

**VIRUSES, VIRUSES, VIRI ??** : Many customers are still being fooled by messages from [admin@](mailto:admin@) and [Support@microsoft](mailto:Support@microsoft) that contain attachments. WE DO NOT SEND ATTACHMENTS and neither does Microsoft. If you receive these messages they are coming from someone who has you on their mailing list\*, and mimal, swen, or sobig virus. All new viruses fake the name of the sender, often taking one name from the infected computer's address book in the 'from', placing another name into the 'to', and the rest into 'bcc' [blind carbon copy]. That's how you get e-mail that lies about who sent it, and may not even be addressed to you.

\*because you would never ever have a virus on your computer, right?

**SPAM FILTER:** One way to cut down the amount of spam you get is to install a filter on your mail client. There are several commercial products you can buy, even some with 30 day free trials. New links to on the website let you download some freebies, Thunderbird [this Mozilla mail client has built in spam filtering], and for users of Outlook [doesn't work with Outlook Express] a plug in that adds filtering. Both these products 'learn' as you use them and work quite well.

**WE SELL ADSL TOO:** We hate to keep reminding you that we sell ADSL too, and if you can do basic math you'll discover that our \$25.95 a month for the first year sale is \$18.00 CHEAPER than their \$16.95 for the first 6 months sale. We're also honest enough to: a) tell you that FREE virus scanning doesn't stop anything coming thru MSN or KaZaa, b) not sneak spy-ware onto your computer with an install CD.

**WIRELESS:** For those outside the ADSL areas, wireless coverage may be available. It is currently being tested on Airport Rd as we hope to add that and Willicks Trailer Court into our coverage area. Colony Point, Stones Bay and the Tachie-North Rd have seen many wireless signups over the summer. MaX offers the lowest rates for home wireless connections that we are aware of.

**DIALUP DISCONNECTS:** We still take 4 or 5 calls a day from customers telling us they're getting cut off while surfing the Net. 98 out of 100 come from Sowchea Bay, 2 come from Pinchi Lake or Tachie. The last 10 calls we took from in-town customers that were getting cut off turned out all to have their e-mail set to 'hang up on send and receive' [that means it was set to hang up]. We can only conclude that the phone lines in Sowchea and Tachie are crap. If you're interested there's a petition at Suspenders Store in Sowchea demanding Telus to fix their lines.

**NET SPECIALS:**

Nov. 1 – June 30 School Year Deals:	30 hr/mo for \$99 ( SEVEN MONTHS!)
	50 hr/mo for \$125
	60+ nites for \$149
	Unlimited for \$165

**CELL PHONE SUCKAGE:** We couldn't help noticing the write up in our local rag repeating the Telus rep's sycophantic recital of how good this is for our community. Twelve years late, a dollar short, and such a minimal install as to make 'poisoning

the market' obvious, we fail to be impressed. As we are with their attempting first to hit up every level of government to pay for the costs and do their market research for them. Courting an out of town Mobility business to open up here and compete against two local businesses impresses us even less. As does offering even less field service to our town while hoover-ing away even more local dough. Once there were actual employees that lived here, now with cell and ADSL Telus makes way more revenue and returns even less. What does impress us is how they find no shortage of short-sighted local quislings to scamper about Gollum-like telling us how great it is!