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The March 5th Meeting will be at 7:00 PM
3755 A1A
(Christ By The Sea United Methodist Church)

Jose Vasquez and Brian Lang will present a program March 5th on “Online Investing”

The Vero Beach Computer Group welcomes Jose Vasquez and Brian Lang who will present a seminar about the advantages of online investing. They will give a demonstration showing how to invest at the website of T. D. Waterhouse Group Inc. The Meeting will take place on Tuesday, March 5 at Christ by the Sea United Methodist Church on A1A, just north of Beachland Blvd. in Vero Beach starting at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Vasquez has been an Investment Consultant with T. D. Waterhouse for a little more than three years and has an Economics degree from Hamilton College.

Mr. Lang is also an Investment Consultant with T.D. Waterhouse. He has been there about three years and majored in Hotel and Restaurant Management at Florida State University.

The TD Waterhouse website address is:
www.tdwaterhouse.com and can be found on AOL at Keyword “TD Waterhouse”.

Paul Paulpus presented the New iMac, February 16th at the Mac SIG

The
new
iMac.



This is it. Unbelievable color and depth. New flat screen.

WOW! How else can you describe the new iMac? It looks like something from outer space. To think, everything is right inside the base which looks like a large bowl turned upside down. The new flat screen will adjust to the perfect viewing angle.

Paul Paulpus brought the new 700 MHz Power PC G4 processor with a Velocity Engine to the Mac Special Interest Group (SIG) Saturday February 16. It had 256MB of RAM and a 60GB hard disk drive. Also included was a CD drive that would create both DVD-R and CD-RW.

iPhotos allows you to create Hollywood style movies that you can copy to a DVD, and also organize your digital photos. This new iMac is your digital dream come true.

The Mac has always been known for it's graphics. Now

it has NVIDIA GeForce 2 MX graphics with 32MB of dedicated video memory for 3D games.

The new system comes with 5 USB ports, 2 FireWire ports and speakers with quality sound.

The operating system is the new OS X. It looks like Apple and Microsoft are trying to outdo each other. From what I can see OS X and Windows XP have many of the same features. I don't know who did what first, but I think Apple probably wins in the graphics department although the new XP has color and depth that the earlier systems did not have. Apple has certainly won in the design department. This is a beautiful computer to look at, it is so compact, loaded with great features and the flat viewing display is definitely a plus!

I must say it was very impressive. If you would like more information on this you can get all the facts by going to Apple's website or call Paul at **AsiaTech** to see it. His address and phone number can be found on the ad page.

Your editor, Jean B.

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Points of Special Interest

- Do you have any Tips you would like to share?
- Do you have any computer equipment you would like to sell?
- Do you have any suggestions to make the Vero Beach Computer Group better in any way?
- We need volunteers to serve at the library

More of Richard's Websites

COMPUTER & SOFTWARE

<http://versiontracker.com/> Mac software
<http://www.tucows.com/> Mac software
<http://carrotink.com/> ink for printers half price
<http://achmed16@hotmail.com> more ink
<http://foto1.com> __ RGB Lazer prints & photo services
http://arapaho.nsuok.edu/~ziehr/courses/geog3133/Building_webpage.html
(Build your own website tutorial)
<http://www.powerfulpages.com/mpinet/c13.htm> ISP in Orlando

<http://www.starband.com> (Satellite connection for computer and TV)
<http://www.hush.com> (internet privacy)

ART & ARTISTS & ART HISTORY

<http://www.itgoesboing.com/> Ken Huff, digital art created in computer
http://www.artchive.com/ftp_site.htm __ Mark Harden's fine art archives
<http://www.arthistory.com/> __ history of art
<http://www.barewalls.com/index.html> __ posters
<http://www.topsitelists.com/world/artnetwork/topsites.html>
<http://www.artnew.com/> __ art in Florida
<http://www.zark.com/front/hub.html> __ unusual comicbook art
<http://www.evcom.net/~relisart/> Oil Paintings by Linda Relis of Florida
birds and landscapes
<http://MINDWORKSart.com> __ Explorations into the unconscious mind __

FOR SALE

Computer WITHOUT a hard drive \$199.00
Gateway Pentium II — 233 MHz Processor
Mid Tower with a 200 Watt Power Supply
32 MB SDRAM Dimm Memory
17" EV700 Color Monitor
3 ½ Floppy
Keyboard
Mouse
Fax/Modem with speakerphone speakers
(Was running Windows 95 Fat 32 file system)
This would be good for a "First Computer" for Mom and Dad to see if they are interested in computers, or for young grandchildren.
If you are interested in buying a hard drive and putting it into this system please contact:
vbcgeditor@yahoo.com

Question — I am going to replace my current computer with a new one using Windows XP. I now use Windows 95 and the IE browser. My questions is: How do I transfer (and not lose) my list of favorites? From Technology columnist Walter S Mossberg's Mailbox

Answer — Windows XP has a built-in Transfer Wizard that will supposedly move your favorites, and many other things, to a new computer from the old one, via a cable. But I have never been able to get it to work. There are two much simpler ways to transfer Internet Explorer Favorites, however. The first method is to use the Import and Export Function on the File menu in IE. On the

old computer, select Export Favorites and choose to export them to a file. Then copy this file from your old hard disk to a floppy disk or other type of removable disk., and fire up IE on your new PC. Finally, go to the File menu, select Import and Export again, and choose to Import Favorites from a file.

