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## Legal Bytes: Fair Use - Wherefore Art Thou Going? By John Brewer, eMonitor, Computer Club of Oklahoma City

The news media is reporting the current brouhaha over electronic eavesdropping and surveillance of telephone calls, email, and Internet searches. The US Senate is set to begin debate on whether Judge Samuel Alito is the right person to follow Justice Sandra Day O'Connor. Congress is debating how to manage recover in New Orleans, fund wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, and address the reality of record deficits in the federal budget. It is a good time for the entertainment industry to make an end run on "fair use."

Fair use is a legal concept that permits the public to use copyrighted content without paying for the use, subject to specific restrictions. The entertainment industry perceives "fair use" as tantamount to theft by the unwashed and the unsaved. Draft legislation sponsored by the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) and the Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA) is being prepared for filing in Congress.

The new legislation is being circulated by Senator Gordon Smith (R-Ore.) and is titled the "Digital Content Protection Act of 2006." The Electronic Frontier Foundation (EFF) reports that "fair use" will be limited to "customary historic use of broadcast content by consumers to the extent such use is consistent with applicable law" under the DCPA. EFF continues, "had that been the law in 1970, there would never have been a VCR. Had it been the law in 1990, no TiVo; in 2000, no iPod. "Fair use" has always been a forward-looking doctrine. It was meant to leave room for new uses, not merely customary historic uses. Sony was entitled to build the VCR first and resolve the fair use questions later."

EFF interprets the proposed legislation as giving regulators (that could be largely staffed by industry types) the power to prohibit new technologies in advance of their introduction to public use. Past practice was to permit the introduction of new technology and then permit the courts to rule whether copyright law was applicable and, if so, whether the use of the technology was an exception under "fair use." As an example, the public is permitted to tape a television program on a VCR and play it back later as a "fair use" exception to copyright law. This practice is called "time shifting."

The new law will permit the device or technology only if it meets the criteria of "customary historic use." New technology will probably not qualify as "customary historic use." EFF predicts a world where technology will be frozen in time because industry lobbyists will have the power to prohibit new technology. Anyone who thinks

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Calendar  
of  
Events

**!!! IMPORTANT !!!**

**Meeting date  
for  
February  
will be the  
4th Saturday  
February 25  
Time 9:45 - noon**

**\*\*\* NOTE \*\*\***

**Confirmed  
future meeting  
will be the  
4th Saturday  
February 25  
March 25  
April 22  
May 27**

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**MEETING PLACE  
will be the  
Glenside Public  
Library**

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**SEE YOU  
THERE!!**

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**2006 COD  
Computer  
Show Dates  
February 26**

**This is the last date  
listed**

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otherwise is naïve. The federal regulatory agencies have seen “sea changes” in their attitudes under the current administration in the determination of the proper balance between industry and public interests.

The Public Knowledge web site states that the Smith legislation is basically a rework of what is known as the “Hollings Bill” from 2002. Public Knowledge states further “the fact remains that the main issue here is not about piracy, it’s about control. The content industry needs a congressional mandate to control the functionality of consumer electronics and PCs, and in turn, what consumers can do with the devices and content they legally obtain.

The Senate has introduced the “Digital Content Protection Act of 2006,” a bill that will create “Broadcast Flags” for all digital radio and television, leading to FCC oversight of all new digital media technologies from iPods and PSPs to TVs and DVD recorders.”

Another web site, a very interesting web site indeed, is [http://www. boingboing.net](http://www.boingboing.net) . Boingboing has the following to say about the Smith legislation.

“Under the DCPA proposal, digital media technologies would be restricted to using technologies that had been certified by the FCC as being not unduly disruptive to entertainment industry business-models. There are two things to be certain of this century:

1. Everything that can be expressed as bits [digital content] will be expressed as bits
2. Bits will only get easier to copy

The entertainment companies are convinced that their businesses depend on copy-proof bits. This is ridiculous: there’s no such thing, there never will be.

Governments that try to protect businesses that demand copy-proof bits are like governments that try to protect businesses on the sides of volcanoes, who demand an immediate end to business-disrupting lava.

If the current entertainment companies can’t or won’t adapt to a world of bits, that’s too bad. Let them die, and let new businesses that thrive in the new technological reality take their place. If you can’t stand the heat, get off the volcano.

