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NEWSLETTER EDITOR TRAPPED IN JOB
gets help from club members who write articles

what's new?

by bob ward

WOW, THANKS TO RICHARD KATZ for one of his usual dynamic, fun and interesting presentations of Intuit's Quicken, Quickbooks, Financial Planner and ExpensAble. Amazing how he could cover so much in such a short time, but he did. Come on back Richard to show us the next upgrade. Did you notice (those who attended) that he didn't run these programs in Win '95. I guess there are some of us hold-outs still out there... waiting for Win '99 with an opening screen of C:\DOS> ! Actually I use this statement to see if Bob Hunt, our Win '95 SIG leader is reading the newsletter. If he is, I'll be getting another call.

We started out the SIG's without George. I couldn't grow a beard fast enough nor do I have the broad computer background of George, but we did survive together for 1.5 hours. We learned a little about HTML language, MSD, ASAP presentation software, and more.

Bob Hunt is getting very elaborate in his Window's SIG. He had two computers set up and running. One with Win '95 and one with Windows 3.11 and a switch box between them. With this set up he can cover all aspects of Windows without respect to versions. Just turn the switch and your there. Gus Thomasson finished out his Internet SIG next door and will be taking a leave of absence until we drag him back to start over. This

coming month I will give a demonstration on our BBS, from a new person logging on to what you see and what you can do as a club member on the BBS. Need to search for a file, need to look at mail, need to upload a new program to the BBS? I will cover it all next month. After that we will be in need of someone to cover the Internet SIG. So all you on-line junkies, look in the mirror and tell yourself, "yep, I'll volunteer". We're looking for more than just here's the internet and look at all those neat home pages. We need someone to explain Trumpet/Winsock, Netscape and Eudora, their relationship and how we get these things up and running. The Internet is great... It's biggest weakness is loading the software and configuring it properly the first time. Some Internet services are better than others in this department. I've seen those that provide no software (this is almost an impossible

calendar

march 31st
DogByte Development: Stationary Store, Sticker Store, and more.

april 7th
Easter Sunday (no meeting)

may 5th
CBS Designs: Telemagic Contact Management

june 2nd
SPC Software Publisher: ASAP presentation software (rave reviews)

in this issue...

parson's atomic clock for windows keeps regular time

by douglas depue, slo bytes pcug

AMONG THE MANY PARSON'S TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMS that are available at competitive and reasonable cost, the Atomic Clock for Windows offers accurate time keeping for your computer. Once installed, you have a screen that tells the current time by your computer's clock as well as the estimated actual time based on the program's readings of your clock speed. One of my computer's clocks runs 4.74 seconds slow each day. Atomic Clock knows this by comparing each clock setting by a brief modem connect with a recognized time source, such as THE U.S. Naval Observatory, WASH. D.C 1-202-653-0351 (modem) or the National Institute of Standards and Technology, Boulder, CO 1-303-494-4774 (modem). International sources can also be accessed in Australia, Canada, Germany and the UK. Click the "synchronize" button and your modem will be used to call up the source of your choice and for an estimated .15 cent long distance phone charge (CO), will take an exact reading of Universal Time Coordinated (GMT) and automatically reset your internal clock status. Once your computer clock's deviation rate is established, you can reset it with less frequent calls just by periodically clicking the "error compensation" button. If you like, the scheduler can be set to do this for you on a one-time, hourly, daily or weekly basis . If Atomic Clock feels that you have not reset frequently enough, it will alert you to the need to synchronize and the "Adjustment Log" keeps a record of the changes.

Once your own time zone has been entered into the program, you can also set the "World Times Window" to display the time at five other points on the globe. These specified locations can be easily changed if you decide to do so. You can determine the exact time at 3,000 city locations. The user interface can be configured to suit the operator's taste; from digital/text to LED with color variations. The "Astronomical Section" shows the current phases of the moon in both written terms (waxing/waning gibbous, etc.) and a small graphical display. Also shown are the day of the year, the remaining number of days in the year, the Julian Date, and the approximated times of sunrise and sunset. Atomic Clock can also be set to automatically reset itself for daylight savings giving you one less clock to bother with on those two hectic days each year.

