

MOVING PICTURES TO THE WEB (CON'T)

To avoid that, click on the individual thumbnails. That will open the pictures full-size. **Right-click a full-size picture, and select Save Picture As. Download it to the My Pictures folder in Windows.** Windows will save the picture as a **bitmap**. **Bitmaps** don't have enough compression, so they tend to be **large**. Size is your enemy on the Web. Large files take forever to open, especially if the viewer is using a dial-up connection. To get around that, open the picture in Paint, a Windows utility, or another photo program. **To find Paint, click Start>>All Programs>>Accessories>>Paint. Click File>>Open.** Navigate to the My Pictures folder and double-click on the picture file. That will cause it to open in Paint. Click **File>>Save As.** In the "Save as type:" box, select JPEG (*.JPG;*.JPEG;*.JPE;*.JFIF). That will bring the file's size way down. If you are scanning pictures for your Web site, set them at 72 dots per inch. More resolution will not improve their appearance on the Web, and will increase their size.

WINDOWS XP AND RESTORE POINTS

Windows XP creates restore points regularly. They include information on the system's state. If something causes Windows to become unstable, you can use a restore point to go back in time to a good configuration.

However, a **restore point can also house a virus or Trojan. So, when you clean a virus or Trojan from your system, you have to delete your restore points. Otherwise, if you were to use an infected point, it would re-infect your system.**

The solution to your problem is to simply delete your restore points.

To do that, **click Start>>Control Panel. Double-click System. Select the System Restore tab. Click the box next to "Turn off System Restore on all drives." Click Apply>>OK.**

Reboot the computer. All restore points will be wiped out. **Return to the System Restore window. Remove the check from the box next to "Turn off System Restore on all drives." Click Apply>>OK.**

Windows will automatically create a new restore point. It should be clean.

If you ever need to use System Restore, access it by clicking:

Start>>All Programs>>Accessories>>System Tools>>System Restore.

Select **"Restore my computer to an earlier time."** Click Next. Click a bold date on the calendar and click Next. Then click Next on the following page.

System Restore does not affect the files you create. So you don't have to worry about losing your letter to Aunt Minnie. But if something has gotten into Windows and your computer is unstable, System Restore can be a lifesaver.