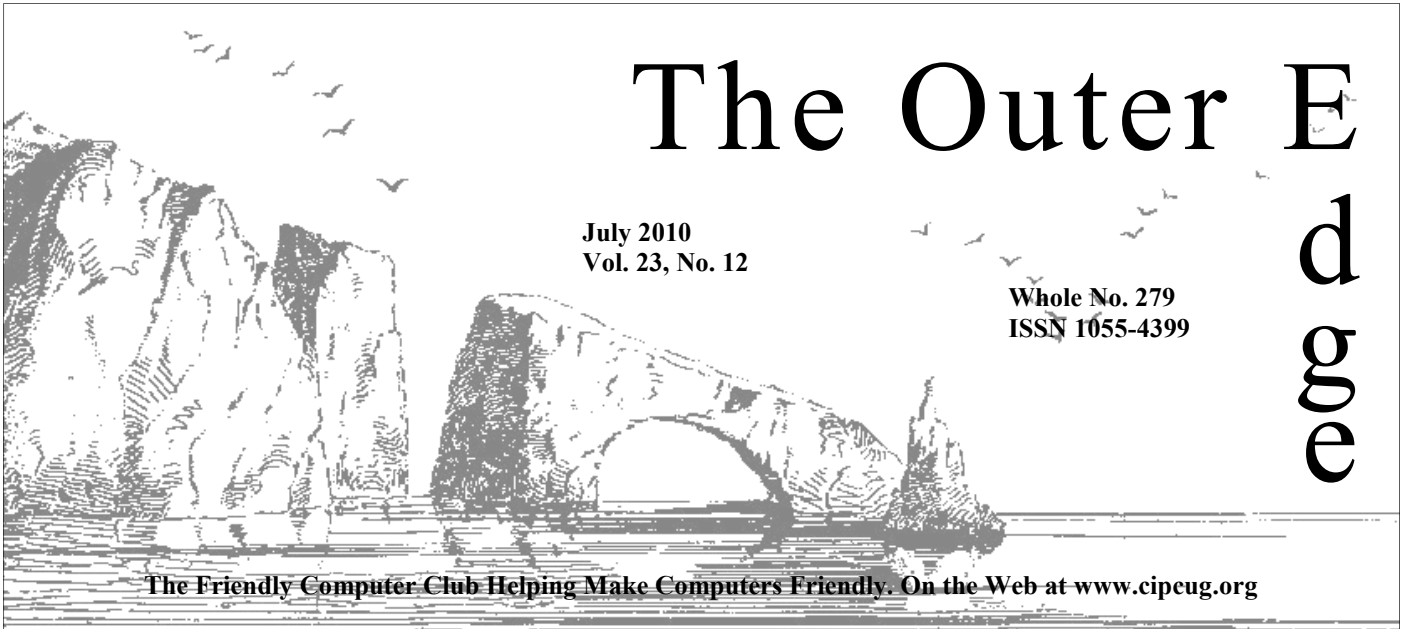


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Officers re-elected

The current officers were re-elected by acclimation at the June meeting. President Rick Curry's two-year had not expired, so he was not up for election.

Vice President Craig Ladd, Secretary Diane Mortensen and Treasurer Art Lewis were re-elected.

The immediate past president, Paul Westfer, is also an officer. The other board members are appointed positions.

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By Rick Curry, President

Happy Independence Day! Mandatory history fun facts: We declared Independence on July 2 (to the arriving British Navy); July 4 was the day Congress settled on the text of the Declaration of Independence. July 8 was when the Declaration was first read to the public. The actual fireworks began a week later at Lyndley's Fort, S.C. It was about 2½ weeks later (Aug 2) that the famous signatures began to appear on the documents.



Curry

Thanks to Dan Holmes for his Tips & Tricks for digital photography. I think the most interesting parts of his talk were on composition and not specific to digital media. Dan is a local Ventura businessman and can be found on the Web at <http://danholmesphoto.com>

Sit Up Straight!

The importance of my mother's cheerful reminders about posture was recently emphasized to me by a chiropractor. It is not just about appearance — who knew?

What the chiropractor showed me was how the spine should look like a cobra standing up for a strike: a curve at the base near the waist and a curve at the top by the head. Then he showed me what I was doing. Then I went back to work and could easily see half of the people doing the same thing!

I, and apparently a lot of other people, crane my neck toward the screen when I get engrossed in a problem. In some apparent attempt to gain enlightenment through proximity to the radiance of the pixels, I arch forward seeming poised to literally dive into the problem.

This somewhat comical and mostly harmless histrionic becomes an issue when the position is sustained. Aside from the unflattering turtle appearance I give myself when I do this, it pulls on the muscles in the neck and shoulders and gives me an ache between my shoulder blades.

And this was my epiphany for the month: Proper posture at a computer means sitting like a concert pianist (hint: Your back should not be against the back of the chair if your hands are on the keyboard!), and your head should be back (I am still having to work on this one).

And of course, if you are feeling a need to slouch, you probably need to get up and walk around or perhaps to take a short nap. It is surprisingly diffi-

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Coming events

Infogrip presentation scheduled in July

Programs

Aaron Gaston of Infogrip Inc. in Ventura will be the speaker at the July 24 meeting at the Camarillo Boys & Girls Club, 1500 Temple Ave. (southeast corner of Ponderosa Drive and Temple Avenue), Camarillo (see map on page 20).

Infogrip, 1899 E. Main St., Ventura, offers a variety of assistive technology hardware and software in several categories: keyboards; pointing, mice, trackballs; software; ergonomics; switches; vision; communication; mounting; adapters; desks/workstations; and miscellaneous. The company's website is infogrip.com.

The doors open at 8:30 a.m.. The Internet and Networking SIG and the

Computing 101 SIG start at 8:45 a.m. If you can show up early to help set up, please do. The room seems to be different every month, and we have to move lots of tables and chairs around.

Other coming meetings:

Aug. 28: Tentatively, a presentation by Toby Scott and Michael Shalkey.

Sept. 25: Iolo — Michael Simpson and/or Abbas will discuss Search & Recover and Drive Scrubber.

Oct. 23: Klassic Specialities, Don Baker (ink, paper and other printing needs).

Nov. 20, **Third Saturday**: Jim Glass, Ins & Outs of Digital Photography.

Dec. 18, **Third Saturday**: Toby Scott and Michael Shalkey on a topic to be

announced.

SIGs

Except for the Thousand Oaks PC Club Photo Group, the Special Interest Groups (SIGs) are sponsored by CIPCUG and led by volunteer club members.

Unless otherwise noted, the CIPCUG SIGs run from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Ventura County Computers, 2175 Goodyear Ave., Unit 117, Ventura; phone 289-3960. From the 101 Freeway, exit at Telephone, take Telephone south to McGrath, turn left and go one block. Turn right on Goodyear and right again into the second driveway. Unit 117 is the back, right corner of the building.

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Minutes of June Board of Directors meeting

By Diane Mortensen

secretary @cipcug.org

The CIPCUG Board of Directors held its monthly meeting on June 26, 2010. In attendance were President Rick Curry, Immediate Past President Paul Westefer, Vice-President Craig Ladd, TOE Editor John Weigle, Tech Adviser Toby Scott, Treasurer Art Lewis, Helen Long, Membership Chairman Ken Church, and Secretary Diane Mortensen.

The meeting was called to order by Rick, who asked if there was any **old business and/or updates**:

Diane provided the board with a breakdown of expenses for the Southwest Computer Conference she and Craig



Mortensen

attended June 4-6, 2010. All expenses were covered with \$4.25 remaining, which was given to Art. Craig and Diane summarized their experiences at the Southwest Computer Conference.

Ken notified the board that today's meeting and SIGs were recorded with the new digital recording equipment and that Diane would receive the USB flash drive containing today's regular Q&A session recording and the transcription software will be loaded on Diane's computer. Diane will keep the transcription kit containing the footswitch, software disk and headset. A backup cassette tape was also made of today's meeting including the Q&A session and given to Diane, just in case.

Turning to **new business**:

Craig provided the board with a tally of the meeting surveys collected from CIPCUG attendees at the April meeting and published in the May issue of TOE. There were only 12 returned surveys. The majority of the respondents were satisfied with the club's meeting presentations and some would like to see more diversity in door prizes and SIGS.

Paul commented that there were only three people at the Beginner's Sig today.

Discussions ensued on how to promote this SIG to a broader population.

John announced that the cutoff date for TOE articles is Sunday, July 4, 2010.

Helen volunteered to update CIPCUG's website to the degree she is able and has time.

The subject of future meeting presentations was discussed, and Toby again offered, if requested in advance, that he and Michael could develop a range of topics to present. Toby suggested one or more could be on free open source programs or "freeware." Of interest is more information and "how-to" for Office 2010 and the numerous free programs available, including OpenOffice. Along this line, members discussed when Toby and Michael make the next presentation on freeware, that a variety of freeware programs be loaded on to new flash drives and available for sale.

Art presented the treasurer's report for May 2010 to board members in addition to presenting it in today's business meeting. A copy of the treasurer's report appears elsewhere in TOE.

With no further matters to discuss, it was moved, seconded, and approved to adjourn the meeting.

More on Command.com

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cult to absorb new ideas without a nap; our brains need a chance to file the information away.

Now remember what your mother told you and sit up straight!

Happy computing!

Q&A

NoScript Firefox add-on, Java Script

Unless otherwise noted, the questions are answered by Toby Scott, our technical adviser and a partner in Ventura County Computers. — Editor

Internet and networking SIG

Reported by John Weigle

NoScript Add-on

Q: Last time, you discussed an add-on to Firefox that stopped something from playing. Can you go over that again?

A: You're probably talking about NoScript, which allows Flash, JavaScript, Java and other executable content to run only from trusted domains. You can allow scripts to run on sites you trust.

