



Happy Valentine!!

Another Phone Scam

Submitted by a friend:

I received a telephone call last evening from an individual identifying himself as an AT&T Service technician (could also be Telus) who was conducting a test on the telephone lines. He stated that to complete the test, I should touch nine (9), zero (0), the pound sign (#), and then hang up.

Luckily, I was suspicious and refused. Upon contacting the telephone company, I was informed that by pushing 90#, you give the requesting individual full access to your telephone line, which enables them to place long distant calls to your home phone number. I was further informed that this scam has been originated from many local jails/prisons.

DO NOT press 90# for ANYONE!!

Computer Terms

Submitted by Gary Skills, former member

Every meeting we get someone new and they sit in the group and their eyes glaze over and someone will ask if they have any questions. There will be a pause and they will respond with, "How can I ask a question when I don't even understand the answers the questions already asked? I see a lot of terms on my computer and hear terms in this meeting that confuse me. When they come up on my computer I'm not sure what to do and don't want to screw something up so I stop. Where do you find terms and their definitions? Below is a link that starts with the basic terms and you will see a link for basic file extension information also on this site. While there are many sites that will give you this information, I don't want to confuse you with a lot of site to loop up.

<http://www.saugus.net/Computer/Terms/>

A PPS Tip

By Frank Varano

Did you ever find yourself with a bunch of Power Point Presentations with some beautiful music? And did you want to save the music to burn a CD? There is a tricky way to do it. My way may not be the only way. If you know of another let me know.

Here is how I do it. First I save the PPS file into a folder in My Documents. As a matter of fact I save all of them that way. Once it is in My Documents you can still open the PPS file and view and listen when I am in the mood, whatever it is at the time. However, to listen just to the music alone right click on the file and select "Open With".

Now you have an opportunity to select the program to open it. I tried Windows Media Player and Real Player and neither would work. However, WinAmp did work. Within WinAmp you can then burn the CD if you wish. Of course, once it is burned on a CD you still have to use WinAmp to play it. .

Treasurer's Report January by Chet Hartley

Monthly Income and Expenses, Jan 1 thru Jan 31,07

Income:

Contributions	\$79.95
Bank Interest	\$1.47
Text Books Sales	\$125.00
Tuition	\$180.00
Total Income	\$386.42

Expenses:

Apcug dues	\$50.00
Church Usage	\$100.00
Meeting expense	\$96.96
Newsletter Expense	\$11.96
Textbook purchases	\$354.80
Web Hosting	\$95.40
Total Expense	\$809.12
Income less expenses	\$-422.70

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*Take a look , there is
a lot of good information
on the Web Site*

Meeting Time and Place

2nd and 4th Tuesday
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Seventh-day Adventist
Church
29885 Bradley Road
Sun City, CA

Dispose of old electronics safely.

Submitted by Jim Richardson

With the introduction of high quality, low cost electronics such as LCD Monitors and HDTV's, many of us may be wondering how to get rid of our old equipment. If so, I suggest you check out the **Electronic Product Management Directory** for a list of *Special collection events* and other resources for *Reusing* and *Recycling* electronic equipment.

<http://www.ciwmb.ca.gov/Electronics/Collection/RecyclerSearch.aspx>

Discarding hazardous electronic equipment in your trash is environmentally unsound and the fines can be heavy. A quick check of the web page's search engine provided the following information regarding a local collection facility. I hope you find it useful.

Lake Elsinore HHW Collection Facility

521 Langstaff Street
Lake Elsinore, CA 92630
Phone: (951) 486-3200
Fax: (951) 486-3205

Web site: www.rivcowm.org

E-mail: dchristensen@co.riverside.ca.us

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Electronic Products

General Information: This site only accepts materials during the Household Hazardous Waste Collection operating days. The days for 2007 are February 3rd, March 3rd, April 7th, May 5th, June 2nd, July 7th, August 4th, September 1st, October 6th, and November 3rd, 2007. For more information on scheduled events please call (951) 486-3200.

Specific Materials Accepted:

- **Cell Phones, PDAs, Pagers.**
- **Computer Monitors.**
- **Computer Software disks.**
- **Computers/CPUs.**
- **Copiers.**
- **Laptops.**
- **Printers/Scanners/Fax Machines.**
- **Stereos.**
- **Telephones/Telephone Systems.**
- **Televisions.**
- **VCRs/DVDs**

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**Computer Club Class
Room Located at**

**Cherry Hills Country Club
At the West End of
Cherry Hills Blvd**

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Important Reminder: Many electronic products (computers, cell phones, PDAs, etc) are used to store personal information. Before donating or recycling your equipment, remember to remove all sensitive and personal information from its memory. Note that simply using your keyboard or mouse to delete files does not completely remove the information from your computer's hard drive. Your local software store can provide you with the necessary drive cleaning software appropriate for your system.

