

# Technology

A Look at Recent Tech Happenings

## Craigslist features free ads, services

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Want to find a bagpipe? Sell a tricycle? Looking for a job? Try Craigslist, a website that features classified advertisements for jobs (the only category that requires a fee to post), housing, personals, for sale/wanted, services, resumes, community and gigs.

Craigslist was started in 1995 by founder Craig Newmark. He wanted to create a website for his friends that would alert them to all the cool upcoming events in San

## Technology available to access student files

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It's happened to the best and the worst of us; we were running late to catch that bus, talking to that cute guy or girl from math class, simply procrastinating and forgetting to send that assignment that's saved to the school computers. Nothing makes is worse than getting ready for bed and receiving that IM from a buddy asking you if they can copy your homework... the homework you left at school...on the computers. At that point you're worried or scared; either way you still can't get that assignment. Thankfully, there is technology to save you from those late night disasters.

There are a number of ways to access those assignments that you left at school (one of which is remembering to send them in the first place) from your own home computer system. The fastest way is to go to the WLHS website. Click on Library, and select "access school files from home" at the top of the page. If for some reason this doesn't work, go to the District web site (<http://www.wlhw.k12.or.us/>) and you will find a lovely picture of our superintendent, Roger Woehl. Above that is a drop-down

Francisco, Calif. Word of the website slowly passed through the grapevine and eventually became popular enough that it needed to be put on a server, which required a name, thus Craigslist was born. As the web site gained popularity, the visitors started to post items for sale, apartments for rent/sale and jobs which pushed Craigslist into being a classified website.

"My brother bought a kayak on Craigslist and then sold it on Craigslist. It's easy to use and has good, quality items. I like

menu stating quite clearly, "I want to...". Click on that. About the sixth one down is the one you want to choose, the "Go to Student Remote Access Tool" one. You'll find some words and "blah, blah" that you don't really need to read, but the important part is the table with all the school name links in blue. Click WLHS, obviously, and a page that looks like your school account

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will pop up, followed with a pop-up asking for your student user name and password. After you enter these, you have your files!

There's nothing better than recovering a file that you thought was erased.

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about it that are good," Jon Ares, Media Technology aide, said, "It's a great way not to use a floppy disk, and not risk formatting issues. It's an easy way to access things if you just simply forget them at school."

No doubt that this is probably the best tool the Technology Department has come up with, and now that we (including myself) actually know how to do it, maybe those stressful nights of retyping or recreating will finally be used for useful things, like sleep.

it a lot," Jeremy Hollen, junior, said.

Craigslist is appealing for many reasons and its simplistic look and easy to work website makes it one of a kind. It is advertising free so there are no annoying, flashy ads popping up on your screen.

"I lost my cat and posted a listing on Craigslist and a week later he was found. It was awesome!" Danielle Ramsby, senior, said.

Everything is free, except job postings, and that is, on average, only a measly \$10 and for everything else, no charge.

"It has fresh ideas. It's original and gives people a voice to talk about community issues or just sell a bike fast," Ramsby said.

Until 1999 Craigslist was only available in San Francisco but it expanded into nine other cities, then grabbed another 18. Now it has sites for about 450 cities globally. It would seem that such a large website would have many staff members but Craigslist only has 22, a small amount for such a well known site.

Craigslist is one of the leading classified services in any medium. The site receives over 500,000 new

job listings each month. It is one of the top job boards in the world. It has 500 billion page views per month which makes it the thirty-fourth most popular web site.

It's hard to find a site that is as unique as Craigslist according to Jim Buckmaster, CEO, said at a conference in New York. He told them that Craigslist wasn't about maximizing profit but instead helping

users find cars, apartments, jobs and dates. They have users in mind, which is a rare quality.

Craigslist has a local website for each city. Therefore, all items and postings are local. Its a haven for Oregonians that are tired of garage sales, although it features posts for those too. Craigslist is a website that will stick around a long time. It's simple, creative and local.



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