



NIBBLES & BITS

Tuesday, October 8, 6:30 p.m. at Sunny Hills Racquet Club, Fullerton — Bring a friend!

OCTOBER PROGRAM

Doctor to explain how to recognize “computeritis” problems and avoid them

Dr. William DeMoss, a Newport Beach chiropractor, will be at our October 8 meeting.

“Long hours at computers can have significant effects on your posture, spine and health. Headaches, eye strain, sore neck and shoulders, and carpal tunnel syndrome can usually be avoided through a few very simple procedures,” said Dr. DeMoss. “‘Computeritis’ problems can mostly be taken care of without surgery or medications.” Dr. DeMoss will discuss prevention techniques. He will also explain how the pain, frequently caused by carpal tunnel syndrome, is often misunderstood and misdiagnosed.

Dr. DeMoss specializes in health maintenance and disease prevention and has been a popular speaker before Orange County businesses, organizations, and groups, including El Toro Marine Base, Hewlett-Packard, IBM, Sam’s Club, Orange County Register, Hughes Aircraft, Marriott Hotel, Home Depot, United Airlines, and Nordstrom.

Dr. DeMoss graduated from the Los Angeles College of Chiropractic and is certified in Chiropractic Spinal Trauma. Please come and bring a friend!

APCUG Conference set for November in Las Vegas

by Jim Evans, jim@apcug.org, APCUG Fall 2002 Committee

The Association of Personal Computer User Groups (APCUG) Fall 2002 conference will be held during COMDEX in Las Vegas, November 16-20.

Several vendor presentation/meal events are scheduled, including: Saturday Lunch, Intel; Saturday Evening, Adobe; Sunday Breakfast, JASC; Sunday Lunch, New Vendor; Sunday Reception and Vendor Faire; Monday Breakfast, McAfee; Monday Evening, Microsoft; and Tuesday Breakfast, Handspring. A complete and current schedule can be found at <http://www.apcug.org/events/comdex/fall2002/activity.htm>.

There will be a full slate of roundtables on Saturday and Sunday. If you wish to help with any of this year’s subjects or to suggest a topic, please send an e-mail to danh@apcug.org. To register, please go to: <http://www.apcug.org/events/comdex/fall2002/register.htm>



Christmas Raffle in December

Our annual Christmas Fundraising Raffle is coming up! Vendors are sending us wonderful prizes. Be sure your dues are paid so you can participate in this exciting raffle.

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*Award Winning
Newsletter*



Notepad

by Linda Gonse
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I've gone to a conference in Hawaii. This column will resume next month and I'll also review OnTrack's really helpful PowerDesk program.

Letter to the editor

WinXP news

Something new appeared this morning amongst all the other junk mail I get. It was an email from WinXP News. I don't normally open or read any of the junk mail, but this one appeared to be a bit different, so I opened it.

Surprise! It is a genuine (I hope) newsletter about WinXP issues, patches, fixes, shortcuts, etc. I haven't read it all, but what I have read seems to be the "right stuff."

I didn't sign up for it, but I assume somebody did it for me. I think it is going to be quite helpful. If you want to see it yourself, go to <http://www.winxpnews.com>.

Ted Wirtz
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Members' Renewal Dates

JULY — Dale Arnold, Ralph Hedges, Larry Kleve, Tony Lake

AUGUST — Stan Leese, Sid Liptz

SEPTEMBER — Bud Barkhurst, Gloria Bearss, Mervin Frank, Chad Hansen, Robert Kambeitz

OCTOBER — Siles Bazerman, Larry Klees

DECEMBER — Donald Bickel, Joe Duffner, Gregory Koch, Trudy Morrill-Ives, Dick Tooley, Loren Tuthill, Carl Westberg

