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(*Notice: Special Time 4 to 5:30 P.M.*)
- 4th Friday** - Photo Editing & Scanning Don Yenche

There is also a "HELP" SIG! This SIG is intended for beginners to answer your basic questions relating to computers (This is not a class). It meets on the first, third and fourth Mondays of each month at 10:00 A.M. The SIG leader is Joe Lebovitz.

FALL COMPUTER CLASSES

- INTRODUCTION TO COMPUTERS Saturday, October 12th, 8:30
- MS WORD I Saturday, October 12th, 10:30
- WINDOWS (95, 98 and XP) Pending
- MS WORD II Pending

We are waiting for a few more signups before scheduling the Windows and MS Word II classes. There is still room for a few more students in INTRO and MS Word I.

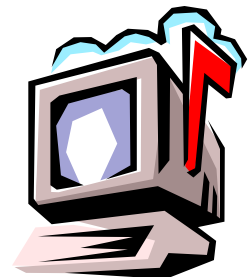
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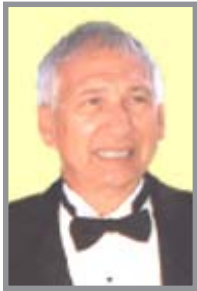
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From the President's Desk

By Don Yenche



Would you book a cruise on a ship without a captain or officers? Or one with only a small skeleton crew? That is what you are about to embark upon in the year 2003 aboard the ship Palmia Computer Club. While your ship officers and board members have done a formidable job this year, they are exhausted and in need of relief.

Our club newspaper ran a full page of ads to solicit membership participation. To my knowledge we only had one person step forward and say he/she would help.

That is not enough!

Due to personal reasons, I will not run again as President of the club, but will serve on its Board of Directors. Our Vice-President, Richard Jenkins has declined to retain that position or move up to the presidency. Other members of the Executive Committee have served us well for years in various officer positions. They may or may not continue, but if they do, they cannot steer our ship alone. We have Committee Chairpersons, but they also cannot accomplish all the work alone.

YOU ARE NEEDED TO STEP FORTH AND SAY "WHERE CAN I HELP?"

Our September 11th Fall kickoff meeting featured Jeff Levy. He was not only informative, but entertaining as well. All the comments about the show by our members and guests were positive. Some even said it was the best presentation the club has sponsored. Look in this issue for some interesting insights you would have experienced had you attended.

The year 2002 is winding down and plans are in place for meetings and events for the balance of this year.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, October 9th. The doors will open at 6:30 PM. That early opening proved to be a desirable aspect of our Jeff Levy evening. Members enjoyed socializing and welcomed the opportunity to participate in the popular question and answer session. Barry Robbins will again be our host at this pre-meeting event. The mini session will be off stage in an informal setting. Barry will conclude his Q/A period about 7:15 in order for us to get some important business concluded before our special speaker of the evening at 7:30 PM.

This meeting will be important because we will be voting on our new, improved Club bylaws, delivered to you as an insert in the September issue of USER FRIENDLY newsletter. Richard Jenkins and his committee have spent numerous hours bringing them up-to-date, and reformatting them to make them understandable to the layman.

Our guest speaker will be Peter Tempel of Aladdin Systems. He will demonstrate their software products called STUFFIT, DRAGSTRIP and I-CLEAN. I personally own STUFFIT and find it a superb tool to send high quality photographs over the internet. Learn what these programs can do for you by attending this session. Mark your calendars for this meeting night on Wednesday, October 9th and the early pre meeting starting time.

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• **Now you can have high speed access to the internet, compliments of the Palmia Master Association and the Palmia Computer Club.** •
• **See page10.** •
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The Palmia Computer Club meets in the Palmia Ballroom the second Wednesday of each month, except July and August, at 7:30 p.m. The doors open at 6:30 p.m. for Q&A and socializing. For visitors from outside our Palmia community the address is: 21455 Monterey, Mission Viejo, CA 92692. The parking lot is just past the gate on the left side of Monterey. Telephone: 949-472-5075

Overcoming Font Overload in Windows

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By Sue Chastain

Part 1: Windows Font Limitations

Sooner or later this is an issue that every graphics software enthusiast is going to have to face. Many of the graphics software programs install hundreds of fonts onto your system. Most of them don't give you the option of which ones you want... they just dump all their fonts into your Windows FONTS folder. Often the fonts are visual duplicates of fonts you may already have under a different name. Add to that all those fun, cool, free fonts we find on the web and before long your system becomes sluggish and you can't seem to figure out why.... Chances are, it's font overload.

