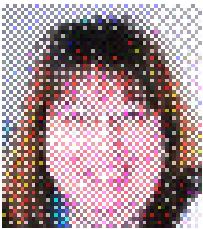




## THE PREZ SEZ...



I have lots of great things to report to you this month. If you weren't at our last meeting, or haven't been reading email, then you've missed a LOT. We have a new home for our

Computer Lab. Sun City Gardens, on Bradley Road has offered us the use of a great room at their facility. The Board met there and agreed it would fit our needs. Jim Richardson and a crew of our members will be working this month to put all the pieces back together, and we are hoping to begin teaching classes again by the end of the month. So if you want to take a class, but haven't signed up yet, now's the time to do it. You can still sign up at the Kay Cenicerros Center, of course at our meetings and soon at Sun City Gardens. You can also call our class registrar, John Cope at 672-6505. Thank you to all of our members that worked so hard helping us to find this new home. SCG is as excited about us being there as we are to find such a great place. Just remember please, when you attend classes there, this is the **HOME** of many seniors. I know CCMV will be the perfect **GUESTS**.

**NOTE:** This new home is for our Computer Lab ONLY. Our meetings will still be held at the Seventh Day Adventist Church as always.

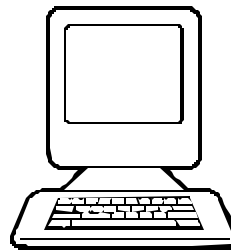
I am also excited to report that CCMV has been nominated by the Menifee Valley Chamber of Commerce as 2004 Non-Profit of the year. There are many awesome organizations that have been nominated, so we should be honored to have been placed in such good company. This is a tribute to the work that YOU make possible in our

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To Hibernate Computer  
By Frank Verrano

My computer is set up so that if I have to leave it in a hurry or I don't have time to go through the shut-down OR IF I JUST WANT TO LEAVE IT FOR THE NIGHT, I just push the power button on the tower and the computer goes into hibernation; the monitor power turns off too. So, how to do it:

1. Open Control Panel
  2. Select Power options
  3. Select Hibernate tab
  4. Place a checkmark in "Enable Hibernation"
  5. Click OK
  3. Select the "Advanced" tab
  4. Where it says "When I press the power button on my computer" use the arrow to select "Hibernate"
  5. Click Apply and close. (The computer does not say you must restart; it should go into effect immediately.)
  6. Now when you press the power button, the com-
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**Lon's Freeware of  
The Month**  
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**Hidedesk**

**Since I do not like looking  
at all of the shortcuts on my  
desktop and prefer to see**

**only the selected wallpaper, I like this  
program's ability to enable hiding all the  
desktop shortcuts and still be able to use them.  
When the program first runs it will place a  
shortcut in the startup section of the registry,  
the program icon will appear in the system tray,  
and all of the shortcuts on your desktop will be  
hidden.**

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community. Your dedication to share your knowledge with our community is outstanding, and I am proud to be your President. The awards luncheon will be on April 6th. Details will follow.

I am a great believer that a positive attitude will overcome any obstacles. I refused to let ANYONE become negative about things that were happening over the past few months. I think this is a great example of what positive thinking can do. So let's keep that momentum going and make GREAT THINGS HAPPEN at CCMV!!

Happy Computing... Joannie

**To Hibernate Computer**

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puter will go into hibernation and the monitor power will turn off too. 7. When you press the button to turn on the computer again even hours later or overnight, you will be back to where you were, even if you have some windows open.

I suggest that once a week you do a full shutdown to clear the RAM and that would be a good time to do the Fdisk and Defrag

**March 22 Meeting**

Presentation by Toni Parker  
 Bank of America  
 Paying bills on the Internet

**Turn off EP Error Reporting**

Do you get this annoying message asking if you want to send an error report to Microsoft? If so there is a way to disable it.

Click the **Start** button, then right-click **My Computer, Properties**. Your **System Properties** screen should pop up. Next, click the **Advanced Tab**, then the **Error Reporting** button.

Click the little "**Disable error reporting**" radio button and hit **OK**. Your computer shouldn't beg you to send error reports to Microsoft anymore.

Note that if you still want error reporting, there are a few check box options under the *Enable error reporting* radio button. In fact, you can even tell Windows what programs you want error reporting enabled on.

**APCUG MEMBER DISCOUNTS**

CCMV is a member of APCUG and as such are eligible for User Group discounts at certain stores and online. The current list of participating vendors can be found on our website. (www.CCMV.net)

Please read the discounts and instructions carefully to be sure you get your discounts when purchasing products from these companies. Enjoy!

