



Online Romance Has Its Dangers
"I think I love him," Sherry told me. (All characters are fictitious.) "We've been talking for six weeks now, and I've never known anyone I could talk to like I can to him. He is so accepting of anything I say. And we have so much in common! We are interested in all the same things."

Sherry was obviously excited. She had been coming for counseling for six months to deal with her divorce. With treatment her depression had now disappeared. She was back to being the old Sherry and enjoying life again.

Still she felt that something was missing. It was at this point that Sherry discovered the Internet. Going online with her computer brought her into contact with many, many men.

She talked to several and finally she met a boy named "Sherry". "My Mother thinks I'm crazy," she laughed. "She says you can't meet a

good man on a computer. She thinks they are all perverts."

I know there are some crazies out there, and I'm not going to get involved with any of them. I think I can tell the difference.

One of the difficulties of online romance is that the visual cues that help to know a person are missing. The written word can communicate only so much.

Normally, Sherry would use her visual impressions as she developed a relationship. "Are you saying I shouldn't talk to men online?" Sherry asked. "No," I replied, "just be careful. Don't reveal your address or phone number until you feel safe. Don't meet him alone. And don't assume that you know what he is like from his writing. It is easier for him to disguise his problems while writing than when you meet him in person."

Some have met and married on the Internet. Carla became infatuated

with Dan when they talked online. After talking only two weeks, she agreed to meet him. He seemed nice enough, and they began to spend all their time together. She fell in love and, when he insisted they get married right away, she agreed. After knowing each other only three months, they were married.

For six weeks all was well. Carla was happy and so was Dan. Then Carla began to see things she did not like in Dan. He was a slob. Keeping the house clean was important to her and Dan left his dirty clothes everywhere.

"But I can live with that," Carla told herself.

After only three months of marriage, Dan quit his job or was fired. From his explanation, Carla could never quite figure out which. While she went to work every day, Dan was supposedly looking for a job, but she suspected he was staying home and sleeping. "But I can live with that," Carla told herself.

Carla finally confronted Dan about his lack of motivation. He became angry and roughly pushed her down onto the floor, while announcing "I don't have to take this from you." It was then that Carla decided "I can't live with this." She filed for divorce and told Dan to move out of her house. Her Internet romance ended unhappily.

Finding true love online is more complicated than using traditional methods. It is harder to get to know someone online than it is in person.

Some very shy people, however, can be themselves better online than they can in person. The key is to be careful and move slowly. Do not believe everything you read. Take plenty of time to get to know the other person. Observe sensible precautions until you know that person well. Beware of "love at first write."

Death Bulletin . . .

Jim Leger

Jim Leger, 65, of Orlando, died Wednesday, January 31st, at his home. Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, February 3, 2001 at 2 p.m. at the Branch Creek Holiness Church. Burial will follow in the Briarfield Cemetery. Friends may call at the church after 6 p.m. Friday.

Arrangements are by the Dowell and Martin Funeral Home. A more complete obituary will appear in next week's Signal.

In Loving Memories

In Loving Memory of Eugene & Liddle Reppert & other family members

If Tears Could Build a Stairway, If tears could build a stairway and memories were a lane, We would walk right up to heaven and bring you back again.

No farewell words were spoken No time to say goodbye; You were gone before we knew it. And only God knows why. Our hearts still ache in sadness And secret tears still flow. What it meant to lose you No one can ever know.

But now know you want us To mourn for you no more, To remember all the happy times Life still has much in store.

Since you'll never be forgotten We pledge to you today, A hallowed place within our hearts If where you'll always stay.

We love and miss you, Your Loving Family.

In Memory of our mother, Stella Barker

Momma, you left us a little over a year ago now, and we miss you so

very much. We don't question why you left us so suddenly, but we do know that you're in heaven now, and someday we'll have that glad reunion. But since you went first, and we remain, to walk the road alone, we'll live in memories garden; Moon, when happy days we've known. When spring comes, we'll watch for roses, red and faded lilacs bloom.

And in early fall, when brown leaves fall, we'll catch a glimpse of you.

