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VeriSign Inc. has agreed to acquire Jamba AG, a Berlin-based wireless content and services provider, for \$273 million in cash and stock, VeriSign said Monday.

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After a long search, VeriSign comes up with the wireless solution it wants.

VeriSign Plans Jamba Wireless Service Soon (Reuters)

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Reuters - VeriSign Inc. (VRSN.O), an Internet and telecommunications company, will roll out its newly purchased wireless content provider service in North America possibly later this year, a top executive with the company said on Thursday.

VeriSign Buys Germany's Jamba for \$273 Million (Reuters)

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Reuters - Internet and telecommunications company VeriSign Inc. (VRSN.O) said on Monday it would acquire Germany's Jamba, a wireless content provider, for \$273 million in cash and VeriSign stock.

VeriSign to Relaunch Loathed SiteFinder

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Washington Post: [VeriSign Reconsiders Search Service](#). *The problem, critics have said, is that given VeriSign's role as the operator of the dot-com and dot-net registries, the Site Finder service causes repercussions throughout the Internet. VeriSign tells computers, wireless phones and other products that use the Internet where they can find dot-com and dot-net addresses -- and when an address does not exist. Redirecting incorrect Web site queries would force technologists to reconfigure hundreds of programs and devices to be compatible with Site Finder.*

ICANN to Verisign: "Thou shalt not redirect"

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[ICANN to Verisign: "Thou shalt not redirect"](#) 07/14/2004 01:54 PM

ICANN comes down hard on VeriSign in a report focused on the registrar's SiteFinder service. VeriSign is critical of the report and hopes to launch the product again in the future.

Big Companies Routinely Share Your Data

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This shouldn't be a huge surprise, but more than half of Fortune 100 companies [share customer data without letting](#)

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into any details, but focuses instead on the fact that many companies are really bad about responding to email requests. The one bit of semi-good news is that tech companies have gotten the message and appear to be much better about dealing with customer emails. Still, this interesting part is just how many "trustworthy" companies are out there sharing all your private info without even bothering to let you know in the fine print.

AT&T offers new and improved mobile data service

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PC World reports that AT&T Wireless has gone 3G (third-generation) with their new data service for mobile devices. With the new service boasting 220-320 kilobits per second throughput, AT&T customers in 4 specific metropolitan areas will have the option of taking this exciting new mobile data service for a test drive....

My Near Term Wireless Data Services Predictions

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William Luciw has some predictions....

Folks,

Let me go out on a limb here and make a few near term predictions for the remaining 2004, & 2005:



[1] Data Services which provide situated content (i.e. content+communications+purpose) will be HUGE winners

[2] Multimedia (premium, high quality) will dominate ALL high margin data service offerings

[3] DRM FUD will subside with rapid (near geometric) sustained growth of online 'multi-use' content licenses

[4] Privacy issues will subside and eventually become monetized in HUGE win-win multi-channel promotions

[5] U.S. Adoption will (unfortunately) still trail EU but Americas upside is HUGE in the next two years

[6] Carriers will stampede to embrace Alternative Communications Network models to remain access gatekeepers

[7] Alternative Communication Networks will continue to topple pricing strategies for the incumbents peaking within two years

Marc replies...

If Bill is right, there's gonna be a tremendous need for micro-content publishing systems interwoven with intelligent ad managers.

TI Touts Telecoms Video Capability with DSL Chip (Reuters)

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[TI Touts Telecoms Video Capability with DSL Chip \(Reuters\)](#)

06/14/2004 11:06 PM

Reuters - Texas Instruments Inc. (TXN.N) on Monday staked a claim on the next generation of broadband technology, unveiling a new DSL chip it is promoting as a standard to allow telephone and data carriers to offer video services.

AT&T Wireless launches 3G in 4 cities

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[AT&T Wireless launches 3G in 4 cities](#) 07/20/2004 04:15 PM

AT&T Wireless Services Inc. on Tuesday launched a 3G (third-generation) mobile data service in Detroit, Phoenix, San Francisco and Seattle, offering a claimed average of 220K bps (bits per second) to 320K bps of data throughput to two handset models and one type of modem.

First Service Pack for Microsoft SQL Server 2000 Reporting Services Available Today

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[First Service Pack for Microsoft SQL Server 2000 Reporting Services Available Today](#) 06/22/2004 09:17 AM

Microsoft Corp. today announced the release of the first service pack (SP1) for Microsoft® SQL Server®, 2000 Reporting Services. Reporting Services is an open and extensible reporting platform that can increase business insight by providing real-time information from any data source to any device. Reporting Services SP1 is available to SQL Server 2000 customers free via Web download and includes enhancements that increase functionality, performance and security. Key features of SP1 include support for exporting reports to Excel 97 and 2000, improvements in the PDF rendering extension for pagination and matrix performance, and control over series and data point styles in charts. These changes enable companies to get even more out of their SQL Server 2000 investments.

