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Chapter 1—Solutions to Editor's Challenge

From: Marissa Pelham <mpelham@zyt.net> To: Heather Martinez <hmartinez@zyt.net></hmartinez@zyt.net></mpelham@zyt.net>	
Cc: Subject: Thanks for Considering ZyTec Software	
Dear Ms. Martinez:	
message We are happy to learn from your recent massage that Brookline School is considering software	
its software ZyTec Software Systems as tt's source for educational software. Our softwar , which workplaces	
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CDs resources as well as a copy of one of our training ed's. I hope you will find these resource helpful	
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schools are using ZyTec software, you might fine it useful to speak with a teacher-	
rainer from a near by school district. Please call or write to let me know whether such feasible	
a meeting is feasable.	
All the best,	
Marissa Pelham	
Senior Marketing Manager	
ZyTec Software Systems	

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Solutions to Editor's Challenge 31

CONSOLIDATED INDUSTRIES

INTEROFFICE MEMO

Answers will vary.

DATE: January 28, 200x TO: All Employees

Brandon James, Manager $\,\mathcal{B}\mathcal{J}\,$ FROM: **SUBJECT:** Reducing Overnight Delivery Costs

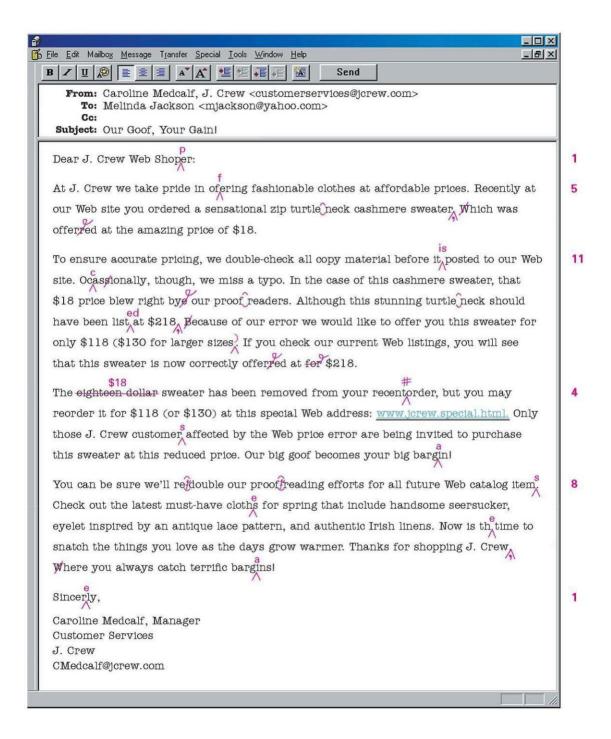
Overnight delivery services are speedy, but [pronoun] they are costing us too much [noun] money. Here at Consolidated, we have seen our use of these services increasingly devour a [adjective] large portion of our shipping budget. It seems that anyone who wants to send something to a customer or a vendor automatically [verb] <u>sends</u> it by FedEx. Although we have corporate rates with FedEx, we are still spending too much on overnight deliveries.

To avoid future restrictions imposed by the CEO, I'm [verb] asking you to voluntarily reduce your use of these delivery services by 50 percent in the next two months.

Rather than face a ban on all [adjective] overnight (or delivery) services, let's work together to reduce our costs. Here are some suggestions:

- 1. Ask yourself whether the recipient will [adverb] _ actually _ use the information immediately. If not, [verb] use a cheaper method.
- 2. Send messages [preposition] by fax or e-mail. A long-distance fax costs only about 35 cents, [conjunction] and local messages cost nothing. E-mail messages are equally inexpensive.
- 3. Use the FedEx or UPS account number [preposition] of (or for) the recipient whenever possible.
- 4. Plan ahead so that [pronoun] _____ you ___ can use FedEx or UPS ground service. These ground [noun] _services (or shipments) take about three to five days.

Some overnight shipments, of course, [verb] ___are__ critical. However, to retain our budget for those essential shipments, we must [verb] cut (or reduce) our overall use by one half before April 1. If you can think of [adjective] __other_ ways to reduce overnight shipments, please call me at Ext. 213. I appreciate your ideas and your [noun] help (or cooperation) in solving this problem.



