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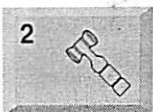
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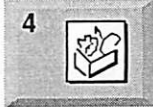
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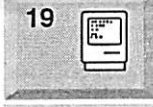
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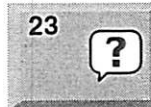
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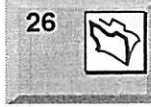
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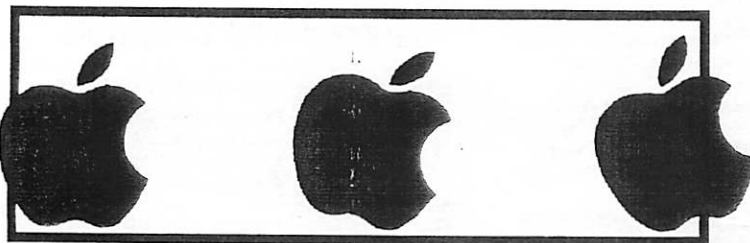
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## August 2001 Preview

Here is the tentative calendar of our Special Interest Group (SIG) meetings for August 2001. Please pencil these events on your calendar. As always, when doubtful of a SIG date, time, or location, confirm with one of the following:

- Our BBS, the Calendar Folder in the Conferences Folder
- Our Voice Mail Telephone number: 651-229-6952
- The cognizant SIG Leader

Wednesday	August	1	AppleWorks nee ClarisWorks SIG
Monday	August	6	Board of Directors meeting
Wednesday	August	8	Microsoft Word SIG
Thursday	August	9	Macintosh Main SIG
Monday	August	13	imovie SIG
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# Members Helping Members

Need Help? Have a question the manual doesn't answer? Members Helping Members is a group of volunteers who have generously agreed to help. They are just a phone (or an e-mail) away. Please call only during the appropriate times, if you are a member, and own the software in question.

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Please call at reasonable hours, and ask if it is a convenient time for them. By the way, many of these volunteers can also be contacted on our BBS. We appreciate your cooperation.

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# Board of Directors Meeting Monday, June 4, 2001

Submitted by Pamela Lienke, Secretary

Agenda adopted  
Minutes of May meeting approved

Officer and Committee Reports  
President—call from Don; club has received another bill for the projector case. Denis will take care of it.  
Vice-President—no report  
Treasurer—no report—all bills paid  
Marketing—MicroCenter may be placing ad in our newsletter. Macamania is also interested in placing an ad.  
Membership—mailing 260 newsletters  
SIG Director—next month Apple will be the main meeting, Wahsburn library, July 12.  
Publications—wants to get an article in newsletter to explain how submissions should be sent.

Old Business  
Screen from Tierney still in limbo. Denis will contact them.  
Bert has the old projector. Perhaps André may want to store it, so he can use it at the Programers' SIG.

## A2 News and Notes May 2001

Submitted by Harry Lienke

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\* Delphi Electronic Mail to End June 1, 2001

For those still clinging to their delphi.com email addresses, Delphi let them know that their email would

Mini'app'les old software library from Fred Frankena. Tom Gates is taking care of it.

Summary of the survey—try to publish in July newsletter.

### New business

Mini'app'les mandate—to pursue education. Arnie Zuchman from First Tech wants help in a local school to help parents learn to use IBooks. Brian will follow up on this.

Brian Bantz has been attending Mac University and has been learning about user groups around the country. Few still have a printed newsletter. Clubs that thrive have one week-end meeting a month. Some have mentoring program.

The club ambassador gets sample software from several vendors. What is happening to it?

Who collects the revenue for ads in the newspaper? Don should be sending bills.

TClink is shutting down the BBS service August 31, 2001. Tom Gates may be willing to house it. Steve Wilmes offered to to house a web based BBS.

M/S/P that if a club member is willing to house First Class BBS, the club will finance its operation, and that we establish a web based board with Steve Wilmes as consultant.

Les will host June main meeting.

Brian B. will demo OS 10.

Discussion about whether or not we could have representation in Aquatennial.

Uptown Art Fair—Will see if First Teach is interested in having us there.

Picnic—Will ask at main meeting to see which week most people would like. We will return to a week night as last years' weekend picnic was poorly attended.

Discussion about the Yahoo mail list,

Meeting adjourned at 8:45

Next meeting July 2, Byerelys  
7:00 P.M.

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully submitted,  
Pamela Lienke, Secretary

stop working as of June 1, 2001. Whether this actually has happened is unconfirmed, but it's not advisable to keep using an email address that the domain owner has said is going away quickly. . .

\* Inaugural Vintage Computer Festival East Announced

The first Vintage Computer Festival East will be held on July 28-29 in Marlborough, Massachusetts at the Best Western Royal Plaza Hotel & Trade Center. The dates unfortunately coincide with KansasFest.

