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Why Everything Is Computing
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✓ People who continually add structure to clubs and organizations diminish creativity, free thought and original ideas. Above all, they discourage the overall membership and individual participation. Creative people are different from most people and need a minimum of rules. The use of endless rules, regulations and confinement produces a non-productive environment. The overall effect is a loss of interest, a disassociation of people, and boredom. Volunteer clubs have enough trouble getting people to participate actively. Creating rigid dogmatic protocol will obtain even less.

✓ Creative people provide their own structure. Many of us have served in the military, and are not anxious to return as senior citizens. The New Age Computer Club is a voluntary, FREE club, where people can relax and be themselves, and above all, express themselves. We have no officers or people of glorified importance. We feel if you want to be an important official, why not join financially strapped Enron, Agere, or Cisco Systems and become a member of their board; they desperately need your help.

✓ Creating "personal, individual standards of excellence" will result in those people continually doing the work themselves, as they have created a myopia of their own choosing and fabrication. The job of Editor takes a tremendous amount of time, as much as any officer in most clubs, and is not generally appreciated.

✓ Today with the Internet encompassing the average man in the street, everything today is barcodes, computers, and chips. From grocery.com to dominos.com to eBay.com. Just take a drive on the highway, and you run into EasyPass which barcodes your car and pays your toll. Take a walk through the checkout counter at Weis' or Giant, and you will have your groceries pass through a laser computer. Want to know the TV programming of your favorite show, just get on the Internet or WebTV and find it in an instant. **Information today is all computing and data**. The idea of "just computing only," is behind the times. DOS has died. Computing is hydromatic and at the speed of light, not stick shift, with a left reverse.

✓ Computing is AOL-RKO-NBC-CNBC-MGM-CBS-Intel-MCI-ATT-Microsoft and Doonsberry. People just click pictures today and move around in Windows. It does not take a genius to do this. **Each year computers are easier and easier to use**. AOL the most effective Internet provider and computing company with world dominance has realized that "everything is computing" and has made it simple and universal for the everyday man in the street to comprehend computing and the Internet with a simplified child-like proprietary format and interface. AOL had over 20 million users at last count, and had enough power to buy the mega Time-Warner Communications. Very soon everything will be one button computing (XP is a great example), and when your keyboard is replaced by voice recognition software, and you speak to your computer, he will be smarter than you. When online banking, real estate, airline tickets, hotel reservations, food shopping, cartoons, and eBay, are all on the Internet, "everything is computing.". More now than ever everything is computing. We realize everything today is a confluence of chips, lasers, and microprocessors. The analog world is quickly disappearing into the digital. And as everything becomes digital from libraries to movies to MP3 music, "everything becomes computing," including the NACC.
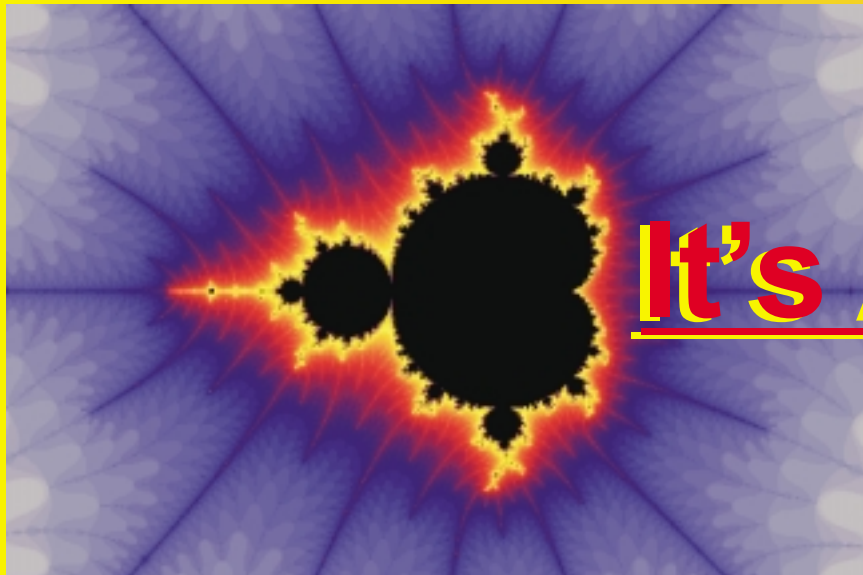
It's A New Age

Why The New Age Computer Club (NACC) Is Free
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I have been editor of many newsletters, and I am glad to be affiliated with the NACC and its openness. Since we can offer everyone a FREE newsletter, we do not require dues. Dues originated with most clubs to pay for the costs of newsletters. However, with the advent of the Internet, this has all changed. We offer our members a FREE color newsletter monthly that is easily downloaded from our website in standard PDF (Portable Document Format). Many senior citizens on fixed incomes who are retired today are not looking for additional annual expenses such as dues. We have not created appointed officers and treasurers to collect and justify dues. We do not try to remind our members how much we are doing for them, since we are all equal.

