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Some interesting items passed through my computer this past week. I wanted to share them with you.

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Have you seen some of the news articles about people finding some fantastic deals on the web? I have seen articles about users purchasing expensive items for free or a penny. They were either very limited specials or mistakes made by online services. How did these users know about these deals? There are many sites dedicated to exchanging special pricing, freebies, and coupons/rebates.

Many of these sites require you to sign up for a newsletter with lots of ads for shopping. I receive a newsletter that was hoping to turn up sites where PEOPLE (customers) .. exchange info on good deals and scams they have found. Here are a few locations that came close:

\*\*\*Note\*\*\* Hewie does not say that these sites have accurate information. I have looked at each site, but proceed at your own risk! Notes are from someone else. \*\*\*

<http://www.techdeals.net> (The best so far.. definitely worth keeping)

<http://www.gotapex.com> (Worthy)

<http://www.alertdeals.com> (Sometimes good stuff turns up here)

<http://www.fatwallet.com> (Pretty good - lots of coupons)

<http://www.freestuffyellowpages.com/> (Large index of free stuff sites)

<http://www.top50.to/> (Worthy index )

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Yahoo wired taxis roll in New York

A fleet of 10 yellow and purple wired taxis is now in service in New York. Riders can use a Palm VII handheld computer mounted in the back of the cab to surf the Web at no charge. The New York City Internet taxicab fleet is the second Web-enabled fleet from Yahoo (<http://www.yahoo.com>) and the New York pilot program runs through March 2001. The first fleet was launched in San Francisco, in September 1999, and ran through March 2000.

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If you have been struggling with learning about computers take a look at one school's computer curriculum for Kindergarten through Sixth Garden. It's scary. A couple of examples:  
First Grade - Create, save and retrieve files  
Third Grade - Import graphics between programs

Sixth Grade - Create a more advanced powerpoint presentation that integrates with the 6th grade curriculum, including graphics, animation, transitions, voice

The entire Computer Lab Curriculum is located at:

<http://www.lcusd.net/pcy/computerlabcurriculum.htm>

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This is from The "Rapidly Changing Face of Computing." It is a weekly technology journal providing insight, analysis and commentary on contemporary computing and the technologies that drive them.

The RCFOC is written by Jeffrey R. Harrow, Principal Member of Technical Staff with the Corporate Strategy Group of Compaq Computer Corporation. It can be found at <http://www.compaq.com/rcfoc/>

quoting: Cato Institute's "Policy Analysis," Dec. 1999
(<http://www.cato.org/pubs/pas/pa-364es.html>)

"According to an analysis by Microsoft, 'If the automobile and aerospace technology had exploded at the same pace as computer and information technology, a new car would cost about \$2, and go 600 miles on a thimble of gas. And you could buy a Boeing 747 for the cost of a pizza.'"

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Hey, get a whiff of that software!  
For the full article see  
<http://www.zdnet.com/zdnn/stories/news/0,4586,2625324,00.html>

Welcome to the era of click and sniff with virtual aromas. DigiScents Inc., said it had agreed to acquire SenseIT, Israeli-based developers of a rival scent-sensing technology.

The smell of success Joel Bellenson, DigiScents' co-founder and chief executive said that just as a few primary colors can be used to create thousands of shades, so too essential oils can be blended to create widely recognizable scents.

"What we are basically striving to create is the RGB of scents," Bellenson said, using the analogy of the Red Green Blue standard used to define television and computer monitors.

As early as Christmas DigiScents' smell-sensing technology should appear, with widespread availability of the system should begin next year when it delivers a small consumer hardware device that connects to a personal computer. It can be used to blend 128 basic scents in a theoretically unlimited number of smells.

Demonstration models of the device look like a pudgy high-tech flower vase. It comes with a fan and plugs in easily to the back of any standard personal computer. ISmell will retail for under \$100, he said.

Already, more than 1,600 video game developers have signed up to incorporate smell technology into their software products, Bellenson said.

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