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Did we hear  
something about a  
**DESSERT  
POTLUCK**  
in October?



The rumors are entirely  
TRUE: turn to page 14  
where we dish the  
delicious details!

## Digital Rights Management: How Will The Show End?

**Andy Marken**, President of **Marken Communications**, returns as General Meeting guest speaker on the **SECOND Friday of September** (the 14th), to give us a detailed, insider's look at Digital Rights Management (DRM) and the probable outcome for the industry and the consumer. "DRM" is a catchall term for access control technologies used by publishers and other copyright holders to limit the use of digital media or devices, and to restrictions of specific digital works or devices. It somewhat overlaps with copy protection, but usually refers to creative media (music, films), whereas copy protection usually refers to software. It's controversial because supporters say copyright holders need to stop unauthorized duplication of their work, whereas opponents say that using the word "rights" is misleading (they say that copyright holders are restricting the use of material in ways not included in existing laws, and that DRM schemes are anti-competitive).

Andy, a twenty-year veteran of the content production and storage industry, will explain why he believes that recent content protection for hackers and press coverage will benefit us, the consumer, in the long-term and in a far different way than hackers anticipate. Andy was public relations counsel to **Philips** and has been involved with portable and removable storage ever since, working with firms such as **Matsushita**, **ADS Tech**, **Mitsubishi**, **Panasonic**, and many others as well as pioneers in the Internet industry. A widely published industry commentator, today Andy is venturing into the very touchy area of content management, security, and ownership.

For information on content development and storage visit <http://www.markencom.com>. If you have questions in advance, e-mail [andy@markencom.com](mailto:andy@markencom.com). ♦

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interesting people!**

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**MBUG-PC benefits: Computer Help, the Newsletter and 15 - 20% Discount on Computer Books at Borders and Waldenbooks with MBUG-PC Membership Card (see Tom Streeter for card).**

# THINGS, THINGLETS & THINGASSOS

**S. Jack Lewtschuk**  
MBUG-PC  
Columnist



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## ARE YOU GOOGELING?

The name “Google” originated from a misspelling of “googol,” which refers to  $10^{100}$  (the number represented by a 1 followed by one-hundred zeros). The verb “google” was added to **the Merriam Webster Collegiate Dictionary** and the **Oxford English Dictionary**, meaning “*to use the Google search engine to obtain information on the Internet*”.

*Definition from “The Free Dictionary” at <http://encyclopedia.thefreedictionary.com>*

Maybe you are, but do you use all of Google’s capabilities? Check it out at <http://www.google.com/intl/en/help/cheatsheet.html>.

## ARE YOU TIRED OF BEING LOCKED IN THE PHONE JAIL?

Is your index finger covered with a callus from pushing buttons on your telephone keypad? Are you angry, disappointed and frustrated? Try <http://www.gethuman.com/>. You might get to speak with a human yet.

## “HOMOGRAPH” SCAM

All of us have seen spam messages with misspelled words used in the subject line to defy filters, such as “v’agra”, “Reflnance”, “seksual”, etc.

Now it appears that scammers are registering international websites with names spelled using mixed alphabets. An example would be mixing letters from the Latin alphabet with letters from the Cyrillic alphabet.

You can use your imagination to see how confusing this can be. Just a few examples: the Cyrillic letters Y, H, B, P and C are sequentially equivalent to the Latin letters U, N, V, R, S, (etc.).

## GOT FRAUD?

Another good website to file in your “Favorites” or “Bookmark” file is <http://www.fraud.org/welcome.htm>.

This site includes:

- Telemarketing Fraud
- Internet Fraud
- Elder Fraud
- Scams Against Businesses
- Counterfeit Drugs
- Online Complaint Forms
- Call Center 800 Numbers
- Monthly News (regarding current fraud information).

## NORTON/SYMANTEC REMOVAL TOOL

I recall that several years ago, when I needed to uninstall **Norton Antivirus** I asked Symantec to send me the instructions, and a short time later a three page document arrived. Well, now it is a bit easier. If you need to uninstall a 2003 or later Norton product, follow these instructions:

1. Go to [www.google.com](http://www.google.com)
2. Type “SYMNRT”
3. Click “SEARCH GOOGLE”
4. Click and download “Download and run the Norton Removal Tool”
5. Follow instructions.