Back in the mainframe days, IBM made its money by giving away computers below cost and then charging a bundle for keyboards and printers. Hitachi killed the mainframe business by introducing cheap peripherals for IBM mainframes. Killing mainframes didn’t kill computers: it made them better. IBM was forced to get into the minicomputer business, which led to the personal computer.

If computer industry complaints got the same attention as the entertainment crybabies get from lawmakers, there’d be 10,000 computers total in the world, running punchcards, with three companies making modest sums servicing them and shipping a new model every three years.

Hollywood’s crybaby capitalists accuse us of being “communists” with one breath, and in the next, they go begging to Congress to turn the FCC into device czars who keep the market from being disrupted by innovation.

Andy Setos, the Fox executive who invented the Broadcast Flag, once told me that his objective was “a well-mannered marketplace.” The entertainment industry’s version of a planned economy is bad policy.

Send a strong signal to your lawmaker: if you break my TV, radio, and computer, I will campaign tirelessly for anyone who will promise to throw you out of office and undo your deeds.

The author of the new bill to break our televisions, computers, and mp3 players, Senator Gordon Smith of Oregon, has been paid tens of thousands of dollars to do it. The National Association of Broadcasters (NAB) has been lobbying hard for the sole ability to decide how hard it’s going be for us to listen to an mp3. The NAB has thrown nearly \$250,000 at Republican candidates this year alone. NAB’s money stuck to Gordon Smith.”

Sometimes the public has live with the legislation that has been bought by industry. Anyone who is concerned should make their voice heard.

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### **How big is a 300 GB hard disk**

**By Jim Sanders, Editor, Orange Bytes, North Orange County Computer Club**  
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I recently acquired a 300 GB hard disk for \$110 after rebates. When I look at that 3.5 inch hard drive that is one inch high and easily held in my hand, trying to put those 300 Giga bytes of storage in perspective is a little tough. I thought about the first Z80 CPM system I built in 1977 from a Cromemco kit that I had to solder together. It used 8 inch floppy disks that held 128,000 Bytes.

The diskettes were easy to damage and it was a good idea to keep them in storage boxes. I made some good money selling the SRW Computer Products plastic storage boxes at a great ACP Swap Meet discounted price of \$2.00 each. They were designed to hold 10, but you could get 2 or 3 more in if you were careful! I wondered how many floppies that would be, so I punched the numbers into the calculator.  $300,000,000,000B/128,000B = 2,343,750$  diskettes. I don't know how to visualize that, but I did calculate that it would take \$468,750.00 worth of those boxes to store them all. I then remembered that the average price at that time was about \$3.50 a diskette. Again the calculator,  $2,343,750 \text{ diskettes} \times \$3.50 = \$8,203,125.00$ . Wow! That is a number that I don't want to think about if I am talking about a hobby.

Another way to wrap your mind around huge numbers is to start small, with something that you can relate to, and work your way up. Now we know that one byte equals one character of the alphabet. The common 10 point type has 10 characters per inch. So, if we have 120 characters/bytes in a row, we have one foot. There are 5,280 feet in a mile. So  $5,280 \times 120$  gives the number of character or bytes that would be on a mile long ticker tape that was being printed with 10 point type, an answer of 633,600 bytes. Compared to the 300 Giga bytes on the hard disk, 633,600 bytes is not much. To find out how much, we need to take the 300,000,000,000 byte capacity of the hard disk and divide it by 633,600 bytes in a mile. The answer to that math problem is the equivalent of 473,485 miles of ticker tape.

To put that into perspective, let's take the circumference of the earth (nominally 25,000 miles) and divide that into our answer. So,  $473,485 / 25,000 = 18.93$ . If we could find a big enough roll of ticker tape, printing all the information on that hard disk would wrap around the equator of the earth 18.93 times. That sounds impressive, but how many people can really visualize that. Besides, I don't know anyone who has a big enough ticker tape printer. Another thought, that ticker tape would be 3,000 miles short of stretching from the Earth to the Moon and back.

