PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I heard that Jim Russ presented a super presentation on the microscope last meeting. I was busy sunbathing elsewhere. I wish we had a member taping these presentations.

The September meeting starts the first of two months of officer nominations. These are for the positions of President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary.

In the worker category I need to mention that Barbara Middleton has accepted the Bagel Coordinator role. I think Mike Middleton is also part of Barbara's committee. I thank her for removing that task from my list.

Also Doris Moore had handled the bagel job for many years and recently decided it was time to move on. My thanks goes to her for the long term effort.

Rick Williams has arranged for the Hospital auditorium on November 9 and December 12 in addition to our regular meetings. SIGs should think about using these dates for meetings and presentations. Also he will try to get additional dates for next year.

Additionally Eleanor Mistler has informed us of the we can use one of the rooms in the Senior Center which could hold about 30 to 35 people for additional

SIG meetings in the evenings.

Combining these resources we have ample resources for wanting SIG activities, the SIGs just need to select a time and do it. Be prepared at the next meeting to decide.

In particular the Web Master SIG was interested in a Linux topic and a my SQL topic.

Next meeting is September 21st. Escape those Fall chores and be there.

LOGITECH QUICKCAM PRO 3000
(by Jim Russ)

When I lost my computer due to a power surge last month, it took with it the Connect ix Color QuickCam which has severed me very well for about four years and which was connected to the computer.

I'm not sure what happened, every thing else seems to work once I replaced the power supply, but I have not been able to get the old camera to work. Since Peter Czerwinski and I were planning a demo in which we would make use of the camera, I decided to "bite the bullet" and look for a replacement.

To my surprise Connectix no longer sells cameras. Seems they sold the rights to Logitech. They had three models to chose from at "Best Buys" new store which just opened opposite the Bridgewater Mall. After much examination of the models on display, I chose the Logi-

tech QuickCam Pro 3000. This is a color camera like I had, but it works off of the Universal Serial Bus (USB) of all new computers.

I have several devices which run on the USB and I prefer it to other type of connections. The data transfer is faster and the devices can be "hot plugged", which means you can connect/ remove them while the computer is running. In general it works like the old PC camera with two difference. It has a button on the top which you press to take a picture, you do not have to click on the screen but that still works. It also has an improved video capture rate. The "slow motion effect" of the old camera which made the picture jerky is gone.

Two excellent pieces of software from MGI, PhotoSuite 4 and VideoWave 4 are included with the product. After installing the camera drivers, rebooting and testing the camera, you can install the MGI products. PhotoSuite II was included with the old camera and version 4 is a major improvement. You can: Get, Prepare, Compose, Organize, Share and Print your pictures using this software.

I have not used the VideoWave software just yet as it requires that you set your monitor resolution at 1024x768 16 bit, which gives very small icons only screen which these old eyes find hard to see. However, the pictures it shows when you run the software do not seem small. I'll work on this so I have more by the meeting.

Come see this fine camera in action at the meeting.

COMPUTER MICROSCOPE
Intel Play QX3

At the August meeting of the Hunterdon Computer Club, Jim Russ demonstrated (to a rapt audience) the Intel Play QX3 Computer Microscope. Don Colombo purchased one for his school and shares the following sales write up:

Get children to play the smart way with the Intel Play series QX3 USB Computer Microscope. The QX3 magnifies anything from 10x all the way to 200x, and kids can use this microscope to view their favorite goodies - ants, bees wings, the mystery dessert from their school lunch … well, they can use this to examine just about any thing their little hearts desire! The QX3 is not only a microscope though, it also serves as a multi-function digital camera for taking digital still images and creating time-lapse movies. The QX3 also includes photo manipulation software that allows them to create and experiment with special effects and audio effects, which can all be inserted into the same images taken with the QX3. The QX3 microscope is a great toy for any child with an imagination, and will keep them happy for a long time to come!

USB interface - View specimens collected around the house, backyard, or even your school lunch tray! - Magnify objects and view them on your PC, up to 200X - Take snapshots and time-lapse movies - Manipulate images with drawing and painting tools - Experiment with your creations using special effects and sound - Share your discoveries through e-mail.

