



NIBBLES & BITS

Tuesday, April 9, 6:30 p.m. at Sunny Hills Racquet Club, Fullerton — Bring a friend!

APRIL PROGRAM

Educational software for children and adults to be shown

by Dan Sheffield, president, Help Me 2 Learn Company (www.helpme2learn.com)



On April 9, my presentation will be about educational software; both for children and adults. I will feature our new Help Me 2 Learn “Phonics Super Star Reading System” for children and adults, a course called “Traffic Stop Procedures” that was developed for the state of New Jersey and “Fundamentals of Direct Access Trading” that was developed for the Online Trading Academy.

My presentation will not only focus on the educational software that we have developed, but will also include my personal story of how I started out learning computers at the age of 44, and with inspiration from my computer user group established my own software company. My story goes from the early days and struggles, to taking a job for a dot com company, to coming back full time to my company and how we are struggling and growing. I will even

include a few tips and warnings on getting a great deal at motels with priceline.com.

As always, I will bring some software to give away.

Popular program is in Helpme2learn.com catalog

by Linda Gonse

One of Dan's most popular programs is **Microsoft Word 6.0 Tutorial** (compatible with Word 7). It teaches Microsoft Word “the quick and easy way,” with over 3 hours of movie tutorials. Thirteen beginning lessons and twelve intermediate lessons cover formatting, AutoCorrect, working with multiple page documents, inserting pictures, WordArt, and macros among many other things. Unbelievably, the CD is only \$4.99 and can be ordered on the www.helpme2learn.com website.

Other programs for adults include Arithmetic Review, American Sign Language, English Word Power Builder, Phonics Builder, Ultimate Phonics Reading Program, and Quick and Easy Spanish. All the programs are reasonably priced.

Take some time to go to the www.helpme2learn.com website and take a look at the extraordinary selection of Bargain Software that is offered. I think you may decide to do your Christmas shopping early!



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*Award Winning
Newsletter*



Notepad

by *Linda Gonse*
editor@orcopug.org

This month there is no **Letters to the editor** column. Instead, I'm sharing a few of the non-letter items that members have sent to me recently.

Besides stories, jokes and quotes, I received several questions about access to our new **Members' Only** area on the web site (see page 9), a couple of hoax warnings, forwarded information about computer applications, a **back up article** (see page 6), and questions about applications.

The questions prompted me to insert answers in the past two issues about **Word** (see page 6). If you have found it helpful, I hope you will send me your questions, too, and I'll answer them in a future issue.

To our members' credit, a few double check hoaxes before sending them out, or have sent a follow-up email to their mailing list to debunk the hoax they unknowingly passed along. (I always go to <http://urbanlegends.about.com/library/blhoax.htm> to check on suspected hoaxes. Please head over there and take a look.)

If I had my life to live over

I would have invited friends over to dinner even if the carpet was stained and the sofa faded.

I would have eaten the popcorn in the "GOOD" living room and worried much less about the dirt when someone wanted to light a fire in the fireplace.

I would have taken the time to listen to my grandfather ramble about his youth.

I would never have insisted the car windows be rolled up on a summer day because my hair had just been

teased and sprayed.

I would have burned the pink candle sculpted like a rose before it melted in storage.

I would have sat on the lawn with my children and not worried about grass stains.

I would have cried and laughed less while watching television and more while watching life.

I would have gone to bed when I was sick instead of pretending the earth would go into a holding pattern if I weren't there for the day.

I would never have bought anything just because it was practical, wouldn't show soil or was guaranteed to last a lifetime.

Instead of wishing away nine months of pregnancy, I'd have cherished every moment realizing that the wonderment growing inside me was the only chance in life to assist God in a miracle.

When my kids kissed me impetuously, I would never have said, "Later. Now go get washed up for dinner."

There would have been more "I love you's"...but mostly, given another shot at life, I would seize every minute...look at it and really see it ...live it... and never give it back. — Erma Bombeck

*Submitted by Gloria Bearss
(for Breast Cancer Month in March)*

And the winner is...!

A man and his wife were having some problems at home and were giving each other the silent treatment. The next week, the man realized that he would need his wife to wake him at 5 a.m. for an early morning business flight to Chicago.