For more information, check <http://www.vintage.org/2001/east/>

\* Ken Gagne Announced as KFest Roast Master of Ceremonies

The Grand Gouda of KFest, Steve "Godzilla" Gozdziwski has announced that veteran KFester Ken Gagne will serve as the Master of Ceremonies for this year's KansasFest Roast of Juiced.GS publisher Max Jones. Ken will be selecting roasters

from the KansasFest attendees to help to serve up Indiana's Jones. For more KansasFest information, check <http://www.kfest.org/>.

\* GS+ Magazine Back Issues Available Again

Syndicomm has reached an agreement with Ross Falconer to become exclusive distributor of the long lost GS+ Magazine back issues and the software that accompanied it. Syndicomm owner Eric Shepherd also announced that some issues are available immediately; work continues on getting other issues back in print. For more information, see <http://www.a2central.com/features/2001-05/01-gsplus.html> and <http://www.a2central.com/shop/gsplu.html>.

Editor's comment: it's been rumored on the Internet for some time that these issues had been made available as freeware or public domain. Just goes to show that you can't always believe what you read, especially on the Internet.

\* Samurai IRC Client Released

Ninjaforce announced the immediate availability of their Internet Relay Chat (IRC) client, Samurai, a Classic Desk Accessory that allows you to chat over the Internet via Marinetti. More information can be gathered from the Ninjaforce World Wide Web site at <http://www.ninjaforce.com/>.

\* KeGS 32 Updated

A new release of KeGS 32 for Windows 95 and later has been released. Improvements include a vastly improved interface for removal and insertion of disks. For details, see <http://www.geocities.com/akilgard/kegs32/>.

\* KeGS for Mac OS X?

Syndicomm.com member Wayne Artherton has reported successfully compiling KeGS under Mac OS X. While it's still in a very early state, you can see the details at <http://www.apple2gs.com/>.

\* New Issue of Juiced.GS Released

Juiced.GS publisher Max Jones announced that the inaugural issue of Volume 6 of Juiced.GS has been sent to subscribers throughout the world. This issue includes a great article on

3.5 Drive maintenance by Alltech Electronics' Tony Diaz. For more information, see <http://www.wbwip.com/juiced.gs/>.

\* Spectrum Related News

A few Spectrum related notes:

\*\* Spectrum 2.5.2 Released

A new version of Spectrum, 2.5.2, has been released. Owners of earlier versions can receive updates through Shareware Solutions II. For details on the cost of upgrading, see <http://users.foxvalley.net/~joko/spectrum.html>.

\*\* New Spectrum Automated File Exchange Debuts

Spectrum author Ewen Wannop announced the release of a new set of Spectrum scripts, called SAFE or Spectrum Automated File Exchange. These scripts give Spectrum the power to transfer files via File Transfer Protocol. They are freely available and require Spectrum 2.5.2. For more details see <http://www.ewannop.btinternet.co.uk/>.

\*\* Spectrum Internet Suite's New Home on the Web

Geoff Weiss, author of many Apple II

programs including Spectrum Internet Suite, has announced that the Apple IIGs specific browser now has a new home on the World Wide Web. For more information, check out <http://sis.gwlink.net/>.

\* Help Wanted

Finally, we need help here at A2NandNI! I would like to have a new editor on board by the end of the year 2001. If you are interested, please email me at [a2.ryan@syndicomm.com](mailto:a2.ryan@syndicomm.com).

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## LOOKING BACK AT MY FIRST PC

*Submitted by John Ferman  
Subject: A PC Memories Story  
By John Markoff*

TWENTY years ago, I bought my first personal computer.

I wasn't the earliest of adopters. There were already dozens of PC makers, with names like Apple, Atari, Radio Shack and Texas Instruments. Though I had been thinking about buying a computer for several years, I had never been able to afford one. But in October 1981, newly employed, I drove to the Computerland store in Los Altos, Calif., and paid about \$3,000 for an I.B.M. Personal Computer.

At a distance of two decades, I'm not entirely sure why I chose an I.B.M. PC instead of one of its more established rivals, like the Apple III or a cool computer with better graphics and a more advanced operating sys-

tem. Perhaps it was because of the Apple III's reputation for quality problems.

It may also have had to do with I.B.M.'s legendary reputation for service back then. After all, I had seen its technicians resuscitate my second-hand Selectric typewriter, with its rotating type ball, year after year.

But probably, like hundreds of thousands of others, I saw I.B.M.'s arrival on the PC scene in August 1981 as a sign that the very nature and potential of computing had changed.

"Those three letters were a booster rocket for the personal computing world," said Paul Freiberger, a McKinsey & Company consultant who is co-author of "Fire in the Valley: The Making of the Personal Computer" (McGraw-Hill, 2000).

Personal computers were no longer just for playing games, no

longer garage-style Heathkit projects. They were becoming the stuff of business, with word processors replacing typewriters, and tools like spreadsheets and databases no longer limited to the technically adept.