Submitted by Charlie Moore

September raffle winners named

SAMS Pure JavaScript Book, Value \$50

Richard Metzger, Winner

ACS Street Wizard, Value \$29

Gary Covington III, Winner

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Dan Sheffield, Winner

Webster's Dictionary/Thesaurus, Value \$10

Joe Duffner, Not Present

Terry Terrazas, Winner

Kensington Now Playing CD holder, Value \$19

Michael Lyons, Winner

ioio System Mechanic, Value \$39

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Imprise C++ Mug, Value \$5

Art Bullis, Winner

Computer Bath, Value \$5

Lothar Loehr, Winner

Computer Bath, Value \$10

Dale Arnold, Expired

Joe Holtz, Not Present

Richard Metzger, Not Present

Milton Gorham, Winner

Webster's Encyclopedia, Value \$10

Ted Wirtz, Not Present

Loren Tuthill, Not Present

Siles Bazerman, Winner

Rand McNally Route Planner, Value \$10

Trudy Morrill-Ives, Not Present

Terry Schiele, Winner

Apgen Money Dance, Value \$59

Dan Cadish, Not Present

John Bednarski, Not Present

Sharon Graham, Winner

Borland dBase Video, Value \$19

Lloyd Boutwell, Winner

Windows 95 Install Video, Value \$10

Lloyd Boutwell, Prev. Winner

Joe Gionet, Not Present

Michael Lyons, Prev. Winner

Joe Francis, Winner

Submitted by Mike Lyons



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Please contact Charlie Moore, Treasurer/Membership Chairman, with your updated information. —LG

UG conferences planned

Raincoast Regional UG Leadership Conference: October 11-13: Tacoma, WA. Info: www.raincoast.cc — RC'02.

APCUG 2002 Fall Conference: November 16-20, Las Vegas, Nevada. Info: <http://www.apcug.org/events/comdex/fall2002/register.htm>. (See page 1.) —LG

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Free office suite is compatible with MS Office documents

602Pro PC Suite is an integrated office suite that is compatible with Microsoft Office documents (types DOC/XLS), and is designed for computers running Windows 9x/ME/NT/2000. The suite includes a word processor, spreadsheet, graphics editor, and visual desktop. It also includes a visual file manager that lets you preview documents before you open them.

The suite allows users to process several types of information, including text, numbers, pictures, mass fax/e-mail communication, Web pages, and labels or bar codes. 602Pro PC Suite supports creation of templates with guides. It also offers a simple way of creating HTML documents, even if you don't have any knowledge of the language, and is designed to perform well, even on slower PCs.

This version includes increased support for DOC/XLS and HTML documents, the added ability to password-protect documents, updated thumbnail-printing features, and a photo-album print option. It is now possible to create a document with multiple languages per page, and the new extended spelling checker supports seven major languages (English US/UK, French, German, Italian, Spanish and Portuguese). The newly added application, 602Album, provides an intuitive digital picture organizer.

Two reviews by users

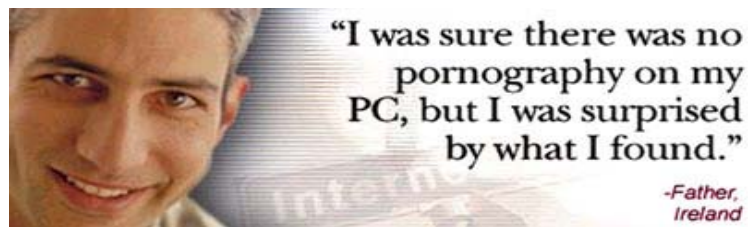
“Even better than any Microsoft applications” — With an easy and intuitive build you can handle the most common applications and (get) truly professional results without all that MS-Office stuff—never used or needed for most average home users... but if you require enhanced options you can get them for a minimal price to upgrade this package.”

“Decent, but annoying” — It's a good program if you have nothing else to use, but many features are disabled (such as the spell-checker, etc.) until you register. It also displays an annoying splash screen each time you run it.

Read what TechUpdate at ZDNet has to say: <http://techupdate.zdnet.com/techupdate/filters/specialreport/0,14622,6022804,00.html>

OpenOffice.org 1.0.1, released on May 2, is the open-source manifestation of Sun's StarOffice. <http://downloads-zdnet.com.com/3000-2064-10108484.html>

Submitted by Tony Lake and Linda Gonse



You can accidentally pick up objectionable PC files from the Internet!

ContentAudit provides a way to safely detect unwanted files you may inadvertently pick up on the Internet. ContentAudit is FREE! It safely scans for unwanted content! An online check takes just minutes! <http://www.contentwatch.com/audit/index.php?cid=140;9;2>

Submitted by Tony Lake

Site helps seniors save money

by Linda Gonse

Frank Balazs shared a newsletter with me at our September meeting that he receives from *seniordiscounts.com*.

I checked out their website and found that they offer “over 120,000 discounts for folks over 50!”