The NACC has FREE access to many professional meeting places which include libraries, churches, schools, etc. All our members have individual talents. Many are professional college graduates who are certified in scientific areas and teaching. Many have taken post graduate college courses and hold advanced degrees as well.   Some are hobbyists, many are successful businessmen, many are past successful officers of other clubs and groups. We do not believe the meeting place is the most important thing for our club.   The most important ingredient is the content of the material, and how it is approached and explained. We are not trying to build grandiose temples or shrines around us. Good meetings begin anywhere.

In addition to our successful diner meetings, I have obtained the Whitehall Library for us starting on September 19, 2001, which also includes the first Wednesday of the month for the rest of this year. This area lends itself to demonstrations and input. Please send us articles of interest of your choice for publication in our color electronic NACC newsletter. We look forward to hearing from you.

It's A New Age

The New Age Computer Club has been a natural formation for those who have given many thousands of hours of their time to other nonprofit groups and clubs in the area, and find themselves without a place to be. Some of these people were founders of groups they are not part of today. The changing technologies and constant change in our society is producing people who believe "newer" is always better, and change for the sake of change is always the answer. It is becoming a world without history, a country without tradition, and limited insight. As computer hardware and software change by the minute, as new cars roll-off the assembly lines with new models annually, a subconscious vision is created that everything should change. The people changing everything don't even understand why they are doing it. It has become a national mantra. People keep changing everything just for the sake of change. Constant change will eventually bring a collapse, and scattering of efforts. Never forget, a nuclear bomb also works on the principle of a high rate of change!

The New Age Computer Club is a small group of friends getting together socially to have fun, and share ideas. We are not in competition with anyone else or any of the other fine clubs in the area. We do not require any dues or membership fees. We do not have any officers in our club, and hope we never will. We are not going out of our way to solicit members, and everyone is welcome. Growing to any specific number of members is not our purpose. All of us are equal, and we look to run the group as democratically as possible. This club will create the individual free-space needed for creative expression. We want different members to chair our monthly informal meetings creating an equanimity among all of us. We feel in this Information Age we can easily supply our group's needs without any monetary charges. We have our webpage up at http//www.angelfire.com/geek/bitbybit which is FREE.

We look forward to listening to everyone's views and interests.   We will float in "free-space" for awhile before we get a full grasp of each other. We will have on-the-fly monthly meetings, and every member will get notified via e-mail. If you have interest, make sure you are on our e-mail list. We will strive to keep our outlooks high and provide the intellectual stimulation that is necessary in understanding science and computing today. But most of all, we need to understand and be respectful of each other, and realize we are all the result of all the past efforts of many others, better known as tradition and history.

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Do You Love It? Hate It? Windows XP:

Val Scarcia ☺

F or an upcoming article on Microsoft's new operating system, we'd like to hear about your experiences, especially if you upgraded (or tried to upgrade) from a previous version of Windows.

We'll need to know:

Why did you decide to upgrade? Which version of XP did you choose? Did you upgrade a work or home PC?
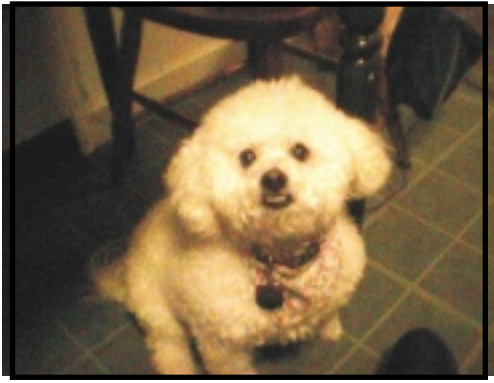
Did you perform a conventional upgrade or a clean install? Did you go with a dual_boot configuration?

Before you upgraded, did you run Microsoft's XP Upgrade Advisor or any other compatibility test? What did it find?

How did the upgrade go? Were there any unusual problems during the upgrade process?

What, if any, hardware or software compatibility issues__expected or unexpected__arose?

Did you stick with Windows XP?   Would you upgrade again?

BREAKING NEWS

NACC MESSAGE BOARD!!

Hi

Joe Secondo wanted a message board for all NACC members to communicate. And I put one up for him. He wanted to have a communication spot like in the old BBS days when I was just a young pup.

The address is: http://nacc.proboards7.com. You log in and get your own username and password, and put up messages. It's cool !

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Linksys Cable/DSL Router
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EtherFast® Cable/DSL Router with 4-Port Switch

Built-In 10/100 4-Port Switch!
Supports up to 253 Users!

