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Next Meeting May 5, 2011 - 5:30 @ The Big Bear Discovery Center

Do It Yourself PC Maintenance Tips

Rosemary Lloyd will present information on this topic for Windows 7, Vista and XP on Thursday, May 5 at 5:30 at the Discovery Center. Plan to attend this very informative meeting for PC users of all levels. You will want to bring your laptop for hands-on application. Bring a friend and your appetite for a special Cinco de Mayo potluck.

~ NEW MEETING DAY ~
1ST THURSDAY EVERY MONTH

Big Bear Computer Club members discuss computer usage, solve computer problems, meet new friends, and have a great time on the 1st Thursday of the month. Everyone is welcome!

Southwest Computer Conference

This year's Southwest Computer Conference is Friday, June 3 – Sunday, June 5 in San Diego at the Town & Country Resort. It is open to BBCC members and the public who want to get the latest information on upcoming technologies and networking. Its open to PC, Linux and Mac users - everybody is welcome.

To get the Conference Room hotel rate you need to reserve your room by May 1st. Mention the Southwest Computer Conference to get the discount rate of \$103/per night (Consider a roommate to split the cost). There are several members going from our club.

The registration fee for the whole weekend is only \$75 - but you must register by May 16. After that date, it is \$100. Most of your meals over the weekend, a goodie bag and lots of door prizes are included. The workshop/presentations may not be listed yet, but keep checking their website www.theswcc.org or Facebook so you can select the workshops you want to attend.

BBCC will raffle off the registration fee and hotel accommodations to one lucky club member. So you will not want to miss the next couple of meetings!

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## Internet Crime Complaint Center's IC3 Scam Alerts -

### Scam Alerts

This report, which is based upon information from law enforcement and complaints submitted to the IC3, details recent cyber crime trends and new twists to previously-existing cyber scams. Automated Clearing House (ACH) Spam The IC3 and National Cyber-Forensics and Training Alliance (NCFTA) were made aware of a spam campaign around February 24, 2011 using spoofed e-mail addresses to make it look like they are from legitimate payment organizations. The message in the spam e-mail had variations of the following example: "The ACH transaction, recently initiated from your checking account (by you or any other person), was cancelled by the Electronic Payments Association. Click on the link to view details."

Electronic Payments Associations have frequently been used as a social engineering ploy by cyber criminals, according to open source information. Phishing alerts have been posted, and the organizations are aware that cyber criminals are using their name to deceive users into compromising their personally identifiable information. According to analysis, this current use of the ACH organization is part of a new Zeus Botnet spam run intended to infect victims with malicious software. The links provided in the e-mails direct users to websites set up with HTML frame code to pull content from additional sources and deliver malware via JavaScript exploits.

The Zeus Botnet has historically been used by fraudsters perpetrating ACH fraud, so it is not surprising the ACH name is being exploited to direct users to websites propagating the Zeus malware.

### Lottery Scammers Now Misusing Public Services

The IC3 has received several complaints from victims who reported receiving telephone calls from a Jamaican subject claiming they were lottery winners. The subject told victims to first wire funds for various expenses, such as taxes and other handling fees, to collect the lottery winnings. The subject threatened many victims with physical violence if they refused to wire money. The subjects were identified as Jamaican through their accents and verification of numbers displayed on the victim's caller ID. Though this scam is not new, the subjects continue to develop new methods to further their fraudulent scheme. For example, the IC3 received a complaint in which an elderly individual had fallen victim to the lottery scam. After the victim's family interceded and stopped the liquidation of the victim's funds, the subject sent a taxicab to take the victim to a major retail establishment that offered wire transfer services, hoping the victim would wire the funds as requested.

In other instances, after elderly victims realized they were being defrauded and stopped participating in the lottery scam, the subjects asked local law enforcement to conduct a "well-being" check on the victims. However, during the courtesy checks, the victims told law enforcement about the lottery scams and avoided further victimization. Apparently, the fraudsters tried to use law enforcement to further coerce the victims into again communicating with, or sending funds to, the fraudsters.

### Potassium Iodide Price Gouging

In the wake of the recent disasters in Japan and the widespread fear of how radiation may impact health, the IC3 has received complaints related to potential price gouging of potassium iodide supplements. Potassium iodide is a salt of stable iodine that is an important chemical needed by the body to make thyroid hormones. Potassium iodide is normally absorbed through daily nutrition. Incapable of distinguishing iodine types, the thyroid readily absorbs both radioactive and stable iodine. Potassium iodide works by filling the thyroid with stable iodine so it cannot absorb any more iodine, including radioactive iodine, for 24 hours. A variety of websites sell potassium iodide online, with the majority of the websites being vitamin retailers. Other websites are specifically dedicated to nuclear disaster preparation. Prices are generally under \$10 for a bottle of pills or a vial of liquid potassium iodide. However, some prices are in the \$20-\$50 range, and a few sellers on an online marketplace are selling tablets in the \$200-\$300 range. Quantities and strength of the tablets or liquid vary, so not all prices are equivalent.