Most of the information you read about fonts in Windows will say that Windows can handle as many as 1,000 fonts. This may be true, but you are going to experience a decline in system performance much earlier than that when you hit this number. The truth of the matter is, Windows does not "reach its limit" according to the number of installed fonts at all... it has to do with the length of the font names and their filenames. Furthermore, if a font resides in a location other than the FONTS folder or the SYSTEM folder, the entire path to the font has to be stored in the registry, reducing the number of fonts you may install.

To further compound the problem, Windows does not tell you when you have reached the limit of installed fonts, and it will continue to let you think you are adding fonts to your system when in fact, you are not. Let me explain...

Once you reach that mysterious limit of fonts in Windows, you (or a program installation) can keep adding fonts to the Windows FONTS folder. The fonts will appear to be installed because they are in the folder, but they may not appear in the font menu of your programs. The fonts are unusable because you have reached your system's limit. When this occurs, you will find that as you delete fonts, the number of installed fonts that is indi-

cated in the Status bar when viewing the Windows FONTS folder, does not change. This is because as you delete fonts, those extra, unusable fonts are moving up and becoming usable again. When you finally see this number in the status bar actually begin to decrease, you know you are making progress.

It's a good idea to keep the number of installed fonts below 400. If you do this you will find your system and programs will start faster and run much smoother. Does this mean you have to give up all your favorite fonts? Not necessarily... There are a few things you can do to have the best of both worlds. I'll discuss those later; first, I'll explain the safest way to trim down your font collection.

It's a good idea to keep the number of installed fonts below 400. If you do this you will find your system and programs will start faster and run much smoother.

Part 2: Trimming your Font Collection

From Windows Explorer, first create a new folder anywhere on your hard disk. Give it a name something like MyFonts or TTF (the shorter the folder name, the better (due to registry limitations). Next, point to the C:/Windows/Fonts folder. Select all the fonts in this folder and copy them to your new folder. This creates a backup of all your fonts. Never, ever start deleting fonts without first making backup copies. In the event that you need to restore one of the deleted fonts, you will have it readily available. After copying your fonts, go back to C:/Windows/Fonts and start deleting any of your less used fonts until you get them down to at least 500 or less. You may find it helpful to have a printout of all your fonts before doing this. There are several font viewers available on the Internet that will do this.

Now that you have your fonts trimmed down to a more manageable number, it's up to you to maintain this. Using font management software is one way of doing this. Font managers ease the rou-

Font Overload Continued from page 4

tine of installing and uninstalling fonts when you need them, and allow you to browse your collection of fonts whether or not they are installed. Many of them have features such as font grouping that allow you to sort your fonts into similar groups, which makes finding the perfect font a little easier. My personal preference for a font manager is Bitstream Font Navigator, but there are many others.

What if you choose not to use font management software? You can still keep your FONTS folder clean, but it will take some extra steps when you want to use fonts that aren't installed. Without a font manager, you will have to manually install and uninstall extra fonts when you want to use them. The easiest way to do this that I have found is — rather than installing a font and then having to remember which one it was to go back and delete later — instead, you can put a shortcut to the font in your FONTS folder. The shortcut will make the font available in your programs, but in the FONTS folder, the icon will appear with the tiny shortcut arrow on it so it is easier to identify and remove later, when you have finished working with that font.

Another little known tip about fonts is that if you double-click on a font file in Windows and leave the FontView window open, as long as the window remains open, this font will behave as if it is installed. This is very handy if you are only opening a project to have a quick look, or to print it, and you don't want to install the font for such a short, simple task.

