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2010
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OPEN NEWSLETTER – Jan – Feb 2010

Happy New Year to everyone!

Hello and Seasons Greetings to everyone. Another year gone (where does the time go?)

Eleanor Horder is busy preparing and printing tutorials for the Olearn group. This "baby" has certainly grown!

Thank you Robert for organizing a very successful Christmas Luncheon at the Centennial Hotel. It proved so popular we may have to look for a larger venue next year.

I hope Margaret Carrington will continue with lessons in Picasa, as every one who tries it seems to enjoy putting the program to good use with their own photos. Keep an ear to the ground!

The Apple Mac group doesn't seem to get much bigger, but tutors Reinhard and Ivan and helpers just keep on showing students the "marvelous" benefits of owning these wonderfully simple desk top and lap top computers. Thank you guys for your dedication and faithful support at OPEN.

Dennis Murray has been keenly missed at the club since he found permanent employment. I think he must have sometimes brought a mattress with him, the amount of work required in the dual roles of keeping the financials in order and cleaning and fixing the computers around the club. And all in his "spare" time.

Dennis is now re-cuperating from surgery and we wish him a full and speedy recovery.

He has had help from the Karia Wicks and the late Don Cooper with the day-to-day takings and banking. Karia is also grateful to Robyn Courtney for her help each week.

Robin Walker helped out enormously with Family History, but wants to devote a bit more time to her own research next year.

Margaret Gilpin also filled in on several occasions when Judy was overwhelmed with work.

Laraine Rist is another person who takes on a lot of duties around the club. Laraine is a great help to *everyone* and never stops smiling...

The entire team of tutors and committee has endeavoured to keep the club up to par. Thank you sincerely to everyone who has helped in so many ways at OPEN.

Thanks too to the folk who give up Tuesday evenings to help those who cannot come in during the day. Of course we'd have to answer to June if we didn't look after the masses!

The more I look around at other states, the more unique our club appears to be. Even the biggest of states cannot seem to find a venue as close and as large as ours and when they do find one, another group soon takes possession of the premises and leaves the computer groups out in the cold.

As in 2009, special classes will again be on offer on Wednesdays in 2010.

Print Artist, Free Rip, Burning C D's, On Line Shopping, Using Family History Software. These are just some of the interesting programs on offer to members.

Watch the Notice Board for these Special classes and also the LCG 7.30 pm workshops.

When I traveled to the ASCCA Conference in Sydney and met representatives from other states, it made me realize how lucky we were back in Launceston.

What a powerhouse of computer knowledge was in that building.

Of course Nan Bosler verified how fortunate we were, during Seniors Week and our 8th birthday celebrations

Summer school will be on again from Monday January 4 with classes Monday-Tuesday-Thursday 10-12 and 1-3 with no beginners classes. Normal classes commence Monday January 25. Wednesday classes will begin that week and there are classes each Friday morning.

There will be no V.I.C.T.O.R callouts during January to give the volunteers a much deserved break the service will be available again about mid February.

The Annual General Meeting of OPEN will be held on Wednesday February 3 2010 at 1pm. The business is to elect new officer bearers for 2010.

Cheers from Iris



LAUNCESTON COMPUTER GROUP

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WED February 3
7.15 pm.

Early nominations for all positions will save time at the AGM..

Julie Hjort will conduct a workshop "Using iTunes .on the Internet." All members of LCG - OPEN warmly welcome.

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Launceston Computer Group

December 2009

Your Library on Disk



The change from a floppy disk to a CD enabled us to include much more in the way of games, information and utilities. Existing members can upgrade to the new CD version for just \$1.50 .

The disk will be up-dated after the new committees are decided at the AGM's February 3rd 2010.

AVAILABILITY OF LIBRARY

At present the Shareware Library is only available during the club's opening hours.

Speak to one of the tutors at the venue - Studioworks, 1 Pipeworks Road, South L'ton.