Forest Communication Services

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April 12, 200x

Ms. Mary Lou Vasquez Networking Voices 3540 Freeport Blvd. Sacramento, CA 95822

Dear Ms. Vazquez:

We appreciate this opportunity to contribute to the magazine article. That you are writing about Web conferencing for Networking Voices. My specialty here at Forest Communication is conferening services for North America.

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Online meetings are becoming more frequents and more necessary. Many companys find that such meetings save time and money. Participants can hold live, interactive meetings and share documents and presentations Without ever leaving their offics or homes. Web and phone conferencing is simply more conveneint then having to attend meeting in person. Nearly all Web conferencing providers offer a common set of user features that increase productivity and collaborative sucess. Let me summarize a few of these features:

- · Participant ID. This feature displays on your screen the name of all attendees and indicates who are talking over the phone line.
- · PowerPoints/Document Sharring. Presenters can show Web-based visuals and describe them by talking on the telephone.
- · Polling/Surveys. A virtual "show of hands" can speed consensus and shorten a meeting. Because these conferencing polls are anonymous, they are less intimidating then those taken in live meetings.
- · Whiteboard. Just as in physical meetings, a whiteboard is handy for jotting down key points and recording brain storming ideas.
- . Archive. If requested, all content can be archived so that participants who could not join can catch up as their schedule permit.

Web conferencing eliminates the need for traveling to meetings. Which is especially effective for global teams and large groupes. If you would like a list of dos and don'ts for Web conferencing, please call me at (617) 830-8701.

Cordially,

Anderson M. Copley

Anderson M. Copley

Director, Conferencing Services

3254 Bedford Road Pleasantville, NY 10750 March 4, 200x

Ms. Jessica Hancock Customer Relations Krispy Kreme Doughnut Corporation P.O. Box 83 Winston-Salem, NC 27103

Dear Ms. Hancock:

As chair of the children's fund-raising committee at Noah's Ark Children's Center, I am hoping that you can answer the questions below so that my committee and I can learn more about using KrispyKreme doughnuts to raise money.

- How do we get the dough nuts, and how can we make a profit selling Krispy Kremes at a traditional doughnut sail?
- Would we make more money selling them in a high-traffic area such as our towns shoping center?
- How does your company's certificate program work?
- What are partner ship cards, and how do they relate to customer purchases?
- · Do you have any examples of fund-raisers that we could study so that we will know how to procede?

You're response before March 1 will help my committee and me prepare for this springs fun-raising event. Please call me at (914) 747-3381 or send me literature at the above address. We look foreward to enjoying your delicious original glazed doughnuts at the same time were raising funds for equipment and supply at our children's center. This will be our schools principle fund-raising event for the year.

Sincerely,

Ava Lanskord

Ava Lansford

MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 15, 200x

MSD TO: Maria S. Damen, Vice President, Marketing

FROM: Ryan Jenkins, Exhibit Manager

SUBJECT: REDUCING A MAJOR EXPENSE AT TRADE SHOWS

As you suggested, Matthew Chavez and myself have been searching for ways to reduce our trade show exhibition costs. One of our companys major expenses at these shows is the visitors gift that we present.

At last years show we gave away a nine-color, silk-screened T-shirt, Which was designed by a high-priced New York designer. Each shirt cost \$15 to produce however, I've located a Chinese supplier who can produce good-looking T-shirts for the low cost of only \$4 each. Look at the savings we can make:

> 2,000 silk-screened T-shirts @\$15 \$30,000 2,000 cheaper T-shirts @\$4 8,000 SAVINGS \$22,000

This major saving was immediatley apparent to Matthew and X as we studied the problem. Please examine the enclosed T-shirt sample. If you compare T-shirts, you might expect a cheaper shirt to be dissimilar; but as you can see, this shirt is quiet presentable. What's more, it advertises our name just as well as the more expensive silk-screened T-shirts. If the decision were up to Matthew or 1, we would be happy to wear the cheaper shirt.