Additionally, something should be mentioned about those free fonts you find on the Web. There are a lot of fun and unique fonts out there, but you should be aware that you open yourself up to the chance of getting a font file that is corrupted. It's very difficult to identify a corrupted font file, and when you do encounter one, chances are your system will completely lock up, and you run the risk of losing what you were working on. The problem usually does not occur immediately after using or viewing the corrupted fonts, which makes them extremely difficult to identify... so, remember to use caution when using any free fonts downloaded off the Web.

Whether you use a font manager or not, it's up to you to keep the Windows Fonts folder free from

extra fonts that get added when you install software. It's important to regularly check the FONTS folder and move out any fonts that aren't necessary, especially after installing any new software. To ease this task, you might find it helpful to create one separate folder for your own "core fonts". Put any fonts that you always want to have installed in this folder. Periodically, you can completely empty the Windows FONTS folder, and only replace the fonts that you keep in your core fonts folder.

Font management is admittedly one of the more mundane chores for graphics software and font fanatics, but if regularly attended to, it is something that will pay off in improved system performance, and fewer font-related problems.

Part 3: Windows Fonts That Should Not Be Deleted

Do not delete the following fonts:

- Arial (TrueType)
- Arial Bold (TrueType)
- Arial Bold Italic (TrueType)
- Arial Italic (TrueType)
- Courier 10,12,15 (VGA res)
- Courier New (TrueType)
- Courier New Bold (TrueType)
- Courier New Bold Italic (TrueType)
- Courier New Italic (TrueType)
- Marlett (Windows 95/98)
(Marlett is a hidden system file and it will not show up in a search; however, it may show up in your program font lists.)
- Modern (Plotter)
- MS Sans Serif 8,10,12,14,18,24 (VGA res)
- MS Serif 8,10,12,14,18,24 (VGA res)
- Roman (Plotter)
- Script (Plotter)
- Small fonts (VGA res)
- Symbol (TrueType)
- Symbol 8,10,12,14,18,24 (VGA res)
- Times New Roman (TrueType)
- Times New Roman Bold (TrueType)
- Times New Roman Bold Italic (TrueType)
- Times New Roman Italic (TrueType)
- Wingdings (TrueType)
- Any font with a red A for its icon.

Birthday/Anniversary List in Excel

By Herbert Sax

The other day I was asked how to create a list of birthdays/anniversaries by month. The answer is fairly simple, and utilizes the Excel spreadsheet. Other programs, some more sophisticated, some less, can be used, but Excel will do the job for you.

Start by identifying the information you would like to have. The data in your address book can be a good start. Open Excel and enter the headings shown below in Row 1 of an empty worksheet.

Column A First (name)
 Column B Last (name)
 Column C Address
 Column D City
 Column E State
 Column F ZIP
 Column G Tel. #
 Column H Event
 Column I Month
 Column J Day

Now enter the data from your address book. For singles there will be only one line. For marrieds however, there will have to be three lines: one for the husband, one for the wife, and one in which you will enter the anniversary date.

I have prepared a very brief listing to show you what it will look like. For purposes of simplicity I have omitted the address and telephone data.

First	Last	Event	Mo.	Da.
John	Jones	B	1	1
Stan & Mary	Smith	A	2	17
Stan	Smith	B	2	10
Mary	Smith	B	9	15
Corinne	Cutshall	B	6	12

Having just created a database, we will now use Excel's filtering function. Click Data + Filter + Auto Filter. You will be back in the worksheet, but there will be a drop-down arrow to the right of each heading. Click the arrow next to Month. You will see the following choices:

- (All)
- (Top 10 . . .)
- (Custom)
- 1

- 2
- 6
- 9

If you want to see only those persons who have either a Birthday or Anniversary in the month of February, click "2". The worksheet will now show only two rows, one for Stan & Mary Smith who celebrate their anniversary in February, and one for Stan Smith who also has a birthday in the same month. You can now sort this list by day. With any cell within the database selected, click Data + Sort. In this example you need only sort by day, but as you will see, you can have up to three sort levels. Click the down arrow in the first sort field, select Day, and click OK. Your list will now show Stan first (his Birthday is the 10th day of the month) and Stan & Mary next (their Anniversary is the 17th day of the month).