I have a cable modem connection in my house, and now run 4 computers off it thanks to my new cable router. After having good luck and success, I bought Bill and Fran one for Christmas. They have DSL, and this identical model also runs great on DSL. The neat thing about the router is that you do not have to leave any computer on. The router takes the initial IP address, and then assigns its own addresses for each computer on the network. The following is a company product description of this router.

The Linksys EtherFast® Cable/DSL Router with 4-Port Switch is the perfect option to connect multiple PCs to a high-speed Broadband Internet connection or to an Ethernet back-bone. Allowing up to 253 users, the built-in NAT technology acts as a firewall protecting your internal network.

Configurable as a DHCP server for your existing network, the EtherFast® Cable/DSL Router with 4-Port Switch acts as the only externally recognized Internet device on your local area network (LAN). The router can also be configured to block internal users' access to the Internet. A typical router may have to rely on an external hub or switch to share its Internet connection, but the Linksys EtherFast® Cable/DSL with 4-Port Switch Router channels this connection through the blazing, full duplex speed of its built-in EtherFast® 10/100 4-Port Switch.

This cutting-edge combination of router and switch technology eliminates the need to buy an additional hub or switch and serves your network as a completely dedicated, full duplex backbone. Now your entire network will enjoy blazing Broadband Internet connections supported by its robust switched backbone. With the dual-function speed and power of the EtherFast® Cable/DSL Router with 4-Port Switch, your network will take off at speeds faster than you ever imagined possible.

Note:
This unit requires an external Cable or DSL modem with an Ethernet RJ-45 interface.

Features

● Connects to a Broadband Modem Or to An Ethernet Backbone

● Equipped With a 4-Port 10/100 Switch

● Connects All of Your PCs to the Internet With Only One Purchased WAN IP Address

● Creates a NAT Firewall to Protect Your PCs From Outside Intruders

WATCH IT!

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You just installed Windows XP. You remembered to register with Microsoft, to avoid crashing when your trial period runs out.

You're covered, right? Well, that depends.

That "free" media player software that is real convenient, because you don't need a separate program for each format or manufacturer, may not be to your liking. Without your permission, it will be logging each song or movie you run or software program you install, in a file similar to cookies.

This busy little program will be recording personal information that Microsoft can retrieve and make available to the producer or manufacturer of the CDs and DVDs you have purchased, or borrowed. .

The Associated Press inquired about this secret scheme and Microsoft promised to change its policy statement to reveal it to the purchaser, only new users will be warned. The policy change was supposed to have been made "recently."

It's claimed that this is a marketing tool, so the producers, manufacturers and Microsoft will know what music selections or movies you like best. Now suppose cousin Louie has a terrific CD with just the type of music you like. He burns you a copy and off you go.

Well, not exactly. The first time you insert that CD, Microsoft knows you have a counterfeit copy, and it's tied to your numbered computer.. They can then advise the producer of your digression and they can come after your for the price plus a penalty. OR, you innocently purchase a counterfeit copy of a CD or DVD, not knowing it was bootleg. Same treatment, you are it.

You borrow a CD of an application program from a friend so you can "try it out" on your computer. Innocent? Not really, they call that stealing, and they will know the moment you insert it in your drive. .

The event will be recorded and you will be branded a thief of copyrighted material. That CD was not assigned to your computer, it was assigned to your friend's. Microsoft will know that and you will be charged..

You can change the engine in your car without notifying the manufacturer, but you can't change a program on your computer.

Remember, when you registered your new copy of XP, you gave Microsoft your name, rank, serial number and blood type so they can track you down. GOTCHA !!

They now have assigned a number to your computer and what goes on it. Don't try to change too much or add something without advising Microsoft. Father is watching.
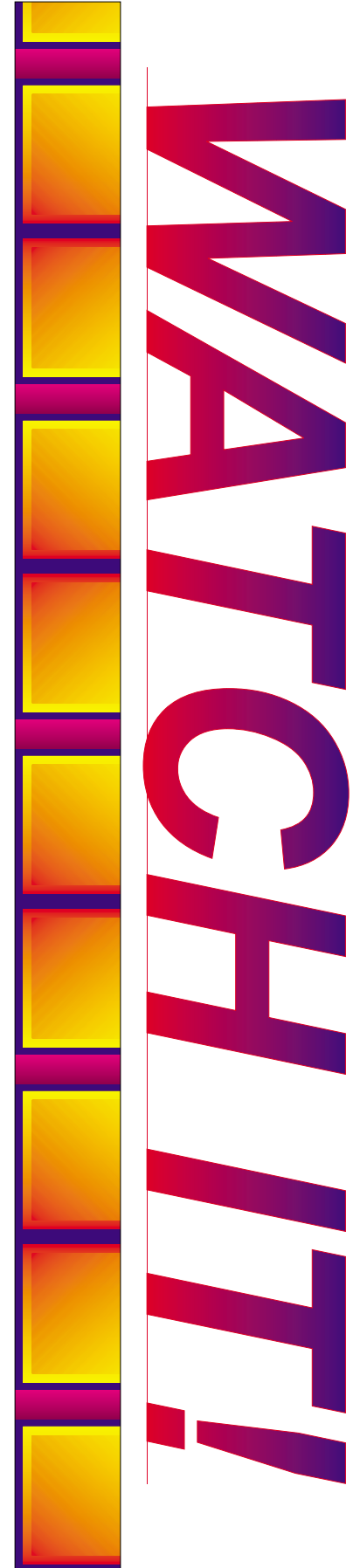
Suppose you have a small, but valuable, collection of skin flicks on DVD. You may not want to give your wife your password, or your little game could be revealed.