With increasing travel costs and descreasing trade show budgets, we in marketing must look carefully at how we spent the companies limited funds for exhibitions. Over the last several years, we have descreased the number of shows in which we participate we have also taken fewer booth staffers then in the passed. This is a significant place to reduce expenses.

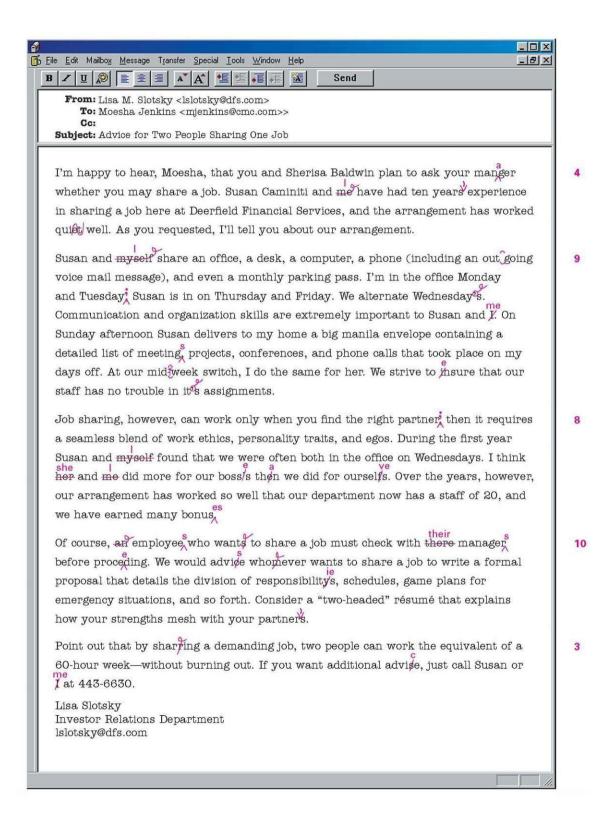
For our next major trade show, please authorize the purchase of 2,000 T-shirts Which can save us \$22,000 in exhibition costs. With managements approval before December 1, we can be sure to receive supply's from our Chinese manufacturer for the spring Las Vegas trade show. Matthew and myself look forward to your quick response. If your worried about this suggestion or need more details, please call me at Ext. 480 so that we can talk about it.

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GRADIENT RESEARCH, INC.

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

Josh Hernandez, Production Manager TO: Edward J. Juralski, CEO FROM:

DATE: February 16, 200x

SUBJECT: TELECOMUTING EMPLOYEES' GUIDE

Because telecommuting is becomming increasingly popular, its necessary for us to be more careful in planing for information security. As well as for our employees health and personal safty. We wish it was possible to talk to each employee individually, but that is impossible. Instead, we have prepared a "Telecommuter Employees" Guide," Which includes structured agreements that specify space, equipment, scheduling, communications, and conditions of employment. The complete guide should be given to whomever is about to begin a telecommuting assignment. We appreciate you discussing the following recomendations with any of your staff members whom are considering telecommuting.

Arranging the Home Workspace

- · Create a space where you can expect minimal traffic and distraction.
- Make it comfortable but with sufficient space for computer, printer, and fax.
- Make your workspace off-limits to family and friends.
- · Provide proper lighting and telephone service.

Ensuring Information Security

- Remember that you re home office is an extension of the company office.
- Be carful to protect information and avoid computer virus s.
- Be sure to backup and store data and other information in a safe place.

We do not recommend at-home meetings for telecommuters. By the same token, we suggest using postal boxes rather then home addresses. We also require smoke detector's in home work areas.

To have any questions answered my assistant or me can be reached at Ext. 310.

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Training Massage Wellness

June 4, 200x

Mr. Allen C. Fineberg 3250 Ponciana Way Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410

Dear Mr. Fineburg:

You probably choose Body Fitness because it has became one of the top-rated gyms in the Palm Beach area. Making your workout enjoyable has always been our principle goal. To continue to provide you with the best equipment and programs, my partner and myself need your feedback.