Not wanting to be the first to break the silence (AND LOSE), he wrote on a piece of paper, "Please wake me at 5 a.m."

The next morning the man woke up, only to discover it was 9 a.m. and that

he had missed his flight. Furious, he was about to go and see why his wife hadn't woken him when he noticed a piece of paper by the bed.

The paper said, "It is 5 a.m. Wake up."

Submitted by Loren Tuthill

There will always be death and taxes; however, death doesn't get worse every year.

Submitted by Mervin Frank

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Signs that you live in 2002

- Your grandmother asks you to send her a JPEG file of your newborn so she can create a screen saver.
- You get an extra phone line so you can get phone calls.
- You pull up in your own driveway and use your cell phone to see if anyone is home.

Submitted by Ted Wirtz

Reporting delay allows online crooks to get away

Typically, con artists steal credit cards outright or collect enough information about a person to get a credit report, which includes the card number.

They store the numbers and then place a series of small orders, usually no more than \$75; fraud often spikes as perpetrators describe their successes in E-mails and chat rooms, encouraging copycat crimes.

Based on credit-card billing cycles, it can take up to 45 days before a consumer disputes a charge and a merchant learns of the mistake. By that time, the crooks have the goods.

Source: Informationweek.com —
<http://www.informationweek.com/story/IWK20020124S0013>



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Areas of Interest/Comments _____

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(Please fill out this application and mail it today!)





Fit Hard Drive Upgrader, Value \$60
Art Bullis, Winner

Microsoft bag, Value \$20
Joe Francis, Not Present
Sharon Graham, Winner

Kensington FlyLight, Value \$20
Robert Kambeitz, Not Present
Leroy Kaump, Winner

MS Age of Empires, Value \$69
Siles Bazerman, Winner

Imprise C++ mug, Value \$5
Joe Gionet, Not Present
Glenn Emigh, Not Present
Harold Wann, Winner

Computer Bath, Value \$5
Loren Tuthill, Not Present
Lothar Loehr, Not Present
Sharon Graham, Prev. Winner
Ralph Hedges, Winner

Computer Bath, Value \$5
George Dedic, Not Present
Joe Gionet, Not Present
Joseph Holtz, Winner

C&G Spell Catcher Plus, Value \$49
Trudy Morrill, Not Present
Larry Klees, Winner

NotePager Pro, Value \$49
Ralph Seymour, Winner

Letters & Numbers, Value \$20
Trudy Morrill, Not Present
Joe Gionet, Not Present

Leonard Prince, Expired
Gloria Bearrs, Not Present
Anita Leicht, Not Present
Art Bullis, Winner

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Richard Metzger, Winner

APCUG CD, Value \$5
Leonard Prince, Expired
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Linda Gonse, Not Present
Robert Kambeitz, Not Present
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Dick Tooley, Not Present
David Musser, Winner

Submitted by Charlie Moore

Four regional user group conferences are scheduled

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15th ANNUAL INTERGALACTIC
UG OFFICERS' CONFERENCE
Saturday, April 20, 2002: New York
City, NY

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REGION 8 COMPUTER AND
TECHNOLOGY EXPO

June 14 - 16: Beaumont, TX

Contact: ira@apcug.org

SOUTHWEST REGIONAL USER
GROUP CONFERENCE

August 9 - 11: San Diego, CA

Contact: www.swugconf.org

RAINCOAST REGIONAL UG
LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

October 11-13 (to be confirmed):
Tacoma, WA.

Contact: www.raincoast.cc. Click on
RC'02.