To get the full list back, click any of the database drop-down arrows, click (All), and voila! the full list is back. □

E- Mail Jargon

If you are tired of the meaningless email acronyms, or want to join the crowd and start using them, here are a few:

- R - are
- U - you
- BTW - by the way
- BRB - be right back
- TYVM - thank you very much
- ROTFL - roll on the floor laughing
- YW - you are welcome
- LOL - laughing out loud
- IMHO - in my humble opinion
- L8R - later
- NRN - no reply necessary
- OT - off topic
- REHI - hello again
- SOS - same old stuff
- G2G - got to go
- SOH - sense of humor
- SW - share ware
- SYL - see you later
- THX - thanks
- TIA - thank you in advance
- HF - have fun

Answers To Questions

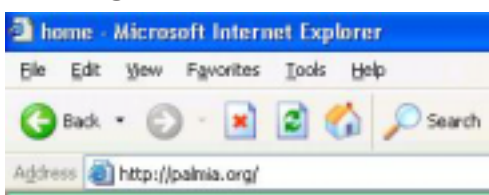
By Jerry Moore

QUESTION

My list of “favorites” in Internet Explorer has become long and unwieldy. Can I break it up into sub groups in folders by subject or category for quick access?

ANSWER

Yes and there is an easy way to do this. Start Internet Explorer and in the menu bar click on Favorites – Organize Favorites.



You should then be presented with an Organize Favorites window.



Start by clicking on the Create Folder button and entering the names of all the sub groups you would like to categorize your favorites within. Repeat this process until you have identified all the groupings you would prefer.

Now move to the right hand side of this window, click your mouse on a favorite you would like to move and then click on the Move To Folder button. You will be presented with a family tree of all the groupings you have created. Click on the desired group, then click OK and your favorite will be moved to this location.

If you are comfortable using Windows Explorer to move files and create folders, you can also use

this tool to organize your favorites. If you are using a recent version of Windows, your favorites are normally found in C:\Documents and Settings\\Favorites. Earlier versions of Windows store these files in C:\Windows\Favorites.

If you use both the Netscape Navigator and Microsoft Internet Explorer browsers, you will soon find yourself accumulating two collections of bookmarks/favorites that are not compatible. Fortunately, there are utility programs available that will allow you to convert all your saves Netscape bookmarks to Internet Explorer favorites, or convert your Internet Explorer favorites to Netscape bookmarks. Visit <<http://www.geocities.com/SiliconValley/Lakes/6520/ieconverter.html>> and <<http://www.magnusbrading.com/bmc/>> to see if these utilities are for you.□

Tech Mart

Cell Phone Camera

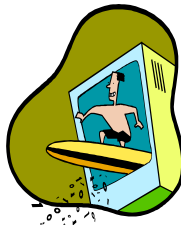
Cell phone photography is here. Sony Ericsson Communications has introduced a full-color mini camera, the MCA-20 (shown here with a carrying case), which hooks onto the Sony Ericsson T68i mobile phone. By doing so one gets the new, world's first Multimedia Messaging Service (MMS). Though don't expect high resolution results. The best one hopes for is a VGA-640X480 pixels. It is easy to use, weighs only 0.7 oz. and fits in a pocket.



The picture can be combined with sound, animation and formatted text. These are previewed on the phone color LCD screen before being sent to other phones or e-mailed on the internet to another computer. Images are produced as JPEG files. Retail price is about \$150.□

Web Surfer

By Jerry Moore



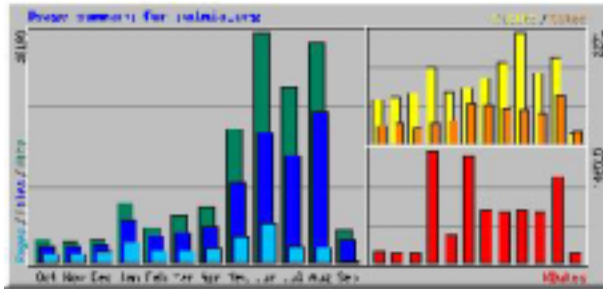
JEFF LEVY

Our September meeting resulted in an informative and entertaining presentation by Jeff Levy of KFI Radio. During his talk, Jeff rattled off the names of many web sites worthy of a visit. As a convenience to our membership, visit the club website at <http://palmia.org/html/jefflevy.html> where you will find links to these web pages as well as a slide show from the meeting.