## Product Review

By Chet Hartley

PdfFactory

This program will format nearly anything you can print to PDF format. So what? Why would you want to? My own answer to those questions is that you can generate a document the way you like it and whomever else gets it sees it exactly the same way. This is not something you would do just to send text or a single photo but you can create newsletters, photo albums, greeting cards, fill-in forms and much more and they will remain exactly the way you created them. Never mind if the recipient doesn't have the same fonts, you can embed the fonts in the file to be sure. This kind of control is especially important if you are doing remote submittal of a job to a printer such as Kinkos or Trinity Reprographics.

Here's what the publisher claims for the program:

pdfFactory:

- create PDF files without Acrobat
- combine documents into a single PDF
- print to paper and PDF
- insert/remove pages
- embed fonts
- send via email
- server version
- [more...](#)

pdfFactory Pro has these advanced features:

- secure documents
- bookmarks
- multiple configurations
- rearrange documents
- automated email

The version provided to me for this review is the "Pro" version but I haven't had occasion yet to use any of the added "Pro" features. I downloaded the installation file from [www.pdfactory.com](http://www.pdfactory.com) (download size 2.28 MB) to my Windows ME system. When I double clicked on the file to begin installation I accepted the usual security agreement and the installation proceeded without a hitch. Since this program is installed as a driver and not an application, you don't have any choice as to where to install it. After installation I scanned for any new viruses or spyware and it was clean.

To start the process, you use the normal "Print" dialog box where you normally choose which printer to use. When you choose pdfFactory, the "Properties setting" allows you to, among other things, set the quality and type of conversion for any imbedded graphics. For most of my tests I chose to leave the settings at the installed defaults of 96 dpi and JPEG compression of normal quality. (Be careful! Some programs remember the setting so the next time you want to print, the result might go to pdfFactory instead of your printer.)

My first test was with a large Word 97 document of about 70 pages (518 KB). To make the conversion, I just went to the "print" dialog box and se-

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**Sign Up for a Class TODAY!**

## Eudora e-mail

Eudora open to multiple high risk flaws

Windows version of popular email client at risk

Security consultancy firm Next Generation Security Software (NGSS) has discovered "multiple high risk vulnerabilities" in the Windows version of the popular Eudora email client.

According to NGSS representative John Heasman, versions affected include Eudora 6.2.0 and below.

Heasman warned that the flaws permit hackers to execute arbitrary code on victims' PCs via previewing or opening a specially crafted email. Hackers can also run malicious programs by opening specially crafted stationary or mailbox files.

Testing by NGSS suggested that these issues have been resolved in Eudora 6.2.1 as detailed at <http://www.eudora.com/security.html> Version 6.2.1 can be downloaded at <http://www.vnUNET.com/downloads/1135434>

NGSS said that it was going to withhold details of the flaws for three months in a bid to prevent hackers exploiting them. The company promised to publish full details on 2 May.

"This three-month window will allow users of Eudora to apply the patch before the details are released to the general public. This reflects our approach to responsible disclosure," said Heasman.

Submitted by Joannie

## St Patricks

lected pdfFactory as the printer. The pdfFactory screen came up with a preview pane and lots of options. I simply selected "save" and the PDF file was created and was 317 KB in size. I then used Adobe Acrobat Reader to view and print part of the resulting PDF file and could not see any difference from the original Word 97 output.

I then went through the same process to convert a website (drudgereport.com) which contained both text and graphics (including photos). Again, no problems were apparent.

Then I decided to try something that was critical as to page layout so I used the American Greetings Creatacard program to convert a sheet of our Christmas return address labels from last December. I thought there was a problem because the final result was misaligned with the Avery label stock. It turned out that I had an option set wrong in the Adobe Reader that I was using to do the printing. When I corrected the setting and retried it, the result was as good as printing directly from the Creatacard program.

I tried "printing" to pdf Factory from the photo editing and printing program that came with my Kodak digital camera. That program is designed to adjust its output to the specific selected printer. Since it doesn't recognize pdfFactory as a printer it wouldn't complete the process. Not an important thing to me but something to check out if you might be planning to convert photos in that way. Using IrfanView, I converted a photo using the highest quality settings available and was a little disappointed in the color conversion (blue sky was a little bit purple) but using "normal" settings the color conversion seemed more natural.

With the limitations I have already mentioned, I heartily recommend this program if you have a need to create PDF documents. If you want to try the features of pdfFactory before buying, the publisher has a trial version that, in their words, "prints a small banner on each page" making it unusable for actual work but is a good way to check out the program capabilities. Both the purchase and the free trial of pdfFactory can be downloaded from [www.pdfactory.com](http://www.pdfactory.com). I can't offer comparisons to other programs (if any) that do the same thing since I haven't tried any.

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