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How can we help you? John

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Over the Program Director's Shoulder

by Matthew Mercurio, Program Director

December's meeting at IU Southeast was very informative as we heard from Matt McCann from Intuit. Matt returned to our KIPCUG meeting to show off Quicken 2001 and this was definitely something to see! Matt showed us all tips and tricks on using this robust software product. Everything



from reconciling tips to learning how to bank and pay bills on-line was shown. Matt is a regular presenter for our group and his presentations are always greatly anticipated! Matt demonstrated various techniques to using Quicken 2001 and enlightened the crowd to many features built into the product. His wit could land him a gig on any stand-up comedy stage, but it was his wit and very informative presentation that kept our ears burning for more. After the meeting we adjourned to the PIG SIG at Buckheads on the river where we enjoyed more from Matt. In the height of Christmas season and its entire overhead, attendance turned out to be very good. We saw some old familiar

faces along with a few new ones and even got a couple people to become members and part of our KIPCUG family. If you missed the December meeting you really missed a treat. Matt will be back sometime in 2001 to give us all another great presentation, I am sure you won't want to miss that one!

January

A computer built right before your eyes !

January's meeting looks like it just might turn out to be a great kick-off to the New Year! After the holiday season, we are usually unwinding and ready to relax! Family gatherings, Christmas shopping, food preparation, and of course all those BILLS is certainly enough to take a lot out of even the most ambitious holiday seeker! But don't get to comfy just yet. Because the day after New Year's we have got a great meeting lined out for you!

On **Jan. 2, 2001** "Your Local Computer Geeks", from **Inter Space Computers** will take the stage at IU Southeast's Paul S. Olge

Center. Inter Space Computers was recently nominated for a Techno Vision Award and from the looks of what they are up to, they certainly deserve it! Joe Sykora and Mark Uchida from Interspace Computers



will give a blow-by-blow demonstration on how to build a computer from the ground up! You will get a chance to see the whole process from choosing the right parts to putting them together to adding the final tweaks right before eyes, all on the 15' big-screen! Sit back and take notes as they show you exactly how to put it all together and at the same time answer all your hardware specific questions. Even if you don't want to build your own PC, you still won't want to miss this. Maybe you want to just upgrade your memory, or maybe you want to replace your hard drive with a bigger one, in any case you will learn all this and more here. We have made arrangements to have a specially outfitted camera on a dolly to capture every detail of this presentation and deliver it to our big screen!

Getting to IUS from Louisville

Our meetings are in the Ogle Center at Indiana University Southeast.
Take I-65 north to I-265. Turn west on I-265 (after passing under the overpass).
Take the Grant Line Road exit from I-265.
Turn right at the intersection onto Grant Line Road. IUS is a half mile on the left.
Ogle Center is at the back right of the campus. You will not "get a ticket" for parking in the wrong lot or meter area. Park behind or in front of the building.

Over the Program Director's Shoulder

February

February's meeting is a double topic night and it will be chalked full of great information! First up will be Computer Outlet. They will bring you up to speed on all the latest buzzwords today. Learn everything from downloading MP3's, to using Napster to Burning CD Rom's. Learn how to back-up your system's software and make back-up copies of your programs by burning CD-Rom's. Plus they will also show you how to install that CD Burner you may have gotten for Christmas! Next we will show you all you need to know about Genealogy. Ever wanted to learn about your family's history? Want to know where you came from? Well we will have some experts in to show you some great genealogy software and just how to use it! Plus they will also show the many resources available on the Internet for tracking down your family's history!

On the horizon...

March

March's meeting will bring Randall Whittle from Iceka. This will be a great follow-up meeting to our recent February meeting, as we will be shown some terrific software from Surething. This software allows you to create and produce professional quality CD labels. MP3's, Napster, and burning CD Roms have all been the buzz words lately and with this demonstration

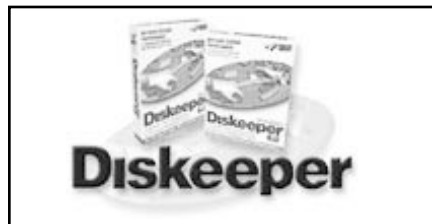
we are going to show you how to make sure those important CD's are labeled for future use. It also is a very robust office label and print utility! Making any label is never easier with Suerthing from MicroDivision. You may remember



Randall as he was here last year to deliver his presentation on the MGI Video editing suite of software. I am sure you won't want to miss this one as you can pick up some tips on storing, labeling, and cataloging all your storage media. Dampier Distributing will be on hand to give us all some expert advice on which media to use when burning software or making MP3 CD's. They will be also handing out some CDR's to get you started!

April

April, Howard Butler from **Executive Software** will be here to show off the latest in the Diskeeper and Undelete software. This should prove to be an interesting demo as Howard explains how this software operates. Personally, I am a big fan of Diskeeper as it allows you to



defrag your drives while using your computer! No more system crashes when the screen saver kicks on during a defrag operation. Also, ever wanted to recover a lost file? Undelete is the product of choice by many IT professionals and Howard will show us all how to take advantage of this software. As always there will be give-a-ways of the software at the end of this meeting, so don't miss out!

May

May, in addition to our monthly meeting, we plan to hold the **First Annual PC-NIC** (pronounced PiC-Nic heh heh). For the first time, KIPCUG will hold an outdoor event and invite local retailers to set up tables to show off there products. At the same time, we will be grilling hot dogs and serving up lunch to all our attendees. You will also hear people speaking on various technological topics! Mark it on your calendar; tentative date is set for May 20th. Keep watching the I/O for the place and time to be announced!



KIPCUG's General Meeting is held the 1st. Tuesday each month in the Ogle Center at Indiana University Southeast.

IUS is located at 2nd entrance off Grant Line Road, just north of I-265
Parking is FREE

General Meeting Announcements

by Susan Moore, KIPCUG
Membership Director

CHANGES TO THE GENERAL MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT LIST

Previously we have sent announcements regarding the monthly meeting to a group of people that have requested this information by using a list server, Topica. The problem with the list was that it was just a list of e-mails without any real names associated with the email address to identify the person. Therefore, it was impossible to identify all of the e-mail recipients without getting confirmations from everyone on the list.

The Board of Directors recently decided to include all current KIPCUG members on the list if you had provided an e-mail address to us. Therefore, it was necessary to create a new list for members only.

