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## Real estate firm cans spam with Google Message Security

By Brian Jackson - itbusiness.ca

Canderel was swamped with a deluge of spam - 95 per cent of all e-mail - and its business hamstrung before Google Message Security came along. The spam-filter offers detailed end-user tweaking and comes well-priced.



IT director Lance LeBlanc balks at the notion that he would ever even consider turning off his Google Message Security spam filter – to do so would overwhelm his 250 employee real estate company with a daily mass of e-mails a company of 10,000 might receive.

Montreal-based real estate firm Canderel reached its tipping point in 2004, when it was receiving on average between 200 and 300 spam messages a day. With the business communications hamstrung as a result of the problem, LeBlanc sought out the services of Postini, a company that provided a hosted service promising to filter out the spam and let through legitimate e-mails.

It took just two days to put the new service into place and Canderel immediately stopped receiving spam, LeBlanc recalls. He hasn't looked back since. [Full story.](#)

## Netflix to stream videos directly to HDTVs in U.S.

By Associate Press

Netflix Inc. has come up with another way to get movies to people without sending DVDs in the mail.



In a partnership announced Monday, LG Electronics will start selling high-definition TV sets in the United States that stream Netflix videos directly from the Internet, without an additional device. The deal marks the first time Netflix's streaming service will be embedded in a television.

Netflix, available only in the U.S. and still best known for its online DVD rental service, offers about 12,000 movies and TV shows for instant streaming over the Internet, for no additional cost to subscribers who pay at least US\$9 per month for a DVD rental plan. [Read more.](#)

## Six top tips for effective IT spending in 2009

By Mary Brandel - itbusiness.ca

Here are six guidelines for smart tech spending as the calendar page has flipped from a very dark end of 2008 to a decidedly murky 2009. [Go to tips.](#)

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## Cellphone firms ordered to fix 911 system to save lives

By Grant Robertson - Globe and Mail

Canada's telecom regulator will force the cellphone industry to upgrade the country's 911 system, which has fallen behind other parts of the world and may be contributing to deaths involving wireless calls for help.



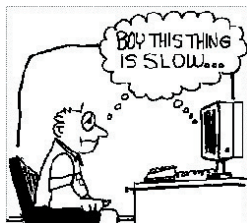
Government officials said they would impose a February, 2010, deadline to install the necessary equipment to give 911 dispatchers the ability to locate cellular calls in an emergency.

The plan has not been disclosed to much of the telecom sector. It comes after a recent Globe and Mail investigation found there were several cases of fatal or near-fatal incidents last year alone where 911 dispatchers could not determine the location of the caller. [Complete story.](#)

## Small ISPs to offer same internet speeds as Bell, Telus

By Peter Nowak - CBC News

Fresh off a loss in a battle with Bell Canada Inc. over the throttling of internet connections, small service providers have won a victory that will enable them to offer the same speeds as big phone companies.



The Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission on Thursday issued a decision ordering Canada's big phone companies, including Bell, Telus Corp., MTS Allstream Inc., SaskTel and Bell Aliant, to offer the same internet speeds to smaller wholesale customers as they themselves sell on a retail basis.

Under existing CRTC regulations, the big phone companies are required to rent out their networks to smaller service providers, who then sell internet access to their own customers. The rules boost the number of competitors selling internet access to the public, and thus keep prices down and service levels up. The regulations, however, have only applied to older infrastructure based in phone companies' centralized office buildings. [Read on.](#)

## Le télégraphe fête ses 171 ans...et perdure!

Par Jean François Ferland - Direction Informatique

En 1838, Samuel Morse procédait à la démonstration d'un système de télégraphie, l'ancêtre de la réseautique. Malgré la popularité d'Internet, la technologie continue d'être utilisée aujourd'hui.



Le 6 janvier 1838, dans une fonderie du New Jersey, Samuel Morse a réalisé la première démonstration d'un système de communication filaire à courant électrique. Morse a transmis un message sur une distance de deux milles afin d'indiquer l'arrivée d'un train ainsi que le nombre de passagers qu'il contenait. [Continuez.](#)