

IMAGINings!

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BACK TO SCHOOL

As books and pencils are supplanted by hard drives and CD-ROMs, you may find yourself wondering how The ImagiNation Network fits into your child's education.

Kids will tell you ImagiNation is fun. But as you become more familiar with the Network website, you soon realize that it's more than fun – ImagiNation is a unique community where kids can develop, both intellectually and socially.

Still, you wonder what role a parent plays in the world that includes our ImagiNation community. Just as you've taught your child to look both ways before crossing the street, there are also ways to help your child navigate the neighborhoods of ImagiNation.

The first task is to become familiar with what ImagiNation has to offer. Our on-screen

activities map will guide you to the different choices. Some places on the map, like CasinoLand adults-only conversation rooms, are simply off-limits to kids.

Many spots, including INN University, are places where age simply isn't an issue – common interest and ability are more important. Other spots, like CyberPlex (see the related story in *Imaginings*) are **made for kids**.

Wherever your child goes in the ImagiNation neighborhood, you'll want to be one step ahead. Some things to talk about:

■ Each time your child signs onto ImagiNation, we ask for a secret password. It's especially important that your child keep this password a secret. Membership and privileges can be taken away if a member doesn't follow the guidelines we've established for ImagiNation. (Members who use abusive language, for example, may be asked to leave.) Kids who share a password with friends who don't follow the rules may lose some important privileges.

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A WHOLE NEW WORLD FOR IMAGINATION KIDS

ImagiNation kids will soon be exploring new territory online – CyberPlex is coming to the ImagiNation Network early next year.

CyberPlex from Bright Star Technology will be the newest addition to the ImagiNation neighborhood, with a wide variety of games that encourage educational development.

The games offered include:

- GuessASketch: a drawing game similar to "Pictionary," to polish skills in conceptualizing
SpeedSmarts: a racing game, where cars are powered by solving mathematical equations
MemoryMatch: a matching game of words, definitions, phrases and equations, to encourage associative reasoning
WriteABluff: a bluffing game, similar to "Bamboozle," where players make up definitions for obscure words and build vocabulary
Caverns: an action adventure game that makes history fun, where you can explore ancient ruins and civilizations

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LEARNING THE LINGO

Kids seem to have a language of their own. It's no surprise that kids of all ages who communicate online have developed slang that is specific to the network. Some examples, including shortcuts that make it easier to type in messages:

Cyberspace: The "world" in which people who use the network converse.

Cyberpunk: Someone who navigates well in Cyberspace.

GA: Short for "go ahead," meant as an encouragement to let someone know you're listening.

<G>: Grin

<VBG> Very big grin

BCNU: Short for "I'll be seeing you."

CUL8R: Short for "See you later."

These "emoticons" offer a way to express emotion. ImagiNation members press the Alt key plus one of keys 0-9 to help get the picture across:

:)	Smile	<Alt 1>
:(Sadness	<Alt 2>
:D	Laughter	<Alt 3>
:)	Tears	<Alt 4>
:x	A kiss	<Alt 5>
X	Anger	<Alt 6>
:	Eagerness	<Alt 7>
;) :	Wink	<Alt 8>
♥	Love	<Alt 9>
Ø	Not allowed	<Alt 0>

DID YOU KNOW?

College-bound students who own desktop computers may soon have the edge over their classmates who go without. In California, where many computing and education trends trace their roots, three state universities (Humboldt State, Sonoma State and Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo) may soon make ownership of a desktop computer a prerequisite for admission.

GO TO THE HEAD OF THE CLASS

by INNUBrian, an instructor at INN University

The name of the course I teach is "Advanced Assembly Language." I know it sounds serious and dull – the kind of course you're likely to find at a real college.

But my students know better.

Every Sunday night, I join in the pre-class chat about five minutes before we're scheduled to start. One week, the conversation gravitated toward the Soccer championship. Another week, we shared the latest gossip about the Internet.

As the last few members drop in, everyone quiets down and waits for me to ask the usual: "Any questions before we begin."

And then the screen really lights up as we launch into a programming-related topic. One week, we discussed the programming theory behind "Doom." Everyone gives some input, and we try to come up with some general conclusions.

We get along well, and so we sit around like the big group of friends we are and talk about a little bit of everything, all the while sharpening our programming skills.

When the discussion draws to a close, my students are still eager to learn something new, and so I upload a short text file that explains the next topic on our syllabus. I elaborate on the topic while students toss in their questions.

Each week as we learn something new, we're all one step closer to becoming expert programmers.

Before class ends, I sometimes suggest a project. The most infamous of all is definitely "the Tron game." I suggested it after the very first class I taught. My students had already graduated from the beginner class, and they were ready for a real challenge.

They found that challenge creating a game modeled after the light car scene from the movie *Tron*. Some students teamed up together for the project. Others tackled the challenge alone. Everybody went farther than the suggested parameters, creating some amazing programs that went beyond anything I imagined.

To this day, my mailbox still fills up with code sent by former students who want me to take a look at *just one more* version of their Tron game.

Who says learning can't be fun? My students have a blast getting quality instruction. And after graduation? Some of my students have their sights set on professional level game programming, just as soon as they graduate.

A NOTE FROM THE DEAN

When I first began to learn computer programming – a lifelong dream – I found it very difficult. With neither the time nor the money to take any of the courses offered at the local community college, I taught myself, starting with a cheap "Beginning DOS" book.

From this experience came the vision of INN University. Here, members can learn anything – from DOS and Windows, WordPerfect, dBase and desktop publishing to creative writing, Spanish and much more.

And while you can never quite be a kid again, we can teach you how to play – we offer courses in Cribbage, Spades, Go and Chess, among others, including many of your favorites from SierraLand, MedievalLand and CasinoLand.

We'll even teach you how to surf – surf the Internet, anyway.