But let's try it with regular 8.5 inch x 11 inch paper. Again, standard printing would be 10 point type, 10 bytes per inch, and 6 lines per inch. Most people leave at least a half inch margin all the way around the page. So that means each line will be 7.5 inches, or 75 bytes, and there will be 60 lines per page. So each page will use 75 bytes x 60 lines, or 4,500 bytes. First, let's take 1 of the 300,000 megabytes on the disk and see how many pages that represents.  $1,000,000 / 4,500 = 222.2$  pages. We still have 299,999 megabytes left and, using them, the total number of pages comes out to 66,660,000 pages.

That is also a little hard to imagine, so let's see how many reams of paper that is. Take 66,660,000 pages, divided by 500 sheets per ream = 133,320 reams of paper. Again, a little hard to visualize.

A lot of things have their volume given in cubic feet. That's 12 inches x 12 inches x 12 inches or 1,728 cubic inches, or 1 cubic foot. I measured one case of paper at 11.25x9x17.5 inches, or 1,771 cubic inches. Let's be generous and round that off to one cubic foot. So at 5,000 sheets, or ten reams per case, we divide the 133,320 reams that we came up with by 10 to get 13,332 cases, or that many cubic feet of space.

Stipulating that an average house is 1,400 square feet with eight foot high ceilings, then the average house has 11,200 cubic feet of space, ignoring the walls. If you filled up your house, wall-to-wall, floor-to-ceiling, with cases of printed paper, you would still have 2,132 cases left over. If you are in better shape than I am, there is still room to get one car in that two car garage. That's 10'x20'x9' = 1,800 cubic feet, so that still leaves us with 332 cases of paper. We could take all of the junk out of the other half of the garage, lay down a two foot thick layer of paper and put all the junk back in on top of it. That's how much the 300 Giga byte disk holds! So, unless you are planning on taking out a home improvement loan, don't buy that 400 Giga byte disk.

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### **A Different Search Strategy** **By Larry Bothe, 1/25/06**

A few days ago I needed to find the location of a file on my computer. The file in question had to do with the formatting of a series of custom reports, and I needed to copy it from my old computer to my new one. I was trying to avoid having to recreate the custom reports all over again, a procedure I knew to be cumbersome and time consuming. I thought I knew the name of the file, or at least part of the name, but when I used the Windows SEARCH function it kept coming up without any results. I tried "wild cards" and searching the contents of files and folders, but still no luck.

Out of frustration and wanting somebody to commiserate with, I called my computer guru friend John Spizzirri in Chicago. I really didn't think he could help as I know he doesn't use the piece of software I was working with. I figured I would just whine at John for a while, he would feel sorry for me, and then I would go recreate the reports one at a time. So I told John about my inability to find the print configuration file, and to my surprise, he asked me just one question: Could I create a simple custom report and then save it? I said sure, of course, with just a couple keystrokes, but why? He said that I would be modifying the print configuration file, whatever it is called and wherever it is located, and then I could search for it by date. Duh, I didn't get it.

John is very patient, and he explained it like this. Whenever a file is modified and saved the Windows operating system records the date and time, right down to the minute, that it was modified. In the Windows SEARCH function there is an option to search by date. So the strategy would be to create a simple, new, custom report, and save it. Then immediately go into Windows SEARCH (Start, Search, Files and Folders), choose All Files and Folders, When was it modified?, Specify dates. The current date will be in the date window by default so now click on search. Poof!, all the files that had been modified that day came up. Ready for this? For me on that day it was 309 files. But I didn't have to root through all of them. Remember that Windows records the time as well as the date. I simply clicked on the Date column and the most recently modified file came to the top. That was my file. Now I had the file name and the path. It was a simple matter to go copy that same file (which contained all the custom report formats) from my old computer to the new one. No recreating a whole series of custom reports for me; I was all done! Thanks, John.

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### **What's on the February 2006 CDROM**

ARI - CAEUG newsletter  
Ata - American Civil War game  
AvantBrowser - An IE add on to make IE more like Firefox  
Back4Win - Backup software for Windows  
Botonoid - Clone of the Arkanoid game  
ClipboardViewer - Clipboard enhancement tool  
CloneSpy - Finds identical files on your computer