After creating the list, the duplicate e-mail addresses were deleted from the old list so that each person would receive only one copy of the e-mail messages. The old list will continue to be used for non-members. Having two lists allows us to send different messages to the members and non-members.

If you do not want to receive the e-mail reminders then send a message to kipcuggenmeetingannounce-unsubscribe@topica.com to remove your email from the Topica list.

If you are not receiving the General Meeting Announcement notices, and you are a member who wants to receive the e-mail notifications, please send a blank email to mooresk@win.net with a subject line of "Add to Topica List".

Please be assured that the e-mail addresses on the list are protected so that other recipients can not see the e-mail addresses. As always, your

member information is used only for KIPCUG business and is never distributed to anyone else.

NEW KIPCUG MEMBERS

Thank you for joining !

DON GARR
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DOUGLAS STEEVER
JAN WILT
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DENNIS SHELDON COWLEY
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Changes for mailing address, email address or telephone numbers should be sent to Susan Moore, Director of Membership. You can send the change to the KIPCUG mailing address printed on the back of the I/O or email to susankmoore@iname.com.

President's Desk . . .

by John Markham, President

IN DECISION and CONFUSION are the watchwords in our country and in our CLUB.

We have no new President in the country, but thanks to the heroic efforts of John Henderson, our Editor, we DO have an I/O magazine. Other questions remain for our club. Over the last several months I have requested your assistance in choosing THE direction of KIPCUG. It may be no change at all. It may be a change in venue

(meeting place). It may be a change in time and date for the meetings. It may be a change in direction for the emphasis of the club - is KIPCUG JUST for experts and professionals OR is KIPCUG for new and moderate users? It may be a change in the meeting format.

This week, I am going to ask the Board of Directors of KIPCUG direct a canvassing of all our members as to THEIR wishes. For speed and convenience it may be mostly multiple choice. We WILL use e-mail send and receive the question-

naire. At the December General Meeting, almost everyone indicated that received an e-mail announcement about the meeting. Anyone NOT included, e-mail me and I will put you on the list.

IF YOU EVERY WANTED TO TELL US WHERE TO GO or what to do, NOW is your chance.

PLEASE, it is a NEW century. Let's all come together for a NEW and BETTER KIPCUG.

APCUG Announces "Jerry Awards"

Las Vegas, November 27, 2000:

APCUG Announces winners of "Jerry Awards"

The Association of Personal Computer User Groups (APCUG) announces winners of the "Jerry Awards" for 2000.

The Association of Personal Computer User Groups (APCUG) announced the winners of the 3rd annual Jerry Awards for Community Service by a User Group at their annual convention at Fall Comdex. (The awards are named in honor of APCUG founder Jerry Schneider.) With the generous support of sponsors Oracle Corporation, Adobe Systems, Microsoft and MGI Software, the APCUG was able to recognize and reward 12 user groups for their outstanding community outreach programs.

"Long before anyone ever heard of a 'digital divide' computer user groups were bringing the empowering benefits of technology to their local communities." said APCUG president Dan Hanson. "We are thrilled to be able to recognize these 12 outstanding group projects and are grateful to our sponsors for their support."

Special recognition was also given to Art Silverglate, founder of the Phoenix Project in Baltimore, MD and Dan Hanson, founder of Computers Assisting People Program (CAP) in Cleveland, OH. Dr. Yvette Marrin of the National Cristina Foundation (<http://www.cristina.org>) and one of the judges said, "Their leadership in their respective communities is an

inspiration to us all."

The award categories of the 2000 Jerry Awards for community service projects and winning groups are:

Best Overall
Big Bear Computer Club

Short Term
Amador Computer User Group

New
Danbury Area Computer Society

Twin Lakes Computer Users Group

Ongoing
Columbia Baltimore Users Group

Gold Coast Macintosh User Group

Greater Cleveland PC User Group

Honorable Mention
Interactive Computer Owners Network, Inc.

Kentucky Indiana Personal Computer Users Group

Akron Canton PC Users Group

Southwest Florida PC User Group

Tri-City Computer Club

Additional information on the Jerry Awards and the community outreach projects of these groups may be found at www.apcug.org/community_service/00jerries.htm.

The Association of Personal Computer User Groups (APCUG) is an organization dedicated to foster-

ing communications among and between personal computer user groups and assisting groups in the fulfillment of their educational missions and activities. As such, it operates as an information network between existing user group organizations and is structured as a 501(c)(3) non-profit, educational corporation.

Editor's Note: Below is the KIPCUG information posted on the APCUG site mentioned in this press release:

KIPCUG partners with Wayside Christian Mission to provide refurbished computers to underprivileged families.

KIPCUG decided to partner with Wayside, an organization that makes a difference in the Louisville community by daily providing more than one thousand meals and providing shelter for approximately three hundred adults. Their transition program services over 100 families with children.

The partnership with Wayside seeks to accomplish two goals. First, to provide operating computers for Wayside and other select Louisville and southern Indiana charities. Second, to provide computers for graduates of Wayside's computer education program to take home for FREE. (See page 6 - President's Message - KIPCUG's I/O Magazine - online at www.kipcug.org/io/io0007.pdf)

In five months KIPCUG had collected over two hundred and fifty computers. This is twice their expected total for the entire year.



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Entry Level Questions Answered . . .

by Lowell Shatraw, Computer User Group of Greeley, Colorado

Q: WHAT IS THE TASKBAR AND THE TOOLBAR?

The TASK BAR is the area at the bottom of your WIN9x screen that shows the applications that are currently running. The active application will show differently, while the others will show the names of the applications. Clicking a non-active application will cause the application to be displayed on the screen; on top of whatever else you may have displayed.

The TASK BAR on all WINDOWS systems can be relocated to the side or to the top of your screen if desired. To move it, just click and drag on a blank area on the TASK BAR and let go when your mouse is located within about one inch from either side or at least halfway up the screen from the bottom.

The TOOL BAR is a row or column of icons that appear, typically, at the top of the application screen. The functions will vary according to the application being used. For example, the tool bar for my Internet Explorer shows the BACK and FORWARD icons, as well as the STOP, REFRESH, HOME and others. Netscape COMPOSER shows the NEW, OPEN, SAVE, PUBLISH, PREVIEW, and others

Generally, the TOOL BAR is displayed below the MENU BAR which is located in the topmost area, under the title and which contains the names like FILE, EDIT, INSERT and others.