We have build an outstanding program with quality equipment, excellent training programs, and helpful support staff. We feel, however, that we could have a more positive affect and give more individual attention if we could extend our peak usage time. You have probable noticed that attendance at the gym raises from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. We wish it were his or her was-possible to accommodate everyone on their favorite equipment during those hours. Although we can't stretch an hour. We would like to make better use of the time between 8 p.m. and 11 p.m. With more members coming later, we would have less crush from 4 to 8 p.m. Exercise machines that lay idle and strength-training equipment that sets empty

we are considering
To encourage you to stay later, security cameras for our parking area are being considered by us. Cameras for some inside facility's may also be added. We have gave this matter a great deal of thought. Although Body Fitness has never had an incident that endangered a member, We have went to considerable trouble to learn about security cameras because we think that you will feel all together more comfortable with them in action.

Please tell us what you think fill out the enclosed questionnaire, and drop it the ballot box at the front desk during next weeks visit. We're asking for your feed back because we're devoted to serving you better. If you have any other suggestions for reducing the crush at peak times or other ideas that effect our members, please tell us on the enclosed form.

Cordially,

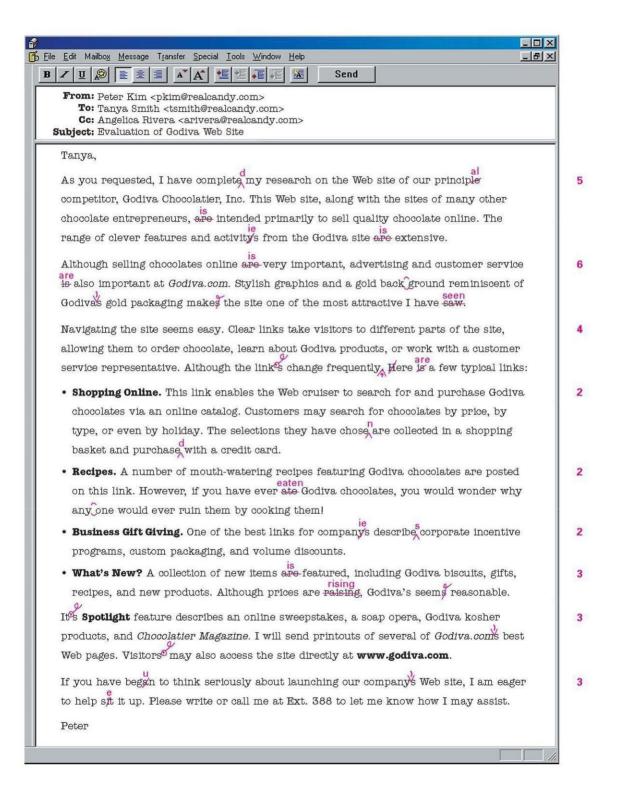
Nicolas Barajas

Nicolas Barajas, Manager

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Elite Tropical Cruise Lines

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Website: http://www.elitetropical.com



November 2, 200x

Ms. Jessica Stoudenmire Holiday Travel Agency 520 West Third Street New York, NY 10013

Dear Ms. Stoudemire:

At Elite Tropical Cruise Lines, my colleagues and myself-genuinely appreciate the loyalty of Holiday Travel Agency and its continuing use of the "Voyager Ship" line for your holiday tour packages for travelers of all ages. As our customers know, the "Voyager Ship" is more luxurious most enjoyable than any cruise ship in the world, offering the enjoyablest activities on the seas.

A wide range of guests have experienced unforgettable cruises to unique and exotic ports of call. These type of positive experiences have inspired our guests to return year after year. It is our long standing policy to try and offer fun, sun, and exciting tours to these guests, including high school and college students. Recently, however, some of our younger guests has been loud and disruptive. Last year we raised the drinking age from 18 to 21, but this plan didn't work very well good. Because of unruly young people, some passengers couldn't barely enjoy their travel aboard our cruise ships.

As a result, we are now instituting a new policy. Effective immediately, any passenger under the age of 21 will be excepted only when accompanied by a adult over 25. If this new policy will effect your student tour packages, we hope you will agree that the reasons behind us instituting this new policy required serious action. Elite Tropicals goal is to provide a real relaxing environment for all its passengers. Promoting family packages are one way in which we help high school and college students join their family's for vacation fun away from the stresses of every day life.