Members' Renewal Dates

MARCH

Ramon Evans
Milton Gorham
Larry Joyce
Marvin Webster

APRIL

Lothar Loehr
David Musser
Denny Turner

MAY

Lloyd Boutwell
Terry Schiele
Harold Wann

JUNE

Dan Cadish
George Dedic
Anita Leicht
R.A. Metzger
Terry Terrazas

JULY

Dale Arnold
Herman Beverburg
Joe Francis
Ralph Hedges
Walter Jackson
Larry Kleve
Tony Lake
Ralph Seymour

Submitted by Charlie Moore

New software



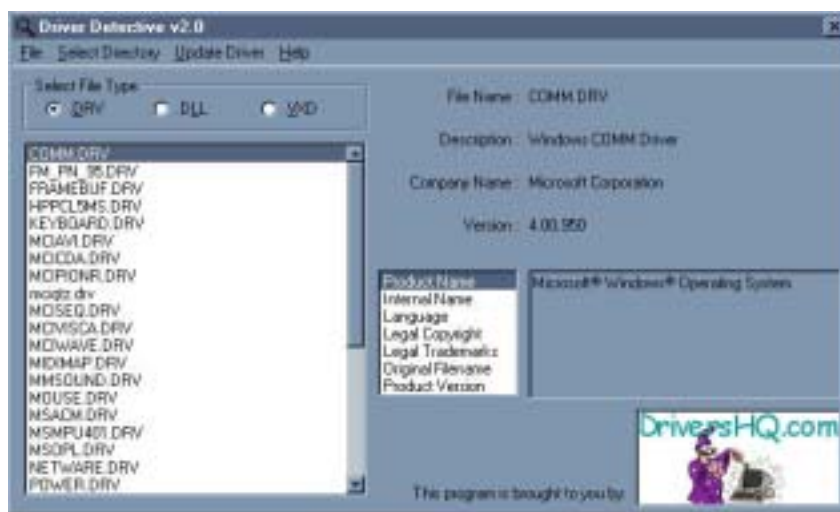
Driver Detective 2.0

by Lee Hudspeth

This freeware tool was developed by the folks at PC Drivers Headquarters (their motto, “If you cannot find a driver, this is the place for you”). If you’re looking for one specific driver, DLL, or VXD, then you can go straight to their home page: http://www.drivershq.com/main_home.html

Search by perusing the navigation bar along the left margin (there is no Search text box on the home page), where you’ll find a list of various driver categories from Audio to “VXD File”. Or you can have their detective tool do the work for you. Once installed, when you run Driver Detective it quickly examines your system for drivers then displays a dialog box.

You can choose to see either DRV, DLL, or VXD files. Once you select a file from the list box, you see right there in the tool’s dialog the same information you’d see about that file if you were to select it in Windows Explorer, right-click, choose Properties, then click the Version tab: Description, Version, Product



Name, etc. The tool has a feature that would be more helpful if it were implemented differently: the menu’s “Update Driver” command.

As it is, if you select a driver file—say, cabinet.dll—then click “Update Driver” you end up back at their Web site, looking at a page that requests that you support their current sponsor. There’s no search text box, so you have to remember to go over to the navigation bar on the left (as described previously), then pick the appropriate category—in this case, “DLL Files”—then finish the search. Note: when you follow the “DLL Files” link don’t type a search into the Search text box because this box is for VXD’s only, instead click on the link just above labeled “Click here for dll files”.

To download the freeware Driver Detective 2.0, go here: <http://www.TheNakedPC.com/t/501/tr.cgi?fprod2>



Splat! is new release from Alien Skin

Splat! from Alien Skin Software has recently been released. Splat! an all-new filter set, combines frames, textures, edges, borders, mosaics, and more with the award-winning interface of Eye Candy in a powerful, yet affordable package.

Splat! adds natural media to any composition; work with paper, cloth, stone, wood, or metal. Also, easily create thematic backgrounds for print and Web, and accent your compositions with leaves, buttons, coins, flowers and more. Quickly matte and frame photos, decorate invitations and greeting cards, and recreate your images as light pegs, cross-stitch or ASCII art. These effects look great on text, too. Render titles and headlines in stone, torn paper, rose petals, mosaics and more.

Splat! delivers these often-requested effects in the same user-friendly interface as Eye Candy 4000.



Splat! is fully compatible with Photoshop 5 or later, Fireworks 3 or later, and Paint Shop Pro 6 or later, and on either PC or Mac systems.