Potassium iodide can be found in prescription and over-the-counter formats. Although it is available over the counter, users should consult with a physician regarding dosage amounts and any potential drug interactions or side effects. For more information regarding online scams visit our Press Room page for the most current Public Service Announcements at <http://www.ic3.gov/media/default.aspx>

## Can You Guess What This Is?



It's a hard disk drive back in 1956... With 5 MB of storage. In September 1956 IBM launched the 305 RAMAC, the first 'SUPER' computer with a hard disk drive (HDD). The HDD weighed over a ton and stored a 'whopping' 5 MB of data. And this was the "portable" unit! Don't you appreciate your 4 GB memory stick a little more now?

## Helpline

The following members have generously offered to help you with your PC problems by phone or by email:

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**The Computer Club provides training at the monthly meetings when there is no presenter. SIG groups are also available.**

**Beginners are welcome to attend the meetings on the 1st Thursday of the month at the Discovery Center, 5:30 pm. Bring a friend. First 2 visits are free!**

**Membership is \$25 and spouse \$5. All recurring membership dues are due in January.**

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**President's Message - Rosemary Lloyd****General Meeting Minutes - Tina Nazarian**

Hello Everyone

The tech news world has been buzzing recently regarding Smart Phones. Do you use one of those devices? If you have a phone that enables you to surf the Internet, access email and has GPS, it is a smart one".

It should be no surprise that Apple iPhones, Google Android phones and Microsoft Windows mobile phones record and transmit user location information. Not only can you see where you are right now, your phone keeps a history of where you have been, what WiFi networks your phone has contacted and a unique number that identifies the phone.

Apple, Google and Microsoft claim to not use any of that data. OK.

Should we be worried about this? I don't know. I have a smart phone and will continue to use it. We just need to be aware that the conveniences of the digital world are not private. As always, be careful with information that you put out on the Internet, via cell phone or computer...

See you.  
Rosemary Lloyd

*Disable GPS Settings for Camera on Your Smart Phone*

<http://www.broward-directory.com/wordpress/2011/02/pictures-cellphone/>



The April General Membership meeting was sparsely attended due to an early Spring snowstorm. The sixteen members were treated to a pizza pot-luck. The pot-luck brought in salads and desserts and barely a scrap was left. Unfortunately, the evening was called short due to the weather.

One bit of new business started at the meeting was the introduction of the club sweatshirts. The member has a choice of two colors: heather charcoal and deep royal blue. The club logo is on the left lapel and, for an additional charge, the member's name can be embroidered on the right lapel.

The cost of the shirt is \$26 plus \$5 for the name. The sweatshirts can be ordered at either the club meeting or by PayPal. If using PayPal, please note in the message box the color choice, the size needed (Small to 3XL), and if a name is requested. Please keep in mind, ladies, the sweatshirts are in men's sizes.

*Celebrating the 226th birthday of John Audubon*



## Find Travel Bargains Online - by Ira Wilsker

### WEBSITES:

<http://www.travelzoo.com>

<http://dealnews.com/Everything-Else/Travel-Entertainment-Deals-206.html>

<http://www.travelocity.com>

<http://www.tripadvisor.com>

<http://www.hotwire.com>

<http://www.expedia.com>

<http://www.getaroom.com>

<http://www.kayak.com>

<http://www.priceline.com>

<http://vacationstogo.com>

<http://www.smartertravel.com>

<http://www.hotels.com>

<http://www.orbitz.com>

Sometimes it seems like you cannot watch more than a few minutes of TV without seeing some form of commercial for travel bargains. William Shatner, now known as the "Priceline Negotiator", insults people trying to book hotels, intimidating them to "go lower!". The Travelocity Gnome suffers international abuse while attempting to resolve problems at hotels and resorts. The babe from the TV show NCIS explains how hotels have unsold rooms, and she can help you find a deal, only to peek into a hotel room occupied by a shocked Asian tourist wrapped in a bath towel, with the apology "My bad". While the heavily advertised travel websites, including Priceline, Hotwire, Expedia, Travelocity, and Orbitz can find the traveler a substantial number of travel deals, there are some other lesser known websites that may offer better deals and bargains than the well-known websites.

Better known for its electronics bargains, the website dealnews.com also has travel bargains listed; from the **dealnews.com** website, click on the "Travel" link on the menu bar at the top of the page, and the current travel deals will be posted. Dealnews.com constantly compiles the best deals from many different travel websites, including hotel promotions, cruise deals, rental car bargains, airline promotions, and other travel bargains. The list is dynamic, in that new travel deals are added frequently, and deals no longer available are deleted.