## NOVICE CORNER

### Internet Basics

Do you or anyone you know need to brush-up on any subject listed below? Slide on over to <http://www.internet101.org> to read about:

- Internet Basics
  - How It Works
  - Internet Access
- E-mail
- Free E-mail
- The Web
- Newsgroups
- Online Safety
- Viruses
- Spyware
- Blogs
- Searching Street and e-mail Addresses
- Finding Web Addresses
- Software
- Browsers
- Browser Toolbars
- Chatting/File Sharing
- Internet Goodies
  - About Shopping
- Web Portals
- Terminology



## Virtual Memory

Your computer uses **random access memory (RAM)** to store data for programs that are currently running. **Windows XP** alone requires 128 MB of RAM. If you want to run programs you're going to need much more than that to get by. I generally recommend 512 MB. Thinking of running **Vista**? You'll need 1 GB or more.

**Virtual memory** is designed to complement your computer's physical memory. It creates a paging file, or swap file, on your hard drive as programs request memory, RAM overflows, and Windows moves data to your hard drive.

But there's a downside: hard drives are relatively slow, so programs won't respond as quickly. This is why people always tell you that having a lot of RAM is beneficial.

You're probably best off to let Windows manage the size of your computer's virtual memory—it adjusts the size as needed. However, you can set your computer's virtual memory yourself if you prefer. Generally, you will want to set the minimum size to 1.5 times your physical memory. You can also specify a maximum size. Set the maximum size to the same size as the minimum. This will help speed things up. If you get warnings, enlarge both minimum and maximum.

To change the size of your paging file, click "Start" and right-click "My Computer." Click "Properties" and select the "Advanced" tab. Under "Performance," click "Settings." Open the "Advanced" tab. Under "Virtual memory," click "Change."

Now, select the "C: drive." Click "Custom size" and enter the minimum and maximum sizes. Click "Set" and "OK." Click "OK" on the other open dialog boxes.

If your hard drive is partitioned, or you have multiple hard drives, you can accelerate virtual memory. Place the paging file on a hard drive that doesn't contain the operating system. In that case, select "No paging file" for the C: drive.

## QT (QUICK TIP)

Quickly change the association of a file by holding down the "Shift" key, right click a file and choose "open with." ♦ [blacklion@royal.net](mailto:blacklion@royal.net)

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✓ Microsoft Office 2007: Visual QuickStart Guide  
✓ Microsoft Office PowerPoint 2003 for Windows: Visual QuickStart Guide ✓ Microsoft Windows Vista: Visual QuickStart Guide ✓ Photoshop Elements 5: Visual Quick Start Guide  
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# MEETING REVIEW

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**Debbie Jones on  
Microsoft Office 2007**

**MS Word 2007** has some fun new tools (**Live Preview**, **SmartArt**), but first new users have a challenging learning curve just to locate standard tools and functions to format, save, and print basic documents. Unless you are very comfortable with **Word 2002/2003** and enjoy experimental approaches to new programs, I strongly recommend step-by-step reference books to guide you. Word 2007 has far more icons and graphics than previous versions and it takes some time to identify them and explore how they work. Three books to check are:

- *Teach Yourself Visually Word 2007*, by Elaine Marmel, Wiley Publishing, Inc.
- *Microsoft Office Word 2007 (QuickSteps Series)*, by Marty Matthews et al, McGraw Hill/Osborne
- *Microsoft Office 2007 (Visual QuickStart Guide)*, by Steve Schwartz, Peachpit Press

In her *Introduction to Microsoft Office 2007* at the August 3 General Meeting, computer trainer **Debbie Jones** from **Anything is Possible** shared several highlights of the new Word program. Two significant changes are the use of a tab system to organize commands and the use of “ribbons” (lines of icons associated with each tab). Main menu headings are renamed and reorganized as “Home,” “Insert,” “Page Layout,” “References,” “Mailings,” “Review,” and “View.” In the Word screen, an “Office Button” icon replaces the “File” menu and leads to basic commands, such as “New,” “Open,” “Save,” “Save As,” and “Print.” At the bottom of the “Office Button” window, the “Word Options” button, which groups all of the customizing options previously shown on the “Tools” menu.

Clicking on a menu option will display it as a “tab,” and instead of a list of sub-commands, a new “ribbon” of

related icons is displayed. The “Home” tab, for instance, contains basic formatting commands for font, font size, alignment, etc., all in icon form, familiar from previous versions. The new “Page Layout” menu option (formerly under the “File” menu) provides easy, visual access to icons such as for margins and paper size and orientation.