Adobe is now charging over $600 for a new copy of PhotoShop. Up grades are $150. You can see why they want to protect their copyrights.

According to the AP article, this player has been available for several years, but it's unusual features have just come to light. They claim there is a way to turn off the detective system, but it's not too visible, and easy to overlook.

Remember last month when I said that Microsoft is in the information business. I also said that it was YOUR information they wanted. Their system is working.

LINUX IS LOOKING BETTER EVERY MINUTE.
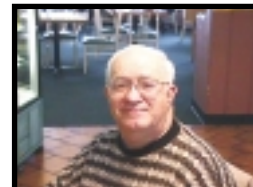
30 GIG CDs Are Coming

by Bill Pryor

February 23, 2002

Toshiba has developed a new rewritable optical disc with a capacity of 30GB per-layer, per-side, and a companion read/write optical head that incorporates a blue laser. The new optical disc, which measures 12 centimeters in diameter, has a capacity of more than six times that of similar-sized DVD media, which have a single-sided capacity of 4.7GB. The new disc allows for recording 3 hours of high-definition digital video, a Toshiba statement says.

Those of you who have attended my Internet Meetings have encountered my presentation of wave theory and how it applies to science and computing. The current CD lasers being used are red. The secret in developing these higher capacity CDs lie in the ability of the new solid state blue lasers to produce a shorter wavelength than the current red lasers being sold today on new PCs.

Blue lasers have a wavelength of 405 nanometers, shorter than that of red lasers, which have a wavelength of around 650 nanometers and are used for reading and writing DVD and CD discs. The shorter wavelength means the laser can register smaller dots on a disc and more data can be stored. As a result, blue laser technology has been adopted for the development of next-generation optical discs.

Developers have been working to create a blue laser for CD applications for over 25 years; they have realized the shorter wavelength of the blue laser will result in higher capacity storage CDs. I feel it is important to include and teach some basic physics and wave theory when using computers to familiarize users as to what is going on underneath the hood.

FLASH

Microsoft's XP software violates the law and abrogates consumer rights.

When you buy XP software, you do not own it, instead Microsoft owns you.

I can remember when Microsoft was just another software company, subject to market forces and amenable to common sense. I can also remember when A.T.&T. was a telephone company.

But that is all in the past. At the time I write this, Microsoft is in the process of releasing Windows/Office XP, and this release signals a historical departure for Microsoft. It signals the first shot in a war — a war between Microsoft and its customers.

Read the following dialog carefully, and welcome to Microsoft's "Brave New World."

Under this new system, your obligation to Microsoft doesn't end when you purchase the software, that merely begins it. Not included in the activation dialog is the information that trivial system changes may invalidate your activation, you will be required to contact Microsoft each and every time you need to re-activate the software for whatever reason, or if you try to sell or give away the software (Microsoft only allows this to happen once), or if you try to exercise your right to install the software on two systems used by one person. Also, the total number of activations is always less than 12, after which you must throw the software away and start over.

The XP series (Windows and Office) has a new feature — "product activation" — that perverts the relationship that normally exists between seller and buyer — when you purchase an XP product, you don't own it, instead Microsoft owns you.

The feature works like this:

You buy a copy of (say) Office XP.

When you install it, the installation program requires you to contact Microsoft, otherwise the program goes into "trial mode," a 50-day period after which the program is disabled. You must contact Microsoft to keep the program from shutting down.

On being contacted, Microsoft "authorizes" the installation. It also asks you for a lot of personal information, some of which is optional —
but only the first time. Read on.

If you have to re-install Windows or the software because of a virus, a hardware failure or some other cause, you have to contact Microsoft again and explain why you need their permission to re-install the software. If they don't like your explanation, and in particular if they do not get your name, address, phone number, and E-mail address, you are out of luck — you must buy another copy of Office XP1.