Michael Shalkey: When you have it installed, you'll get a notice of scripts that

it blocks, and you can decide whether to let them run or not. He went to CNN.com with NoScript running and showed both the notification and blank spots on the screen where the script items would normally appear.

Toby Scott: Most of these items are ads. The sites get paid if you click the link to an ad. The most common one is DoubleClick.com. If you look at the cookies on your browser, you'll find some that track the DoubleClick ads you go to.

Michael Shalkey: NoScript puts an icon in the lower right of your browser when it's running. Clicking on it brings up several options.

Toby Scott: Firefox can be modified in many ways. Companies and individu-

als write add-ons for it, including some for FTP, news readers and various social networking sites. When I tell you it's customizable, I'm not kidding, but don't load it up because that will slow its opening. If you find Add-ons you don't like, delete them rather than just letting them run.

JavaScript

Q: What's JavaScript?

A: It's like a batch file, a series of commands to run. It's an unfortunate name because it's not related to Java. JavaScript gets browsers to do things, some of which you don't want done. It's a constant war between script writers and script blockers to prevent the bad things.

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More on coming events ...

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The pre-meeting SIGs are at 8:45 a.m. at the Boys & Girls Club. The after-meeting SIG is at 1:30 p.m. at The Star, 550 Camarillo Center Drive, Camarillo.

There is no charge for members to attend the CIPCUG SIGs.

Until further notice, the Photo Group is not accepting new members or guests because it is close to outgrowing its meeting room. The TOPCC Photo Group, which meets at 6:30 p.m. at the Thousand Oaks Library, 1401 E. Janss Road, charges \$3 per meeting for those who are not members of the Thousand Oaks PC Club. The Web site is <http://topcc.org/dnn/SIGsPrograms/PhotoGroup/tabid/65/Default.aspx>.

The general schedule

First Monday (except in months that have holidays on or near the first Monday): TOPCC Photo Group. **It is not taking new members or guests until further notice.**

Fourth Tuesday: Linux.

Fourth Saturday (or the regular meeting day): Computing 101 SIG (Jessica Scott and Mark Maidel) and Internet and e-mail SIG, 8:45 a.m. Michael Shalkey's after-meeting SIG at

Door prizes

We have two types of raffle tickets: one for prizes offered by the presenter and one for club-provided prizes. The tickets for the presenter's prizes are free and limited to one per member.

The tickets for the club-provided prizes are \$1 each, \$5 for six tickets, \$10 for 13 tickets, \$15 for 20 tickets and \$20 for 27 tickets and are available to anyone. Those who can't stay until the drawing may sign their tickets and give the person selling the tickets a list of the prizes they would like in the order they'd pick them. Winners' prizes will be held until the next meeting.

Consignment table

A consignment table is set up at every meeting. Anyone can buy, but only members can sell.

The Star, 550 Camarillo Center Drive, Camarillo.

The schedules for the balance of July and all of August follow:

July

Saturday, July 24: regular meeting and SIGs, program is Infogrip.

Tuesday, July 27: Linux SIG. Question-and-answer session.

The club gets 10 percent of the sales price. Sold items must be picked up at the end of the day's meeting. Any items not picked up will become the property of CIPCUG and will be subject to disposal at the club's discretion.

CIPCUG is not responsible in any way for items bought or sold at the table. Each item is sold as-is unless otherwise stated.

Meeting, SIG notices

If you would like e-mail notices of regular meetings and SIGs, go to www.cipcug.org, where you'll find a link on the home page to sign up. The URL is cipcug.org/listserv.cfm.

You will need your membership number, which is on the back cover of TOE, to complete the sign-up.

August

Tuesday, Aug. 24: Linux SIG. Topic TBA.

Aug. 28: regular meeting and sigs, program TBA.

Be sure to check the calendar on cipcug.org for updates on event programs, dates and times.

More Q&A: Eudora, Linux viruses

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If you don't do updates to your browser, it's vulnerable to attacks.

Acrobat Reader; Windows 7 boot disk

A question on blocking scripts in Acrobat Reader was delayed to the general Q&A.

A question on preparing a boot disc for Windows 7 was delayed to the general Q&A.

Eudora

Q: Is there a new version of Eudora?

A: Not really. Qualcomm stopped making the e-mail program because there were so many free e-mail programs they couldn't make any money from it. Mozilla is working on a new version, but so far the only versions are beta, which I don't recommend. The older Qualcomm versions don't work very well any more. (Those who want to follow the development of Mozilla's Eudora and go to https://wiki.mozilla.org/Eudora_Releases.)

The Mozilla Foundation is good about not releasing things too soon, unlike some of its competitors.

Linux viruses

Q: Can Linux get a virus?

A: Yes. At a white hat hacker conference recently, Macintosh was the least safe architecture. But it's not attacked because of its small market share. This year, a hacker got into a Linux box faster than Windows 7.

Windows 7 and Vista are architecturally safer than Mac and Linux, but more people use Windows machines, so they're attacked more. The sophistication of most Windows users is also less. Windows has about 90 percent of the market and Mac about 5 percent, with other systems making up the rest. More information about market shares of a variety of software, including operating systems and browsers, can be found at <http://marketshare.hitslink.com>.

Windows has a reputation of being more insecure because more hackers try to get into it, and Windows machines are easier to find when hackers search the Internet for insecure computers.

E-mail problems

Q: Thunderbird doesn't send copies of

This month's Q&A topics:
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my replies to Hotmail messages back to Hotmail.

A: If you answer the mail from Thunderbird, Thunderbird keeps a copy of the sent mail on your computer. That's true of any e-mail client. If you answer the message from Hotmail, a copy of the message will be saved in the Hotmail sent box. If you want a copy of the answer on Hotmail, you can work around it by sending a blind carbon copy (Bcc) to yourself at your Hotmail address and then move it to your sent messages folder.

If you want to sync your e-mail on different machines you can use this technique, but do it judiciously. Open Thunderbird, go to Tools > Account Settings and open an account. Go to Server Settings and check the box "Leave messages on server" and pick a comparatively short time period. This will let you download mail to one computer, leaving the messages on the server. Then sign on with the other computer and download the messages. Be sure to delete messages after you've downloaded to both computers or your ISP is likely to get quite unhappy with you.

Q: Does it work with accounts on the Internet? Live Mail can bring in mail from other accounts. Sometimes if I delete items in Gmail, Live Mail picks them up again.

Audience: Gmail says it can pick up messages from lots of other online programs.

Michael Shalkey: Check or uncheck the "Leave on server" box for each account you have to change the option.

Q: Gmail sometimes doesn't appear in Sent mail.

A: That shouldn't happen. I don't have a solution.

Q: I've sent mail that didn't arrive, and people have sent me mail that didn't arrive. I have accounts on Yahoo and Hotmail.

A: Both programs have anti-spam tools. Hotmail puts what it believes to be spam in a suspected junk mail folder. Yahoo is more destructive and just eliminates some messages it thinks are spam and doesn't give you a chance to decide. I find that unacceptable.

I check my Yahoo account every three months because I have it listed as an Outlook task so they won't disable the account. I use it only for testing if a customer calls and says his client with a Yahoo account isn't getting a message. If it goes to my account, I know the problem is with the client's account. I just delete everything when I go to it. You need a Yahoo account if you're an e-mail administrator. I don't approve of any e-mail administrator playing God and deciding what messages will be eliminated without the intended recipient's knowledge. I have no problems with suspected spam being sent to a junk or spam folder that you can check.

If you decide to switch e-mail accounts, you'll have to notify everyone you want to get mail from. One way to do that is to send them a message from the new address noting you have a new address and when they reply it'll go in their address book.

Michael Shalkey: Hotmail and some other programs have a "not junk" button on messages.

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More Q&A: Office versions, online games

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Toby Scott: I like Gmail and Hotmail but not Yahoo. Yahoo is fine if you get little mail. But if a message doesn't show up in the inbox or junk, you'll never see it.

Michael Shalkey: To be fair, they're fighting spam, but it's incredibly aggressive.

Toby Scott: My wife is an architect, and Yahoo won't accept her big files or send any kind of error message or indication that the mail was not accepted. It's a problem when clients say they didn't get a message, and she says she sent it.

Q: Thunderbird is getting duplicates of messages. I've unchecked "leave on server."

A: I don't know for certain. The only thing I can think of is that it's not completing the download and starts over. After the server sends the last message, it sends a message to the e-mail program saying, "that's all; did you get everything?" If your computer says yes, the server deletes the messages; if your computer says no, the process starts over, and you might get duplicates there. The process is called "ack exchange" (for "acknowledgement exchange").

Michael Shalkey: MozillaZine at http://kb.mozillazine.org/Duplicate_messages_received has some possible solutions, but use them only if you're getting duplicate messages. The possible solutions (taken directly from the Web site):

"Set Thunderbird to delete messages from the server: go to 'Tools > Account Settings > Server settings', and uncheck 'Leave messages on server.'

"[Compact your mail folders](#) on a regular basis.

"Compact folders, exit Thunderbird, and go to your mail folders (in your [profile folder](#)). Delete the index files, named *.msf (such as 'Inbox.msf'). These will be rebuilt when you launch the application again. (You should not need to do this on a regular basis, however.)

"Try deleting the [popstate.dat](#) file from the account subfolder in the 'Mail' folder in your [profile folder](#). If 'popstate.dat' gets corrupted Thunderbird

can get confused about what has been downloaded. (Note: if you delete 'popstate.dat' and you still have messages on the server that have already been downloaded once, they will all get downloaded again.)

"As a last resort, you can try creating a [new profile](#), setting up your accounts in it, and then [migrating your mail and address books](#) over from the old profile.

"If you share your mails with Windows/Linux via Thunderbird (prefs.js tip), and you always get the leaved message again, ensure you've removed all the relative paths in the prefs.js you've modified.