And once PC's began infiltrating corporate America, a virtually exclusive I.B.M. franchise for decades, Big Blue felt compelled to act. In fact, in contrast to the developers of the first PC's, I.B.M. didn't see its personal computer as very personal at all. It was aimed at the office desktop.

Mine was no exception. I had recently started my first full-time job as a reporter, covering the fledgling PC industry for InfoWorld, a publication that aspired to be the Rolling Stone (or was it the Sports Illustrated?) of personal computing.

The InfoWorld office in Palo Alto, Calif., had several personal computers, of the Radio Shack PC's known as

Trash 80's, along with Sols, Osbornes and Apple II's and III's. The writing machine of choice was a NorthStar, a boxy PC that used eight-inch floppy disks and was controlled from a monitor-keyboard contraption known as a dumb terminal.

But there weren't enough computers to go around, and we had to share them. So I was eager to get my own.

What I brought back to the office was decidedly not a cool machine. Unlike many of the hobbyist computers of the era, wrapped in everything from plastic enclosures to teak boxes, the I.B.M. PC was corporately clad in a drab gray metal box. For the base price of \$1,565, it came with 16 kilobytes of memory and no monitor or disk drives.

I had run the tab to \$3,000 by adding two 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch floppy-disk drives (one for the operating system and another for data and programs), a boxy monitor that displayed text in a fluorescent green hue on a black background and an upgrade to 64 kilobytes of memory. Like most buyers of the I.B.M. PC, though, I ordered it with the least expensive of the three operating systems available: PC DOS 1.1, which I.B.M. had licensed from Microsoft, a small software company in Bellevue, Wash.

The operating system sold for \$40, and its heart, a tiny program called `command.com`, fit in five kilobytes of memory. Booting up took seconds.

The licensing deal with Microsoft (which left Microsoft free to sell its system to others) was only one fateful decision in I.B.M.'s entry into the PC marketplace. Known for its proprietary mainframes and minicomputers, I.B.M. swallowed hard and actively encouraged anybody with a good idea to build hardware or write a program that would take advantage of its PC.

At first that meant tapping into a wellspring of hacker enthusiasm. One hobbyist, Andrew Flugelman, later the first editor of PC World magazine, wrote a program called PC-Talk, used widely to connect to online services. The machine's first word processor was written by John Draper, a.k.a. Cap'n Crunch, who had achieved notoriety (and a prison term) in the 1970's building so-called "blue boxes" to make free phone calls.

But the hackers were quickly being swept aside. The corporate-

inspired transition symbolized by the I.B.M. PC brought with it a new computing culture. It was no longer about a hobby; it was about business.

In the mid-1970's, ground zero had been the Homebrew Computer Club, an eclectic group that held its first meeting in a garage near Stanford University, showing off homemade machines and programs to one another. By 1982, the center of gravity was the Silicon Valley Computer Club, meeting in a shiny auditorium, its ranks a sea of clean-shaven, white-shirted engineers wearing pocket protectors and intent on seizing the next big entrepreneurial opportunity.

And those opportunities came quickly, as the advent of the I.B.M. PC touched off a hardware explosion.

After one meeting of the computer club, out in the parking lot, I was able to buy an expansion card for my new PC from an enterprising engineer who was starting his own company. With the card I was able to add an outrageous 384 kilobytes of memory to the machine. By contrast, my current portable Mac has more than 500 times the memory and I was able to double its storage the other week for \$39.

Still, while that first I.B.M. PC seems anemic now and some computer enthusiasts even mocked it at the time and its 4.77-megahertz Intel 8088 microprocessor actually represented a big leap in computing power. A single program and its data could fill 640 kilobytes of random access memory, 10 times the capacity of the PC microprocessors of the era.

More than any of the machine's other features, it was the ability to run more powerful, memory-intensive programs that awoke software developers to the new possibilities of personal computing. To take advantage of that promise, all users needed to do was add memory to their machines.

Two people who immediately saw the potential were Mitchell D. Kapor and Jonathan Sachs. Mr. Sachs had written a spreadsheet program for PC's but found that it ran very slowly, with few interesting capabilities. They reworked the program for the I.B.M. PC, with its more capable processor, and introduced it as Lotus 1-2-3 in 1982. By 1983, their company had \$53 million in revenue and went public. Many others, making software or peripheral products or cloning the PC itself, followed suit.

As focused as some of those efforts were on business customers, they also had a profound effect on a new generation of computer users, transforming computing beyond the office. The uncool PC, it turned out, could do cool things.

Overnight, PC users were plunged into a world full of neat software programs, an exploding universe of online communities known as bulletin board services, and every conceivable hardware gadget.