If you need to make a copy of the software on another computer for a legitimate reason (say you own a desktop and a portable, but you never use them both at the same time), you are out of luck — you cannot do this. Microsoft will assume you are a criminal and refuse permission1.

If you decide to move your copy of XP permanently to another machine, Microsoft will not permit this, instead they will assume   you are a criminal and refuse permission1.

If you decide to de-install and sell your copy of XP to a third party,
Microsoft will not permit the new buyer to install the software,
instead they will assume he is a criminal and refuse permission1.

If, on the other hand, you jump through all Microsoft's circus hoops,
it seems you are limited to eight re-installations (some say eleven),
after which you might as well throw away your expensive software. This means if your system is attacked by viruses, if your hard drive fails, or if
you regularly upgrade your hardware and try to transfer your
programs,
you are going to be buying a lot of extra, expensive copies of Microsoft XP.

In short, you can either (a) accept the default single installation (the only relatively painless one — but which requires you to contact Microsoft) and then throw the software away, along with any data files you have created that rely on the software, or you can (b) become a

In short, you can either (a) accept the default single installation (the only relatively painless one — but which requires you to contact Microsoft) and then throw the software away, along with any data files you have created that rely on the software, or you can (b) become a Microserf2, a vassal, a petitioner, entirely dependent on Microsoft's conception of fair play.

And, no matter how your petition turns out, there is one thing you need to realize — Microsoft decides. You are no longer a citizen in a democracy, a responsible moral agent — Microsoft decides whether you are a criminal or not, and they decide this in advance.

Back when the American Constitution was the law of the land, a plaintiff had to wait until a crime was committed, then go before a duly appointed judge and appeal for justice. Microsoft has circumvented these democratic inconveniences and has become a law unto itself.

And make no mistake about it — Microsoft is breaking the law with the XP series, in many ways. Consumers have legitimate, lawful reasons to re-install software, reasons to install the software on two machines used by one person, reasons to re-install after a system failure, reasons to un-install and sell a computer program. But under the Fascist XP system, the consumer loses all these rights.

I would list all the laws Microsoft is breaking with the XP series, but that would require more space than your computer has memory. Here are some highlights:

Presumption of guilt. Under American law, a person is assumed to be innocent until proven guilty. The XP system assumes a criminal intent, which is a violation of constitutional law, and then the software acts on this assumption, a power normally reserved to the police, which is an additional violation of law.

Prior restraint. This idea, basically acting to prevent a crime before it is committed, is a very delicate issue in constitutional law, and because of the potential for abuse, it is rarely permitted. Absent evidence of probable cause, it is never permitted. Because there are legitimate reasons to do things not permitted by the XP software, Microsoft is engaging in prior restraint, and is thus breaking the law. Misrepresentation. In commerce, there are a set of assumptions about an item that is offered for sale. To put it simply, a consumer item is assumed to be suitable for its stated purpose, and this is implicit — offering the item for sale creates some assumptions that, if they turn out not to be true, are actionable. The XP software series very simply

is not what it seems to be — a set of computer programs meant to serve the consumer's needs. This is false — XP only serves Microsoft's needs.

Surveillance. By setting itself up as a moral judge of how people use their software, by micro-managing how people choose to use the XP programs, Microsoft has put into place the most insidious system of spying ever conceived in modern times. Once a consumer has experienced any version of modern-day reality — a virus that requires the software to be re-installed, one person with two computers, or who buys a new computer, or who wants to sell or donate the XP software to a third party — however these events turn out, Microsoft gets every detail, along with all your personal information. If XP comes to full flower, Microsoft will know more about you than the US Government knows or ever imagined knowing.

That is the real reason for XP — it is not about preventing theft, it is theft — Microsoft, while preventing you from exercising your consumer rights, is also stealing information from you that you would never voluntarily give up. It is a desperate ploy to gather an incredible gold mine of information about you — your choices, your experiences, your name and address. And get this — you're paying them to do this to you.

Because of XP, very soon Microsoft will know so much about so many people (read: you) that they will no longer have to sell software — they can simply sell their consumer database. But this will only happen if you act like sheep and buy the XP series software. The choice, the power, is yours.

With the XP software, Microsoft shows that it holds you and your rights in contempt. Please — don't live up to their expectations.
That is why I ask you to:
  Write your congressional representatives and demand that Microsoft be stopped.
  Refuse to purchase any of the XP series of Microsoft software.
  — and —
Boycott Microsoft!
Further reading:
  What's Wrong With Product Activation

1. Unless, that is, you succeed in convincing Microsoft that you are not a criminal. You do this by pleading, begging and giving up your personal information, like a felon, a parolee, an alien resident, a Microserf.
2. Microserf. Noun. One who pays to become enslaved to Microsoft.