"Of course, if you try deleting files or making a new profile, it's wise to first make a temporary [backup](#) of your mail and settings."

Regular Q&A

Reported by Diane Mortensen

Free Microsoft Office

Q: Which of the Microsoft Office 2010 editions is free?

A: A starter edition will be free, and they are about to announce that; however the starter edition is just Word and Excel.

Playing games online

Q: Does anyone in the group have any suggestions on how I can play games with my 9-year-old grandson who lives in Indiana? Could that possibly be done by using Skype or is there a way that I being here and he being there can install a program so that we might be able to play together?

A: In Windows 7, you can go to the games and there is Internet. Microsoft came up with Internet Checkers, Internet Hearts, Spades, and several games that are WildTangent. I do not like WildTangent games because of spyware, but there are several of these gaming things. What you can do is use Skype or a chat window and sign into like Game 435 when there is an empty seat. Kids can do card games or whatever kind of game you are in. You can pick your opponent.

Q: So, is there like one table in front where each one of us can move in, and it shows up on both? With Skype, can we also talk back and forth? In addition, is

this available for those who do not yet have Windows 7?

A: Correct. You would use Skype for your chat, play the games, and include voice. You can go on with XP. There are many online games, but stay with major links. Microsoft has a lot of online games and Sierra, too. I do not know that much about gaming.

Audience comment: Most kids have a Wii and you can hook up the Internet to the Wii and play games that way.

Office emulation

Q: In Office 2007, there is a getting started selection you can hit on, go back and it will bring up an emulation of 2003 if you can't find your commands in 2007. There is also a lone custom toolbar across the screen you can populate with your personal commands. It is terrible, but at least it is there. My question is can you purchase Office 2003?

A: Possibly on eBay, but not from major vendors so you may not feel too comfortable.

No upgrade price for Office 2010

Q: I like to have everything that is new, but I am resistant going to 2010 because they do not offer an update. You have to get the full version.

A: Yes, there are no upgrades to 2010. Understand Microsoft-think and increasingly Microsoft money is made from corporate sales and not from people like us. What they are trying to get people to do is to essentially license a product on an annual fee and you can get Office with the software assurance and it gives you a certain amount of tech support and anytime a new product or conversion comes out you get a license for it automatically. That is what they want to sell, the product with software assurance. In order to encourage that, they got rid of the upgrade rates. It's a corporate decision, not much you can do about it. Understand you can use Office '97. I did it.

Reading 2010 documents in 2003

Q: Those of us with 2003, can we read 2010 documents? Do we use the same translator used for 2007?

A: Yes, same format as 2007. They

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More Q&A: PDF documents, boot disks

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changed the format between '97 and 2000 and then it was the same format to 2000, 2002, 2003, and they changed it for 2007 and it is the same as 2010. There are three formats — '97 format, 2000 to 2003 formats and then 2007 to 2010 so far formats.

Scanning document to fill in blanks

Q: Can you scan a document in 2010, then go in, and fill in the blanks. In Open Office, you can, in Microsoft Office, no.

Michael: I had this as the topic as one of the after-meeting SIGs three months ago. I can rerun that SIG and show you how to turn any piece of paper into a syllable, audible PDF. I can do that as a tutorial to show you that; it is easy to do.

Q: Is it something you can write up in TOE?

A: It is a little complicated, and there are many pictures and would take up too many pages in the TOE. It is hard to explain in words and you have to understand how to do it by seeing it. I could do a PowerPoint presentation and put it up on the CIPCUG website. Another SIG I would like to work on is how to record your screen as a movie and then save that image as a file. I could do a tutorial that way. I can do the whole thing and then save the tutorial of the video of how it looks, then save it as a file. That is something I want to work on in the next several months. I am running out of topics for my SIGs.

Finding a missing menu

Toby: In Internet Explorer and in almost all of the new Office things and the default settings for Windows, you will notice that the menu bar — File, Options, Edit, View, Tools, etc. does not exist. If you hit the ALT key, it will pop up. Anytime you are in a program that you expect to see that and you do not see it, hit the ALT key, which is right next to the space bar. It is a pop up to the menu so you do not lose your space. I do not know anyway to pin it back up. Get used to it, because it is here to stay.

We are going to revisit the security settings for Acrobat. In news broadcasts about Internet security, it is stated that

sometime this year, Adobe will beat Microsoft as the most vulnerable part of your computer where bad people can come in and take over. They are going to win.

Here is one of the ways to prevent it. Open up Acrobat Reader (any version from 6 to 9) go to Edit > Preferences, and click on Javascript then definitely UN-CHECK that box where it says, "Enable" which should be left blank. That means that when I open up a PDF file such as an attachment to an e-mail, it can have embedded in it a Java script, which could be malicious and can take over my computer. If I just look at a PDF, my computer can now be infected. Also note at the bottom where it says trust manager and states "allow opening of non-PDF file attachment with external applications." Think about what that sentence means: I want a PDF I am opening to actually open up some other program on my computer and do something else without my knowledge or permission. The concept of that sentence is stupid, and, by default, Adobe checks it. Make sure the box is left blank.

Audience Comment: I work at AT&T and we have several patches of Acrobat 9 at work, and at home, I have Acrobat Pro. I receive updates from Adobe all the time and when installing, I lose my security updates. Apparently, they are aware they are vulnerable.

Michael: Adobe announced that they are going to do security patches once every three months. Everyone in the security field laughed. They have been doing it once every month, and now they may go to doing it once every two weeks because they are finding so many to fix.

Making Windows 7 boot disks

Q: How do you make boot disks for Windows 7?

A: Disks for repair: Start, type repair, take the first option, put your disks in, and go create repair disk. The CD is only a repair disk; it does not re-install Windows; it only repairs your existing installation. It will boot only the computer you are sitting at. This is crucial to do if you want to be someone, like me, who helps other people. There are two types of repairs for the two versions of Windows —

32-bit and 64-bit repair disks. You want to make sure you are using the right repair disk if you are trying to repair a computer. When I do it on the computer I am working at and it is a 64-bit, then I will create a Windows 7 Home Premium 64-bit repair disk. This will boot only the machine I am at and repair any problems I am having. That is why everyone should burn his or her own boot disk.

You can also do a restore disk. Once everything you want is installed and working correctly, in Windows 7 click Start and type "backup" and then select Backup and Restore from the options presented. On the left, select "Create a system image." If you have a new computer, it will take three DVDs; the more stuff you have on it, the more DVDs it will take. Once you get your computer set up and have all of the updates done and everything like anti-virus programs, etc., you burn it on to DVDs. Then if your hard drive ever dies, you have your own restore DVDs to put in a new hard drive for your computer. It will completely rebuild your computer to the state it was when you created the disks.

This is a much better method of restoring especially if you bought a Dell or HP and they gave you system restore disks. By the time you do it, hopefully, you have already gotten rid of the junkware that HP put on and you are creating an image without the junk. If you use the restore disks, you were given by the manufacturer, all the junk will come back like McAfee Security Suite 30-day trial and all the other things you do not need. Another thing is that with some of the vendors, if you lose your restore disk(s) you are out of luck. If you burn them, you can save them yourself.

The boot disk boots an operating system on to the CD and you can make improvements and change things in your Windows system. You can use the boot disk when the hard drive is working, but if something happens, it will not boot correctly. It will not erase the data, and there is an option to restore this image, what we just spoke about, and if you want, one of the options on the repair disk

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Program: Digital photography tips and tricks

Ventura photographer shares some secrets

By John Weigle

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Photographer Dan Holmes of Ventura summed up his presentation on tips and tricks for digital photography this way:

Tip No. 1: Learn the fundamentals.

Tip No. 2: Get it right in the camera.

Trick No. 1: Learn the fundamentals.

Trick No. 2: Get it right in the camera.

But before he got to that, he answered lots of questions, showed some beautiful

photos and made lots of other suggestions for better pictures.

Holmes said he got his first camera — probably a Brownie — as a child (7, 8 or 11, he said) and took pictures at Big Sur of big waves breaking on rocks at mid-day (a time he now normally never shoots, he said). “When I got the photos back from the corner drug store, something happened. I looked at that and went, ooh,” he said, and was hooked. In col-

lege, he asked his parents if he could borrow money to buy a Canon F1 from a friend in Hong Kong, and they refused.

He got the camera for Christmas.

He retained his interest in photography and over the years made it his profession. “It became something I had to do,” he said.

Holmes’ journey to becoming a professional began after a visiting friend told

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is “restore an image.” If you do not click on “restore an image” it will not destroy any of your data.

Just to be clear, there are two different kinds of disks to create. The first is the Repair Disk on a CD, which will allow you to fix minor problems with your Windows. The second is a Restore Disk set on several DVDs, which will allow you to re-create your entire system setup in the event the hard drive dies or becomes so severely damaged that recovery is not possible.

Finding cheaper Office 2010

Q: On Office 2010 last time I checked it was \$500 for 2010 Pro. Where would someone who is an average user buy the program at less cost?

A: They are going to cost a lot even with a discount. Our cost was around \$460. You can use the beta until Oct. 31, 2010, but it will nag you saying, “You are not activated.” Using the beta is a way to test the program; it will definitely shut off Oct. 31 or Nov. 1, 2010, and you will not be able to use it after that time. Office 2010 came out on June 17, 2010.

For most of the people in this room, OpenOffice is a better choice than Microsoft Office even if they cost the same. It is smaller, tighter, has more features you can use in anything other than a corporate setting and will read and write MS Office documents. And it is free (it’s on the CIP-CUG flash drive if you have it).

The only program to watch out for is

MS Access. If you have an Access database program, you’ll need MS Office Pro at around \$500.

Recovering from disks

Q: With the backup drive on the disks, if my hard drive dies, what would be my recovery process? What do I have to do before?