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ConTEXT - A powerful text and code editor  
 CookieMonster - Tool to selectively delete cookies  
 CubertBadbonePI - A game where the private investigator searches for missing persons  
 DeskCalendar - A customizable desktop clock/calendar  
 DolphinDice2000 - A multi-player dice game (can be played on line)  
 DROD - Kill monsters with a sword game  
 FlashPaste - Remembers text for insertion into documents/logins/forms  
 FlightGear - An open-source, multi-platform flight simulator  
 FreeRAM - Frees up memory not released by badly written programs (IE)  
 FunRun - 3D car racing game  
 GeneWeb - A genealogy software program with a Web interface  
 GooglePack - Google's recommended software assortment (installer)  
 HighwayPursuit - A 3d road trip shootem up game  
 IE7Beta - Internet Explorer's latest upgrade (has security holes)  
 Lookout - Allows search of content in MS Outlook mail folders  
 Magebane - A 3D single player roleplaying game  
 musikCube - A light weight MP3 player/cd ripper  
 NeoDownloader - A jpg image seeker and downloader  
 OldTimeRadio - Various shows from radio  
 PenguinPanic - A Super Mario type game  
 POPpeeper - Checks all your e-mail accounts (sits in system tray)  
 PopUpWisdom - Shows quotes on your desktop  
 PortableFireFox - Run Firefox from a flash memory device  
 PortableOpenOffice - Run OpenOffice from a flash memory device  
 RagingSkies - A 360-degree shootem up game  
 RealFrenchPlus - A French-language tutorial  
 Rebate - A premier rebate tracking software  
 RenameMaster - Renames groups of MP3 files  
 SpywareBlaster - Stops spyware from downloading  
 Sublive - Arcade action game  
 TidyStartMenu - A start menu replacement  
 Transparent - Lets wallpaper show through icons  
 TropicalStorm - 3d shootem up (get the drug runners)  
 TuxRacer - Race down snow hills as Tux the Linux Penguin  
 UltimateRebate - Rebate tracking program  
 UltraFlexBall2000 - Breakout-style game  
 VirtualU - 2d delivering pizzas and avoiding dinosaurs game  
 VOPTXP - Disk defragmenter  
 WindowsMediaBonusPack - Updated PowerToy for Windows Media Player for Windows XP

### **Monthly Meeting of the CAEUG January 2006**

- The January meeting of the Computers Are Easy User Group was called to order by President Michael Goldberg at 9:45am on January 14, 2006.
- There were 29 members in attendance. No Guests.
- **Raffle Items:** Creative Web Cam3, Belkin Notebook Mouse, Partition Magic v5.0, Encyclopedia Britannica CD
- **Meeting Minutes:** The November/December minutes were accepted as printed in the ARI.
- **Treasurer's Report:** No report this month as Treasurer Johnson was unable to attend the meeting.
- Balance:            Income:            Expenses:            New Balance:
- **Officer Reports:** *President* Goldberg asked if any board members had any comments or reports: *V.P.* Frank Braman announced that President Goldberg will present a program at next month's meeting on computer games, featuring Microsoft's Flight Simulator 2002. Frank also is looking for someone to give a program at the March meeting. If you are interested contact him at frankw@seniorglobe.net for more information. *Membership Chair* Pete Nicchia requested volunteers to staff the table at the COD Computer show on Sunday January 29th. President Goldberg commented that he heard the COD show may not be around much longer. Several members present volunteered. Thank-You!! *Newsletter Editor* Kathy Groce advised that all of the articles in this month's ARI were written by club members.

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By John Spizzirri  
February 18, 2006



It looks like Microsoft (MS <http://www.microsoft.com> ) will start hiring inside the United States again. I have reported in this column previously that MS has been investing and hiring heavily in India. According to EWeek magazine, MS will spend \$1 billion to expand its Redmond, Washington offices over the next three years. This expansion will provide work space for 12,000 additional employees. The story is at <http://www.eweek.com/article2/0,1759,1924708,00.asp> .

The RSA Security Conference ( <http://2005.rsaconference.com/us/> ) was held this past week. Cnet news reported the results of the expert panel about the national ID system required by the Real ID Act. The Act is scheduled to take effect in 2008. The panel reported that 100 countries have a national ID card. ID theft is just as prevalent in those countries as it is in countries without a national ID. The panel also pointed out that "function creep" would be a problem with a National ID. Driver's licenses, for example, used to be for driving a car. Now they are used for ID in check cashing and buying alcohol or tobacco products. What will be the uses of a National ID card? The panel agreed that a National ID card will NOT stop terrorism, which was the intention of the law. Panelist, Bruce chneier, said, "We don't have a field in the database system that will say you're an evildoer." The story is at [http://news.com.com/Drivers+license+or+national+ID+card/2100-7348\\_3-6040655.html?tag=nefd.top](http://news.com.com/Drivers+license+or+national+ID+card/2100-7348_3-6040655.html?tag=nefd.top) .