And when the Windows version of ImagiNation is up and running, we'll be taking off with even more options. In the WordPerfect class, for example, you'll soon be able to have the program itself up and running at the same time that your on-line teacher is guiding you through the basics. And how does it strike you to run a multimedia Spanish tutorial program, courtesy of INN University, at the same time that you're actually attending class?

Here's hoping I'll be seeing YOU in class!

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INN University Dean

REGISTER NOW!

Classes are filling up for the fall session of INN University, which starts September 24.

The program has grown to include courses in programming languages like dBase, Pascal, QBasic and Advanced Assembly Language. Plus, INN University offers courses on how to write a resume, how to use WordPerfect and desktop publishing, as well as courses in Spanish and Novel Writing.

We've got fun and games, too, including special courses on the games you'll encounter in SierraLand, MedievalLand and CasinoLand.

For a complete listing of INN University courses, see the conferences schedule on page four.

To register for an INN University course, drop a note in the E-mail box number listed underneath the course name. You can also register by leaving a private note in the University Room, if you have no E-mail account.

Courses that teach games need no special registration. To improve your games, just drop in on a class.

PICTURE PERFECT



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Above: "Temple Pond", Suzhou, China.
Right: "Japanese Boats", Hiroshima, Japan.



You may have seen his startling images of man and nature on the pages of *The New York Times* magazine or *Conde Nast Traveler*

Now you've got a chance to chat live with and learn more about Eric Lawton, an award-winning photographer who has captured on film the most beautiful spots on earth – remote mountaintops in Nepal, lush valleys on the Hawaiian islands and an austere lighthouse in Denmark, to name a few.

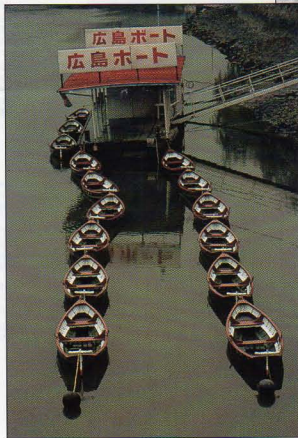
Lawton has just collaborated on a book that pairs his photographs with eclectic

passages from such thinkers as Lao Tzu, Sappho, John Keats, Langston Hughes and others.

Ten lucky ImagiNation Network members will win an autographed copy of the book, *The Soul of the World*. To enter the giveaway, send your name and a way to reach you to: E-mail Box 941. You can also post your entry on the ImagiNation Bulletin Board, "Notes to ImagiNation" or send a postcard to ImagiNation!, Attn: Eric Lawton, 577 Airport Blvd., Suite 300, Burlingame, CA 94010.

Lawton's photographs have been exhibited and published worldwide and are included in the collections of the New York Public Library and France's Bibliotheque Nationale.

Meet Lawton live on Sunday, October 30 at 2 p.m. Pacific time in the Tree House.



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AYE CARAMBA!

The BartMan, a.k.a. Nancy Cartwright, the voice of TV's favorite smartypants, chatted exclusively Friday evening, September 9, with the winners of the ImagiNation Network weekend "Simpsons" trivia contest.

Cartwright, an ImagiNation newcomer, signed on with a "Yo, what's happening," and set about setting the record straight on Bart, the "Simpsons" show, why she likes having a "Simpsons" pinball machine in her living room, and what it's like to be a cartoon voice for 16 years. (Bart's not the only 'toon in Tinseltown, you know!)

From the conference:

lynx: Why don't you suggest to the writers that Bart gets a PC and meets Some On-line Loonys????

Nancy: Actually, there's an episode coming up this new season where some computer hackers help Bart out in a situation...

MK2Alan: Why is Bart *still* 10 and in the 4th grade, yet four Halloween specials have passed and about two shows taking place in the summer have been on??

Nancy: It is called "successful action." If you found that every time you went down Lexington Avenue you found a hundred dollar bill, why would you then go down Lincoln Street... dig? I am not a writer on the show, obviously, but I doubt that Maggie will ever say more than the "Daddy" we heard, and I doubt that Homer will ever be smart.

lynx: I LOVE that Simpsons pinball machine!

Nancy: Oh, the pinball machine is totally cool: I have one in my living room! They gave it to me! At first, Fox wasn't going to give any of the actors a pinball machine and we were all like totally bummed! So I went ahead and bought one (at cost.) Then, three months later, they decided to give us all one anyway.

So I sent this new pinball machine to the largest drug rehab center in the US... "Narconon."

Sarge: Are the actors in the same studio at the same time, or do you do the voice-overs at different times?

Nancy: Unless someone is off having a baby(!) or filming something else, we are always working in a studio, like old radio. The mikes are set in a semi-circle and we start at the top and take it from there, one take at a time. The great thing about voice-overs is that you can pretty much "phone it in!"

Brady: Did you do any on-camera work before...?

Nancy: I did quite a few guest appearances on everything from "Cheers" to "Empty Nest," and "Mr. Belvedere"... a lot of people might remember me as the girl that got zootzed into Cartoonland in "Twilight Zone: The Movie."