Q: What are the shortcuts to Windows Explorer and to Find? Also, what wildcards will work with the Find command?

A: Here are some of the methods to access EXPLORER

1. RIGHT click the START button
2. RIGHT click MY COMPUTER
3. Click the START button, select RUN, and then type in EXPLORER and press ENTER.

Here are some of the methods to access FIND-

1. Click the START button, scroll up to FIND and then over to FILES or FOLDERS
2. Access WINDOWS EXPLORER and then TOOLS, then FILES or FOLDERS The wildcards available are the QUESTION MARK ?, and the ASTERISK *. The question mark replaces a single character in the search string, while the asterisk replaces up to 8 or more characters in a search string. Remember that you're looking for file names or folder names.

For example, let's search for the filename EXPLORER. First type in the "NAMED" window the characters EXPLORER. Now type in the window "LOOK IN:" this drive letter and path name C:\. Be sure the check mark is in the INCLUDE SUBFOLDERS option and now click the FIND NOW button to start the search. As you will see if you try this, many possible results will be displayed. But, we're looking for the WINDOWS EXPLORER filename icon and it must be an icon, not a (yellow) folder. It's located in the C:\WINDOWS directory (folder) and is named EXPLORER.EXE.

If you had typed in EXPL* and searched, less results would appear and the name EXPLORER.EXE would still appear. This is because the * replaces ALL characters from the position it is placed to the 8th character of the standard DOS 8.3 format filename notation. But, if you have long file names, as allowed in WINDOWS, anything that STARTS with whatever you type in, up to the * will be found. And that can be MANY names. For example, if I had typed LOW*, then any filename or folder with LOW, in either uppercase or lowercase would be found. On my system, on just my C: drive, 1986 names were found. That's Nineteen hundred and eighty six file names and folder names. Try this one. Type ME* and see what results you get.

Q: What are the functions of the Windows key?

A: The WINDOWS key is an additional key found on certain keyboards that allows the user to select functions without having to use the normal, multiple, keystrokes to accomplish a task. The functionality of the keyboard WINDOWS key is implemented when the OS recognizes the special keyboard and installs drivers, or by manually installing the special drivers that came with the system.

Here is a list of the shortcuts assigned to the WINDOWS key.

Press the WINDOWS KEY and The START menu will be displayed

WINDOWS KEY + PAUSE opens the SYSTEM PROPERTIES dialog (Key may be named PAUSE/BREAK)

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WINDOWS KEY + TAB toggles the selection of the applications on the TASKBAR with each press of the TAB key.

WINDOWS KEY + E opens WINDOWS EXPLORER

WINDOWS KEY + F1 displays the HELP screen

WINDOWS KEY + F displays the FIND ALL screen

WINDOWS KEY + CTRL + F opens the FIND COMPUTER dialog box

WINDOWS KEY + M causes all applications to MINIMIZE

WINDOWS KEY + M + SHIFT causes all MINIMIZED applications to be restored to being open on desktop (opposite of m above)

WINDOWS KEY + R opens the RUN window

Q: Should I turn off my computer at night?

A: Only if you are not working on it! Seriously though, if you have the PC connected to the power through an UPS you can safely leave it on all the time, but be sure to turn the power off to the monitor.

WHY you ask? Well, each time you power ON the computer, which consists of electronic circuits, the surge of the electricity through the circuits in the system and the drives has the potential to cause something to burn out. I use the following analogy to help understand this when I present to my hardware trou-

bleshooting class. When do you generally see a light bulb burn out? When you turn the switch ON of course. The electrical surge causes a temperature change as well as the filament being subjected to the electrical flow and this has the potential to burn out the filament in the bulb. (Of course this does not apply to fluorescent lamps.)

So, if you have an UPS (Uninterruptable Power Supply), and not just a SURGE Protector, you can safely leave the power ON. If the power happens to fluctuate during the night, or even go off for a short period of time, the UPS continues to power the PC. It has a battery that constantly converts the DC power to the AC power used by the PC. This battery allows the PC keep running for a time.

Q: What is Wallpaper? How can I change it? Can I use a picture from the Internet or a picture that I have scanned?

A: The background on your desktop is called WALLPAPER. The picture, or graphics displayed are found in the system or can be added from other sources. Mine is a space shot showing the shuttle and arm of an astronaut looking down on the Great Lakes.

To change the wallpaper, RIGHT click the desktop, select PROPERTIES and select the WALLPAPER TAB or BACKGROUND TAB as some systems name it. In the displayed window there will be a list of installed wallpaper scenes to select from. Scroll through the list, and if you have a favorite, select it. You also can have it centered in the desktop window, or tiled--multiple

images of the picture or graphics used to fill the screen. I prefer CENTERED. These images can be .BMP, or JPG files; pictures of the kids, or your favorite ski trail, or whatever you desire can be used.

If you find a picture on the Internet and would like to use it as a wallpaper background, here's how to install it. Right click the image and the selections SET AS WALLPAPER, or SAVE PICTURE AS are available. I prefer to save the picture and then access the desktop properties as explained above to later try it. Save the picture in the C:\WINDOWS folder and you are all ready to change it when you want a different wallpaper setting.

Scanned pictures can be used in the same way that Internet images are stored and used.

Q: What are Screen Savers? Why do we need them? Can I download screensavers from the Internet and run them on my PC? How?

A: The image on a monitor has the potential to burn itself into the inside surface if kept there for a long period of time. (Newer monitors are much less likely than the monitors of 5 - 10 years ago.) Electrons exciting the phosphor on the inside of the display glass create the monitor image. The persistence of the phosphor (the ability to 'light it up', and keep it light so it can be seen), is much less with today's monitors than with those of yesteryears. With this persistence being lower, the chance of the phosphor actually being burned is much less also.

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Screensavers today are more of a personal choice of what you want to see when you are not using the PC, but still want to keep the monitor turned on. They are used more for cosmetic, than for protection against burning the screen. Swimming fish, the Frank & Louie Budweiser scene and others are solely for your enjoyment.

To see which ones you currently have, use the FIND command to search the C:\WINDOWS folder for *.SCR files. SCR is a screensaver type file. When downloading new ones, place them directly in the WINDOWS folder so your DISPLAY PROPERTIES can see them when you want to change the one you have running to a different one. (If they are not in their SCR format, you may want to download them to a different location, extract them from whatever format they were in--ZIP or EXE--and then place them in the C:\WINDOWS folder. Some others yet will require 'installing' them if they are of the type that include special features--like the Frank & Louie Budweiser frog one.)