As I type this, there are 61 current travel deals posted, including a highly rated "bed and breakfast" in the New Orleans French Quarter for \$59 a night with free parking (normally \$139 + \$20 parking); Hawaiian all-inclusive vacations, Caribbean resort deals, condos in the mountains of Colorado, cruises, international destinations, and other daily deals. Special events, including Las Vegas and New York shows are sometimes listed on dealnews.com, typically at prices below those available at the "half price box offices" located on the streets in those cities; these are not leftover last minute tickets, but tickets that can be purchased in advance.

One recent example of a show ticket deal is the 58% off of advance purchase tickets for "Cirque du Soleil's The Beatles LOVE" at the Mirage in Las Vegas. Many of these deals are only available for a limited time, as displayed in the listing, and sometimes sell out quickly. Recently, using listings from dealnews.com, I stayed in a property of one of the major hotel chains for half-off the lowest rate on the chain's website using a dealnews coupon code; stayed in a four-star Gulf coast resort property for \$39 per night; and had a Dallas area hotel suite, including full breakfast and manager's reception for \$42 a night. Since dealnews.com only shows a few new travel bargains a day, it is not a comprehensive travel website, but the bargains listed are often excellent, especially if they are available at a time and destination of interest to the traveler.

Another source of often spectacular travel bargains, including hotels, fares, cruises, resorts, and entertainment deals is TravelZoo, at **travelzoo.com**. TravelZoo offers a free periodic email announcement, often weekly, that lists several dozen travel and entertainment bargains. One recent such bargain

I found on TravelZoo was Las Vegas show tickets and other entertainment for up to 80% off. Examples of this deal include \$10 for \$60 tickets to comedy shows, musicals, and magic shows (mostly at

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off-Strip locations); \$15 for \$55 comedy tickets; \$20 for \$45 to \$60 tickets to comedy, music, and hypnosis shows; \$30 for \$60 variety shows; and \$40 for \$85 to \$95 Las Vegas Review and musical shows.

TravelZoo also has a weekly "Top 20" (available online and included in the weekly email), where it lists the top 20 travel deals that it finds. These "Top 20" deals often include international travel including air (\$899 for a trip to Ireland, including air, and nights in premium hotels including the Four Seasons, Ritz, and a castle), \$45 for a suite in an Atlantic City resort (including weekends), and \$1899 for 12 nights in Australia including air and a five-star hotel. Other currently listed international deals, including air and hotel, are to such diverse places as Ecuador, Hawaii, Italy (Rome, Venice, and Florence), Thailand, and Jamaica. Sometimes cruises are listed on the top 20 list, but cruise deals are listed at [travelzoo.com/cruises](http://travelzoo.com/cruises). One interesting cruise listed was a 7 night Alaskan cruise on Celebrity (with prepaid gratuities) for \$669.

Other bargains listed on TravelZoo include Airfare, Hotels, Vacations, Car Rentals, and Last Minute deals. The "Last Minute Deals" ([travelzoo.com/last-minute](http://travelzoo.com/last-minute)) include an assortment of short term offers that must be used in the next few days at deeply discounted prices, including theater tickets, fares (mostly international), resorts, golf, hotels, cruises and other travel and entertainment events. As is common for many travel websites, these deals are often available for only a limited time, and have specific dates of availability.

There are many websites that offer last minute cruise deals, but my favorite is VacationsToGo at [vacationstogo.com](http://vacationstogo.com). This website includes a count-down ticker that runs for up to 90 days in advance, that shows decreasing prices as selected cruises approach their embarkation; of course, as the clock ticks down, and cabins are booked, the selection often drops along with the prices. According to a posting on the website, many of the cabins are booked within 7 days as the prices drop, sometimes as much as 75% of the original advertised price.

What is also interesting about VacationsToGo is they have a comprehensive listing of cruises and cruise line that offer special additional discounts to specific groups of people including senior citizens (55 and over), EMTs, Firefighter, Military (active duty and retired), "Past-Guest Discounts", Police, Singles, and Teachers.

There are many other excellent travel websites, including many of the widely advertised mega-travel websites. The user who wants to check them all at one time, without having to manually check each one, may find Kayak ([kayak.com](http://kayak.com)), whose slogan is "Search one and you are done" a most useful website, as it can check, compare, and display results from over 200 travel sites with a single search, often uncovering otherwise unknown travel deals.

Travel for enjoyment is to many, one of life's greatest pleasures. With access to some of the "deal" travel websites, travel may be accomplished more economically, possibly freeing up the capital for even more leisure travel. Enjoy yourself, and have fun; we only go around once.

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## Ruling Spurs Effort to Form Digital Public Library

Is the tantalizing dream of a universal library dead? Some scholars and librarians across the country fear it may be, now that a federal judge in New York has derailed Google's bold plan to build the world's largest digital library and bookstore. With 15 million books scanned, Google had gotten closer to the elusive goal than anyone else. "It is quite disappointing because there isn't something better in the wings," said Michael A. Keller, the university librarian at Stanford, one of the first major universities to allow Google to scan its collections.

