

The Villages Computer Club will meet at 1 p.m. Friday June 7th at La Hacienda Recreation Center.

The program will feature a presentation on "Identity Theft Protection" by Peter Cronas.

This is a subject that touches everyone so you don't want to miss this presentation.

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. Forms are also available at the meeting. Ask for one when you pick up your door prize ticket.

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

AutoPlay Win 8

- 1. Click in bottom right corner to bring up the CHARM LIST.**
- 2. Click Settings...Control Panel**
- 3. Set Category for Large Icons.**
- 4. Click AutoPlay**
- 5. Make your choice for the different devices on your computer.**
- 6. Click SAVE**

AutoPlay Win 7

- 1. Click START...Control Panel...AutoPlay**
- 2. Place a check in AutoPlay**
- 3. Make choices for the different devices listed on your computer**
- 4. Click SAVE.**

AutoPlay CD Windows XP

To change how your computer handles multimedia content

1. Open [My Computer](#).
2. Under **Devices with Removable Storage**, right-click the [device](#) you want, such as a digital camera or CD-ROM drive, and then click **Properties**.
3. On the **AutoPlay** tab, click the multimedia content type you want to change.
4. Under **Actions**, click the action you want Windows to perform when it detects the media type you selected.

Notes

- To open My Computer, double-click the **My Computer** icon on the desktop.

- Your removable storage device must be attached to your computer for it to appear in the **My Computer** folder.

AUTOPLAY CD Win 98

1. Click **START...SETTINGS..CONTROL PANEL...doubleclick SYSTEM**
2. Click the **Device Manager Tab.**
3. Click the **+ beside CD-ROM, click once to highlight the device showing, click PROPERTIES.**
4. Click the **Settings tab.**
5. Place a check in the **Auto Insert box.**
6. Click **Apply or OK**

Now as soon as you place a CD in the drive it will start whether it is a program or a music CD.

STOP AUTOPLAY

You probably already know a couple ways to disable AutoPlay for CDs: **As a one-time measure, hold down the Shift key when you insert any CD.** Or for a permanent effect, uncheck the Auto Insert Notification box under the CD-ROM Device Manager: Open Start/Settings/Control Panel/System/Device Manager, expand the CD-ROM entry and double-click on your CD-ROM. Open the Settings tab and uncheck the appropriate box. But did you know you could also use Tweak UI's Paranoia tab to separately toggle AutoPlay options for audio or data CDs? This is also helpful if you don't want to alter your Device Manager settings.

Add Programs to the All Programs List

Usually any program that is installed adds itself to the All Programs list. IF not, there is a way to add a program to the list.

1. Right click Start...click Explore.
2. Scroll down to Documents & Settings and click the +. Scroll down to All Users and click the +. Scroll down to Start Menu and click the +.
3. Click once on Programs to select and click File...New...Folder.
4. Type the name of the program you are going to add as the name for the New Folder. Doubleclick the folder's icon.
5. Locate the Program you wish to see in the All Programs list in C:\Windows/Program folder. Right click the program folder of the program you want listed in All Programs and select SEND TO (create shortcut)Desktop.
6. Right click the shortcut on the desktop and select COPY.
7. Locate the program folder you created in step 4 in C:\Documents & Settings/All Users/Start Menu/Programs. Right click the folder you created and select Paste.
8. That program will now be seen on the All Programs List.

Answers easy to find, but are they right?

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"You can find the answer to any technology question on the Web - as long as you don't care whether it's right.

The right answers are out there scattered among a bunch of nonsense. But you have to know where to look. Even the best Web sites sometimes are wrong, so you also need to know how to double-check an answer to make sure it's correct.

Today I'll list some sites that have a good record for accuracy. Then I'll show you how to check the answers for reliability. Armed with this sort of information, you'll often be able to fix computer problems, make good buying decisions for HDTVs and other electronics, and just feel easier in general about your life around technology.

General technologyCnet.com (www.cnet.com): Almost every area of consumer electronics is covered here. If I had to narrow my recommendations down to a single site, this would be the no-brainer choice. You'll find reviews for digital cameras, computers, printers, automobile electronics, home audio ... you name it. Most impressive is that these are hard-nosed reviews that, unlike some you'll find, tell the bad along with the good.

