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President's Message

By Tom Burt

General Meetings

The Computer Club March General Membership Meeting will be held 7 PM Thursday, March 5th, at Desert Vista. Tom Kimber will make a presentation on Nevada's newly established registry of advance directives, known as the **Nevada Living Will Lockbox**. The March issue of the Association's LINK magazine also features an article on this topic. Join us for this important and informative presentation, refreshments and fellowship.

Notice of 2009 Bylaws Approval and 2009 Budget Approval Election

Attendance at the February 5, 2009 general business meeting fell short of the required 100 needed for a quorum, so the two planned votes were tabled to a future meeting.

At the **April 2nd, 2009** general business meeting, the Computer Club members will again be asked to vote to approve an update to the club's Bylaws. A draft of the Bylaws document is now posted on this website for review and comment by members. To view the draft Bylaws, click [HERE](#). At the same meeting, club members will also vote to approve the club's 2009 budget and spending plan. To view the 2009 budget and spending plan, click [HERE](#). Our April meeting presentation will be given by representatives from the Apple store.

Membership

For 2009, so far we have **972** new or renewed members. Regular dues (\$20 / \$10) are now in effect. See the [Membership](#) page for full details.

Education Activities for March

Rich Walko, Howard Verne and Edith Einhorn are our education program coordinators. We have a good, but somewhat reduced line-up of classes, seminars and SIGs for March. See the [March calendar](#) as well as the Seminars, Classes, "SIGs" and "KKs" pages for full details. Our education program is one of the great benefits of belonging to the Club. No matter what your experience or skill level, you should find something to suit your needs.

The **Advanced XP/Vista SIG** meetings are suspended indefinitely, due to lack of a SIG leader. Bob Elmore stepped down as SIG leader in December and we have been unable to recruit a replacement. If any member is interested in taking over the SIG, please contact me or Ed Barkin. (See the Who's Who page in the About SCSCC area of the web-site).

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Digital TV Transition (Update)

The February 17, 2009 official transition date (when over-the-air analog TV broadcasts were to cease) was **postponed by Congress to June 12, 2009**. Beginning on (or before) the new date, local TV stations will broadcast over the air in digital format only. To receive digital TV over the air (using an antenna) you will need either a TV with a built in digital tuner (all TVs manufactured after March, 2007 have a built-in digital tuner) or you will need a small digital to analog converter box. These converters can be purchased from any electronics retailer such as Fry's, Best Buy, Radio Shack or RC Willey for about \$60. You can offset the cost of the converter by using a \$40 coupon available from the US government, redeemable at the retailer. To request coupons to apply against the cost of converters, visit <http://dtv2009.gov>, or call **888-388-2009**.

Families who receive their TV content from Cox cable, DirecTV or Dish Network will not be affected by the digital broadcast change. If your TV has an analog tuner and is connected to one of those services, it will still work on June 12.

Issue Contributors

Carol Warman – Manager / Editor

Tom Burt	Edith Einhorn	Nilda Fernandez	Dick Kling
Pat Lemay	John Polich	Ed Rogers	Howard Verne
Rich Walko	Bill Wilkinson		

Board of Directors Actions

The Computer Club Board of Directors took the following actions on Wednesday, February 11, 2009

1. Ed Barkin made a motion to permit the Dance Club to use the Club's facilities for the purpose of changing costumes on May 15-17, 22-24 if all conditions of the Board are met. The motion was seconded by Irene Burt and passed by a unanimous vote of the Board.

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Welcome New Members

Ellen Bachman
Rey Knight
Dona Montague
Dale Petzel
Eileen Petzel
Charles Phillips

Arthur Plaggemeier
Reiko Rose
Eulice Row
Larry Silva
James Turner
Robert Wiley

March 2009 Calendars

To view the March calendars, click the following hyperlink:

http://www.scsc.com/Calendars/scsc_calendar_2009-mar.pdf.

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SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

Special Interest Groups (SIGs) provide a forum for general discussion on a specific computer related subject. Admission to all SIGs is on a first-come, first-seated basis and is subject to the maximum allowed by fire code regulations. All of the following meetings are held in the Classroom.

The <W> or <M> indicate whether a SIG would be of interest to *Windows* or *Macintosh* users.

Advanced Windows SIG <W>

Currently this SIG is suspended because no one has volunteered to be its chair.