**Includes: - QX3 Microscope - QX3 Microscope Software - Instruction and Activity Guide - Two containment dishes - Two sample jars - Three separated slides - Plastic tweezers - Eye dropper

Compatibility/Requirements/ Disclosures:

- Available USB port - Intel Pentium or Celeron 200MHz or faster - 32MB of RAM - Minimum 75MB hard drive space - CD-ROM Drive (to load software) - 800x600 display, 16bit color - Windows compatible sound device - Video and sound compatible with DirectX - Microsoft Windows 98/98SE/Me - Microsoft Windows 2000/XP (Download Required)

NEW SECRET GUIDE
(Evelyn Stewart)

Russ Walter has put out the 28th edition of The Secret Guide to Computers. I have a feeling this may be the last edition I handle for you. Russ has added sections on XP, Win Media player, Palm, Linux, CD burners, Microsoft Software, Anti-Microsoft Software .... The cover price is $17.65 but our club discount still applies and you can get the 28th edition for $8.00. I will bring copies to the September 21 meeting. If you would like to reserve one, my e-mail is still estewart@ptd.net, Phone (908) 995-4042. I will bring them again at the November meeting. Also, we have 8 copies of the 27th edition left, for sale at $5.00.

DIGIPORTAL

Jim Russ received an offer to review an anti spam software from a company called Digiportal (www.digiportal.com). They are also offering our members a 15% discount on the program called "Choice Mail". CHOICE MAIL is currently available only as a download; it is not available on disk. All support information, tech notes, troubleshooting, etc. can be downloaded directly from Digiportal's website.

 Currently the retail price for the program is $39.95 . Members can download a 14 day trial version or they can purchase it immediately for $33.95 (15% discount) with a credit card by going to

http://www.digiportal.com/product4. html. In order to receive the discount, they must click on the buy button and then read and accept the license agreement after which they are taken to page which asks for an affiliate code. Our code is: 11mgt58x.

I will have a review on Choice Mail for next month's newsletter. Here is some information on it from their web page:

ChoiceMail is a spam- blocking system based on the premise that all incoming e-mail is assumed to be spam until senders have obtained permission (called registering) to send you e-mail. Until they do so, mail from unapproved senders will not appear in your e-mail application.

Unapproved senders are automatically offered the opportunity to register. If they do so you are notified so that you can choose to approve (or not) all future emails from that sender. You can also easily pre approve your existing contacts. The registration process requires manual intervention by the sender, thereby eliminating all automatic spamming systems. When our system tray icon flashes, you've got legitimate mail!

System requirements:

Windows NT, 2000, XP, 98, ME
Supports standard POP email clients
Automatic configuration for Outlook Express 5 and greater
Eudora 4.x and greater
Requires manual configuration for other e-mail clients (Netscape, Outlook 98, 2000, 2002) Internet connection

Note: ChoiceMail works only with standard internet POP3 mail systems that do not require authentication. It does not currently work with web-based e-mail systems such as HotMail, Juno or Yahoo nor with MSN or AOL's proprietary e-mail systems. If you are using any of the above, you should NOT use ChoiceMail at this time.

> **Trojan horse** is a malicious program that falsely appears to be a useful application, such as a game or a utility, that slips into a system unnoticed.

GET A SUPERCHARGED PC
AT A DECENT PRICE
(Monte Enbysk)
(submitted by Don Colombo)

Buy a desktop PC these days and you'll get a lot more speed and power for your precious dollar. PC manufacturers are continuing to do everything they can to get you to buy. Search the marketplace right now and you'll find lots of interesting deals — including PCs featuring Intel's state-of-the-art Pentium 4 processors at less than $1,000. Processor speeds have climbed above 2.5 GHz and PC units are built to support more advanced applications than ever, which means midrange systems with lots of memory and hard drive space are even better bargains for your business.

Heading out to shop for a new system on sites like eShop? Take these 10 timely tips with you.

1. Powerful system units are out there for $1,000 or less. It used to be that $1,000 didn't even cover the cost of a high-end desktop PC (sans monitor). Today, 1.6-GHz Pentium 4 systems — more power than you may ever need — are selling for as little as $749. But unless your graphics or technology needs require you to seek more power, you'd do well to focus on the 900 MHz to 1.2 GHz range, which should give you all you need for $1,000 or less per system. "High-end systems used to be $2,000 to $2,500, but in the last year have dropped to $1,000 to $1,500 (without the monitor)," Dell, in particular, has aggressively lowered its system prices, forcing others to follow suit.

2. Don't go super-cheap — plan to spend more than $600 for a unit. Bargain-basement systems are available, but going low-end is not the way to take advantage of the current climate. You want to buy the best system possible, within reason, for a system that will take you well into the future Also, note that some low-priced systems may have been built hastily, with design flaws that you could pay for later in lost work time.