But others, who were troubled by Google's plan, have hailed the ruling. They see it as an opportunity to bring new urgency to a project to create a universal public library — one that, they say, would be far superior to Google's because it would not be commercial. The project's ambitious mission, recently described in a four-page memorandum, is to "make the cultural and scientific heritage of humanity available, free of charge, to all." The digital public library's steering committee hopes to have a working prototype in 18 months. "This is a widely ambitious enterprise and it may well fail," said John Palfrey, a professor at the Harvard Law School who is chairman of the committee. "But it is worth the effort <http://www.nytimes.com/2011/04/04/technology/04library.html?>

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## Meet Board Member—Barbara Moore



### BBCC Treasurer

I became a permanent resident of Big Bear in April of 2001. Having a background as owner and operator of a Nursery business in Canada for 15 years, I began working at Eminger's Nursery. I also have had 25 years experience as a secretary for various companies throughout my lifetime.

In May of 2003 I joined BBCC and found it rewarding and challenging. When I was offered the opportunity to become BBCC Treasurer, it gave me the chance to join the others that work very hard to make the BBCC what it is today.

Keep in mind that all of us that are involved in the leadership do much more than their titled jobs. So, along with devoting my time as the club treasurer, I also volunteer many hours designing and improving our forms, making and printing the monthly handouts, and teaching various classes to seniors and members.

My computer experience started with a keyboard hooked up to a TV, then a Commodore, next a Tandy PC, (which created a lot of learning experience) and various PCs that I upgraded with memory, floppy drives, hard drives, CD-ROM drives, etc. I like to keep up with technology, so I usually buy a lot of computer related gadgets just for that purpose.

To keep me busy (in my retirement), I help people with their computers; updating, maintenance, installing programs and teaching them how to maintain their computers on their own.

Also, I work as an assistant to a Realtor. I maintain her computer, take photos of new listings, upload to MLS, and conduct open houses for her.

## Quick and Easy Charts

Charts are handy things. You can use them to spice up a business presentation. Use them in school presentations. They're also convenient for tracking your savings account.

There are lots of programs for making charts. You might have Microsoft Office, for example. However, those tools aren't always easy to use.

That's where **Google's Image Chart Editor** enters the scene. It's incredibly easy to use. Just select the type of chart you want to make. Almost every chart type is available.

Entering the information is a cinch. All the settings are easy to find and change. Once you've created a chart, it's easy to share.

You get a link that you can send via email or social network. Plus, you can embed the chart in a Website.

Download: [imagecharteditor.appspot.com](http://imagecharteditor.appspot.com)

Source: <http://www.komando.com/>

## ~~~~~ Add Horizontal Lines in Word 2007 Documents Quickly

You can add horizontal lines in Word 2007 document quickly without having to use the ribbon on the top of the page. A very easy way to add horizontal lines in Word 2007 quickly is by using the keyboard shortcuts.

This method will save your time. You will be able to insert lines of many different designs by using the keyboard and not having to use the mouse at all. In order to add horizontal lines in Word 2007 document quickly, you can use one of the following procedures:

1. If you want to add a simple straight line, type three dashes (---) and press Enter on the keyboard.
2. For this style of a horizontal line, type three asterisks (\*\*\*) and press Enter.
3. Type three underscores ( \_\_\_ ) and press Enter to get this line:
4. Type three equal signs (===) and hit Enter to get this line.

[http://www.worldstart.com/newsletters.php/computer\\_tips](http://www.worldstart.com/newsletters.php/computer_tips)

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- <http://www.printwhatyoulike.com/>

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<b>Beginning Bank</b>	<b>\$3,159.06</b>
Cash Received	0.00
Membership Dues	135.00
Donations: 50/50	11.00
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Bank Discount Earned	-.96
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Fundraising	254.00
Promotion	120.39
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Supplies	0.00
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## A SmartPhone Diagnoses Tumors at Your Bedside

***Don't get up, no need to leave the room... scientists have designed a device to diagnose life-threatening tumors that attaches to a phone.***



The portable in-phone device is a **microNMR chip** – which measures proteins in scant numbers of tumor cells using just a speck of tissue. This allows doctors to track the malignancy of a tumor without having the patient undergo repeated biopsies or surgeries to get large tissue samples. This promises to be faster, cheaper, and more accurate than the current gold standard of cancer diagnosis known as immunohistochemistry. “The device steers patients away from invasive and potentially harmful procedures,” says study coauthor Cesar Castro of Harvard, “and reduces anxiety with its rapid turnaround time” (in under an hour, compared to the typical 3 days).