My own favorite program was called Memoryshift. Written by a lone Silicon Valley hacker, Memoryshift let me switch instantly from one program to another or a database, a word processor, a communications program or anything else or without restarting them, a multitasking capability that did not become commonplace in the PC world for another six to eight years.

I.B.M.'s main miscalculation, it turned out, was the popularity of its own machine. It expected to sell about 240,000 PC's in five years. It received that many orders in the first month.

In the end, my own PC was equipped with a faster processor and an internal hard drive that could hold 10 megabytes of data.

In 1984, however, I left the I.B.M.-compatible world and began using a Macintosh. The Macintosh was the Next Big Thing; for writers, its black-on-white display put the fuzzy PC graphics to shame. (And for me, this really was a personal computer: I used it at home, not at work.)

As my employer's computers became less scarce, my I.B.M. PC began gathering dust. In 1987 I gave it to a friend, who used it until he tried to install a fancy computer-assisted design program and realized that he needed a faster computer as well. He in turn bequeathed it to a programmer friend who is something of a pack rat.

I called him recently, and he said he thought that he still had it on a basement shelf along with three other obsolete computers. "I can't remember if it's the one that gives a memory-parity error when I turn it on," he said. "But if I can clear some room on my bench down there, I'll see if it still works."

Who knows? Maybe I'll be able to fire up my first PC in time for its 20th anniversary.

# Fortune: CEOs, like Steve Jobs, are overcompensated

Submitted by Brian D. Bantz  
Is Apple CEO Steve Jobs  
overcompensated? by Dennis Sellers,  
dsellers@maccentral.com

Is Apple CEO Steve Jobs overcompensated? A new Fortune article says yes. In fact, executive compensation has become "highway robbery" due to the "perverse interaction of CEOs, boards, consultants, even the feds," the article says.

The article says Jobs' US\$872 million options grant is the largest ever. Fortune also mentions the impressive pay packages of others company execs, including Larry Ellison of Oracle (\$92 million), Sandy Weill of Citigroup (\$151 million), and Jack Welch of GE (\$125 million).

The article blames the "madness" on the Revenue Act of 1950. How so? "Buried deep within that bill was a section amending the tax code," says Fortune. "And that change, scarcely remarked upon at the time, made it legal and practical for companies to pay employees with an interesting form of currency called the stock option." Through the '50s, the '60s,

## The Survey Says!

Submitted by Dave Peck

In Minn'app'les April 2001 newsletter, a survey with postage was included in asking how our Macintosh User Group can better serve it's members. Out of 250 members (confirm), 57 or 23% of the surveys were returned. The Board of Directors thanks those who completed the survey and is committed to making practical changes so Mini'app'les can better serve it's members. But keep in mind that this is a volunteer organization that depends on your participation.

A special thanks to Lisa Huston, Mini'app'les outgoing President, for compiling the survey data.

### The Results

#### General

1. Why do members maintain their memberships?

Special Interest Groups- 70%  
Get Mac Help- 69%  
Newsletter- 67%  
Socializing with Mac People- 60%

and part of the '70s, CEO pay actually grew more slowly than the pay of average workers. But the stock option has "mushroomed from modest use in the 1950s to a source of breathtaking CEO wealth today," Fortune says.

One reason for its popularity is the brain-numbingly complex way companies treat options in financial statements -- a way that's great for executives and awful for shareholders, says Fortune. The financial maneuvering is too difficult to explain here. But another Fortune article can do it for you.

CEO pay is also "out of control" because many boards aren't doing their job, Fortune says. Adding to the convoluted, a CEO's "pay machine" is very intricate and built up over decades, Fortune says.

"Besides options, other important pieces have come from compensation consultants, economic developments, social trends, even government; indeed, the government's occasional attempts to restrain CEO pay have almost always had the opposite effect," the article says. "What's so remarkable about the machine is that

through all the ups and downs of business, the waxing and waning of corporate fortunes, it turns in only one direction -- and faster all the time."

But don't expect the cycle to reverse itself anytime soon. Fortune says that today's CEOs have become "celebrities" and that "the American public isn't angered by big pay." However, many investors think executive pay is "unfair, bears little relationship to performance, and is totally out of control."

When it comes to Apple, however, many folks would argue that Steve Jobs is worth every penny. He did help start the company and is generally perceived as "saving" Apple four years ago. As for CEOs being celebrities, in Jobs' case, it's certainly true. Anyone who's waited in line to get into a Jobs keynote can vouch for that. The lines are longer than those to buy tickets for many big name music events.

### Bulletin Board- 41%

2. Do our members have email or internet access?

Both email and internet access- 92%  
Email only- 4%

3. If the Newsletter was replaced with an electronic means of distribution?

30% felt that would be a positive development  
35% felt that would be a negative development  
26% said it made no difference  
37% felt more inclined to maintain membership and 9% (5 members) said they would be inclined to drop membership.

