

The Villages Computer Club will meet [at 1 p.m. Friday Feb. 22nd](#) at Lake Miona Recreation Center. The program will feature a presentation by Bobbie Seabolt and John Campbell on Taxes and Tax Software.

Following the presentation will be refreshments, door prizes and a problem solving session.

If you have a computer problem you can't resolve, fill out the troubleshooting request form found at thevillagescomputerclub.com and bring it to the meeting.

Guests are always welcome, please bring your village ID card. For information or to sign up to be on the VCC email list, visit the website or email Paul Rabenold at TVCC.Pres@gmail.com.

New scam - be careful.

READ THIS ONE CAREFULLY!!!

This scam is very clever. Be very careful out there!

One could easily fall for this -

beware of people bearing gifts

Wednesday a week ago, I had a phone call from someone who said that he was from some outfit called: "Express Couriers" asking if I was going to be home because there was a package for me, and the caller said that the delivery would arrive at my home in roughly an hour. And sure enough, about an hour later, a uniformed delivery man turned up with a beautiful basket of flowers and wine.

I was very surprised since it did not involve any special occasion or holiday, and I certainly didn't expect anything like it. Intrigued about who would send me such a gift, I inquired as to who the sender is.

The deliveryman's reply was, he was only delivering the gift package, but allegedly a card was being sent separately; (the card has never arrived!). There was also a consignment note with the gift.

He then went on to explain that because the gift contained alcohol, there was a \$3.50 "delivery charge" as proof that he had actually delivered the package to an adult, and not just left it on the

doorstep where it could be stolen or taken by anyone.

This sounded logical and I offered to pay him cash. He then said that the company required the payment to be by credit or debit card only so that everything is properly accounted for.

My husband, who by this time was standing beside me, pulled his wallet out of his pocket with the credit/debit card, and 'John', the "delivery man", asked my husband to swipe the card on the small mobile card machine which had a small screen and keypad where Frank was also asked to enter the card's PIN and security number. A receipt was printed out and given to us.

To our horrible surprise, between Thursday and the following Monday, \$4,000 had been charged/withdrawn from our credit/debit account at various ATM machines.

It appeared that somehow the "mobile credit card machine" which the deliveryman carried now had all the info necessary to create a "dummy" card with all our card details after my husband swiped our card and entered the requested PIN and security number.

Upon finding out about the illegal transactions on our card, we immediately notified the bank which issued us the card, and our credit/debit account was closed.

We also personally went to the Police, where it was confirmed that it is definitely a scam because several households had been similarly hit.

WARNING: Be wary of accepting any "surprise gift or package", which you neither expected nor personally ordered, especially if it involves any kind of payment as a condition of receiving the gift or package. Also, never accept anything if you do not personally know or there is no proper identification of who the sender is.

Above all, the only time you should give out any personal credit/debit card information is when you yourself initiated the purchase or transaction!

Blue Screen of Death

A sudden blue screen popping up with white writing...is known as the Blue Screen of Death and announces the impending death of your computer unless you find and fix the problem.

What were you doing just before the blue screen appeared? Has it appeared before.

Sometimes something as simple as shutting down completely and restarting the computer will solve the problem. If it doesn't a System Restore can often fix the problem. So, try those two things first.

- 1. Uninstall that new program.**

If your PC crashes or locks up after you install a new program, uninstall it; your computer may return to normal.

- 2. System Restore**

Click Start...all programs...accessories...system tools. Select System Restore and click Restore my computer to a previous date. Select a date that is in BOLD on the calendar.

NOTE: IF you have no idea what a DLL is, you might consider calling someone at this point if you still get the Blue Screen after trying the first two options above.

- 3. Check the DLLs.**

Dynamic link libraries are small programs used--and often shared--by many Windows applications.

Rightclick START...SEARCH or FIND. In the NAMED box type *.dll. In the LOOK IN box click the down arrow and select the C:\ drive. Sort them by selecting *View, Details* and clicking the *Name* column heading.

Search tip: To ease your search, first look for DLLs that cause the most trouble. These are files that begin with the following letters: BWCC, CO, CTL, MFC, MSV, and OLE. Type *MFC*.dll* will find all DLLs that start with MFC.

- 4. Compare duplicate versions.**

Right-click each duplicate file, select *Properties*, and click the Version tab. The date isn't important--it's the version number that is critical. The dll with the latest version number will most likely be found in the Windows system folder or if using XP, the Windows System32 folder.