The SIG's purpose is to answer questions on functional operation of the three principal Windows operating systems (XP, Vista, 7), review software that will enhance the operating systems and answer technical questions on the systems. The SIG is open to all users of the systems but is geared to the intermediate & Advanced users.

Creative Graphics <W/M>

1st and 3rd Wednesday, 1:00 p.m. (This Sig will be dark in March.)

Mel Neiman (228-6727)

Featuring tips, tricks, demonstrations and give-aways with information on greeting cards, business cards, labels, simple desk top publishing, digital photo tips and using photos in your projects, creating slide show informational frames, using fonts and creating your own clipart from fonts, e-mail stationery and animated signatures, journaling, and scrapbooking using computers, new tools for publishing found in Printmaster.

Very basic photo imaging processing, using small utilities related to graphics, fonts and catalog.

Digital Music <W>

3rd Thursday, 9:00 a.m.

Tom Burt (341-7095)

The Digital Music SIG provides a forum for members interested in all aspects of computer-based digital music to meet, discuss, and learn more about the topic. The SIG's target audience is intermediate to advanced digital music users, but all members are welcome.

Genealogy <W>

4th Monday, 6:30 p.m.

Charles Johnson (804-4943)

Genealogy is one of America's most popular and rewarding hobbies. Come, let us help you find your ancestors on the internet. We will explore helpful, free, sites and assist you in building your family tree.

Hardware <W >

Every Tuesday, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

George Lobue (256-0822)

This SIG provides **club members only** with no cost assistance for those having upgrades and /or problems with their computers. Bring in only your P.C. tower and your problems. Our TECH team will give you our best effort. Be sure to mark your cables so you can re-connect when you get home.

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Linux SIG

2nd Wednesday at 1:00 P.M. and 4th Wednesday at 9:00 A.M., in the Classroom

Sy Bensky (242-6695)

Apart from the fact that it's **freely** distributed, Linux's functionality, adaptability and robustness, have made it a main alternative to Microsoft's operating systems. IBM, Hewlett-Packard and other giants of the computing world have embraced Linux and support its ongoing development. More than a decade after its initial release, Linux is being adopted worldwide primarily as a server platform. Its use as a home and office desktop operating system is also on the rise. This Special Interest Group will investigate Linux's potentials and attributes.

Macintosh Users' Group <M>

2nd and 4th Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.

Rose Mary D'Aloisio (255-2813)

Bill Euler (233-2351)

This is for Macintosh users of all experience levels. We will have Q&A, so bring your questions and/or problems.

Photoshop <W>

2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.

David Alexman (341-6533) and Zoltan Steiner (256-1161)

This SIG will provide you with an overview of many of the basic elements found in both Adobe Photoshop and Adobe Photoshop Elements, two extraordinary photo retouching, image editing, and color painting software programs. The Adobe Photoshop programs offer the tools to get professional-quality results. If you wish to enhance your photographs, this SIG will be most helpful and of great value. This SIG's target audience is intermediate to advanced digital imaging users, but all members are welcome.

Sun City Wings <W/M>

3rd Saturday, 1:00 p.m.

Ted Wagner (256-4037)

Using Microsoft's Flight Simulator program, we fly all kinds of airplanes from the 1903 Wright Flyer to a 400-passenger 747 jet airliner. Even helicopters are available. You can learn to fly airplanes or you can just enjoy beautiful sceneries around the world. The unrestricted view from the cockpit is something to experience. Those simulator programs have gotten "As real as it gets". We have a lot of fun. Please join us and take a look into the world of Flying.

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March 2009 Classes

Because there are a limited number of computer stations available for hands-on participation, pre-registration is necessary for all classes. See descriptions below for details on how to register.



Boot Camp: For Members New to Computing or Windows

DATES FOR March CLASS

Lead Instructor: Bill Wilkinson

Location: Computer Lab

Each Boot Camp class is comprised of five three-hour sessions

Dates: March 9, 10, 12, 16 and 17

Times: from 9:00 A.M. to 12 Noon.



Registration:

To register or seek additional information, please telephone **Susie Scott at 242-9745 or 239-8986 (cell)**. She will arrange to register you for an upcoming class, issue you the class materials and collect the course fee.

Course Description:

Boot Camp is an introductory course designed for members who are new to computing and/or the Microsoft Windows operating system. This hands-on class has a limited enrollment of 12 with each participant working at an individual computer station in the Computer Lab. A multi-member team of lead instructor and coaches will provide step-by-step instruction that will include demonstrations, guided practice and individual coaching assistance.