For $19.00 plus shipping and tax, this is a worthwhile addition to your Windows icon collection. If you don't currently receive a Parson's catalog, they can be reached at: **1-800-223-6925** or on the net at **http://www.parsonstech.com**

library news
by bob ward

HERE'S A LITTLE something for all of you. Wow, there's so much software on the Internet now, do I really need to download it for you? Anyway, try these out and give them a try.

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DC102—Internet Direct Chat

PHDBS215—Phone Database, **EZMENU38**—EZ-Menu for DOS V 3.8

PORTSAVR—no needless screen savers coming on in the middle of a download.

PT—Pack Track, find those UPS packages in route.

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EW101—Easy Word 10.1, and easy to use wordprocessor.

PEP17—Picture Editing Package 1.7.

UUXT210E—Fast & smart uu-decoder for newsgroup files.

VGACP621—copies & formats ANY disk format, fast.

favorite web sites
by bob ward

WOW, THIS MONTH THESE TWO WEB SITES speak for themselves.

How would you like to look up your old war buddy, past neighbor or such? This site lets you search by personal or business name over 90 million residential addresses and 10 million businesses. You get the address and phone number! And it's ALL FREE. You can even "register" and place an addendum on your name and address giving your email address, club affiliations, or more. So try:

http://www.switchboard.com.

As the perfect FREE compliment to this, try:

http://www.mapquest.com.

Now that you have the address why not look them up on a map. It will zoom into the street and actually show you where on the street the address is located. Yes, any place in the United States! Interested in a trip? Mapquest has tripmap capabilities between any two points in the US. It will tell you which direction on what road and how far to an accuracy of one-tenth mile before making a direction change.

I've seen both of these programs available on CD-ROM. Now you can join the fun for free.

microsoft office for win95

by douglas bennett, slo bytes pcug

MICROSOFT OFFICE FOR WINDOWS95 is the refinement of programming with integration of applications in mind. Microsoft Word can import Excel worksheets and create a link that automatically updates itself when the worksheet is updated. Information can be shared by all the applications. This is ideal with Windows95, as you can have true multitasking in a 32 bit operating system. You can create a brochure in Word, work up the prices and options in Excel, create a presentation with PowerPoint using the data and artwork from the other applications. Microsoft Office now has a new application, Schedule+, a very good time management tool that has a built-in Seven Habits Wizard to help you clarify your goals and what is really important to you.

Speaking of Wizards, this suite of programs has a wizard for everything (watch out, Merlin). The help files and wizards make documentation (bookshelves-full in the past) obsolete. Microsoft is moving away from technical documentation in an attempt to help you "get the job done". With automatic spelling and grammar checkers and intelligent wizards that analyze your actions, it becomes very difficult to do a bad job and very easy to do an excellent job. In addition, there are literally hundreds of templates to help you in each application. Create a newsletters, give a presentation on kiwis to the Kiwanas, create a contact database, write a professional resume, create and send e-mail or fax, or just about any common office application you can think of , all with a template, a wizard or both.

Another thing I found that I really like about this suite is the user interface is very intuitive and uniform across all applications. Once you have installed Windows95 and learned the desktop, window configurations and dialogue boxes, you will already know Office's interface. It's the same. Look, feel, taste, everything. This is important as we all know how long it takes to figure out what all the buttons, menus and tool bars do.

Each application pretty well holds your hand through any process. The templates even contain hints on what and how to replace them with your own information. This contributes to a lot less steep learning curve than what most of us have had to deal with in the past. This means more production and less wasted time digging through manuals.

Microsoft office for Windows95 is an ideal tool for dealing with the Intranet or the Internet. Whether you are on a local area network or surfing the Web there are tools to help you produce and disseminate whatever content or publication you desire. The Professional Edition comes with a CD-ROM that contains additional tools. The Microsoft Bookshelf Reference Library is a fount of knowledge and a great source of graphics and sound files for your use in all the applications. If you have a sound card you can even hear the pronunciation of most words.