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Cartoons & Comics	8 p.m. Uncanny Xmen Fan Club TREE HOUSE (Feron 79108)		9 p.m. X-Men and More SPADES PLACE (TimV 93440)				
Computers & Games	7 p.m. Dead Programmers TREE HOUSE (ICEMAN 96908) Virtual Reality SIG TECH TOWER (REALITY 85456)	8 p.m. Future Games & Software TREE HOUSE (RJ+ 519)		5 p.m. Programmers Palace SPORTS DEN (Zack 47973) 6 p.m. DDOMsters TEEN SCENE (KillerCow 74535) Computer Gaming Club TEEN HANGOUT (Ancane 118133) 7 p.m. PC Flight Simulators CHESS CLUB (Avalance 30559)	5 p.m. NBA Jam SPORTS DEN (NBAAWline 107276) 7 p.m. 08/2 Users Group SPADES 100 (FrankW+ 21493) DDOM Players BACKGAMMON DEN (Master 121514) 8 p.m. X-Com/INN Base TECH TOWER (WWTrax 77374)	5 p.m. BBS Stuff and Info TECH TOWER (ErichR 45840) 6 p.m. VGPA TREE HOUSE (LCCChris 37788)	10 a.m. Beginning BBS'ing TECH TOWER (RenH 55846)
	Special Event Sunday, October 30 2 p.m. TREE HOUSE Eric Lawton, photographer			Special Event Wednesdays 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. NTN TRIVIA SierraLand Billboard's Music Mania			
Games & Strategies	5 p.m. TTG Trivia Madness TRIVIA HAVEN 7 p.m. TTG Trivia Madness TRIVIA HAVEN 8 p.m. TTG Trivia Madness TRIVIA HAVEN	6 p.m. TTG Trivia Madness TRIVIA HAVEN Bridge Clinic BRIDGE CLUB (BridgeDr+ 83491) 7 p.m. TTG Trivia Madness TRIVIA HAVEN 8 p.m. Blue Monday Trivia TRIVIA HAVEN (NickChris+ 23850)	5 p.m. PPP Team Conference SINGLES DEUX (PPPKicker 83713) 6 p.m. TTG Trivia Madness TRIVIA HAVEN 7 p.m. TTG Word Play TRIVIA HAVEN 8 p.m. TTG Trivia Madness TRIVIA HAVEN 9 p.m. TTG Trivia Madness TRIVIA HAVEN	7 p.m. TTG Trivia Madness TRIVIA HAVEN 8 p.m. TTG Trivia Madness TRIVIA HAVEN	6 p.m. TTG Trivia Madness TRIVIA HAVEN 7 p.m. TTG Trivia Madness TRIVIA HAVEN Cheess Club Business CHESS CLUB (NNMichael+ 997) 8 p.m. TTG Trivia Madness TRIVIA HAVEN	6 p.m. TTG Trivia Madness TRIVIA HAVEN PaintBall Talk SINGLES CLUB (Matt 82506) 7 p.m. TTG Trivia Madness TRIVIA HAVEN FF2 Game Club SPADES PLACE (RichG 79924) 8 p.m. TTG Trivia Madness TRIVIA HAVEN	11 a.m. Go Club EUCHE II (JesseKyu 38502) 6 p.m. Bible Trivia TRIVIA HAVEN 7 p.m. TTG Trivia Madness TRIVIA HAVEN 8 p.m. TTG Trivia Madness TRIVIA HAVEN 9 p.m. Moo Cows Anonymous Trivia TRIVIA HAVEN 10 p.m. TTG Trivia Madness TRIVIA HAVEN
	Special Event Sundays 4 - 4:30 p.m. NTN TRIVIA SierraLand Seventeen magazine's 50th Anniversary Trivia Quiz						
INN University	2 p.m. Beginning Assembly Language INN UNIVERSITY Box 764 4 p.m. Twinline INN UNIVERSITY 5 p.m. Spanish INN UNIVERSITY Box 767 Intermediate C++ INN UNIVERSITY Box 772 Hearts INN UNIVERSITY 6 p.m. Desktop Publishing INN UNIVERSITY Box 781 Euchre INN UNIVERSITY 6:30 p.m. Adv. Assembly Language INN UNIVERSITY Box 793	4-6 p.m. Homework Hotline INN UNIVERSITY 6 p.m. Internet INN UNIVERSITY Box 727 6 p.m. Beginning C++ INN UNIVERSITY Box 735 7 p.m. Beginning WordPerfect INN UNIVERSITY Box 777 Chess INN UNIVERSITY Spades INN UNIVERSITY 8 p.m. Backgammon INN UNIVERSITY	4-6 p.m. Homework Hotline INN UNIVERSITY 5 p.m. Cribbage INN UNIVERSITY Box 722 6 p.m. Pascal INN UNIVERSITY Box 722 6 p.m. dBase INN UNIVERSITY Box 754 Resume Writing INN UNIVERSITY Box 734 8 p.m. Go INN UNIVERSITY Box 745	4-6 p.m. Homework Hotline INN UNIVERSITY 6 p.m. Spanish INN UNIVERSITY Box 708 7 p.m. Windows INN UNIVERSITY Box 701 Euchre INN UNIVERSITY Red Baron INN UNIVERSITY 8 p.m. Cribbage	4-6 p.m. Homework Hotline INN UNIVERSITY 7 p.m. Spades INN UNIVERSITY Box 703 DOS INN UNIVERSITY Box 703	6 p.m. Visual Basic INN UNIVERSITY Box 740 7 p.m. CasinoLand INN UNIVERSITY Creative Writing INN UNIVERSITY Box 726 Advanced Red Baron INN UNIVERSITY	10 a.m. Cribbage INN UNIVERSITY Box 740 11 a.m. Backgammon INN UNIVERSITY Noon Yserbius INN UNIVERSITY Box 726 2 p.m. SierraLand INN UNIVERSITY 5 p.m. Go INN UNIVERSITY 6 p.m. OBASIC INN UNIVERSITY Box 704
							