As of January 27th 2006, Western Union ( <http://www.westernunion.com/> ) will no longer send telegrams. Western Union is now only a money transfer company.

The Register reports that MS Office 2007 will ship late this year. It will have the new XML file format. The home version will not have MS Outlook included. [http://www.theregister.co.uk/2006/02/16/office\\_2007\\_details/](http://www.theregister.co.uk/2006/02/16/office_2007_details/) has all the pricing and other details.

I have heard concerns about how to use DVD Shrink (January 2006 CDOM) to make backup copies of DVDs. I will describe here how I use it.

1. Play the DVD for a few minutes. I do not count any menuing time, just the movie or episode. I use the PowerDVD player to view the DVD. PowerDVD comes with many DVD writers on PCs. Use whatever DVD player you normally use to watch DVDs.
2. Exit the DVD player
3. Start DVD Shrink
4. Click 'Open Disk'. It usually finds the DVD player and DVD in it. If it does not find your DVD, browse to the player and movie
5. Click ok. The program takes about 2 to 4 minutes analyzing the DVD. If you click the preview check box, you will see various scenes of the film in the preview window
6. In the DVD structure box (upper left) the main movie should be highlighted
7. Click re-author
8. In the DVD Browser (right window) double click Main Movie
9. Click and drag Title 1 to the DVD structure window
10. Click the Compression Settings tab. Uncheck everything except English. You are selecting the language the film will have. Uncheck all sub picture items. These are for subtitles.
11. Click Backup to bring up the Backup DVD dialog box. At this point you will be selecting which hard drive and folder you will save the movie to. Make sure you have at least 5GB free on the disk you select.

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12. Click Ok. This will start the back up immediately. The back up will take about 25 to 30 minutes
13. Click Ok in the back up complete dialog box then close DVD Shrink

I have used Nero OEM version and Deep Burner to successfully create DVD disks from the back ups. I tried Roxio Easy Media Creator 6 and 7. Neither worked. Roxio looked like it worked, but the DVDs would not play. Now I will describe how to use Deep Burner (December 2005 CDOM). I purchased the full version of Deep Burner (\$25).

1. Insert a blank DVD in your DVD writer
2. Start Deep Burner
3. In the Select Project Type dialog box select Create DVD Video and click Next
4. In the DVD Video #1 dialog box type the name of the movie in the Album Title area
5. In the DVD Video #1 dialog box click the ... button next to the Source Folder area to browse your hard drive to where you want to put the movie back up. Select the folder where the movie back up will be stored.
6. In the DVD Video #1 dialog box click Burn DVD Video (on the left)
7. The DVD Video #1 dialog box changes. Deep Burner finds the DVD writer drive, check for available speeds, and waits for you to click the Burn button in the lower right corner. Click the Burn button.
8. The software and hardware buffers will start to fill and the burn process starts. The burn will take about 25 to 35 minutes.
9. When the DVD is completed, close the DVD Video #1 dialog box. The program will ask if you want to save changes. Click No.
10. Close Deep Burner
11. Insert the newly made DVD in your DVD player and watch the movie. If the movie does not play, discard the DVD and redo the whole process. Some of the newer movies have copy protection schemes on them that may prevent this method of back up from working properly. Remember that these are general instructions and that what is displayed in any program may be different due to the structure of the DVD you are backing up.

Following is an example of how to investigate a news story via the Web. The material may not be suitable for more sensitive readers.