If you have Windows95 installed on your computer and you have the need for a fully integrated office suite I suggest you buy this package. Even if you only use two of the applications, the price of buying them separately would practically pay for the whole suite . I believe that once you had Microsoft Office you would find it so easy to use it would quickly become your tool of choice for most chores. I was very impressed with it and its performance in Windows95. Congratulations, Bill Gates! You've got another winner.

new members

WELCOME to our new members. We hope to be of service to you.

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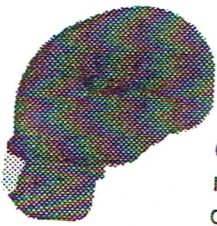
take your best shot

by dick brandlon, slo bytes pcug

OK, I CONFESS—I LIKE MONTY PYTHON. To some, this will mean nothing. To others, it will mean that I have a devious, demonic and generally weird sense of humor and should probably be writing nothing but menus for the South County Home for the Bewildered. Be that as it may, when I got the opportunity to review "Take Your Best Shot" from 7thLevel, Inc., the company that gave the world "Monty Python's Complete Waste of Time" and the "Desktop Pythonizer", I still jumped at it.

"Best Shot" is advertised as being adapted from "Push Comes to Shove", a film by Bill Plympton (or from "the genius of award-winning Bill Plympton"). It is also described as "zany, warped and outrageous" and as a "stress-relieving arcade experience". The clincher for me was the fact that it was designed as "twisted arcade games for twisted minds". Eagerly, I opened the box.

The directions said the CD-ROM would run with a 486-25 or better, a 256-color display or better and Windows 3.1 or higher. It required about 6 meg of disk space and a sound card, all of which I had. Installation was simply putting in the CD and clicking on "install". So far, so good. Then came the jolt.

Frankly, I can't imagine what kind of a job you'd have to have to like this program. Basically, the disk is divided into "Best Shot", in which you can give a character a name and then "...punch him in the face, rip his head off, blow a cannon up his nose" and other fun things AND three arcade games, Head Shot, Hot Shot and Line Shot, the first two of which involve a variation on the old Pong game in which you can disfigure or destroy the heads of what we are told should be "bosses, bureaucrats and busybodies". The third feature is a relatively harmless baseball game, but it adds the thrill of being able to hit someone in the face with a line drive. Stress reduction?

If it were not enough to simply indulge these fantasies, 7th Level allows you to toggle names, scores, captions, abuse buttons, and sounds on and off. Sound like fun? The instruction booklet claims that such goings-on will "have you laughing your head off" and continues that "if you do lose your head, pick it up and keep playing". I tried all of the games and gave out nary a chuckle, not even when, during Hot Shot, the cannon ball struck a head directly in the face and he spat it out at a faster speed and in a different direction. Gross, you say? Read on.

"Take Your Best Shot" graciously allows you to incorporate some of the sounds and graphics into your desktop settings. They even insert one or two wallpapers from the Monty Python set. However, I doubt that you'd want any of the assorted shots, bomb blasts, belches or wheezes that are offered. As opposed to "Complete Waste of Time", which incorporates a lot of the original wit and silliness of the TV show, this disk in my judgment is absolutely mind-numbing. Could anyone think that knocking your boss' eyes out was humorous? Or tying his ears together and using them as a slingshot? Or putting a lit stick of dynamite in his mouth? Golly, how much fun can you have?

Oddly, what seemed to be put on the CD as a filler proved to be the most entertaining - previews of other 7thLevel programs, including Python. They included Battle Beast, a juvenile monster hunt, "Tuneland", a kids' animated song game and "The Universe According to Virgil", an infopedia. All three seemed well put together and all of them looked like much better choices than "Take Your Best Shot".

Maybe I'm not as twisted or warped as I thought I was. Maybe there are too many grey hairs among the few that remain. Or maybe it's that "A Complete Waste of Time" is a lot more rewarding to me than a complete waste of money. Whatever... Sorry, 7thLevel. I hoped for better.