Testing the site's claim, I typed in my zip code and chose Attractions as the category for search results. Several local entertainment parks in our area, and their discount prices, were listed. Among them were:

Disneyland

1313 Harbor Blvd.
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Adventure City

1238 S. Beach Blvd.
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Discount: Seniors pay \$8.95

Adults pay \$11.95

Age requirement: 55+

Knott's Berry Farm

8039 Beach Blvd.
Buena Park, CA 90620

Discount: Seniors pay \$30.00

Adults pay \$40.00

Age requirement: 60+

Besides the attractions, the site offers a discount prescription drug program “with savings of up to 65% on both brand name and generic drugs.”

An area called “Specials” helps to locate significant discounts at name stores. For instance, Hickory Farms offers 15% off to Seniors 50+ at *HickoryFarms.com*. “Simply type in the code SENIORS on their website when ordering to receive the discount. Offer expires 6/18/03.”

Besides the discounts at *seniordiscounts.com*, there are contests with money prizes and a free newsletter.

Quick Windows tips for computer users

by Barry Robbins, Palmia Computer Club, Mission Viejo

Change Explorer Fonts

You can change all the fonts that appear on your desktop and in Explorer. In Windows 98, right-click on the Desktop, choose Properties, and click on the Appearance tab. Choose Icon from the list of Items, and select the desired font name and size.

Using the Outlook Express Preview Pane

Although the Outlook Express preview pane is very handy, in these days of e-mail virus con-tamination, many users believe that it's safer to do without the preview. To turn off the preview pane, choose View|Layout. When the dialog box opens, deselect the "Show preview pane" check box and click OK.

Now, you can look at the "From" information and decide whether to open an e-mail or just delete it.

Show Desktop

To quickly return to the desktop without having to minimize all of your application windows first, simply click the 'Show desktop' icon located just to the right of the Start button in the Quick Launch Toolbar.

Functions

I once watched a neophyte Windows user using the small arrows to click and drag the window edges to the edge of the screen. When I inquired, she stated she wanted the window to be as big as possible. There is an easier way.

At the top right of the window, there are three buttons. The one on the left is the Minimize button. This button will shrink the window down and off the screen. The application is still running, but it is invisible. The middle button is the Maximize/Restore button. This button will make the window as large as it will get, or if already maximized, will put the window into 'restore' mode, which allows you to shrink or increase the window size. The button on the right is the Close button. This will close the window and the application. Always save your work before using this button.

Hotmail in Outlook Express 6

If you'd like to read your Hotmail with Outlook Express, just choose Tools|Accounts. When the Internet Accounts dialog opens, choose Add|Mail. Fill in your name and then press Enter.

Type in your Hotmail address and press Enter again. At this point, Outlook Express will automatically add the correct mail server address for Hotmail. Press Enter and type in your password. Press Enter again and then click Finish.

Thumb

Whenever you delete a file, always assume that you will NOT be able to restore it. So if there is a remote chance you will need the file, instead of deleting it, archive it or move it to a floppy or tape drive.



Monitor your monitor

If you are looking to upgrade your monitor, here are some tips to go by!

1. Buy at least a 17" monitor. Your eyes will thank you for it!
2. CRT is good; Flat-Panel is better (usually). Prices vary greatly between the two!
3. If you go for a CRT, make sure the screen is square (no curved edges).
4. Have lots of controls to customize what you like.
5. Do NOT buy a monitor with built in speakers. It's too expensive and the quality is not as good as a good computer speaker system.

One side note—if you leave your computer on for long periods of time, such as when doing downloads, and are not around, turn off your monitor. It uses a great deal of power.

Firewall Problem

If you have two computers that you are trying to connect with a LAN or Direct Cable Connection and are having difficulty, check to see if either of the computers has a personal firewall.

If so, check the software manual to see how to allow a specific IP address to have unlimited access. Your firewall will prevent connections by unknown computers and may be misinterpreting the LAN or DCC connection as an attempted hostile attack and block it.

User group deals

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Submitted by Tony Lake

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Submitted by Mike Lyons



20% off MS Press titles

All user group members are entitled to 20% off all Microsoft Press books. To receive your discount, place your orders by phone by calling 1-800-MSPRESS. Give them the code **MCPC** to identify yourself as a user group member and receive 20% off.

Special upgrade price for Partition Magic

by Gene Barlow, User Group Relations, (801)796-7370

PowerQuest Corporation has just released Version 7 of Partition Magic, its most popular product.