Q Can I change the words under my Desktop Icons? How about the color behind the words? Also, can I make the words bigger so I can read them?

A Yes you can change the wording. One way is to RIGHT click the icon and select RENAME. Another is to LEFT click the name twice, in slow succession--at least two seconds between each click-- or you'll launch the program associated with the icon. The name will change to a box showing the entire name and be highlighted in BLUE. Use the

ARROW keys to, position the cursor where you want to insert new text and start typing. While the text is BLUE, pressing the BACKSPACE key will remove all the current text. Then just type new text, keeping in mind there is a limited amount of characters that will display when your finish, and press the ENTER key.

To change the color behind the words: in the CONTROL PANEL access the DISPLAY and double click it. Select APPEARANCE. Look in the lower half of the open DISPLAY PROPERTIES window for the ITEM: and the word DESKTOP should be there. If not, select it. Then off to the right is the COLOR: selection. The current color shown is what you see as the color behind the desktop words; change the color to suit your desire.

To increase the desktop icons text, while still in the DISPLAY PROPERTIES window, select ICON in the ITEM: window. Notice just below is the FONT: setting window? Select a larger font than the default SIZE 8, click APPLY.

Q: What is a Folder? Can I create new folders with my own titles? How do I move files in and out of folders? Can I get rid of folders I don't need?

A: A folder is much like the manila folder you may use for storing your monthly receipts and bills. Each folder contains different information in your file cabinet. Each folder in your computer also has different information that has been placed there. A computer folder may contain the same information

that exists in other folders--if the information has been COPIED there. Each system has some folders that are named the same--like WINDOWS, PROGRAM FILES, etc. just as some homes have the same folders found in everyone's file cabinet--i.e. PUBLIC SERVICE, GREELEY GAS, TELEPHONE. Folders contain program files, data files and files used to support a program--like WORD is a program file with DLL and COM files to support the WORD program as it is run.

Folders can be created with whatever title the user wants. For example, to create a folder names TEST on the C: drive, several methods can be utilized to accomplish this. Right click MY COMPUTER and select EXPLORE when the drop-down menu appears. Now click ONCE on the C: drive ICON. Now, go up to the menu bar and select FILE | NEW | FOLDER. A new folder ICON is created and now you can just type the name you want. When the name of the folder is BLUE and highlighted, just typing text causes the name to change to the newly typed text.

To remove a folder, click it once to highlight it, then press the DEL key on the keyboard. You have just deleted the folder and ALL THE CONTENTS of the folder. So, be sure what is in the folder, if anything is there, is not wanted. Once you have deleted the folder, all the files and folders within that folder go away as well.

This article is brought to you by the Editorial Committee of the Association of Personal Computer User Groups (APCUG).

Free Software Available . . .

by Joe Rothstein, Review Editor, KIPCUG

FREE SOFTWARE FOR REVIEW AND EVALUATION. Available to KIPCUG Members.

You take the software and it is yours to keep AFTER you have submitted your evaluation within 30 to 45 days. This is a great opportunity to have the latest programs, and save \$ at the same time.

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PRIVATE FILE [Aladdin Systems], Protect your information;
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KIPCUG Mentors - aka members helping members

The following members have volunteered to provide assistance to any current member on these topics:

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John Henderson (jhenderson@win.net)
Webmaster, HTML and Basic WebPage Design

For help with additional topics, post a message to the KIPCUG Web Forum at <http://www.kipcug.org>
We are always interested in hearing from people willing to help out their fellow KIPCUG members.
Please contact a member of the Board of Directors if you are interested in being added to this mentor list.

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ACCESS PROGRAMMING SIG

Meets 10:00 am on the 4th Saturday of the month at the New Horizons Learning Center, at 10200 Linn Station Road in Suite 110 of the Triad E. Bldg.
Contact SIG LEADER John Kilpatrick at 635-1153 or jewel@win.net

BASIC ACCESS SIG "NEW"

Meets 10:00 am on the 2nd Saturday of the month at the New Horizons Computer Learning Center, at 10200 Linn Station Road in Suite 110.
Contact SIG LEADER Alan Birch at 429-0506 or abirch52@excite.com

GENEALOGY SIG

Meets 6:30 PM. on the 3rd Monday of the month at the Louisville Free Public Library, Eline Branch, located in the St. Matthews City Hall Building at the corner of Grandview Ave and Fairfax Ave. about 3 blocks south of Shelbyville Rd.
Contact SIG LEADER Susan Moore at 499-5222 or susankmoore@iname.com (www.win.net/mooresk)

HARDWARE SIG

Meets 6:30 PM. on the 1st Monday of the month at the Louisville Free Public Library, Eline Branch, located in the St. Matthews City Hall Building at the corner of Grandview Ave and Fairfax Ave. about 3 blocks south of Shelbyville Rd.
Contact SIG LEADER Grant McCormick at (wk) 266-9999 ext. 213, (home) 935-2497 or CO-LEADER Charley May at 425-4604 or hardware@sig.win.net

INTERMEDIATE USERS SIG "NEW"

Meets 6:30 PM. on the 3rd Friday of the month at the training center located in the CompUSA Louisville store at 825 S. Hurstbourne Pkwy. (PIG SIG @ 8:30)
Contact SIG LEADER Tom Scanlan at 1-502-477-1639 or tpscan@bluegrass.net

INTERNET USER & TELECOMMUNICATIONS SIG

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Contact Charley May, 425-4604 or sig@win.net

INVESTING SIG

Meets 6:30 PM. on the 2nd Thursday of the month at the Louisville Aero Club, Bowman Field. We do not discuss the merits of Mutual Funds.
Contact SIG LEADER Doc Viele at 452-6878 for details.