Take Your Best Shot, $19.00, 7th Level, Inc., POB 6791 Salinas, CA 93912 800-979-8466 x901 http://www.7thlevel.com/shopping/index.htm

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situation, as you need IP addresses, scripts, etc.) to those who have you up and running after a simple installation. I vote for the latter myself.

Speaking of Home Pages, check out SLO Bytes Home Page. I just know the world has been waiting for it. I'm already thinking of redesign. It's too busy looking... we need something more simple and clean. I've got some ideas. If anyone is versed in HTML language, give us your ideas and expertise. We're open to all suggestions. BTW, you can find us by typing "SLOBYTES" in Yahoo or just enter **http://www.thegrid.net/ slobytes.html**. That should get you there.
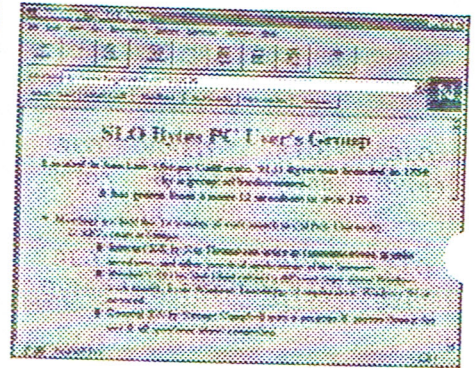
Many thanks, in advance, to those of you who took software to review. We are looking forward to your reviews and comments. Remember to check with technical support if something doesn't work or doesn't seem right. We want to make sure it is a problem with THEIR software, and not a problem with the reviewer before putting it in print. It's best to upload your efforts to the bulletin board or send them as an attachment with e-mail to me over the Internet. Send it to bward@thegrid.net. Due date is April 15th on the software that went out this last month. This will be our mode of increasing member participation in our newsletter. Software will be made available for review before it is given away at the end of the meeting. If not one person in 14(

lil' howie's fun house & the great word adventure

by bob ward, slo bytes pcug

RIGHT AWAY I WAS STRUCK WITH ALL THE MUSIC, animation, and colors. It reminds me of the "Small World" exhibit in Disney Land. Lots of action, much music and singing, and just an overall fun atmosphere. This program is just one of many authored and marketed by 7th Level Software. I am especially drawn toward those programs that teach my kids something other than how to blow someone away or nuke New York. As you can tell by the title, *Great Word Adventure*, this program teaches young children in a very fun way all about words.

You can guess the word, look at homonyms, antonyms, solve crossword puzzles, alphabetize words and more, and sneak it in under the guise of having fun. OK, I'll admit, I'm a few years older than the target age group of this program which is about 6 to 11, but a guy can still have fun. My adventure is hosted by Lil' Howie, a little kid who is always happy and smiling (must be a cartoon), Stinky, a wayward skunk, and Alphabot, something that looks like a cross between a toilet and wastebasket. Both Howie and Stinky use Alphabot as their traveling machine.

The story opens in front of Howie's tree house. Here Howie explains how to sign in on their guest book, have a peek at Stinky, and get in trouble by clicking on mail boxes, bird houses, and the like. Everything does something. It moves or it talks and sings. No wasted mouse strokes here folks. You'll meet Stinky and Alphabot at your next stop in the library. From here you can enter one of many adventures through the maze. It looks more like a roller coaster ride in a souped up Bat Mobile. You jet down the wooden ramp, soon to be stopped by a barrier that looks something like one of Las Vegas's old slot machines. To pass the barrier, you must first pull the handle and watch as 3 random words change position. Keep pulling the handle until you feel they are in alphabetical order. Then push the button and blast through the barrier. Be aware, during this whole time, there's music, song, and animation.

the adventures

There are 6 adventures, each unique and each teaching something about the English language. These adventures have levels of difficulty which may be entered manually, or the program is intuitive enough to remember your past scores and adjust your level as you improve. You can even add your own words to the adventure for a lesson unique to your game. If you don't want to take Howie's ride to each adventure you can enter any specific area by the use of specific keystrokes. So here we go.....