This system for bedside diagnostics features a mini NMR – nuclear magnetic resonance, like in MRIs – probe that can detect single cells, along with a smartphone-friendly interface (pictured, iPhone not for scale). The device is basically a highly sensitive detector of magnetism, operating like an MRI machine but with a handheld magnet. “It’s a miniaturized version,” says study author Jered Haun of Harvard, “so instead of looking inside a body, we’re looking inside a small sample volume. “Because tumor cells don’t exhibit a magnetic signature of their own, the researchers tagged them with **magnetic nanosensors** targeted to protein markers associated with cancer. This gives them an idea of the cells’ molecular makeups.

Fifty patients receiving biopsies of suspicious stomach tissue at **Massachusetts General Hospital** agreed to have a small portion analyzed by the new device – which correctly identified 44 patients as having malignant tumors. The researchers even found 9 **protein markers** that act as molecular fingerprints of cancer. And by using just 4 of those markers to look for tumor signatures, they correctly identified cancer in 96% of patients in a pilot study. This surpasses the 84% of immunohistochemistry, they say.

“We feel our work further underscores the need to move beyond a simplistic one-tumor-marker-fits-all philosophy for diagnosing cancers,” Castro says. These molecular diagnostics leverage protein markers to better describe cancers, and with more specificity, there wouldn’t be a need for large tissue samples. The chip can also help measure if drugs are affecting the tumors they’re meant to target, which can hone in on dosages better. “Our device has the potential for transforming cancer care through it’s ability to provide real time readouts,” Castro adds, “using only a few cancer cells.”

*By Janet Fang The study was published in Science Translational Medicine today. Image: C. Min, H. Lee, R. Weissleder*

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## Alan Clark - Book Reviewer



My name is Alan Brian Clark. Born in National City, California, I traveled with my family at an early age. My father was a farrier (a specialist in equine foot care), so we traveled all over the USA. I figured I have lived in 27 states - from California to Kentucky.

I was in the United States Air Force from 1963 to 1967. Started working for Pacific Telephone in 1963, then AT&T, and retired from Lucent Technologies in 1999.

I have been married to Diane Clark for 20 years. Lived and loved Big Bear for 9 years. I do photography, reading, writing, reading and arithmetic.

I belong to the Big Bear Rotary Club, Youth React Director, Historical Society, (COP) Citizens On Patrol, CERT, and Big Bear Computer Club.

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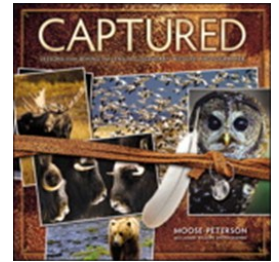
The Big Bear Computer Club's newsletter, Bearly Bytes gets widespread visibility. Not only is it posted on our website [www.bigbearcc.org](http://www.bigbearcc.org), it is emailed to our 100+ active and inactive membership. It is estimated that our newsletter is seen by approximately 600 viewers.

Bearly Bytes goes out to various other Computer User Group Clubs in the Southern California area. The newsletter is also sent out to our advertisers — both local and out-of-state internet advertisers.

## Review of "Captured" by Alan Clark

**"Captured" - Lessons from Behind the Lens of a Legendary Wildlife Photographer**

**Author: Moose Peterson  
Publisher: Peachpit  
ISBN: 10: 0-321-72059-8  
Price: \$54.99**



*Big Bear Computer Club Rating System 1 to 5 Bears, 5 bears being the Best*



"Keep It Simple Stupid" - can wildlife be any simpler that it is? Wildlife with its entire God-given simplicity is the basis of our world. We, as humans, tend to muck everything up with our thinking. Watching the wilderness perform for us is truly some of the greatest joys to behold in our lives.

Being taught to build a fire from scratch or to cook biscuit of your own making is the beginning of a pattern to learn to think for oneself and grow in knowledge far beyond books

Thank you, Moose, for this grand tour of your life in this fantastic book, "Captured". This is a book to be loved! ...t o explore the magnificent mastery of knowledge which Moose has unleashed to us of the other wild creatures in this world. This book, though primitive by human standards, is much more truthful in Nature.

What a joy and pleasure to read. The cover draws the enlightened eye and draws us in to the text. It binds our hearts and helps to understand our God. Peterson is a person who embraces new technologies in his craft to better work our hearts - an epitome of wild life photography! This book is a life study of man and his passion to live vicariously through the wild life he photographs. (I feel we all embrace this whether we know it or not.) A moose in the wild - Moose Peterson that is - can be adventurous and dangerous.

He began as a photographer using 35mm film followed by then his early exclusive work with digital equipment and Nikon so some of his pictures in the book seem flat, dark and sometimes washed out. To get lost in the world of Nature is so much more enlightening and exciting than to exist in the troubled world of today. Come with me and enjoy the Wild with Moose.