Expecting carefree fun filled vacations, your customers will not be disappointed by Elite Tropical. We attract more guests then any cruise line in the world, and 98 percent of our guests reports that they are very satisfied. If you would be willing to work with me to plan new packages for your New York customers. My staff and I will call you during the week of January 5.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Carroll

Stephanie Carroll

Vice President, Customer Service

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HIGH TECH SOLUTIONS

INTEROFFICE MEMO

DATE: July 1, 200x **TO:** All Employees

FROM: Craig Abrams, Human Resources CA

SUBJECT: New E-Mail and Web Policy

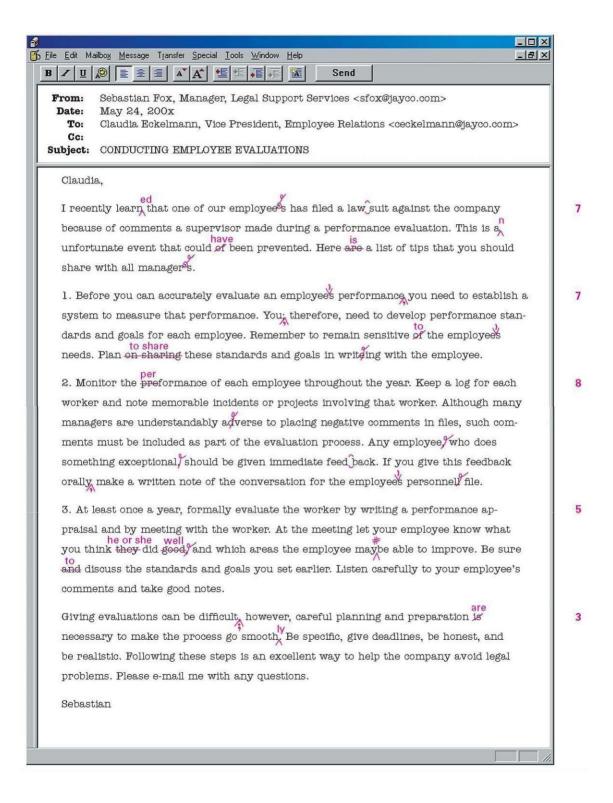
Over the past few month's, supervisors have provided daturn about e-mail and Web use to top management and K. Beside using e-mail and the Web for work related purposes, some employees are useing these tools for personal bussiness. This, of course, is having serious implications for our company and its productivity. Improper use can also led to larger problems such as lawsuits. We have, therefore, hired two attornies who is expert at writing e-mail and Web policies to help write a to implement policy for our firm. We plan on implementing the policy on September 1.

During the month of August, workshops will be given by my staff and to help employees learn how to comply to the new policy. You can also schedule an appointment with your immediate supervisor to talk to them about the new policy. In addition, you can turn any comments or suggestions into me before September 1. Finally, you can obtain a rough draft of the policy off of my receptionist after July 31. She can also let you know where training sessions will be held at.

I think we can all understand that to much personnel e-mail and Web use can negatively effect our company. That's why this policy is needed, and we are confident that you will all except its provisions. The policy we develop will be similar with policies used by other company's in our industry. As we develop the policy, we will remain sensitive of the needs of all employees to make sure that the policy is something to which everyone can agree. If you have an interest and a desire to assist us with this important task, please contact my assistant or Vat Ext. 452 before August 15.

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Briggs Mills, Inc.

440 Vine Street Cincinnati, OH 45202 www.briggsmills.com 513-579-3100

May 12, 200x

Ms. Julie Perzel Director Human Resources Clayton Manufacturing 10001 East Industrial Park Road Cleveland, OH 44101

erzel Dear Ms. Pretzel:

Mr. Martin A. Anderson whom is applying for the position of manger of manufacturing support at your organization requested that I write this confidential letter of recommendation. Mr. Anderson has worked under my supervision as a manufacturing support supervisor for three years at Briggs Mills Inc.

As a supervisor of manufacturing support Mr. Anderson helped to hire, evaluate and supervise a team of four machine technicians. Him and his team was responsible for the preventive maintance, troubleshooting and repair of machines on three production lines. Because of his strong interpersonal skills Mr. Anderson expected and obtained high performance from his machine technicians. Each technician whom was evaluated ranked in the upper two levels of performance for the past three years. In addition, Mr. Anderson's own performance was evaluated at our highest level for the last two years.