the stink gun

Here you get a chance to use stinky as a "stink gun". A bit gross as he uses his propelled gas bubbles to explode words that are antonyms, synonyms, or homonyms to a given word. Barrier's are constantly changing and can be used to ricochet the gas bubbles at the correct words. Alphabot is keeping score of right words hit verses wrong words hit. Howie has protected himself through the whole ordeal with a gas mask. Again, great music and animation.

the peanut scale

This is a Rube Golberg contraption that sucks peanuts as you try and guess a word that is depicted by blank spaces on the screen. You have an alphabet from which to choose. Correct letters replace the blank spaces, wrong letters drop off the side of the screen. You only get so many tries. The purpose of this effort is to feed the contraption enough peanuts to dunk Stinky in a hot bath of soapy water. Yep, Stinky does stink and the object is to clean him up a little for his next adventure.

the ballroom

This room has the most action and the greatest number of characters. Here the object is to pick one of four words that rhymes with the word given and spoken on the screen. Choose a character first and he'll run to center stage. Get the right answer and he'll sing and dance for you.

the attic

Oh, I just love attics! You could tell, if you ever saw mine. Howie's isn't much different. Actually the attic could belong to Stinky as he's gathering things together for a small trip. You get two sets of four objects each. It's your job to match one word from one group with the other words that depict a particular function or theme. For instance, a saw, a screwdriver, a drill, and a measuring tape are all things used in building. You will have to match this theme with the one object in the group next to it that represents the same function. If you get it right, that object goes into Stinky's travel bag, for awhile anyway. As you keep adding things to the bag, Stinky removes them for repacking. It's your job to remember the order in which they must be packed. I stopped at 5, for obvious reasons.

the compound word game

I'll have to admit, this one was a conceptual problem for me. Luckily, though, my nine year old girl who had just finished her first hour with the program, grabbed the mouse from my hand, zoomed around the screen and in a matter of seconds matched up all
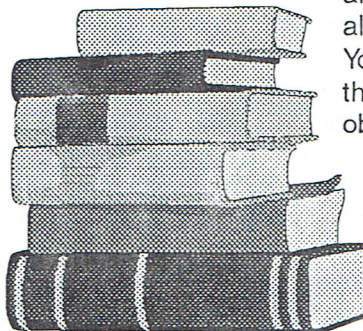
troubleshooting the web

by jerry lawson—reprinted from the monitor capital pc users group rockville md, feb, 1996

"SURFING THE WEB" SEEMS TO BE nearly everybody's favorite pastime these days. Here are some of solutions you can try next time you run into difficulty.

Problem: It's taking too long to download pages.

Possible solution: Turn off the automatic graphic downloading feature in your browser. If you decide you want to see a particular picture, you can use the right mouse button to view it with some modern browsers.

Problem: A page has been downloaded, but the colors look weird or there is some other problem.

Possible solutions:
a. Hit the "Reload" button on your browser.
b. If it is a color graphics problem, make sure your computer equipment (video card and monitor) is capable of handling at least 256 colors and that your software is set to handle at least that many colors. Many older machines have the software set by default to handle only 16 colors, even if the hardware is capable of more.

Problem: You have connected to a site, and the light signaling transmission remains on, but little or no information appears on your screen after a few seconds or even minutes.

Possible solution: Select the button that causes data transmission to stop. If you are lucky, the text for the page will instantly appear usually without all the graphics.

Why this works: unsophisticated or lazy web page designers don't include height and width information for their images is in the HTML markup. When even a small part of and image is delayed in transmission (which happens pretty often because image files tend to be large) some browser programs delay showing the text because they don't know how much space to reserve for the missing image. When you tell the browser to stop downloading, it goes ahead and shows you what it has, which often includes the text of the page you want.

