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Jeff Price Presents
(Internet instructor at the Mission Viejo Library)
Internet Connections

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From the Boardroom

By Don Yenche



I have to begin this article by giving a g i g a n t i c THANKS to our club's presenters who performed so well for our March madness workshop. Our attendance was nearly that of the February Windows XP demonstration by Microsoft. It was a great social time too. My only regret was the group in attendance in the computer room (PhotoShop) missed out on the Danish rolls and chocolate donuts. We won't let that happen again.

We are planning to continue to have some enlightening sessions for our members in the future. One of these will be at our April meeting. Our members are enthusiastically interested in the Internet. We are going to feed that interest by having Jeff Price, an Internet instructor at the Mission Viejo Library speak before our group. Jeff is extremely knowledgeable in almost every aspect of this subject. He will be using our club's newest computers to project the visited Internet connections onto the large screen in our ballroom. This event will bring you up to date on the Internet and have those pertinent surfing and email questions answered.

The computer club is modernizing its inventory of computers. Last year \$1,400 was spent to purchase ten 17" monitors. As we all age gracefully, our eye

sight is sometimes lacking. The larger monitors help all of our users, especially the students in our educational classes, see better.

The preceding preamble leads our discussion to our club's most recent procurement. Last year our club acquired surplus computer systems, from the City of Mission Viejo. Jerry Moore, our web master, was instrumental in that acquisition. Jerry recently suggested to your club's board the need for a faster and more powerful computer for our instructors and speakers. He recommended the procurement of a Hewlett Packard system that would meet our needs and pocketbook. The board voted unanimously to accept his suggestion and expend the sum of \$700 for this system. You will have the opportunity to see this system in operation at our April meeting.

Your club's leadership is prudently putting your dues dollars to work for your benefit. Speaking of dues, if you have not paid your 2002 dues you are delinquent. Please help us do a better job. Look for the dues reminder on the back page of this issue.

Our new computer, as well as our other computers, is available for our members use. It is strongly recommended that the user have adequate knowledge of computers. A course in basic computers would be an ideal starting point. We have such a class here at Palmia offered by our club. {This class should not be confused with our Special In-

Windows XP Tips

By Jeff Levy

Customize

Windows XP opens to a simple, uncluttered look consisting of a taskbar and wallpaper. The default installation requires you to click on Start to display the icons that display on the opening page for Windows 9x, ME and NT/2000.

You can set Windows XP to use the “classic view” so that your desktop looks like the Windows 2000 version. Here’s how.

Right-click anywhere on the Desktop, select Properties, click the Themes tab, and choose Windows Classic from the drop-down list.

Click on the Appearance tab and you can customize Windows and buttons, Color scheme and Font size. Click Apply and then click OK.

You can customize the Start menu by right-clicking on Start and then clicking on Properties. On the Start Menu tab you can choose between Start menu and Classic Start menu. Both of these options have a “customize” button that provide you with more control over how your Start menu looks.

The only default icon on the Windows XP desktop is the Recycle bin.

I find it easier to use XP when I have a computer management shortcut on the Desktop. This shortcut provides access to tools like Event Viewer, Local Users and Groups, Shared Folders, the Device Manager, and Disk Management. Here’s how you can do this. Click Start, open Control Panel and click on the Performance and Maintenance button. If your Control Panel doesn’t bring up the “Pick a category” list, click on “Switch to category view” located under Control Panel in the upper left portion of your screen.

Click on Administrative Tools and then right-click on the Computer Management shortcut. Click on Copy and then close the window by clicking on the X in the upper right corner.

Place your cursor on the Desktop where you want the Computer Management shortcut to appear and then click Paste Shortcut.

Better Search Function

In Windows 95, 98 & 98SE, you could click on Start Find and then on Files and Folders to search your hard drive for particular files or folders. Windows ME renamed Find to Search on the Start Menu.

Windows XP makes searching much easier. Click on Start and then on Search to open the search utility. Windows XP allows you to narrow your search for particular file types by clicking on a button.