LINUX SIG "NEW"

Meets 6:30 PM on the 3rd. Wednesday of the month at

the New Horizons Computer Learning Center, at 10200 Linn Station Road in Suite 110.
Contact SIG LEADER Ron Wechsler, 267-5855 or ronwech@attglobal.net

NEW USERS SIG

Meets 6:30 PM. on the 2nd Monday of the month at the New Horizons Computer Learning Center, at 10200 Linn Station Road in Suite 110 of the Triad E. Bldg. PIG SIG starts at approx. 8:30 PM.
Contact SIG LEADER Charley May at 425-4604 or sig@win.net

PDA (Personal Digital Assistant) SIG "NEW"

Meets 6:30 PM. on the 3rd. Tuesday of the month at Franklin Covey store in The Mall St. Matthews Mall.
Contact SIG DIRECTOR Paul Gilles or Sam Cooke or J.Price Hanna III

SPREADSHEET DEVELOPMENT SIG "NEW"

Meets 6:30 PM on the 4th. Wednesday of the month at Jewish Community Center, at 3600 Dutchmans Lane at Cannons Lane.
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VISUAL BASIC SIG

Meets 7:00 PM. on the 2nd Thursday of the month at the New Horizons Computer Learning Center, at 10200 Linn Station Road in Suite 110 of the Triad E. Bldg.
Contact SIG LEADER Martin Campion at 479-8952 or mccampion@aol.com

WEBMASTER SIG

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WINDOWS, WORD & EXCEL SIG

Meets 6:30 PM. on the 4th Monday of the month at the training center located in the CompUSA Louisville store at 825 S. Hurstbourne Pkwy.
Contact SIG LEADER Jim Travelstead, 852-4761 (W), 375-4796 (H) or jim.travelstead@louisville.edu

SIG Director:

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The SIG Scene

by Charley May, SIG Director

Where to find the scoop on your Special Interest Group

"HEADLINE NEWS".

KIPCUG SIGs are looking for people interested in attending and/or leading a DESKTOP PUBLISHING SIG. At the present time there are several people interested in finding others that want to learn about Desktop Publishing. If you are interested please Email "sig@win.net" with your name, preferred Email address and phone number to be kept informed of the dates, times and formation of a DESKTOP PUBLISHING SIG (please type "DESKTOP PUBLISHING SIG?" in the subject line).

You should really consider attending the newly formed SPREADSHEET DEVELOPMENT and IMPLEMENTATION SIG, if you have been longing to chart some information in your life to make it simpler and faster to find or understand and if that data could be affected by other conditions and you want to know exactly how things changed or if you just want to do some simple price comparisons and have a hard copy to carry to the stores. We still have a lot of computers for YOU to use during the presentations, so put us on your planner. Meeting date for January 24, 2001 will be on the regular 4th Wednesday of the month and we are looking forward to seeing YOU at the Cyber Lab. So now is the time to send your name, phone number and preferred email address to SIG LEADER Phil Whitehouse, "basicpop@aol.com" (please type

"Spreadsheet D & I SIG" in the subject line) to receive meeting notices. See the Directory or more information that follows for details.

A lot of you may be thinking about a hand held PC after KIPCUG's General Meeting put on by Microsoft and the Blackberry GM, but have also heard many good things about the Palm Computer and are unsure of which unit to purchase for your use. Well, maybe KIPCUG SIGs can help. The PDA (Personal Digital Assistant) SIG for hand held computers has been formed and is meeting on the third Tuesday of the month. Mr. Paul Gilles of Franklin Covey is the new SIG LEADER. Please read more on the PDA SIG in "The SIG SCENE" below and come check us out before you buy that hand held computer.

The SIG SCENE

ACCESS PROGRAMMING SIG

The Access Programming SIG met at the New Horizons Learning Center at 10 a.m. till 12 am on November 18, 2000. The SIG normally meets on the 4th Saturday of the month with SIG Leader John Kilpatrick and assumes a good working knowledge of Access and focuses more on issues involving programming and techniques. For November, York Stahmer led the meeting's open discussion period. John's Guest Presenter, Joan Combs Durso, a financial analyst for UPS, gave her presentation on making Metric conversions. Her topics

included a history of the metric system, the use of significant digits and rounding in conversions, some web sites containing useful conversion tools, and some simple techniques for converting metric to English measurements, and vice-versa.

John will still be unavailable in December, so York Stahmer has volunteered to lead the next session, which will take place on Saturday, December 16th, 10 a.m. to 12 noon, at New Horizons Learning Center. This SIG usually meets on the fourth Saturday of the month but changed Novembers and December dates due to the holidays.

The Access Programming SIG will meet January 27, 2001 at the New Horizons Learning Center. If you've been working in Access and are willing to share solutions you've found, email John and come tell us about it. The topic for the meeting is open, so if you have a problem that would make a good meeting subject or would like to present how you solved a problem, give John a ring or email him at "jewel@win.net".

BASIC ACCESS SIG

The Basic Access SIG met December 9, 2000 at New Horizons. Instead of having a presentation we worked on questions and problems. First was "How do you create a pivot table in Access?" While it is possible to create a pivot table in Access, it is better to link the data to Excel and use the more powerful tools in Excel. (A pivot table summarizes record fields by two or

The SIG Scene (cont.)

more categories. For example budget items on the left and months across the top.)

We then worked on a reporting date problem. An activity started on 10/12 and completed on 11/3. It is now November 10th and you want to report the number of actions completed and activities still pending as of 10/31 but Access thinks that record is completed. It took a while to get the syntax right, but it isn't really that hard.

Then we had the problem of summarizing in a report the activities for the month and year-to-date. With the particular data set, that seemed to need 3 levels of sub-reports and Access didn't like it. We fell back on the old adage, "When in doubt, CHEAT!" It was easy enough with 2 sub-reports on the same master report. Sometimes the simple solutions are hard to see.

The big news is that SIG leader York Stahmer has taken a job in Germany and will move at the end of the year. York is irreplaceable kind of guy and we will miss him badly.

However, KIPCUG SIGs are very pleased to announce that Mr. Alan Birch has agreed to become the new SIG LEADER. We look forward to starting the real new millennium with the next meeting at 10am on January 13th at the New Horizons Learning Center with Alan at the helm. If you have a topic suggestion or a question, email Alan (abirch52@excite.com). Come find out how to make Access work for you.

GENEALOGY SIG

Due to the Holidays, the December SIG meeting is cancelled. Because of Martin Luther King Jr. 's Birthday the January SIG is cancelled since the Louisville Free Public Library will be closed.

On February 19, 2001 the Genealogy SIG will hold its next meeting at the Eline Branch of the Louisville Free Public Library at 6:30pm. The topics have cycled and we will again start at the beginning with How to Get Started with TMG. The new version of TMG may have been released by the time of the meeting. This is an excellent meeting to come to if you are just getting started, or if you need a review, so please mark your new calendars to attend this meeting. There is plenty of room for everyone.