3. You can't go wrong with a major vendor. The so-called "white box" vendors that put together name-brand and other system components for lower-cost units have their place. Based on past experience, you may prefer buying through them. But if you seek the best warranties and customer support, you are better off buying through a major vendor, such as Dell, IBM, Apple, Hewlett-Packard or Gateway.

4. Get a three- or four-year warranty, if possible. A two-year warranty has been standard with most purchases. But today's machines are built to last longer, which is one reason for the current slowdown in PC sales. At least one manufacturer is offering a three-year warranty, with lifetime 24/7 phone support, for $50 above a two-year warranty. Clearly, you should choose to pay the extra $50. Go for a four-year warranty, if the terms seem right and you expect to have the system that long. Better yet, try to negotiate a longer warranty into the price you're paying.

5. Consider AMD's processors as well as Intel's. Advanced Micro Devices has kept the heat on Intel to deliver more value with its Pentium 4 models. Consequently, you have a price war that continues to benefit consumers (if not stockholders). If you need power beyond 1 GHz, check out AMD's Athlon chips (in HP/Compaq and Sony systems) as well as the Pentiums. But do you really need that big of an engine? For many users, processors in the 900 MHz to 1.2 GHz range will suffice. And AMD's Duron or Intel's Celeron chips may give you all the power you need and also allow you to double or triple your memory and still stay well under $1,000.

6. Buy at least 128 megabytes of RAM and 20 to 40 gigabytes of hard drive. For one thing, these amounts allow for a smoother upgrade to Windows XP. For another, you will be preparing your system for many new uses and possibilities in the future. While 128 MB of RAM is now the standard, at least one manufacturer offers upgrades to 256 MB for only $75 extra. If the price is right, go higher.
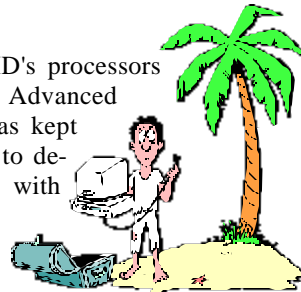
If you fancy digital media, you might want to go to 512 MB.

7. High-end printers and even flat-panel monitors may be affordable. Should you worry about a fancy system when you are on a shoestring budget? Not at all. But if a flat-panel monitor is something you've long desired, now's your chance. Prices on flat-panel displays are at all-time lows — once generally priced at more than $2,000, some models can be found now for less than $400. Other components, such as regular monitors, printers and scanners, also are selling most places for discounts. Don't go dirt-cheap on a printer, however, or you will regret it. Plan to spend more than $100 (a lot more for a good color printer, unless you get it thrown in as part of a deal). Check retail stores or search online for the best deals — you may do better there than through a PC vendor.

8. If you use multiple systems, look for volume deals. Because PC vendors would love to sell you multiple systems, you'll find some aggressive promotions for buying in volume. In buying 15 to 50 systems, you may find deals such as a free network printer, expanded memory, longer-term warranties, personal digital assistants or even free ground shipping.

9. Buy now, with Windows XP. Yes, I work for Microsoft, but XP is the standard and if you're buying a new PC, why do you want to invest in the past? Many in the market still haven't upgraded to Windows XP, which features better handling of digital media and some spiffy new communications offerings, among other new amenities. If you want to get the best operating-system bang for your buck, get a PC with Windows XP Professional.

10. Know that notebook PCs have come down in price, but not as far as PC's. Top-of-the-line laptops are running anywhere between $1,000 and $4,000. But notebook PCs are becoming increasingly popular and are a growth area for PC manufacturers (as opposed to desktop PCs). That means you aren't likely to see the type of "fire sale" prices that you see with many desktop models right now.

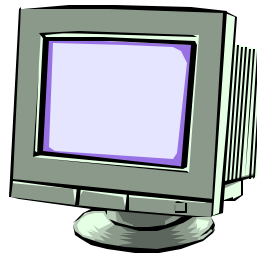### EYESTRAIN
(Computer Shoper 9/2002)

If your eyes are tired, burning, itchy, or dry, or if you get frequent headaches, you may be experiencing computer vision syndrome (CVS). Part of the problem is your blink rate is reduced by at least two-thirds when you're staring at a monitor. In addition, you may be dealing with improperly positioned screens, poor lighting, too much glare, and brightness and contrast settings that are too high or low.

