Web Design continued

Web Design Part 2

1. The next thing we'll include in our web pages is images (pictures). First, you'll have to find and perhaps manipulate images that you want to include; we'll use a free Adobe Photoshop Express tool for manipulations. You can grab pictures from the web (or of your own from your email for example), but there also are several sample images available in Photoshop Express, and you are encouraged to expedite your work by using those for now. If you do want to use your own image, get an image in JPEG format (file name ending in .jpg) onto your computer. (Another good format for images in web pages is .gif, but you won't be directly able to edit these in Photoshop Express.)

To get started with photoshop express, use your web browser to go to http://www.photoshop.com/express, and use the "Online Tools" pulldown to go to "Photoshop Express Editor". Then upload a photo from your computer, or click on one of the samples. You can experiment with any of the Photoshop features, but don't get too carried away, and get a couple images ready for your web page, and put them on your flash drive.

You may particularly want to use a couple things in the "Basic" palette at the left of the editor: "Crop & Rotate" and "Resize". You can crop down to a particular section of the image by clicking and dragging on the corners of the cropping selector. (Sometimes, you may also need to zoom out to see everything.) You may want to use "Resize" and then hit "Website" just above the picture to get something with an appropriate number of pixels for general website usage, or you may want to use "Custom" and change the "Height" or "Width" number to get a smaller picture, but it can be a good idea to leave the larger "Website" version, and then you will still be able to scale to a different display size when you insert an image in your webpage. (If the initial image is small, resizing for "Website" will do nothing.)

2. Once you have two images ready, you can insert them into your web page. Do this with content like the following, where you will have to change FILENAME, and you can put in whatever number of pixels you want for the width of the displayed image:

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<img src="FILENAME.jpg" width="300" />
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You also could use height instead of width (or you could use both, but then you may be stretching/distorting the picture).

You can place the image at whatever location in the page where you want it to appear; you might want it inside a paragraph but probably not inside a header.