Mr. Anderson's team developed a highly effective maintenance and calibration program/ that reduced line shutdowns by 10 percent. Furthermore, in addition to his supervisory work Mr. Anderson initiated improvements in machine documentation.

These changes enabled support personal to repair machines without relying on production engineers. Although documentation changes were cumbersome for our engineers Mr. Anderson brang about needed change without alienating engineers or technicians. His enthusiastic upbeat personality has had a positive affect on the entire organization.

Im sorry that Mr. Andersen may leave Briggs Mills, but I am confident that his technical, interpersonal and leadership skills will serve you well in your organization. I recommend him highly and would be happy to have him return to us in the future.

Sincerly,

Mark A. Summers

Mark A. Summers Vice President, Operations

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Interoffice Memo

DATE: February 3, 200x **TO:** Doug Rincon

FROM: Jennifer Tejada JT

SUBJECT: RECOMMENDED FREE E-MAIL PROGRAMS

As you requested I am submitting this list of three of the best free e-mail rites that I could find on the Web. All of the rites seems to provide basic e-mail service with various features, however a few features are available only for a fee.

1. Gmail <www.gmail.com>

Gmail is quickly becoming one of the most popular free e-mail programs on the Web. This program which has no pop-ups or banner ads offers many attractive features. In addition the number of features are growing everyday. The most popular features are the following, 2,500 megabytes of storage, spam protection, automatic forwarding and virus scanning.

Messages can even be sent and read in over 40 languages, some of which are Arabic, Tagalog, Latvian, and Portuguese. Gmail also offers an unique feature, that is, Gmail integrates instant messaging in to the e-mail experience. In order to sign up for a Gmail account, you must be invited by someone whom all ready has one.

2. Yahoo Mail <www.mail.yahoo.com>

Yahoo Mail is another free e-mail service that easy to use. In addition to e-mail a Yahoo Mail account includes the following free features, spam protection, virus protection, 1 gigabyte of storage and access from anywhere a user has a Web connection. For just \$19.99 a year you can get a Yahoo Mail Plus account. This premium account offers, virus cleaning, SpamGuardPlus, and 2 gigabytes of e-mail storage.

3. Hotmail <www.hotmail.com>

Hotmail which is owned by Microsoft is a third free e-mail program. This program offers, powerful spam filters, virus scanning and virus cleaning. When a user first enrolls they receive 25 megabytes of storage, however, after 30 days this amount increases to 250 megabytes.

Gmail is the program I recommend. Yahoo Mail and Hotmail are not as robust. Be sure to and check out these sites, and then let me know whether you have any question.

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2419 Branch Lane Austin, TX 78214 August 23, 200x

Mr. Doug Young, Manager Tejas Grill 3210 South Congress Avenue Austin, TX 78704

Dear Mr. Young

Even when we servers have the servers have given good service some customers don't leave a tip. This is a serious problem for we servers at Tejas Grill. Many of us have gotten together and decided to bring the problem—and a possible solution to your attention in this letter. Please read our ideas carefully, then plan on meeting with us to discuss them.

Some restaurants (such as the Coach House in New York)—now automatically adds a 15 percent tip to the bill. Other restaurants are printing gratuity guidelines on checks. In fact American Express now provides a calculation feature on its terminals so that restaurants can chose the tip levels they want printed. The following tip levels are included: 10, 15, or 20 percent. You can read about these procedures in an article titled Forcing the Tip, which appeared recently in The New York Times. The enclosed a copy.

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A mandatory tip printed on checks would work good at Tejas don't you think? We give good service and receive many complements, however, some customers forget to tip. By printing a suggested tip on the check we remind customers so that they won't forget. A printed mandatory tip also does the math for customers, which is an advantage for those who are not to good with figures!

Printing mandatory tips on checks not only help customers but also prove to the staff that you support them in there goal to recieve decent wages for the hard work they do. A few customers might complain but these customers can always cross out the printed tip if they wish. If you have any doubts about the plan we could try it for a six month period and monitor customer's reactions.

