



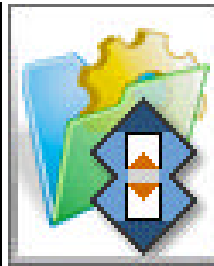
## THE PREZ SEZ...



Well **Autumn** is here, and with that, we begin to **fall** back into our normal routine and **leave** the summer craziness behind.

CCMV will be doing just that! Getting back to business is just one of the things our members will be working on. Computer classes will be beginning in the next week or so. We have a Basic and Intermediate Windows and Basic Word class running. We may also be getting a Basic Excel class going shortly. If you didn't see, CCMV had an awesome article printed in the Press Enterprise a few weeks ago, and we have received SEVERAL calls inquiring about our club and what we do. We've been around for quite awhile, it's hard to believe people haven't heard of us, but it's true. So as members, we need to always be letting people know we're here and willing to help. "Friends Helping Friends". Because of a schedule conflict, I will be unable to be at our first meeting in September. I'd like to thank Jim Richardson for filling in while I'm away. I would also like to thank Marge Silva and John Cope for volunteering to be on the nominating committee. We still need one more member to bring a slate of officers before the membership at our first October meeting. Please consider volunteering for this committee.

We have some great programs coming up in the near future, so mark your calendar to be sure you are at every meeting. Till next month... Have fun, keep safe n keep computing. Joannie



## Lon's Freeware of The Month

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### ZipGenius

Throwing the usual zipper jokes to the side for now, Ill get right to the point. There are a lot of different zipping and unzipping programs out there today. Some are free, some are expensive, but they all share one trait. It seems like none of them have exactly everything you need with a zipping and unzipping utility. That was my mindset at least until I found ZipGenius. ZipGenius does just about everything but take out your trash and mow your lawn. Do you want a long list of features to browse through? ZipGenius has more than enough features to keep you busy. After receiving feedback and complaints and suggestions over the previous version of the program, the programmers have gone in and fixed every issue. I like to hear software companies that are willing to change a few things due to a customer or client suggestions. What all can you zip and unzip? ZipGenius supports 21 types of compression and file encoding formats. That should cover just about all of your bases. Don't like the way that the program looks? Just go and download a new skin for it. ZipGenius is totally free and well worth giving a chance.



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## Lawyers and Computers

By Frank Verano

Make no mistake about it. Lawyers make extensive use of today's word processing functions in computers. What I will tell you in this article will give you pause when you think about lawyers and computer applications. After I retired from Rockwell, 200 years ago in 1983, I thought I would like to try my hand at contract programming in SAS (Statistical Analysis System) which I used in my work with Rockwell. I got contracts with Unocal Labs in Brea and another at a bank in Santa Monica and then three interesting ones at ARCO in down town LA. I'll tell briefly about all three ARCO jobs.

Remember in another article when I talked about the main frame? Well, ARCO had a main frame on one of the floors of the ARCO Towers. I had a terminal again to work with on a different floor. In the first job ARCO needed to work on a legal defense against a suit that charged them with price fixing. I used the Lundberg (remember that?) tapes that had a data base of records of gas prices. I don't want to pile on statistical stuff here that may not make sense to you. I needed to show statistically that the prices of ARCO gas went up along with other company gas prices. In short there was a 'correlation' among all the prices.

However, it wasn't the computer output which sort of settled matters. It was a simple presentation I made at a conference. I simply plotted some of the data by hand to show my point. It was a technique I used to plot some data for a missile program at JPL way back another 200 years in 1958. Sometimes, I think we over use the computer. A pencil and paper is remarkable.

On the second contract I worked with a real hotshot programmer who really pumped out lines of code in SAS like he was making Chinese noodles. He was oriental too. He ran circles around me. I sat like a sponge sopping up knowledge from him. But let's get to the story. He wrote the lines of code (I'll avoid getting technical) in SAS to solve the statistical problems at hand. Here I want to digress to explain how a programmer goes about writing code for a program because it has a bearing on my story.

Let me be a little insulting here. Suppose you invented your own computer to do math, that is, adding, subtracting, multiplication, division, and perhaps powers and roots, exponential function, and all that jazz. Say further, that you made a prototype and you needed to test it. How would you test it? Naturally, since you are a logical human you would see if the machine did what it is supposed to do. But you can't do a complicated math function in your head and you don't have time to try to do it manually so as to check the machine you invented. You simply tell it to add  $2 + 2$ . Now, that you can do in your head. Right? If the machine comes out with 4.2 then you gotta go back to the drawing board. That's how programming goes.