Capitol Punishment

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Capitol Punishment

Energizer Bunny arrested - charged with battery.

A man's home is his castle, in a manor of speaking.

A pessimist's blood type is always b-negative.

My wife really likes to make pottery, but to me it's just kiln time.

Dijon vu - the same mustard as before.

Practice safe eating - always use condiments.

I fired my masseuse today. She just rubbed me the wrong way.

A Freudian slip is when you say one thing but mean your mother.

Shotgun weddingA case of wife or death.

I used to work in a blanket factory, but it folded.

I used to be a lumberjack, but I just couldn't hack it, so they gave me
the axe.

If electricity comes from electrons... does that mean that morality
comes
from morons?

A man needs a mistress just to break the monogamy.

Marriage is the mourning after the knot before.

A hangover is the wrath of grapes.

Corduroy pillows are making headlines.

Is a book on voyeurism a peeping tome?

Dancing cheek-to-cheek is really a form of floor play.

Banning the bra was a big flop.

Sea captains don't like crew cuts.

Does the name Pavlov ring a bell?

A successful diet is the triumph of mind over platter.

Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.

A gossip is someone with a great sense of rumor.

Without geometry, life is pointless.

When you dream in color, it's a pigment of your imagination.

Condoms should be used on every conceivable occasion.

Reading whilst sunbathing makes you well-red.

When two egotists meet, it's an I for an I.

Wise Words!

FEAR LEADS TO ANGER ... ANGER LEADS TO STRESS ...
STRESS LEADS TO DOOBIES ... AND DOOBIES LEAD TO TWINKIES

Digital Photography.
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DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY

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The other day I was watching FOX NEWS, when they started to talk about Olympic security. On my screen came a map of the whole United States, to all four borders. Quickly, with a continuous zoom, they were down to the main Utah Olympic complex IN GREAT DETAIL.

From the whole US to a small section of Utah in one zoom is quite an undertaking. You could see cars parked and what appeared to be groups of people. I think they could have read the license plates on the cars if they wanted to.

So much for a military platform in outer space with high resolution capabilities. Anyone want a portrait of their tank or weapons carrier in very high resolution>

They are spending our money, so they can afford the latest and the best. Showoffs !!

Commercial digital cameras haven't gotten that good yet. However, they have gotten good enough to give you a very sharp 8 X 10 with almost no effort. Even the low priced (entry level) cameras perform well with a 5 X 7 max print size.

Now, if you intend to project your images or put them on the Internet, a camera with a 640 X 480 image is more than adequate. You can get that with the cheapest camera. A 640 X 480 image is only 307,200 pixels and at 72 dots per inch is an 8.88 inch X 6.666 inch image, not sharp enough for printing but OK for the Internet. Over your head? See below.

So there is little financial limitation to getting into digital photography, just time and the inclination to produce a masterpiece.

You'll want a 3X zoom so that you can handle moderate wide angle shots and also take passable portraits, 38 mm to 105 mm is about right. I'm using the 35 mm equivalents since most people know them better than the much shorterfocal lengths of digital cameras.

 As you grow in your hobby, you may want more control over exposure. Most digitals are completely automatic, with a plus 3 stop, minus 3 stop adjustment done electronically. However the high end "Prosumer" cameras have f stop and shutter speed adjustments that permit you to violate the rules of exposure for special effects.

"Prosumer" is a coined word invented to identify the more expensive digital cameras that cross over from amateur to professional use. Some even have extension flash receptacles that permit you to use a flash off the camera to avoid the very flat lighting you normally get with on camera flash.

If some of the words used here confuse you and you can't find them in a standard dictionary, have heart, see below.

Would you like to have a Special Interest Group (SIG) dedicated to digital photography? If we can get enough people, we can form such a group. Let me know at dmterp@enter.net.

Also, let me know your level of proficiency, and area of interest so I can do some planning on programs. Spring is coming, so you can dust off yourcamera or run out and buy a new one (the economy is picking up). Photographs
are everywhere.

Social Security
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Social Security
Perhaps we were asking the wrong questions in this past election year.

Our Senators/Congressmen do not pay into Social Security, and, therefore they do not collect from it. Social Security benefits were not suitable for them.

They felt they should have a special plan. Many years ago they voted in their benefit plan. In more recent years, no congress person has felt the need to change it. After all, it is a great plan.

For all practical purposes, their plan works like this

When they retire no matter how long they have been in office, they continue to draw their same pay until they die, except it may be increased from time to time by the cost-of-living adjustments. For example, former Senator Bill Bradley (New Jersey) and his wife may be expected to draw $7,900,000.00 over an average life span, with Mrs. Bradley drawing $275,000.00 during the last year of her life. Their cost for this excellent plan is "0," nada, zilch. This little perk they voted in for themselves is free to them.