WEB SITE VISITOR STATISTICS

Did you know that each time you visit a web site a record is created showing what pages you viewed and every file you downloaded? These records don't identify you by name or e-mail address, but they do record such things as when you visited, what country you are from, the name of your Internet Service Provider (ISP) and the type of web browser software you were using.



Our computer club web site has recently had visitors from Belgium, Slovenia, Uruguay, Romania, Brazil, Poland, Finland and Estonia. Point your web browser to <http://www.palmia.org/stats>, click on one of the dates in the Summary By Month and scroll through the page to see the types of statistics being collected.

MISSION VIEJO LIBRARY

Our local library now offers a convenient service where you can use the Internet to place a hold on any book that is currently checked out or on order. Just visit <http://cmvl.org/placeholdform.html>, fill out the simple form and click on Submit. You will then be notified when the book is available for

pickup.

VIDEO RENTALS

Would you like to avoid a trip to the local video store searching for that hard to find movie? When you now visit <http://www.blockbuster.com>, you can click on "Search My Store" to find out if your local store carries the title you would like to rent.



RESTAURANT DIRECTORY

Do you need to locate a good Cajun restaurant in Irvine? How about a Deli in RSM? A quick visit to <http://www.letseatoc.com> will probably have an answer to your question.



ZAGAT RESTAURANT GUIDES

While on the subject of food, here's an indispensable link to a wealth of restaurant information - <http://www.zagat.com>

All restaurants are rated by actual consumers like you and me. The search criteria covers just about every category you can think of and the consumer comments are quite informative.



SONG LYRICS

Remember that old Bob Dylan song where you could never understand the lyrics? Point your web browser to <http://www.bobdylan.com> and the mystery will be solved. This web site even lets you enter a single word or phrase and it will match this up to all the associated song lyrics. For example I entered "waterfront" and was informed that this word was contained in the song "Simple Twist Of Fate".



Happy surfing!

Font Overload Continued from page 5

- Any font that begins with the letters MS. Additionally, some programs have fonts that are required for that program to display properly. Those fonts that are not listed above are listed here along with the program:

CorelDRAW

- Avant Garde Book BT (TrueType)
- Avant Garde Oblique BT (TrueType)
- Avant Garde Medium BT (TrueType)
- Avant Garde Medium Oblique BT (TrueType)
- CommonBullets (TrueType)
- FuturaMedcondBT (Corel's # TT0201M.TTF)

Print Artist

- Palisade

Windows Draw

- Swiss921 BT
- (Also see page 4 of the manual for Windows Draw 6 Print Studio, and page 27 of the manual for Complete Publisher '99 for a list of

fonts that must be installed for the text styles and templates to appear properly.)

Creatacard

- Swiss721 BT
- (Creatacard also has fonts that begin with CAC. These can be removed, however, some of the included projects may not display correctly.)

Internet Web Browsers

- Webdings

Office 97 (including Outlook 98)

- Tahoma

Quickbooks

- Four fonts that all start with "Quicktype"

MS Bookshelf

- Three fonts called Bookshelf Symbols 1-3

Picture It

- Comic Sans and Comic BD

Tips and Tedbits

Submitted by Barry Robbins

Audio CD Recording

If all you do with your CD-ROM burner is make audio discs, then there's very little reason to purchase fancy burning programs. You can use the program that shipped with your CD-ROM for general purposes and get a copy of TuneSpark CD Maker. TuneSpark CD Maker will let you create audio discs from MP3 files as well as files in other audio formats. Download the program and try it. If you like it, you can register for \$29.95

Copying Text from Microsoft Internet Explorer

When you need to copy text from IE into a word processor, you simply select the text and press Ctrl + C. Next, you move to the word processor and press Ctrl + V to paste the text. The alternative way is to highlight the text, right mouse click, click copy, place cursor in Word document, right click,

then click paste. I find the second method quicker.