- 5. Rename the DLLs.**

If you discover a DLL with a lower version number in an application's folder and in the Windows System folder, *don't* delete it. Instead, rightclick the application file and select RENAME to rename the file extension to .d_l. Doing so keeps the old DLL version from

loading and forces the program to look in the System folder for the right DLL. After each DLL renaming ceremony, reboot your PC. If all's well, rename more old DLLs. Shortcut: Download a copy of [DLL Checker](#) at [Click here: PCWorld.com - DLL Checker](#) a shareware program that finds and highlights duplicate DLLs; it makes renaming DLLs quick and easy.

HOW BOOT-SECTOR VIRUSES SPREAD

Win XP

Creating an XP boot disk is much more involved and so I recommend that you have the RECOVERY Disks that came with your computer, or create a set of the disks and keep those in a safe place just in case a crash occurs and you have to reinstall the applications or do a full format and recovery. IF your XP will not power up so you can get to the Recovery disks stored in a partition of your C:\drive, you're going to need something to power up. In most computer's setup that has the XP operating system and stores the Recovery Disks on a partition (D:) of the hard drive, instructions are given for creating Recovery CDs. **IF you did not do that and do not have a SET OF RECOVERY DISKS for your computer, then TODAY is the time to create those Recovery CDs...before you need them.**

IF you created a set of Recovery Disks but you can't find them, you can recreate the disks if you have an HP or Compaq computer, using the small free download program

Types of CDs

CD-DA	COMPACT DISK-DIGITAL AUDIO
CD-ROM	(READ-ONLY-MEMORY)
CD-ROM TYPES	CD-ROM STORAGE OF COMPUTER DATA OR FOR COMPRESSED AUDIO OR VIDEO/GRAPHIC DATA
CD-R	TYPE AND WRITE ONCE - CD'S FOR AUDIO/VIDEO CD'S FOR COMPUTER DATA
CD-RW	REWRITEABLE
CD-ROM XA	EXTENDED ARCHITECTURE
CD-i	USED IN EDUCATIONA SYSTEM
BRIDGE DISK	THREE BRIDGE DISC FORMATS
ENCHANCED CD	USED BY RECORDING ARTISTS
CD-MO (MAGNETO-OPTICAL)	USE MAGNETIC FIELD TO STORE DATA
MULTISESSION CD	DATA CAN BE ADDED AT DIFFERENT TIMES
SUPER AUDIO CD	HIGH RESOLUTION AUDIO CD FORMAT(SACD)
DOUBLE DENSITY CD	INCREASE STORAGE CAPACITY OF CD(DDCD)
DOUBLE -LAYERED	DATA CAN BE CONSTRUCTED ON TWO LAYERS DVD D.

DVD-ROM	READ ONLY MEMORY
DVD-RAM	DIGITAL VERSATILE DISK HOLDS ALL TYPES OF DATA
DVD-AUDIO	AUDIO DATA
DVD-R	WRITE ONCE AND READ
DVD-RW	RECORD AND ERASE MULTIPLE TIMES

Hard Drive Install

ehow.com is an excellent place to learn. Many instructions include a video.
Click link below

http://www.ehow.com/video_4978874_change-hard-drive.html?wa%5Fvlsrc=continuous&cp=1&pid=1&wa%5Fvrid=b7a1f3c1%2D5cff%2D43f7%2D866c%2D6831674e93d5

Another site that gives good instructions is PCWorld.com

Install a bigger HD

Click here: PCWorld.com - Upgrade Guide: Install a Bigger, Faster Maxtor Hard Drive

<http://www.pcmag.com/article2/0,1759,15456,00.asp>

How do I install, format, and partition my ATA drive in Windows 95, 98, Me?

Description

ATA hard drive installation instructions for Windows 95, 98, 98 SE, and Millennium edition. Should I use FDISK?

Answer

It is recommended to partition and format your drive using MaxBlast Plus II instead of FDISK. The following step-by-step installation instructions are for both a new (fresh) installation and for adding a secondary drive.

Fresh Install:

1. Install hard drive. Insert the MaxBlast Plus II utility.
2. Start system. Maxblast will detect that a new drive is installed.
3. Choose "Yes" to format the drive.
4. The next window, "Step 6 - Partitioning and Formatting the Maxtor drive", you will see the drive and it will be labeled in red "Partition and Format". Click on "Next"
5. Select "Choose OS" at the next screen. Select the appropriate operating system and choose "Ok".