MedievalLand Guilds	1 p.m. Paladins HELP ROOM (1st & 3rd Sunday only) (Advenger 64446) 3 p.m. KOY: Dragon Court EUCHEVILLE (MajicWold 69330) 5 p.m. SCA Clan Mchaud SPADES PLACE (Timoth 70395) WEDOT Guild EUCHE II (Trevor 78793) SDF:FF Guild SINGLES DEUX (Zaltona 80036) Falcon Guild BACKGAMMON DEN (PatrickC 10547) Heroes for Hire Guild TECH TOWER (Marty 100075) 6 p.m. LLOA Guild CHESS CLUB (Jacques 58793) POY HEARTS CLUB (Oak 80756) 7 p.m. Silver Chalice HELP ROOM (2nd & 4th Sun. only) (AlatonGM 33826) Empire Guild HELP ROOM (4th Sunday only) (Trent 24513)	6 p.m. Amber Guild EUCHE II (Dworkin+ 14288) Excaltibur Guild SINGLES DEUX (Dorsax 31309) MOE MYSTIC PORTAL (Loradolan+ 15592/Term+) 7 p.m. LOS Guild Meeting SINGLES DEUX (Boswulf 103955) SDF:DA Guild EUCHE II (Yuglococ 67832) sdf:mp TREE HOUSE (Iretl- 88169) VEA Guild EUCHE II (Sabre+ 70464) 8 p.m. Adventures of Yserbius SPORTS DEN (Danis+ 116472)	5 p.m. Armageddon Guild EUCHE II (Fish 83806) 6 p.m. GO: High Council TECH TOWER (FuShinK 91000) SDF:SS EUCHE II (Frya 108690) 7 p.m. SDF Guild TREE HOUSE (Mali+ 41308) KAOS Guild MYSTIC PORTAL (GyDOR+ 92726) MOd Guild MYSTIC PORTAL (Hawksguard 129192)	6 p.m. ROC Guild HELP ROOM (1st & 3rd Wednesday only) (SirMice 64739) EDF Guild Jamboree TECH TOWER (Coroloro 127888) FBF Guild MYSTIC PORTAL (LindPaul 105038) KOR Guild MYSTIC PORTAL (CaptainM 102485) SDF:MM Guild TECH TOWER (Epic 85475) SDF:VR Guild TREE HOUSE (Wolfer 96224) GO: Evil Way SPADES 100 (Wolfer 96224) GO: Sword Swamp HEARTS CLUB (Printius 91925) 7 p.m. Carrot Guild HELP ROOM (2nd & 4th Wednesday only) (Mirodes+ 14169) CABAL Guild PILOTS LOUNGE (Raven 49140) Deads Guild MYSTIC PORTAL (SirKill 102641) GOS Guild TECH TOWER (Fobane 93955)	6 p.m. GO: Lance Lair GO SIERRA 2 (AJAX 108054) GOT: RR GO SIERRA 4 (Mehale 107023) GOT: Getting to Know Us MARRIED LIFE (Dragon 91073) GOT: ROLEPLAY CAFE 2 MARRIED LIFE (Crypto 114083) KIN: Fear Forest SINGLES DEUX (Dyrol 138651) KOY: Roleplay Inn RPG ZONE (Book 8450) Righteous Fire MYSTIC PORTAL (MindyK109468) SDF:QuestMasters MYSTIC PORTAL (SAGA 67735) 7 p.m. TSOY Guild Masters EUCHEVILLE (Kestrel+ 24571) KORS Guild HELP ROOM (2nd & 4th Thursday only) (Aphrodite 84224) KOY: MM EUCHE II (Dahl 81829) MAYHEM SPORTS DEN (ShadowCat+ 74479)	4 p.m. Guild of the Golden Arrow BACKGAMMON DEN (Adam 122006) 6 p.m. AOD Guild MYSTIC PORTAL (Lancelot 116767) 7 p.m. SDF: CA EUCHE II (Dark 67892) 8 p.m. VOVS Guild EUCHE II (AVARICE 107388) Wolfgang Guild MYSTIC PORTAL (SirWolf 66025) 9 p.m. Darksbane Guild SPORTS DEN (Roiaine 68279)	9 a.m. Last Legions Guild SINGLES SPOT (Iltorwolf 14367) RAID SPADES PLACE (Ranger/CAI 39802) 3 p.m. YR Guild MARRIED LIFE (Orin 94701) 4 p.m. Volcano Ridge MARRIED LIFE (Barburas+ 61339) Companions Guild MYSTIC PORTAL (Hasan 71900) Defending Angels Guild SINGLES DEUX (Nivvane 102115) 6 p.m. Adventure Guild MARRIED LIFE (Scrape 13017) Mistifs Guild HELP ROOM (2nd Saturdays only) (Krishta+ 42335) 7 p.m. SDF Lance Lair MYSTIC PORTAL (Paladin 89124)

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

MedievalLand Guilds

7 p.m. *Continued*
KOS Guild
 MYSTIC PORTAL
 (Kronador 86634)
League Of Veldare
 SPADES TOO
 (Svinnick 82228)
NOR High Council
 SINGLES DELUX
 (Leto 92464)



7 p.m. *Continued*
Coven of KOY Guild
 RPG ZONE
 (Pash 45980)
Protectors of Yserbius
 MYSTIC PORTAL
 (Kharolis 102263)
Twintone Dwellers Guild
 CHESS CLUB
 (Duplicator+ 73050)
FWM Guild
 SINGLES DELUX
 (Crys 86364)

7 p.m. *Continued*
SOF: Raptor Reach
 SINGLES DELUX
 (Svinnick 83033)
SOF Guild
 SINGLES DELUX
 (VanHelsing 72797)

7 p.m. *Continued*
Aces Guild
 RPG ZONE
 (Thomas+ 102263)
 8 p.m.
Soldiers of Fortune
 TECH TOWER
 (Kyra 128756)
Underworld
 HELP ROOM
 (1st & 3rd Saturdays only)
 (Lurker+ 20068)
ShopsShifter Guild
 HELP ROOM
 (1st & 3rd Saturdays only)
 (Alderon 62338)
Shadow Horde Guild
 TEEN HANGOUT
 (Slash 22569)

7 p.m. *Continued*
Commonwealth Club
 HELP ROOM
 (1st & 3rd Sundays only)
 (Chinook+ 114738)