Problem: You get error messages saying something like "Error Number 404, File not found," but you know the file must be there. (Figure 1)
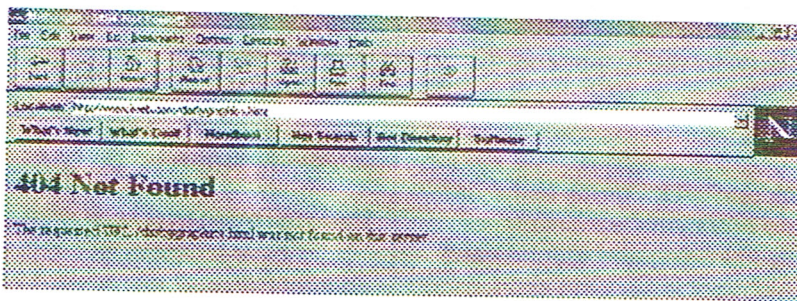
figure 1

Possible solution: Make sure your cache is not causing the problem in some way. Select the choices in your browser to empty your disk and memory caches, and select the "Check once" option.

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the compound words. I sat there in bewilderment still wondering how she knew which way to turn the 3X3 matrix of tiles so the words would match up to form compound words. Her answer, when I asked her how she did that was, "that's easy", and walked away. I'm still waiting for an answer I can understand or did she give it? I'm not sure I should visit that area again, or is it just a sign of old age?

the scarry storm

This scene takes place in front of a fire place with an evil looking creature overlooking the mantle. The rest of the screen is filled with maze of letters. Across the bottom is a number of words. Your job is to find those words within the letters all over the screen. If you do, a scary story will be told to you by Evil Ugly on the mantle. I stopped half way through the story. Got too scared!

This just about covers the game. Although my kids seem a bit old for it, they won't give it back until they have mastered all the levels. I think this type of enthusiasm by 7th Level's target audience speaks for itself. As an adult I enjoyed playing the game, knowing that children are also going to learn something in the process. (I did too) I'll give 7th Level a "thumbs up" on this one.

Word Adventure $35.00
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http://www.7thlevel.com/shopping index.htm

Problem: You can't get into a site.
Possible causes and solutions:

a. If you get an error message that says something like "socket disconnected," try again immediately. This is usually just a transient problem.

b. You have not typed the uniform resource locator (URL) properly. Check it. Even a small typo, such as leaving a leading a blank space, or typing a letter in lower case that should be capitalized, will often prevent a connection.

c. Popular sites are often crowded—you are not able to get in or data transfer is slow. Usually you don't get an error message when this happens.

- Contact the most popular sites during off hours. With popular sites, it's a lot like the freeway. It's no fun driving to the beach on a Friday afternoon in August. You can make much better time if you drive the same route on a Friday morning, and even better if you try it in January. I find my system responds best on weekends, especially Sunday mornings.

- Remember this is a national and also a global system—take time zones into account if you are contacting a popular site. One example: it seems like the traffic on the Internet is heavier after noon on weekdays. By then, people in California are at work.

d. The site you are trying to contact has been reorganized. Try truncating the URL. For example, assume you can't access the following

example: **Ftp://ftp.eff.org/pub/Net_info/Net_culture**
You could delete the file name Net_culture and try again. If that did not work, you would delete the subdirectory (Net_info/). If that did not work, delete the directory (/pub/). If you were able to get into the site after any of these deletions, then you could look around for another way to get the file you need or an explanation of why it is not available.

e. Your service provider is having trouble with its Internet connection. There's not much individual users can do about this, except change service providers if the problem occurs frequently.

f. The site you are trying to connect to is in the process of upgrading or has a technical problem. Again there's not much you can do in this situation.