Email: opencomputing@bigpond.com

OTHER CLUB RESOURCES

In addition to the 'physical' library OPEN and VICTOR may be able to provide members with a variety of freeware programs as an alternative to downloading from the Internet. Free antivirus programs such as AVG can now be quite large and would take hours to download for someone who only had a dial-up Internet connection.

There are also quite a few video tutorials and ASCCA teaching material on our server and these can be quite helpful in explaining how certain programs and utilities work.

*Judy Hall offers classes to members
Wednesday afternoons 3.30-5-30
Booking essential*

FAMILY HISTORY ON-LINE
January 27 - Morning & Afternoon
New notices have been placed on wall.
Judy Hall and her team will guide you through the numerous processes required to research your ancestry.
New information is being added to our resources on an on-going basis to help you trace your family's origins. Contact the club for more information
Each class limited to 8 people.

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PUBLIC HOLIDAYS—The club will be conducting normal classes on Australia Day January 26.

VENUE TELEPHONE NUMBER
Remember the club telephone is available during class hours.
******* 6343 4928 *******
Members and tutors can be contacted at the clubrooms **during class hours** by telephoning the number shown above.

Basic Graphics
Feb 10 2010 10-NOON
Please register on the sheet at the club.
There are limited spaces available.

LEVEL 2 & 3 GRAPHICS
With Paint Shop Pro 7 and 8
Feb 17 1-3.30
PSP X1 Feb 24 1-3.30
Workshops March 3 and April 7 10-NOON.
There could be some exciting changes next year...so watch this space!
For instance some of the work we can do with old photographs is quite amazing.

Family History WebSites & News January 2010

Hi everyone. So sorry I have not produced this family history newsletter for many months. Hopefully I will be able to bring you more interesting sites in the next few months. I have some bad news to impart, Robyn Walker, our wonderful, helpful tutor is no longer available to help you find your ancestors, please bear with me and my new helpers, as it may be difficult to get to everyone.

If you need help during a class, please call out or fetch a tutor as we can get way too involved with what we are doing.

New or updated websites:

1911 British Census Online:

This census is now complete for England, Wales and the Channel Islands and also includes many military and naval personal stationed overseas.

<http://www.1911census.co.uk>

ANCESTRY.com.au

Available for \$2 per session

This includes all UK, Scottish and Welsh Census information,

Includes:

British 1st World War records, USA & Canada

NEW Australian content including Electoral Rolls, Convict Records and Immigration Records

Wales, Channel Islands Census, England, Scotland Census, Irish Records, Jewish Death Records (NEW), English Parish Records

Australian Census and convict records

Australian Electoral Rolls to 1954

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Australian Websites

Tasmanian Headstones Online

http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~austasct/Tasmania_headstones.html

<http://portal.archives.tas.gov.au/menu.aspx?search=9>

The Community History Centre (QVMAG

Railyards, Inveresk, Launceston) is now open from Tuesday to Saturday 10.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m. each day. Their collection is amazing and well worth a visit if you are planning a trip to Launceston.

As someone said "It may well be a case of use it or lose it." This link is to some of their collection:

<http://www.qvmag.tas.gov.au/communitycoll.html>

Queensland Burials Brisbane area.

https://online.brisbane.qld.gov.au/cemeteries/cemeteries_step1.jsp

Devonport city Cemetery – Lawn Cemetery Search

http://www.devonport.tas.gov.au/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=199&Itemid=230

English Websites

Mid Kent Marriage Index.

<http://woodchurchancestry.org.uk/midkentmarriages/index.php>

London BDM Index Online –

Certificate are 7 pounds

Births 1837-1996, Marriage 1837 to 1900 Death 1848 to 2004

<http://www.thbmd.co.uk/search.php>

North West Kent website has a great many records for Kent and Middlesex.