This picture kills people

( <http://blog.newspaperindex.com/2005/12/10/un-to-investigate-jyllands-posten-racism/> ). Its the cartoon next to the last one. As I write, the most recent death reported is that of an 8 year old boy. Some people think that people 'over there' do not have the same feelings about loved ones as westerners. I am certain that the boy's parents are as distraught as any parents of a dead child. Who the parents may blame for this needless death may be different. The picture allegedly depicts the prophet Muhammad. The characters on the turbin/bomb are called 'shahada' - the declaration of faith. They read 'la ilaha ila allah Muhammad rasulillah' which translates to 'there is no deity but God and Muhammad is the messenger of God'. The arabs rarely depict human beings in their art. There is no reliable likeness of Muhammad who died in the year 632

( <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Muhammad> ). By the way, there is no reliable likeness of Jesus, either. The shahada on the turbin/bomb is the only indication that this is a cartoon of the prophet. The Muhammadans must be told what is a picture of the prophet because no one knows

( <http://www.lewrockwell.com/featherstone/featherstone49.html> ). Pictures of Jesus have been around for at least 1400 years. This picture along with others was first published in the Danish newspaper Jyllands-Posten

( <http://blog.newspaperindex.com/2005/12/10/un-to-investigate-jyllands-posten-racism/> ) on the last day of September last year. Denmark is also known as Jutland

( <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jutland> ). The time delay between the publishing and protests may be due to the lack of Danish flags in the Middle East. The flags were necessary so that the protesters

could burn them. The reason the cartoons were published was to illustrate the fact that no local illustrators would draw a picture of the prophet for inclusion in school text books for fear of fundamentalist Islamic clerics. The illustrators had reason to worry. The Indian, Salman Rushdie, who wrote the book, *The Satanic Verses* (1988), had a fatwa

( <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fatwas> ) issued for his execution by Islamic clerics

( [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Salman\\_Rushdie#The\\_Satanic\\_Verses\\_controversy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Salman_Rushdie#The_Satanic_Verses_controversy) ). Jerry Falwell, also, had a fatwa issued for his execution because he said that Muhammad was a terrorist, a man of war. *Jyllands-Posten* has since apologized to Muslims for the cartoons. There were 12 cartoons by 12 different cartoonists. Many European newspapers have reprinted the cartoons because of their news value and to assert the right to a free press. The BBC did not publish the cartoons to avoid offending their readers

( [http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/middle\\_east/4693292.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/middle_east/4693292.stm) ). "In the northwestern Pakistan city of Peshawar, prayer leader Mohammed Yousaf Qureshi announced the bounty for killing a cartoonist to about 1,000 people outside the Mohabat Khan mosque"

( <http://www.lasvegassun.com/sunbin/stories/w-me/2006/feb/17/021708492.html> ). I do not remember anyone offering a bounty to kill Andres Serrano for his 1989 *Piss Christ*

( [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Piss\\_Christ](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Piss_Christ) ). The *Piss Christ* was a crucifix submerged in a bottle of urine. I am sure he got death threats but not publicly. Of course, I know that there is a big difference between a prophet and a savior. Some people think that the cartoons were racist

( <http://www.lewrockwell.com/margolis/margolis16.html> and <http://blog.newspaperindex.com/2005/12/10/un-to-investigate-jyllands-posten-racism/> ). I find it interesting that when a Christian fundamentalist calls for the death of someone as Pat Robertson did with Hugo Chávez, Robertson was criticized and rebuked. When Christians protested 'Monty Python's *Life of Brian*' (1979)

( [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Life\\_Of\\_Brian](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Life_Of_Brian) ), no one was killed. The film was banned in many places. No flags were burned. No one was injured. It appears, to me, that Christians are more tolerant of blasphemers than Islamists.

*Between you, me and The Lamp Post that's all for this month.*

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- The business meeting was suspended for the Program presentation at 10:15am.
  - **Program:** Weldon Johnson gave a very thorough presentation on Genealogy featuring search resources and the different kinds of software available to trace your family history.
  - The business meeting resumed at 11:30am.
  - **Old Business:** None

**- New Business: Al Skwara advised that our previous picnic location is no longer available. Al was able to get a similar area at North Side Park which is near the Wheaton North High School. The picnic date is June 24th and more information will be coming soon.**

- President Goldberg announced that the monthly meetings through the month of May will be on the fourth Saturday of the month as usual.
- John Spizzrri advised that the CD of the Month was available and that it contains two genealogy programs.
- President Goldberg advised that there will be an auction at the end of the meeting. The item is 'Family Tree Maker for Dummies' which contains a reference book and software.
- **Member's Forum:** A member was having trouble with an external USB hard drive not being recognized by his backup/imaging software. It was suggested that if the software is an older version, it might not recognize USB connections. Another member, using Nero 6.0 was having trouble burning certain 4x CD's. Suggestions included trying another brand of CDs.
- **Auction:** President Goldberg conducted an auction of Family Tree Maker for Dummies which sold for \$4.00 dollars!
- The meeting was adjourned at 12:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dean Holste, Secretary

**CAEUG OFFICERS & CHAIRPERSONS**

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**Beginner's SIG**

Ask questions and discuss computer experiences  
Such as:

1. New to Computers? (basic topics)
2. How to use the Web or download information
3. How to install hardware/software
4. Discuss how to troubleshoot hardware conflicts, learn boot up emergency tricks
5. What do you want to know??