Computers and networkingTom's Hardware News (www.tomshardware.com/us/#): The Internet, as you would expect, is overflowing with sites that offer advice on computing. But this one stands out. Leave a question here, and you'll often get an expert and precise answer. There's also a section about industry news that offers a peek at new trends and products.

Digital photographyDigital Photography Review (www.dpreview.net): Photography is one of my hobbies. But I spent most of my life shooting with film cameras. There's such an assortment of digital cameras out there that I can't even begin to keep track of the best cameras in each price class.

This site offers truly exhaustive reviews of even the most obscure digital cameras, as well as pricing information. Whether you're just starting or have been shooting digital since the beginning, this is the place to go.

HDTVHDTV World (www.cnet.com/hdtv-world): I've already raved about Cnet.com, and this is part of that same site. But I can't leave it off the list. You'll find clear explanations of HDTV, the hardware that makes it work, and tips on getting the most out of your set.

HDTV Info Port (www.hdtvinfoport.com): A well-organized site with sections on antennas, HDTV basics and a buyer's guide..

Antenna Web (www.antennaweb.org/aw/welcome.aspx): This is my most frequently recommended HDTV site. It offers customized antenna recommendations based on your street

address or ZIP code. If filling in your actual address worries you, you can just list your ZIP code and still find the distance and direction to transmitting sites in your area, along with recommendations on the type of antenna you need.

Vetting the information Like I said, even sites like these occasionally will be off the mark. That's when you can learn from the great navigator, Magellan, and use triangulation. Ancient navigators (some current ones, too) use it to find their position by taking sights on the stars. The more stars used, the

more precise and accurate the position.

Once you have an answer that seems reasonable, don't stop. Check out a few more Web sites. See if the answers match. For instance, if you find rave reviews for the Husted Barndoor and HDTV company, do a Google search for that company. See what others - especially name-brand sites - say about it.

Answers to your questions are out there, but it may take some navigating to find them."

www.microsoft.com/kb

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Clipbook Viewer for Windows XP

The ClipBook Viewer isn't listed in the Accessories folder on the Start menu in Windows XP, so you might want to create a shortcut to it on your desktop:

1. Rightclick on the Desktop, point to NEW and then click SHORTCUT.
2. In the location filed, type C:WINDOWS\system32\clipbrd.exe.
3. Click NEXT to give it a name, then click FINISH.

Clipbook Viewer Windows

Part I

1. In any Windows application, select something you want to cut or copy and choose Edit + Cut or Edit + Copy.
2. Click the Start button.
3. Choose Programs + Accessories + Clipbook Viewer. (If Clipbook Viewer isn't an option on your Accessories menu, you need to install it from your Windows CD; you can find it in the Accessories options in the Add/Remove Programs Properties dialog box on the CD's start-up screen.)
4. In the Clipbook Viewer window, open the Clipboard window (the material you just copied or cut should be here).
5. Choose File + Save As. In the File Name box, type a name for your cut/copied material and click OK.

Now your cut or copied material is available for future use, no matter what you cut or copy from now on.

Part II

How to paste material from the Clipbook:

1. Click the Start button.
2. Choose Programs + Accessories + Clipbook Viewer.
3. From the Clipbook menu, choose File + Open.
4. Select the Clipbook file you want to open and click OK.
5. If you have something else on the Clipboard--the last thing you copied or cut--Windows 95/98 asks if you want to erase it; click Yes. (The Clipbook replaces whatever is currently on the Clipboard with your Clipbook file so that you can paste your Clipbook file into any application).
6. Return to wherever you want to paste the information and choose Edit + Paste (or press Ctrl + V).

You can paste all the documents listed on the viewer to a document.

Window Washer Settings

1. Open window washer and on the left side, it will list: Home, Wash, Wash Setup, Options, Free Space Washing, and System Eraser.

2. Start with Wash setup, click on it, and you will see the various programs and features that the program has selected by default. Leaving it at the default settings will be adequate. But if you see something you would like to add, then just place a checkmark by the items you wish to select for washing.

3. Next, click the Schedule tab. Select automatic wash and set it at one hour intervals. This might be aggravating to some people. Once a day is adequate for most people.

4. lick the Bleach Settings tab. DOD is what the program recommends. This means that everything washed will be overwritten three times(no possible recovery). You may also select to wash Slack Space.