Participants will be introduced to the basic vocabulary and concepts necessary to establish an understanding of Windows. They will be instructed in practical strategies for managing and organizing their own data files, will be introduced to word processing, email, and the Internet, and will learn how to read and write data from/to a compact disk (CD or DVD) and a portable thumb drive.

The course includes over 40 Practice Sets that will encourage program participants to have many friendly hands-on experiences with their computers during the 15-hour program.

Prerequisites: Must be a Club member and own a computer using Microsoft Windows.

Fee: Fifteen (\$15.00), including a participant's manual, a CD, and a **portable flash drive** (new feature for class).

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Vista Basics: Introduction to Vista

Instructor: Howard Verne

Location: Computer Lab

Tuesday, March 11, 1pm

This session is a basic survey of Microsoft's Vista Operating System and is intended to give members who have just purchased a new computer with Vista installed or those who have converted from XP to Vista, a way to jump start their knowledge of Microsoft's newest OS.

Prerequisite computer skills required to attend this course:

Ability to use a mouse to open/close/minimize windows

Ability to start a program (such as Internet Explorer)

Basic understanding of files and folders

This hands-on class has a limited enrollment of 12 with each participant working at an individual computer station. A multi-member team of lead instructor and coaches will provide step-by-step instruction that will include demonstrations, guided practice and individual coaching assistance. There is no fee for this class.

Registration: to register, send an email with your first and last name, association number, and the words "VISTA BASICS" in the body of your message to hverne@yahoo.com. *If, with in 24 hours, you do not get a reply from Howard, please contact him at 363-5337.*

Handout: Can be found at <http://www.scsc.com/smnr/VistaBasic.pdf>. Please print it out and bring it to class.

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Digital Photography: Camera to Computer to Print

Tuesday, March 24, at 1 pm, in the Lab

Lead Instructor: Edith Einhorn

This class will consider what to do with all those pictures you've taken with your digital camera. How do you retrieve them from your camera, view them, share them as prints or send them via email? Participants are encouraged to bring their cameras with at least 5 pictures, the USB cable or docking station that came with the camera, a blank CD-R and a thumb drive if you own one.

This hands-on class has a limited enrollment of 12 with each participant working at an individual computer station. A multi-member team of lead instructor and coaches will provide step-by-step instruction that will include demonstrations, guided practice and individual coaching assistance. There is no fee for this class.

Registration: to register, send an email with your first and last name, association number, telephone number, and the words “**DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY**” in the body of your message to eunicorn@cox.net.

Handout: Can be found at [http://www.scsc.com/smnr/Digital Photography From Camera to PC to Print.pdf](http://www.scsc.com/smnr/Digital%20Photography%20From%20Camera%20to%20PC%20to%20Print.pdf) .. Please print it out and bring it to class.

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Because there are a limited number of computer stations available for hands-on participation, pre-registration is necessary for all classes. See description below for details on how to register.



Hands on Powerpoint

Instructor: Howard Verne

Location: Computer Lab

Tuesday, March 25, 1pm

This session is a basic survey of Microsoft's PowerPoint Presentation software. You will learn how to format, add pictures and sounds, and control effects such as slide transitions. You will discover both the built-in design templates as well as how to access the additional ones on the

internet.

This hands-on class has a limited enrollment of 12 with each participant working at an individual computer station. A multi-member team of lead instructor and coaches will provide step-by-step instruction that will include demonstrations, guided practice and individual coaching assistance. There is no fee for this class.

Registration: to register, send an email with your first and last name, association number, and the words "**PowerPoint**" in the body of your message to hverne@yahoo.com. *If, within 24 hours you do not get a reply from Howard, please contact him at 363-5337.*

Handout: As this is the first time this is being taught, the handout will be emailed to attendees one week before the class.

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Because there are a limited number of student stations (12) in the Computer Lab, it is necessary for all participants to pre-register. Please refer to the registration instructions below.



Intro to Outlook Express for Windows XP Users

Presenter: Edith Einhorn

Tuesday, March 31, 1:00 PM in the Lab

CANCELLED due to lack of interest.

Microsoft Outlook Express is a popular e-mail program which is a part of the Windows XP operating system. It can be used by many mail accounts. (Some providers, AOL, Juno, Yahoo and Hotmail as examples, may not permit the use of Outlook Express. Please check with your provider.)

