

# THE HOMEPAGE

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## **General Meeting, February 7, 2006**

**Media Room, Main Library, Vero Beach**

## **It's iPod...iPod...iPod**

**The iPod will be the feature of the February 7 VBCG member meeting at the Main Library, at 7:00 PM. The iPod has become an icon – it has captured nearly 80% of the MP3 users. Recently, Queen Elizabeth II knighted London born, Jonathan Ives, 38, senior vice president of design at Apple, who led the team that designed the iPod, and Apple's iBook, iMac and Power Books.**

**Three VBCG members will make this presentation: Joann Purcell, the current VBCG Vice President, will discuss the iPod "extras" (PDA) features – Clock, Contacts, Calendar, Notes and Games. Wayne Kleinstiver, 2005 VBCG President, will demonstrate the iPod music applications; and Sammy San Miguel, VBCG 2002 President, will demonstrate the iPod Photo and Video applications.**

**This program should be of interest to both PC and MAC users - the iPod is compatible with both PC and MAC systems.**

### **Your Membership Expires Soon!**

It's that time of year again! VBCG memberships run concurrent with the calendar year and everyone's dues become due on January 1 of each year. The grace period is two months and by March 1 we purge our membership records of delinquent members. We appreciate your membership, and please feel free to make comments or suggestions on what you would like to see us do more of... or even less of!

# Tips n' Tricks

## McAfee VirusScan Conflicts

By Tim Glover

There seems to be a problem using McAfee VirusScan - the current version of the McAfee antivirus software, with Microsoft Windows 98. Are there still some Windows 98 users out there? I'm sure there are a few and that is how I discovered the problem. Personally I still use Windows 98 and am also a Comcast Internet service subscriber. As such, Comcast provides free access to the McAfee Security Center, which is a suite of programs, including their firewall and anti-virus software.

I recently downloaded and installed the McAfee antivirus program - VirusScan and once installed, my computer slowed to a snail's pace! I did a search on the Internet for anyone who has had a similar problem and there were a bunch of complaints that came up, therefore this seems to be a "known" problem. It was so crippling that I had to remove the VirusScan part of the McAfee software. I have been using the McAfee firewall for some time with no problems and it seems to work great.

Please be aware that the latest version of AOL - version 9.0 SE, for "Security Edition" is apparently including the McAfee Security Center software too. I have heard a few comments of problems this software is causing users of AOL who have installed this new software as they upgrade their AOL software. It would appear that the conflict is arising as result of the McAfee VirusScan being installed on computers with the Windows 98 operating system. So if you are still a Windows 98 user, be advised that the McAfee antivirus software seems to be causing problems for those users. You may want to research possible problems before installing/subscribing to this portion of the McAfee Security Center.

### In Appreciation

We greatly appreciate last year's retiring directors and officers who gave freely of their valuable time. In particular we will miss Jean Grider's "Did You Know That?" in this Homepage on "How to get the most out of your PC and really enjoy using it" plus her many excellent SIGs.

Thanks to the new Directors and Officers for agreeing to undertake the many duties of operating the club.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

**T**he Vero Beach Main Library desperately needs volunteers to help with their computers, and we owe the Library **big-time** for letting us hold our SIGs and regular meeting there. The Library has two rather large sections of public-access computers with Internet access and Microsoft Office and a few computers with scanners and CD writers.

As a volunteer, you could help greatly by:

1. Signing patrons onto the computers, using a simple program called PC Reservation. Each patron must briefly visit the media desk helper (you) in order to be assigned a pin number to sign on to a specific computer. From then on the computer program keeps track of who is on what computer, how much time he or she has used it, which computers are still available, and you will be able to "see" that information.

2. Library Personnel are always around to aid the patron, plus it's very interesting and a lot of fun. Please, if you feel that this is something you can help out with, **even for only an hour or two a week or longer, contact me:**

Lucia Robinson, VBCG Library Volunteers Coordinator — robinson@bellsouth.net — 772-778-1838

### Library Volunteers:

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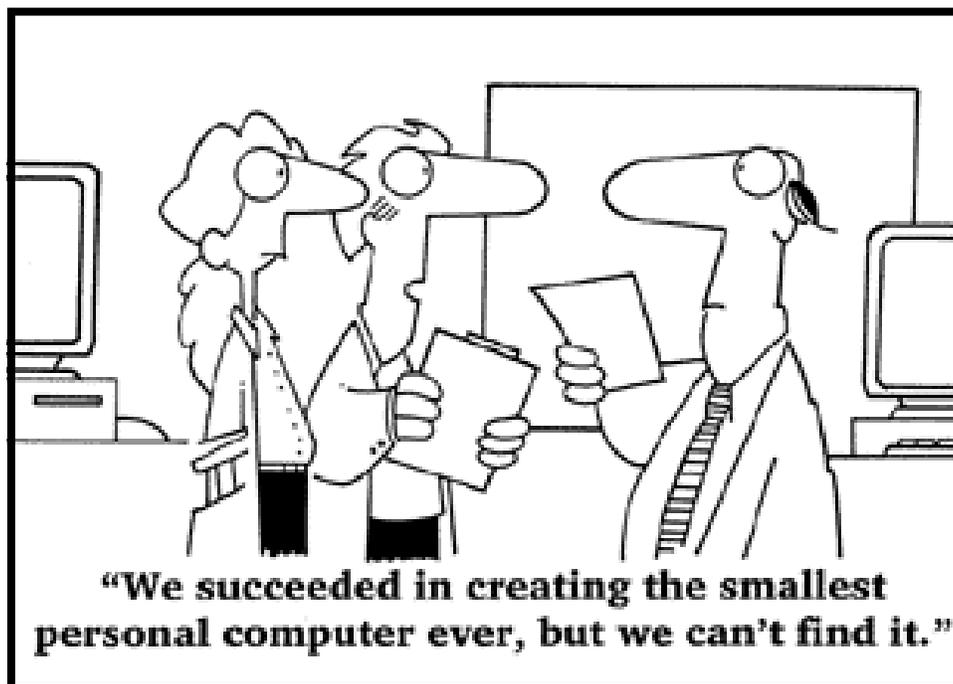
Randy Washington, Mondays, 5 - 7 pm, except Feb.27