If you are a user group member and wish to upgrade, you may order Version 7 for only \$35. Here's how:

1. Access our secure web site at www.ugr.com/order/.
2. Enter your user group name and the special order code of UGPM7.
3. Check the PartitionMagic v7 entry and complete the form and submit it. (There is a \$5 shipping charge, \$10 to Canada.)

Google: The greatest of them all!

by Bob Arlow, *Nibbles & Bytes*,
Thousand Oaks Personal Computer
Club

It's a recipe for chaos. Over two billion pages are out there on the Web. And they are interconnected by billions more hyperlinks. Another million or more pages are added every day. They can be any size, a simple document or an encyclopedia. The Web has become the gateway to humanity's greatest storehouse of knowledge about anything and everything.

Understand that and you begin to just slightly grasp the complex task presented to a search engine when you send its spiders scurrying for information. And there are rules to live by; break them and your search brings tens of thousands of "hits" many of which are misses. Example: say you're searching for Morro Bay. Type it into Google that way and you get 67,200 hits. Trouble is they're for Morro Bay — plus Morro and Bay individually. But put the search phrase in quotes — "Morro Bay" and the result is 57,400 targeted finds.

The first widely used Internet searcher was WebCrawler, introduced in 1993. Now there are hundreds of search engines and directories, with some 20 or so leading the pack. But the top dog has to be Google, perhaps the best Internet search engine around. If you're into instant gratification, search speed is astounding, results are clean and focused — and you're not buried in flashing ad banners.

Google first surfaced in 1998, the result of some noodling by Stanford University Ph.D. candidates Larry Page and Sergey Brin to create a new powerful engine that would improve the Web-searching experience. Today Google has even become the hunter-finder of choice for Yahoo!, America's #1 portal. Sony Corp., AOL/Netscape, and Cisco Systems rely on Google to

power searches on their websites. And last month, Earthlink, one of the nation's leading ISPs, chose Google as the search engine for its nearly 5 million subscribers. *New Yorker* magazine called it "the default search engine of the digital in crowd."

And it's become much more since the horrendous events of 9/11. Within minutes, Google was flooded with a tidal wave of related inquires. Rather than just wring their hands at the packed lines, the folks at Google turned it into a treasure trove of news sites. Go to their Web page and click on "News and Resources" and you're instantly at a portal to nearly 100 links of international electronic and print media, government sites and more. It's worth a bookmark on your computer: www.google.com/news

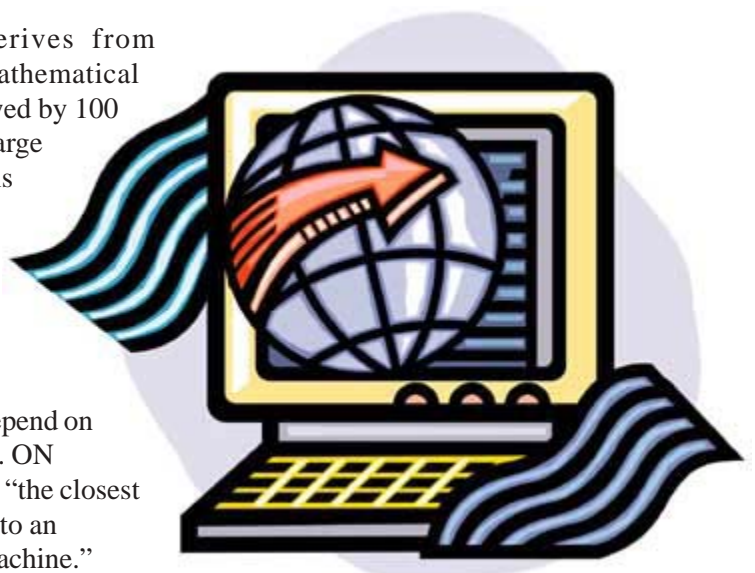
Google's lightning-fast response times are the result of the firm's unique hosting environment. Instead of running a handful of large servers, the Mountain View-based company uses a network of nearly four thousand Linux computers, each with 80 GB hard drives, to quickly find answers to a constant stream of questions.

The name derives from "Googol," the mathematical term for a 1 followed by 100 zeros. It's a very large number — which is more than appropriate since the company says it gets something like 150 million queries from users who've come to depend on its laser-like focus. *ON Magazine* called it "the closest thing the Web has to an ultimate answer machine."