This three hour hands-on class is designed for beginning users of e-mail or beginning users of Outlook Express. It will address creating and sending messages, reading, replying to and forwarding messages; printing and deleting messages; and changing options to personalize Outlook Express. It also will include setting up and using the address book.

Registration: to register, send an email with your first and last name, association number, telephone number, and the words “**Outlook Express**” in the body of your message to eunicorn@cox.net.

Notes for this class can be found at www.scsc.com/smnr . They are titled “E-mail Using Microsoft Outlook Express, Beginners” and are dated March 2009.

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March 2009 Seminars

For all seminars, no advanced registration is required. Seating is “first-come , first-seated”.



WRITER - a *free* word processor from OpenOffice

Presenter: Rich Walko

Thursday, March 12 at 1:30 pm, in the Classroom

Over the years, word processing applications have been free and pricey, as well as, easy and frustrating to use. This seminar treats one of the present-day FREE word processors that can scale from simple note taking to document publishing! That is quite a volume of information to present and for users to understand.

My evolving (draft) notes suggest that we can spend about three sessions to deliver a working knowledge of the Writer application. This Thursday, March 12th at 1:30 P. M. is the first of these three sessions.

I plan to present the second and third sessions of this introduction to **Writer** in April and May.



Travel Via the Internet

Presenter: Harvey Lawrence

Wednesday, March 18, 9am-11-am in the Classroom

The Internet, your own private travel agent!

While nothing compares to having a reliable and knowledgeable travel agent, this seminar will show club members the many websites available for gathering travel information and booking travel.

From finding the best seats available on a plane, seeing what meals on these planes are like (if they are available), seeing live video from cruise ships beaches etc. to seeing what special prices are available. Included in this seminar is a website that tells in detail, the problems that have occurred on cruise ships—information you really would never have access to. Very interesting information!! Additionally, you'll find out how to print your boarding pass in advance and save valuable time at the airport or cruise terminal.

Join us for a fun filled and interesting look into the travel industry.

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Gmail and Other Google Programs

Presenter: Pat Lemay

Wednesday, March 18 at 1:00 pm, in the Classroom

Gmail is a free, search-based webmail service that combines the best features of traditional email with Google's search technology. Gmail makes locating messages so easy that you'll never need to shuffle mail in your inbox again. Besides offering an entirely new way of reading and tracking messages, Gmail includes over 5 GB of storage space -- and storage space is increasing daily.

Email attachments open on their server which makes getting a virus almost impossible. Don't waste time with junk mail and unwanted messages. Gmail blocks spam before it gets to your inbox. If an unwanted message ever finds its way through, you can fight back by reporting it and help make their spam filters even better.

With a Gmail account you have access to numerous other programs such as creating and storing documents, spreadsheets and photographs. The storage of your email, documents, spreadsheets and photographs is on their server so you have access to your information from any computer by logging in with your user name and password. If your computer ever crashes, you will never lose your information since it is not stored on your hard drive.



"Virtual Machine Primer"

Presenter: Tom Burt

Thursday, March 26, 2009 at 9 AM

"Virtualization" has become a hot topic as a new way to get more out of your PC, guard against malware, and to try out "beta" software and hot fixes without risking your production system. This 2 hour seminar will review currently available virtual machine technology - what it is, which virtual machine managers are available and the strengths and weaknesses of each. We'll actually go through the step-by-step process of setting up an empty virtual machine, installing an operating system into it and doing some optimizations to make it run better. The Virtual Machine manager we'll demonstrate is the free **Virtual Box** from Sun Microsystems.

Target Audience: SCSCC members comfortable using XP or Vista. But, *all* club members are welcome!

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Firefox 3

Presenter: Howard Verne

Monday, March 30, at 10:00AM, in the Classroom

Mozilla Firefox is a fast, full-featured Web browser. Version 3 includes a bevy of new features and changes, including a redesigned address bar pull-down menu that includes bookmarks and history, a new add-on manager, the ability to pause and resume downloads, malware protection, a better password manager, and OS-specific themes. No longer a fledgling upstart, Firefox 3 is full-featured, lightning fast, and an able Internet Explorer foe. Many knowledgeable computer users have moved from Microsoft's Internet Explorer to Firefox. Firefox 3 makes that decision even more appealing.

Handout: Can be found at <http://www.scsc.com/smnr/FireFox.pdf>. Please print it out and bring it to the seminar.