A: When it was much harder to do backups than it is today, when your hard drive died, you cried a lot. In many cases, it was cheaper to buy a new computer than to repair the old. What you do now is back up on DVDs, do a system repair disk, which is a bootable repair disk on a CD, and then say something dies on your laptop. You go buy a new hard drive, flip the laptop over, unscrew the hard drive cover, take the old hard drive out, and put in the new unformatted hard drive. Then hit the power button, start with a boot disk, it will ask if you want to restore, you click Yes, and put in the DVDs one at a time and in about 20 minutes, the computer is exactly how it was when you created the DVDs. If you have backed up your data to flash drives, stick your flash drive in the computer and restore your data, and you are back in business.

You start the repair process with the CD, and it creates a mini-operating system that will allow you to do things — to fix your computer or if you have a new hard drive and you want to restore, you can tell it to restore and point it where you have your restore image. What you restore to depends on what you have. If

you burn the setup disk right after you bought the computer and you restore from those, your data will not be there, only the set up from earlier on. If some of you were using Carbonite or other online backup storage, you would restore your computer, then go to Carbonite, and restore all your data. If you are using a USB drive and Windows 7 backup or something like that and you have created an image, continuously update the image with new data, and newly installed programs. If you have all your updates, etc. stored on a USB drive you have all that is needed should the computer crash. Carbonite does not restore everything, only backup data, not programs.

Restrictions on new drive

Q: Are there any restrictions on the new hard drive you put in — physically.

A: Yes. One of the options is if your hard drive dies, you use this process, and you are back to normal. If the hard drive you have is too small and you go buy a larger one, you do the exact same process.

The only restriction is that the hard drive you put in to replace the old hard drive must be the same size or bigger; it cannot be smaller. And it must be the same kind of drive architecture. You cannot put a Serial ATA (SATA) drive in a Parallel ATA (PATA) computer. As a general rule, if your laptop came with XP, it is probably PATA. If Vista or 7, probably SATA. There are exceptions, so be sure to check.

Recommendations of Dan Holmes

Books

“Natural Light Photography,” by Ansel Adams

“Mountain Light: In Search of the Dynamic Landscape,” by Galen Rowell

“The DAM Book: Digital Asset Management for Photographers,” by Peter Krogh

“National Geographic Photography Field Guide: Secrets to Making Great Pictures,” by Peter K. Burian

O’Reilly Books digital photography guides

Software

Picasa, free basic editing

Adobe Light Room, a \$300 program for advanced work

Camera

A digital single-lens reflex (DSLR) (Nikon, Canon and Olympus are the three top brands that should be around for a long time)

A good tripod

Printers and ink

Canon and Epson, with HP a close third

Epson papers and inks

The Rules of a Good Photo

Tell a story
Simplify
Get Close
Eliminate

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him that “Galen had died.” “Galen” was Galen Rowell, a student of Ansel Adams and well-known photographer in his own right. Holmes’ wife started buying some of Rowell’s books for him, which served as inspiration.

Holmes shoots many genres: landscapes, wildlife, portraits and weddings; and teaches workshops. “Shooting is all about light. It’s all about color, It’s all about emotion” he said.

“The way I look at it is first there’s the capture — seeing and grabbing the image in the camera. The camera is the hardware. The software is your vision.

“Then there’s the development; I’ve called it the creation. Taking the photo from the camera and using software to finish the image. You can let the camera do it ... and guess what you’ve got. You’ve got a picture that’s not going to be much different than the millions of other pictures that were taken with all those other digital cameras.”

Adams would definitely work in the digital darkroom, Holmes said. He spent lots of time when making his prints burning and dodging to get the effects he wanted — “he called the negative the score and the print the symphony,” Holmes said — and “what you see in his pictures is not what you see with your eye.”

Holmes asked the audience the difference between film and digital. One per-

son said digital is cheaper, but that’s not the case, Holmes said; he buys a new camera body every two or three years, there’s software to buy, along with a good monitor and printer and other equipment, and most of all, your time is expensive.

“As far as the image goes, there’s no difference” between digital and film, he said, and he doesn’t shoot differently when using one or the other. A sensor and film are both substrates to capture light, he said. “It’s a lot more about the image than about the hardware,” he emphasized.

Although he still sometimes uses a point-and-shoot camera to take pictures of kids (it’s less intimidating than a big camera), he recommends that people who plan to be serious shooters graduate to a DSLR — digital single lens reflex. The point-and-shoot camera, he said, doesn’t allow much opportunity to use depth of field effects and other creative techniques.

Digital Single-lens Reflex cameras (DSLRs) have two sizes of sensors, the six-tenths and a full sized 35mm. The six-tenths is cheaper and smaller than 35 mm. (It makes a telephoto lens longer, but it takes away the wide angle, which, for Holmes, is more important than telephoto.

Buyers of DSLRs should be careful when buying lenses, he said. If you buy lenses made for the 6/10th sensor, they will not work with the larger sensor.

Holmes uses a tripod regularly

“because I’m shooting at the break of dawn and the break of night” for landscapes with exposures are 8 to 30 seconds, he said. “The best way to save \$700 on a tripod is to buy the right one the first time,” he said.

Shoot with the highest quality settings a camera has, he said, so you’ll have as much data as possible to work with when making prints.

Holmes sometimes shoots several exposures of the same thing and uses layers in PhotoShop to do HDR blends. He’s not a big fan of HDR software (high dynamic range imaging) yet, he said.

He was asked how to shoot a person in front of a waterfall and get what you want. “What made you stop? What one thing made you grab that camera? Why did you pick up the camera? Was it about the person or was it about the waterfall?” he replied. If you want to tell a story about the person, get close and concentrate on him / her. If you want to tell the story of the waterfall, move back and let the person seem small.

Scenery can ruin a picture he said, because “there’s so much stuff.” It is important to look to the one thing you want to emphasize in your picture and eliminate the rest. It took him a while to learn, he said, but when we look at something we concentrate on one thing, not an entire scene. If you experiment with a group of people — such as his audience

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— you'll see that if you look at one person, that person will be in focus, while others will be out of focus. The focus changes as you look at different individuals, he said. The same is true of whatever you're looking at.

A successful image has one point of interest that makes it clear why you took the picture, he said. There are emotional reasons to take a picture — it's cold, the wind is blowing, the dog just bit the cat, you just had a fight with your wife, and so on — but the camera doesn't pick up any of those things, so you can't convey all those events and feelings in a snapshot, he said.

"We've spent a lifetime looking at lousy images," he said, "and that kind of set the bar really, really low. I like to make imagery that says, 'Wow I would have loved to have been there' and it's kind of the feeling that I got when I was there," he said.

He was asked how he felt about taking a picture of the full moon in one location and a picture of a mountain peak in another and composting the two. "I think the compost word is just right," he said. That's art rather than photography, he said. He will adjust colors with software to bring out the colors we see at a sunset or sunrise, but won't change the content of the phot, he said.

To make a large print, get the best picture you can by locking the camera down on a tripod, Holmes said, because the bigger you make a picture the more its slightest flaws will show.

Adjusting the computer monitor is important so what you see on the monitor and the print will match, and it's even more important if you take your photos to an outside lab for printing. Buying the software to do that is another cost of digital photography, he noted.

Some things, including snow, lava and a forest, are especially difficult to



Photo by Jerry Crocker

Speaker Dan Holmes, left, receives the microphone from Vice President Craig Ladd.

shoot. There may be too much "stuff" and it is difficult to find form and composition.

Concentrate on one point of interest, he added, "If you've got a "plural" or more than one point of interest, it's not going to be a good image."

Asked why he uses a Macintosh, he said he doesn't want to worry about how an operating system works. He just wants to turn the computer on and have it work. Most graphic artists use Macs, but PCs work equally well, he said.

He said he uses cable shutter releases and should use the mirror lock-up more than he does.

Buy the very best CDs and DVDs you can to store pictures, but remember that everything degrades over time, he advised. Also label them so you can find pictures on them. Don't put a label on them or print on them, he said. Use an

archival pen and write on the inner rim of the CD or DVD. The best backup system is one that is used. External hard drives and some of the Internet backup programs are excellent.

Always carry extra batteries and cards, he said.

Holmes said prints of his picture, several of which were displayed at the meeting, are \$125. His calendars were sold for \$7. Orders can be placed on his website.

(The author expresses his appreciation to Dan Holmes for reviewing this report for accuracy.)

On the Net:

<http://www.danholmesphoto.com/Danholmesphoto.com/Home.html>

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Highlights of Southwest Computer Conference

(Diane Mortensen and Craig Ladd attended the Southwest Computer Conference as representatives of CIPCUG. Here are their reports. — Editor)

By Diane Mortensen

I appreciated the opportunity to represent CIPCUG at the Southwest Computer Conference 2010. Last year was my first time at the conference, and it was more familiar this time around. Even though the format was the same for 2009 and 2010 conferences, it had some changes. Several items I liked better this year than last were:

Vendors exhibits: On Saturday night, attendees had more time this year to speak to representatives from various companies who were exhibiting. At the end of the greet-and-meet, vendors were introduced and gave a summary of their product. All the vendors contributed door prizes, and names were pulled after the each vendor's presentation.

At lunch on Saturday, there was a **Microsoft presentation**, which, in my opinion, was greatly improved over last year. There were four representatives, two older gentlemen and two younger. Having been longer employed at Microsoft, the older representatives provided "information." The two younger representatives were more enthusiastic about all the new products Microsoft was putting out. They were especially excited about the new Microsoft retail stores opening in California, Arizona, and Colorado. The first store opened in October 2009 in Scottsdale, Ariz. Approximately a week later on Oct. 29, 2009, the Mission Viejo store in Orange County had its grand opening. The San Diego store will open soon and there is another planned for Denver, Colo.