"Slack space is a form of internal fragmentation, i.e. **wasted space, on a hard disk**. When a file is written to disk it's stored at the "beginning" of the cluster. A cluster is defined as a collection of logically contiguous sectors and the smallest amount of disk space that can be allocated to hold a file. Rarely will there be an even match between the space available in a cluster (or collection of clusters for longer files) and the number of bytes in the file. Left over bytes in the cluster are unused, hence the name slack space."

5. Next click Program Settings. Many of those are selected by default.

6. Free space washing. This feature cleans the free space on your hard drive and gets rid of all of the deleted files.

7. System eraser. This allows you to create a hard drive eraser to a floppy or CD. If you have access to a floppy drive, you can actually drag the continents to a flash drive and have a bootable USB hard drive eraser.

Computer Loses Time

If your computer loses time, it could indicate that the CMOS battery is about to go. Use the **Date/Time** tool to set the correct time and then check how much time it has lost in the next few days.

To set the correct time, rightclick the TIME at the right end of the bottom taskbar and select Adjust Time/Date

OR

1. Click **Start**, point to **Settings**, and then click **Control Panel**.
2. Double-click **Date/Time**.
3. On the **Date & Time** tab, configure the correct time, and then click **OK**.

To determine if the time loss is a result of a weak computer battery:

1. Click **Start**, point to **Programs**, and then click **MS-DOS Prompt**.
 2. At the command prompt, type *time*, and then press ENTER.
 3. Compare this time with the time that is reported by the clock on the taskbar.
4. Type *exit*, and then press ENTER.

If the computer's time and the time on the clock are different, the computer's battery may be too weak to keep accurate time, and it should be replaced. For information about how to replace the battery, refer to the documentation included with your computer. Do not try to replace the CMOS battery on a Laptop.

Most CMOS batteries may be changed:

1. Power down the computer. Unplug power.
2. Open the CPU case and look on the motherboard for a shiny battery about the size of a quarter. Write down the number. Go to drugstore and purchase a battery with that number.
3. Remove the old battery from the motherboard and immediately put in the new one.

4. Replace the CPU cover. Plug in the computer and power up.

5. Doubleclick the time on the right end of the taskbar to bring up the clock. Reset.

NOTE: This problem does not affect the clock in your computer's CMOS.

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GMOs

A few days ago I sent out a link to an article (maybe I sent the article itself) about Genetically Modified food. Here is a link with much more info. We MUST stay informed.

http://www.chiro.org/nutrition/FULL/Avoid_GMOs.shtml

**Growing old is nothing more than mind over matter--
if you don't mind it doesn't matter.**

Story of Day: Old Blue

**A young cowboy from Texas goes off to college.
Half way through the semester, having foolishly
squandered all his money he calls home.**

**"Dad," he says, "You won't believe what modern education
is developing! They actually have a program here at A&M
that will teach our dog, Ole' Blue how to talk!"**

**"That's amazing," his Dad says. "How do I get Ole'
Blue
in that program?"**

**"Just send him down here with \$1,000" the
young cowboy says
"and I'll get him in the course."**

So, his father sends the dog and \$1,000.

**About two-thirds of the way through the semester,
the money again runs out. The boy calls home.**

"So how's Ole' Blue doing son?" his father asks.

"Awesome, Dad, he's talking up a storm," he says, "but you just won't believe this -- they've had such good results they have started to teach the animals how to read!"

"Read!?" says his father, "No kidding! How do we get Blue in that program?"

**"Just send \$2,500, I'll get him in the class."
The money promptly arrives. But our hero has a problem.**

At the end of the year, his father will find out the dog can neither talk, nor read.

So he shoots the dog.

When he arrives home at the end of the year, his father is all excited.

"Where's Ole' Blue? I just can't wait to see him read something and talk!"

"Dad," the boy says, "I have some grim news. Yesterday morning, just before we left to drive home, Ole' Blue was in the living room, kicked back in the recliner, reading the Wall Street Journal, like he usually does".

"Then Ole' Blue turned to me and asked, so, is your daddy still messing around with that little redhead who lives down the street?"

The father went white and exclaimed, "I hope you shot that **lying dog before he talks to your Mother!"**

"I sure did, Dad!"

"That's my boy!"

The kid went on to law school, and now serves in Washington D.C. as a Congressman.

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 VLGSClassifieds@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