



## THE PREZ SEZ...

Welcome to Autumn! Vacations are winding down and it's time to begin settling in for the winter. Back home I'd be canning applesauce, pickles and tomatoes. Here in California, I'm looking forward to many of my groups that were dark over the summer months

to begin again. There are so many groups making things happen in our area. We are truly lucky to have such wonderful people who care about others. Our classes will be beginning this month. Details are still being finalized for them. Our fundraiser from the Valley News began at our last meeting. If you didn't get information on that, you will find it in this newsletter. We hope you can help. We have a nominating committee for our upcoming elections and it's just a wonderful day in CCMV land!

*(Continued on page 2)*

## How and when to enable Windows XP's firewall

by Linda Gonse, Editor, Orange County IBM Users' Group, California  
downloaded at: <http://www.apcug.net>

Most users are aware of a need for an antivirus program and a firewall in order to be protected from regular, daily Internet threats.

What some may not know is that Windows XP has a built-in firewall. While it lacks the bells and whistles of a full version firewall, such as Norton or Zone Alarm, it is still useful.

You can enable it by going to Control Panel and clicking on the Network Connection icon. In the Connections window, right click on the name of your connection and click on Properties in the drop-down menu. Click on the Advanced tab. Check the box next to "Protect my computer and network by limiting or preventing access to this computer from the Internet." Then, click OK.

Follow these steps each time you wish to enable

*(Continued on page 3)*

## Lon's Freeware of The Month



by Lon Whistler,  
[whis@hotmail.com](mailto:whis@hotmail.com)

### Web Washer Classic

ScrubXP cleans your computer from temporary files and registry keys resulting from opening files and or using the Internet. It removes IE history, temporary files, cookies, and your documents list from your Start Menu. It also empties your Recycle Bin and clears Auto Complete Entries. Finally, it clears recent file lists that

*(Continued on page 2)*

## Hardware Review: Logitech Pocket Digital Camera

By Bruce Pechman, The Musclemann of Technology<sup>SM</sup>  
[www.mrbicep.com](http://www.mrbicep.com)

Did you ever want to be just like James Bond? Sure, we all did—but although you can't quite have 007's persona, you can have the camera Bond probably would've carried in his pocket all the time.



*(Continued on page 3)*



## Quick Tip - Grouping Similar Taskbar Buttons in Windows XP

When you open more than one document in the same program and then minimize each document, rather than showing separate icons on the taskbar for each document, WindowsXP groups them under a single icon for that application. If you want to group, or ungroup, similar taskbar buttons,

1. Right click on the Taskbar
2. Select *Properties*
3. Check or Uncheck *Group similar taskbar buttons*



## XP's firewall

(Continued from page 1)

the firewall for other Internet connections on your computer.

But, before enabling XP's firewall, you should be aware of these points:

It must not be used through software or hardware routers. It only works on incoming Internet traffic, not outgoing traffic from spy-ware, Trojan viruses, or hacker tools.

On local area networks (LANs) with other computers, it will block File and Printer Sharing.

It can be turned on or off for each of your dial-ups, LAN, or high-speed Internet connections.

There is no restriction against any non-profit group using this article as long as it is kept in context with proper credit given the author. The Editorial Committee of the Association of Personal Computer User Groups (APCUG), an international organization of which this group is a member, brings this article to you.



## Quick Tip - Using the Wheel Mouse to Control the Font Size

Try using the Control key with the mouse wheel. This works a zoom function.

I know you do this for Office 2k apps as well, but in IE it just works on the text, so the page stays somewhat the same.

## Great News for you... Great Profits for CCMV

The Valley News is offering to CCMV the opportunity to make some money, AND get great news in the process. For each \$20 subscription, CCMV will receive \$5!! You will receive 1 year of the weekly published Valley News **AND** the Los Angeles Times Weekend Edition at no additional cost.

To subscribe, fill out the **SPECIAL** form below and either mail to the address on the form OR bring to a meeting in September. Additional subscription forms will be available at the meeting or by contacting Joannie Lenz at joannie@RainbowFlair.com.

<p><b>A donation of \$5 from every \$20 annual subscription goes to: The Computer Club of Menifee Valley</b></p>	<p><b>Phone: 951-676-1839</b>  <b>Or 951-587-9153</b>  <b>Fax: 951-676-6079</b>            27464 Commerce Center Dr.</p>
<p><b>1 Year for \$20<sup>00</sup></b></p>	
<p>With a one year subscription to the Temecula/Murrieta Valley News you also</p>	
<p><b>Name</b> _____</p>	<p><b>Thank you for supporting The Valley News &amp; helping us connect our Community.</b></p>
<p><b>Address</b> _____</p>	
<p><b>Phone Number</b> _____</p>	
<p><b>City</b> _____</p>	
<p>Please make checks payable to: Temecula Valley News</p>	
<p><input type="checkbox"/> Check    <input type="checkbox"/> VISA    <input type="checkbox"/> Mastercard</p>	
<p><b>Credit Card Number</b> _____</p>	

## Digital Camera

(Continued from page 1)

The Logitech Pocket Digital Camera is your ticket of entry into the bottomless world of hi-tech espionage and clandestine activities. Sorry, I just get so carried away glancing over at the credit-card sized camera; it makes me daydream about Spy School enrollment and how I could have the camera surgically implanted in my bicep.