For example, one button searches for all picture, music and video files. Another button lets you search for word processing and spreadsheet documents.

The “All files and folders” button works more like the old Find or Search feature in Windows 95, 98 and ME. You can search based on a file or folder name and you can search based on a word or phrase contained in a file.

You can search a specific directory by clicking on the down arrow in the Look In drop-down menu. You can also browse through files and folders, and by clicking on More Advanced Options to search for system and hidden files.

Finally, you can click on the “Computers or people” button to search for other computers on your network or people in your address book.

XP does the search function right!

The PC Alternative

Laptops are now fixtures as much at home as on the road. Increasing number of computer buyers are choosing a laptop not just for travel, but as direct substitution for a home desktop.

It makes sense to choose a laptop if you have space limitations at home and hate the jungle of wires and cables. Furthermore, new laptops have been so equipped as to perform everything a PC can and just as efficiently.

The Internet? I Can't Live Without it!

by Steve Bass, Pasadena IBM Users Group

The computer was turned off (really!) and I was sipping coffee and reading the Sunday funnies.

There's Cathy searching for airline tickets on the Internet. In one panel, a friend describes spending an hour juggling flight schedules on screen, trying to find the best time and low price. Another friend tells about finally giving up after experiencing the World Wide Wait at every airline site she visits.

Cathy also pokes around the Web and after four hours online, finally finds the perfect, discounted ticket. When she finally gets on the flight, the passenger next to her explained how his discount ticket cost him \$20 less than Cathy's. The punch line? He apparently doesn't own a computer and got his ticket by making a ten-minute phone call. Of course the guy missed the point. I mean, why in the world would anyone want to do something by phone when you could use modern technology?

Okay, I'll admit that I've done it. I'll invest 20 minutes using a dozen search engines trying to find a phone number for a restaurant. Oh, sure, I know it's in the Pasadena Yellow Pages. And the book's sitting on the bookshelf just across the room. But that's the point, right? It's not within reach-and I'm already logged on. (smile).

Seriously, used judiciously, the Internet's a tremendous tool. In the last few weeks, I've been able to use the Web to: Get an obscure part for a camera lens, find replacement vinyl straps for a lawn chair, buy discounted wallpaper (50 percent less than the local shop), learn more about Home Theater devices than I could at a local store, find an out-of-print book, and hire a fencing contractor. Here are some other examples:

Improve on this: The fencing guy came by way of **ImproveNet**, a web site that hooks me up with a contractor. You plug in the details of the job and they find a contractor in your area who is qualified to handle the job. The site reports whether the contractor has a general liability insurance certificate on file with ImproveNet, has a license in good standing, a clear financial history, and a clear legal history. Each item is updated quarterly.



So far, I've had good luck twice: first with a concrete job and again with the fencing contractor. Check it at:

www.improvenet.com.

Beam it to me, Scottie. Last year I had a satellite dish installed on the roof and subscribed

to DirecTV. It's terrific - the picture's digitally and stunningly crisp, the signal's never failed (hello? Charter Communication? How's your cable doing?), and the available programming is excessive. We're getting all the basic channels, a few premium channels, as well as the Independent Film Channel - all for a little less than cable service. www.directv.com With all that high-tech beaming into the house, I don't want to sit in front of the TV and stare at DirecTV's on-screen scroll to keep track of what's playing. Instead, I use TV Grid, a nifty Internet service that jumps through hurdles for me. www.tvgrid.com.

First, it offers what every other TV service has - a grid listing your favorite stations. So far, no big deal. But when I move the cursor on top of the movie or show, a description appears in another frame. Click on the link and another Java-based window pops up letting me quickly jump to one or two movie review sites. <http://www.mrqe.com> or <http://www.imdb.com> Then the film's title is inserted into the search engine saving me keystrokes. Very cool.

It gets better: I want to watch a specific movie, say, The Producers. I can create a Perpetual Reminder. TV Grid searches every morning, e-mailing me if they find a match.