For more information go to <http://www.alienskin.com>; call toll-free 1-888-921-SKIN; or email sales@alienskin.com. —LG

One member's back up experience

by Carl Westberg

I have been backing up my C drive to another partition of my hard drive. This was quick and easy, providing me with a source for restoring when things go awry. However, the computer refused to shut down. The only way I could shut it down was to go through part of the normal procedure, Start, Shut Down, Shut Down, wait for the "splash" indicating that Windows is shutting down, and push on the switch when the hard drive stops spinning. If I did not push on the switch at the right moment, the computer would boot up again just as if I had indicated "reset" rather than "Shut Down." I had gone through some of the corrective procedure described in the articles on the Microsoft site only to lose operation of some programs, which I then had to re-install. Thinking that the BIOS might be outdated, I went to the Phoenix web site, used their diagnosis on the computer and sent it to them for recommendations on a BIOS upgrade. The tech contacted me and I ordered a BIOS upgrade with additional analysis software.

While I was keeping both financial and statistical records for a homeless shelter I did not want to "fool around" too much because of the danger of losing information. Since I have decreased my volunteer duties I have the time and inclination to use the computer more for why I have it, as an indoor darkroom. Yes, I had the data files backed up on diskettes, but the thought of reinstalling and reconfiguring the programs and reloading the data kept me from making many corrections.


Now, I decided that if I was going this far, I had better make a C drive backup exterior to the computer. Why just C? I have the data backed up separately and I have the original software. However, files on C have the initialization settings and I'd rather not go through that again.

Also, if I am going to go to this much trouble, I had better set up the drive the

best that I can under the present circumstances.

1. Eliminate some cookies with Cookie Pal. This is a neat little program that not only challenges cookies that site after site tries to put on your hard drive, but also has a nice editor that facilitates your review and purging cookies that are on your drive.

2. Revise partitioning with Partition Magic. Since I no longer have the responsibility of maintaining records I don't need the partition that held them, I can add it to another partition to provide additional space for storing images. I tried using Clean Sweep to move a couple of programs that I wanted to keep from that partition, but the software didn't do the job properly. However Magic Mover (part of Partition Magic 4.0) accomplished the job nicely. I next used Partition Magic to delete the partition holding the programs and data I no longer wanted and add the space to the adjoining partition. Drive Mapper took over and checked the references and adjusted them for the

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Word questions and answers

by Linda Gonse

Q. Is there a quick way to get to the last page in my report?

A. Use a keyboard shortcut to take you to the very end of any document. Press the Control key and the End keys at the same time. To get to the beginning of your document, whether you are in the middle or at the end, press the Control key and the Home keys at the same time. If you know what the page numbers are in your document, you can press Control and the letter "g" keys at the same time and type in the number of the page you want to be on and click "Go to."

Q. How can I see the vertical ruler on my page?

A. Go to View, and click on Print Layout. The vertical ruler appears on the left side of your document.

Q. Sometimes I wish I could copy the formatting I've used on a few words or lines in a document (such as bold, italic, 14 point) to other type in my document. Can I do that?

A. Yes. If you want to copy formatting, you can save yourself time by using the Format Painter tool. Just highlight the word or words you want to copy the formatting from and click on the Format Painter button on the toolbar (it looks like a paintbrush). Your cursor will be transformed into a paintbrush. Just click and drag across the word or words to which you want to apply the formatting. Like magic, the formatting will be applied to your new selection. If you click on the Format Painter button twice you can apply the same formatting to several places in your document without having to reselect your formatting and click on the Format Painter button again.

Recycling PC Components and Paraphenalia — Part 5

Finding recipients for donations

by Lee Hudspeth



This is a new article in my ongoing series about greener recycling of PCs and PC stuff. For a quick index to my previous articles in this series see my supplemental page: <http://www.TheNakedPC.com/t/504/tr.cgi?lee1>

Many of you have written in recently asking me for additional tips and ideas on how to find specific recipients for donations. One source I turned to for information is Dr. Ken Goldstein, founder, Hawaii Computers for Kids Program (www.catii.com), whose counsel and kindness I much appreciate. He provided several excellent leads which I include in this article. (Any errors in this article are entirely my own.)