To All Who Own Computers:
By Frank Varano

I am not going to say anything important here. So at this point you can stop reading this. But in your heart, if you *really and honestly* care, read on.

Microsoft's new Operating System Vista for your computer will have about 50,000,000 lines of programming code. That's '*lines of code*'. (Vista is the new Microsoft operating system intended to replace XP, I guess.) That's a line of code for each family in the United States. At least!

Lines of code? Here is an example of only three lines of code in C++ programming language used in OS:

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if ( strchr( string, character1 ) != null )
    cout << '/' << character1 << "' was found in \ " "
        << string << "\ " .\n";
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(I took the liberty of inserting illegal spaces to make it more understandable. Oh, you still don't understand it?) Each *character* in the above lines of code can require from 1 to 5 bytes of digital data (or more). A line of code can easily have 100 characters. My senior brain can't work with numbers higher than 100. For your homework, think of a line of code as big as a kilobyte plus or minus something. One kilobyte is 1000 bytes. One megabyte is 1000 kilobytes. One gigabyte Oh, to hell with it! That 50,000,000 lines of code (trust me) can be gigabytes big! Let it go at that.

By the way, (I just had to throw this in.) everything you see on the screen has to be defined by some lines of code. Lots of them. Lots and lots of them that MS software engineers wrote. Also, that term "cout" in the line of code means "send the stuff that follows out to the screen or somewhere to be seen or read."

Vista is going to be one hell of a big operating system. Gigabytes big. And how big is your hard drive? If you didn't read this, see how much you would have missed. And if you did read it, does it worry you about your computer? And, further, if you did read it and understood it come on over to my place and explain it to me.

Finding Whole Words Only
By Frank Varano

There is a search function in MS Word that allows you to find a whole word. Well, let's define a whole word first. Here is a sample: 'word'. I'll have to put the period outside of the quote to illustrate. There has to be a space in front and at the rear of the word. It has to stand out like a sore thumb (lousy analogy.)

When you click on Find in the Edit menu you'll see More button. Click on it and the button will say Less. I think it is clever, more or less. So click on More and get Less. In the Less window is where you will find 'Find whole words only' and it is a selectable option.

I defined a whole word in the first paragraph. Go back and read it if you forgot. I know that your memory is not what it used to be. Look at this sentence: "There is a dimple in my pimple. No, no that won't work. Let's use this one: "I think that there is ink in my sink and it stinks." Yes, that will work.

Now if you searched for "ink" without the "Find whole words only" option selected you'd come up with one find, just 'ink'. But if you selected the option 'Find whole words only' you'd find all the words with 'ink' in them. Including stink.

There is always a catch to these clever things. Change the word 'ink' to 'inks' then search again. The plural gums up things. It will omit any plurals from your search results. I won't mention the other 'catch'.

The trouble is that for that occasional instance when you want to find the occurrence of words with certain letters in them is too infrequent so that it is difficult to remember all these neat tricks to search. I have a whole grocery bag of these neat tricks. I have to remember them because I am writing a book and when you have to find certain words in a huge document you have to know shortcuts or else.....

APCUG CONFERENCE
Article by Frank Porter

On January 4,5,6,and 7, 2007, Josephine and I attended the " Association of Personal Computer User Groups" in Las Vegas. At the Friday mid-afternoon registration we received a booklet and a large sack with information about the Conference, and various CD's and literature about the vendors supporting the Conference and a T-shirt and cap. The booklet included the four-day program, the menus for the 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 99 user groups with 221 members in attendance. The users were from all over the US and one from Australia. The various committees of apcug, did an outstanding job in organizing and keeping the programs moving at a good pace.

At the conclusion of each meal, one of the vendors (Smart Computing Magazine, AMD, AVG, CompUSA, Corel, & Microsoft and others) gave a PowerPoint presentation. At the conclusion of the presentation, there were drawings for gifts and vendor products. On Friday and Saturday there were twenty-three education sessions to choose from. After the Friday 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 interested persons.

Microsoft provided a lounge with six computers with the Vista operating system installed. The lounge was also the hospitality suite.

The Riveria Hotel offered rooms to the attendees at a discounted price of \$78 single or double occupancy.

The Conference concluded about 11:30am Sunday when the winners of the club contests for digital photos were announced. We came home with T-shirts and four sacks with vendor brochures, CD's, software, door prizes, etc. We are planning to attend next year as it was like a mini vacation. I highly recommend club members, particularly board members and officers, attend the conference.