Inside DVD. Do you have a DVD player? Then sign up for a free DVD of Infinity, a 1996 movie starring (and directed by) Matthew Broderick. It's an account of the personal life of Manhattan Project scientist Richard Feynman. First read some reviews here: <http://us.imdb.com/TUrls?COM+0116635> I discovered the free DVD-from Inside DVD: The DVD Entertainment Magazine-on the Web. www.insidedvd.com. Log onto Inside DVD's Web site, register, and they'll send you a DVD. Free. No

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hooks and no obligations. And nope, I haven't received any e-mail or junk mail-and I've been signed up for six months. That's because the DVD's advertiser-sponsored. Nonetheless, it's loaded with movie trailers, music, previews, and other stuff (and, because it's DVD, you can blithely ignore anything you're not interested in viewing).

Shopping for a DVD - or Anything Else? If you haven't tried comparison shopping on the Internet, you're missing a ton of fun. Even if you don't buy anything on the Web, these resources take the hassle out of comparing products and features.

The very best site at feature comparisons is <www.compare.net>. I started by searching for a DVD player. Once the models came on screen, I could click a few DVD models and in a few seconds, I had a grid on screen showing each product feature compared to the others. You can also drill deeper and have the site get you pricing.

There are loads of sites that'll check for low prices, but the two most comprehensive I found: Excite's Product Finder <www.jango.com/xsh/index.dcg?> and Bottom Dollar. <www.bottomdollar.com/>.

But it doesn't stop there. As I began shopping for an A/V receiver, two PIBMUG members told me about the Audio Review site <www.audioreview.com>. I searched the site, found the A/V unit I was interested in, and found - ready?- 75 independent reviews.

People rate themselves as audiophile dweebs, casual users, or audio enthusiasts, and then post a review. The value is tremendous; I soon learned that the model I chose was both underpowered and had problems with high-range frequencies. It was a bad choice for me. I figured the reviewers were on the same wavelength as I so I sent e-mails to a number of them, asking for recommendations. The replies were equally valuable. I read the reviews of another receiver and it helped with the buying decision. Better than relying on a Circuit City salesperson? You bet!

In the meantime, I've got to go online. A new Cathy's just been posted. <www.uexpress.com/ups/comics/ca/index.html>.

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terest Group titled "Basic Computers" That SIG is intended to answer basic questions that may arise about computers. There are also classes offered by local school districts and colleges. It is disheartening to see a seemingly enthusiastic individual walk into the computer room and ask how to turn on the computer. More frightening is to see a "turn-off" procedure initiated by pulling the plug in the middle of a program. I recently overheard a club member saying, "I don't know anything about computers and I don't want to learn. I only use it for the internet." That philosophy can only lead to disaster. It is strongly recommended you take a class in basic computers. See the educational article in this issue of User Friendly. Take a class in computers!

Here are some guidelines:

- When using any computer do not download anything from an email message unless you know what that download is about. Even though our internet computer is protected by an anti-virus program a new virus might sneak past.

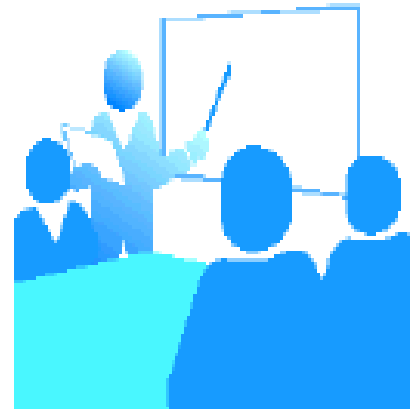
- Don't put a disk from an unprotected computer into any of our computers.

- Don't add any software program to our computers.

At the Wednesday, April 10th meeting we will resume the question and answer period at 7 P.M (one half hour prior to the beginning of our meeting). This mini meeting will be off stage. I am looking forward to seeing you at our official meeting start of 7:30 PM.

