## n and around the machine

to mouse / Simson L. Garfinkel from monitor to encryption aid Here's a host of handy products,

make things easy on your eyes. 21-inch monitors designed to you have one of those big 17- or monitor - especially if can do with your com-ROBABLY THE MOST puter is unpack the dangerous thing you

ed printing labels on their monitor the monitor by yourself. boxes warning you to avoid lifting Some companies have even start seriously damaging your back. unwieldy, putting you at risk of Big monitors are heavy and

55-pound, 17-inch screen. carrying it from room to room, as I would have with a conventional pounds, I didn't strain my back though it still weighs a hefty 38 and size of a 15-inch monitor, Al into a package that has the bulk PanaSync SL70 monitor packs a approach. The company's new 17-inch CRT (zathode ray tube) Panasonicis taking a different

screen - and less than many 15inch screens. surprise: This monitor is only 15 you are in for another pleasant than the conventional 17-inch up considerably less desk space inches deep. As a result, it takes Put the SL70 on your desk and

frequency of 72 Hz, which made monitor could handle a refresh And at 1280 by 1024 pixels, the SL70 has a sharp, crisp display. pretty impressive as well. The The monitor's electronics are

the display look rock-solid.

some people probably won't mind monitors. But this is one time more than other, pulkier 17-inch mated street price, it's nearly \$100 SL70 is the cost. At a \$599 estispending more for less. My only complaint with the

## Repetitive strain gain

ing cause of repetitive strain innot alore. Mouse clicking is a leadclicking the mouse? If so, you're juries (RSIs). Do your fingers hurt from

every 30 minutes. you to take a break from typing ward can be significant. Mousea while to adjust to this new bestops moving. To be sure, it takes Tool alsc has a timer that reminds havior. But once you do, the reclick in software when the mouse your computer while you move the advertised. MouseTool watches first. But the program works as mouse, then generates a mousemouse for you. I was skeptical at for Windows 95 that clicks the MouseTool is a nifty program

the timer feature. ning. Right now, I am just using drag while the program is runcult to double-click or click-andclicked again. It's also pretty diffimouse anyway, and MouseTool rent program needs a bit of work Sometimes, by habit, I clicked the MouseTcol a great deal, the cur-Although I like the idea of

> from www.mousetool.com; the then costs \$19.95 to register. program offers a 30-day free tral You can download MouseTool

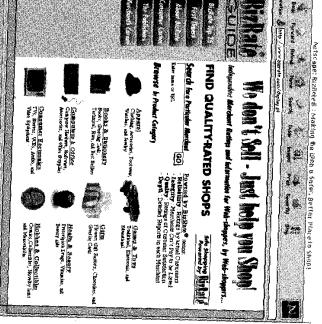
is free for one month \$99 thereevery minute or so. The program after. It is available at www.workmicro-pause is a five-second break ninute break every 30 minutes, a toners. An alternative to a fivatvely new idea among RSI pracuknows about micro-pauses, a reaty of your keystrokes and offers a MouseTool uses. WorkPace also better approach than the timer This program watches the intensiphisticated typing-timer program. WorkPace is a vastly more so-

## For their eyes only

Netscape Communicator and Outthat's built in to programs such as or the S/MIME encryption system loaded free from www.pgpi.com/; tional version that can be downedition"), with & so-called interna-Associates (\$99 for the "business being sold for \$39.95 by Network used piece of "free" software now cently, there were two choices: got to use encryption. Until re-Pretty Good Privacy, a widely than the intended recipiert, you've can't be read by anybody other If you want to send e-mail that

works through the Windows clip-Crypt Priced at \$49.95, SynCrypt cryption program called Syncompanies with a new e-rnail en-SynData is challenging these

look Express.



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with both PGP and S/MIME. data fornats are incompatible is important, since SynCrypt's pearing encrypted. The program and the data disappears, reapwant to encrypt, click a button, Crypt key to other users - which has features for sending your synboard. You select the data you

marketing. No other encryption crypt it using HotMail, or Outmessage inside of AOL and deenabled a user to encrypt a mail Krane, the company's director of look, or Eudora," says David does have its advantages. "We've The cut-and-paste approach

www.syndatacom/ version. You can find out more at SynData plans to release a 32-bit ally froze while I was using and C + +, the program occasion cobbled together from VisualBasic unpolished. A 16-bit application petitors. And the program itself is Crypt harder to use than its compackage can make that claim.

But I generally found Syn-

## Better business

assistance, and other services which have secure ordering, shopa en't. You'l also see, at a giance, well by their customers and which and merchants. BizRate is free to both consumers ping-cart seftware, live customer the on-line merchants are doing At this site you'll learn which of called BizRate (www.bizrate.com) run by an independent third party ence. The survey, it turns out, was my satisfaction with the experiasked to fill out a survey rating pact disc over the Internet, I was The las: time I bought a con-

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