Since you went first and we remain, to finish with the scroll, no lengthening shadows shall creep in, to make this life seem dull.

We've known such happiness and we've had our cup of joy.

But memory is one gift from God, that death cannot destroy. Since you went first and we remain, for battles to be fought.

Each thing you've touched along the way will be a hallowed spot. We'll hear your voice, we'll see your smile, and the blindly we may grow. The memory of your helping hand will bore us with hope.

Since you went first and we remain, there's one thing we would have you do, walk slowly down that

long, long path, for soon we'll follow you, and we want to know each step you take, that we may walk the same.

for someday, some day on that lonely road, you'll hear us call your name - Momma, wait up, we're coming home.

We love you very much, Mary, Nana, Susie & Johnny



In Loving Memory of my Husband - Elmer Saylor "You're in a Better Place"

You're in a better place, still I wish I could see your face. Oh how I long to hear your voice. I know that leaving wasn't your choice. I know you're happy over there and that your mind is free from all care.

But before you reached Heaven's shore, you had to wade through waters that your feet will touch no more. But if not for the grace of God we would all be lost, when Jordan's River we have to cross.

Although I know you weren't alone; you were escorted by Angels to Heaven's throne, and that helps to ease my pain and so my tears fall like rain and only the good Lord in Heaven above knows the pain a wife feels when she loses her first love.

Your Loving Wife,

Mildred

Renaissance Kentucky Project

The City of Mt. Vernon will address an application for a Direct Appropriation in the amount of \$5,000, to be allocated for Renaissance organizational development. The public is invited to meet with the City Council and the Renaissance Application Committee on Monday, February 5th beginning at 6 p.m. at Mt. Vernon City Hall. Public input is encouraged.

Hiatt's Annual Quilting Sale

J&P Coats CROCHET COTTON \$1.49 REG \$2.49	Quilt Blocks Set of 6 - 18" Blocks 5³⁹ REG \$6.99	ELASTIC 3/99¢ REG 79¢	Pre-Cut Quilt Shapes Country Boy and Girl, Flower Basket, Dresden Plate & others. 16⁹⁹ REG \$19.99	J & P COATS THREAD \$1.27 REG \$2.30
Polyester Batting 90" x 108" 5⁹⁹ REG \$9.99	DRESSMAKER SHEARS \$7.49 REG \$14.75	Pre-Cut Patchwork Quilting Pieces 6⁹⁹ REG \$8.99	PLASTIC CANVAS 7 mesh 4/\$1 REG \$1.99	Muslin "Poly Cotton" Bleach and Natural 3⁹⁶ yd. REG \$4.99
TACKY GLUE 99¢ REG \$1.99	Promotional Polyester Thread 200 yd. spool 6/1⁰⁰ REG \$1.99	POTPOURRI ENDAR 1.75 DRY QUART \$2.77 REG \$3.99	Poly-Fil 24 oz. bag 2⁹⁹ REG \$3.99	THE ULTIMATE GEL PEN 88¢ REG \$1.99
Embroidery Floss by "Coats & Clark" 5/1⁰⁰ REG \$9.99	REG TEMPOR LO-TEMP GLUE GUNS \$4.44 REG \$9.99	Pillow Cases to Embroider 4⁹⁹ REG \$6.99	CRAFT TISSUE COMBOS DMD Industries \$1.22 REG \$1.99	Glue Sticks Large 4" Size 6¢ REG 10¢
QUILTER'S SAFETY PINS \$1.59 REG \$2.99	Fabric 4 lb. pkg. "Good Quality" 4³⁹ REG \$5.99	GIFT BAGS 3/\$1 REG \$3.99	Calico Prints 100% Cotton First Quality 2³⁹ REG \$2.99	RATTAIL CORD 29¢ PER YARD REG 49¢ PER YARD
Polyester Batting 81" x 96" 5⁴⁹ REG \$6.99	QUILT THREAD J & P COATS 99¢ REG \$1.95	ASSORTED NOTIONS 3/99¢ REG \$1.95	Hiatt's 5&10 Sale runs through Wednesday, February 7th. Main St. Mt. Vernon 606-256-2691	