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Q & A March 2009

By John Polich

Q. (Email message) *When I print from a Web page the font size at times is very small. Is there something that I can do to correct this? I use IE 7.*

A. The print size is created by the Web page creators. To print out a larger size of text from a Web page, I commonly select and copy the desired text then paste it into a MS Word document. There I can change it to a larger font size then print it out. This takes a little more time but works well for me.

With the desired Web page open, you could click on View; click on Text Size and select a larger size then print it out.

You could also click on Tools; click Internet Options; click General Tab; click the Accessibility button then click *Ignore font sizes specified on webpages*. This method may distort some of the text however.

Q. (Email message) *I have two questions about Windows Mail in Vista:*

- *How do you change the order of the messages? I want the new ones on top, but mine is mixing them all up and I don't know what order they are going for!*
- *How do you add a name to your Contacts (which was Address Book in Outlet [sic] Express?)*

A. In order to change the order of messages in Windows Mail, simply click on the proper header e.g. clicking on the *Received* header (toggle) will arrange the message according to the dates received.

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There are several ways to add a name to your Contacts in Windows Mail. Click on Contacts (Tool bar) then click on Add. You can also click on Contacts; click the File Menu; click New; click on Contact then fill in the address and other data as desired. Another method: when you receive a message from someone that you want to add to your Contacts, right click on the message and select *Add Sender to Contacts*.

Q. *How do you do disc clean up with Vista. With XP you had a box that did disc clean up, temp files and all that you put a check in what you wanted to clean where is that in Vista. Any Help will be appreciated*

A. Vista's Disk Clean utility is similar to that seen in Windows XP. Open Computer; right click drive C:\; click Properties; select the General tab; click the Disk Cleanup button then proceed from there. Another method: click the Start orb; click All Programs; click Accessories; click System Tools; click Disk Cleanup and the drive desired. One more method: click Start; click Control Panel; click System Maintenance; click Performance Information and Tools; check on *Open Disk Cleanup* in the left pane. Regardless of which method you use, as with Windows XP you check box the tool desired e.g. temp files.

Q. (Email message) *Has anyone heard of the Sysinternals Suite? Apparently it is a set of utilities available from technet.microsoft.com. One of the utilities is a "PageDefrag" utility. According to the web site: "Paging and Registry file, fragmentation can be one of the leading causes of performance degradation related to file fragmentation in a system"*

A. Thanks for reminding us of this excellent set of Microsoft utilities. *PageDefrag* is one of the top ten downloads from Sysinternals Suite. The ten listed are:

- [Process Explorer](#)
- [AutoRuns](#)
- [Process Monitor](#)
- [PsTools](#)
- [PageDefrag](#)
- [RootkitRevealer](#)
- [TcpView](#)

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- [BgInfo](#)
- [BlueScreen](#)
- [NewSid](#)

According to Russ Russinovich, Page Defrag “uses advanced techniques to provide you what commercial defragmenters cannot: the ability for you to see how fragmented your paging files and Registry hives are, and to defragment them. In addition, it defragments event log files and Windows 2000/XP hibernation files (where system memory is saved when you hibernate a laptop).”

The following URL is available to download the entire Sysinternals Suite utilities or any one of them:

<http://technet.microsoft.com/en-us/sysinternals/0e18b180-9b7a-4c49-8120-c47c5a693683.aspx>

Q. (Email message) *How do I save a file to a Flash Drive using VISTA? I have the file on my desktop, but I'd also like to know how to save a file that's in "My Documents".*

A. There are several ways to save or copy those files to your flash drive. One simple way to do so is to right click on the desired file on the Desktop or in My Documents (or wherever it may be); select *Send To* from the menu then select the flash drive. Other methods include copying and pasting, click and dragging files, etc.

Knowing how to manage files and folders is essential in computing. Years ago, I discovered that learning the basics of files and folders (directories) greatly enlightened me about the “wonders” of computing. Originally it was learning to use the File Manager in Windows 3.1, which in later MS operating systems was renamed Windows Explorer. I suggest that you take advantage of the classes offered in your computer club relative to the management of files and folder including Windows Explorer.