You and I pick up the tab for this plan. Our tax dollars at work! Social Security, which you and I pay into every payday for our own retirement, with an equal amount paid in by our employer, we can expect to receive an average of $1,000 per month. We would have to collect our benefits for 68 years and 1 month to equal the Bradley's benefits.

Imagine for a moment that you could structure a retirement plan so desirable, a retirement plan that worked so well, that Railroad Employees, Postal Workers, and others who were not in the plan would clamor to be included. This is how good Social Security could be, if only one small change was made.

That change would be to jerk the Golden Fleece Retirement Plan out from under the Senators & Congressmen. Put them into the Social Security plan with the rest of us. Watch how fast they fix it!!!

If enough people receive this message maybe a seed will be planted, and maybe good changes will evolve.

Don't forget, our girl, Hillary Rodham Clinton, now comes under this Congressional Retirement Plan. Talking about the Clinton's, it's common knowledge that, in order for her to establish NYC residency, they purchased a million + house in upscale Chappaqua, NY. Makes sense.

Now, they are entitled to Secret Service protection for life. Still makes sense. Here is where it becomes interesting.

A residency had to be built in order to house the Secret Service agents. The Clinton's now charge the Secret Service rent for the use of said residence and that rent is just about equal to their mortgage payment, meaning that we, the tax payers, are paying the Clinton's mortgage, and it's all perfectly legal.

How many people can YOU send this to?

I have never had a speaker system that has brought my .MID files and other music to life like this system has! PCWorks has been carefully fine-tuned by Henry Kloss to produce the type of sound normally associated with high-quality stereo systems. Plug it into a portable CD player, computer, TV, clock radio, or boom box for rich, beautiful sound. And because it works on 12 volts, it is perfect for boats, campers, and cars.

Features & Performance
PCWorks takes up very little space. Its compact, shielded satellites fit just about anywhere. Use their supplied stands and place them on your work surface, or attach them to the wall with the supplied Velcro kit. The subwoofer has a minimal footprint, so you can place it on the floor, out of the way, or out of sight.

What The Critics Say :

"Great sound for under $100…a true bargain." - Computer Shopper
"Not many speakers come close to the marvelous output of this system. And at $99? Forget it. Costs less than $100 and sounds like it's worth $500." - C/NET
"A speaker system for $100 that should make some $250 systems nervous." - Computer Gaming World
"Sounds better than some speakers that sell for twice the price…Cambridge SoundWorks® has broken a price/performance barrier…an excellent system." - PC Gamer

Price: $48.00

The Power of CorelDraw
by Bill Pryor

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1. Remove the top of the container.
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SUPER WIPES is a strong, absorbent, heavy duty textured towel treated with space-age ingredients for removing grease, ink, tar, dirt, paint, epoxies, oil, sealants, and is especially effective in removing ABS, PVC and CPVC Plastic Pipe Cements from hands, and surfaces. It contains DBE solvent and conditioners which leaves hands fresh and clean. Contains no harsh solvents or abrasives.

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Contains water, dibasic ester mixture, d-Limonene, nonoxynol-10, coconut diethanolamine modified, sodium alkane sulfonate, dimethicone, lanolin, propylene glycol, aloe extract and vitamin- E.

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Netscape browser leaves cookies vulnerable

IT News

(eBCA) A security flaw in Netscape's Navigator Web browser can allow Web site operators view the information stored in cookies on a user's computer, InfoWorld reports.

The vulnerability affects Navigator versions 6 through 6.2, as well as version 0.9.6 and earlier versions of the open-source version of Navigator, Mozilla, according to an analysis written by Marc Slemko, who discovered the bug. The bug, Slemko said in his analysis, can be exploited by causing users to visit a Web address inserted into HTML code on a Web page or in an HTML-formatted e-mail. If the user were to view the malicious Web site, cookies could be stolen off the user's computer, Slemko said.

Cookies are small data files used by many Web sites to track user visits, preferences and identity. **If a cookie is readable**, it can be used to impersonate the rightful owner of that cookie on a Web site.

Users can upgrade the Netscape browser at http://home.netscape.com/computing/download/index.html or Mozilla at http://www.mozilla.org/.

Marc Slemko's analysis of the vulnerability can be found at http://alive.znep.com/~marcs/security/mozillacookie/......................

E-Mails

Sometimes we just need to remember what the Rules of Life really are....

1. Never give yourself a haircut after three margaritas.

2. You need only two tools. WD-40 and duct tape. If it doesn't move and it should, use WD-40. If it moves and shouldn't, use the tape.