Alternatively, you can just locate the favorites folder on the old PC, in the

Windows directory, and copy it to a floppy disk. Then, pop the floppy into the new PC and copy the contents of the old Favorites folder on the new hard disk. This folder in Windows XP, can be found in the Documents and Settings directory. Inside the subfolder that bears your logon name. It should have a Star shaped icon.

Open Subfolder FREE (GnomeReport 1-14-02)

<http://www.bubblepop.com/opensub/opensub.zip>
<http://www.bubblepop.com/opensub/>
<http://screenshot.lockergnome.com/opensubfolder.png>

{Open from context menu} We all live in a yellow subfolder. If that were true, how would they reach us? They'd have to double-click on the main folder, then click again on a subfolder. I'm telling ya, reaching those secondary folders would be much easier if you could just right-click on the main folder and have the subfolders listed

in the context menu. Guess what this application does? Yep! Dump the double-click, I say. Oh yeah, this nifty program also works on Macs. How's that for cross-platform coolness? "In addition, if those folders listed also contain folders, their menu items will also have submenus attached containing a list of folders contained within them. If you select one of those menu items, the folder with that name will be opened on the desktop."

This tip was submitted by Tim Glover.

Membership dues are now due in January of each year. Dues are \$20.00 and \$25.00. For this you get 12 issues of The Homepage, attend the monthly meeting where we provide an interesting program that hopefully is of interest to you. If you have any suggestions on the program, please let Rafe know. We also have a time at each monthly meeting where you can ask questions and get them answered by the members (Random Access). We currently have 7 interesting Special Interest Groups (SIG) See the calendar for the schedule. Visit our web site at www.vbc.org

Did You Know That?

By Jean B Grider, Staff Writer

This is a reprint of March2001 (For the Mac and the PC)

Give your computer Breathing Room. Make sure there is enough room for the air to flow all around your computer. Your monitor especially can get very hot and needs plenty of cool air, so watch the enclosed cabinets and make sure there is plenty of room. Some of the newer, bigger monitors take up more space and will not fit properly in cabinets designed for smaller ones. Don't have books or paper blocking the airflow because this can shorten its life and cause poor performance.

Should you turn your computer off when not in use? This is debatable! The best reason I can think of for turning your computer off is to free up all the memory. Do a CTRL+ALT+DELETE and look at all the programs that are loaded. Even after you have closed a program it remains as terminate and stay running programs, (TSR). I reboot my system several times a day, just to get a clean start. Also, even with the new energy saving systems you will still save electricity by powering down because your PC's computers cooling fan is always running when your computer is running. If I am going to be away from my system for more than an hour or so, I always turn it off rather than put it in the sleep mode or let it go into standby.

Protect your Investment!

Do you really need a surge protector? Not only is it a lot easier to keep all those cords neat, but also it is very important to protect your computer from lightning strikes and power outages. Even the power surges and spikes can damage precious chips or data.

Do you know that just a blip of electricity may fry your computer? You should get one made especially for computers and make sure it has a place for your phone line if you plan to use your computer for faxes or the Internet. A surge protector saved my modem. (Lightning blew the connection on the surge protector and I had to get another one, but that was a lot easier and less expensive than installing a new modem). When you have an investment as large as a computer with all the peripherals you can spend another \$40.00 or so to get a really good surge, protector with a guarantee of from \$500.00 up to \$59,000.00 replacement value. The one I got is up to \$15000.00. Be sure to save the warranty and sales receipt, it will slide right under your surge protector for safe keeping. Don't confuse a surge protector with a power strip, which offers no protection. If you are going to be out of town, go a step further and unplug everything, your surge protector from the electric outlet and your phone line from the wall outlet while you are gone. Storms down here can get pretty bad and cause a lot of damage. I take no chances, when we travel we unplug all computers, TV's, VCR's, Radios and etc. Your computer has a battery that will keep the clock and date correct.

Keep magnetic material away form your disk. Disks store data magnetically. Because of this, magnets can scramble the data and make it unreadable so watch those paper clip holders and such. This means floppy disk and also your hard drive. Don't put a magnetic flashlight on the side of your tower or hang pretty little magnets on

any part of your computer.

Don't Leave disks, CDs, or DVD's in your car on a hot day. Heat can warp these, so be sure to store at room temperature. Always keep them put away so they will not be exposed to dust. If you have a problem with a disk, throw it away before it damages your disk drive.

Don't remove a disk when the indicator

Mark your calendar for March 25th, the 4th Monday. Richard Fisher is going to show us how you can make your own Web Page at this SIG. Plan to be there by 2:00 it will be at the Club at Vero on the 3rd floor in the Grand Ball Room. I am sure this will be an interesting program and one that many of us are interested in.

Richard has sent many Websites that you can find on page 2. Check out his own site.

light is on. If the indicator light is on, your system



"Okay your father managed to get a mouse. Now how do we use it?"

A Reminder from Tim Glover

As you know, we have been collecting your old CD's, Floppy Disks, and Magnetic Tapes. The response has been great. We now have several hundred CD's. Remember that you can also bring the plastic containers like AOL sends their disk in.

Remember to Recycle

The GreenDisk company will protect the security information by grinding up the CD's and demagnetizing all the magnetic products.

Let us keep our environment clean. Do

Bring your CD's and Floppy's to



Recycle! Recycle!

