

## **The KAZAA Monster**

Why is it that people flock to **FREE** at any cost? It's kind of like standing in line for 2½ hours to ride the roller coaster at Six Flags just because it doesn't cost anything extra once you've paid for your hand stamp. That's kind of the way Kazaa works. Kids love free music and it doesn't matter how much it costs their parents (by the way some adults fall into this category).

I have a few customers that bring their computers in every 3 or 4 months and pay upwards of \$50.00 to have their computers cleaned of all the junk Kazaa has deposited during that time. During that same time their kids probably downloaded what amounts to \$30 worth of "free" music. This is why I say the Kazaa monster is evil. Kazaa (how do you pronounce it anyway?) started out as a pretty good music sharing program, but now it is probably one of the worst things you can install on your computer. When you install it, you give them permission to install several little spyware programs that are going to incessantly throw pop-ups at you from that point forward. To make matters worse, they will slow your computer down to a crawl. All this plus the ever present danger of viruses - the Bullguard antivirus that comes with it is absolutely **WORTHLESS**.

My wife tells me I shouldn't complain about this anymore than you should look a gift horse in the mouth. After all, I make pretty good money cleaning up these messes, but it just angers me to no end that unscrupulous advertisers out there are willing to stop at nothing to get their ads in front of you. As for me I don't use Kazaa, or any other internet file sharing program (after all it is illegal to steal software and music). I run the Google toolbar and occasionally run an Adaware scan on my computer and I don't **EVER** get a single pop-up on my screen - and I mean **EVER**...