Craig and I rode to the conference together and decided on the way back home we would stop off and visit the Microsoft Mission Viejo store. Before leaving the conference, I downloaded off the Microsoft website directions and a map to the Mission Viejo store. We eventually found the store but not until after driving around and around, stopping to ask three or four people where the store



Photo from <http://www.microsoftstore.com/missionviejo/>

The is the Microsoft Store in Mission Viejo.

was located. They all said the map and directions were totally wrong and redirected us to the main intersection, The Shops. We were thinking a store located in a minimall or similar to a Fed-X-Kinkos store, and that is what we kept looking for.

We found The Shops street where the store was supposed to be but could not find the number. The store was located in the Mission Viejo mall where I shopped many times when I lived in Orange County. No one said, "the store is in the Mission Viejo Mall," only that it is on The Shops street, which I never heard of. Once in the mall we found the store on the upper level. It is a large, modern store, well designed and for a Sunday, there were quite a number of people trying out the equipment and products.

Both stores are poised to follow a common formula partly based on Apple's retail shops that includes a theater for concerts and learning sessions as well as "answer bars." Ironically, Apple also has a store in the same Mission Viejo mall where the Microsoft store opened.

For a Sunday, there were quite a few people trying out and buying. We told the rep who greeted us we had just come from the computer conference, where Microsoft reps had spoken highly about

the store. We also showed him the Bing map and directions, and he could not believe a map could be so wrong. We were impressed with the design of the store, the quality of information the rep provided, and the ability for customers to try out various equipment before buying.

Microsoft has to date avoided making any more definitive plans regarding future stores and is rumored to be taking a wait-and-see approach to avoid overcommitting to retail without signs it will be successful. The pressure is nonetheless high on the company to expand as Apple's retail revenue grew nine percent this summer even in spite of an ongoing economic slump.

By Craig Ladd

At the Southwest Computer Conference I attended seven workshops. There were others I would have liked to attend, but they were conducted at the same time as ones I attended. So I will do a quick overview.

Insight Into Photography: Rick Edwards, associate of The Royal Photographic Society, official photographer, Kenya Wildlife Service.

Rick covered many aspects of photography during his presentation, including

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showing a 15-minute slide show. Edwards is dedicated to developing the essentials that will help you add an extra dimension to your photographs. One important point I took away was using `Picturestoexe Deluxe 6.0` <<http://www.wnsoft.com/>>, one of the best slide show creators! If you go to theswcc.org, you can get a zip file of slide presentations of photographs.

Organize Your Life with Evernote: Jim Perry, Internet SIG Chair, Prescott Computer Society.

With Evernote you can organize your life by creating “notebooks” for different categories. Anything that can be scanned or copied, you can store on your PC or laptop.

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evernote.com, store any file, free 40 megabytes per month, 500 megabytes per month for \$45 per year.

Linux — Orv Beach: I introduced Orv Beach and stayed for his presentation on Ubuntu. He talked about open source software and GNU license. Featured was the Ubuntu operating system. There was good attendance, and all of his discs with Ubuntu were given out by the end of conference. I am trying out the Linux Mint distribution of Ubuntu and so far like it!

Microsoft Tech session — David Lynn & Woody Pewitt: Discussed were Bing, Price Predictor for air fares, shopping, maps, and live sync. Another topic was Windows Phone Office, Live Workspace. Office 2010, Mesh, Office Live and Microsoft’s new Cloud offerings were also discussed.

Social Networking — Cheryl Wester, program chair, Temecula Valley Computer UG: The presentation was described this way: “Facebook, Twitter? Are these terms you have heard of but are not really sure how to use or if you want to. If so, this is the workshop for you. Come learn about social networking and have some fun. We’ll even set up an account for you. See you on Facebook! It’s fun.” Two points covered the most were privacy settings and chat.

What’s Cool, What? Hot, and

What’s Not in Consumer Electronics — Dave Whittle: Want to find the best and avoid the worst gadgets, software, and goodies? Dave, with help from friends John C. Dvorak (PC Magazine), Steve Bass (PC World), Robin Raskin (Last Gadget Standing), Cheryl Currid (ABC TV), Jim Louderback (Revision3), and Chris Pirillo (CNN.com) share the scoop on their best loved, most wanted, and worst letdown consumer electronics products, sites, and services.

Dave also showed how you can get involved in the social revolution to easily help your friends and loved ones in sharing recommendations and product experience, so everyone involved can get the best and avoid the worst.

The session was interactive, lively, and enjoyable. Dave did a show-and-tell, featuring muvee Reveal 8, Windows software that takes your digital photos and/or video clips and transforms them into a DVD slideshow or music video. What’s more, the CEO of muvee was there to answer questions — direct from Singapore.

<http://coolhotnot.com/> — referer whitte <lower case>, social sharing for trustworthy, unbiased tech product ratings.

The “Ins” and “Outs” of Digital Photography, Jim Glass, zip files available at www.theswcc.org/workshops.

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Taking an SSD test drive: WOW!

By Rick Smith
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I hope everyone had a great Fourth of July holiday this year. We live in what I believe to be the greatest country in the world, and I fly my flag proudly outside my home. My sister in Hawaii was lucky enough to buy a home in Oahu that was previously owned by a military man who erected a real flag-



Rick's rant
Smith

pole in the backyard. You'll never find me "Striking the Colors." God Bless The USA! OK, now that I've done my patriotic duty let's talk about computing. You may have noticed that in our monthly ad I've been touting Intel's "My SSD Rocks" promotion. Well today I'd like to explain why I am such a fan of this new technology and some of the terms associated with it. I'll try not to get too technical, (I'll leave that for those Linux

guys). But once you know the facts, you, too, will become a fan of this new and promising technology. Here are four reasons to consider an Intel SSD on your PC or especially your notebook.

1. System Responsiveness. The performance bottleneck of modern PCs has been the only main mechanical device, its hard drive, for data storage. The new SSDs, solid state drives, use nanotechnology instead of mechanical rotation of metal data platters. The average total system performance increase is somewhere from 43 percent to 57 percent. That's phenomenal! In one fell swoop you can get that kind of performance increase. I'm surprised the phone is not ringing already with callers requesting this new product. It's what is known in the industry as a "Game Changer."

2. Ruggedness. Because of a lack of moving parts these devices are far more rugged than regular hard drives. This is especially useful in notebook PCs. If you dropped your notebook, it was always a

toss-up if your hard drive's data would survive the impact. Vibration can also cause a drive to fail over time. Intel SSDs have been tested up to 1,500 G's. Now maybe at the next meeting I can throw one around and jump on it as a demonstration of what I'm talking about.

3. Power Consumption. SSDs have no moving parts and subsequently use far less power than a mechanical device. This turns into greater battery benefits for your notebook and makes you nice and green. When the drive is in an idle or low power state you can save up to 98 percent power consumption compared to a regular drive.

4. Total Cost of Ownership. Even though today's solid state drives are more expensive than a conventional hard drive, if you take in all three previous factors, greater productivity, reliability and lower power consumed, an Intel SSD drive will have a lower cost of ownership over time. The more systems you own, especially in business, the more this becomes evident.

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Now, you've probably noticed that I only seem to mention Intel SSDs, not other products. I believe that the Intel MLC solid state drives are better than their competition, and I'll explain why. But first let's get up to speed on some of the terminology involved in NAND flash memory.

Lithography. Nanolithography refers to the fabrication of nanometer-scale structures, meaning patterns with at least one lateral dimension between the size of an individual atom and approximately 100 nm. Nanolithography is used during the fabrication of leading-edge semiconductor integrated circuits (nanocircuitry) or nanoelectromechanical systems (NEMS). That is the Wikipedia definition. Here's a more simple explanation: Lithography is a measurement of how thick the circuit lines are. So the smaller Lithography, the more bits or data you can cram into any given space. As you get smaller and smaller, everything gets more difficult as voltages and other factors become more pronounced. Intel partnered with Micron in manufacturing about three years ago when the technology was at about 90 nanometers. It then

went down to 72; they then caught up to the industry at 50 nanometers and then led the industry at 34 nanometer technology and are now at 25 nanometer technology. And because the cost of NAND silicon is about 98 percent of the cost of producing the product Intel has a distinct advantage at producing the best technology at the lowest cost.

Multilevel and Single-level Cell. Single level cell was the original design of all flash memory. It was reliable and has high endurance. The only thing that can wear out a flash memory cell is how many writes you write to it. You can read indefinitely, you can have millions of reads. But what wears a NAND out is how many times you cycle the flash by writing and erasing. Single cells deliver more than 100,000 write cycles. A multicycle cell can hold two bits of data or more and is more susceptible to write cycling. Now you go down to 5,000 or 10,000 write cycles. This is why the NAND controller technology is so important: It can tweak the memory-writing process to get better cycling out of the multilevel cell to minimize writes and improve the life of the drive. There can be anywhere from five to 85 flash chips

in an SSD device. This is where better controller technology makes a big difference.

Write Amplification. Write amplification is a phenomenon where the host PC wants to write one gigabyte of data to an SSD device and poor controller technology will actually write up to 20 gigabytes of information to get that one gigabyte of data written. If you can lower your write amplification to the drive it produces less thrash, the quicker the drive works and your endurance goes way up. Intel has the lowest write amplification in the industry at 1.1 — for every 1 gigabyte of information to be written only 1.1 gigabyte is used. This allows Intel MLC SSDs to last much longer than the competition.

So there it is. You are now all experts on SSD NAND technology and can now go out and bore everyone at the next backyard barbecue. Or better yet hang out at a Linux SIG where your newfound knowledge is sure to be appreciated. Myself, I'll be waiting right here by the phone taking orders as America wises up to the advantages of SSDs in their PCs.

P.S. Many thanks to Intel's Troy Winslow for providing me with the technical information.