<http://www.nwkhfs.org.uk/index.htm>

Irish 1911 Census

www.census.nationalirish1911.archives.ie

DIGITISED NEWSPAPERS

This is from the National library of Australia giving the 'Availability Schedule' of Australian newspaper being digitised and the following titles are intended to be made available to the public during the years indicated. For those of you who have not yet found this wealth of information I suggest you have a look. You may just find exactly what you need to fill in a gap in your research. Here are the Tasmanian papers about to go online in 2010.

Tas Burnie Advocate 1919 – 1954

Tas Launceston Examiner 1844 - 1879

<http://ndpbeta.nla.gov.au/>

The Argus (and its previous title the Melbourne Argus) from 1846 - 1945 are now completed and available. The remaining 10 years (1945-1954) of the Argus will be made available in 2010 (mid to end of year).



**Do you want to get cheaper ink Cartridge refills? Then visit Judy's On Line Shopping classes Feb 3 & 17 to learn where you can buy them from \$5.
Books, C D's also on line.**

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SPECIAL Wednesday Sessions

Monday	10-noon	Beginners & PC Support
	1-3pm	Beginers & PC Sup
Tuesday	10-noon	PC & Mac Support Beginners
	1-3pm	Mac & PC Support
	7-9pm	Beginners & PC Sup.
Wed	10-noon	As per Registration Sheet
	1-3pm	Special Classes as above
Thursday	10-noon	General & Beginners
	1-3pm	as above
	3.30-5.30	O'Learn
Friday	10-noon	Beginners & PC Suport
Bookings essential for Wed 3.30—5.30		

Date	Time	Topic	Details
Jan 27	10-noon & 1-3	Family History all day	Catching up on on the Ancestors etc
Feb 3	10-noon	On Line Shopping	Where you'll get the best bargains
Feb 10	10noon	Basic Graphics	Judy and Karia will show you how to use PSP
	1—3pm	Family History	Search the on Line Census records etc
Feb 17	10—noon	On Line Shopping	If you missed the first one you'll love this!
Feb 17	1—3pm	Level 2-3 Graphics	The next Step
Feb 24	10—noon	Family History	With Judy Hall & Margaret Gilpin
Mar 3	10—noon	Graphics Worshop	Review what you have learned so far.
Mar 10	10- noon	Basic Graphics	Exciting things which can be done with PSP
Mar 10	1—3pm	Family History	Learn how to trace your family with Judy.

NOMINATION FORM

OPEN COMPUTING
ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICE-BEARERS AND
COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

AGM February 3 2010

We(Proposer's Signature)

and.....(Seconder's Signature)

hereby nominate

.....
(Candidate's name in block letters)

for the position of

.....

I ACCEPT THIS NOMINATION and if elected give my consent
to act as a committee member.

/ /2010
(Candidates Signature)

This form is to be returned to: OPEN Computing by noon Feb 3 2010



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/ /2008
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HISTORY OF THE GROUP

The Launceston Computer Group Inc

(Formerly known as The Launceston IBM Users Group) was formed in September 1989 by a number of IBM clone users who had found little support in this area of PCs (IBM compatible machines).

The Group has grown from an initial ten members to fifty financial members and while our group is still quite small, those who attend meetings regularly, have, we believe, benefited greatly from our various guest speakers. The Group is a non-profit organisation that is run by a committee that is elected each year by the members. We have contacts with various computer groups around Australia, and have a public domain and shareware library of over 1200 programmes at the present time.

In December 2000 the Launceston Macintosh Users Group (LaMUG) merged with the Group

The Group organised an annual computer show, the first being in April 1993. These events were originally organised in conjunction with the Launceston Macintosh User Group. All shows have been highly successful. Due to other commitments the last show was held in 2002, and the next was programmed for 2005

June Hazzlewood approached the Launceston Computer Group re the Acceptance of the Older Persons Electronic Network (OPEN) as the Launceston Computer Group as the Grant received required processing by an incorporated body,. The Committee formally instituted OPEN as the Launceston Senior Special Interest Group in May 2002.