## Computers That Understand Emotions

Anyone who's ever wrestled with a malfunctioning computer can attest to the fact that the machines can give a damn about your frustration. But this sad state of affairs may someday improve with more companies developing technology that enables machines to potentially be more helpful by responding to people's feelings. A couple weeks ago, I reported on the development of sensors that can prevent drunk drivers from operating a vehicle. And last month, the Italian automotive company Ferrari reportedly filed a patent application for a car technology that can get a beat on a driver's mental state and adjust the dynamics of the car accordingly. Across the way in Florida, Design Interactive, an engineering and consulting firm is collaborating with the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency or DARPA on a series of technological enhancements that would allow a computer to sense the user's present emotional and physiological state and react appropriately.

At this week's Blur conference, the company has been talking up a couple of intriguing projects, both for military and security purposes. One prototype, the Next Generation Interactive Systems, or NexIS, involves equipping soldiers with biological sensors that monitor the person's heart rate as well as other indicators for signs of emotional distress, in which case the system would alert medical response personnel or administer adrenaline. The Auto-Diagnostic Adaptive Precision Training for Baggage Screeners or Screen-ADAPT uses a combination of electroencephalography (EEG), eye tracking, and heart-rate monitoring tools to figure out the most optimal practices for airport baggage screeners.

However, extending the application for the technology has proven difficult. Kay Stanney, the company's owner, discussed some of these challenges with Technology Review Magazine: he admits this is challenging, because not every successful baggage screener does the job in exactly the same way. "This will really come down to the art of the algorithm—what it is that we're trying to optimize," Stanney says. Sensors can already detect when a person is drowsy, distracted, overloaded, or engaged. But it would be ideal to be able to determine other states such as frustration, or even to distinguish between different types of frustration.

While there can be advantages to having a computer that is emotionally attentive, I'm not so sure that users would readily embrace the notion of machines making decisions based on what it has determined about a person's emotional state. Emotions are so complex that they are often misread and misunderstood by even other humans. And emotions such as frustration can be triggered by a wide range of problematic issues a user may be experiencing during a given situation. Mathematical algorithms still have a ways to go before they can accurately pinpoint which ones they are.

But I think an even more curious question to ponder is whether humans would want such an intimate connection with their computers.

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## Goodbye US Dollar Banknote?

### Government report urges move to coin only

European Union members no longer have it, the British no longer have it, and the Canadians no longer have it.



None of these nations have the single unit of their currency available on a paper bill — it's in coin form only. There's no longer such a thing as a 1 euro, 1 British pound, or 1 Canadian dollar banknote. Why? It saves their governments a lot of money.

The only way to go? \$1 US coin

Now, the US Government Accountability Office says it's time to phase out the paper version of the US \$1 note. According to GAO's analysis, "replacing the \$1 note with a \$1 coin could save the government approximately \$5.5 billion over 30 years.

This would amount to an average yearly discounted net benefit—that is, the present value of future net benefits—of about \$184 million." The savings comes from the fact that coins last much longer than paper currency

GAO says the transition would cost the government the first four years due to the need for the US Mint to crank out enough dollar coins to meet demand. Plus, some businesses would need to modify equipment.

However, in recent years, we've moved to digital money in a big way, and many transactions are conducted via debit or credit cards. So the transition may be far less painful than it was in the EU, UK or Canada. And it appears there was little or no transitional pain for any of these locales anyway.

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## Search for Your Ancestors and Make A Family Tree - by Ira Wilsker

### WEBSITES:

<http://www.techsupportalert.com/best-free-genealogy-family-tree-software.htm>

<http://www.progenealogists.com/top50genealogy2010.htm>

<https://familysearch.org>

<http://ssdi.rootsweb.ancestry.com> - Social Security Death Index

<http://ellisland.org> - Ellis Island Immigration Records

Over the years, I have dabbled in genealogy trying to create a family tree. While I have always been curious about my ancestors, my interest was piqued in pre-internet days when I encountered a gentleman in Germany with the same unusual last name as I have. We exchanged letters and photographs noting some commonality in our respective families, but could not prove a relationship. Sometime later, in the early days of the internet, I saw a reference to a British author of children's books with my last name, and we started an online correspondence in an attempt to find a common ancestor; while we still email each other, and I get regular reports of his son's football (soccer) matches, we have not found that common ancestor.

In this country, I periodically see articles in some professional journals referencing lawyers, business executives, artists, and others with my last name with several of us exchanging emails trying to find that common link. Several years ago, I went to Los Angeles to speak at a professional meeting, and stayed for a few days with someone with my last name who may have been a distant cousin; when he picked me up at LAX I thought someone was playing a practical joke on me, as it appeared that my brother was picking me up. After some research, we found that my paternal grandfather was his grandfather's brother.

Also a few years ago I received a cryptic phone call from an individual looking for a bone marrow donor for his daughter who had leukemia. This individual in Washington, D.C. had hired a professional genealogist to find relatives who may be potential marrow donors in an attempt to save his daughter, and the genealogist found me, my brother, my sister, and my maternal cousins. Our common genetic bond was my maternal grandmother, who was the sister of his maternal grandmother. Of my siblings, I was the better match, but another relative was the best match, and she donated the marrow; in this case, genealogy was a literal lifesaver.