• Hawaii Computer for Kids Program — This is Dr. Goldstein's site. If you live in Hawaii and have any surplus PCs or components, please visit this site. The Hawaii Computer for Kids Program takes your surplus equipment and software and distributes them to grade schools and high schools throughout the state of Hawaii wherever they can make a difference. <http://www.TheNakedPC.com/t/504/tr.cgi?lee2>

• How to locate the right people to talk to within your localschool system — Start by looking in the white & yellow pages (either hard copy or on the Internet) for your school district's administrative office. For example, I used SuperPages.com (<http://superpages.gte.net>), entered "los angeles city board of education", selected CA for California, scrolled down the hit list to "Boards of Education" and was able to view a wide range of listings in my area. I then skipped over to AltaVista's search engine, located my school district, and— since Los Angeles county is so large— drilled down to the job title that related to information and technology, specifically, Assistant Superintendent, Information and Technology. That's where I started my calls. You can follow the same basic steps for your area.

• How to locate the right people to talk to at your local church, place of worship, or other non-secular entity — I suggest you use the white and yellow pages (again, either hard copy or online) and call the organization's administrative office. Staff will welcome your interest in making an equipment donation, or if not, be able to refer you to another local cause that is interested.

• PEP: Resources for Parents, Educators & Publishers — This group maintains a National Directory of Computer Recycling Programs that has international, national (U.S.), and state listings. For example, their links under California provide 21 state-level resources. <http://www.TheNakedPC.com/t/504/tr.cgi?lee6>

• U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) — Computers for Learning (CFL) is a federal Web site run by the GSA. "The program transfers excess Federal computer equipment to schools and educational nonprofit organizations, giving special consideration to those with the greatest need. The CFL website connects the registered needs of schools and educational nonprofit organizations with available Government computer equipment. Federal agencies use the website to transfer computers based upon indications of need." <http://www.TheNakedPC.com/t/504/tr.cgi?lee7>

• PhilanthropySearch is a nonprofit and philanthropic search engine: <http://www.TheNakedPC.com/t/504/tr.cgi?lee8>

• Give.org — Here you can read what the BBB Wise Giving Alliance has to say about its set of standards for

Computers for School Foundation (CFS) — According to its Web site, "CFSA is a non-profit professional association of organizations involved in the management of refreshed (functional systems replaced by up-to-date equipment) computers and their placement into our nation's schools and educational institutions." From the site's home page you can branch off to read about the CFS, study FAQs, learn how to donate, find out more about the repair process, and so forth. This page explains how to donate: <http://www.TheNakedPC.com/t/504/tr.cgi?lee5>

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• PhilanthropySearch is a nonprofit and philanthropic search engine: <http://www.TheNakedPC.com/t/504/tr.cgi?lee8>

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Back up

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changes. It took all night, but I did not have to sit up with it, just check it a couple of times to determine if things were OK.

3. With files eliminated that were not wanted and references, including those in the Register, fixed, drive C could be defragmented, reducing the space used and the time that would be spent backing up. I used the utility included with Windows.

4. Before backing up I shut down any programs running, like the firewall and the virus scan. They just get in the way when one is doing a backup.

5. I made certain that Direct Drive was running and started Easy CD Creator 4. Knowing that the backup would require more than one disc, I had the stack of CDs handy. I worked through the menus to the backup routine, put the first disc in the tray and started the program. I set a timer for slightly less than the remaining time indicated on the screen and went off to do something else. About an hour and 45 minutes later, I put the second disc in the tray and labeled the first disc with a CD-safe felt pen.

6. After the discs were burned I made a fresh boot diskette, just in case the old one had lost some of its information.

7. Following the recommendation I

then went through the verification procedure. I shut down the computer, rebooted it with the Emergency Boot Disk created in 6 and put the first disc in the tray. After I followed the directions on the screen, swapping discs, the program started to compare the hard disk with the CD.

8. I noted the time left as shown on the screen, set the timer and went and ate dinner. When the timer indicated I returned to watch the program finish on the first disc and request the second. I removed the first disc, put in the second, and reset the timer. When the timer indicated I returned to see it finish the verification, report no errors and put the discs away.

One of the benefits of using Adaptec (now Roxio) software is that it includes “Take Two,” software for spanning discs. The screens are less than easily understandable, but once you get the hang of it, it is quite easy. Make certain that Direct Drive is running before you start the backup or it doesn’t work.