Mini'app'les Bulletin Board Service (BBS) The BBS has a low level of participation by Mini'app'les members. With 69% of respondents indicating that getting Mac help is important, I'd like to emphasize that the BBs is the quickest, most convenient way to get help. In contrast to a meeting that

happens once a month, the BBS is available everyday. But BBS viability is directly proportional to the amount of participation. More participants would mean a larger pool of Mac expertise and a greater chance that someone will know the answer to your question.

A majority of survey respondents do not access the BBS. Our current BBS requires installing and configuring the First Class application. As reflected in question #3, a web based bulletin board could be better utilized by more of our members, especially novices. Think about it. All new Macs come configured for internet access and the majority of Mac users surf the internet. Even my Aunt, with permanent novice status <g> uses the internet. Installing and configuring First Class is harder for newbies. How-to-access-the-BBS articles have been posted in the newsletter. Besides looking at internet based alternatives, we will make sure that a better description of how to access the current BBS setup is published in the newsletter.



**1. Why don't members access the BBS?**

- Don't know how- 31%
- Not interested- 25%
- Don't have time- 11%
- Too much hassle- 7%
- No hardware- 4%

**2. Would you like assistance accessing the BBS?**

10 respondents indicated they would like assistance. Members will be contacted.

**3. If the BBS was located at Mini'app'les web site?**

- More inclined to access- 73%
- Less inclined to access- 12%
- Not interested in the BBS- 12%

**4. How can the Newsletter be improved?**

The top suggestions: More practical tips and articles, followed by going electronic.

Other suggestions: Tie in with web site, More technical tips, Members Q&A, Adds for used equipment and software, Beginner reference books, Member of the month, SIG review-content and purpose, More articles from members, Beginners corner, Better layout.

**Mini'app'les Web Site**

Although the web site got good ratings, in question #3, there is alot that respondents want to see at the web site that is not currently there.

1. Have you visited the web site? 73% yes.

- 2. Website rated**
- First Impression good- 60%
- Content good- 70%
- Layout good- 64%

**3. What would you like to see at the web site?**

- Mac OS articles- 66%
- Application articles- 64%
- Gaming news- 20%
- Other
- More links- 9%
- Notices and changes- 7%
- More local info- 2%
- Novice how tos- 2%

4% were not interested in the web site.

**4. How to improve the web site?**  
26% said that the web site needs to be "updated" or "redone".

How to improve Special Interest Groups  
Our SIG leaders will take note of these comments. Volunteers will make the new SIGs happen.

The top 3 suggestions: Moderate to avoid monopolies. Use language a novice can understand. Plan agenda ahead of time.

New SIG suggestions: Education SIG, How-to SIG, Internet SIG, Power User SIG, and Utilities SIG.

Other suggestions: More meetings on the North side of town, Meetings at Ridgedale, Leaders more motivated, More outside speakers, Beginner training course, Description of next meetings events, Target members better, Name tags, and Earlier publication of

meeting times and place on BBS.

Would you volunteer in any club related activities?

14 members volunteered for club related activities. The BOD will evaluate where assistance is needed and contact members individually. Thank you!

What can Mini'app'les do better?

A variety of suggestions were offered. The top two suggestions: Increase Club's visibility and better new member orientation.

Other suggestions: Meetings at Southdale, Promote through First Tech/CompUSA, More education activities, Neophyte group, E-mail list, Encourage BBS participation, Members be more helpful to new comers, Keep newsletter, Meeting topics in newsletter, More meetings in North metro, Daytime meetings, Get more volunteers, Educators SIG, Investigate other AMUGs for ideas, More meetings in South metro area, get response to BBS question.

My comments: Miniapples has a Meet-Your-Mac SIG and a Macintosh Novice SIG. Both are for Mac novices. The newsletter will be kept in print, electronic or possibly in both formats.

## QuickTime News June 15, 2001 June 15, 2001

### In This Issue

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Like to read this week's version of QuickTime News on the web?  
<http://www.apple.com/enevs/2001/06/15news3.html>

### 1. What's on QuickTime TV?

Nickelodeon's newest animated wonder is "Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius," a kid who seems to have a knack for inventing the latest high tech gadget to get him out of trouble--and sometimes into it, as well.

Check out Nickelodeon's "Jimmy's Shorts" section for a series of cartoons about his escapades, and watch the trailer for the feature-length animated movie about the boy genius, scheduled to come out in December, 2001.

<http://www.jimmyneutron.com>

I'm sorry, Dave. I'm afraid I can't build that.

In an offbeat homage to Stanley Kubrick's classic film, Marc Atkin has created a unique interpretation of "2001: A Space Odyssey" using Lego bricks and characters. The short stop-action film was created using Apple's iMovie and Final Cut Pro, and is presented by iFilm.