Is there anything Google can't find? It even indexes millions of portable document format files (the .PDF files read by the ubiquitous Adobe Acrobat). Google's Image Search (www.images.google.com) even lets you hunt among 330 million picture files. Another 700 million Usenet posts which stretch back to 1981 and the prehistoric days of the Internet are also available. Actually, Google can now search documents produced in a dozen file formats such as Microsoft Word, Excel and PowerPoint.

And if that's not enough to boast about, this privately held dot-com even claims to have made a profit in the past year!

A software robot dubbed Googlebot identifies and evaluates billions of pages of Web content, making it, according to the company, the world's most comprehensive search engine. The result is an average response time of less than half a second per query. Exuding confidence in the technology's accuracy, Google's home page carries a button labeled "I'm Feeling Lucky." Clicking on it





Lots of new and cheaper products released

by Siles Bazerman

I have been checking my records lately, and this article marks the completion of seven years of writing this column. My first article was a review of Microhelp Uninstaller for Windows 95 in October 1995. Prior to that I edited a newsletter for a JWV veteran post for five years, edited a TI users group newsletter for three and wrote for it for six years. I also have several model railroad articles on web sites, (one in Bridgeport, and a three-parter in Oslo Norway). I have one article published in Light Iron Digest, (a specialty model railroad magazine) and another awaiting publication. No wonder I sometimes get tired of writing.

Enough nostalgia, let's look at the latest items of interest. HP/Compaq will be bundling Corel WordPerfect Office 10 with Pavilion computers starting in late September. This will probably be extended to Compaq's line of Presario PCs shortly thereafter. This is a break from the traditionally preinstalled Microsoft Office Suite. In the tight market for new systems, the price difference between the suites is a major factor. You can now buy a new low end system with WordPerfect Office for less than the retail price of Microsoft Office 10. Dell Computers will also offer a similar package. Also several freeware and shareware suites are available from Sun and several open source sites. According to Wininfo Daily update, Microsoft Office Educational version is available to just about everyone, even though Microsoft does not advertise it (about \$100).

Remember, Microsoft invested a number of millions of dollars in Corel, just as they did for Apple. This came at a critical time for Corel and enabled them to stay viable. Could this now be a case of biting the hand that feeds you? Or, will Microsoft lower the retail price of Office XP? The future looks interesting.

I am very happy to see this happening as I much prefer WordPerfect. I started using Word back when it was called TI Writer and available along with Microsoft Multiplan on plug-in cartridges, circa 1978-79. I switched to Word Perfect 5.0 for DOS soon after I got a 286 PC and ran it under Digital Research

DOS, not MS-DOS. I never looked back and am now using WordPerfect 10 for all my writing. It will save in over 60 formats and will also publish to HTML for publication on the Web, and PDF.

The release of Windows XP Service Pack 1, originally scheduled for August 28, has been delayed. The first announcement was a delay till the end of the month, and then a delay of "release within the next 10 days." Deja vu all over again. Microsoft keeps its records of missed deadlines intact.

Interesting court action is taking place around Windows XP with Sun now suing to have Java code included. They first sued to block Microsoft's implementation of Java, then became unhappy when Microsoft removed all code for Java from Windows XP. Now they want their code included. As a side note, Sun's Java works on less web sites than does Microsoft implementation.

Microsoft has, in the past, made available for download their version of Java or VM (virtual machine). They recently, in response to Sun's original suite, pulled it from their download site. It is still

available from a number of sources. Sun also supplies their code for download. If you need it, a Google search should produce at least a half dozen sites for it. SP1 download will NOT include the code in question, but the CD (free except for \$6.95 shipping and handling charge) will. I will leave it to the lawyers among you to explain that one.

Within the last month I was given a "new" used Palm IIIx by my son. He had it for several years but had never taken it out of the box. I have been investigating software and OS

You can now buy a new low end system with WordPerfect Office for less than the retail price of Microsoft Office 10.

Online newsletter gives product and computer news

So-called 9/11 worm threat diminishes

The W32/Chet-A worm, released on 9/11, infects some Windows systems when the recipient opens the attached .exe file. The worm is capable of infection and self-replication, but the choppy language of the e-mail's body and the fact that it arrives as an .exe attachment reduce the likelihood that people will be fooled into opening the attachment. The worm also has bugs and doesn't work on many systems. See www.computerworld.com/securitytopics/security/virus/story/0,10801,74153,00.html and www.msnbc.com/news/806381.asp

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upgrades, and generally having fun playing with it. I did get a GPS for it and will be using it on my travels. I am relearning all about overclocking with software as all my other overclock experiences have either been done by altering CPU multipliers or FSB speeds, or, going way back, by building R/C timing networks. I am learning a lot and may even start writing about Palm OS 4.1 if I get bored with Windows XP. Look what you have to look forward to.