3. The five most essential words for a healthy, vital relationship "I apologize" and "You are right."

4. Everyone seems normal until you get to know them.

5. When you make a mistake, make amends immediately. It's easier to eat crow while it's still warm.

6. The only really good advice that your mother ever gave you was, "Go! You might meet somebody!"

7. If he/she says that you are too good for him/her-believe them.

8. Learn to pick your battles; ask yourself, 'Will this matter one year from now? How about one month? One week? One day?'

9. Never pass up an opportunity to pee.

10. If you woke up breathing, congratulations! You have another chance!

11. Living well really is the best revenge. Being miserable because of a bad or former relationship just might mean that the other person was right about you.

12. Work is good, but it's not that important.

13. And finally... Be really nice to your friends. You never know when you are going to need them to empty your bedpan

The Spring Planting

by Bill Pryor

In a room with the sun
He planted the red seeds
In clay pots which grew solders

In a room with the moon
He planted the yellow seeds
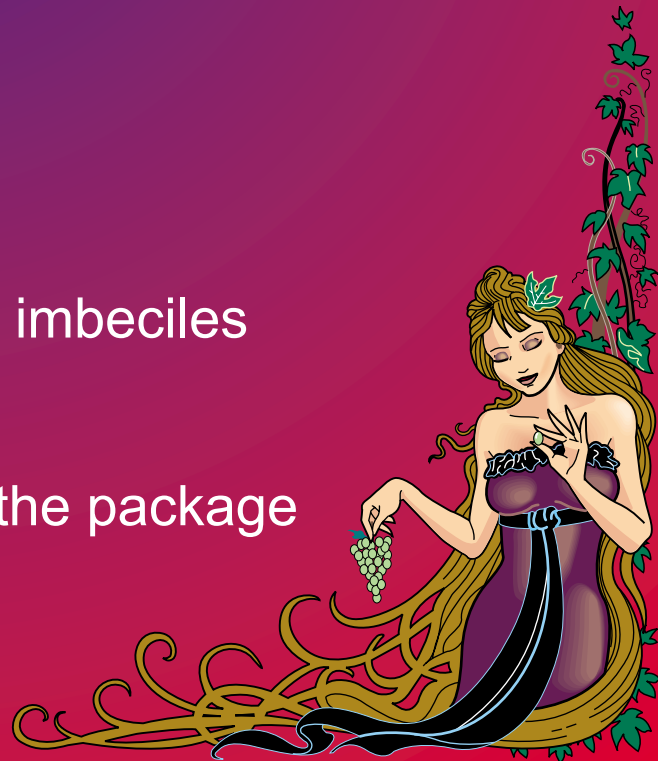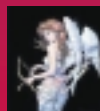In brown earth which grew kings

In a room without rain
He planted the round seeds
which grew workers

In a room without clouds
He grew in a flower box
The queens

In tall urns with sea water
He grew the local magistrates

In slime and mold he grew the imbeciles
For simple tasks

He could tell from pictures on the package
What they'd grow to be

Investing In Stocks

Bill Pryor, Unplugged

March 3, 2002

The Enron bankruptcy of the 7 th largest corporation in the U.S., and the largest one in history, has led many analysts to believe that most multinational companies use this type of "creative accounting" as a model in doing business. Enron set-up about 4300 proprietorships of sub-corporations off their books where they hid all their losses, and placed all their profits only in the Enron portion where they always reported profits. And no one in the entire company, or their auditors, Arthur Anderson, knew anything about this. When you go to parties and speak to people, everyone has complained about all the money they have lost in pension funds, IRAs, college funds, all related to huge stock market losses. From high tech Computer Associates, Cisco Systems, Tyco, JP Morgan/Chase, etc. this may well be standard practice. Over state your profits, no matter what.

Don't investors realize companies will do anything they can to keep their stock market values overstated and high? If stocks go down, companies are worth less, and go more into debt. Every time a stock goes down both the CEO and officers lose a ton of money in stock options. That is why Ken Lay and others sold their stocks fast ($110 million) when they outlawed the employees to sell Enron stocks out of their pension fund.

Interesting too how nobody auditing this account knew what was going on. All the pros on Wall Street told clients to always buy this stock without hesitation. Interesting too how Enron gave large political contributions to both parties in Congress, and donated the most money to the Bush campaign.

Multinational corporations like Coca Cola, Ford, GM, ITT, etc. owe no allegiance to any country. They work independently of any governments and are boundless. Enron was always putting money in foreign banks to avoid taxes, and report bogus profits. That is the purpose of a multinational, not to pay taxes, and be beholden to no one. And on top of this, you can not separate public relation lies from the real value of the company and its stocks. The stock market is a complete illusion of false information and many shady practices that when looked into reveal the facts. It's all creative accounting. Create a positive illusion whether it is true or false, it just doesn't matter. Let everyone suffer. And they all get away with it!

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