To avoid these symptoms, you have to address the three Es: eyes, equipment, and environment. First get an eye exam.

Next, refine the placement and settings of your monitor. The American National Standards Institute (ANSI) says the distance from your eyes to the computer screen should be 18-20 inches. To calculate the distance that is best suited for you, Open a document with kind of text you use most often on your screen. Back away from the screen until the text is blurry. Then slowly move closer until you can just see the text clearly. Have someone measure the distance from your eyes to the screen, and divide that number by three.

Distance from a window is another consideration. If you position your monitor against a window, your eyes become strained as they try to focus on two different kinds of light. The obvious solution is to move the monitor away from the window. Beyond that, try attaching an antiglare screen to the monitor or dousing some fluorescents and using task lighting to illuminate your work area.

Proper viewing angle also help reduce glare. For starters, angle the monitor so it's parallel to your face. Then sit with your eyes looking just over the top of the screen. The ideal viewing angle is 10-30 degrees below your direct line of sight. This reduces not only glare but also eye dryness. Your eyes are opened too wide when you stare directly at a monitor; looking down slightly lets you lower your lids.

Try adjusting you monitor settings, too. To get brightness and contrast right, turn brightness to its lowest point, then bring it up until it's comfortable to view. Then adjust the contract based on the brightness setting. For refresh rate, your monitor should offer 85Hz at a resolution of 1,280x1,024. If it doesn't, try reducing the resolution to 800x600.

Another option, if you've got some extra money to spend, is an LCD. Not only do flat-panel displays reflect less light, but they are also free of flicker because their screens don't constantly refresh the image, as CRTs do. Plus they present an advantage to bifocal wearers.

QX3 WHAT THE HECK IS THAT?
(by Jim Russ)

Well if you attended the last meeting you know that it is the Intel Play QX3+ Computer Microscope. A fun computer add on which I showed at the last meeting. I got mine for $39.99 from: www. csfo.com . While this instrument looks like a microscope, you do not look thru it but rather it displays images under its lens on you PC's monitor and allows you to capture pictures and movies of items on its platform or it can be removed from its stand and hand held. Magnification can be changed to 10x, 60x, or 200x and the stand has focus knobs. Top lighting or bottom lighting are possible and can be chosen from the software supplied with the microscope. The amount of light can also be controlled. The software also contains a library of photos and movies of many tiny specimens that they have collected for you. As if this is not enough, you can change the pictures in your collection using fun paint and palette tools, make slide shows or print out wacky posters and stickers for your collection. A great educational present for a birthday or anytime. I sure have enjoyed my microscope!

CD COPY STOPPER
(Technology Review 9/2002)

Software pirates beware: CD-ROMs might soon be armed with invisible security systems that keep their contents—games and business applications-under lock and key.

The OpSecure CD was developed by Rosh-Ha-ayin, Israel-based Doc-Witness. A "smart card" embedded in the CD unlocks the disc's encrypted content. You can copy the CD, but without the card the software won't run.

Try to install the software on more computers than the published allows and the smart card will shut you down. The technology works by turning an ordinary CD drive into a smart-card reader. A photo detector at the edge of the CD turns the drive's laser light into electrical pulses, which travel to the embedded smart card and request the key. If the card deems the request legitimate, it returns the key as an electronic signal that an onboard light-emitting diode converts into light and beams back to the drive.

Doc-Witness is negotiating with several business software publishers and aims to begin manufacturing the secure CDs in January 2003. The company is also working on a similar security system for DVDs.

FLASH CARD READERS
(Smart Computing 9/2002)

Your digital camera wasn't optimized to quickly transfer files to your PC's hard drive. That's a problem, because it means waiting impatiently while multiple megabytes transfer, a process that drains precious battery power. To sidestep this problem, simply invest in a cheap flash card reader. You can buy readers online for less than $30, and many readers accept more than one card type, so you can use SmartMedia and CompactFlash cards without worrying about camera driver conflicts on your PC. Best of all, readers are fast; they transfer images in a fraction of the time your camera does.

Q & A

More information on refilling printer ink cartridges was requested

1. Refills are half the cost.
2. Take care not to buy the cheaper refill cartridges because they will leak and clog your print head.
3. The safest way is to send away for a cartridge - the address of reputable companies are found in the back of any major computer magazine.