If your word processor recognizes all the web formatting (as MS Word does), you can paste with the formatting intact. If you want to lose the formatting, you can paste first into Notepad and then copy the Notepad contents and paste that into the word processor.

Viewing Your Cookies

The NirSoft web site offers several freeware Windows utilities. The latest offering is IECookiesView. As you might expect, IECookiesView allows you to view the cookies stored by your trusty copy of Microsoft Internet Explorer.

IECookiesView doesn't just show you a list of cookies, it displays all the information possible about the cookies.

The URL is: <http://nirsoft.multiservers.com/>

It's Time for Membership Dues

Club dues for 2003 are being taken now. They are \$20 for an individual and \$30 for a couple. Please pay early to insure uninterrupted membership and receipt of our valuable User Friendly newsletter.

For Windows XP Users

Windows XP Driver Rollback Feature

By Jeff Levy

In computer terms, a driver is the software your computer uses to interface or work with devices like printers, CD-ROM drive, and the like. New drivers are written frequently and then made available for downloading on the Internet. Every once in a while a new driver will cause your computer to exhibit strange behavior.

Versions of Windows 98 and ME really didn't have a fix for this dilemma. Windows XP comes to the rescue with its Driver Roll Back option. Here's how it's done.

Click on Start and then double-click on Control Panel. Double-click on System to open the System Properties window. I use a shortcut here by holding down the Windows key on the lower left side of the keyboard and then tapping the Pause Break key on the upper right side of the keyboard to bring up the System Properties window. Now click on the Hardware tab and then on the Device Driver button.

Double-click on the category of the device for which you installed a new driver. Now right-click on the device and click on Properties. Click on the Drive tab and then click on the Roll Back Driver button. Windows XP will then roll back to the last driver assigned to that particular device. □

Alphabetize The Programs Menu In Windows XP

By Jeff Levy

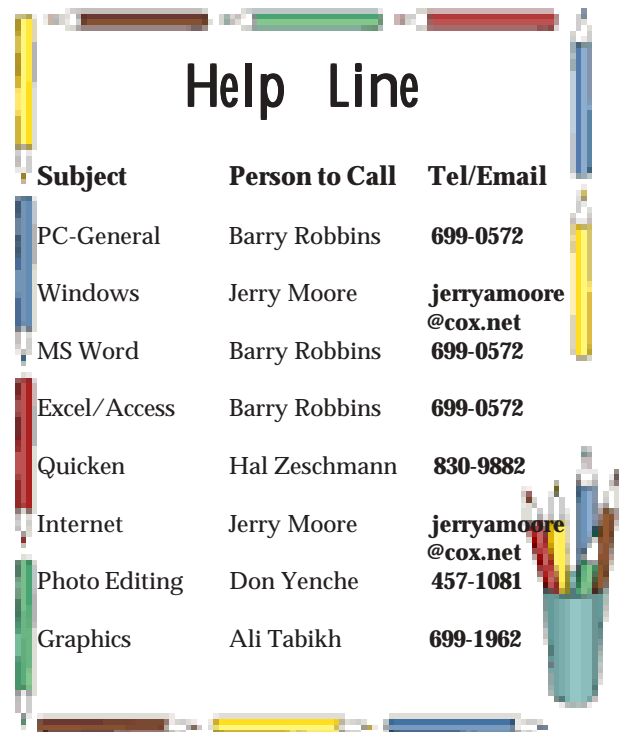
Windows has a habit of placing newly installed programs at the bottom of somewhere in the middle of the All Programs list. That tends to make finding programs somewhat of a challenge. Worse, there is no predictable pattern to placement on the list. Windows XP has a fix for that.