Music

8 p.m.
Piano Club
 TOURNAMENTS
 (Beethoven 102586)

5 p.m.
They Might Be Giants
 EUCHREVILLE
 (MealLoad 12937)

7 p.m.
Billy Joel Fan Club
 SPORTS DEN
 (PianoMan 21153)

6 p.m.
Guitar Club
 EUCHRE II
 (KCobain 33110)

7 p.m.
MTV/VH1 Talk
 HEARTS CLUB

Noon
Lead Zap Fan Club
 SINGLES DELUX
 (Isldir 101911)

7 p.m.
MTV/VH1 Talk
 HEARTS CLUB

Political & Social Issues

7 p.m.
Commonwealth Club
 HELP ROOM
 (1st & 3rd Sundays only)
 (Chinook+ 114738)

7 p.m.
Dilexat Institute
 SINGLES DELUX
 (Blanca 69065)

8 p.m.
TV News
 EUCHRE II
 (SukiTV 68480)

6 p.m.
Republican Forum
 SPORTS DEN
 (JoshM 122220)

10 a.m.
Anarchist's Underground
 TREE HOUSE
 (BlackJack+ 76909)

6 p.m.
HIV/AIDS Info Conference
 SINGLES CLUB
 (darlene+ 22991)

10 a.m.
Anarchist's Underground
 TREE HOUSE
 (BlackJack+ 76909)

Red Baron Squadrans

3 p.m.
GH Squadron Operations
 PILOTS LOUNGE
 (GHDarkOne 21593)
 4 p.m.
Wing Walker Squad
 Pilots Lounge
 (WuuBlueMax+ 18340)
 5 p.m.
Hell's Bandits Squad
 TREE HOUSE
 (HBMagnum+ 81551)
Holy Air Force
 TEEN SCENE
 (WAFJubilee 93367)
KO Squadron
 PILOTS LOUNGE
 (KOGuido 116904)
Flying Warlords Squad
 HEARTS CLUB
 (FWSnake 75829)
 6 p.m.
Sky Wars
 PILOTS LOUNGE
 (SkyGruPwM 86135)
Les Cigognes Squad
 INN HELP ROOM
 (2nd & 4th Sundays only)
 (LCJim 22806)
 8 p.m.
Soaring Allies Squad
 RPG ZONE
 (MattSA 36444)
RAF Squad
 BACKGAMMON DEN
 (RAFRAzor 71155)

5 p.m.
Joining Luftwaffe
 PILOTS LOUNGE
 (LWCurt 71140)
 7 p.m.
Aerial Atrocity Squad
 HELP ROOM
 (2nd & 4th Mondays only)
 (ScubaAA 18954)
 8 p.m.
Blue Knights Squadron
 PILOTS LOUNGE
 (BKMatic+ 22916)

4 p.m.
DeathCrashers Squad
 PILOTS LOUNGE
 (DCLManda 55228)
 5 p.m.
RC Squadron
 EUCHRE II
 (RCxCaliber 83440)
 7 p.m.
WTF Squadron
 PILOTS LOUNGE
 (WTFJanet 12515)
Colorblind Dogfighters Squad
 PILOTS LOUNGE
 (CD Merlin 14572)

6 p.m.
Rolling Thunder Squad
 HEARTS CLUB
 (RTWashout 60859)
Sky Hunters
 PILOTS LOUNGE
 (SHBattler 14487)
 7 p.m.
Lethal Executors Squad
 PILOTS LOUNGE
 (LXMichael 10411)
 8 p.m.
Flying Circus Squad
 PILOTS LOUNGE
 (FCSev+ 16786; FCSJLurker+)

5 p.m.
Flying Police Squad
 EUCHRE II
 (FASalten 35280)
 7 p.m.
Death Crusaders
 PILOTS LOUNGE
 (DCJaseAce 73432)

5 p.m.
Faça Ten
 PILOTS LOUNGE
 (Assault10 47087)
Black Widows Squad
 PILOTS LOUNGE
 (BWACE 120513)
 6 p.m.
Black Dragon Squad
 PILOTS LOUNGE
 (HoroLE+ 71625)
Lafayette Escadrille Squad
 PILOTS LOUNGE
 (HoroLE+ 71625)
 7 p.m.
Red Knights Squad
 TREE HOUSE
 (RRForker+ 56134)

9 a.m.
Hawk's Talon Squad
 CHESS CLUB
 (HFSash 70654)
 10 a.m.
Killer Serpents
 EUCHREVILLE
 (KSCobra 36633)
 5 p.m.
Desert Fighters Squad
 SPADES TOO
 (Justin 73346)
 7 p.m.
Black Widows Squadron
 SINGLES DELUX
 (BWACE 120513)
SBP Squad
 EUCHRE II
 (SBPSev+ 60728)

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 EUCHRE II
 (SBPSev+ 60728)

Once you find a conference you're interested in, find out where it is by the bold type (for example, **MYSTIC PORTAL, SPADES PLACE**). These are waiting rooms in the **Clubhouse**. Once in the waiting room, click the **Go to** button, select **A Conference**, and then click on the conference name desired – you'll join immediately. And remember, you can always start your own conference! Just drop a line to box 931. It's that easy!

This October schedule is subject to change. The most accurate, up-to-date schedule can always be found online in **Town Hall** under **Conference Schedule**. All times listed are Pacific time. All conferences listed in **blue italics** are private and require approval from the conference's host (displayed in parentheses with their mailbox number) to attend.

Member-hosted conferences and any comments, suggestions or advice given therein do not necessarily reflect the opinions of The ImagiNation Network, Inc.