We will conclude, no later than 9:00 PM. We then invite all attendees to avail themselves to freshly made Starbucks coffee and delicious desserts. It is a great time to socialize with your fellow club member and guests.

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Taking Care of CD's

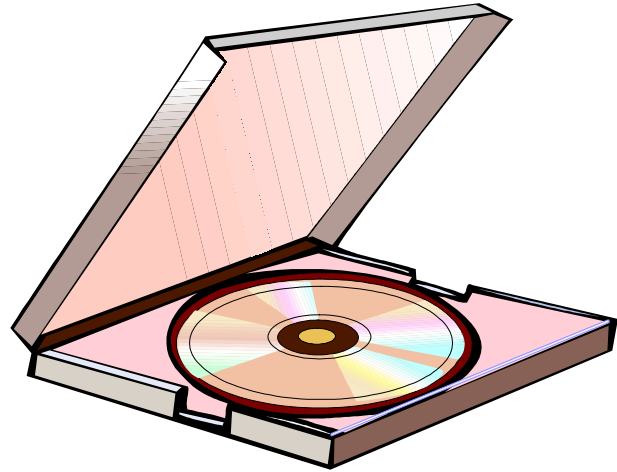
Adapted By Ali Tabikh

From an article by Ima Klone in the "Blue Chip News", a publication of the Saginaw Valley Computer Association, Saginaw, MI.

When a CD is made it starts out as a film of plastic about 1.2 millimeters thick—about half the thickness of a dime. The data is recorded on it by a laser that burns tiny pits in it on the top surface. When the process is completed the top of the film is covered by a very thin coat of shiny aluminum. This provides a surface for the manufacturer to print pictures, logos or other identification on. When the ink is dry it is coated with a thin coat of lacquer.

Now if you would examine it in cross section the data—or soundtrack on a music CD—is really written on the label side of the CD. The CD is read by the player using a laser beam that shines through the bottom of the CD and reads the data recorded on it at the top just under the aluminum coating. Some people think the CD is read from the bottom believing that is where the data portion is. This is not true.

Now let's address the question of storage. If the CD is laid on the label side, and a tiny scratch of only thousandths of an inch is made on it (I guess that means really small), there will be permanent loss of data. If the bottom of the CD gets scratched or roughed up the laser will still be able to read it. However it can quickly become like a smeared window or pair of wet eyeglasses. If it



gets bad enough the laser won't be able to see through the mess to read the data.

What's the solution? Treat them like eggs! Always store the CD, at a minimum, in a sleeve of some sort. The plastic boxes, called jewel cases, can be purchased for about a dollar each. They are a cheap investment as they give the best protection against scratching and other damages. Also they keep the CD clean, preventing damage to the laser or lens in the CD player.

It is advisable that when you take the CD out of the case, to press with your finger on the notched hub retainer of the jewel case that holds the CD in place. Just grabbing the edges of the CD and pulling it off the retainer can cause the CD to crack thus destroying it. They are best handled by holding them by their edges, keeping your fingerprints (and body acids) off the thin lacquer coating.

Answers to Questions

By Jerry Moore

Q. I have seen many computers with different screen saver designs. How do I go about changing my screen saver?

A. To find out what screen savers are currently available on your computer, right-click any place on your windows desktop that is not over an icon and then left-click on Properties at the bottom of

the window that pops up. When you see the Display Properties window click on the Screen Saver tab at the top of the window and then click on the down arrow in the middle of the window next to the Screen saver box to see what screen savers are currently available on your computer. If you find one of interest, left-click on your choice and then click on Preview to see the results. Screen savers

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are special purpose programs that usually end with the file extension “.scr” and can range in size from a few kilobytes to several megabytes.

Q. Can I create my own design or put in my favorite pictures?

A. If you have Windows ME or XP, a custom screen saver is real easy. Just choose “My Pictures Slideshow” from the Screen saver choices, and you will have a slide show of all the pictures you have stored in your My Pictures folder on your hard drive. For earlier versions of Windows, there are commercial screen saver programs you can purchase at places like CompUSA, Circuit City and Best Buy that allow you to create your own custom screen savers. Also try using a search engine like <<http://www.google.com>> and entering the search term “screensaver”. You’ll find lots of web sites that offer free screen saver programs.