So much for introductions; let's get into the details of Logitech's diminutive super cool camera. The brushed aluminum exterior adds to the camera's sleek appeal. Grab a business card out of your wallet. Take a good look at it—because the 1.8 oz camera is just about the same size (2.25" x 3.5"). This is about the easiest digital camera you will ever use. No focusing is required and it contains only two buttons on the back of the camera. One button is for toggling the resolution from 640x480 to the higher 1280x960 (1.3 megapixels interpolated). The second button is the self-timer and sound control. Also on the back, you will find a small monochrome

(Continued on page 4)

## Digital Camera

*(Continued from page 3)*

LCD display that is most useful for letting you know remaining picture count and battery status.

To take a snap, just slide the stealthy camera body open and press the shutter. Are you ready to talk about cool technology? OK, the Logitech Pocket Digital Camera includes a built-in Rechargeable Lithium-Polymer Battery (you never have to replace it). The battery will get you through well over a hundred pictures before needing a charge. The battery is automatically charged while downloading your shots with the included USB cable. Another neat technology incorporated into the camera is something called "Autobrite" by SMaL Camera Technologies ([www.smallcamera.com](http://www.smallcamera.com)). Autobrite solves a shortcoming many digital cameras have interpreting varying light levels. It accomplishes this by extending the dynamic range of a scene and customizing it based on specific lighting conditions. In a nutshell, this means it compensates for overly bright or dim lighting situations to give you the most detail in your shot (I read the tech brief).

The Logitech Pocket Digital Camera includes 16MB of built-in memory which will yield about 52 pictures. Included on the equally cute miniature 3 inch CD are the drivers and MGI's Photosuite 4 SE imaging application. This quality built camera is backed by Logitech's two year warranty! Performance is best in bright lighting conditions. Memory is not expandable, there's no included flash, and no color preview LCD

screen. Considering this is a unique ultra-sleek camera designed to fit in your pocket and take spontaneous pictures for \$99 MSRP, I don't consider these missing particulars a deficiency. However, the Pocket Digital camera should not be compared to a 2 or 3 megapixel full-feature digital camera as those pictures will clearly be better quality.

This svelte camera would make a welcome gift for anybody—parents, teens, or especially yourself. Let me tell you what happened to me at the mall yesterday. I saw this fine looking creature sauntering down food court. So I check her out. She gives me this vague stare back and quips, "Take a picture...it lasts longer." So, I whip out the Logitech Pocket Digital Camera and say "OK, could you move over there? The sunlight is perfect!" To learn more about this camera or any of Logitech's other quality products, visit [www.logitech.com](http://www.logitech.com).

The system requirements are at least a PII running at 400MHz with 64MB RAM. It runs under Windows 98, 98SE, Win ME, Win XP, or 2000. You will need 75MB of free HD space, CD-ROM drive, and available USB port.

There is no restriction against any non-profit group using this review as long as it is kept in context, with proper credit given to the author. This article is brought to you by the Editorial Committee of the Association of Personal Computer User Groups (APCUG), an international organization of which this group is a member.

### Department Leaders

*Membership*  
Dee Morris

*Material Distribution*  
Dorothy & George Metcalf  
[deewoodee@aol.com](mailto:deewoodee@aol.com)

*Cue Card Production*  
Art True  
[arttrue@aol.com](mailto:arttrue@aol.com)

*Cue Card Distribution*  
Art True  
[arttrue@aol.com](mailto:arttrue@aol.com)  
&  
Shirley Fryrear  
[safohio@msn.com](mailto:safohio@msn.com)

*Shareware Distribution*  
Lon Whistler  
[lwhis@hotmail.com](mailto:lwhis@hotmail.com)

*Newsletter Editor*  
Joannie Lenz  
[joannie@RainbowFlair.com](mailto:joannie@RainbowFlair.com)

*Newsletter Reporters & Articles*  
E-mail your articles, comments  
and suggestions to:  
[joannie@RainbowFlair.com](mailto:joannie@RainbowFlair.com)

*Computer Lab Technicians*  
Jim Richardson  
Dixie Warwick  
Les Widd

*Web Goddess*  
Joannie Lenz  
[joannie@RainbowFlair.com](mailto:joannie@RainbowFlair.com)

### Computer Instruction

*Dean of Computer School*  
Joannie Lenz  
[joannie@RainbowFlair.com](mailto:joannie@RainbowFlair.com)

*Registrar*  
Joannie Lenz  
[joannie@RainbowFlair.com](mailto:joannie@RainbowFlair.com)

*Teachers & Assistants*  
Various CCMV Members

**Sign Up for a Class TODAY!**