Smart Computing tips and fun facts

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Improve your PC's performance: If you have a lot of data on your PC, adding an external hard drive to your notebook or desktop setup could help improve your PC's performance. You'll be able to avoid bogging your system down with additional files. This will help save your computer's main hard drive from normal wear and tear, thus helping it last longer.

HDTV shopping tip: Consider connectivity: Connectivity used to mean, "Does a TV have enough of the ports your A/V equipment uses?" Having enough A/V ports, such as HDMI (High-

Definition Multimedia Interface) 1.3, is still important, but today, you should also look into an HDTV's Internet connectivity features. Most Web-enabled TVs can connect to your home network router through an Ethernet cable, powerline adapter, or wireless adapter (all sold separately). Once online, they can access content such as movie- and video-streaming services, "widgets" that update you on weather or sports scores, and a Web browser for general surfing without a computer. Also look for support for other connections, as they make a TV even more versatile. For example, many sets can play video files and slideshows of photos stored on USB devices and/or memory cards.

Windows 7 shortcuts: Some of the

cooler Windows 7 windows management tricks involve docking windows to the left or right half of the screen. This feature expands or contracts the current window to half the Desktop and pins it to the edge of your display. Press WIN (the Windows logo key)-Left arrow or WIN-Right arrow to dock the current window to the left or right side of the screen, respectively. If you continuously press WIN-Right arrow or WIN-Left arrow, the current window will cycle between its original size and placement and being pinned to the left or right half of the display.

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An open source PDF document creator

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Creating PDF documents may not be an everyday task for most computer users, but it is for some. Perhaps you print up notices for your club; invitations to a party or shower; a sign notifying neighbors of a lost pet; or brochures for a nonprofit organization. Often, the final product of these endeavors is a PDF document.

Now, you or your organization might part with a few hundred dollars to purchase one of the Adobe Acrobat products, the standard version of which will probably have everything you need in a PDF document production application. Before you do, though,

you may want to consider a cost-free alternative that also supports most every feature you might desire, an alternative that has been around a while, is robust, simple to use, and will run under Windows. This month we will survey the PDF production features of OpenOffice.org, a free office application suite.

Its PDF export functionality, and export functionality in general, has come a long way since the earlier versions of OpenOffice.org. Perhaps this explains why the latest version of OpenOffice.org Writer has both plain Export and Export to PDF choices under the File menu, with

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the Export menu offering PDF as one of the export formats. Whichever choice you make to export to PDF, the same options dialog will be presented, and this dialog is where you get many chances to tailor exactly what you want in your exported document. The dialog is divided into five tabbed pages. The defaults will almost always give you acceptable results. But for finer control of your export, here are some of your options.

The General tab controls basic features of the output. Here you choose which pages to print: all, single pages, or ranges. Ranges can even be noncontiguous parts of the source document. You can control the final size of your PDF file by changing the quality of embedded images in your document. Keep in mind that this is a tradeoff. The lower the quality, the less sharp the images will be. The higher the quality, the larger the document, especially if there are a number of images. If the best image quality possible is required, then a lossless setting is available. The lower section in this tab contains several miscellaneous settings. You can select PDF/A-1a output format, which is the choice for documents meant to be archived; Tagged PDF so that the document produced can be opened by certain document readers; create the output as a PDF form, which has fields the recipient can enter information into, and the format of the data they enter; whether or not you want the export to include any bookmarks, comments, or blank pages that OpenOffice.org has created in the document; and create a hybrid document that includes an ODF-formatted version of the document within the PDF file, allowing the PDF to be edited at a later time.

The Initial View tab allows you to choose what recipients will see upon opening your PDF. Options are whether or not to show bookmarks or thumbnails along with the document, a specific initial magnification, the page layout (single or multiple pages), and which page to start on (perhaps to skip over a title page or table of contents). Of course, the reader of your document will be able to change to the view they prefer after they've

opened the PDF.

The User Interface tab provides additional control of the initial view of the PDF, but here the options affect various elements of the recipient's PDF reader. The reader can be resized to fit the initial page, centered in the user's screen, opened in full screen mode, and be made to display the document's title. Next, you can choose to hide the reader's menu bar, tool bar, and window controls, possibly at the risk of annoying the recipient of your PDF. The Use transition effects option is specific to Powerpoint-like documents. Saving such a document with transition effects produces a PDF that can be viewed as a slide show. The last option allows you to limit the number of bookmark levels that appear in the reader program. In OpenOffice.org, bookmark levels are equivalent to header style levels.

The Links tab is useful if you are exporting a series of linked documents. If so, then you'll want to convert your bookmarks to named destinations (of links in another PDF), convert your document references to PDF targets (links to another PDF), and make the document links relative to the filesystem (allowing the links to work no matter where the group of files is saved). Lastly you can allow the links to open in the default mode of the recipient's PDF reader or force them to be opened by a PDF reader or a Web browser.

The last tab, Security, controls certain security options of your PDF. Be aware that the true security of a PDF document, no matter how it is produced, is very low. Software and instructions are easily found and freely available on the Web that allow all PDF security controls to be circumvented. But if you wish to or must set up security in your document, here you set a password required to open the PDF and another optional password that, unless it is supplied, limits what the recipient can do with your opened PDF. These limits include if the PDF can be printed and, if so, at what resolution; whether the PDF can be modified by, say, inserting or deleting pages, or filling in form fields; whether any part of the PDF

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Excel and Word tips

Excel: Indenting Cell Contents

Microsoft Excel allows you to format the contents of a cell in myriad ways. One of the formatting options you can apply is to indent the contents of a cell by a certain amount. This is similar to indenting done in a word processor, such as Microsoft Word, except that the indenting is specified in a number of characters, not in a linear distance such as inches or points.

To set the indent to be used in a cell, follow these steps:

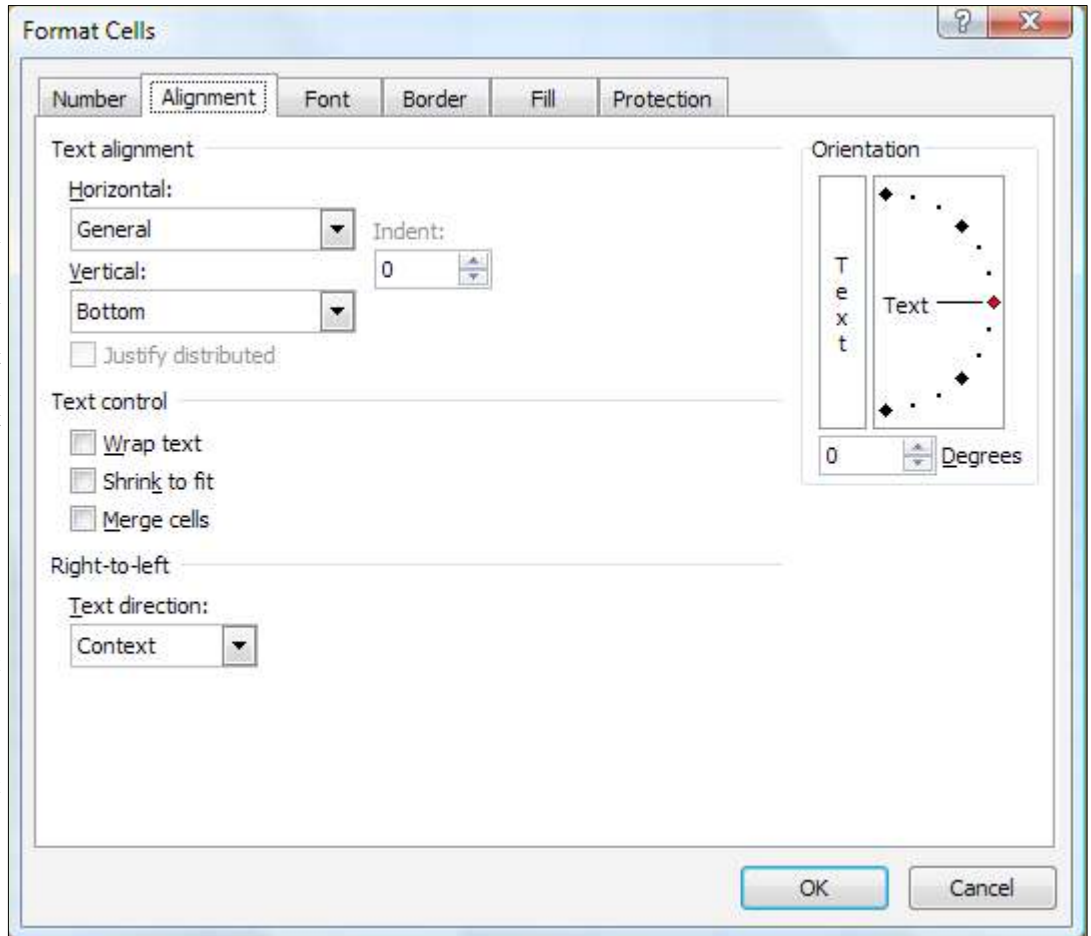
1. Select the cells you want to format.

2. Display the Format Cells dialog box. (In Excel 2007 display the Home tab of the ribbon and click the small icon at the lower-right corner of the Number group. In older versions of Excel choose Cells from the Format menu.)

3. Make sure the Alignment tab is selected.

4. In the Horizontal drop-down list, choose Left (Indent). If you are using Excel 2002 or a later version, you can also choose Right (Indent).

5. Using the Indent control, specify the number of characters by which the cell contents should be indented from either the left or right side of the cell. You can pick any whole number between 0 and 15.



The Alignment tab of the Format Cells dialog box.

6. Click on OK.

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can be copied and pasted; and whether the PDF's content can be used by accessibility tools, like a text-to-speech converter.