OPEN

RATIONALE - A PERCEIVED NEED

Many older adults are aware of the benefits to be gained by accessing information and communication technology (ICT) and are curious to find out what's in it for them. They can see the traffic on the Super Highway from where they are but cannot cope with the speed and complexity either alone or in large mixed age groups.

The OPEN (Older Person Electronic Network) computing program has been set up to equip seniors and people with disabilities with the skills and confidence to experience the won-

ders and benefits of on-line access, including e-mail and e-commerce. This brief report outlines in dot points the initiation and development, the collaboration and support provided by cross-sectoral community and individual volunteer effort.

THE INITIATOR:

The Older Persons Reference Group (OPRG) - a Northern Tasmanian not for profit group composed of representatives from a wide range of health and aged care organisations.

THE CO-SPONSORS:

The National Council of Women of Launceston Inc. (NCWL) and

The Launceston Computer Group Inc. (LCG).

OPEN AIMS:

The basic program aims to increase seniors' awareness of what is available on the Internet and allows individuals to explore as widely and as deeply as they choose, the aspects which interest them, at their own pace, in a comfortable non-threatening environment among peers.

PAST

In the beginning, there were 12 superseded Mac 7200's with 24Mb RAM donated by the Federal Attorney General's Department and 4 pre-loved PCs per courtesy of Tasmania's SeniorLink. The story since then is documented in the "Tassie Antbyte" (Hazzlewood 2002).

All networked in a sole-use venue, a few of the original Macs have been replaced by purple iMacs ; the PCs are part of an outreach 'try before you buy' library. A number of small grants, innovative programs and member fundraising have added ten younger PCs capable of supporting the latest (donated) software.

July 2001 - Notification of allocation of the twelve Mac computers.

October 2001 - OPEN launched in networked furnished subsidised sole-use premises.

December 2001 - First two months 'dry run' of two sessions per week completed.

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February 2002 - Beginners class added also family history online workshops, grant funded projects SOL. seniors online learning and WIN, women into new technology blending baby boomers and younger volunteer tutors into the OPEN program.

April 2002 - The seniors daytime computer club established with membership of ASCCA, the Association of Computer Clubs of Australia.

October 2002 - a TAFE eLearn Online pilot involving twenty five men and women.

December 2002 - Seventy members of the computer club; 4,800 volunteer hours served.

February 2003 - Centre open on five days a week with four levels of support - beginners, basic, intermediate and advanced.

February 2004 - As for 2003 plus TAFE eLearn online courses - 5,200 volunteer hours.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENT PLANNED

VICTOR, a volunteer ICT outreach project, an adult learning 'train the volunteer trainers' program and workshops to meet specific requests not met elsewhere. This has been established with a philanthropic grant from Working Dog in May 2004.

SUMMARY

The OPEN program enables participants to make informed choices in undertaking further technology training with public or private training providers or in receiving support from actual or virtual self-help groups.

Further information may be obtained from June Hazzlewood, ahazzlew@bigpond.net.au, by email to OPEN at opencomputingtas@hotmail.com, by mail to OPEN Computing, P.O. Box 548, Launceston, Tasmania 7250, or from the web page at www.lcg.org.au/seniors.

Extend the life of your laptop's battery

By Fred Langa \

With proper care and feeding, the expensive lithium-ion batteries in your notebook PCs and other portable gear can run well for many, many years

On the other hand, common battery-care mistakes will reduce your batteries' run times and lead to needless and costly early replacement.

- **The care and feeding of laptop batteries A reader named Rick got a new laptop for the holidays and is wondering how to maximize the life of its expensive batteries:**
- "I just got a new laptop with Windows 7 for Christmas. The new laptop has a 6-cell lithium-ion battery. How can I get the most life from my new laptop's battery and make it last the longest?"