6. Select "For Advanced Users" and click on "Next".
7. At the next screen partition the drive and select "Next".
8. Stop at "Reboot Now". Remove diskette before restarting computer.
9. If the system boots and a message appears that says "EZ-BIOS: Initializing" follow the on-screen instructions which tells you to hold the CTRL key down. If you miss the step just restart the computer. Choose the option to "Press A to boot from the A:\ drive". When asked enter the Windows System Disk (Start-Up disk) and CD-ROM.
10. If the system boots and the message does not appear enter the Windows System Disk and CD-ROM and restart the system.
11. Select "Start computer with CD-ROM Support".
12. At the A:\ prompt type E: and hit "Enter". At the "E:" type setup and hit "Enter".

Note: "E:" is usually the CD-ROM drive letter. If you have trouble finding the drive letter look for "X = Driver MSCD001" on the screen.

13. Follow on-screen prompts and finish the rest of the installation.

MEDICATION ALERT - PLEASE READ THIS
DO NOT DELETE-----

Thanks to a Kamloops BC Canada , **FSNA** [Federal Superannuates National Association] member who forwarded this email -
if you would like to check it out - the website to do so is at the end of the article.

Hi Everyone

I am passing this email forwarded to me this morning. It's about a medication that is familiar to many of us. Note also the FDA 's comments at the end of the message.

I received this information from a friend whose mother recently passed away.

Apparently, this was caused by a **medication that is deadly**. Here are the details and I suggest you pass it on to your loved ones and others.

Phenylpropanolamine (PPA)

I would like to thank those of you who expressed condolences on the recent passing of my mother. She suffered a hemorrhagic stroke while she was driving home from my house at 7:30 and passed away at 8:30. My mother's stroke and passing was an enormous shock to my family because she did not have any symptoms or risk factors for a stroke. J

ust the week before she had gone to her doctor for a check up and received a clean bill of health. She did, however, develop a cold while she was visiting me and had taken **Alka Seltzer Cold Plus** for 3 days. Since her passing, we have learned that **Alka Seltzer** is one of the many cold medicines that contains Phenylpropanolamine (PPA) which can cause **hemorrhagic strokes (cerebral bleeding)** even with the first use. I am forwarding a list of other medications that currently use PPA. These medicines are supposedly being recalled but my mother just purchased this medication less than two weeks ago. Pharmaceutical companies have known about this danger for years, we unfortunately, did not.

I urge you to review the list of medicines with PPA and avoid these medications. All drugs containing **PHENYLPROPANOLAMINE** are dangerous. You may want to try calling the 800 number listed on most drug boxes and inquire about a REFUND. Please read this CAREFULLY. Also, please pass this on to everyone you know. STOP TAKING anything containing this ingredient. It has been linked to increased hemorrhagic stroke (**bleeding in brain**) among women ages 18-49 in the three days after starting use of medication. Problems were not found in men, but the FDA recommended that everyone (even children) seek alternative medicine.

The **following medications contain Phenylpropanolamine:**

Acutrim Diet Gum Appetite Suppressant
Acutrim Plus Dietary Supplements
Acutrim Maximum Strength Appetite Control
Alka-Seltzer Plus Children's Cold Medicine Effervescent
Alka-Seltzer Plus Cold medicine (cherry or orange)
Alka-Seltzer Plus Cold Medicine Original
Alka-Seltzer Plus Cold & Cough Medicine Effervescent
Alka-Seltzer Plus Cold & Flu Medicine
Alka-Seltzer Plus Cold & Sinus Effervescent
Alka Seltzer Plus Night-Time Cold Medicine
BC Allergy Sinus Cold Powder
BC Sinus Cold Powder
Comtrex Flu Therapy & Fever Relief
Day & Night Contac 12-Hour Cold Capsules
Contac 12 Hour Caplets
Coricidin D Cold, Flu & Sinus
Dexatrim Caffeine Free
Dexatrim Extended Duration
Dexatrim Gelcaps
Dexatrim Vitamin C/Caffeine Free
Dimetapp Cold & Allergy Chewable Tablets
Dimetapp Cold & Cough Liqui-Gels

Dimetapp DM Cold & Cough Elixir
Dimetapp Elixir
Dimetapp 4 Hour Liquid Gels
Dimetapp 4 Hour Tablets
Dimetapp 12 Hour Extentabs Tablets
Naldecon DX Pediatric Drops
Permathene Mega-16
Robitussin CF
Tavist-D 12 Hour Relief of Sinus & Nasal Congestion
Triaminic DM Cough Relief
Triaminic Expectorant Chest & Head
Triaminic Syrup Cold & amp; Allergy
Triaminic Triaminicol Cold & Cough

I just found out and called the **800#** on the container for Triaminic and they informed me that they are voluntarily recalling the following medicines because of a certain ingredient that is causing **strokes** and **seizures** in children:

Orange 3D Cold & Allergy Cherry (Pink)
3D Cold & Cough Berry
3D Cough Relief Yellow 3D Expectorant

They are asking you to call them at **800-548-3708 ; 800-548-3708** with the lot number on the box so they can send you postage for you to send it back to them, and they will also issue you a refund. If you know of anyone else with small children,

PLEASE PASS THIS ON. THIS IS SERIOUS STUFF!