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Origin of first smiley :-) located

A Microsoft researcher believes he has found evidence of the first occurrence of a "smiley," it was 9/19/82 by Scott E. Fahlman. The researcher used nine-track backup tapes from the period 1981-1983 to locate the :-) smile-marker characters in a Carnegie Mellon bulletin board posting. <http://www.TheNakedPC.com/t/519/tr.cgi?news1>

Lapel pin computers forecast

Intel reports on techniques it will use to make chips faster, smaller, and cheaper. According to Pat Gelsinger, Intel vice president and chief technology officer, "We envision a future where information becomes more personal, where my communications device is in my lapel pin, where I have instant access to knowledge whatever I am doing and wherever I am." <http://www.TheNakedPC.com/t/519/tr.cgi?news2>

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Try member's ant zapper!

Ants, ants, ants are everywhere in Southern California....Well, they are said to never cross a chalk line. So get your chalk out and draw a line on the floor or wherever ants tend to march. See for yourself!

Submitted by Anita Leicht

Make a PowerPoint slide show of your pictures and clipart

by Linda Gonse, ORCOPUG editor and webmaster

You can set up a great slideshow or screensaver in PowerPoint with very little effort! Use photos from your vacation, your grandchildren, or other graphics.

(Before beginning, you must be sure you have PowerPoint installed on your computer in order to perform the following instructions. Also note that the screenshot is taken of PowerPoint XP, but all versions of PowerPoint are similar.)

First, open your PowerPoint program. Then, go to Insert and add a new blank slide.

Next, go to Insert Picture, locate a picture and drop it on the blank slide.

If six white circles, called “handles,” around the periphery of the image are not displayed, click

on the image to activate it. Then, holding down on the Shift key, drag a corner handle to stretch the image out, to cover the slide. It’s okay if it overlaps the blank slide. (A corner handle simultaneously stretches the image horizontally and vertically. Holding the Shift key down forces the stretch to be proportional. Otherwise, the image may look like a reflection in a Fun House mirror.)

If the image is mostly vertical or horizontal and won’t fit the slide, make it as large as you can and set a color for the slide background that will show. Go to Format on the menu bar and click on Background. After selecting a color, you have a choice of applying it to all the slides or just one. A smaller picture can look larger if the background color you choose matches the background color in the picture.

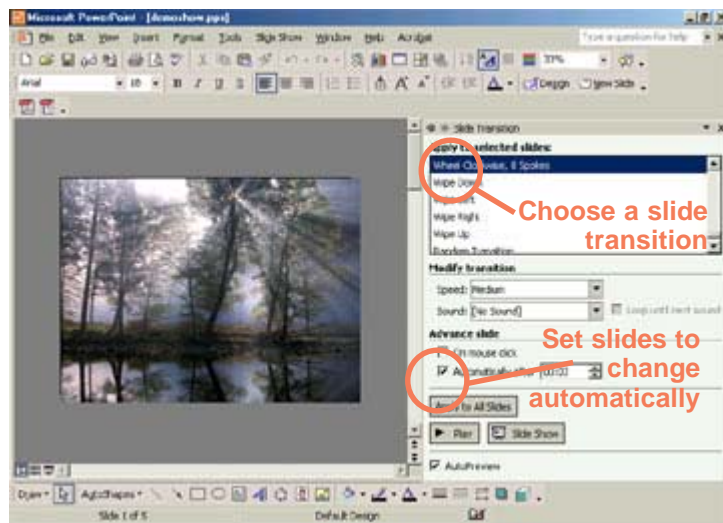
Then, go to SlideShow on the menu and click on Slide Transition. Set the slide to change automatically after a certain number of seconds—usually 2–5 seconds.

While you are in this dialog box, your slide show will be more interesting if you add slide transitions to it. Transitions make slides dissolve, checkerboard, or other neat effects, as they change from one to the other.

If you want the entire presentation to loop after the first run-through and continue indefinitely, you’ll need to go to Set Up Show on the menu bar and click the radio button to Loop Continuously Until (pressing) Escape.

You can also add sound to play continuously or set it for time limits. Use MPG, WAVE, or CD tracks.