[http://www.ifilm.com/ifilm/skeletons/film\\_](http://www.ifilm.com/ifilm/skeletons/film_)

detail/0,1263,1338602,00.html

## 2. Concerts, Music Videos, and Listening Parties

RollingStone.com calls Megadeth, one of the most commercially viable heavy metal bands of the 1980s and early 1990s. To celebrate the release of their latest album, "The World Needs a Hero," Megadeth will stream the new album in a continuous loop from June 18 to June 25.

<http://www.Megadeth.com>

Pop singer Mandy Moore is following up her two platinum albums, "I Wanna Be With You" and "So Real," with a brand new release on June 19. Her self-titled "Mandy Moore" CD features 13 new songs, which you can listen to online starting this Tuesday, June 19, at a special listening party held to celebrate the album's release. Tune in at 7 p.m., 10 p.m., and 1 a.m., Pacific time, to hear "Mandy Moore" in its entirety.\*

[http://www.mandymoore.com/news/news\\_main.html](http://www.mandymoore.com/news/news_main.html)

First performed in 1799, the "Creation" remains one of Joseph Haydn's most popular oratorios. This concert, recorded live at the Brighton Festival in 2000 and webcast exclusively by gmn.com, features the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment, led by conductor Sir Charles Mackerras, and soprano Lisa Milne. Hurry, though, the webcast ends on Monday, June 18.

<http://classicalplus.gmn.com/webcasts/webcast.asp?id=492&src=4002>

Once billed as "the world's fastest saxophonist," Johnny Griffin remains one of the top bop-oriented tenor men performing since the mid-1950s. Hear Johnny Griffin Live at the Village Vanguard through Thursday, Jun 21.

<http://www.gmn.com/webcasts/webcast.asp?id=417>

Veteran R&B star Errol Brown (formerly of Hot Chocolate) proves he's still got what it takes with the release of his new CD, "Still Sexy." Groove to Brown's funky new hit single of the same name, presented by the U.K.'s

## Video C.

<http://www.video-c.co.uk/errol-brown/stillsexy.html>

\* In another time zone? Use this handy converter to let you know exactly when to tune in:

<http://sandbox.xerox.com/stewart/tzc/convert.cgi>

## 3. QuickTime HotPicks

We can't reveal the identity of the actress who plays the star in "Star," Guy Ritchie's new short film at [www.bmw.com](http://www.bmw.com), but we can tell you she's full of blonde ambition and is the newlywed wife of a certain British film director. See for yourself (and don't forget to listen to her husband...er, the director's comments about his film).

<http://www.bmwfilms.com>

"Star," is the most recent addition to the Hire Film Series from [www.bmwfilms.com](http://www.bmwfilms.com). Like to see the other films released thus far? Four are currently available in the BMW digital film library.

[http://www.bmwfilms.com/site\\_layout/films.asp?FilmID=4](http://www.bmwfilms.com/site_layout/films.asp?FilmID=4)

What goes into the creation of a feature film? Media students as well as anyone curious about what happens behind the scenes will want to experience the making of "Radius," an independent sci-fi action movie currently in production.

From the earliest stages of development, the "Radius" creators have kept a unique QuickTime video journal of their day-to-day filmmaking processes which you can see on the film's website. "Our goal is to give our audience a very candid, unscripted, in-the-trenches feel for independent filmmaking," says director Helmut Kobler.

<http://www.radiusmovie.com>

## 4. Trailer Park

Eddie Murphy talks to the animals again in "Dr. Dolittle 2"—this time to a bunch of furry forest critters in an attempt save the endangered Pacific Western Bear. Dolittle locates a

domesticated circus bear who is a member of this rare species and recruits him to be reintroduced into the wild. But this requires that Dolittle shift the bear away from his human creature comforts and his fast-food loving ways and help him become a wild animal again.

You can see how he fares with the bears when "Dr. Dolittle 2" roars into theaters on June 15.

[http://www.apple.com/trailers/fox/dolittle\\_2/](http://www.apple.com/trailers/fox/dolittle_2/)

In the summer of 1979, audiences poured into theaters to watch Francis Ford Coppola's "Apocalypse Now." Although his Vietnam War epic is considered a masterpiece today, Coppola was never entirely pleased with the film he felt pressured to edit and release.

So last year, Coppola began editing and remixing the original dailies to create a new rendition of the movie. The resulting film has 53 minutes of footage never before seen in theaters, which Coppola claims makes the movie, "more attentive to theme, sexier, funnier, more bizarre, more romantic, and more politically intriguing."

"Apocalypse Now: Redux" opens in select U.S. theaters in August.

[http://www.apple.com/trailers/miramax/apocalypse\\_now\\_redux/](http://www.apple.com/trailers/miramax/apocalypse_now_redux/)

## 5. QuickTime VR Corner

One of the key steps in creating a QuickTime VR panorama is knowing how to "stitch" the images together seamlessly. In this article from Creativepro.com, Brian P. Lawler discusses the various stitching software used to create panoramas, and shares some photography tips to help you make better panoramic images.