Religious & Spiritual

1 p.m.
Pagan and Wiccan
 MYSTIC PORTAL
 (Simoie+ 37543)
 5 p.m.
Bible Study & Discussion
 SINGLES DELUX
 (Peace 69872)
 8 p.m.
Metaphysical Conference
 MARRIED LIFE
 (NIGHT 56460)

Noon
Chapel of KIGS
 MYSTIC PORTAL
 (RShutgun 46672)

4 p.m.
Red Dragon Inn
 RPG ZONE
Magic: The Gathering
 RPG ZONE
 5 p.m.
We and My Dragon
 SINGLES DELUX
 (Catalmar 58925)

3 p.m.
Theatre de Vampires
 RPG ZONE
 (Armand+ 72917)
 4 p.m.
BattleTech
 MARRIED LIFE
 (BlechPlayer)
Reams of Ayskrja
 SPADES TOO
 (AyskrjaWM+ 98896)

4 p.m.
Riftwar Saga
 MARRIED LIFE
 (Andhra+ 94720)
 5 p.m.
Red Dragon's End Campaign
 TREE HOUSE
 (Kruzer 69307)
AC&C
 SINGLES DELUX
 (CE0Hansler 99046)

7 p.m.
Psychic/Mystic Conference
 MYSTIC PORTAL
 (Gwydion+ 11067)

4 p.m.
Wanderers of the Realm
 RPG ZONE
 (Venture 59399)
Castle of Cool
 RPG ZONE
 (Spock+ 49915)
 5 p.m.
D39
 MYSTIC PORTAL
 (Sythe 90757)

7 p.m.
Christian Conference
 SINGLES DELUX
 (DonRCC 12419)

Role-Playing Games
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Red Dragon Inn
 RPG ZONE
Magic: The Gathering
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 4 p.m.
Dangerous Journeys
 EUCHREVILLE
 (Traveller+ 101529)
 3 p.m.
Circle of the Dagger
 SINGLES DELUX
 (Mikah 107272)
Teon
 SPADES TOO
 (DanTheCool 73253)

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Red Dragon Inn
 RPG ZONE
Magic: The Gathering
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We and My Dragon
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 (Catalmar 58925)
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New York 2192
 SPADES PLACE
 (MAJ 41955)
Earthdawn
 TREE HOUSE
 (Fiberman 86401)

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Star Trek Club
 TREE HOUSE
 (Seth 111797)

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	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Role-Playing Games	<p>5 p.m. <i>Humint!</i> BACKGAMMON DEN (Gorgon 19368)</p> <p>War of the Lance RPG ZONE (GregDM 26269)</p> <p><i>The Gathering MARRIED LIFE</i> (Lughriv 39148)</p> <p><i>The Purple MYSTIC PORTAL</i> (Nemesis- 13961)</p> <p>ST Alliance EUCHRE II (LVCVanyon+ 91540)</p> <p>7 p.m. Gamers Cavern TEEN HANGOUT (Johnhank+ 45469)</p> <p>Star Trek Enterprise BACKGAMMON DEN (Kevin 138331)</p> <p>TORG SPADES PLACE (Stormer 71389)</p> <p>8 p.m. <i>Seattle Supers</i> MARRIED LIFE (Doomsayer 53527)</p>	<p>7 p.m. RPQ RPG ZONE (BlueBerry+ 65048)</p> <p><i>USS Galaxy</i> RPG ZONE (CapBel 55010)</p> <p>AD&D Dark Sun II TOURNAMENTS (Roser 68264)</p> <p>Rotian's Sceptre EUCHRE II (Byron 40311)</p>	<p>7 p.m. Star Trek RPG ZONE (AomiBerry 65048)</p> <p><i>World of Warcraft</i> SINGLES DELX (KiraDM+ 79917)</p>	<p>6 p.m. <i>Continued</i> Spille of the Spinx SPORTSDEN (ByronDM+ 40311)</p> <p>7 p.m. Reims RPG ZONE (Drous 68192)</p>	<p>5 p.m. <i>Continued</i> Dragon's End Campaign TREE HOUSE (Kruzer 69307)</p> <p>AC&C SINGLES DELX (CEOHamster 99046)</p> <p>6 p.m. <i>Star Trek</i> BACKGAMMON DEN (CamFlyce- 1266)</p> <p>USS Potemkin EUCHRE II (FIAAdmKyl+ 108678)</p> <p>7 p.m. Ramma 1/2 SINGLES DELX (Moussa 114071)</p> <p>Satch Jacaruta SINGLES DELX (Rayek 79283)</p> <p>8 p.m. FR Adventures TECH TOWER (Warlock 110235)</p>	<p>5 p.m. <i>Continued</i> Dragon's End Campaign TREE HOUSE (Kruzer 69307)</p> <p>AC&C SINGLES DELX (CEOHamster 99046)</p> <p>6 p.m. <i>Star Trek</i> BACKGAMMON DEN (CamFlyce- 1266)</p> <p>USS Potemkin EUCHRE II (FIAAdmKyl+ 108678)</p> <p>7 p.m. Ramma 1/2 SINGLES DELX (Moussa 114071)</p> <p>Satch Jacaruta SINGLES DELX (Rayek 79283)</p> <p>8 p.m. FR Adventures TECH TOWER (Warlock 110235)</p>	<p>1 p.m. <i>Dragon's End Campaign</i> TREE HOUSE (Kruzer 69307)</p> <p>3 p.m. NBA TEEN SCENE (gIBEAVIS 131672)</p> <p><i>Superheroes</i> TEEN HANGOUT (Eggs- 19894)</p> <p><i>Shadowrun</i> RPG ZONE (TheAlec 32515)</p> <p>5 p.m. Dark Sun SINGLES CLUB (Fero+ 109132)</p> <p>Death Caverns EUCHRE II (Death 132112)</p> <p>Amber TECH TOWER (Chezn 95305)</p> <p>6 p.m. AD&D Planescape BACKGAMMON DEN (FWMasmane+66812)</p> <p><i>Gale Runners</i> BACKGAMMON DEN (GateRunDM 13920)</p> <p>7 p.m. Red Dwarf MYSTIC PORTAL (Anthon 6892)</p> <p>Star Trek MYSTIC PORTAL (CapTommy 102263)</p> <p>8 p.m. <i>Star Wars</i> SPADES 100 (Stormer 71389)</p> <p>RIFTS TOURNAMENTS (GMLOK+ 101288)</p>

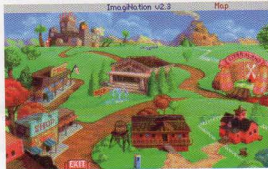
LET THE GAMES BEGIN!