A “Quick Access Toolbar” can be customized to make frequently used icons available. This toolbar is a small group of icons that sits on the left of the title bar, next to the “Office Button.” Click on the down-arrow on the bar to see more options. And if the document has been saved, notice that the file extension in the title bar is now “.docx” instead of “.doc.” Roll over the “Save As” to see a sub-menu of file formats, each with a few words of explanation—a nice feature. Files to be shared with others without Word 2007 can be saved as a “Word 97-2003 Document” and will have the older “.doc” file extension. An Office 2003 user can also download an add-on to open 2007 documents (“.docx!”).

Another new feature is the “Mini Tool Bar,” which appears whenever text is highlighted, at first faintly in the background, then clearly when the pointer rolls over it (grouping the common text formatting commands).

On the “Insert” menu, the “Table” insert icon illustrates the use of “Live Preview.” For example, when a table is inserted, the icons change dynamically and extra related tabs are also added. Rolling over the color choices for the table will preview choices. Also, in “Page Layout,” click on “Page Color” and roll over the choices to see the entire background change in “Live Preview”! The same applies to fonts: highlight text and hover the pointer over the font names (drop-down under the “Home” menu tab) to see the font change dynamically.

The “Insert” menu has most of Word 2007’s new graphic fun: cover page templates are insert-ready, as well as the familiar “Picture,” “Clip Art,” “WordArt” and “Hyperlink.” “SmartArt” is new, providing diagram shapes to insert and format many ways, to add color changes, shadows, 3-D effects, text, and much more.

And a favorite new tool—at the bottom of the Word screen is a slide bar for instant zooming in and out, from 10 up to 500 percent—great for managing page size display! ♦ [lakelyn@comcast.net](mailto:lakelyn@comcast.net)



# THE FRUGAL COMPUTERIST



by Bob “I Don’t Do  
Windows” Stephan

## Create Your Own Website—For Free!

In my previous column (MBUG-PC Newsletter July 2007) I described how to have your personal Internet domain, website and e-mail address hosted for very little cost. I left the question unanswered about how to actually populate your website with a home page and other goodies. Of course, you can pay big bucks for something like **Adobe DreamWeaver** and make beautiful web pages, but for an amateur personal website such expense would probably be overkill for most of us. I know it was for me, but then I am the Frugal Computerist.

There are many completely free ways to build a website, including **WYSIWYG** (What You See Is What You Get) editors with capabilities that rival those of DreamWeaver. The first bit of software that you will need is an HTML editor. HTML stands for HyperText Markup Language and it is the basis of all web pages. A web page is just a text document with HTML statements and possibly a few other things on it; consequently, you can build a web page with any text editor or a word processor in non-document (plain text) mode. Just get a book on HTML programming and get to work. It’s not that hard. The book will have many examples that you can use to get started. Just be sure to save your files as plain text or they won’t work.

Some word processors will allow you to save directly as HTML essentially acting as a site editor for you, but the features may be too limited. See below for information about the free **Open Office** which does have quite good HTML features. One would expect that anything you can create in your word processor can be saved as web pages if it has the “Save as HTML” feature.

In your browser under the “View” menu you will also find “Page Source” which will let you view the source text of the page you currently have loaded. But don’t let this scare you. Many professional websites have much more complicated HTML than you will need in order to get started.

## A Quick Start

Don’t tell anyone I told you this, but you can start with a web page that you might find on the ‘net which looks good to you and which you might like to emulate. When you view a web page in your browser, in the “File” menu you will find “Save Page As ...” that will allow you to download a web page to your own computer. Then you can open it in the HTML editor of your choice and modify it beyond all recognition (to avoid copyright problems) to suit your own needs. This is really a quick-start method and will get you off to having your own web page in very short order.

I think you will find that any computer programmer will (perhaps reluctantly) admit to cloning other programs that he has found that almost do what he wants but which needs a little tweaking for his purpose (by the way, “he” and “his” can refer to either sex here.) It is an excellent way of learning, and you can branch out to more creativity later. A similar way to start is to use a template, several of which may be provided with some site editors and perhaps some books on the subject.

## Free HTML Editors

For an extensive, but not exhaustive, list of possible HTML editors just take a look at [www.thefreecountry.com/webmaster/html editors.shtml](http://www.thefreecountry.com/webmaster/html editors.shtml). They range from simple text editors to full-featured WYSIWYG editors. The information on this page can tell you much more about what’s available than I have room for here and this site has many links to other useful pages such as, for example, “*How to Create/Start Your Own Website: The Beginner’s Guide.*”

Over the past several years I have used a variety of HTML WYSIWYG editors, including DreamWeaver, with some success. Most of these were variations on the editing component of **Netscape** called **Composer**. Several of these are on the freecountry site listed above along with links to reviews that tell you what features they have and don’t have, and how well they work.