Jim said that he found a printer that was actually cheaper than the cost of the ink cartridges used by it.

Is it better to turn off you computer during an electrical storm?

Joe B. said to unplug everything - phone, computer, frig, etc

Someone else said to buy and uninterruptible battery back up with a line conditioner – this should take care of both low and high voltages

Another person suggested that the power company will put a line surge protector at you meter to secure your whole house.

A comment was made that the computer is never really off when you use your auto-off feature on your computer. Power is still taken in by the computer and it is still not mechanically isolated from your power line.

Someone asked about low voltage brownouts.

It will cost about $75 for the power company to check out your line.

Brown-outs can definitely cause damage to the power supply and hard disc. An uninterruptible battery back up can limit this problem.

If the lights dim, turn off your computer.

Legally, the power company has the right to rotate low voltage power to your house.

Question asked about the W 32 virus.

Norton Antivirus will take care of it.

Avoid MS Outlook.

DSL's are continuously hooked to the net. DSL users should use Norton's Firewall.

Someone asked the difference between a Software Firewall and a Hardware Firewall.

The difference is about $150 in cost.

Software can always be circumvented.

Problem—computer has horizontal shadows behind all text and horizontal lines.

Possibly the video card.

Driver may be corrupted – reboot it.

Test the monitor on another computer.

Check the video cable and its connection – looks like a poor ground.

The printout is poor when using many browsers other than MS Explorer.

With Explorer's popularity, many sites are designing just for Explorer. MS is using Proprietary coding and many photos, etc., designed for this code will not open in other formats.

DIGITAL CINEMATOGRAPHY
*(written by Ilene Shope
a review of a book by Paul Wheeler)*

This book is in plain English. As an experienced instructor, Wheeler has written a book useful both for beginners and those experienced in this relatively new field.

He gives examples of shoots, how to get that 'look', shows 'on-the-set' knowledge using the production of "The Merchant of Venice"/Shakespeare, and "Oklahoma!".

THe book opens with this Introduction 'Digital cinematography is a relatively new craft'. The reader observes the cameraman's perspective of the practical know-how. Basic theory of color, light, and filters is covered. He uses the Sony DVW 700 and 790 to demonstrate the set up menu of these cameras.

He touches on high definition Sony HDW-F900 camera, the 'revolutionary new camera for recording high-definition pictures'.

Paul Wheeler indicates in this book that the HDCAM could be the universal standard in film production, challenging the 35mm film standard, which was adopted in 1932.

Paul Wheeler is editor of a new book "High Definition and 24P Cinematography" August 2002, a member of the British Society of Cinematography (BSC), a member of the Fellows of the British Kinematograph, Sound and Television Society (FBKS), a Senior Film Cameraman at BBC for 25 yrs, a winner of two (Independent Producers Association) INDIE Awards for Best Digital Cinematography.

"DIGITAL Cinematography" by Paul Wheeler (2001) Butterworth-Heinemann. Printed and bound in Great Britain- Focal Press. Dewey Decimal System: 778.5

Visit the HCC website at hunterdoncomputerclub.org. Read an interesting history of the club and access other information.

DON'T LEAVE YOUR COMPUTER UNATTENDED—Part 2
I'd Rather Remove Old Baked On Paint
(by Lon Hosford)

In Part 1, I left you with me arriving at the planet Symantec to resolve a problem of my Norton AntiVirus 2002 popping up and complaining about a corrupted virus definition file.

As I said in part 1, upon entering the planet's atmosphere I sensed a need for toll and bribery money to get good solid information.

I looked for the typical landing zone where you type in what you need to find. As I did I passed signs indicating the planet had received awards for its support.

Where were you on the night of the murder?

Soon after I was faced with a guided interrogation system but no free form search spot. I succumbed and began answering questions that narrowed my problem like a litigation attorney cornering witnesses into admitting they are wrong.

Being over qualified for the questions I went screen by screen guessing at the meaning of the terminology and the nature of the questions. Eventually I arrived at a screen that admitted my problem was not solvable.

That was the bad news. The good news was that I also had paid the site's dues to type in my problem in a free form search screen.

Pay dirt!

I had the error message I received from Norton. I quickly pasted it into the search box, hit the button and sure enough I got relevant results. So what was with the required interrogations screens?

The results explained downloading utilities to repair the problem which was a suspected virus definition file. These downloads required a long reading trip to

the can as they took their toll on my 56K bandwidth.