As The Imagination Network has grown, the number of online tournaments and clubs has skyrocketed. We're working hard to keep up, but we need your help. Send us information about upcoming tournaments and details of your club, and we'll return the favor. We'll publish updated listings and help get the word out to other Imagination members, and may even provide some cool prizes!

It's simple to register your tournament or club: write to the Club Registry at E-mail Box 699, or drop us a line at *Imaginations*, 577 Airport Blvd., Suite 300, Burlingame, CA 94010, or post to any "Notes to INN" Bulletin Board. To include your information in *Imaginations*, we need the information at least three weeks before the start of the month in which the tournament or special event takes place.

Special Interests

<p>1 p.m. <i>Hell Dome Bug Squad</i> TECH TOWER (Catie 35390)</p> <p>5 p.m. <i>The Gathering MARRIED LIFE</i> (Lughriv 39148)</p> <p>7 p.m. <i>James Brown Hot Tub</i> EUCHREVILLE (Jmr 1011)</p> <p>The Dining Room Table TOURNAMENT ROOM (ArcyC 23489)</p> <p>9 p.m. Caveat Emptor TOURNAMENT ROOM (MIBody 23637)</p>	<p>6 p.m. Virtual Pen Society TREE HOUSE (CeciliaP 71802)</p> <p>Ask The Doctor TOURNAMENTS (LadyDoc 30097)</p> <p>7 p.m. Raleigh Kids TEEN SCENE (Zack 47973)</p>	<p>6 p.m. Food Fun and Recipe Club HEARTS CLUB (Princess+ 84365)</p> <p>7 p.m. Old timers Reunion GO SIERRA 2 (3rd Tuesdays only) (KathyJ 132614)</p> <p>9 p.m. Northwest Singles SINGLES CLUB (NWAngel 67992)</p> <p>10 p.m. Agarum Club TREE HOUSE (ChuckH 76648)</p>	<p>5 p.m. Great Ones SINGLES DELX (Scantless 102708)</p> <p>6 p.m. GRFG TREE HOUSE (Danny 72523)</p> <p>7 p.m. Angel's Party TEEN HANGOUT (Angel 129404)</p> <p><i>Vigilantes</i> SINGLES DELX (Marta+ 4578)</p> <p>Cyberspace Ethics EUCHRE II (WNaomi 63351)</p> <p>FF2 EUCHRE II (Doom 79024)</p> <p><i>Coalition</i> MARRIED LIFE (Centauri 33907)</p> <p><i>Rebel Freedom Fighters</i> EUCHRE II (Peg+ 110470)</p> <p>8 p.m. Texas Zoo Gang SPADES 100 (Lilias+ 89402)</p> <p>Lorn RPG ZONE (Ric 62912)</p>	<p>5 p.m. Horse Lovers TREE HOUSE (Susan 82044)</p> <p>PQ4 SIG MYSTIC PORTAL (PQ4Dan 115590)</p> <p>6 p.m. Midkemian Legends TREE HOUSE (JimTheHand 71625)</p> <p>7 p.m. Disneyana TREE HOUSE (Mufasa 114327)</p> <p>Criminals TEEN SCENE (Intimus 72081)</p> <p><i>Hawkeye's Bar & Grill</i> TREE HOUSE (Hawkeye 63543)</p> <p>Beads MARRIED LIFE (RayC 42585)</p>	<p>5 p.m. Bodylam BACKGAMMON DEN (JohnM 93284)</p> <p>Two Ears Club TEEN HANGOUT (Marcie 60887)</p> <p>7 p.m. Teen Talk TEEN SCENE (KatieK 133621)</p> <p>8 p.m. Naeti Boyz SPORTS DEN (NastINB 91802)</p> <p>9 p.m. Poetry Workshop (Hal9000+ 17066)</p> <p>Midnight MST3 Satellite of Love MARRIED LIFE (MST3Krow 69762)</p>	<p>8 p.m. Paule With 2 Ears Club TEEN HANGOUT (Kathy 124257)</p> <p>11 p.m. Le Cielre Francis HEARTS CLUB (Frenchy 50335)</p> <p>4 p.m. STAWTLIBC TEEN HANGOUT (Mikel 129261)</p> <p>6 p.m. CC Social Group TOURNAMENTS (1st & 3rd Saturdays only) (Marranec 49838)</p> <p>7 p.m. Joke Etc. TEEN SCENE (BDS+ 47255)</p> <p>9 p.m. WVOST SPADES PLACE (TheWesler 5882)</p> <p>Anime Roundtable HELP ROOM (2nd & 4th Saturdays only) (Barma 46231)</p> <p>Road Kill Kafé TOURNAMENTS (DeadPool 61016)</p>
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Sports

<p>Noon Sports Events SPORTS DEN</p> <p>7 p.m. Sports Events SPORTS DEN</p>	<p>8 p.m. Puck Lovers Paradise SPORTS DEN (TJ 70943)</p>	<p>7 p.m. Sports Score TEEN SCENE (JohnOwens 105791)</p> <p>NBA Jam Conference SPORTS DEN (AgentSteve 119977)</p>	<p>Noon Sports Events SPORTS DEN</p> <p>7 p.m. Sports Events SPORTS DEN</p>
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Support Groups