Problem: You repeatedly get error messages telling you your requested destination "failed DNS lookup," or something similar, but you know the site exists. (Figure 2.)
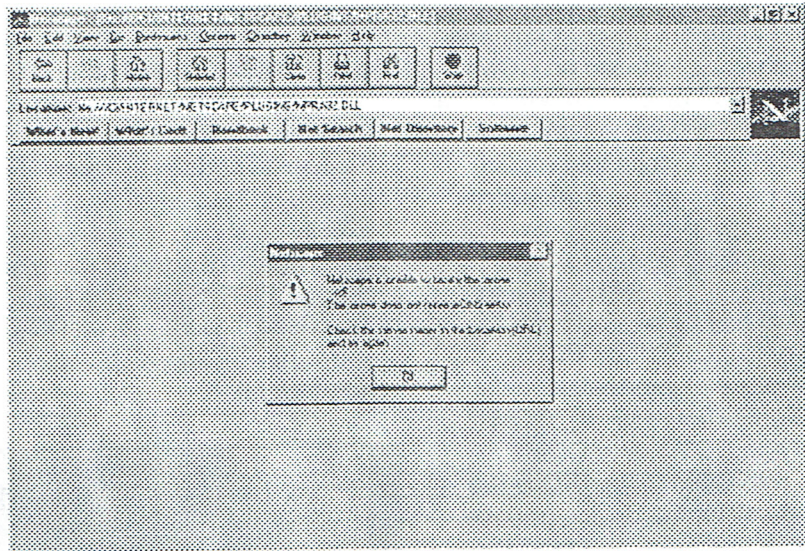

figure 2

Possible solution: Talk to your Internet service provider (ISP), and if you don't get a satisfactory answer, consider changing ISP's. Local ISP's are supposed to maintain at least one, and preferably two, computers designated as "Domain Name Servers" (DNS) to accommodate their customers. These computers take the name that a customer types in and use a database to find the corresponding IP number for that site. These are roughly like telephone numbers. They are needed to route in formation between computers on the Internet.

If this local DNS server does not work, your request is supposed to go to one of 11 "root servers in the world that act as backups. Due to the rapid growth of the Internet, and the fact that many ISP's who have just gotten into the business either don't know how to maintain a DNS server, or neglect to do so, these root servers have become overloaded and unreliable. If you patronize this type of service provider, you are only aggravating the problem. Go with someone who provides a high quality of service, including a reliable DNS server and a backup.

irq conflict

by judy de francesco—from the computer booter, computer booters of sun lakes, sun lakes, az, feb 1996

WHILE WHAT I AM ABOUT TO TELL YOU may sound too technical, please file this information away some place, cause some day you may need it.

If you are installing a modem or other device that uses and IRQ, and it won't install properly because it says you have an IRQ Conflict, the following is a possible solution. Let me try to simplify the reason why this might happen in the first place. Most machines are equipped with 2 serial ports, COM1 and COM2, and many computers have the ability to enable COM3 and COM4 if necessary. Some devices need a serial port connection. A mouse is usually one, a modem is one, and there are others. Ordinarily a mouse will be installed on COM1, and if you have or add a modem it will go on COM2 (or vice versa). If you have no other devices that require COM ports, you would think every-thing would work out just great, but an IRQ conflict message is still possible because.... although each COM port has its own address (memory location), they share another piece of information, called an IRQ (interrupt request), COM1 shares with COM3, and COM2 shares with COM4. The IRQ is the wake-up call for the device (mouse, modem, etc). It's the message the computer sends to tell the device, "It's your turn to go to work." Quite often when using the modem for the first time, the conflict message show up. The modem manual usually gives you possible solutions to IRQ conflicts, but when you check out all the possibilities and nothing changes, often the next step is to call the modem company of a technician. I know this happens sometimes when a person tries to sign on the an on-line service for the first time, so they call the on-line service technician. The first thing they usually tell you is to disable COM4. So now what?

Try this! And do it VERY CARE-FULLY! This is an area where "many fear to tread", but if you're careful, and do only as instructed, this may save a you a lot of grief. In Program Manager, click FILE, RUN, and type SYSEDIT. A cascade of 4 windows will open. Click on the one that says, SYSTEM.INI. It will come to the front. Being very careful not to change or delete anything, use the down arrow key to go down in the file to a section called [386Enh]. Continue down through this section until you come to some lines beginning with COM. There should be more than one. Using the up arrow if necessary, place your cursor on the first of the COM lines. Press Enter one time and a space will open above the line you are on. Using the up arrow, place your cursor on the empty line and type the following: COMirqSharing=true. Note: there are no spaces in this line and the capital and small letters are important. They must be typed exactly as shown here and all on one line. Then, at the top of the window, click on FILE, Save, then FILE, EXIT. This doesn't work with all PC's, but if you're having an IRQ problem, it can't hurt to try it.

wants to review a piece of software we have made available, it is either too complicated or not worthy of a review to begin with. Also please let us know if for some reason you can not honor your obligation so we can get the software to some else. Don't wait until the last minute (as I do) to get it done. Now how do you spell procrastination? It's easy to do and we all fall into that trap at one time or another.