HOUSE CALLS

by Don Yenché

House Calls are what the doctors did many years ago. But times have changed and today we must go to the doctor’s office. There are other house calls that can happen here at Palmia. That house call may be made on a sick or seemingly sick computer. You have to make a choice about your sick computer; seeking an in-house repair or taking it into a repair facility such as Best Buy, CompUSA or Macro Tech. Before making a decision, analyze your options. Call a repair facility and ask if there is a charge to look at the computer and give you an estimate to repair it. The same applies about having a person come to your house and attempt a repair. You should be assured there is a guarantee that the repair meets your satisfaction.

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EDUCATION CORNER

Richard Jenkins

Once again, in accordance with our dedication to services for our members, we are planning two concurrent courses in computer operations. Subjects for these two formal classes are Introduction to Computers and Intermediate MS Word. These classes will be held in the Crafts Room from 8:30 AM to 10:15 AM and 10:30 AM to 12:15 PM for 5 weeks each, starting on Saturday, April 23. The instructor teaches various computer applications to the faculty at Saddleback College. We are very pleased to have such a well-qualified faculty member help us improve our computer skills.

Introduction to Computers will cover basic computing, the proper way to start and stop your computer, optimizing your computer's performance, keyboard skills, mouse skills, Windows operating system, basic MS Word, and beginning the Internet. There is no prerequisite for this course.

Intermediate MS Word is designed to improve the knowledge and skills of each student using MS Word. This course will review your prior skills, create and save documents, auto correct, setting tabs, format documents, insert, move text, cut and paste, align, highlight, and create tables and lists. Prerequisite for this course is completion of Introduction to Computers and/or equivalent experience upon the instructor's approval.

The classes will be 8 to 12 students and each student will be assigned an individual computer. The class is hands-on and once we have 12 paid students, this class will be closed. These classes will be repeated in response to residents requests.

The following classes are being considered for the future if there is sufficient interest: Windows 95, 98, XP; Quicken, and Excel; others by request.

For further information and/or sign-up, please contact Christe Wiley at 586-6299 or e-mail her at ristamv@aol.com.

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<www.palmia.org>

enjoy a wealth of internet information

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Most of the residents here would consider themselves computer novices. Many are attempting to elevate themselves by taking computer classes. Regardless what level we consider ourselves, we all at times become bewildered with the workings of our computers. Then the time comes to ask ourselves, "Is it time for me to buy a new computer or should I take it into a repair facility." Sometimes we decide to short circuit the decision. We ask a person who we consider more knowledgeable in the operation of computers than ourselves to look at our computer and give us their opinion.

We should use caution in soliciting assistance. Be prepared for possible unforeseen outcomes:

1. It may be possible that the person you asked to look at your computer may only have marginally more knowledge than you. You may not be any further ahead of the game than you were before your friend came into your home.

2. If a repair is attempted and your friend leaves your home assuming that everything is ok, and you find later that you are worse off than before - now what?

3. Your friend decides that his services are valuable and a monetary sum should be given. Does that monetary exchange take into account that your computer is repaired? If your computer is now in an inoperative condition you may not only be out some dollars, but also have an inoperative computer on your hands.

Any one of these scenarios is possible. Here are some tips to consider before asking for help:

1. Go to the HELP file either in Windows or in the program that is giving you problems. You may solve the problem yourself and learn something too.

2. Make sure your solicited friend is willing to give you many hours to pursue a solution to your problem.

3. Ask the house call assister before they enter your home, if he or she charges for their services. If the computer is repaired you may be happy paying the charge. If the computer is in a disastrous condition you could be very unhappy.

Again the bottom line is you should be assured there is a guarantee that the repair meets your satisfaction.