"Should I periodically charge and then use/drain the battery? Should I leave the battery in the laptop even when I'm using the AC plug? Will heat from the laptop when it's plugged into AC affect the lithium battery?"

Excellent questions, Rick!

Heat is the enemy of lithium-ion (Li-ion) batteries. When your laptop runs on AC, it's smart to remove the battery pack and store it in a cool place. Low temperatures forestall the inevitable and irreversible chemical changes that occur in Li-ion batteries.

In fact — and this will sound odd — if your laptop is mostly run off household AC power, you can greatly extend the life of its Li-ion battery this way: Run the battery down to about 40% of maximum charge, remove it, and store it in a tightly wrapped plastic bag inside your refrigerator! Storage at about 40 degrees F (4 to 5 degrees C) is ideal. Think of it as the 40-40 rule: 40% charge, 40 degrees F.

If you can, avoid running Li-ion batteries all the way down. Early portable electronics used nickel-cadmium batteries, which benefit from full discharge cycles. Conversely, Li-ion batteries last longer when kept in a charge state between 40% and 100%. It's OK to run Li-ion batteries flat when you have to, but the ideal scenario for longest life is one full discharge cycle for about every 30 or so partial cycles.

Sad to say, even if you're perfectly careful with your Li-ion batteries, they'll slowly go bad on their own due to their irreversible and inevitable chemical changes. This is one of the main reasons why cool storage helps preserve Li-ion battery life: the cool temperatures slow the chemical reactions.

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Even a well-maintained Li-ion battery will usually show signs of age two or three years after manufacture. That's why it's not a great idea to buy a second or spare battery for your laptop unless and until you really need to use one. If you buy a spare you don't really need, it'll slowly go bad on its own, giving you no (or reduced) return on your investment.

If you do have a spare battery, store it in the fridge with about a 40% charge when it's not in use.

When you buy replacement batteries, check the date of manufacture. This will usually be stamped or printed on the battery case. Cut-rate, bargain batteries may have been sitting on a warehouse shelf for a couple years, meaning that a good chunk of their useful life has passed before you ever plug them in.

With careful use, you can get 300 to 500 charge cycles from a new, high-quality Li-ion battery — especially when the battery's stored in a cool location when it's not in use. You should get years of good service from such a battery. With just a little luck, by the time the battery no longer holds a useful charge, you'll be ready for a new laptop, anyway!

These two excellent articles provide more information on Li-Ion battery life:

How to prolong lithium-based batteries

<<http://WindowsSecrets.com/links/mrobi86js2jdd/3febe3h/?url=www.batteryuniversity.com%2Fparttwo-34.htm>> \from BatteryUniversity.com The care and feeding of Li-ion batteries

Five productivity-enhancing Registry tweaks

By Scott Dunn

You're just minutes away from faster Start menus and shutdowns, shorter application "hangs," fewer annoying disk-space popups, and easier encryption

A few simple Registry changes can quash annoyances, improve performance, and add new features to Windows

Before you begin, create a restore point Some of the best Windows improvements come from simple edits you can make in the Registry — the central database that stores configuration settings and options for all the hardware and software in a Windows system.

Editing the Registry is pretty easy — some might say too easy. Change or delete the wrong Registry key, and you may create more problems than you solve. So work carefully, and back up the Registry by setting a restore point before embarking on any Registry revisions.

In XP, choose Start, All Programs, Accessories, System Tools, System Restore. Check Create a restore point, click Next, and follow the prompts.

In Windows 7 and Vista, click Start, type SystemPropertiesProtection, and press Enter. Confirm any security prompts, click Create, type a name for the restore point, and click Create again.

Once your restore point's created, you're ready to launch Windows' Registry editor. Press Win+R to display the Run box, type regedit, and press Enter. Confirm any warning prompts that appear.

Navigate the tree diagram on the left of the Registry Editor window just as you would move around an Explorer folder tree. Each of the folder icons on the tree is called a "key" in Registry lingo.