Even if you are not ready to devote serious time to Genealogy, please come to the meeting to find out what you need to do to help yourself out, before any more of your ancestors die.

If you have any particular questions before the next meeting, please email Susan at susankmoore@iname.com.

We are looking for suggestion for additional topics.

SIG LEADER Susan Moore and all of the SIG's attendees are looking for YOU to join the SIG at a future meeting. We have room for more attendees. If you need details

on how to get to the SIG, go to "www.win.net/mooresk".

HARDWARE SIG

The December, 2000 meeting was very interesting; SIG attendees had a field trip in to Wayside Christian Mission and we had many volunteers that worked on used computers, checking them out, and where necessary, taking them apart, building a whole computer, and getting them ready to use for people that have never used computers before, so that they can learn new job skills. Being in December, this put all of us in the Season's Spirit.

We hope to do this again in the near future, maybe as a secondary meeting, so if you can operate screwdriver or help by loading software, please consider adding your name to the HARDWARE SIG email meetings list for announcements for info on this meeting. To be added to the email list, email sig@win.net and type "ADD ME TO HARDWARE SIG NOTICE LIST" in the Subject line on your email.

The January meeting date falls on New Years Day and will not be held.

We are looking for suggestions from YOU for additional topics for this SIG.

If you have a HARDWARE problem that you would like to bring to the meeting, to hopefully be solved, PLEASE call one of the phone numbers listed in the proceeding SIG

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Directory. This will get you in the queue so that the HARDWARE TEAM Members can be prepared to handle your problem. With this advance planning you may not have to bring, as much of your computer equipment with you and the HARDWARE TEAM will be better prepared to help you.

INTERMEDIATE USERS SIG

(Geared for users with some experience)

The Intermediate User SIG meets the third Friday of each month in the Training room of Comp USA. This last month we talked about free or low cost Utilities that you can download. The first being from Microsoft, who offers many downloads, TweakUI being one. You can find this clever control panel add-in at <http://www.microsoft.com/ntworkstation/downloads/PowerToys/Networking/NTTweakUI.asp>. Microsoft® has put together a set of productivity tools called PowerToys. If you're a Windows power-user, go ahead and try them out, but realize these are unsupported tools. Tweak UI 1.33 can adjust your Windows User Interface, including menu speed, window animation, and Microsoft Internet Explorer.

A second tool is a compact (under 2 Mb), flexible text editor called UltraEdit. It handles HTML, hex code and programming, as well as typical chores. It can open hundreds of files at the same time, limited

only by disk space. I use it for email creation, web page work and because it does more than I can explain here, you are welcome to come to our meeting and find out more about it.

Our next meeting will be on the third Friday of December 15, 2000 at 6:30 PM. SIG Leader Tom Scanlan will continue the PC Utilities Series with other utilities you can download to help diagnose and adjust your computer. The INTERMEDIATE USER SIG is devoted to exploring technical issues that are beyond new users, but are important to understanding practical computer usage.

If you would like information about the Intermediate User SIG, contact Tom Scanlan at

tpscan@bluegrass.net or 1 (502) 477-1639.

INVESTING SIG

SIG LEADER Doc Viele moderates the Investment SIG discussions, which have been ongoing since 1986. There were 13 attendees at the November 9, 2000 meeting. Meetings consist of round table exchanges of information on any economic subject of current interest to the group. Questions and presentations are encouraged.

Next SIG Meeting will include general information on investing and the usual information exchange.

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LINUX SIG (NEW)

The November 15, 2000 meeting of the Linux SIG was at our NEW meeting location, New Horizons Computer Learning Center, on Wednesday evening at 6:30pm, instead of our previous Saturday morning meetings. There was a good turnout, double the previous meeting location and because of the new location, it appears that the LINUX SIG is now off to a roaring start. Ron performed a successful installation of Star Office 5.1.

The new surroundings are great. We even had a projector. Mr. Wechsler has a new hard drive which he will dedicate to the SIG. It is a 30GB, 7200 RPM IBM EIDE drive, WOW! It will give us plenty of room to install whatever we need. Also, TEAM MEMBER, Chris Parrish, who previously had schedule conflicts, was able to attend and promised to continue to attend.

The LINUX SIG is looking for members interested in finding out how to install, setup and operate the new operating system. The SIG will not limit itself to any one "brand" of Linux or Linux applications and will gradually work its way through all the different "brands" available. Please come and support the new SIG LEADER Ron Wechsler and bring your ideas and suggestions to help give Ron a direction for this new SIG to head in. If you are an established user of Linux, please come help with a future presenta-

Although our computer is sufficient to run Linux, more memory and a faster CPU are required to run many of the applications that we wish to demo. VMWare, which we hope to demo, requires a minimum 266MHz CPU and 64Megs of memory. We have a 133MHz and 32Megs. But we are looking for a faster computer for our meetings (got a older one setting in the corner gathering dust?) if not, keep your eyes and ears open for us.

Next month subject to be announced.

If you would like to be included in the meeting notification email list, please send your name, phone number and preferred email address to "sig@win.net" and type "LINUX SIG?" in the subject line of the email.

NT CERTIFICATION STUDY SIG

The NT CERTIFICATION STUDY SIG has suspended operations for the present time. Any questions or suggestion about the SIG should be forwarded to sig@win.net and will be appreciated.

NEW USERS SIG

The NEW USERS SIG held its December 11, 2000, 6:30 p.m. meeting at the New Horizons Computer

Learning Center, its regular location. This session was our third "Back To Basics" since restarting the series. We had the big room this time. We started with the basics of the MS Windows operating system 95/98 and took our first look at some of the tools that come with the Windows operating system that will help you keep your computer running smoother and talked more about the process of adding and organizing files on your computer. Charley reviewed past subjects that attendees had questions on after Attendees practiced at home and answered questions that came up during the meeting.

Are YOU planning install a new software program on your computer in the near future? Would you like to know what to do to your computer to make the install as "clean as possible"? January 8, 2001 is the night to come and find out the simple steps required to do a clean install.

If you are a new computer user or just want to review, please consider coming to the NEW USERS SIG. We don't go too fast and Charley leads Attendees through each step of each feature and you learn hands-on, by following the presentation your NHCLC computer. After the presentation we will try to answer all attendee's questions on problems that they have had at home during the previous month.

