

Cactus Word Search

Below is a word search puzzle of 30 different instances of the word cactus. Can you find all of them?

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ANSWERS: Cactus, cactu

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Death to the Baby Bells! The Future of Telecom....

For nearly 3 months now I've been running a system called Vonage in my home. Vonage works just like your regular home telephone, only without your local phone company needing to be involved. Oh yeah, and you get 100% **FREE** long distance with it. That's right, flat rate long distance for the low low price of \$40 per month.

Instead of using phone lines, Vonage uses your high-speed internet connection to complete your calls. We all know that attempts at making phone calls over the net in the past have

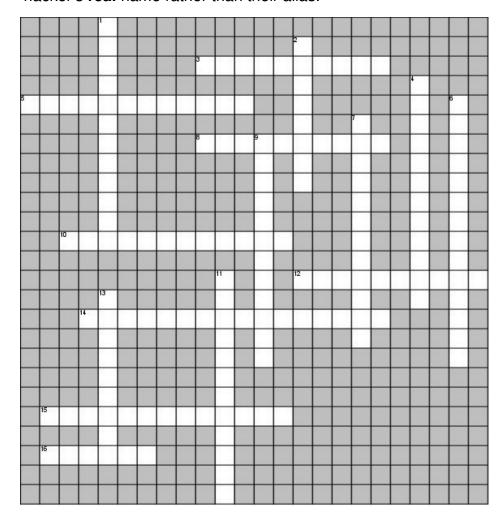
failed. The one thing that sticks out in my mind about making phone calls on the internet is the sound quality sucked. The only thing they were ever good for was making prank calls to people because there was no way to hold a decent conversation with all the echoing and static. But Vonage has managed to change all that.

Not only is the sound quality just as good as my old SBC Ameritech service, it's actually **better**. When I pick up any phone in the house, I instantly get a dial tone. None of my computers need to even be running, all the calls are handled by a Cisco box that plugs directly into my existing router and cable modem. Making a call is just as fast as making a call on a regular phone line. The thing rules.

Not only do I get better quality service than Ameritech could offer, but it's also much cheaper. Ameritech likes to charge you for things like 3-way calling, call waiting, caller ID, call forwarding, voicemail, etc. Vonage gives you all of that for free. Remember that pesky \$5.00 monthly charge your local phone company makes you pay just to have a long distance carrier? Not with Vonage, because there **is** no long distance. Doesn't it suck when your local phone company charges you for 911 emergency service? Don't worry, Vonage throws that in there for free too. All for around \$40 per month. (continued on page 5...)

FAMOUS HACKERS CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Test your knowledge of hacker history by completing this crossword puzzle of famous hackers. Most of the answers will be the hacker's **real** name rather than their alias.



thank me for this later.

ANSWERS: I'm afraid I can't give you the answers to this puzzle. You need to know this stuff on your own. Search google.com and learn your history! Trust me, you will



September 26, 1995

825 ERMINE SE

ALBANY, OR 97321

Dear Customer:

Your number was identified on multiple occasions through the receiving party's use of our Call Trace Service. The last call was documented on September 26, 1995 at 12:31 PM.

The use of the telephone or permitting another individual to use the telephone for harassing, obscene or threatening calls violates the law. Since this telephone number is listed in your name, it is your responsibility to see that the phone is not used for unlawful purposes. Please take action to resolve this issue as soon as possible.

If you have questions or need further information, please call 1-800-582-0655.

Sincerely,

Security Assistant
U S WEST Communications

Call Identification Center 1-800-582-0655

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DID YOU KNOW....

The telephone wasn't actually created by Alexander Bell? It was really created by his weird cousin Roland. Alex murdered him and stole the idea for himself.

Join the PLA Community!

PLA Voice Bridge

Waste your evenings away by calling PLA's voice bridge at 918-858-0012, extension #752. Our nightly free conferences start at 8:00pm EST. More information can be found on www.phonelosers.org/bridge.html

EvilCal's Forums

While you're talking on our Voice Bridge, you should also hang out on EvilCal's message forums, chat room and more! You can get your free account by going to cal.phonelosers.org.

PLA State Sites

If you're looking for a local h/p community, you might want to try our state web sites. If you can't find a site local to you, then you can set up your own. State sites can be found at www.phonelosers.org/state_list.html.