Click on Start and then on All Programs. Right-click on any program and then select Sort by Name. All of the programs and folders on the All Programs menu will be alphabetized. It's that simple. □

HIGH SPEED INTERNET FOR YOU!

The Palmia Master Board has established a Cox High Speed Internet connection in the Craft/Computer room. The Computer Club in turn has agreed to make available three (3) computers to our club members as well as our fellow Palmia residents. All three computers may be accessed at one time. This computer service is especially valuable to those who do not have this High Speed Internet service available in their homes. There will be a brief instruction sheet on each of the computers that are internet accessible. ***It is important that you do not download any items onto these computers.*** We wish you happy surfing on the internet.

To enhance your enjoyment of the internet and other computer uses you should avail yourselves of the classes offered by our Computer Club and the local school districts and colleges. □



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Be a User Friendly Pro-Active Friend

- ◆ Write articles to publish
- ◆ Send clippings of general interest
- ◆ Let us know what you like to read
- ◆ Leave material at the Clubhouse

PCC host Jeff Levy



Now whose's your daddy ?



Where did all these people come from ?



Who said they had a Mac?



*That's because
you didn't
backup !*



*That was a great answer Jeff,
but I think the mouse is
interested in your drink.*



Jeff, just one last question.

That's all folks....

Jeff Levy's Presentation

High Points

- ◆ Literally hundreds of viruses are attacking computers each month.
- ◆ One needs to have a good anti-virus program installed.
- ◆ Scan for virus two to three times a week.
- ◆ Intrusion into computers is ever increasing from spammers, snoopers, hackers, etc.
- ◆ A good firewall program is required to maintain internet security.
- ◆ Backing up valuable personal files is important.
- ◆ To keep computers operating efficiently frequent removal of unwanted files, internet clutter, etc. is recommended. This includes defragging the hard drive (in the safe mode) at least once a month.

Mr. Levy recommends software such as the following to keep out internet intruders and for backing up your important files:

1. <www.pcflank.com>:

Tests your system for vulnerabilities to internet threats. It is done on-line and it takes only a few minutes to complete. Afterwards you see a full report including recommendations on how to improve the security of your system. (Ed. Note - an alternate website for testing is <www.grc.com>

2. Back Up My PC:

Back up software by Veritas <www.veritas.com>. It

provides automated and easy to use (point and click) data protection and disaster recovery. The program is given Editor's Choice Award by PC Magazine.

3. Second Copy 2000:

A highly praised back up program by <www.centered.com>. Price \$29.95 but it can be downloaded free for evaluation.

4. Free Internet:

Provided by NetZero <www.netzero.com>. This ISP gives free accounts of 10 hours per month internet access and e-mail. It is compatible with instant messaging including AOL, Instant Messenger ICQ and Yahoo. It also filters junk mail. It can be downloaded in about two minutes.

5. Zone Alarm Pro 3.0:

It is recommended by Consumer Reports as good as a personal firewall can get. Retail for \$49.99.

6. Internet Cleanup 2.0:

By Ontrack Software <www.ontrack.com/internetcleaner/>. It stops snoopers, cookies and provides internet security. A free trial version to download is available. Retail \$29.95.□

TRUE SENIOR MOMENT

An elderly couple had dinner at another couple's house, and after eating, the wives left the table and went into the kitchen. The two elderly gentlemen were talking, and one said, "Last night we went out to a new restaurant, and it was really great. I would recommend it very highly."

The other man said, "What is the name of the restaurant?" The first man thought and thought and finally said, "What is the name of that flower you give to someone you love? You know... the one that is red and has thorns."

"Do you mean a rose?"

"Yes," the man said. He turned toward the kitchen and yelled, "Rose, what's the name of that restaurant we went to last night?"

George W. Bush Quotes

"A low voter turnout is an indication of fewer people going to the polls."

"I was raised in the West. The west of Texas. It's pretty close to California. In more ways than Washington, D.C., is close to California."

"Rarely is the question asked: Is our children learning?"

"One word sums up probably the responsibility of any Governor, and that one word is 'to be prepared'."