Ready? Let the tweaking begin!

Shift your Start menu into overdrive Have you ever noticed the short delay after you click the Start menu button, before Windows displays the menu? If you noticed the delay, you might have thought it was caused by system activity. But it's a deliberate, programmed pause controlled by a Registry setting. You can remove it.

In any Windows version, navigate to and select the following Registry key:

HKEY_CURRENT_USER \ Control Panel \ Desktop Double-click MenuShowDelay in the right window, change the number in the Value data box to 0, and click OK.

Don't let stalled programs slow you down This tip's just for XP: When a program hangs, Windows will eventually take notice within five seconds, asking whether you want to force the program to shut down. If you'd like to see that prompt sooner, select in the left pane of the Registry Editor the same HKEY_CURRENT_USER \ Control Panel \ Desktop key as in the previous tip; in the right pane, however, double-click HungAppTimeout.

Change the default of 5000 (milliseconds, or 5 seconds) to something smaller, such as 2000 (milliseconds). However, don't enter 0 — doing so may prevent applications from shutting down normally, which can cause other problems.

You can also enable AutoEndTasks (sometimes called "forced exit") to tell XP to ignore possible hung apps and simply to shut them down.

To do this, double-click the AutoEndTasks key in the right pane and change the value from

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0 to 1. However, I don't recommend this change, because shutting down applications before they're ready can lead to unpredictable results.

Shut Windows down in the blink of an eye If some of your applications are making Windows' shutdowns slow to a crawl, you can speed things up.

In XP, double-click WaitToKillAppTimeout in the same HKEY_CURRENT_USER \ Control Panel \ Desktop key as noted above and change its default value of 20000 milliseconds (20 seconds) to something smaller. As before, don't use 0!

In any Windows version, you can quash sluggish services — the processes used by Windows itself — when the OS closes. To do so, navigate to this key:

HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE \ SYSTEM \ CurrentControlSet \ Control With Control selected in the left window, double-click WaitToKillServiceTimeout on the right and change the data value to something smaller than the default. (Again, values are in milliseconds; each 1000 milliseconds equals one second.) Note that Windows may change what you enter at some point, because some services require a specific minimum value.

Suppress Windows' annoying low-disk-space pop-up Running low on disk space is aggravating enough without constant nagging about it. To turn off the taskbar's pop-up reminders about your overstuffed hard disk, follow the steps appropriate to your operating system.

In XP, navigate in the Registry Editor's left pane to this key:

HKEY_CURRENT_USER \ Software \ Microsoft \ Windows \ CurrentVersion \ Policies \ Explorer Right-click in the right pane and choose **New, DWORD Value**. Type **NoLowDiskSpaceChecks** and press Enter to create the key. Now double-click the new icon and in the Value data box, enter **1** and click OK.

In Vista or Win7, Navigate to here in the Registry:

HKEY_CURRENT_USER \ Software \ Microsoft \ Windows \ CurrentVersion \ Policies If an Explorer subkey is present under Policies, click it.

If the Explorer subkey doesn't exist, create it. With Policies highlighted in the left pane, right-click in the right pane and choose **New, Key**. Type **Explorer** and press Enter to create the key.

Next, with Explorer highlighted in the left pane, right-click in the right pane and choose **New, DWORD Value**. Type **NoLowDiskSpaceChecks** and press Enter to create the key. Now double-click the new icon; in the Value data box, type **1** and click OK.

Add an encryption option to your context menu If your hard disk is formatted with NTFS, you can encrypt files and folders in XP Pro, Vista, and Windows 7 — although your mouse may give out before completing the operation. It's eight steps! Right-click the file, choose **Properties**, click **Advanced**, select the encryption option, click **OK** twice, confirm or change options, and click **OK** one more time.

As you can imagine, this encryption method gets old very quickly. You can streamline the process to a couple of clicks by adding an Encrypt command to Explorer's context menu.