ACROSS

- 3. Tried to recruit phone phreaks in the 60's by placing stickers on pay phones along the west coast and runs a web site today called Phone Trips.
- 5. Famous for rigging radio call-in shows by taking over the radio station's phone lines. Managed to win vacations, prizes and jail time.
- 8. Started a print magazine in 1984 called 2600 which is still published today.
- 10. Once belonged to the Legion of Doom and then became the editor of Phrack, this guy has too many G's in his last name.
- 12. The man who served years in a federal pound-me-in-the-ass prison for playing with breakfast cereal toys.
- 14. Portrayed a young hacker who nearly started World War III in the 1983 movie Wargames.
- 15. Unconvincingly played a female hacker in the 1995 movie Hackers. But hey, we got to see her boobies.
- 16. Created the TAP (Technical Assistance Program) newsletter after he apparently got bored with the idea of the Youth International Party line which he helped create.

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- 1. This girl was Mitnick's arch nemises in the 80's and was a master at social engineering, in more ways than one.
- 2. Founded the annual Las Vegas computer hacker convention known as Defcon.
- 4. This activist created the Youth International Party Line, a newsletter mostly decided to ripping off the phone company.
- 6. Used his computer skills to steal money and would turn on any hacker to keep himself out of trouble. Was released from prison once to help track Mitnick.
- 7. Once known by peers as The Condor, this guy didn't know when to stop hacking and phreaking. Holds the world record for most time spent in jail for hacking.
- 9. One of the founders of Phrack, this guy got into trouble in 1990 for publishing the supposedly classified E-911 document.
- 11. Accidentally unleashed an internet worm in 1988 which crashed thousands of computers.
- 13. Formed the New York City hacking group called Masters of Deception after he was kicked out of the Legion of Doom by Erik Bloodaxe.



Automatic Number Identification

800-444-4444 MCI 800-314-4258 MCI Credit Verification 800-532-7486 AT&T Credit Center—press "1 and 1" for ANI 888-324-8686 Voicemail Connect demo line 800-555-1140 Gives a bunch of ANI2 information 800-797-6088 Says the line is not active, then reads your number

Weird & Cool Phone Numbers

800-647-6397 Verizon Employee News Line 207-434-3370 Strange phone company error recording 800-795-1795 A lady saying GOODBYE in a sexy ass voice. 336-721-1138 Some kind of room monitor, maybe? 631-751-2600 2600 Magazine's info line 631-473-2626 2600 Magazine's Voice BBS

Bridges and Loop Lines

918-858-0012 PLA Voice Bridge—enter extension 752.
435-234-8255 Beehive Telephone Bridge
435-663-8255 Beehive Telephone Bridge
972-615-8921 Bridge owned by Verizon
562-369-1118 / 562-369-1119 All these California numbers
909-661-1118 / 562-661-1119 connect together.
619-364-1118 / 619-364-1119
714-629-1118 / 714-629-1119
323-626-1118 / 323-626-1119
617-723-5603 The Boston Raven party line
305-503-7775 Internet Zoo party line
718-280-7779 NYC Club party line

Do you have a phone number that we should include in the next phone list? Email it to rbcp@phonelosers.org and it will be considered. We welcome anything bizzare, useful or interesting.

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The regular phone companies are really screwed this time. As if they don't have enough problems with everyone ditching their home phone lines for cheaper wireless phones, now they have to deal with the internet stealing the rest of their customers. They've raised rates and screwed their customers over for decades. \$7.00 for caller ID? \$1.00 for an unlisted number? Remember when they used to charge customers for touch tone service, as if that cost them more? It's payback time. Ameritech was getting \$70 a month from me, but not anymore. My long distance provider was getting over \$100 a month with me paying 4.5 cents for long distance calls. No more, it's all flat rate now.

They even have a smaller package for people who don't use the phone as much which is \$26.00 for 500 minutes per month and unlimited local calls. The problem with local calls is that they probably don't have an area code where you live yet so your free "local" calls would only be good in an area that you probably don't live in. Go with the \$40 plan, it's probably cheaper than what you pay now.

The downside of this service? I didn't get a local phone number. The closest area code to me was in Chicago which is 6 hours away. This doesn't bother me though, nobody calls me at home anyway since I have a cell phone. I settled on a random area code in California. And if you want a 2nd phone number or a 2nd line, you have to buy another \$40/month box. Still not a bad deal though, less than \$100 for 2 phone lines and unlimited long distance calling. I'd say that beats the hell out of anything Ameritech could offer me.

This product officially renders stealing phone calls utterly useless. As if stealing phone calls wasn't pointless enough with cell phones being so cheap and offering free long distance on nights and weekends. Now we get free **legal** quality long distance with Vonage. This will hopefully be followed by the collapse of a bunch of long distance companies. And if local phone companies don't start competing by offering the same cheap services, they'll end up being next. The phone companies all needed a good shakeup like this, we can only hope it'll result in better service and cheaper products. Do your part by purchasing a Vonage system immediately!

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