

For some, Internet redefines modern love

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crystal ball to answer all love questions at http://www.excite.com/events/loveshack/horoscopes/fun/crystal_ball.

People also have gone to the Internet to try and find that special someone.

Some people said the nonthreatening medium of the Internet has helped them find friendship and intimacy through chat rooms and e-mail.

"I can interact with people when I normally can't," said Joe Schulz, a University of Nebraska-Lincoln general studies major.

Face-to-face relationships are no longer necessary. Many people rely on e-mail to maintain a daily relationship, even if they are fortunate enough to not be separated by distance.

When Dana Callahan, a junior human resources and family science major, was dating her ex-boyfriend, she lived in Kearney while he lived in Lincoln.

She said e-mail kept her phone bill low.

"I felt as if we could become closer," she said. "Sometimes it is just easier to express yourself by writing."

Electronic Love

Hundreds of Valentine's Day Web sites, along with providing their visitors tips and recipes for the day, allow Internet surfers to send love letters, kisses and flowers.

<http://www.excite.com/events/loveshack/>
Find out if you and the object of your affection are meant for each other.

<http://valentines-day.net-florist.com/>
Order actual flowers, teddy bears and balloons.

<http://www.secretadmirer.com>
Send a message to a crush.

<http://www.thekiss.com>
Send a virtual kiss — pre-made or customized. Also read the dating or kissing tip of the day.

<http://www.nando.net/toys/cyrano/>
The site helps the "shy and unimaginative" write love letters via e-mail. The site can also help the same people break up with their significant others via e-mail.

http://epicurious.com/e_eating/e04_valentine/valentine.html
190 red recipes for Valentine's Day.

<http://kate.gulf.net/holidays/valentine/>
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Alcohol bill voted down; wording called too vague

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been impossible to enforce," he said.

The bill would have made "any person, corporation or other legal entity who or which sells, gives away, disposes of, exchanges, delivers, suffers or permits the sale, gift or procuring of any alcoholic liquor to or for any person less than 21 years of age" liable for injury, death or damage caused by the consumption of alcohol.

Lincoln Attorney Herb Friedman said the legislation would have struck at the source of the alcohol.

"It places the responsibility on those people who break the law," he said.

Crosby agreed in her testimony.

"By virtue of being adults, we are accountable for the actions of minors," she said. "We do have the responsibility as adults to give a good example, and we don't always do that."

But Mary Campbell, who spoke for the Nebraska Beer Wholesalers Association, said the bill could lead to any number of people being responsible — perhaps, she said jokingly, even the farmer who grew the barley.

"This does get to be a ridiculous line of liability," she said.

Kathy Siefken of the Nebraska Retail Grocers Association agreed.

"It opens things up," she said, "and it takes responsibility away from the minors."

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