Even if you never use OpenOffice.org's productivity applications, you could still use it to open Microsoft Office documents (it will even read the latest Office 2007 file formats) from within

Windows and PDF them. Only the more advanced creators of PDF documents will miss anything. Everyone else will find everything they need to produce a polished PDF document. And if you start to explore the additional features of OpenOffice.org, all the better.

If you have questions or would like to learn more about Linux and FOSS, come to the July Linux SIG meeting on the

fourth Tuesday, the 27th, at 6:30 p.m. at Ventura County Computers in Ventura. We will have a question-and-answer session this month, and will try to resolve any problems brought forth. See the CIP-CUG web site for more information. If you have a question or topic you would like the Lair or Linux SIG to cover, drop me a line at bwayson@gmail.com.

Until next month, happy computing.

More Excel and Word tips ...

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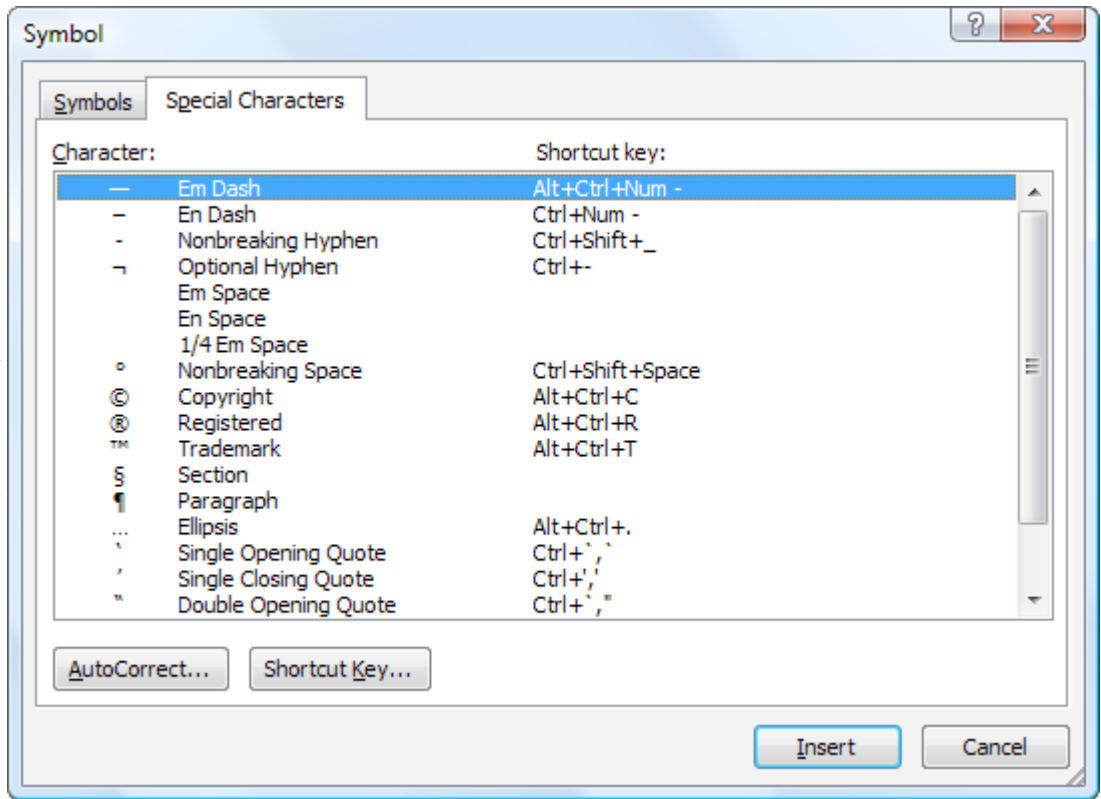
Word: Inserting a Non-Breaking Hyphen

When Microsoft Word calculates line length and wraps text to the next line, it tries to wrap (or break) the line at a space or a hyphen — a short dash. Sometimes, however, you may not want Word to break a line at a dash. For instance, dashes are used in telephone numbers, and you might not want a line to break in the middle of a telephone number.

The answer is to use non-breaking hyphens instead of regular dashes when you don't want Word to break a line at the hyphen. To do this, hold down the CTRL and SHIFT keys as you type the dash (this is the same as typing CTRL and an underscore). Word will then not break the line at that point.

You can also insert a non-breaking hyphen by following these steps:

1. Choose Symbol from the Insert menu or, in Word 2007, display the Insert tab of the ribbon, click Symbol in the Symbols group, and finally click More Symbols. This displays the Insert Symbol dialog box.



The Special Characters tab of the Symbol dialog box.

2. Click on the Special Characters tab.
3. Highlight the Nonbreaking Hyphen character.
4. Click on Insert.
5. Close the dialog box by clicking on Cancel.

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Windows 7 and Carbonite: A personal horror story

By John Weigle

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As a firm believer in the value of backing up my computer and as one who likes a bargain, I subscribed to Carbonite several months ago during its three years for the price of one campaign.

I installed the program on my XP machine and had to leave the machine running 24/7 for several days for my initial backup. That sounds like a long time, but it's not unusual because Carbonite is copying all the information you want to back up to its online servers.

Carbonite receives high praise from Jeff Levy, Kim Komando and Leo LaPorte, so I felt confident that, with a fast enough Internet connection, I should not have any problems. And it meets one of the principles for good backups: having one offsite in case your computer is stolen or destroyed by fire or other disaster.

After the initial backup, Carbonite chugged along as expected, backing up new or changed files when my computer was idle or when I told it to back up immediately.

I was a satisfied customer, ready to recommend the product to anyone who might ask. I had seen some of the complaints at various online forums, but every program has people who don't like it, so those didn't bother me.

Then I switched to Windows 7.

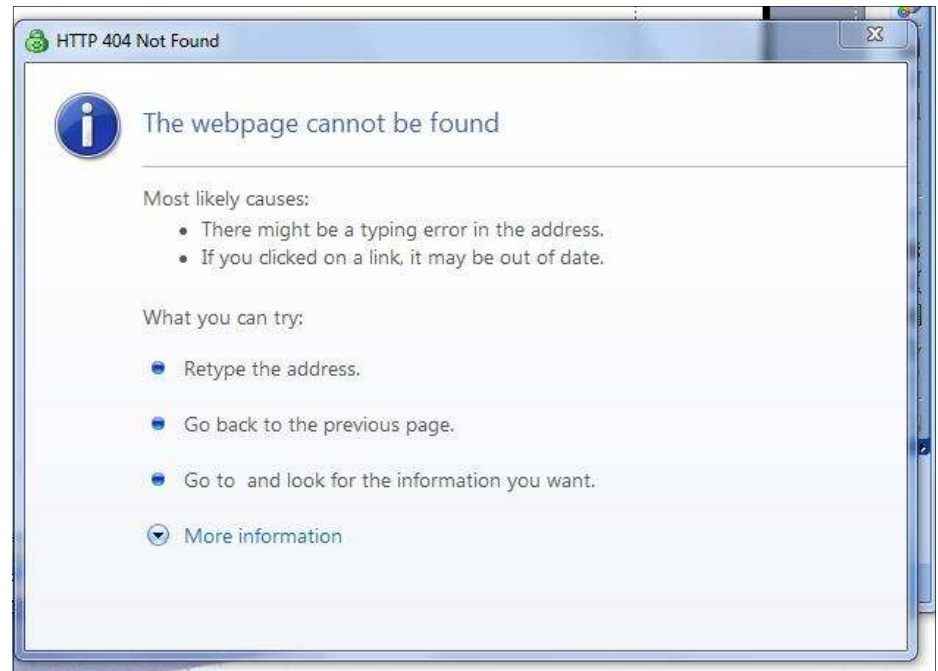
I have Windows and my programs on a solid state drive and my documents on a my old C: drive (not solid state). I reinstalled Carbonite, and it seemed to be working fine.

I turned off my computer for the night and when I got up the next morning and rebooted it, I noticed the Carbonite icon was not on the task bar, meaning it had not started automatically. I started it, clicked on the Status link on the menu — and got the error message shown in column 2.

I tried the obvious: temporarily turning off the firewall and Norton Anti-Virus, hoping they weren't the problem because I don't like the idea of not having those programs running.

Carbonite still didn't work.

Over a period of several days, I spent



time exchanging e-mails and on chat with Carbonite tech support, which advised me to:

- Turn off the firewall.
- Turn off the anti-virus.
- Eliminate the local hosts file except for a Carbonite listing.
- Allow the Carbonite programs in the firewall.
- Turn off Windows Defender (which, according to Windows, wasn't turned on).

None of those worked.

A tech support person took over my computer, did all the same things again and looked for other programs that might conflict with Carbonite. She found nothing.

I was told that the problem had been kicked up to the next level of support several weeks ago, but have had no response since then.

I posted a question in the Windows Secret Lounge, and no one had an answer, although several people had suffered a variety of problems, none the same as mine. One of the recommendations, of course, was to turn off Norton.

Been there, done that, thank you.

Another writer said he is using idrive (<http://www.idrive.com>) with no problems. I might give that a try.

If I reinstall Carbonite, it works fine — until the next reboot, at which point the problem reappears.

Obviously, having to reinstall a program every time I want to use it is not a satisfactory solution — and it certainly doesn't inspire great confidence that I would be able to restore my files if I ever had to.

I like the idea of an offsite backup if it doesn't cost me a small fortune, so I'd like to make Carbonite, or a similar program, work, but I don't know what to do. My current guess is that there's something about Windows 7 that Carbonite doesn't like or something about Carbonite that Windows 7 doesn't like, but that doesn't help me much.

I'm considering buying another external drive, backing up to that, and keeping it in my car since I'll be retiring from The Star in the next few months (still no date on when our big changes occur) and won't be able to keep the drive at work.