Cellphone companies using number portability to rip off subscribers

From: Gizmodo

[Cellphone companies using number portability to rip off subscribers](#) 11/03/2003 12:04 AM

Despite having fought tooth and nail to prevent the imposition of number portability, that hasn't prevented the cellphone carriers from exploiting the FCC's new rules by using them as an excuse to rip off customers with all sorts of fees and charges. I just noticed noticed the charges on my cellphone bill the other day, and when I called up customer service to ask what they were for, the rep actually had the gall to say that the fees had been "mandated" by the FCC, which is patently untrue. These aren't taxes and they're not fees that subscribers agreed to when they signed up for service, and it's unfair to charge extra for the "privilege" being able to take your number with you should you ever decide to switch carriers. Not everyone's doing it, but Om Malik has noticed that the carriers who are collecting these surcharges have been raking...

E-Data settles with Apple, sues 14 US companies

From:

[E-Data settles with Apple, sues 14 US companies](#) 08/04/2004 11:24 AM

In October, 2003, Long Island, New York-based E-Data Corp. filed a [patent infringement suit](#) against Microsoft and other companies over their on-demand music service. E-Data alleged that the companies had violated what they call "the Freeny patent." That suit was settled in January. On Wednesday E-Data announced that it has reached a settlement with Apple -- not named in the original suit -- and has filed suit against 14 other companies based in the US.

Suing carriers over locked handsets

From:

[Suing carriers over locked handsets](#) 06/09/2004 02:51 AM

A consumer-rights group is bringing suit against US mobile carriers for locking their handsets:

In the lawsuit, the foundation said that because the companies all use the same wireless network standard, called GSM, customers should be able to use the same phone across those carriers' networks just by changing out an easily-replaced unit called a "SIM card" inside the phone.

The carriers may claim that locked handset let them offer cheaper service -- because they keep you from using your subsidized handset with another carrier, but I don't buy it. I got a free T-Mobile handset by promising on pain of an enormous cancellation fee to stick with them for a year. In the meantime, why shouldn't I be able to rent a SIM when I go to Toronto and put it in my phone? Why shouldn't I be able to loan my handset to a friend from out of town so that she can put her SIM in it and log on to her service? [Link](#) (via [Hack the Planet](#))

Responding to Spammers -- The Internet Strikes Back

From: kuro5hin.org

[Responding to Spammers -- The Internet Strikes Back](#)
11/05/2003 09:55 AM

One of the things that I live my life according to is the question: "What would happen if everybody did this?". This is one of the reasons why I would never spam.. If everybody did that, we would end up with, well, the situation we've got with spam. Today, I got so fed up with the spam I've been receiving (I'm up to about 300 spams a day now), that I picked two random spams, went to their web sites and typed in random data into their forms. One of those sites was even kind enough to respond with a toll free number that I could use if I was overly eager to talk to them (1-866-561-9216 -- inaccessible from Canada). Then I asked myself my recurring question "What if everybody did this?". I liked the answer. We've been going about it all wrong. We need to start responding to spam.

Here Come Class Action Lawsuits Against Wireless Carriers

From:

[Here Come Class Action Lawsuits Against Wireless Carriers](#)
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Admittedly, wireless carriers are notorious for their poor service. However, with the advent of number portability, one would hope that a little competition should help to solve many of those problems. However, why wait for the market when you can sue? It looks like some groups are trying to come up with just about any excuse to [file a class action lawsuit against mobile phone service providers](#). Now, I'm no

a terrible job providing service to their customers and who are often misleading and downright sneaky in what they do. However, I also don't think bogus class action lawsuits help the situation much either.

Customers Gain Reliability of Mainframes on Fujitsu's Next-Generation High-End Server for Windows Server 2003, 'Longhorn' Server

From:

[Customers Gain Reliability of Mainframes on Fujitsu's Next-Generation High-End Server for Windows Server 2003, 'Longhorn' Server](#) 06/28/2004 10:07 AM

In a press conference held here today, Fujitsu Limited Chairman Naoyuki Akikusa and Microsoft Corp. CEO Steve Ballmer announced a significant expansion of the companies' long-standing global enterprise relationship. The companies entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with respect to their companies' commitment to collaborate in the development of Fujitsu's next-generation Intel(R) Itanium(R) Processor Family-based server for Windows Server(TM) 2003 and next-generation Windows Server (code-named "Longhorn" Server), as well as in platform integration, services and mission-critical customer support.

Cingular launches corporate e-mail service

From:

[Cingular launches corporate e-mail service](#) 08/03/2004 08:00 PM

As carriers look for additional bait to lure corporate users onto their high-speed data networks, two infrastructure providers Seven and Xpherix announced this week technology to keep data safe and secure behind the firewall.

Ettercap 0.7.0 (Next Generation)

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[Ettercap 0.7.0 \(Next Generation\)](#) 07/05/2004 03:59 PM

A multipurpose sniffer for switched LANs.

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