When you have completed the slide show, go to File and Save As and save the



presentation as a PowerPoint Show. You’ll find the PowerPoint Show, .pps, option in the drop down list next to Save As Type. Then, drag a shortcut for the file to the desktop.

Just click on it for a continuously-running screensaver!

You can share your slideshows with friends who have PowerPoint or who have the free PowerPoint viewer installed. (You can get a viewer at: <http://office.microsoft.com/downloads/2000/Ppview97.aspx>. PowerPoint presentations cannot be created or edited with the viewer.)

To download a demo slideshow, go to <http://www.orcopug.org/slideshow.html>.

Use this trick to save characters to paragraphs

The universal shortcut for selecting all the text and graphics in a Windows document is Ctrl+A.

But you already knew that, didn’t you? You can be more selective with your selection in Microsoft Word.

Tap your F8 key the first time to turn on this feature then move your cursor right or left to select a single character. Now, press F8 a second time to select the entire word. Three taps on F8 selects the sentence.

Four F8 punches knocks out the paragraph. If you want the whole document, hit F8 five times.

Reverse the process by keeping the Shift key depressed while tapping F8. When you’re done selecting text, just press the ESC key to turn this feature off.

Submitted by Tony Lake

Just in time for Christmas

- Once you’ve seen one shopping center, you’ve seen a mall.
- Santa’s helpers are subordinate clauses.

Submitted by Leonard Prince

Humor from the Internet



Submitted by Ted Wirtz

How to stay young

1. Throw out nonessential numbers. This includes age, weight and height. Let the doctor worry about them. That is why you pay him/her.
2. Keep only cheerful friends. The grouches pull you down.
3. Keep learning. Learn more about the computer, crafts, gardening, whatever. Never let the brain idle. "An idle mind is the devil's workshop."
4. Enjoy the simple things.
5. Laugh often, long and loud. Laugh until you gasp for breath.
6. The tears happen. Endure, grieve, and move on. The only person who is with us our entire life, is ourselves. Be ALIVE while you are alive.
7. Surround yourself with what you love, whether it's family, pets, keepsakes, music, plants, hobbies, whatever. Your home is your refuge.
8. Cherish your health: If it is good, preserve it. If it is unstable, improve it. If it is beyond what you can improve, get help.
9. Don't take guilt trips. Take a trip to the mall, to the next county, to a foreign country, but NOT to where the guilt is.
10. Tell the people you love that you love them, at every opportunity.

AND ALWAYS REMEMBER

Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away!

Submitted by Marygrace Coffen



You can brighten someone's day, do a good turn for a friend, make someone happy... Just mail or email this newsletter to a friend!

Google

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will take you directly to what Google decides is — more often than not — the best site for your search.

For users of Windows 95 and up plus the Internet Explorer browser (version 5 or higher), the search engine is now even better thanks to the Google Toolbar. A zapquick download automatically attaches itself just below IE's other toolbars. Then, no matter where you are on the Web, just type in your search word or phrase without having to go back to Google's home page.

And if you're mobile, this high-powered hunter can be used on Palm OS PDAs and wireless phones. Google's also involved in another mobile computing venture — an effort to integrate its search technology into BMW's new line of Internet-ready automobiles.

So if you spend time trolling the Net for information, this one deserves your attention and a bookmark — and a Google Toolbar: www.google.com.

Very punny...!

1. A bicycle can't stand on its own because it is two-tired.
2. What's the definition of a will? (It's a dead giveaway.)
3. Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.

Submitted by Leonard Prince

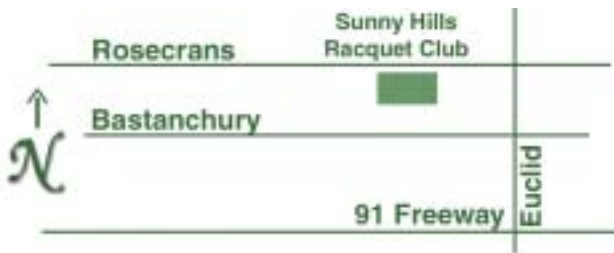
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Newsletter deadline
October 19

Visitors are welcome! Meetings are FREE!

The Orange County IBM PC Users' Group regular meeting is scheduled for the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Sunny Hills Racquet Club, 1900 Camino Loma, Fullerton, (714) 992-1300. For more information, call (714) 990-0580, or go to www.orcopug.org.



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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6:30 p.m.
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