The SIG has two TEAM MEMBERS, Dick McGavic and Ken Dawson, plus Charley May at each meeting to help assist you if you get hung up during the presentation. So "come on down", have some fun

The SIG Scene (cont.)

and learn something new! If you don't have time for supper before the meeting, join us at the PIG SIG at T. G. I. Friday's after the meeting. Winnie Miller and Lois Dean Mallrich operate the PIG SIG

February meeting topic to be announced.

If you want to be on the NEW USERS SIG email notice list, send your name, phone and preferred email address to sig@win.net, please type "NEW USERS SIG?" on the subject line of your email and we will add you to the list.

PDA (Personal Digital Assistant) SIG (NEW)

The PDA SIG continues to meet on the third Tuesday at the Franklin Covey store in Mall St. Matthews. The November 21 meeting started with a demonstration and comparison of wireless internet using both the Palm VII (Palm.net) and the Palm V (OmniSky). Email sending and receiving and stock quotes and trades

were demonstrated by Chuck Russman and Larry Hughes. Program enhancements were then demonstrated and 'beamed' by Price Hanna, Palm guru at Franklin Covey. Some of the enhancements demonstrated were: Datebook -- This Week; Phonebook -- TealPhone; To Do List - Franklin Planner; and Memo Pad -- Diddle Bug. Websites for these and other downloads (and payments) were described.

With all the hustle, and bustle of the Holidays, we've decided to try and help take a load off. Instead of getting highly technical, come on Tuesday, December 19 and relax as we'll talk about GAMES for the Palm OS. From Mindsweeper to mazes, and all sorts of card games, we'll look at some of the most popular games (and some of my favorites also)! Be sure to bring your favorite game or puzzle to share with the group. Come ready for laughs, and snacks as we get the ball rolling at 6:30 at the Franklin Covey retail store in the Mall St. Matthews. For questions please reply to J. Price Hanna III at "palmwhiz@cs.com" or call 551-9452.

SPREADSHEET DEVELOPMENT and IMPLEMENTATION SIG

The Spreadsheet SIG has developed into two diverse groups - those with a wealth of experience and those with little or no experience. We are trying a novel approach for future meeting, thanks to Susan Moore. We will start the experienced group on a project using graphs, whole continuing to work on very basic spreadsheets for the novices.

There was no meeting in December since the meeting date falls so close to the holidays.

Phil, from all the SIG Attendees and myself, we are glad you made it OK and wish you good health in the

future!

If you are interested in future meetings, now is the time to respond. Please send your name, phone number and preferred email address to Phil at "basicpop@aol.com" (please type "Spreadsheet D & I SIG" in the subject line) to receive meeting notices.

VISUAL BASIC SIG

The VB SIG will meet as usual on the second Thursday, December 14, 2000 at the New Horizons Learning Center. SIG leader Martin Campion will show you how to use a VB program and an Access Database to set up a Web Site that can be updated with a single push of a button, even by a slightly knowledgeable client. Please bring your problems and programs to show off.

The January, 2001 meeting subject is possibly going to look again at using VB as an internet tool, and probably continue on that subject in February.

If YOU have ANY interest in learning VB or think YOU might be interested, please come to this SIG and give it a try.

WINDOWS, WORD & EXCEL SIG

SIG Leader Jim Travelstead has cancelled the December 2000 meeting of the WINDOWS, WORD & EXCEL SIG at COMP USA's Training Center.

The SIG Scene (cont.)

Previously, Jim went over the using Columns in MS Word and took a quick look at forms. Jim also gave us our first look at Windows Millennium Edition (ME).

Our next meeting will continue Windows Millennium and if time allows, we will go over Internet Faxing

The January 22nd meeting will cover Windows ME(Upgrade from 98/98SE), also we'll talk about pros/cons of going to Windows ME.

In February, the topic will be Windows/Office Security Tips & Tricks. Between meetings, if you have any questions on W, W & E save them and bring them to the SIG or Email Jim Travelstead at "jim.travelstead@louisville.edu" and Jim will have your answer at the next SIG meeting.

SIG Director's Notes:

KIPCUG SIGs are still looking for a SIG LEADER for a VISUAL FoxPro SIG. At the present time, there are 8 people interested in finding others to study Visual FoxPro. If you are interested or can suggest a good meeting place, please Email "sig@win.net" with your name; preferred Email address and phone number to be kept informed of the formation of a SIG (please type "Visual FoxPro SIG?" in the subject line).

KIPCUG SIGs are looking for people young and old, interested in attending a GAMES SIG. At the present time there are a half dozen people interested in finding others

to play and learn about games with. We have a meeting place with a large screen projector so sharp that you can see every pixel! If you are interested please Email "sig@win.net" with your name, preferred Email address and phone number to be kept informed of the schedule for formation of a GAMES SIG (please type "GAMES SIG?" in the subject line). We are getting close on starting this SIG, so email your name today.

Under the "We Need You" category: if you are an intermediate or advanced computer user and if you feel that you could contribute a little time and knowledge to your fellow KIPCUG Members as a Guest Presenter, please call or Email me -- Charley May at 425-4604 or



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Here is another popular free ISP. "Address.com" is a free ISP that uses Spinway.com to supply its nationwide network. I liked their home page, which displays news items and has stock reports flowing across. The selection of nationwide phone numbers looked good. It even had a couple of access numbers for 321, which is a new area code overlaying our present 407.

I saw requirements for Windows 98 or NT, no Mac info. They offer e-mail, Web pages, personalized home page, URL forwarding, Web searches, personalized stock ticker quotes, news, sports, weather and horoscope. Also offered are free instant messaging and free chats. Check further info at [http://www.address.com]. You can download the software or ask to have a CD sent. I have not tried the service.

That's it for this month. Meet me here again next month if your editor permits. This column is written to make user group members aware of special offers I have found or arranged, and my comments should not be interpreted to encourage, or discourage, the purchase of products, no matter how enthused I might sound. Bob (The Cheapskate) Click [dealsguy@mindspring.com]. Visit my Web site at [http://www.dealsguy.com] for past columns.

