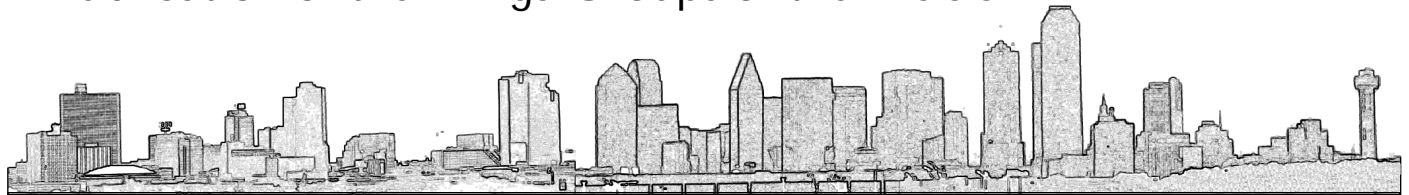


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I'm a little late with this month's issue. But it's probably just as well. The big news for the month just hit yesterday (12/31) and today (1/1). Maybe there's something to that Y2K hype after all. We've got some good news and some bad news. So, let's get to it.

Amiga Sold — Again! Amino Development Buys Amiga

SAN DIEGO, Dec. 31 — Amino Development Corp., a privately held company based in Maple Valley, Washington, has purchased from Gateway its Amiga trademarks and Amiga computer systems. Terms of the transaction have not been disclosed.

According to Peter Ashkin, Gateway senior vice president, Gateway chose to sell the name after deciding to fold Amiga's software engineering function into Gateway's product development. This merger of development activities is part of Gateway's overall strategy to develop and market the coming generation of "Internet appliances".

"Amiga, as a personal computer brand, has a loyal following of fans around the world," Ashkin said. "Under Gateway's wing, Amiga morphed into a software development company working on a new Internet appliance operating environment software. Now that we're bringing that development work into Gateway product development, it made sense to find a buyer for Amiga."

"Yee-haw!" said Bill McEwen, president and CEO of Amino. "This is a very exciting day, and now an even more exciting tomorrow. Now we can finish the job that was started 15 years ago."

The transaction, effective immediately, includes the transfer of all Internet domain names related to Amiga which Gateway had held. Gateway retains ownership of all patents acquired when it bought Amiga in 1997.

Amiga Web Closes CUCUG Retires Amiga Web

January 1, 2000

The Champaign-Urbana Computer Users Group (CUCUG) (<http://www.cucug.org/>) announced today that it has retired its popular, award-winning Amiga Web Directory web site.

Citing continuing declines in the Amiga marketplace and Gateway's failure to deliver new Amiga computer systems, CUCUG reluctantly decided to discontinue its popular web site link directory and news service on January 1, 2000. It was felt that while CUCUG could continue with the AWD for several months, it was better to retire now rather than allow the site to slowly decline with the market. CUCUG is hopeful that the latest owners of the Amiga can turn this market around for the developers and users who have held on throughout all the past ownership changes and other difficulties the Amiga has faced.

For over five years, the Amiga Web Directory served as one of the most-visited Amiga-oriented web sites on the Internet. Its carefully cataloged listings of Amiga web sites was the most respected collection of its kind. Each site in the AWD's listings was reviewed by the CUCUG webmaster to ensure quality and Amiga orientation. Site descriptions were carefully prepared by hand, resulting in accuracy not possible on other machine-driven sites or those which allow site owners to write their own descriptions.

The AWD's Amiga news pages became one of the most imitated features in the Amiga web community. Dozens of Amiga news sites were inspired by the success of the Amiga Web Directory's hugely popular news pages.

A well-known offshoot of the Amiga Web Directory was "Agnes" the Amiga web searching service. Agnes was also a cartoon character which personalized the searching service. In addition to the over 2000 Amiga sites cataloged in the Amiga Web Directory, Agnes could

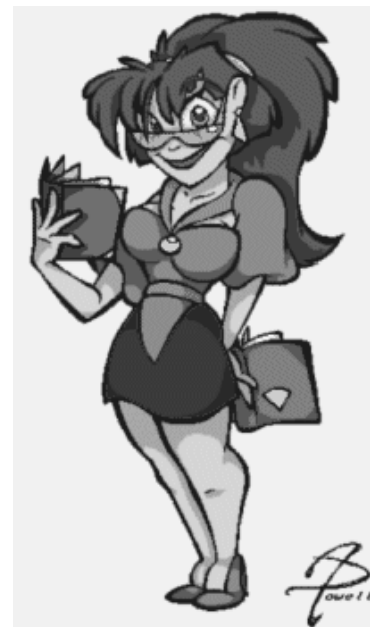
search the general Internet for Amiga content, newsgroup messages, CUCUG Status Register newsletters and other Amiga-oriented materials.

The Amiga Web Directory was one of the first member-supported Amiga web sites. Amiga enthusiasts joined the CUCUG organization to show their support for the efforts of the group. These memberships covered the costs associated with running the popular web service and other CUCUG activities. CUCUG is very grateful to its members' support which it has received over the years. The group also acknowledges the many Amiga-oriented companies which have given assistance.

CUCUG, which has been supporting local computer users in the Champaign-Urbana, Illinois area since 1983, will now focus its efforts on local user group activities.

"The Amiga Web Directory", the Amiga Web Directory

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January Calendar

- Jan 11 — Amiga By-The-Loop Chapter
7:30 pm — N.Richland Hills Community Ctr.
Loop 820 at Rufe Snow, N.Richland Hills
- Jan 11 — MCCC Board of Director's Meeting
Approx. 10:00 pm — TGI Friday's
Loop 820 & Bedford Euless Road
- Jan 20 — Amiga North Dallas Chapter
7:30 pm — SMU Building
Collins Blvd. & International Pkwy, Richardson
- Jan 22 — Newsletter Deadline — 7:00 am

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