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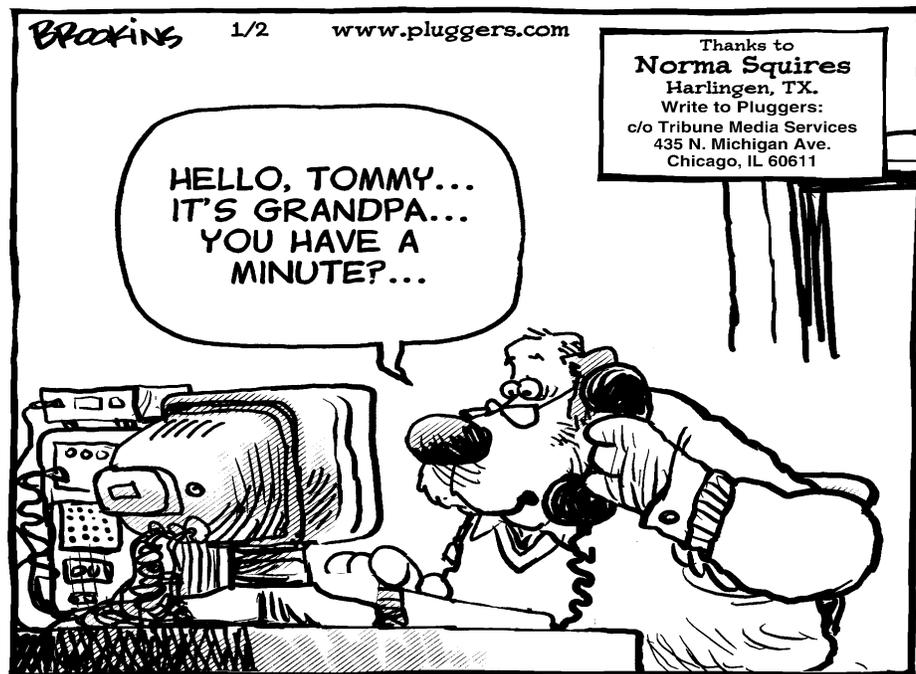
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ALERT! It has been observed that some internet connections have been left on for extended periods of time. This creates a traffic jam with the servers. In future, new methods of billing will re-assign these users to a new, higher category. Please review your usage and disconnect when finished messaging. For info: support@eaglesnest.net



Plugger computer tech support.

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Jim Talbot, our February speaker, was born in Chicago, Illinois. He moved to New Jersey 30 years later, and 2 months ago,

moved into the Northern Neck, making his home near Glebe Point. After receiving a BA in Economics and Management Science from Kean University in New Jersey, with graduate studies at Kean and at Long Island University he made his career in the lighting industry for 40 years as owner of three lighting

sales agencies, 15 years as Regional Sales Manager, Crouse-Hinds Co. and Simkar Lighting in Philadelphia. He is a member of the Illuminating Engineering Society; Executive Member, American Marketing Association.

As a computerist, he has owned two notebooks and two minitower computers but still considers himself a rank amateur after 10 years of part-time computing.

The Topic of Jim's talk will be, "COMPUTING ON THE CHEAP", a subject dear to the hearts of most of us.

CodeWeavers Announces Preview Edition of CodeWeavers Wine for Running of Windows Applications under Linux Integrates Wine with Graphical Desktops and Provides New Wizards for Installing Applications and Converting Source Code from Windows to Linux

ST. PAUL, MN (January 4, 2001) CodeWeavers, Inc., the leading Windows-to-Linux software developer and consultancy, today announced the availability of the Preview Edition of CodeWeavers Wine, the open-source software converter that runs Windows applications on Linux and other Intel-based Unix platforms. Until now, access to revisions of CodeWeavers Wine has been confined to a worldwide network of resourceful Windows programmers. CodeWeavers Wine Preview Edition is the first version available for general public use and is a prelude to CodeWeavers Wine 1.0, the commercial-quality release anticipated for the first half of 2001. **CodeWeavers Wine** is an intermediate software layer that allows Linux and Intel-based Unix operating systems to run applications written for Microsoft Windows. CodeWeavers Wine works by translating calls to the Windows 3.x and Win32 API into Linux and Unix instructions. Applications written for Windows are supported. CodeWeavers Wine **Preview Edition** includes the new WineMaker wizard that makes it simple and easy to port Windows C/C++ source code to native Linux binary files. WineMaker automates use of the Winelib development toolkit. Also included are the CodeWeavers Wine Configuration Wizard that simplifies installation, and the CodeWeavers Wine Launcher that manages the running of Win-

dows applications. Tight integration with Gnome and KDE desktops means Windows applications can be installed easily and displayed as desktop icons, or in Windows-style directory trees, for point-and-click execution. We're very excited to showcase this preview release of CodeWeavers Wine, said Jeremy White, president of CodeWeavers. While this is clearly still a pre-release version, we think that the Linux community will welcome the great strides the whole CodeWeavers Wine team has made towards the realization of CodeWeavers Wine 1.0."