So what do we have cooked up for this coming meeting? DogByte Software... hmmm, the name alone is interesting. Got my pooches attention anyway. Here's what's coming:

DogByte Development, creators of Stationery Store, will be demon-strating a line of fun and exciting productivity software that will interest home computer users. If you are looking for Windows based programs that can better utilize color printers, come and hear what DogByte Devel-opment has to offer. Lots of fantastic prizes and give-a-ways will be avail-able!!! Now, that's right from Fido's mouth. Come see it, they have software for all interests.

Because not everyone who accepted software for review finished their HardCopy articles I am forced to fill the empty space with a picture of my dogs. **I warned you! Oops, jest heard that the reviews are not due till April 15th!** — Teri Sorgatz

club information

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meeting times

GENERAL MEETINGS are held the 1st Sunday of every month, unless noted otherwise in the newsletter calendar, at 2:45 pm in the Cal Poly University Biology Department, Fisher Hall 286.

Special Interest Groups (SIGS) meet at 1:00 to 2:30 pm.
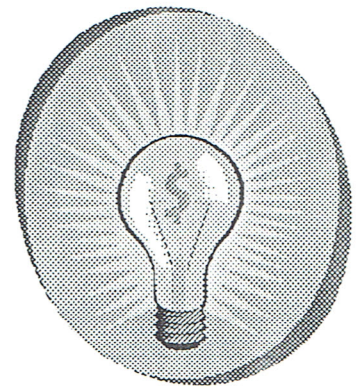
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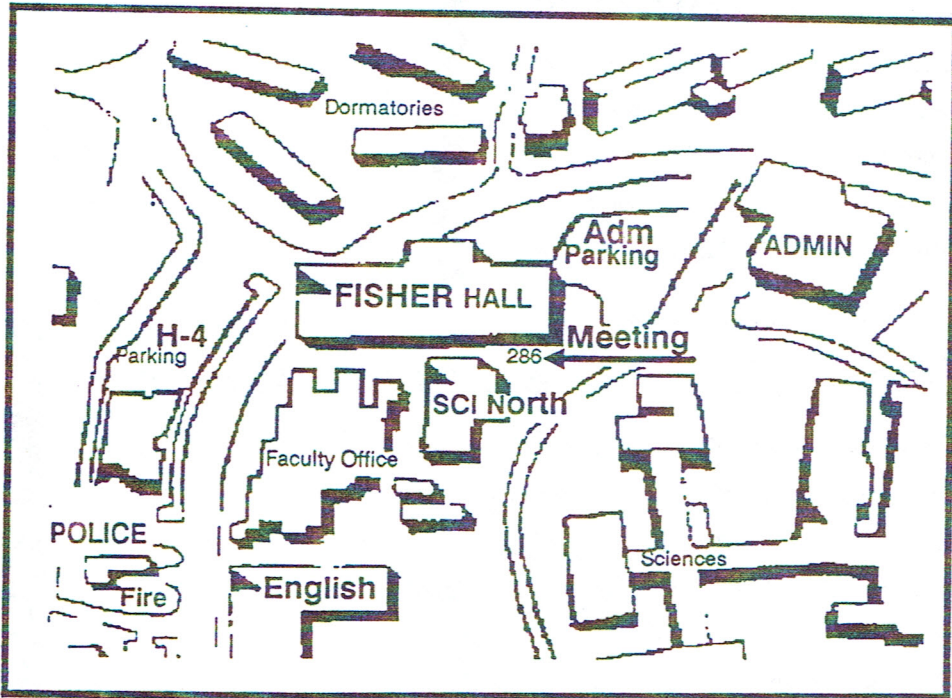
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