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It's getting closer. The Buffalo Computer & Business Show is once again just around the corner. We look forward to seeing you all there this October 15th and 16th at the Buffalo Convention Center. Need tickets? Just give us a call and we send some over. Also, we once again are accepting resumes for Computer Instructors. If you, or someone you know, is looking for a challenging position teaching computers in our *Executive Training Center*, please have them fax their resume to us.

Q: Why is it that when I'm on the Internet some web sites seem to take forever to download, yet others are nice and snappy? I can go out to lunch in the time it takes for some web pages to appear! Will upgrading my PC help this at all? > James, Cheektowaga NY.

A: James, upgrading your computer may not help. The problem probably lies with either your Internet service provider, the computer that the remote web site is hosted on, or somewhere in between. You see, when you go out on the Internet to a web site, you may be passing through several dozen other computer systems. If that remote web site is on a slow computer, or is getting lots of activity (i.e. "hits"), or if there is congestion anywhere in the line between the two of you, the web page will take a long time to download. Now, don't be fooled by web pages that may already be stored in your computer's "cache" memory. If web pages that you have recently visited seem to spring up instantly, that's because your computer stores them on your hard drive. You can empty this cache if you prefer (see the options menu for your browser). There are several utilities on the market, including a shareware utility called NetMedic, that can test your system's performance and tell you where the slowdown is - either with your local system or somewhere else on the Net. Request document **#708111** for details. > Jason

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Q: Recently, when turning on my computer, I noticed the words "Safe Mode" pop up in each of the four corners of my screen. What does this mean? > *Joyce, Grand Island NY*

A: Well, Joyce, your Windows 95 system has detected some kind of a problem and has entered into Safe Mode. What this means is that, most likely, the system detected some kind of unstable software or a hardware problem, and Windows loaded

itself with a minimal amount of information necessary - just enough to "boot." Try just shutting your system down (using the Start button) and see if that corrects the problem. Usually, the system will fix itself. If not - that is, if your system comes back up into Safe Mode - you may have a bit of a problem. Try removing any new hardware you may have installed. If you just installed some new software, run the Uninstall utility for that software. If all else fails, you can try calling Microsoft's technical support line, or give us a call for more assistance. We're always available to answer your questions. > Don

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Q: I seem to go through a lot of laser printer labels with WordPerfect, but I always end up with sheets that have half a page left. Can I run these back through my printer again? If so, how can I line them up right so I start printing half-way down the page? > *Joanne*, *Hamburg NY*

A: This is an easy one. It's actually something we cover in one of our WordPerfect classes. Just go to *Format* and you'll see *Labels*. Set up the kind of label you want and then when you have a blank label, hit CTRL-ENTER. It will move you down to a new label. Keep hitting that key combination until you're on the right label. > *Rick*

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