Is anyone in the club using Carbonite successfully on Windows 7? If so, did you have to do something special to make it work or did it just do what it's supposed to after being installed? Did anyone else try to make it work and fail? Either way, I'd like to hear your story. Maybe it'll help find a solution.

Computing 101: Some tips for beginners

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The importance of passwords

No one likes to think about this, but what happens to the information on your computer if you die or are incapacitated?

Will your spouse, executor or other family members be able to sign on to your computer or into your account?

Will they have access to your banking information?

Can they get to your e-mail?

Your Facebook (or My Space or whatever) page?

Your Excel financial information?

Your eBay or Amazon accounts?

Or any of the dozens of other files or accounts that are important to you and could be essential to whoever is handling your affairs or your estate for you?

For that matter, what if you forget an essential password and can't unlock a file you made secure that contains information you need right now.

What if you use some kind of password storage program and the password to that just won't come to you?

You need a backup of your passwords in some form that isn't locked up in your computer.

It could be a printout of a spreadsheet, a handwritten list in a binder (or hand printed list if your writing is as bad as mine) or even a box of 3x5 cards with the account or file name and password, along with the answers to any security questions that you have to answer if your forget your password.

If you don't want to keep such a list at home, put it in your safe deposit box or file it with your attorney, but have one somewhere.

Naturally, you don't want to spread the list around to just anyone, but there must be someone you trust enough to give them the information or at least a notice that such a list exists in your safe deposit box.

None of us will live forever, so plan ahead for the person who has to handle your affairs.

After all, you have a will, don't you?

Scanners and Windows 7 / Vista

If you skipped the upgrade to Vista

but plan to go to Windows 7, as I did, you need to know that you'll probably have to replace your scanner.

Scanners that worked fine in XP don't work in Vista or 7, and manufacturers aren't writing drivers that would let them work.

Just figure that it's another expense of moving to a new operating system.

Cutting down on programs

If you upgrade to Windows 7 or whatever comes after it, it's a good time to look at all the programs you had on the old operating system and see if you really want to reinstall them. (Rick will be surprised to hear me say this.)

If you weren't using them in the old operating system, you probably won't use them in the new one, so don't bother to reinstall them. Doing so just takes time and clutters your hard drive.

You might also learn that the new operating system now includes features that you used to need additional software for. Windows 7 has software to burn CDs and DVDs so you might not need that program you bought to do the task a few years ago.

Free software

There might not be any such thing as a free lunch, but there is such a thing as perfectly good free software.

Those of you who attend meetings have heard Toby and Michael recommend any number of free programs, and CIPCUG has even offered CDs and flash drives with programs that the two of them recommend.

And regular readers of the Penguin's Lair know that Bill Wayson has recommended lots of open source software, including various versions of Linux, a free operating system and the popular OpenOffice, which is eating into Microsoft's profits on its Office programs.

Exercise due diligence, however, and don't just download every free program you hear about. As we've been warned several times during meetings and in other forums, lots of the purported free anti-spyware programs are really the spyware and other malicious programs you're trying to prevent or remove.

Use trusted sources like CNET.com or

SourceForge.net to search for the programs you need rather than going to some site like "softwares" or "softwarez" and hoping for the best.

Dire warnings

If you get e-mail long enough, sooner or later you'll get a message that delivers some dire warning about a new virus along with a message to "send this to everyone in your address book." Before you panic and do that, spend a few minutes on the Web to do some checking because there are lots of hoaxes out there.

Visit, for instance:

— Snopes.com, which tracks all kinds of rumors about everything from autos to weddings. Most of the worst stories you hear turn out to have no basis in fact.

— <http://urbanlegends.about.com>.

— <http://www.scambusters.org/legends.html>

While you're at any of those sites, enjoy the stories that others have fallen for — but remember that we're all subject to being suckered.

Using built-in help

Lots of programs no longer come with manuals, and after-market books are usually expensive. What is one to do?

For a start, press the F1 key or go the Help menu of the program you're interested in, and you'll probably find an online manual.

If neither of those works, use your favorite search engine to seek a solution on the Web or visit the manufacturer's Web site for FAQs (frequently asked questions), a downloadable manual or other help.

And there's always the F1 column in every issue of The Outer Edge.

Serial numbers

Most commercial software today requires a serial number to install (or reinstall).

The number is usually on the package the software is shipped in or the CD container. If you've downloaded the program, the serial number should come in an e-mail. Keep those numbers where you can find them because you're going to have to reinstall the program sometime, and without the number you're in big trouble.

News fragments about this and that

This issue is a little later than I would like, but I ran into some time problems and the Fourth of July holiday. Fortunately, United Parcel has several shipping methods to choose from, so we can pay a little more to our printer for faster shipping. You should have this issue in plenty of time before the July meeting.

Once again, I went to 24 pages, something I tried hard to avoid when we had to hand-fold TOE in the home of George and Arline Lakes. Getting a 24-page issue thin enough to fit through the Postal Service's template was a real problem. Now that we're mailing flat, the number of pages isn't nearly the issue it used to be.

Editor's corner



Weigle

We're all happy to see Helen Long up and around again and well enough to resume her work on cipcug.org. Thankfully, the change in the photos section simplified the problem that most frustrated her, so we're now seeing regular updates on the page (the missing issues of TOE were up soon after she took the job again).

As Toby and others have mentioned at many meetings, we're a volunteer organization and can always use more help. If you'd like to work on a project, help Craig Ladd find programs (or give one yourself), or just help set up chairs before the meeting, there's always room for more. Come and be a member of the insiders' clique. You won't even have to learn a secret handshake.

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There's no Jeff Levy column this issue because I haven't gotten permission from his producer, who now lives out of state, to use the lesson I picked. With luck, he'll be back in the next issue.

Jeff is now on KABC Talk Radio (790 on the AM dial), but his time slot is sometimes moved because of sports events. His July 10 show was from 5 to 6 p.m., but I'm not clear on whether that's a new time or a sports-adjusted time. The KABC web site lists both the 5-6 p.m. and the 3-4 p.m. slots for the show. If you're near a radio on Saturdays, check both to be sure.

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There's a slight change in this issue that you might or might not have noticed: Each page has more type on it. Microsoft Publisher used to put up pages with one border representing the outermost boundary for type and another box inside that I assumed was the preferred location for text boxes. That box doesn't show up any more, so I've gone to the outside borders on all the pages, which, as the number of pages grows, adds a lot of characters. It required a lot of rejuvenging this time, so enjoy.

— John Weigle, editor

Treasurer's report for May 2010

By Art Lewis
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5-1-2010 through
5-31-2010

Category Description INFLOWS

Coffee income	-17.50
Donation	2.00
Membership Income	
New members	40.00
Renewals	425.00
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	465.00
Raffle	78.23
TOTAL INFLOWS	527.73

OUTFLOWS

Corporate Exp.	475.00
ISP Expense	255.00
Rent Paid	150.00
TOE	214.69
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	1,094.69

OVERALL TOTAL -566.96

Bank Balance 5-3-10 7,362.23



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Membership report:

Is it time to renew?

By Ken Church

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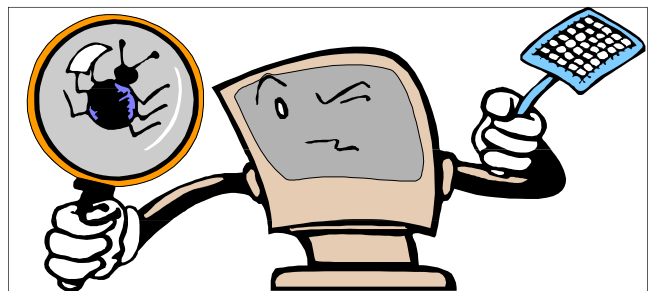
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0873	Pass	Jim	201007
1157	Sifuentes	Octavio	201007
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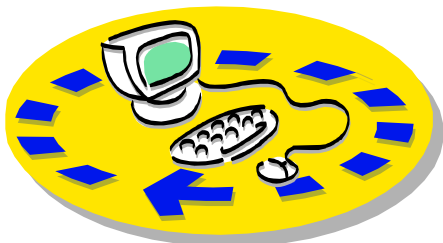
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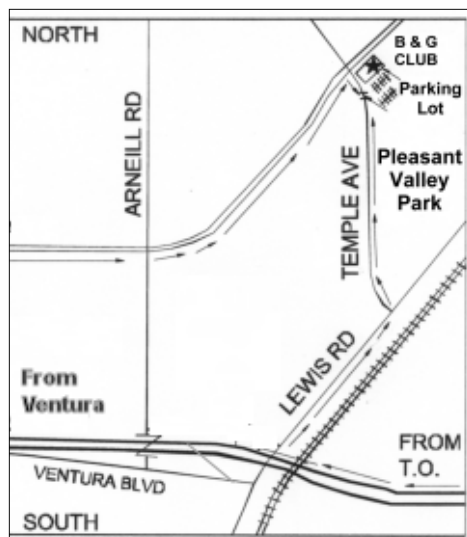
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DUES REMINDER

If the number above your name is 201007, your membership dues are payable in July 2010.

JULY 2010 MEETING OF THE CHANNEL ISLANDS PC USERS GROUP

The map shows the easiest route to the Boys & Girls Club, but if you prefer, you can take the Carmen Drive offramp to Ponderosa Drive, which leads to Temple Avenue.



**Saturday morning, July 24, at the
Boys & Girls Club, Ponderosa Drive
and Temple Avenue, Camarillo, Calif.**

Meeting Schedule:

8:30 a.m.	Doors open
8:45-9:30	Internet and networking SIG, Computing 101 SIG
9:30-10:30	Business meeting, Q&A
10:30-11:00	Break — Please contribute requested amounts for coffee and doughnuts
11:00-12:00	Program (Infogrip) Drawing
1:30	After-meeting SIG by Michael Shalkey