We urge you to begin printing a mandatory 15 percent tip on each customer's bill. Our American Express terminals are already equipped to do this. Will you please let us know your feelings about this proposal as soon as possible it's a serious concern to we servers.

Sincerely,

Brenda Vasquez

Brenda Vasquez

Server

Enclosure

National Association for Retail Marketing



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www.narm.org

January 5, 200x

Ms. Jamie Owens, President Retail Group, Inc. 240 Pacific Avenue Seattle, WA 98403

Dear Ms. Owens

Please consider giving a presentation at the annual meeting of the National Association For Retail Marketing in the Lity of Oshkosh, Wisconsin on April 6. Your presentation would precede a lavishly catered banquet.

In the passed you have said "retail has to feel relevant or its dead." That's why were turning to you for guidance.

Many of we retailers have little experience in attracting Generation y shoppers and we realize that their going to represent 41 percent of the u.s. population in the next pecade. Its depressing for us to realize that only 15 percent of this group shops in pepartment stores. Attracting this segment of shoppers are critical to future profitability and that's why we are turning to you for help.

You have been the driving force behind a number of retail makeovers, including blockbuster video, pike, sears and starbucks. Our members were especially impressed by your startling redesign of Mega Mart, making it one of the highest grossing sellers of consumer electronics in north America. With your finger on the changing pulse of american retail you were the first choice of our committee to be keynote speaker at our annual meeting.

Will you be available to give our keynote address on April 6. Although our honorarium is only \$3,000 we can offer you the opportunity to share your expertise with 1500 of the top retailers in the Jountry. Many of them are struggling, and would enthusiastically welcome your presentation. In addition you may find that many would become future clients.

Enclosed is a brochure and pamphlets describing previous conferences. If you will call me at (405) 499-3928 I can provide details and answer questions. So that we may continue our conference planning procedures please let me know by November 10 whether you will become our reatured speaker. This is you're chance to have a huge affect on future retailers.

Sincerely Yours,

Douglas Eamon

Douglas Eamon

Events Coordinator Enclosure

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Solutions to Editor's Challenge 47

October 1, 200x CERTIFIED MAIL, RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED Mr. Charles Smith Customer Relations Sony USA One Y Sony Drive Park Ridge, NY 07656 Dear Mr. Smith Pictures from a once in a lifetime trip are irreplaceable. That's why I put my trust in Sony's 12 Cyber-shot DSC-W100 Pigital Camera, which I bought for a cruise I took to the french caribbean last summer to celebrate my 40th birthday. Experience, dependability and customer service, these are the quality's that I associate with the name "Sony." hundreds I took 100's of pictures on my twenty day trip. Although I checked some of the early shots 13 using the \underline{lcd} screen, I didn't check any pictures for the last $\frac{1}{2}$ of the trip in order to conserve my battery. When I come home however I learned that most of the pictures I took latter in the trip did not turn out because the camera had malfunctioned. 98 of the pictures I took the last week of my trip were faded to a near white color. Enclosed is the camera, the memory card I used, the printed photos and my receipt for the camera. As you must realize, the value of these photographs are far greater then the cost of the 12 printing or the purchase price of the camera. The real loss is the complete record of a beautiful trip. Without pictures, I will not remember how I felt and looked standing in front of diamond rock in the fouthern part of Martinique or shopping in the town of marigot in St. Martin. I will not remember dancing with children around a fire in a Guadalupe Village. 41 days of my dream vacation was essentially unrecorded. This represents more than 50% of my vacation. Replacing the film or camera are not enough. Without pictures, I feel like I never took 7 the trip. I have suffered a tremendous emotional loss and I am requesting that sony pay me \$7,500 so that I may repeat my trip, and replace the pictures lost because of this faulty camera. I know that Sony enjoys a excellent reputation with consumers, therefore, I trust that you will do the right thing in helping me replace my lost memories. Please contact me by October 30th so that I may begin making plans for a spring cruise. Sincerely, Daniella Davidson Daniella Davidson Enclosures: Sony Cyber-shot camera, memory card, printed photos, receipt