Lately I have been using the most recent formulation called **Nvu** (pronounced N-view for “New View”). See [www.nvu.com](http://www.nvu.com) for detailed information and downloads, and for another good beginner’s tutorial, see “*How to Design and Publish Your Website with Nvu*” at [www.thesitewizard.com/gettingstarted/nvu1.shtml](http://www.thesitewizard.com/gettingstarted/nvu1.shtml).

Here is an excerpt from this tutorial:

You will be greeted with a window that contains a menu (the top line of the window that says “File Edit View Insert...” etc), a few lines of toolbars (containing buttons like “New”, “Open”, etc), a left panel with a heading “Nvu Site Manager”, and a large pane on the right-hand side that has a tab called “Untitled”. This large pane is where you will design your web page.

... You don’t have to do anything special - just start typing. Note that you can type whatever you wish ...

Does this sound like what you see and do in your word processor? You will find that Nvu is as easy to use as your favorite word processor. The Help feature of Nvu is very complete and professional looking and will answer your questions. As mentioned, Nvu is based on the Mozilla Composer web editor (which in turn came from Netscape) and includes many new features making it more powerful and easier to use. This open source editor is available for **Linux**, **OS/2** and (of course) **Windows**.

### **Publishing Your Site**

I have found that Nvu works very well for WYSIWYG drag-and-drop website building and editing, but it also has a site manager/publishing feature. To “publish” a page or a site means to transfer it from your computer to your website space on the Internet so it can be accessed by others.

The transfer is done via FTP (File Transfer Protocol) so you will need an FTP capable program. Nvu can easily do that for you and it works well, but I have also found something else for that purpose and it is just as free. It is called **DataFreeway** and can be downloaded at [www.enginsite.com/ssh-webdav-ftp-sftp-client.htm](http://www.enginsite.com/ssh-webdav-ftp-sftp-client.htm). Or just go to [www.enginsite.com](http://www.enginsite.com) and click on

“DataFreeway.” I have found that DataFreeway does a great job of transferring websites consisting of any number of web pages and files, and does it very efficiently.

There you have it. That’s all you need to know to get started creating your very own website for whatever purpose you might have in mind. I’d like to know what you do to publish a website. If you have other ideas write them up for the newsletter and let us know about them. All submissions would be of interest to many of us.

### **Who Needs Word?**

While we are on the subject of free software don’t forget about [OpenOffice.org](http://OpenOffice.org). **OOo** is a full-featured office suite that is compatible with **MS Office** and other office products and it costs nothing, nada, zip! I’ve been using one version or another of it for years and have never had a compatibility problem. Why spend the big bucks for an OOo wannabe? I think that 99 percent of us will find OOo perfectly satisfies all our office needs while perhaps 1 percent might have some special requirements, but I don’t know what they might be. Just check it out at [www.openoffice.org](http://www.openoffice.org) (note the “.org,” not “.com!”)

So, what’s the tie in? Well, as mentioned above in OOo you can create or edit an HTML document. This should get you started with at least a minimal web page, but I’m not sure how extensive the HTML capabilities are. Perhaps I will explore the features in a future column. To give it a try just open up the file menu, select New, and then HTML document, and away you go. Like Nvu just start typing and do whatever you do in your word processor to create a document. To check your work, just view the file in your browser after saving it.

The current version of OOo is 2.2.1. If you are using an older version it is recommended that you upgrade because it fixes some vulnerabilities. For more details and a link to download go to [why.openoffice.org](http://why.openoffice.org). ♦

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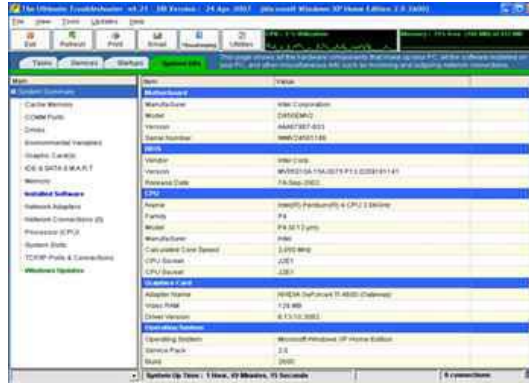




The user's choice (yellow) items can be reviewed and selected or deselected by the user by simply utilizing a checkbox. Unchecking an item will prevent it from loading at next boot. Stopping unnecessary items from loading at boot will improve performance and speed the boot performance.