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Q. (Email message) *Has anyone downloaded Internet Explorer 8 and, if so, how has it gone?*

A. I have installed the Beta version of Windows 7 which includes Internet Explorer 8. I found it relatively easy to use since it doesn't deviate that much from the previous version i.e. Internet Explorer 7. I suggest that you go the following URL which goes into more specific details, including improvements e.g. *Acclerators, InPrivate Browsing, Web Slices, Search improvements and SmartScreen Filter*:

<http://www.microsoft.com/windows/internet-explorer/beta/features/overview.aspx?tabid=1&catid=1>

Q. (Email message) *I received an unusual phone call Saturday afternoon, from Log me In about Microsoft errors on my computer wanting to install their software for \$54 that would fix my computer, make it run better, before it crashed. I do not know how they got my phone number, but decided to hang up on them. They called back, asking me why I hung up; I told them I didn't know if they were legitimate, fraud, or what?*

They got off phone pretty quick after that. Do you have any knowledge of this "company" or type of phone call reported anywhere?

A. You were wise in not going along with the installation of **Log me In**. It sounds like this was example of *phishing* using the telephone. *Phishing* is more commonly done on the Internet using a name that seems legitimate but isn't. It can involve the promise of "fixing" your computer free or as in your case "*wanting to install their software for \$54 that would fix my computer, make it run better, before it crashed*". I am not sure of an entity called **Log me In**. **LogMeIn**, however, is a legitimate software creator. It even offers a free excellent program allowing you remote control of another computer like Microsoft's *Remote Assistance*.

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Q. (Email message) *Is there a free copy of PDF writer available anywhere?*

A. There are some free downloads available of a PDF writer. Some examples are PrimoPDF (<http://www.primopdf.com/>), CutePDF (<http://www.cutepdf.com/Products/CutePDF/writer.asp>), and pdf995 (<http://www.pdf995.com/>). These three seem reliable but you should be extremely cautious when downloading anything from the Web especially if free.

I have used the Writer tool in Open Office (<http://download.openoffice.org/index.html>) to create PDF files. To do so, bring up Open Office and select Writer; create a document (or copy and paste from another word processor e.g. MS Word) click on the File menu; select *Export as PDF* then name and save where you desire.

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Web Surfing *by Dick Kling*

Pavement Drawings

Street Art is a term that incorporates a wide range of mediums, from graffiti to mime to performance art. For over ten years, artist Julian Beever has used traditional methods to create unique "pavement drawings" in cities all around the world.

Browse through the gallery of his work, which has graced the sidewalks of the U.K., France, Belgium, The Netherlands, Germany, Australia, and the USA. The subjects of his work include both amazing renderings of old masters as well as inventive, original pieces of his own.

<http://users.skynet.be/J.Beever/pave.htm>

The Homeopathic Coach

Whether you already use Homeopathy in your daily life and want to learn more, or you just want to know what the positive buzz is all about, be sure check out this cool new website. Sam Adkins a.k.a. "The Homeopathic Coach" a cancer survivor as well as an experienced homeopath, created the site to bring the power of Homeopathy to anyone who is looking for an alternative or addition to mainstream medicine.

"The Homeopathic Coach" website offers articles and other related information that is designed to keep you educated, inspired, and supported as you learn more about homeopathic medicine and how to incorporate it into your home. Read about the basic principles of Homeopathy, get free online advice, and sign up for Sam's e-zine which is filled with resources, tools, tips, and news hot off the homeopathic presses.

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<http://www.thehomeopathiccoach.com/>

A Big Perspective

Anyone who has seen the permanent exhibit at New York City's Hayden Planetarium knows the "power" of using exponential numbers to look at The Universe. "Secret Worlds: The Universe Within" is a cool virtual feature by Molecular Expressions that puts both the grand and the microscopic at your fingertips.

Simply click on the image to see as far away as the Milky Way (which is 10 million light years from Earth) in successive orders of magnitude. "Secret Worlds" allow visitors to move back toward Earth and visible objects and into the microscopic world of chromatin, DNA, and subatomic particles.

<http://tinyurl.com/hck>

Classical Music Archives

Classical music buffs are sure to swoon over the sights and sounds within this musical website. With an online archive of over 40,000 full-length music files by over 2,000 different composers, ClassicalArchives.Com is quite possibly the largest classical music resource on the Internet today.

Scroll through the site's archives and listen to live recordings, radio programs, and audio files of Classical music from the 17th century up to the present day. Visitors will find additional features such as composer biographies, a learning center for newbies, and a "24/7 free Internet radio broadcast".

<http://www.classicalarchives.com/>

Divided We Fail

The United States is one of the wealthiest countries in modern history, yet everyday millions of its citizens worry about their health and financial

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security. Founded in conjunction with AARP, Business Roundtable, SEIU, and NFIB, DividedWeFail.Org is a non-profit organization aimed at busting through the partisan gridlock in Washington and achieving health care and long-term financial security for Americans.