Once downloaded, I followed the instructions carefully. Progress screens reported work being done, success and the expected need to reboot which I did.

Still dirt

Only problem is that the problem remained a problem. So I repeated the steps with no advancement towards a solution.

I returned back to the planet after several days of depression over my failure. I went to the support area again. This time I looked for support from a person instead of a computer.

And call me in 24 hours

I discovered the expected paid support but also found a free discussion support forum. Having found these useful with other companies providing them, I searched for my problem and could not find any recent posts, so I posted.

Twenty four hours later I got a friendly response from a Symantec support representative corroborating the same problem the computer search had turned up. It also contained a pile of links making up steps to solve the same problem.

If it was not for the different instructions from my previous site search I would have objected. In particular the additional conclusion to remove Norton Antivirus gave me confidence this was a more likely solution.

MICE
(Smart Computing 9/2/2002)

If your mouse is sticking and not gliding properly, it could be a sign that the rollers are dirty. To get to the rollers, remove the cover that holds the rubber ball in place on the bottom of the device. Take the ball out and check the rollers on either side. Use a toothpick or your fingernail to scrape the grime off all three rollers. You can also use a Q-Tip dipped in rubbing alcohol to get the remaining grime, but just moisten the Q-Tip, don't soak it.

I dutifully clicked on each link only to find they were unavailable. I replied to the posting about the problem and 24 hours later was told they worked. And indeed when I tried they did.

Baked on paint removal instructions

I decided to print the 5 different documents. Total pages were 18!
1. How to uninstall Norton Antivirus using Rnav.exe.
2. How to uninstall LiveUpdate
3. How to reinstall Service Pack 6a.
4. How to perform a clean boot of Windows NT 5. How to put Humpty Dumpty back together again!

I arranged for a three week vacation from all my many responsibilities in life and started out with the first document. This had me poking around in the registry deleting nodes which matched the documentation exactly, closely and not at all.

Then I proceeded to follow instructions for removing folders and files through the Explorer. Some files refused to remove. I rebooted and they were now removable.

I moved onto document 2 and found none of its instructions worked.

Frustrated and feeling being in way over my head, I relied on intuition. I noticed Norton Antivirus was gone from the task bar and from the menu. I knew I got rid of the folders.

Heck let me just reinstall it. I did and all was back to working after repeating the original painful loading the first install updates from the internet site. Just another two long reading trips to the can. You guessed it, the modem kicked out in the middle of the biggest update file.

Back in business and new type of computer security

With my bowels completely purged and my head filled with magazine blubber blabbery I was back in business.

I have hired a security firm to monitor my computer 24 hours a day as I can no longer trust to leave it unattended again.

ITS TIME FOR SPAM SUBJECT LINES

(by Lon Hosford)

Here are a bunch of spam subject lines I received and my observations and comments.

"Married and Lonely people are hoping for someone to save them"
The truth is the truth.

"Lonely but Married people are waiting to meet you!"
And I was beginning to feel unwanted.

"Lose unwanted weight now ... here's now..."
I see its not "how" you do it but "now" you do it.

"Did you know you're losing 100 hairs a day?"
Not sure, but I plan to begin counting tomorrow.

"Fall in Love Tonight"
I really was hoping for a faster turn-around.

"New Pill Adds 1 to 3 inchs to your .... "
I hope I never find any "inchs" in that area of my anatomy.

"I owe you money."
I never open email from relatives.

"Shower Head used at World Famous Resorts - On Sale"
No thanks I took a few on my last vacation.

"The database that Bill Gates Doesnt want you to know about!!!"
Isn't that Oracle?

"Love is waiting"
Let it wait.

"Men only; Grow 3-4 inches - Guaranteed Satisfaction"
Thank goodness, we wouldn't want taller women.

"Viagra - Phentermine - Xenical - Propecia and MORE!"
The MORE part is what excites me.

"Maintain Your Septic Tank Properly"
And you thought your household chores were done.

"Ancient bread recipe actually helps you lose weight!"
It must taste really aweful.

"Meet over 1 million singles at Date. com!"
I can see a problem fitting this into my schedule.

"Discreet Extramarital Dating ...."
Is there another way?

"How To Get Hundreds Of Fresh Leads"
Apparently I am one of them.

"A day without sunshine is like night "
So a night with sunshine is like day?

"You are so cute"
The truth is the truth.

"Free Online Diet"
I just knew I was using the Internet excessively.