As you might imagine, the process did take some time, about eight hours of my active participation as best I measured. Needless to say I don’t do this very often. Backing up to another hard disk and backing up to CD’s seem to be the best current methods. The CD system is much more time consuming but provides a backup which does not depend on the hard disk. Other software might accomplish the same, possibly with less effort or quicker, but I was working with what I already had.

Sequel

It was a good idea that I did that backup to CDs. I was in the process of reinstalling an old hard drive as a slave and remapping it when something got crosswise in the flume and the darn thing wouldn’t boot. The emergency boot disk and the CDs worked fine—just took three hours to accomplish the restore.

Recycle

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charitable solicitations, and its evaluations of various charities. (The Alliance is a self-described “...merger of the National Charities Information Bureau and the Council of Better Business Bureaus’ Foundation and its Philanthropic Advisory Service.”) The evaluations include a yes/no on meeting the CBBB Standards for Charitable Solicitations, along with descriptions of programs, governance, fund raising methods, tax status, and financial data. I once donated an aging car to the American Heart Association, but at the time I didn’t know about this resource to validate the organization’s status. Wish I had (not that anything is wrong with the AHA, but knowledge is power and more is better). <http://www.TheNakedPC.com/t/504/tr.cgi?lee9>

If you have any ideas or suggestions for ways to use the Internet to find eligible recipients for PCs and component donations, or know of any agencies, institutions, or other resources related to the donation of these types of material. I would like to hear from you.

Excerpt from The Naked PC, a free, monthly online newsletter. It’s easy for you to subscribe. Go to www.thenakedpc.com. If you have comments or news items, email Lee Hudspeth: leehudspeth@TheNakedPC.com.

The older you get, the tougher it is to lose weight, because by then your body and your fat are really good friends.

Submitted by Tony Lake

User group deals

Magazine discounts offered to computer user groups

	1 Year	2 Years	3 Years
Computer Games	\$12.95		
Computer Gaming World	\$14.95	\$28.95	\$41.95
Computer Shopper	\$16.97	\$32.95	\$47.95
Dr. Dobbs Journal	\$15.95	\$30.95	\$43.95
Mac World	\$12.95	\$24.95	\$35.95
Microsoft System Journal	\$21.95	\$39.95	
Mobile Computing	\$ 9.95	\$18.95	\$26.95
PC Gamer	\$11.95		
PC Magazine	\$25.97	\$48.95	\$68.95
PC World	\$16.95	\$27.95	\$40.95
Publish	\$17.95	\$33.95	\$48.95
Smart Business (PC Computing)	\$11.50	\$21.90	\$31.80
Wired	\$ 6.00	\$12.00	
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by Gene Barlow, User Group Relations, (801)796-7370

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Zone Alarm's start-up problem can be fixed

by Siles Bazerman

There have been a growing number of reports that Zone Alarm will not load properly at boot up.

Investigation has shown that it hangs while loading True Vector Service and fails to completely install.

This has turned out to be a timing problem of when in the boot sequence Zone Alarm is started. The faster the CPU and the more memory available the more likely the problem is to occur.

I have found a freeware utility that solves the problem. It is Startup Delayer from R2 Studios. This utility, which is fully configurable, will remove a program from the startup group. It then starts it with an adjustable delay and thus gets around the Zone Alarm or similar problems. I have found that a delay of from 15 to 20 seconds works best on my P III 600 machine. Other delays make work better on your machine. The program is free and downloadable from <http://r2.com.au/>.

Lately there have been more new virus strains developed than ever. Be sure to frequently update your virus definitions. Symantec has been updating NAV about every two to three days for the last month. Also, there have been a number of updates to System Works 2002 available through Live Update. All the other antivirus programs, free or fee, are doing the same. There are several good free

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antivirus programs out there. Just do a Google search for antivirus.