Check out the official website of "Divided We Fail", which is part of a national effort to help millions of Americans secure health care and financial stability. Those who are interested in learning more can read some of the site's "Featured Articles", use the "Debate Tracker" to see where presidential candidates stand on these pressing issues, and "Get Involved".

<http://www.dividedwefail.org>

NPR Music Online

Welcome to "NPR Music", a free, multi-genre site that presents the very best of public radio music. The website is the wonderful result of a creative collaboration between twelve different radio stations, from places as diverse as Seattle, Newark, Minnesota, NYC, Ohio, Boston, Cincinnati, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, and Austin.

Explore the site and discover some great features including live music streams as well as popular NPR programs such as "Jazz Profiles", "World Café", and "Classics in Concert". Visitors will also want to check out the different sections such as "Interviews & Profiles", the aptly-named "Discover Songs", and "Studio Sessions". This one is a definite bookmark!!!

<http://www.npr.org/nprmusic/>

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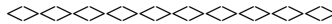
The Mac Corner *by Ed Rogers*

Want to know what day and time it is in Paris? Sydney? Copenhagen? New Delhi? Or any of dozens and dozens of other cities around the world? There's a wonderful Dashboard Widget called "Time Scroller," which also works on iPhone. Great for anyone who wants to make contact with anyone else in other than our Pacific zone. It's a quick download at:
<http://www.timescroller.com/About.html>.

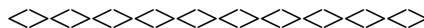


Sincere thanks to SCSCC member Sandy Mintz who solved the puzzle presented in the March issue of "The Mac Corner." I still have to learn how he added the "e" at the end of "interfere" in the second commandment . . .

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Do you enjoy Sudoku? “Sudoku Adept” allows playing Sudoku games on Mac OS X. It features unique puzzles, many difficulty levels, and a practical user interface. You’ll find it at:
<http://www.hexcat.com/sudokuadept/index.html>.

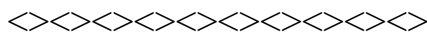


Speaking of games, a recent Macworld newsletter offered the following: “Sure the Web is a useful resource, but let’s be honest. [Often] we’re just looking to pass a bit of time while we procrastinate on our next deadline. Whether we’re looking for mindless action, brainy word puzzles, or kid-friendly entertainment, these 14 sites keep us from going crazy when the work piles up.”:
<http://www.macworld.com/article/135344/2008/09/websites.html?lsrc=mwweek>

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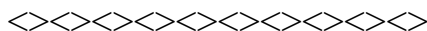


A most helpful Web site is “PDF Pad”, available at <http://www.pdfpad.com/>. PDF Pad is a comprehensive online destination where you can download and print high quality documents you might need for work, school and play, free of charge or registration hassles. Current offerings include Calendars, Flaga, Graph Paper, Smith Chart, Staff Paper, Storyboards and Sudoku.



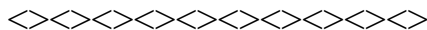
In January, Google released a public beta of its [Picasa for Mac](#) desktop software for organizing, editing, and uploading photos. The software, which runs on Intel Macs with OS X 10.4 or later, marks the first time that Picasa has been offered for the Mac (it joins the Windows and Linux versions already available).

The free Picasa software is designed to help you organize your photos, regardless of where they reside on your computer. It imports (without moving or copying) photos from your iPhoto library and other folders on your Mac, including external hard drives if so desired (it's designed not to affect your iPhoto library, duplicating files as needed). It also includes many editing tools, such as those for straightening, text generation, create collages, and removing red eye, as well as Photoshop-like effects and adjustments.



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You may have noticed that Apple Mail does not play the “new mail alert” message every time you get a new email. This is an issue that has been present since the first release of OSX 10.5, but it has never been fixed by Apple. Well, all you have to do is turn off the IDLE command (which is what Mail’s IMAP is using sometimes to discover a new message). In Mail open Preferences, then go to Accounts>Advanced. In all your mail accounts turn off the “Use IDLE command” feature. Then go to Preferences>General, and set “Check for new Mail every minute”. Now you should get the new mail alert sound every time you receive a message.



The Computer Club’s Mac SIG meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month in the Classroom at 6:30 PM. Come to learn, ask questions, and share ideas with fellow Mac users.

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