Tips and Tidbits

By Barry Robbins

Blocking A Domain In Outlook Express

When you get an e-mail that you don't want, you can block that sender so that you won't get any more e-mail from that source. The problem is that the sender will just get e-mail through by using another name. For example, if you block <alice@whatever.com>, <dodiddy@whatever.com> will still get through.

One way to do a better job of blocking such e-mail is to block the entire domain. That way you can block anything that arrives from whatever.com. To do this, choose Tools | Message Rules | Blocked Senders List. When the dialog opens, click Add and type in the domain that you want to zap. Click OK to activate your new entry and close the dialog box.

The Internet Public Library

When you need to find a Computer/Internet related term, Webopedia is the site to visit. However, when you need information on anything else, you need to visit The Internet Public Library. If you don't need anything in particular, you'll enjoy browsing the library anyway. It has everything your own local library has—except books and noisy children.

Keyboard Shortcuts For Microsoft Internet Explorer

Here are some keyboard shortcuts that you might want to make an effort to memorize. All can help you navigate quickly in Microsoft Internet Explorer.

Alt + Left Arrow - Back to the previous page.

Alt + Right Arrow - Forward to the next page.

Ctrl + D - Adds the current Web page to Favorites.

Ctrl + N - Opens a new browser window.

F5 - Reloads the current page.

Ctrl + W - Closes the active IE window.

DirectX Upgrade

If you play a lot of games on your PC, chances are that your games use DirectX. If that's the case, you should always be using the latest version. Not doing so could cause your PC's performance to suffer. Look at <www.microsoft.com/directx> to make sure. One note: This is a big file!

Web Surfer

Quick Info

Whether for business or pleasure, this straight-to-the-point little reference utility (see bottom line) provides fast access to U.S. telephone area codes and time zones, international direct dialing codes and time zones, and 250 national Internet suffixes. The Quick Find feature jumps to the proper area code listing as you enter the numerals.

Quick Info contains:

- o Area codes for all 50 states plus territories, including a description of the area plus the time zone it's in;
- o 1,500 international cities and countries with local time, and country and city dialing codes.

<<http://www.contactplus.com/products/freestuff/quick.htm>>

The Brick for Windows

This is sheer foolishness, but a great way to relieve your aggressions - especially when you're frustrated with Windows. On the author's Web page, <www.andrewgray.com>, click the first option: "download the full version." After a quick and easy install, you'll see a bright red brick icon in your system tray. When you've been at the keyboard way too long, just hurl a virtual brick. You'll love what it does to your screen, complete with delicious sound effects. To get back to work, just hit the ESC key. As an extra added attraction, *Brick* author Andrew Gray offers a pleasant virtual tour on his site, complete with maps and photos of Gairloch, the scenic Scottish Highland coastal village that's his home.

Single Senior Ads

FOXY LADY: Sexy, fashion-conscious blue-haired beauty, slim, 5-4 (used to be 5-6), searching for sharp-looking, sharp-dressing companion. Matching white shoes and belt a plus.

LONG-TERM COMMITMENT: Recent widow who has just buried fourth husband Looking for someone to round out a six-unit plot. Dizziness, fainting, shortness of breath not a problem.

SERENITY NOW: I am into solitude, long walks, sunrises, the ocean, yoga and meditation. If you are the silent type, let's get together, take our hearing aids out and enjoy quiet times.

WINNING SMILE: Active grandmother with original teeth seeking a dedicated flosser to share rare steaks, corn on the cob and caramel candy.

BEATLES OR STONES? I still like to rock, still like to cruise in my Camaro on Saturday nights and still like to play the air guitar. If you were a groovy chick, or are now a groovy hen, let's get together and listen to my boss collection of eight-track tapes.

MEMORIES: I can usually remember Monday through Thursday. If you can remember Friday, Saturday and Sunday, let's put our two heads together.

MINT CONDITION: Male, 1932, high mileage, good condition, some hair, many New parts including hip, knee, cornea, valves. Doesn't run but walks well.