DO PASS ALONG TO ALL ON YOUR MAILING LIST so people are informed. They can then pass it along to their families.

To confirm these findings please take time to check the following:

<http://www.fda.gov/Drugs/DrugSafety/InformationbyDrugClass/ucm150774.htm>

A gift for you

[Click here: Magnificent](#)

The father of the bride speaks. Click below:

<http://www.godvine.com/Father-of-the-Bride-Speech-fb-gv-2831.html>

A real Hero.....

A must read

And think of the media circus, flags at half staff, and all the things that were said of Whitney Houston when she died.

This hero died with barely anyone's notice.

"Shifty" By Chuck Yeager

Shifty volunteered for the airborne in WWII and served with Easy

Company of the 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment, part of the 101st

Airborne Infantry. If you've seen Band of Brothers on HBO or the

History Channel, you know Shifty. His character appears in all 10

episodes, and Shifty himself is interviewed in several of them.

I met Shifty in the Philadelphia airport several years ago. I didn't

know who he was at the time. I just saw an elderly gentleman having

trouble reading his ticket. I offered to help, assured him that he was

at the right gate, and noticed the "Screaming Eagle," the symbol of the 101st Airborne, on his hat.

Making conversation, I asked him if he'd been in the 101st Airborne

or if his son was serving. He said quietly that he had been in the

101st. I thanked him for his service, then asked him when he served,

and how many jumps he made.

Quietly and humbly, he said "Well, I guess I signed up in 1941 or so,

and was in until sometime in 1945 ..." at which point my heart

skipped.

At that point, again, very humbly, he said "I made the 5 training

jumps at Toccoa, and then jumped into Normandy . . . do you know

where Normandy is?" At this point my heart stopped.

I told him "yes, I know exactly where Normandy is, and I know what

D-Day was." At that point he said "I also made a second jump into

Holland , into Arnhem ." I was standing with a genuine war hero ...

and then I realized that it was June, just after the anniversary of

D-Day.

I asked Shifty if he was on his way back from France , and he said

"Yes... And it 's real sad because, these days, so few of the guys are

left, and those that are, lots of them can't make the trip." My heart

was in my throat and I didn't know what to say.

I helped Shifty get onto the plane and then realized he was back in

coach while I was in First Class. I sent the flight attendant back to

get him and said that I wanted to switch seats. When Shifty came

forward, I got up out of the seat and told him I wanted him

to have

it, that I'd take his in coach.

He said "No, son, you enjoy that seat. Just knowing that there are

still some who remember what we did and who still care is enough to

make an old man very happy." His eyes were filling up as he said it.

And mine are brimming up now as I write this.

Shifty died on Jan. 17, 2012 after fighting cancer.

There was no parade.

No big event in [Staples Center](#) .

No wall-to-wall, back-to-back 24x7 news coverage.

No weeping fans on television.

And that's not right!

Let's give Shifty his own memorial service, on line, in our own quiet way.

Please forward this email to everyone you know.
Especially to the veterans.

Rest in peace, Shifty.

Chuck Yeager, Maj. General [ret.]

P.S. I think that it is amazing how the "*media*" chooses our "*heroes*" these days...

Elvis, Michael Jackson, Whitney Houston & the like.
"SHIFTY" - an incredible American hero.

Jmax

Jmax's Website <http://www.jmaxbits.com/>

Jmax Bits Newsletter is now posted each Monday & Thursday on the website.
You have the option for a .pdf or a .rtf file.

1. For help with a computer problem, put HELP in the subject line and give me info about the computer you're using, if you know it.

2. To view or print Jmax Bits Good Services List in the Villages area, click link www.jmaxbits.com

3. To sign up for the non-computer newsletter, send an email to VLGSCclassifieds@aol.com. Put **SUBSCRIBE** in the subject line. To send an Ad, place **AD** in the subject line.

4. The Villages Computer Club's web page: [Click here: Welcome To The Villages Computer Club](#)

To add your name to the VCC announcements list, send email to TheVCC-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

5. Fred Benson's website www.thevillagescomputerbasics.com