The “**Services**” tab shows the internal workings of the operating system and other programs that are running at the moment. Right clicking on a running service allows the user to control the service by stopping it, and control loading and execution of the service item at startup. The traditional red/yellow/green indicator on each clearly indicates the degree of functionality, necessity, and safety of each.

useful to know precisely what hardware and software is in and on the computer.



“**System Info**” displays comprehensive information about the machine and its software. The “**System Summary**” displays detailed information about the motherboard, BIOS, CPU, graphics card, operating system, memory, disc drives, and other information.

Detailed information about components is often necessary for maintenance and update purposes, and TUT provides that information. Details are also provided about the cache memory, comm ports, drives, environmental variables, graphics card and settings, and many other computer components.

Installed software is also listed in detail, along with a helpful adjunct; TUT also displays an internet “**Help Link**” for more information from the software publisher, and as a resource for updates and upgrades. Other hardware and software information is listed as well. One helpful feature is a complete listing of Windows updates that shows the date of the update, a simple description of the update, and the **Microsoft Knowledge Base (KB)** number for additional information from the original source.

For those who want to know about websites and other Internet information, TUT offers several utilities, including the identification and display of the computers IP address (TCP/IP configuration, MAC address, etc.), name server lookup, ping, trace route (shows the path that internet connections follow over the Internet) and “**whois**” (displays the registered owner of a website).

One nice service provided by TUT is the frequent updates of its database, as well as periodic updates of the software itself. As I type this, I am using TUT version 4.21, which is an update from the recently released version 4.0.

TUT version 4 works on **Windows 2000, XP, Win2003**, and 32-bit versions of **Vista**. For the bargain price of \$29, I found that TUT is an indispensable utility for diagnosing computer problems and improving PC performance.

Its full name, The Ultimate Troubleshooter is a well-earned moniker, and I strongly recommend it. A free demo version is available to download from [www.answerthatwork.com](http://www.answerthatwork.com) so users can examine the product prior to purchase.◆

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The “**Housekeeping**” function of TUT allows the user to selectively clean junk files from the hard drive, freeing up disk space. Housekeeping also runs a PC health check to determine the operating condition of the computer. Freeing up drive space and ceasing unnecessary tasks contributes to stability, another key ingredient of overall system performance.

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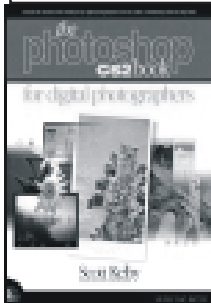
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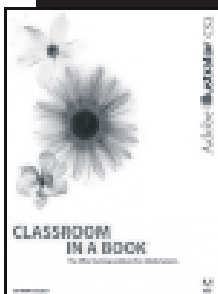
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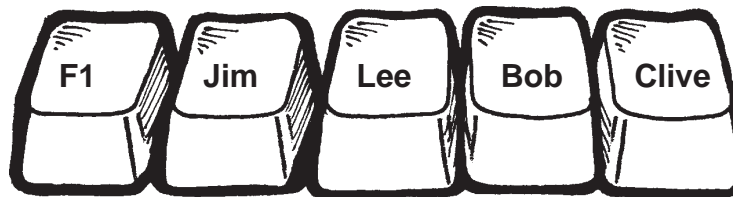
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- (2) Ask questions during any MBUG-PC meeting break or Q&A session; or
- (3) Leave **Don Slaiter** (831) 655-4443/657-4154 a message; or
- (4) Broadcast a message to all members through the **MBUG-PC Listserv** [mbug@listserv.redshift.com](mailto:mbug@listserv.redshift.com) **in plain text only** (NO html, please)!

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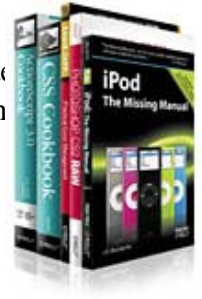
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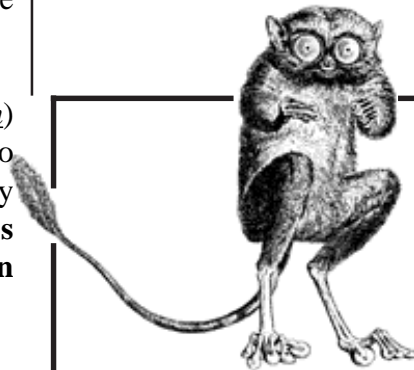
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## SEPTEMBER

### WINE NOTES 2.0 EVALUATION SOFTWARE

**Jud Grubbs  
& Pat Landee**

*Guest Speakers*

**Wednesday, September 26**

7:00 to 9:00pm

Canterbury Woods

Auditorium, Pacific Grove



Interested in organizing wine by more than just “red” and “white”? **Jud Grubbs** and **Pat Landee** of **Groundspace Corporation**, Pebble Beach, will demonstrate their product **Wine Notes 2.0**, a **wine evaluation and selection tool**, for use by the casual collector or connoisseur.