Jean Ross, Tuesdays, 2 - 4 pm

Barbara Campbell, Thursdays, 1 - 4 pm

Jesse Hendelman, Wednesdays, Feb 8, 15, 22 & Fridays, Feb 3, 24, 2 - 4 PM

Eleanor Ryan, Friday Feb 10 & 17, 2 - 4 pm



## More Tips n' Tricks from Webmaster Tim Glover

Crystal Player v1.4 [499k] W9x/2k/XP FREE, Lockergnome Windows Digest, 2-23-03

<http://www.mywebattack.com/gnomeapp.php?id=105773>

Crystal is a video player that supports play lists and external subtitles and comes with many built-in video filters. It can shift a sound track relative to the video and even read tail-truncated AVI files. The program offers various low-level settings for video and audio output (overlay, color converters, bilinear resizing, etc.). Additional features include video and audio sample buffering, full-screen view, and much more.

European Text Messaging v3.01 [5.8M] W9x/2k/XP FREE, Lockergnome Windows Digest, 2-23-03

<http://www.eusms.net/>

{Send text messages} This is not limited to Europe, as the service reaches over 80 European, American, and international networks. Though the software is free, you pay for the text messages (SMS) you send via the Internet. You can set delivery time, enter unlimited characters per message (of course, the more you enter, the higher the fee could be, depending on the plan), send Flash-SMS messages, send anonymous messages, and receive answers either via mobile or an e-mail address. The software comes with a free inbox and several phonebooks.

AI RoboForm v6.6 [2.1M] W9x/W2k/XP FREE, Lockergnome Windows Digest, 2-23-03

<http://www.mywebattack.com/gnomeapp.php?id=102927>

AI RoboForm is a push-button web form filler with some serious Artificial Intelligence (AI) inside. It allows you to define your personal profile or your "usual" responses to a Web form. This information is then saved, and when you need to fill a form, just click "Fill Forms" button, and form is filled out. AI RoboForm is fully client-based, so it is very fast; it never disables Web site functions, and it works even in pop-up HTML windows. The most important feature of AI RoboForm is its high accuracy - it fills 95% of all fields correctly. (The Pro version with advanced features and commercial license is available for US\$29.95.) Updated very frequently.

PagePlus SE [11.6M] W9x/2k/XP FREE, Lockergnome Windows Digest, 2-23-03

<http://www.freerisefoftware.com/serif/pp/pp5/index.asp>

{Desktop publisher} Those ready to make the leap to try their hand at desktop publishing might want to start with PagePlus 5 since it won't hurt the wallet. See how you like doing it and if you use it often enough. If PagePlus meets your needs, then who can ask for anything more? (Actually, you can!) The free download comes with 119 wizards, 10 samples, 40 fonts, 99 animated GIFs, 166 pieces of clipart, and 72 backgrounds. The free CD (you only pay for shipping), comes with much more of the same plus 10 QuickTours. Several reviewers indicated problems downloading the file, but for me it downloaded on the first try. Sometimes the connection may drop or something else messes it up. In this case, try again. If still no avail, contact the company. It comes with numerous publication options typical of desktop publishing programs such as ads, brochures, stationery, flyers, newsletters, programs, posters, and greeting cards. Its wizards can walk you through building an index, table of contents, calendar, and Web site. What about Quark Xpress and PageMaker? These are the "kings" of desktop publishing, whereas Microsoft Publisher and this program are the "princes." Who can complain about a program packed with this many features?

**MEETINGS AND SIGS**

**All meetings and SIGs are held in the Indian River County Main Library  
located at 1600 21 Street, Vero Beach, Florida**

**FEBRUARY 2006**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<b>1</b> <b>Photoshop Elements</b> <b>12:00-4 PM</b>	<b>2</b> <b>COMPUTER BASICS</b> <b>3:00-5:00 PM</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> <b>GENERAL MEETING</b> <b>7:00-9:00 PM</b> <b>iPOD</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	 <b>14</b> <b>NEW TO COMPUTERS</b> <b>2:00-4:00 PM</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> <b>MAC</b> <b>10:00-12:00</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> <b>Mobile Computing</b> <b>6:00-7:30 PM</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> <b>MS Excel</b> <b>6:30-7:30 PM</b>	<b>28</b>				

<b>General Meeting</b>	<b>Frank Lombard, President</b>	<b>Main Library</b>
<b>iPod...iPod...iPod</b>	<b>Kleinstiver , San Miguel, Purcell</b>	<b>Main Library</b>
<b>Macs</b>	<b>Eleanor Ryan &amp; Joe Piazza</b>	<b>History Room</b>
<b>Adobe PhotoShop</b>	<b>Frank Lombard</b>	<b>Multimedia Room</b>
<b>Mobile Computing</b>	<b>Wayne Kleinstiver</b>	<b>Media Room</b>
<b>MS Excel</b>	<b>Randy Washington</b>	<b>History Room</b>
<b>New to Computers</b>	<b>Tim Glover</b>	<b>History Room</b>

Vero Beach Computer Group is a self-help group that provides help to members who want to improve their knowledge of computers and accessories. Our motive is to share our experiences to give members a chance to learn and help each other. Every effort is made to share accurate information; however, no representations or warranties either express or implied are made as to its accuracy.

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