I am being a little lazy this month and so am including the following quoted from Paul Thurrott, Wininfo Daily Updates:

“And speaking of inexpensive software, open-source guru Eric “The Cathedral and the Bazaar” Raymond says that Microsoft is doomed because lower PC prices will squeeze out the Windows market. “When the price of a PC falls below \$350,” Raymond says, “Microsoft will no longer be viable.” You mean the way the Xbox got squeezed out, Eric? I have a news flash for open-source central: People have been predicting Microsoft’s death since the Lotus 123/WordPerfect for DOS days. Falling PC prices won’t cause the company’s demise.

“If you were looking for evidence that Sun Microsystems just doesn’t get it, this news might provide that evidence. This week, the company verified that its upcoming Star Office 6 office productivity suite won’t be free, unless, of course, you’re one of the eight lucky people who use Solaris as a

desktop solution. Windows and Linux users will have to pay an undisclosed amount for the product, which will lead to absolutely no one using Star Office. Why? Because Windows users already have an Office suite they get for free with new computers, and Linux users refuse to pay for desktop software. So, please, describe to me the market for this product.

(For the record, a free version of the suite, called Open Office, will still be available, which further diminishes the value of Star Office, as far as I can tell).”

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Humor from the Internet



Extreme Sports

Prison vs Work

Just in case you ever got the two mixed up, this should make things a bit more clear...

IN PRISON... you spend the majority of your time in an 8' x 10' cell;
AT WORK... you spend the majority of your time in a 6' x 8' cubicle.
IN PRISON... you get three meals a day;
AT WORK... you only get a break for one meal and you have to pay for it.
IN PRISON... you get time off for good behavior;
AT WORK... you get rewarded for good behavior with more work.
IN PRISON... the guard locks and unlocks all the doors for you;
AT WORK... you must carry around a security card and open all the doors for yourself.
IN PRISON... you can watch TV and play games;
AT WORK... you get fired for watching TV and playing games.
IN PRISON... you get your own toilet;
AT WORK... you have to share
IN PRISON... they allow your family and friends to visit;
AT WORK... you can't even speak to your family.
IN PRISON... all expenses are paid by the taxpayers with no work required;
AT WORK... you get to pay all the expenses to go to work and then they deduct taxes from your salary to pay for prisoners.
IN PRISON... you spend most of your life looking through bars from inside wanting to get out.
AT WORK... you spend most of your time wanting to get out and go inside bars.
IN PRISON... there are wardens.
AT WORK... they are called managers.
But cheer up, because
IN PRISON... you have to stay all the time.
AT WORK... you get to go home sometimes.

Submitted by Ted Wirtz

Age is in the eye of the beholder

While waiting for my first appointment in the reception room of a new dentist, I noticed his certificate, which bore his full name.

Suddenly, I remembered that a tall, handsome boy with the same name had been in my high school class some 40 years ago.

Upon seeing him, however, I quickly discarded any such thought. This balding, gray-haired man with the deeply lined face was too old to have been my classmate. After he had examined my teeth, I asked him if he had attended the local high school.

"Yes," he replied.

"When did you graduate?" I asked.

He answered, "In 1944."

"Why, you were in my class!" I exclaimed.

He looked at me closely and then asked, "What did you teach?"

Submitted by Mervin Frank

Meet and eat!

The Courtside Bar and Grill is open the second Tuesday of every month to ORCOPUG members at *no charge*. Please order a snack or dinner from the menu to show your appreciation.

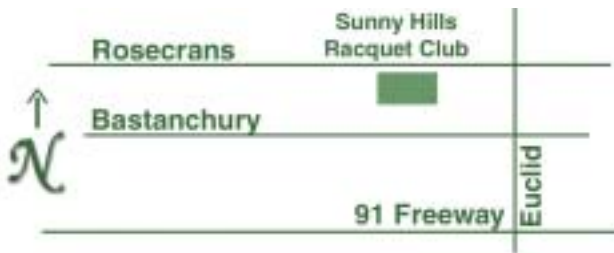
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Directions: From the 91 Freeway, exit at Euclid and go north. Go past Bastanchury and turn west (left) onto Rosecrans. Sunny Hills Racquet Club is located on the south (left) side of the street.

All members are invited to attend the planning meetings!

Planning meetings are held the third Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. at Downey Savings & Loan, one block east of Harbor at Bastanchury in Fullerton.

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