We have deleted telephone numbers in this article to maintain anonymity.

Where Are The Children?

Lee Okerblom

There aren't any! We don't have "CHILDREN" any more - we have "little Adults". The worst thing that ever happened to childhood was Little League. From that it mushroomed to Little Football League ... Little Soccer League ... etc. Every stage of our little Adults' lives are supervised by Adults and Parents. There are always authoritative figures to tell our little Adults' when to inhale and when to exhale. I would not trade my childhood with that of the little Adults of today for all the tea in China.

We played softball (in Chicago) in the street in front of our houses. The kid that owned the bat and ball was "King". The sewer covers were our base pads. Our parents sat on the front stairs and chatted amongst themselves. We played our baseball games in "peace". We argued "He was out", "No way! Safe by a mile!" We settled our disputes by ourselves. Our parents stayed out of it. The only time they got involved was if some kid's language got a little too "salty" - a comment "Watch your mouth" might come from one of the adults.

We also played "Hide and Seek", "Red Light", "Run Sheepy Run", "Chasings", "Three Feet Over" - and many other games that did not need a single electronic gadget! Also, we got some exercise!

Now Adults supervise every segment of our little Adults lives. As a result when our little Adults go to college - all of a sudden, they are left without anyone to tell them what to do, and when to do it. Some can handle this - others cannot - and the ones that cannot sometimes get into BIG trouble.

I feel sorry for the little Adults of today. Too bad they cannot be "children" and have a childhood and fun instead of growing up too fast!

Just my thoughts on the subject - Lee Okerblom

Help Line

Subject	Person to Call	Tel/Email
PC-General	Barry Robbins	699-0572
Windows	Jerry Moore	jerryamoore@cox.net
MS Word	Barry Robbins	699-0572
Excel/Access	Barry Robbins	699-0572
Quicken	Hal Zeschmann	830-9882
Internet	Jerry Moore	jerryamoore@cox.net
Photo Editing	Don Yenche	457-1081
Graphics	Ali Tabikh	699-1962

Tech Mart

By Ali Tabikh

Key-Sized 16MB Storage Device



USB ports are almost as universal as floppy drives these days. This USB connected gizmo is the second one I have read about in the last few weeks. It is manufactured by JMTek and sells for \$29.95.

In case you haven't seen one of these devices, you can plug one into a USB 1.1 port, then drag-and-drop files into it in Windows Explorer. The device acts like a floppy, only much bigger and theoretically more reliable.

This USBDrive is one of the more complete flash memory storage devices I've seen. It has an LED that changes color to indicate if it's reading or writing. This could keep one from inadvertently disconnecting in the middle of a transfer. It also has a small write-protect switch along one side,

retaining another feature some users liked from floppies. The USBDrive also comes with a USB 1.1 extension cable and a neck loop.

Windows Me/2000/XP users should be able to plug the USBDrive in and use it without installing any drivers. Windows 98SE will support it after you install a driver from the included CD. The USBDrive also works under Mac OS 8.6 and later or Linux 2.4.

It is rather fast. You can transfer full capacity (16 MB) into it in one minute or less.

Words worth remembering

My grandfather once told me that there were two kinds of people: those who do the work and those who take the credit. He told me to try to be in the first group; there was much less competition.

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Thank You – and Happy Computing!



Secretary's Message

By Chris Wiley for Bill Reinholtz



Our President, Don Yenche, called the March 13th meeting to order. He introduced Vice President Richard Jenkins to make the announcements.

Richard described the various SIG groups that meet Friday afternoons and the Basic group meeting at 10 a.m. on the first, third and fourth Mondays. He announced that the April program will be Jeff Price from the Mission Viejo Library on how to do research on the Internet. He also mentioned several ideas for future programs.

The evening's program was seven workshops running simultaneously in the Ballroom and the Crafts Room. They were all well presented and attended.

After the program, Christe Wiley won \$28 in the 50/50 drawing.

The meeting ended with all enjoying delicious Danish pastry and coffee.