CodeWeavers Wine, Preview Edition, can be downloaded at no charge from www.codeweavers.com.

About CodeWeavers, Inc.:

Founded in 1996 as a general software consultancy, CodeWeavers today focuses on the development of Wine and other Linux programming solutions. The company's goal is to bring expanded market opportunities for Windows software developers by making it easier, faster, and more painless to port Windows software to Linux. CodeWeavers is recognized as a leader in open-source Windows porting technology, and maintains development offices in Minnesota, California, the Netherlands, and Germany. The company is privately held. For more information about CodeWeavers, log on to www.codeweavers.com. Linux is a registered trademark of Linus Torvalds. Windows is a registered trademark of Microsoft Corporation. Macintosh is a trademark of Apple Computer, Inc., registered in the U.S.A. and other countries. All other trademarks and registered trademarks are owned by their respective companies

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THE NEW LOOK OF KNOWLEDGE Information Innovation announces in- tended deal with Bridge Information Systems

Amsterdam, The Netherlands - 10th

January 2001 - Information Innovation announced today the signing of a letter of intent with Bridge Information Systems. This proposal, still under negotiation, will allow Bridge to sell a new Information Innovation visual strategic intelligence service on its over 400,000-strong, worldwide network (located in 65 countries).

Currently, Information Innovation's prime service, Goldridge, is only available through an exclusive online subscription. However, the potential Bridge tie-in will provide Goldridge service to a much greater audience, as Bridge is one of the world's largest providers of financial information. Launched last March in Europe, Goldridge (www.goldridge.net) is Information Innovation's premier productivity service for strategic planning, investment support, and emerging market and key player analysis. It tracks activities in converging industries such as IT, banking and financial services, telecommunications, media, en-

ergy, retail/consumer goods, and travel & leisure. Employing an easy to use point-and-click interface, users can create their own 'real' visual scenarios online from Information Innovation's Data Center, which processes over 250,000 full text articles and reports. Goldridge generates visual landscapes that summarize, on a single page, what would normally be thousands of pages of text.

This potential initiative with Information Innovation will allow selected Bridge users to view a wealth of information in an easily understandable visual format. Bridge (www.bridge.com), headquartered in New York City, has a complete portfolio of information services including foreign exchange, money, derivative and energy markets data, and analytics and news for the fixed-income. Having grown 10 times in the past four years through mergers with seven independent market data and technology companies, Bridge pulls information from over 270 exchanges and 500 news sources.

"Bridge is a great innovator in its market with an enviable track record for providing top quality information services to the global financial community. We are proud of our potential association with Bridge. Our innovative visualization services provide a truly unique new way for financial professionals to take advantage of the wealth of information produced by the world's news feeds," said Information Innovation CEO Stephen Bennett.

The pending agreement between Information Innovation and Bridge is another example of how the powerful and dynamic nature Information Innovation visualiza-

tion services are revolutionizing the way in which people process information. This potential alliance will offer Bridge users an undeniable advantage in the highly competitive world of financial transactions. Additionally, it will expose a huge market segment to the powerful Information Innovation Data Center, thus allowing these users to stay ahead of today's accelerated world marketplace.

About Information Innovation

Information Innovation is a leading-edge Intelligence company with extensive European and U.S. operations and is headquartered in Amsterdam, The Netherlands. The company is dedicated to providing innovative solutions for information collection, delivery, and presentation. Further expansion into Asia and Australia is scheduled within the coming year.

Using proprietary technology, Information Innovation delivers solutions for turning unstructured information into usable, structured knowledge. As a principal supplier of strategic intelligence tools, Information Innovation supports a diverse client base of industry professionals; including corporate strategy executives, financial and market analysts, M&A specialists, business developers, and investment consultants.

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APCUG First Edition CD

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Shipment of the APCUG First Edition CD is expected to start September 20. Due to the large quantity of orders our cost was lower than originally expected and extra CD's have been added to the original orders.