"Your Bowels Cleaned"
No one is going to sweep my chimney.

"My Naked Webcam Is On"
At least put a g-string on that webcam! Please.

"Grow Your Portfolio with Energy "
Sorry but mine already blew up.

RESEARCH NEWS

(written by Ilene Shope)

Is this what we want in our future?

(A W A R E HOME RE-SEARCH) and the National Science Foundation with Computer-based technology companies- as sponsors, are on a PROJECT in consideration of the problems Senior Citizens encounter, in living independently in their own homes, for more years after age 65.

AWARE- focuses on the home design, monitors for medication at the proper intervals, camera 'invisible eyes' on elders, as they go about daily chores, allowing care-givers to monitor the actual situation in real time.

Soon the systems research will recognize the voice and location of a person in vocal emergencies, even in the dark.

http://www.awarehome.gatech.edu/index.html
Researchers at the Georgia Institute of Technology
The Aware Home Research Iniative (AHRI)

USING OLD PROGRAMS ON A NEW XP COMPUTER

(New York Times 9/02)

If you have programs on CD's written for Windows 95 or Windows 98 and would like to use them on your new computer with Windows XP Home Edition, you might be able to use the build-in Windows Application Compatibility mode feature that is part of the Windows XP operating system. The Compatibility mode can emulate earlier versions of Windows within Windows XP.

Try installing a program from the original CD and then right-clicking on its program icon. Select Properties from the menu and click on the Compatibility tab. The Run option includes choices of Windows 95, Windows 98, Windows NT4 and Windows 2000 for running older programs. Select the one you want, and then if you need to, you can also change the Display settings to match the requirements of the older program. Click on Apply and then on OK.

If your older programs still won't run, you may want to buy an emulator program, which allows you to run an older version of Windows on top of Windows XP. Virtual PC for Windows 5.0, $229 and made by Connectix, is one such program. You will need a lot of processor speed, RAM and hard drive space to run any type of emulator program, but if your old software is critical, you can find out more about Virtual PC at www.connectix.com/products/vpc5w.html.

MICROSOFT OR HAIKU
WHICH WOULD YOU PREFER?

In Japan, they have replaced the impersonal and unhelpful Microsoft error messages with Haiku poetry messages. Haiku poetry has strict construction rules - each poem has only 17 syllables; 5 syllables in the first, 7 in the second, 5 in the third. They are used to communicate a timeless message, often achieving a wistful, yearning and powerful insight through extreme brevity. Here are 16 actual error messages from Japan.

Your file was so big.
It might be very useful.
But now it is gone.

Three things are certain:
Death, taxes and lost data.
Guess which has occurred.

The Web site you seek
Cannot be located, but
Countless more exist.

Chaos reigns within.
Reflect, repent, and reboot.
Order shall return.

Program aborting:
Close all that you have worked on.
You ask far too much.

Windows NT crashed.
I am the Blue Screen of Death.
No one hears your screams.

Yesterday it worked.
Today it is not working.
Windows is like that.

First snow, then silence.
This thousand-dollar screen dies
So beautifully.

With searching comes loss
And the presence of absence:
"My Novel" not found.

The Tao that is seen
Is not the true Tao- until
You bring fresh toner.

Stay the patient course.
Of little worth is your ire.
The network is down.

A crash reduces
Your expensive computer
To a simple stone.

You step in the stream,
But the water has moved on.
This page is not here.

Out of memory.
We wish to hold the whole sky,
But we never will.

Having been erased,
The document you're seeking
Must now be retyped.

Serious error.
All shortcuts have disappeared.
Screen. Mind. Both are blank.

Isn't that better than "your computer has performed an illegal operation?"

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Information that will help us help you:

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    Club officer   Technical advisor   Setting up for the meeting   Taking club minutes   Newsletter   Programs
    Other_____

2. **DO YOU HAVE AN AREA OF COMPUTER EXPERTISE?____   IF SO, WHAT IS IT?**
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3. **PLEASE LIST ANY COMMENT AND/OR LIST WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IN OUR COMPUTER CLUB**
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THINGS YOU SHOULDN'T DROP

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SPAM UPDATE

(by Lon Hosford)

Here is the September 13th report.

I received 12,266 Spam messages as of September 13. The entire last year the count was 4,500. Basically over 48 per day this year so far and up over the 40 per day through July 1.

Guests Welcome — all ages all levels

Program: Logitech QuickCam Pro 3000

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