OK, let's jump to programming now. Say, you write a complicated program, but you do it in small steps. (This is the way it is done, by the way.) You test each step. You give it fictitious (simple) data to see if it does the right thing.

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You keep doing this until you have assembled the whole program. And you then test it again with simple data, perhaps a known data base the outcome of which you know in advance. If the computer is as smart as you then the program *may be* bug free. This is good programming. You never really know if it has bugs in it. Your best hope it so reduce e the probability of bugs to a very low level.

But when the lawyers learned programmer had some 'output' from the computer even though it was only test results they went ballistic. They wanted all that (fictitious) data because it is legal evidence! In the confusion that resulted the (New York) lawyers who were flown in to handle the case) took the problem out of our hands and returned to New York. An ignominious (and stupid) end, indeed.

The third time around with ARCO I contracted directly with them and bypassed the 'job shop". I could do the work at home but report to ARCO once a week. Here is the problem they wanted solved with the computer: How many stewardess do they need to lower the probability that any stewardess selected for a flight is not the Pilot's wife? I'm not sure I remembered it right but it does not matter. It was something (silly) like that. You see, ARCO had an Airline that they used to fly their workers to and from the Alaskan oil fields. Many of the stewardess were wives of the Pilots.

Well, years before I took a course in statistics but I forgot all about it. I still had some text books but I went to the library and got a couple more books on statistics. I really enjoyed that problem. I sure came up with a statistical solution all right and submitted the report. But I assure you I did not have a computer word processor to type the report I used an IBM Selectric. Looking back it was a bear to deal with all those subscripts, superscripts and equations.

At the end of the report I wrote about a simple solution that didn't involve any statistics. I said to divide the stewardesses and pilots into teams that excluded pilots and wives on the same teams. A pilot could only pick a stewardess (and perforce not his wife) from his own team. So for 45,000 dollars I gave them the statistical solution and the practical one thrown in for free that didn't need a computer to solve. Just common sense.

I never followed up to see what happened. The guy that hired me to do the job still sends me Christmas Cards!

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## Southwest Users Group Conference

On August 5,6, and 7, Josephine and I attend the Southwest User Conference in San Diego. Gary and Chris Skill from our club were also there. At the Friday mid-afternoon registration we received a booklet and two sacks including two T-shirts, CD's with information about the Conference, and various CD's and literature about the vendors supporting the Conference. The booklet included the three-day program, the menus for the six meals, a list of the clubs and members attending, a list of the supporting vendors, summaries of the workshops and information on the presenters plus other information.

There were 62 clubs with 352 members in attendance. The majority was from Southern California and Arizona. Patricia Hill and Judy T aylour, co-chairs, did an outstanding job in organizing and keeping the programs moving at a good pace. They plan to have the 2006 conference at the same location on August 11,12, and 13. Mark your calendar. More information will be in the May, June, and July 2006 Newsletters.

At the conclusion of each meal, one of the vendors (Smart Computing Magazine, Pinnacles, Intel, CompUSA, Corel, & Microsoft) gave a PowerPoint presentation. On Saturday there were two workshops in the morning and two in the afternoon with sixteen workshops to choose from. After the Saturday evening meal, there was a Vendor Faire where tables were spread around the large dining room for vendors to show their products and discuss them with interest persons.

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The Town and Country Resort offered rooms to the attendees at a discounted price. The Conference concluded about 2 pm Sunday and we came home with four T-shirts each and four sacks with vendor brochures, CD's, software, door prizes, etc. We are planning to attend next year.

### WARNING!!

During the next several weeks be VERY cautious about opening or launching any e-mails that refer to the World Trade Center or 9/11 in any way, regardless of who sent it. PLEASE FORWARD TO ALL YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY. FOR THOSE WHO DON'T KNOW, "WTC" STANDS FOR THE WORLD TRADE CENTER. REALLY DANGEROUS BECAUSE PEOPLE WILL OPEN IT RIGHT AWAY, THINKING ITS A STORY RELATING TO 9/11!

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