Here's what to do: Navigate in the Registry Editor to this key:

HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE \ SOFTWARE \ Microsoft \ Windows \ CurrentVersion \ Explorer \ Advanced With the **Advanced** key selected in the left pane, right-click in the right pane and choose **New, DWORD Value**. Type **EncryptionContextMenu** and press Enter. Next, double-click the **EncryptionContextMenu** icon, change its data value to **1**, and click OK.

The next time you right-click a file or folder in Explorer, you'll see a new **Encrypt** option on your context menu. If the folder you right-click is already encrypted, the command changes to **Decrypt**.

If things go awry, just push the Panic button Should one of your Registry tweaks go wrong, and merely undoing your changes doesn't rectify matters, simply launch **System Restore** by choosing **Start, All Programs, Accessories, System Tools, System Restore**. Follow the instructions there to select the restore point you created before you started your tweaking, and your computer will return to its previous state.

Editing the Registry may not be the most fun you'll ever have, but just a few key changes can significantly improve your computing experience

Memorable Quotes

◇ Sometimes, when I look at my children, I say to myself, 'Lillian, you should have remained a virgin.' Lillian Carter (mother of Jimmy Carter) ◇

◇ I had a rose named after me and I was very flattered. But I was not pleased to read the description in the catalogue: - 'No good in a bed, but fine against a wall.' - Eleanor Roosevelt ◇

◇ Last week, I stated this woman was the ugliest woman I had ever seen. I have since been visited by her sister, and now wish to withdraw that statement. Mark Twain ◇

◇ The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending; and to have the two as close together as possible. - George Burns ◇

◇ Santa Claus has the right idea. Visit people only once a year. - Victor Borge ◇

◇ Be careful about reading health books. You may die of a misprint. - Mark Twain ◇

◇ By all means, marry. If you get a good wife, you'll become happy; if you get a bad one, you'll become a philosopher. - Socrates ◇

◇ I was married by a judge. I should have asked for a jury. - Groucho Marx ◇

◇ My wife has a slight impediment in her speech. Every now and then she stops to breathe. - Jimmy Durante ◇

◇ I have never hated a man enough to give his diamonds back. - Zsa Zsa Gabor ◇

◇ Only Irish coffee provides in a single glass all four essential food groups: alcohol, caffeine, sugar and fat. - Alex Levine ◇>> My luck is so bad that if I bought a cemetery, people would stop dying. - Rodney Dangerfield ◇

◇ Money can't buy you happiness .. But it does bring you a more pleasant form of misery. - Spike Milligan ◇

◇ Until I was thirteen, I thought my name was SHUT UP. - Joe Namath ◇

◇ I don't feel old. I don't feel anything until noon. Then it's time for my nap. - Bob Hope ◇

◇ I never drink water because of the disgusting things that fish do in it. - W. C. Fields ◇

◇ We could certainly slow the aging process down if it had to work its way through Congress. - Will Rogers ◇

◇ Don't worry about avoiding temptation. As you grow older, it will avoid you. - Winston Churchill ◇

◇ Maybe it's true that life begins at fifty .. But everything else starts to wear out, fall out, or spread out. - Phyllis Diller ◇

◇ By the time a man is wise enough to watch his step, he's too old to go anywhere. - Billy Crystal ◇

Windows 7 Family Pack Limited Pilot now Available in Australia

Alright ... so ... you asked for it, we listened and now it's here! Many of you will be pleased to find out that we have announced the availability of a limited pilot of Windows 7 Family Pack in Australia. At launch I asked you to 'watch this space' ... and now, following your feedback we are pleased to make this offer available in time for Christmas.

Family Pack entitles you to three licenses of Windows 7 Home Premium Upgrade, in either 32-bit or 64-bit, all for the tidy price of \$249 AU (RRP), while stocks last. So now it's easier than ever to upgrade the family to Windows 7 – and even easier to connect your PCs, notebooks, netbooks and kids PC's, in the same visually-rich environment that makes everyday use simpler and more engaging.