SIG meets before regular meeting from **9:05 to 9:45**

**Great Midwest Computer Show © College of Dupage**  
Main Arena of Physical Education Building  
Corner of Park Blvd & College Road, Glen Ellyn, IL  
**9:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.**  
FREE PARKING  
**Admission - \$7.00 Kids 12 and under FREE**  
<http://www.greatmidwestcomputershow.com>  
**E-mail address:**  
[info@greatmidwestcomputershow.com](mailto:info@greatmidwestcomputershow.com)  
**2006 dates**  
COD February 26

**MEMBERS HELPLINE**

Any member with a specific expertise can volunteer to be on the Members Helpline.

Beginner Helpline . . . . . Billy Douglas

Beginner hardware problems . . . Dick Fergus

QuickBooks, Turbo Tax, IBM Lotus, MS Excel, Corel's Quattro Pro . . . . . Terry Moye

Hardware problems, Win 9x, 2K, XP & Linux . . . . . John Spizzirri

CD OF THE MONTH FORMAT: Is now available in **two (2)** flavors. The **Basic CD** will be packed with the standard items, while the **CD of the Month** will have NEW and updated items.

**NEW Money Saving Offer for CD of the Month**  
**Pre Order + Prepay = SAVE \$\$**

The club will offer the CD of the Month on a pre order, prepaid basis. The charge will be \$70.00 a year for 9 months. This is \$20 annual savings over buying them for \$9 each month. Lynn Johnson, the treasurer, will keep track of anyone placing a 9-month order.

MAIL Request - There will be a \$2.00 mailing charge per CD

<b>Membership Costs.....</b>		
	<b>First Yr.</b>	<b>Renewal</b>
Individual	\$25.00	\$20.00
Family	\$30.00	\$25.00
Corporate	\$30.00	\$25.00
Associate	\$20.00	\$15.00

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### Meeting place and date information:

The next REGULAR meeting will be held at the **Glenside Public Library in Glendale Heights** starting 9:45am on **4th Saturday February 25, 2006**

The Glenside Public Library is located at 25 E Fullerton Avenue, Glendale Heights, Illinois. The Library is located on Fullerton between Bloomingdale Road (stop light intersection) and Schmale Road (stop light intersection) on the south side of Fullerton. Fullerton is parallel to North Avenue (Route 64) and Army Trail Road. North Ave. is south and Army Trail is north of Fullerton. Please park away from the building. Thank you. The meeting(s) are not library sponsored and all inquiries should be directed to Mike Goldberg or MikeGold60137@yahoo.com. Individuals with disabilities who plan to attend this program and who require certain accommodations in order to observe and/or participate in the program are requested to contact CAEUG president, Mike Goldberg at MikeGold60137@yahoo.com, at least five (5) days prior to the program, so that reasonable accommodation can be made for them.

**CONFIRMED Future Meeting dates for 2006 at Glenside Public Library:  
4th Saturday February 25, March 25, April 22, May 27**

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**February 25 presenter will be our own Mike Goldberg**

Michael Goldberg, our February presenter, had his first computer experience with a Zenith, 5.25 floppy, 512MB hard drive running Dos 4.0 and WordPerfect. He used it for 21 months. He then got a CTX Win 95 machine in 1998 and his computer learning got serious. He found good computer books at College of DuPage library and subscribed to PC World Magazine which helped him learn how to use his computer. In March 2000, he joined Computers Are Easy User Group (CAEUG) club which has been very helpful. Michael has enjoyed Flight Simulator versions 98 through 2002 and various reference suites. In this meeting he will demo flight simulator 2002. A helpful website on history of Flight Simulator is <http://fshistory.simflight.com/fsh/index.htm> .

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