Deals Guy

by Bob Click, The Deals Guy, Greater Orlando Computer Users Group

Comdex is history, but I enjoyed it while my wife trudged along. People were shoulder to shoulder and I was whopped often by people swinging around with bags on their backs. My feet were smashed by people dragging carts full of stuff behind them, and heavy paper bags were dragged across my neck as people plunged through the crowd with force. When a booth presenter threw out a tee shirt, somebody might rip it out of your hand if you caught it. You have to really love shows to put up with all that.

It was exciting, but we barely covered it in the four days we attended. With 220,000 attendees, vendors were difficult to talk to unless you had time to wait, and I assume my follow-ups will not be that fruitful, as usual. However, I'll give you what I can put together over the next couple of months, which will be slim-picking.

My buying restraint excelled this year and the only thing I acquired was a neat little portable USB drive. Called the Pockey, it is 3" X 5" X 5/8" with a capacity of 6 gigs. It fits in my tee shirt pocket with room to spare. They're available in 6, 10, 15 or 20 gigs with a MSRP of \$249 for the 6-gig model. Power comes from the USB. I was unable to get us a deal because it is just being introduced. It works on my desktop PC, but so far I can't get it to work with my laptop. See [<http://www.pockey-drives.com>] for info. There was a smaller product of the same nature at the show, but they only had display product.

The APCUG event came off beautifully with 327 attendees representing 134 user groups. Many hard-working APCUG volunteers made it a huge success. Vendor support has waned again this year, but vendors that were there really showed us a great time. The Microsoft dinner was especially outstanding with an Improv group's sidesplitting entertainment after the presentation. MS table reps asked us what MindShare could do to help our groups. Our table asked for a discount on the MSN service and our rep wrote it on his list.

Many APCUG attendees thanked me for doing the column. My highlight of the weekend was when Jeremy Dunn of Connecticut PC Users Group thanked me for the column, saying his members love it and warned they would lynch him if he ever left my column out of their newsletter.

***Other Comments**

Last month I complained about the lack of voice tech support from Symantec and two other vendors while saying Microsoft gives lifetime support on some products. Little did I know that I lying through my teeth/keyboard while writing that. I've since read that MS had already posted notice that the lifetime tech support was discontinued and replaced with a maximum of two tech support calls, citing survey results - yyyyeah-right! I guess that's why agreements contain clauses to renounce promises to the customer.

***Now The Deals**

Linda & Gene Barlow announced that PowerQuest released major new versions of PartitionMagic 6.0 and Drive Image 4.0 this fall. PartitionMagic 6.0 has new support for Windows ME and Windows 2000 Professional, ability to undelete partitions, new Copy Partition Wizard, ability to split partitions and view & modify pending operations. Drive Image Version 4 has CD-R and CD-RW Support, supports Windows ME, Image Size Estimator, Image Integrity Checker, create images on hidden partitions, improved Drive Image File Editor and includes DataKeeper Utility.

Prices: PowerQuest bundle (PartitionMagic 6.0, Drive Image 4.0, SecondChance 2.07 supports Windows ME, Lost & Found 1.0) for \$99.00 plus \$5.00 shipping & handling.

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<http://www.adobe.com/offer/71401> to buy for just \$99.00 or call 1-800-967-7853 and mention offer 71401. I am told you can even beat that price on the Web. I noticed there is an update on the Adobe Web site to download if you are a registered owner. I also found some free music downloads.

***Hey, Scan These Prices - OK!**

ScanSoft offered special prices on their products at the APCUG vendor's party Sunday evening. Their user group coordinator said I could pass them on to my readers. I assume you are familiar with their products. If not, visit their Web site [<http://www.scansoft.com>].

Here are the products and prices:

OmniForm 4.01 - MSRP, \$149.99, APCUG price - \$104.99

OmniPage Pro 10 - MSRP, \$499.00, APCUG price - \$349.00

PaperPort Deluxe 7.0 - MSRP, \$59.99, APCUG price - \$41.99

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Prices are plus tax (CA, GA, IL, MA, NY, OH, NC) and S&H of \$9.95 US - \$15.00 Canada. Visit their online store for user group special pricing at [<http://www.digital-river.com/scansoft/usergroup>] or get the order form from whoever handles them in your group.

***Talk To A Web Site, Sort Of!!**

The "Conversay" booth at Comdex had a demonstrator telling his computer to find things for him on the Web and it acknowledged his request, then did as he asked. It was a fascinating demonstration and you can download the software absolutely free. Voice training is simple.

"Convensay Web" is a voice browser that allows users to surf the Web by voice using MS Internet Explorer 4.0 or higher, and is the object of this item, but they also have the products below:

"Conversay Web Conversation Developer Kit" is a toolkit for voice-powering Internet sites. It enables Web site developers to add voice-elements to interact with site visitors.

"Conversational Server" is an NT server-based environment, which utilizes telephony hardware, software, and standard Windows components to provide a visual-free interface to networked content through a telephone conversation.

"Embedded Applications" is better explained on their Web site, so visit [<http://www.conversay.com>] to read about products and get the free download (need your own headset). Then you can just TELL your computer what you want on the Web. I have not tried it yet. Next month I'll write about another of these products that intrigued me.

***Free Clipart and Animations**

Interested in such things? Microsoft has plenty of it absolutely free for the download. Just visit the

"Microsoft Clip Gallery Live" [<http://www.microsoft.com/insider/mi/pfclipgal.htm>] where you will find free downloads of over 120,000 graphic images and sounds, including photographs, Web animations, and clip art.

You can also visit [<http://www.microsoft.com/insider/mi/pfmusicdwn.htm>] where you will find free, downloadable programs for music students. Start with the basics, like chord structure and famous composers, then work your way up to ear training and composition. If that isn't enough free stuff, try out a few puzzles from Pandora's Box and experience the visually stunning, intricate world this game has to offer. Download them for free today at: [<http://www.microsoft.com/insider/mi/pfpanboxtri.htm>].

***Another FREE ISP**

Bob Dooley, editor for Broward Personal Computer Assn., told me about 1NOL (One Nation OnLine), a free ISP, but before I could write it up, 1NOL passed it's users over to "One World OnLine" as per the following instructions: "Simply re-register at [<http://www.1nol.com/signup.htm>]. Once your new account has been established, visit [<http://mail.1nol.com:8383>] and click on the 'Change Forwarding Information' link and follow the instructions." That's all I know, so check it out for yourselves, but Bob said he liked the service when it was 1NOL.

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