<http://www.creativepro.com/story/feature/13389.html>

Tour the most interesting neighborhoods in and around Washington D.C., including Old Town Alexandria, Adam's-Morgan, Georgetown, DuPont Circle, U Street, and more—expertly photographed and presented in QuickTime VR by the award-winning

Washingtonpost.com.

<http://washingtonpost.com/wp-srv/photo/360/neighborhoods.htm>

#### 6. LiveStage Professional 3 for Mac and Windows

Totally Hip Software's LiveStage Professional has been the top favorite of Mac-based publishers for authoring interactive and video content and for integrating multiple forms of media into QuickTime movies.

Starting now, Windows users can also enjoy the benefits of LiveStage Professional 3 in a new cross-platform version which takes advantage of many of the features of QuickTime 5.

Some of the new features include: interactive media skins that allow for delivery of custom interfaces, support for integrating Macromedia Flash 4 with video and all other QuickTime media types, XML support for the dynamic creation of content or movies, and server-side connectivity for database support and movie generation.

## News From: Twin City Interlink

Posted Friday, June 1, 2001  
3:58:37 PM

For those of you who have not been on the BBS lately, here is the latest news posted there Friday afternoon by Twin City Interlink.

Dear TCI Subscriber,

As I'm sure you're aware, the ubiquity of the Internet (particularly the Web) has effectively killed the BBS movement, and TCI is one of a handful of BBSs left standing in the Twin Cities, down from over 400 in their heyday. When we merged TwinCity Mac and Gizmode to form TCI several years ago, we had over 130 paying subscribers to share the costs, plus a couple of groups such as the Miniapples Mac user group. However, the number of individual subscribers is now below 30 and dropping, as people increasingly have direct Internet access and decide to forgo the friendly FirstClass interface for the "free" email their ISPs offer.

The administrative costs of managing

Find out more about this powerful tool for both Mac and Windows, and browse groundbreaking examples of QuickTime authoring on the company's totally unique and totally hip website.

<http://www.totallyhip.com>

#### 7. Quick Takes

See Point Given race to victory in the Belmont Stakes, and get all the post-race scuttlebutt in interviews with owner Prince Ahmed Salman, trainer Bill Baffert, and former President Bill Clinton.

<http://www.saddletude.com/coverage/racing/index.html>

Wait, there's more racing action available. Watch the United States Equestrian Team compete in the Festival of Champions (June 15-24), another great feature from Saddletude.com.

<http://www.saddletude.com/>

Got a great example of QuickTime to show us on the web? We'd love to hear about it.

<http://www.apple.com/quicktime/hot-picks/tellus/>

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and supporting such a small subscriber base are disproportionate to the revenue our low individual and group subscription rates generate (and if we charge much more, more people will just opt for a cheap ISP, with Web access, or switch to email via an ISP they already have). At the same time, phone companies no longer offer the inexpensive metered phone lines we used to have. In short, all of our costs have gone up while revenue has gone down. Nearly all of our TCI revenue (including that from group subscriptions) is thus going right back out to pay phone bills.

The net result of all these factors is that we've regretfully decided to shut down TCI, effective August 31, 2001. Because of the press of other business priorities and the effort needed to maintain and bill subscriber accounts, we haven't processed any subscription renewals for a number of months, and most of you are past the end of your paid subscription periods. Shortly, we will send refunds for unused portions of any subscriptions extending past August 31, as well as

final invoices to those of you who are currently receiving service past your paid subscriptions. If you are in the latter category, we'd appreciate your promptly paying the invoice in recognition of service received and to reduce the losses we've sustained in keeping TCI going over the past year.

We're sad to be discontinuing BBS service, which we've maintained continuously since Don co-founded Gizmode (on 300 bps modems) as one of the first multi-line BBSs in the country back in 1984. Some of you have been with us for nearly that long, and we'll miss all of you. Please let us know if there's anything we can do (short of continuing to provide service at a loss) to ease your transition to another provider. We wish you well, and hope you'll stay in touch.

Ron, Don and Ken

# July / August Main Mac

Submitted by Les C. Anderson

In July we will have Apple people to talk about the new store at Mall of America.

In August we will have a demo and maybe more on a new program called

## Discussions on the BBS

Friday, June 8, 2001 8:31:42 AM  
mini'app'les SIG News Item

From: Andre D. Benassi  
Subject: SIG questions, new SIG ideas

To: mini'app'les SIG News  
I am curious, how is everyone else's SIG attendance. I am usually getting anywhere from 2 to 4 people at the programmer's SIG, and I was wondering about the other SIGs' attendance. I think we should really take a long hard look at what exactly people are looking for in a SIG these days. In my opinion, it might be worthwhile to add a couple of SIGs, which I wouldn't mind leading.

