well as links for technical support and software updates.

### Coping With Zip And Jaz Drives

Learn about drive configurations, software and driver issues and pick up general use tips for Zip and Jaz drives.

For details about the Zip Click of Death, look over *TechTopics* No. 8 posted on the Copesco website.

### FAQ:

#### How We Grade Grammar Checkers

**Q.** I read about your disdain for spell checkers in your most recent *TechTopics* No. 12 proofreading issue. What do you think about grammar checkers?

**A.** Not much. Mike Royko, the famous Chicago newspaper columnist, once ran the Gettysburg Address through a grammar checker. The result? It flunked. Enough said.

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The three-foot-tall ghost flew effortlessly up in the air with the basketball and sank



the winning shot at the buzzer. The crowd cheered wildly as the school team won their first game in years.

"I told you so," the coach said after the game. "All we needed was a little school spirit."

A skeleton received an invitation to a Halloween party, but he was too shy to go—he had no body to go with.

"I have good news and bad news," the lawyer said as he sat in the rich businessman's office. "Your wife found out that a picture she paid \$50 for is going to be worth \$500,000."

"Wow, that's amazing!" the businessman beamed. "What could be bad about that?"

"The picture," the lawyer explained grimly, "is of you and your secretary."

The Los Alamos fire burned hundreds of buildings and destroyed top secret documents at the National Laboratory, birthplace of the atomic bomb. It's going to be okay though—it turns out that China had backup copies of everything.

A zookeeper wanted to get



some extra animals for his zoo, and sat down to compose a letter. "To Whom It May Concern: I need two mongeese..." No, that's not right, he thought as he tried again. "I need two mongooses..." That didn't sound right either.

He settled on this: "To Whom It May Concern: I need a mongoose. While you're at it, send me another one."

Q: Why did God create economists?

A: To make weathermen look more accurate.

At a news conference last week to announce her sports bra endorsement, Anna Kournikova attempted to deflect questions about her relationship with hockey star Sergei Federov. "My private life is private," she said. "Let's talk about bras."

—The Washington Post

A reporter asked basketball coach Bill Jones if his team's 37 point victory was beyond his wildest dreams. "My wildest dreams," he explained, "don't include basketball."

According to statisticians, if you're one in a million, there are 5,000 just like you.

A university creative writing class was asked to compose a concise essay containing these four elements: religion, royalty, sex, and mystery. The student who wrote this got an A: "My God," said the Queen. "I'm pregnant! Who did it?"

"Do you know who made you, Jimmy?" the preacher quizzed the little boy.

"God made part of me," Jimmy replied.

The preacher was taken aback. "What do you mean, he made *part* of you?"

"Well, God made me really little," the boy explained, "and I grewed the rest myself."

A woman, frustrated by her boyfriend's inability to grasp new technology, bought him a cell phone. She patiently showed him how to use it, and called him later to see how he liked it. "So, is it working okay?" she asked.

"Yeah, it sounds great!" he exclaimed. "But how did you know I was at Wal-Mart?"

"Excuse me, sir," the bank teller said to the pushy customer, "you'll have to take your place at the back of the line."

"I can't," the man replied. "Somebody's already there."

Dictionary Time:  
Elbonics, n., The Actions of two people maneuvering for one armrest in a theater.



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