Genealogy is a popular activity that many do for religious reasons, while others do it as a hobby. A recent online news story mentioned what it called one of the best free online databases of genealogical information. Being curious, I decided to try it; the website mentioned was [FamilySearch.org](http://FamilySearch.org). While registration is not required to use the website, it is free, so I registered online. The first example of the advantages of free registration was that I could view some of the actual documents found, rather than just a detailed reference. The first name I entered was my paternal grandfather and almost had an epiphany with what was displayed on the first few screens I viewed. The 1920 census listed the residents of the household, and the names and ages of the adults were all correct as I knew them, as were the names and ages of two of my uncles; the shock was the first name listed for my dad in the census was different from the first name which he used around our family; we knew it was him because the age shown on the census matched his age on that date, and he did not have a twin brother. My late dad's listing on the Social Security Death Index [ssdi.rootsweb.ancestry.com](http://ssdi.rootsweb.ancestry.com) shows his first name as the one we knew him by, not the one shown on the census records.

Another startling fact that I found on FamilySearch.org that my siblings and paternal first cousins were totally unaware of is that we had a paternal aunt; all of us only knew about the three sons of my paternal grandparents, but in 1913 they had a daughter. FamilySearch.org led me to a 1914 death certificate issued in Philadelphia that showed my grandfather and grandmother as the parents, with their address and all of their demographic information correct, but indicating that my aunt died on April 1, 1914 at the age of seven months. The cemetery where she is buried is listed on the death certificate, and that will be an obligatory visit the next time we visit Philadelphia. The cause of death listed was an archaic term, but a little online research quickly defined the cause of death; now, almost a century later and with modern medical knowledge, my wife used her medical training and experience to deduce the likely cause of death from a childhood disease that was little known in 1914, but is now well understood.

On my maternal side, I found the census listings for my maternal grandparents starting in

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The names and ages of the household members were all correct, except for the spelling on my maternal grandfather's first name; he passed away before I was born, and I never knew him, but the census showed his first name with a European spelling, not the more Americanized name which my family and cousins knew him by. I also found the municipal "wedding registrations" from almost 70 years ago for two pairs of my aunts and uncles with FamilySearch.org displaying the actual pages of the city wedding registry.

FamilySearch.org claims to be the largest genealogy organization in the world consisting of 4,500 family history centers in 70 countries. It is a free service provided by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. According to the website, "All are welcome ... We encourage all people to seek out their ancestors and preserve their family histories. Because interest in family history is not limited by culture, ethnicity, or religious faith, we welcome all who wish to discover more about their family and their heritage."

There are many other websites that provide genealogical information, many of which are free, but some require a paid subscription. A comprehensive list of the 50 most popular genealogy websites with their respective popularity rankings is maintained by [www.progenealogists.com/top50genealogy2010.htm](http://www.progenealogists.com/top50genealogy2010.htm). ProGenealogists is the commercial research division of the most popular genealogy website, [Ancestry.com](http://Ancestry.com). About 80% of the listed websites are free, but many of them require registration in order to make full use of their services.

For those who may want to compile their family tree information into some type of manageable database, there are several excellent free genealogy programs, as well as several commercial programs. My favorite list of the free programs is Gizmo's "Best Free Genealogy/Family Tree Software" list at [www.techsupportalert.com/best-free-genealogy-family-tree-software.htm](http://www.techsupportalert.com/best-free-genealogy-family-tree-software.htm). This list displays about a dozen of the top free genealogy programs, all of which have been community evaluated and rated. Links are provided to download each of the listed programs, along with some hints and tips on their use... According to the Gizmo ratings of the free software, the free version of Legacy Standard is the top choice of the community (a commercial version is also available), followed by Gramps, and Family Tree Legends. Anyone interested in compiling family tree information will likely find one of the free genealogy programs adequate.

There are several local organizations that meet to discuss genealogy and search techniques, and they may be a worthwhile activity for those who may want to do more than they can on their own. With dozens of free genealogy websites providing genealogical information, and several free family tree software utilities, anyone interested in researching his roots may do so.

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## Haven't Upgraded to Windows 7 Yet?

Brace yourself: Work on Windows 8 is well under way. A pre-release version of Microsoft's next operating system -- which isn't officially scheduled to launch until 2012 -- reportedly leaked onto the Internet over the weekend, leading to an explosion of speculation among Microsoft watchers about what new versions and features the company may be developing.

Chief among the features pinpointed is the widespread implementation of the Ribbon interface, a dynamic, icon-filled replacement for traditional menus unveiled with Microsoft Office 2007. Though controversial, the interface garnered rave reviews and became a love-it-or-leave-it reason to upgrade to the latest productivity suite.