With Windows 7 Home Premium, you'll experience everything from awesome entertainment capabilities through to easier home networking with HomeGroup which allows you to share your favourite photos, videos and music with other networked Windows 7 PCs. Windows 7 has many great new features including advanced window navigation and personalisation with several new improvements to Microsoft Aero® desktop, as well as Remote Media Streaming and improved options for different media formats.

And what are we doing for the folk who already bought three upgrade licenses to Windows 7 Home Premium prior to 30 November? For those of you who purchased 3 licences at once, we have a limited offer of three complimentary Wireless Comfort Desktops, each featuring a wireless keyboard and mouse set. These keyboards and mice are designed by us, and are optimised for use with Windows 7 – in fact I use one of these every day. To find out if you qualify, contact Microsoft Customer Service on 13 20 58.

Please note that to you'll need to provide proof of purchase to qualify for the three complimentary Wireless Comfort Desktops. Acceptable proof of purchase will be a single receipt showing the purchase of three Windows 7

Home Premium Upgrade licenses in a single transaction or up to three receipts showing the purchase of separate Windows 7 Home Premium Upgrade licenses that were purchased by the same person. Receipts must be dated prior to November 30, 2009. Further terms and conditions apply - contact Microsoft Customer Service on 13 20 58 for details.

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Officeworks

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The Good Guys WOW Sight and Sound

Please note this information was sent in December 2009 and may not now be available. Regards Editor

If GOD Were a Programmer...

Q: Does God control everything that happens in my life?

A: He could, if he used the debugger, but it's tedious to step through all those variables.

Q: Why does God allow evil to happen?

A: God thought he eliminated evil in one of the earlier revs.

Q: Does God know everything?

A: He likes to think so, but he is often amazed to find out what goes on in the overnight job.

Q: What causes God to intervene in earthly affairs?

A: If a critical error occurs, the system pages him automatically and he logs on from home to try to bring it up. Otherwise things can wait until tomorrow.

Q: Did God really create the world in seven days?

A: He did it in six days and nights while living on cola and candy bars. On the seventh day he went home and found out his girlfriend had left him.

Q: How come the Age of Miracles Ended?

A: That was the development phase of the project, now we are in the maintenance phase.

Q: Will there be another Universe after the Big Bang? A: A lot of people are drawing things on the white board, but doubt that it will ever be implemented.

Q: Who is Satan?

A: Satan is an MIS director who takes credit for more powers than he actually possesses, so people who aren't programmers are scared of him. God thinks of him as irritating but irrelevant.

Q: What is the role of sinners?

A: Sinners are the people who find new and imaginative ways to mess up the system when God has made it idiot-proof.

Q: Where will I go after I die?

A: Onto a backup tape.

Q: Will I be reincarnated?

A: Not unless there is a special need to recreate you. And searching backup files is a major hassle, so if there is a request for you, God will just say that the tape has been lost.

Q: Am I unique and special in the universe?

A: There are over 10,000 major university and corporate sites running exact duplicates of you in the present release version.

Q: What is the purpose of the universe?

A: God created it because he values elegance and simplicity, but then the users and managers demanded he tack senseless features onto it and now everything is more complicated and expensive than ever.'

Q: If I pray to God, will he listen?

A: You can waste his time telling him what to do, or you can just get off his back and let him program.

Q: What is the one true religion?

A: All systems have their advantages and disadvantages, so just pick the one that best suits your needs and don't let anyone put you down.

Q: How can I protect myself from evil?

A: Change your password every month and don't make it a name, a common word, or a date like your birthday.

Q: Some people claim they hear the voice of God. Is this true?

A: They are much more likely to receive e-mail.

Q: Some people say God is Love.

A: That is not a question. Please restate your query in the form of a question.