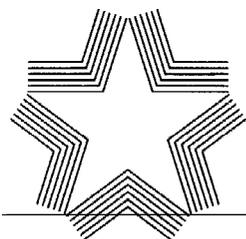


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**The Office of Management and Budget (OMB)** won't issue a new Web policy at present. They have indicated current policies are still in effect. They suggest five principles for agency Web sites: (1) strategic planning; (2) service delivery and judgment when linking to nongovernmental sites; (3) public access, dissemination and the Government Information Locator Service (accuracy, relevance, timeliness, and completeness of information); (4) information collection and privacy; and (5) adherence to the National Archives and Records Administration's rules ("Government Computer News," October 12, 1998, p 56).

**Remember the free computer operating system, Linux?** Trade journal headlines include "Linux hits the Big Time" ("InterActive Week," October 5, 1998), "The Linux Alternative Gets Serious," ("Information Week," October 5, p 64), and "More Investors for Linux," (p 164); "Linux Groundswell – Niche Operating System is the Hot Topic..." ("Smart Reseller," October 5, 1998, p 32), and "Vendors support Linux for enterprise systems" ("Government Computer News/State & Local," October 1998, p 19). And if you want to try the Internet, there's a plethora of information. Try [www.linuxmall.com](http://www.linuxmall.com) or [www.linuxjournal.com](http://www.linuxjournal.com).

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**Newly designed \$10 bills** (which had been slated for release in 1999) **and \$5 bills** (scheduled for release in 2000) will be delayed by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing to give the cash-handling equipment industry an opportunity to make necessary hardware and software adjustments ("Information Week," October 12, 1998, p 14).

**More accolades for the NLRB Website.** It has been designated the Snap Editors' Choice "...in recognition of its excellence in design, content, and editorial presentation." They also received a letter from a law firm calling their site "...the best web site of any of the federal government agencies." GPO is proud to have worked with NLRB on this award-winning site.

**A digital camera** that has a built-in modem is currently on the market. It hooks into a standard telephone line and can send images directly to a PC. "Point, shoot, and hit Send" is the slogan. It's believed to be the first digital camera that does not require images to be loaded onto a PC before being sent into cyberspace (The *New York Times*, October 1, 1998, p E3).