The leaked Windows 8 screenshots suggest Microsoft intends to add the Ribbon interface to the basic operating system itself, wrote enthusiasts Rafael Rivera and Paul Thurrott.

Analysts expect the company will add additional functionality to make the Windows 8 operating system ideal for the growing fleet of tablet computers, including instant-on capability and a Windows app store. But a separate version of the OS specifically designed for tablets may lag behind the standard version, said Trip Chowdry, analyst at Global Equities Research.

"Windows 8 could be available as soon as this holiday season, but Microsoft won't be able to get its ARM version out that quickly," Chowdry told Money magazine. Microsoft has pledged to keep to its three-year operating system release cycle. Windows 7 was unveiled in October 2009, while Vista was released in 2006.

<http://windows8news.com/>

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Word Tip</b> By Rosemary Lloyd</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Excel Tip</b> By Yomar Cleary</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Office 2007</b> By Eileen Bryan</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Opening Multiple Documents at Once</b></p> <p>Word provides a complete file management system. One of the features of this system is that you can quickly load multiple documents in one easy step. To do this, follow these steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Display the Open <a href="#">dialog box</a>. (There are many ways to do this. Perhaps the easiest way is to just press <b>Ctrl+O</b>.)</li> <li>• Instead of double-clicking on a file name, start to create a "selection set." If you are selecting sequential files, click on the first file in the sequence, then hold the <b>Shift</b> key as you click on the last. You can add additional files to those selected by holding down the <b>Ctrl</b> key while clicking with the mouse.</li> <li>• To remove files from the selection set, hold down the <b>Ctrl</b> key while clicking on a file name you previously added to the set.</li> <li>• When you are satisfied with the list, click on Open.</li> </ul> <p>Take some time to look around and play in the Open dialog box. It has many of the same options as <a href="#">Windows Explorer</a> as well as a few more. Pay particular attention to the options available on the dropdown list displayed from the Open button.</p> <p><i>WordTips</i> is your source for cost-effective Microsoft Word training. (Microsoft Word is the most popular word processing software in the world.) This tip (8696) applies to MS Word versions: 2007   2010.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><a href="http://word.tips.net">http://word.tips.net</a></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Unable to Open an Excel Spreadsheet?</b></p> <p>First, try to restart your computer, or copy the workbook to a different folder on your system. The reasoning for this is that sometimes Excel gets confused and thinks that a file is "locked" by another user, when in fact, it is not. Restarting or copying the workbook can help clear the confusion.</p> <p>Most likely the cause of this problem is that there is some sort of macro running when the workbook is opened. Even if you save the workbook under a different name, the macro would be saved with the new workbook, and the process repeats itself all over again. To test this, try the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open the workbook like normal, dismissing the dialog box.</li> <li>• Select all worksheets in the workbook. (Click on the left-most worksheet, then hold down the <b>Shift</b> key as you click on the right-most worksheet.)</li> <li>• Choose Move or Copy Sheet from the Edit menu. Excel displays the Move or Copy dialog box. (To display the proper dialog box in Excel 2007, display the Home tab of the ribbon.</li> <li>• Click the Format tool in the Cells group, then select Move or Copy Sheet from the resulting submenu.) (<a href="#">Click here</a> to see a related figure.)</li> <li>• Using the To Book drop-down list, choose (new book).</li> <li>• Make sure the Create a Copy check box is selected. Click OK.</li> </ul> <p>Now you have two workbooks: the one you opened and a new, unnamed workbook. Close the original workbook without saving, and save the new workbook under a new name. The new workbook with open without any problems, as macros are not copied in the above steps. <a href="http://excel.tips.net">http://excel.tips.net</a></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Add Frequently Used Commands to Your Quick Access Toolbar</b></p> <p>Office 2007's interface does not allow for much customization.</p> <p>If you loved your custom toolbars in previous versions, the ribbon interface might give you a rude awakening.</p> <p>After all, you can't customize toolbars that don't exist! But you can add commands that you use frequently to your Quick Access Toolbar, which resides to the right of the Office button. By default, the Quick Access Toolbar includes icons that let you save a document, undo or redo an action.</p> <p>To add more actions to your Quick Access Toolbar, click on the dropdown arrow on its right side. You can add common icons, such as New, Open, Quick Print, and Print Preview.</p> <p>In addition, you can choose More Commands from the dropdown list to open the Options window. From there, you can add several commands that don't appear on the dropdown list.</p> <p>Just select a tab from the Choose Commands From dropdown list to find commands that you want to add to your Quick Access Toolbar.</p> <p>Then, click the Add button to shift the command to the right-hand list box, which displays all of the commands on your Quick Access Toolbar currently.</p> <p>You can use this technique in all of the Office 2007 applications, including Word, Excel, and PowerPoint.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><a href="http://www.newhorizonsetips.com/">www.newhorizonsetips.com/</a></p>

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