<p>6 p.m. 12 Step Recovery MARRIED LIFE (Wistria+ 46508)</p> <p>7 p.m. Victims No More TOURNAMENTS (StarChild+ 35377)</p>	<p>7 p.m. Desert Hearts Club TECH TOWER (Nina/MARgot+ 80101)</p>	<p>6 p.m. Dead Community TREE HOUSE (RobertV 90333)</p>
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Television & Movies

<p>7 p.m. Pythian's Anonymous MARRIED LIFE (Qwerty 31664)</p> <p>New Movie Talk HEARTS CLUB</p>	<p>6 p.m. Star Wars Reunion MARRIED LIFE (Kaleicy 76841)</p>	<p>5 p.m. M*A*S*H MARRIED LIFE (Hawkeye 100334)</p>	<p>7 p.m. Soap Talk EUCHREVILLE (Joanne 79041)</p> <p>New TV Shows TEEN HANGOUT</p>	<p>5 p.m. Letterman Asylum TEEN HANGOUT (Ann 30644)</p> <p>10 p.m. Three Stooges Info Line TREE HOUSE (SteveG 80339)</p>	<p>5 p.m. Liquid TV Club TEEN HANGOUT (Jestrik 117861)</p> <p>Star Trek Remembrance RPG ZONE (AndrewW 115511)</p>
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■ Remind kids to be cautious about revealing personal information online. Similarly, advise them not to believe everything they read online. Above all, tell them to trust their instincts!

If a conversation becomes uncomfortable, your kids can "mute" further messages from a particular person. And if they receive a message that is abusive or inappropriate, tell them to complain right away to an online ImagiNation employee, identified by the "INN" label at the beginning of their online name.

■ Make being a part of ImagiNation easy on everyone in the family. To use ImagiNation, you dial in with a modem and a household phone line. Some families have a 2nd phone line installed so no one misses an important call while the computer is in use.

■ Make sure the family computer is accessible to everyone who needs to use it. Some families with more than one computer sign up for more than one ImagiNation account so that parents *and* kids can go online at the same time in the evening.

■ Make the computer a comfortable place to be. Avoid backache with a well-built, adjustable chair. And make sure you have adequate lighting in the room and a good-quality monitor to minimize eyestrain and glare.

■ Finally, take your own place in the ImagiNation community. If you haven't joined us already, take the time for a stroll around the ImagiNation neighborhood. You may find that you like it here, too.

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Games on CyberPlex are designed for children ages 7-14, with skills levels from beginner to advanced. A feature that sets CyberPlex apart from other game systems is that it allows children to "team up" and learn how to collaborate to meet a goal.

Another fun detail: CyberPlex has additional facial features, including animal forms, for players to use in creating their ImagiNation personae.

Also, CyberPlex has a "trophy case" where the best players get awards for top-notch performances.

Special Events



Think You Know Music?

Play top-of-the-charts trivia in **Billboard's Music Mania contest** Wednesday nights in October from 7:30-8 p.m. Pacific time.

We're celebrating **Billboard** magazine's 100-year anniversary. For a century, **Billboard** has reported on the music and entertainment industry. From turn-of-the-century circuses and vaudeville to the jukebox and rock-and-roll, **Billboard** has covered it all.

October 5, 12, 19, 26, from 7:30-8 p.m. Pacific time on NTN Trivia in SierraLand.

And for ImagiNation members who happen to know it all, we've got exciting **Billboard** merchandise for the top five winners each night.

Join us live on NTN Trivia in SierraLand Wednesday nights October 5, 12, 19, 26, from 7:30-8 p.m Pacific time.



Who's That Girl?

That *Seventeen* girl sure doesn't look her age. *Seventeen* magazine has been guiding young girls toward womanhood for 50 years now.

Over the years, one of the favorite sections has become the

monthly quiz. With a few well-crafted questions and some zany

multiple-choice answers, a girl can find out what kind of life she leads.

Now, join the editors for a special trivia quiz. And find out if you know as much as you think about the magazine that one out of every two teenage girls in the U.S. reads.

Top winners will receive *Seventeen* magazine merchandise and/or subscriptions.

The *Seventeen* magazine Trivia Quiz takes place every Sunday afternoon in October on NTN Trivia in SierraLand, October 2, 9, 16, 23, from 4-4:30 p.m. Pacific time.

IMAGINATION!™ In explanation

During the last month, portions of your ImagiNation service have been disrupted several times. To explain what happened, we informed you after the temporary Post Office closure that we experienced an "unusual system event."

As my mailbox attests, many of you felt that wasn't a good enough explanation! Unfortunately the closure was the first in a series of events which truly *were* unusual. A component of our host complex failed, and the failure affected another part of our service.

With a system as sophisticated and complex as ImagiNation, there are bound to be problems that are not anticipated. It's like driving a car. You can rotate the tires and change the oil every 3,000 miles, but if you run over a nail, you still have a problem. Last month, The ImagiNation Network ran over a nail.

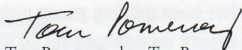
The good news is we have the best mechanics working on the problem. We employ some of the top people in our industry to manage our system, and they are working *24 hours a day* to ensure that ImagiNation is a system you can count on.

Also on the upside, we used the downtime last month to continue upgrading the "back end" of ImagiNation. (See the story by Matt George in the August 1994 *Imaginings*.) This upgrade process should be complete in November. Future issues of *Imaginings* will keep you up-to-date on our progress.

I cannot promise there will be no further "unusual system events." However, I can assure you we will do everything possible to guarantee your service is as interruption-free as possible.

In the coming months, I will be addressing more of the issues you're interested in – things such as pricing, our new games and the plans for our new Windows version.

See you on ImagiNation!



Tom Pomeroy, a.k.a. TomP

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