Designed for managing a wine cellar, the software runs on PDAs or PCs using **Windows XP** (soon to be Vista-compatible). Interested? Contact Pat at 655-9907; [pat@pinotnoirs.com](mailto:pat@pinotnoirs.com); or [www.groundspace.com/](http://www.groundspace.com/). ♦

## COMING in OCTOBER

### ANNUAL MBUG MEMBERS/FAMILY/FRIENDS GET TOGETHER

Summer is slipping by rapidly but it's not too late to share in a moment of MBUG fun! Get together with members, family and friends to eat, drink, get to know each other, and share computer problems/solutions and ideas for future meetings.



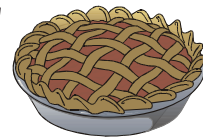
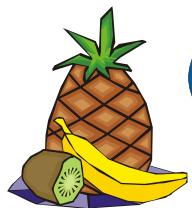
In lieu of an afternoon barbeque as held in past years, and instead of a regular workshop on October 24, we are having a



### DESSERT POTLUCK!

**Wednesday, October 24**

**7 to 9pm / Canterbury Woods Auditorium**



**Details:** Check the October Newsletter for final details. The DESSERT POTLUCK will be open to members, their families and prospective members. Invite prospective candidates along! Brief presentation, a little discussion, chat and laughter, raffle, and delicious dessert!

**Price of Admission:** Dessert for 8 to 10 people. Hot and cold drinks to be provided by MBUG.

#### Help Us Create A Special Raffle:

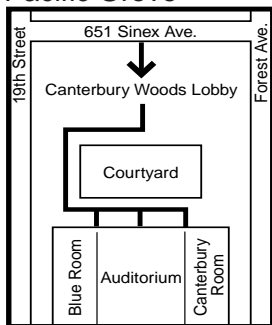
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  - (2) Contact, or tell us about, suitable vendors from whom MBUG might get raffle items.
  - (3) Save your lottery ticket money and buy lots of tickets on October 24!
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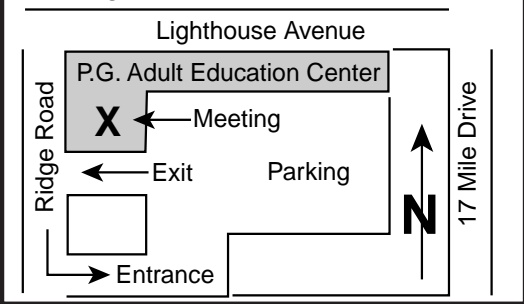
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 <b>LABOR DAY HOLIDAY</b>	4 <i>DIRECTORS' MEETING</i> Canterbury Woods PG Begins at 7pm <i>Everyone Welcome!</i>	5	6	7 <i>General Meeting on Second Friday this month!</i>	8
9	10	11	12 <b>MBUG Holiday: NO WORKSHOP</b>	13	14 "Digital Rights Management" Adult Ed Center PG 7:00 to 9:00pm Andy Marken	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 "Manage Wine Cellar w/ Wine Notes 2.0" Canterbury Woods 7:00 - 9:00pm J. Grubbs & P. Landee	27	28	29
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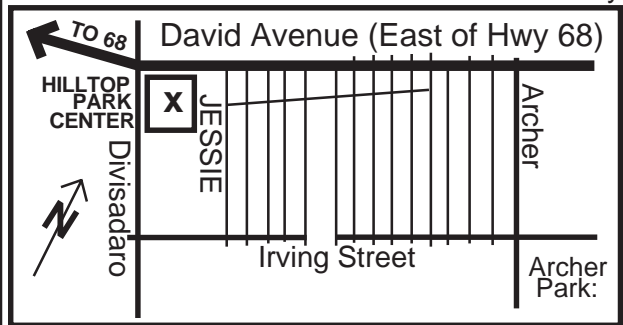
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 <b>ANNUAL MBUG GET TOGETHER</b> Canterbury Woods 7:00 - 9:00pm <i>All Members Invited!</i>	25	26	27
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