SAMPLES

Extra quantities of the CD have been ordered to enable interested User Groups to obtain a sample CD. for \$5.00 each, subject to availability. Price includes postage. This will give you a opportunity to examine the contents.

Checks payable to APCUG, \$5.00 for each sample CD should be sent to the following address.

Stephen Morgan
361 Sweeney Drive
Suite #134
Crossville TN, 38555

RESALE/PROMOTIONAL PURPOSES!

To provide low-cost shareware/freeware CD's to APCUG member User Groups. In the past, groups have sold CD's like this for \$10.00/\$15.00. This CD can easily be sold to members and the public for \$10.00! Use the CD as a gift for anyone paying 2 years membership at a time! Use it as an incentive to get prospective members to join the club! Reward people for volunteering their time and energy!

Promote your User Group

Partner with charitable organizations

that can use them as a fund raiser and gain publicity for both organizations! The different ways to use this CD are endless.

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In addition to the shareware/freeware programs, there is additional material. There are sections that explain what User Groups and APCUG are about, with quotes from industry leaders on the value of User Groups. There are links to the APCUG web site and online User Group directory for purchasers of the CD to help locate a group for their friends and family in most parts of the world. The Glossary, explains many of the words and phrases that are used in the computer world, a big help for beginners and experts as well. There is a help section for downloading files, finding files, drivers and details for saving the files on the CD. The "Credits" section is a listing of the people who have helped in producing the CD.

PROGRAMS

There are over 200 programs/items on the CD, including the nationally known TUCOW'S Top 100" downloads.

Some of the programs are Notepad replacements, graphics, mortgage, calculator, voices for reading your email, audio composers, MP3, zip, bookmark, browsers, chat, IRC, print utilities, translator, internet phone, games, web cams, HTML Editor, anti virus, download managers, modem sharing, networking, image animators, editors, viewers, clipboard, firewall, ftp, and more. There are a number of programs that will replace Notepad, that have more features many of

which are found in full word processing programs. Zip programs, essential for anyone downloading programs from the Internet or for ending large programs by email are included. With the popularity of MP3 audio files and Digital Cameras there are a number of free programs that compare favorably with commercial programs. There is a program that will read your email, web pages to you, sit back, shut your eyes and listen. Viruses are an unfortunate fact of the computer world, there are a number of virus scanners, included. Every computer should have a virus scanner.

A complete list of programs is at <http://www.apcug.org/apcug/cd/index.htm>

FUTURE

The CD gives us an excellent way to distribute a great deal of material at low cost, due to the large buying power of our APCUG User Groups. Depending on the success of the APCUG First Edition CD, there are possibilities to do different CD's, containing entirely Free programs, Mac programs, Linux programs, training, books, etc. We would like to hear from you as to how your User Group used the CD, write us at cd@apcug.org Your comments are essential for the APCUG Board of Directors, to decide how the APCUG CD program continues.

Sincerely
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The Web Site SIG considers various aspects of web site design and development, including media available to publish a simple web page at no charge to the user. The next meeting of the Web Site SIG will be at 10:00AM on Thursday, February 15th, in the Northumberland Public Library in Heathsville. Access to the Internet and web site development software will be available for review by attendees. For further information, contact Alan Trickey 804-462-7898 or e-mail: atrickey@crosslink.net.

HEARTFELT THANKS

"For the past several years NNCUG has helped to sponsor a Computer Lab in Lancaster County with White Marsh United Methodist Church and in Northumberland County with the Northumberland Public Library. Hundreds of people have been helped in the use of their Computers.

The volunteers have given MANY hours of service to the Labs. What a great success. Richard Newlon has served as the Director of the Lancaster Lab which involves the scheduling of volunteers, seeing that the lab is open and quarterly having an evaluation session with the volunteers. Richard has done a job of which we are all proud. Because of a recent accident which injured his foot and thereby increased his work load, Richard has resigned as Director. What a loss for the people of the community!

Thanks, Richard we appreciate all that you have done!

The Lancaster Computer Lab will meet at the Northumberland Public Library, Heathsville, Virginia, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, 10 - 12 until further notice.