Tuesday, June 12, 2001 7:45:02 AM  
mini'app'les SIG News Item

From: Andre D. Benassi  
Subject: Re(2): SIG questions, new SIG ideas

To: mini'app'les SIG News

Tuesday, June 12, 2001 8:12:39 PM  
mini'app'les SIG News Item

From: Les C. Anderson  
Subject: Re(3): SIG questions, new

Wednesday, June 13, 2001 9:17:16 PM

mini'app'les SIG News Item  
From: Andre D. Benassi  
Subject: Re(4): SIG questions, new SIG ideas

To: mini'app'les SIG News  
Les C. Anderson writes:  
How many people have OSX?

Friday, June 15, 2001 2:24:27 PM  
mini'app'les SIG News Item

From: Les C. Anderson  
Subject: Re(5): SIG questions, new SIG ideas

To: mini'app'les SIG News  
At the Main Mac last night I asked

MONEYDANCE, a program similar to Quicken.

See

<http://www.apple.com/macosx/applications/moneydance/> for a screen shot.

I have 2 in mind actually. One, would be a SIG specifically for Mac OS X. I know a lot of people are quite interested in making the transition to Mac OS X, and I think it would be very beneficial to have this available. I think it might generate quite a bit of interest in our group.

Second, I think that we should have a general troubleshooting SIG.

Everyone needs help fixing their computer, and this might generate some interest.

Typically these days people want to do only a few things with their computer - check email, browse the internet. I think its time we rethink and

Well, very soon I think there is going to be a great deal of interest in a Mac OS X Sig, if there isn't already. I have still not decided whether I am willing to put forth the extra effort to run 2 sigs. I'll give it a week or two, and

SIG ideas

To: mini'app'les SIG News  
How many people have OSX?

A great deal of people have OS X and are using OS X. Apple is now shipping OS X on every new computer out the door, and soon they will ship it as the default operating system. There are going to be a great deal of people who are disoriented and need to know what is going on with the new OS. Most people are going to

who would be interested in an OSX SIG, about 6-8 people raised thier hands, so that's pretty good. I'm running 8.6, and only have 64 meg ram, so I'm not planning to upgrade any-time soon.

refocus our strategies. I think the mix of groups we have right now is good for starters, but we need more hard hitting SIGs that get to more issues.

I don't feel that I am the best to run the troubleshooting SIG, but I'm sure we have a few gurus around. My main interest is Mac OS X and programming Mac OS X.

So to recap, 2 questions. How is everyone's attendance, and what do you think about the 2 new SIGs I am proposing?

decide then. I think a Mac OS X SIG is the next logical step for our MUG.

upgrade eventually, especially once classic apps begin to be unsupported in the not too distant future. I can understand the hesitancy of some to upgrade, but really once you get the very basics down of using OS X, its like learning to ride a bike again after a long winter.

Les



# mini'app'les Handy Form

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- Power Macintosh model(s) \_\_\_\_\_
- Macintosh model(s) \_\_\_\_\_
- Apple II model(s) \_\_\_\_\_
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**What peripherals or  
attachments do you use?**

- Printer
- Laser Printer
- Modem
- Scanner
- Digital Camera
- Drawing Tablet
- Voice Mail
- MIDI
- CD-ROM
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

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special interest?**

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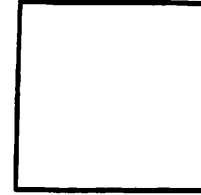
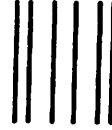
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Attention:  
 Membership Director  
 Software Director

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Dear mini'app'les  
Please direct this to the:  
 Membership Director  
 Software Director

# July Photoshop / Digital Imaging SIG

Submitted by  
Gary Eckhardt

The July meeting will be held at  
7:00 pm at the Washburn Library,  
5244 Lyndale Ave So, Mpls.

If you have questions about the  
meeting, please contact Gary Eckhardt  
at (952) 944-5446.

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**Eligibility for frequent drawings of free equipment, software, and books.**

Just a few of the many items given away free in the past include: Connectix QuickCam, Microsoft Encarta, Alps Printer, Books from Peachpit Press, MacMillan, RamDoubler, SpeedDoubler, Lind PowerBook battery Conditioners, Rechargers, Microsoft Art Gallery, T-shirts and software including Apple OS 9.0

**Discounts on book orders**

40% off Peachpit Press, 40% off MacMillan family of book companies (Hayden, Adobe Press, Que, Sams, Brady, NRP, and Alpha)

**Periodic special User Group discount offers on equipment and software.**

In the past year, Apple, Hayes, Brøderbund, and APC Power Protection (Business Security Products), among others, have have offered mini'app'les members significant discounts.


**Plus, you're supporting all of mini'app'les' special interest group (SIG) meetings that you can attend each month.**

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