NORTHERN NECK COMPUTER USERS GROUP

General Meeting Minutes 1/13/01

Pres. Al Brittle called the January General Meeting to order at 10:00 am with a welcome to the 45 attendees, introduction of our 4 visitors, and a reminder to all to use the rear parking lot during meetings. Al also invited everyone to check out the abundance of donated items at the Free Table, and participate in the raffle. **The minutes of the December meeting were approved as published in *The Link*.** John Parr reported a total membership of 188, and a solvent Treasury. He asked that anyone who has recently paid dues in cash please check with him to see that your payment has been properly attributed. A copy of the financial statement is available in the Minute Book.

Election of officers..3/10/01 General Meeting. Greg Haugan, Alan and Chris Christensen have volunteered to serve as our Nominating Committee. Al reminded all that NNCUG is totally dependent on member participation. Everyone interested in serving on the Board is encouraged to contact the Nominating Committee. **Northumberland Computer Lab** continues, 10 am to Noon each Mon-

day, Tuesday and Wednesday at the Northumberland Public Library, Heathsville. Due to closing of the Church Resource Services building, **Lancaster Computer Lab** will meet at Northumberland Library during the same hours until further notice. **Publishing SIG** activity continues enthusiastically. Topics depend on members' interests. Next meeting: February 8, 2:00 pm, Mary Ball Washington Museum, Lancaster. Contact Betty Lehman, <blehman@crosslink.net> **Genealogy SIG** has decided to work cooperatively with the Genealogical Society of the Northern Neck of Virginia. The group has scheduled its programs for the coming year. Next meeting: January 20, 9:30 am. The following meeting is February 12. Contact Ann Thompson, <osprey@rivnet.net> **Investing SIG** members and interested persons who may have missed the group's January 4 meeting should contact Red Tolbert <red49tol04@rivnet.net> for an update. **Web Site SIG** next meets February 15, 10:00 am, Northumberland Public Library. Please contact Alan Trickey, <atrickey@crosslink.net> for details.

Raffle winners received: Windows Me; The Missing Manual; an MS TechNet CD-ROM; and a moose t-ara donated by Mindshare (politely declined by winner Dyer Taylor). Betty Lehman distributed PentaZip Shareware CD's, calendars and magazines to all, courtesy of PentaZip, Inc. Our guest, Delegate Al Pollard, shared his knowledge of the status and import of Virginia's newly adopted Uniform Computer Information Transactions Act ("UCITA"), and heard concerns of our group. He offered to arrange for interested members to meet with the Northern Virginia Technology Group to discuss the Act's status and provisions in detail. **Other business included suggestions from the floor that representatives from various phone and cable companies be invited to speak about the prognosis for improved internet access and broadband service for the Northern Neck.** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30. Respectfully submitted, Camille Bennett, Secretary

Membership Report

DUE JANUARY 2001- Joe Forshaw, Harry Madsen, Chauncey Mann Jr, Warren Melhorn, Brandon Rohr, Bonnie Shelton and Dick Steelman.

DUE FEBRUARY 2001- Samuel Bridgeman, Susan Christopher, Robert Davis, Norman Dobyns, Gerald Hawley, David Holt, Betty Lehman, Elvin Miller, Richard Orosz, Bonnie Petty, Douglas Siegel, Alan Trickey, Travis Williamson and A.Bennett Wilson.

PAST DUE: DECEMBER 2000-John Paige, Mariam Reese, Christer Sandstredt, Richard Schultz NOVEMBER 2000-John Ash IV, Gene Bessette, Dan Brandon, Lou Dietrich, Robert Du Prey, Frank Elliott, Susan Fallin, Ina Fuller, John Hussey, Randolph Jones, Fritz Kessinger, Micky Kirby, W. Lowery, Rosalie McDonald, H. Medows, James Salmon, and Tom Teepleas. OCTOBER 2000- Virginia Ferre, And Douglas Rogers.

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John Parr, Treasurer, NNCUG, P.O. Box 10, Haynesville, Va. 22472

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Special Interest Meetings

NNCUG GENERAL MEETING
2nd Saturday 10:00 a.m.
Lancaster Community Library

WEBSITE DESIGN SIG
February 15, 10:00 a.m.
Northumberland Public Library
<atrickey@crosslink.net>

INVESTMENT SIG
1st Thursday @ 1:00 p.m.
Lancaster Public Library
<red49tol04@rivnet.net>

GENEALOGY SIG
January 20, and February 12, 9:30 a.m.
Lancaster Community Library
Ann Thompson, <osprey@rivnet.net>

Coming Attractions

February 10.....Computing on the Cheap, Jim Talbot
March 10.....TBA

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