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What's Happening In MacMad

Jim Staal, President

It's election time! No, I'm not talking about the mind-numbing primaries or the forest of signs appearing for various sheriff candidates. I'm referring to your MacMad elections. During the Program Meeting on March 16, we will elect the Officers who will keep MacMad running for the next year. See "About Last Meeting" for the proposed slate, come out to the meeting, vote and please volunteer to help.

Over the past month we have seen several nice reminders that your MacIntosh User Group (MUG) is active and growing. Our meeting attendance is increasing, both for

the first Wednesday and third Tuesday meetings.

At the Wednesday meetings several clusters of members are solving issues and questions, while others discuss their views on Mac developments. In the next month or so, we hope to have at least one class meeting at this time. The first will likely be an *Introduction to the Mac*. Keep watching the website and MacBits for more information.

The past Tuesday meeting had excellent attendance to watch Karen Cox discuss Quicken. The active questions and answers and the number of small groups discussing this or other topics

after the meeting show how interested we are all in the Mac.

MacMad is once again listed in the recently published *Florida Today Fact Book*. Our listing last year has helped build community awareness. We received many e-mails and phone calls as a result of this listing. The MacMad listing had dropped out of the publication for a bit, and it is nice to see it back. *Florida Today* also has this information on the web.

We are also trying to have our meeting notices published in the area papers. Working through the various requirements for such

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notices takes a good bit of
planning and coordination,
but I hope that we will soon
see these published up and
down the coast.

One of the challenges of get-
ting the notices in the
papers is the requirement
for submission several
weeks in advance. Given
our current month-to-
month scheduling of pro-
grams, this advance notice
is nearly impossible. The
solution is to have several
months worth of programs
lined up. This brings me to
one of my regular requests.
Please help with suggest-
ing, identifying and arrang-
ing our programs. All of the
Board members are avail-
able to help with the

details, but we need your
inputs and assistance.

We do have two great pro-
grams in the works. Our
March program from the
Harbor Branch
Oceanographic Institution
Media Lab and the tentative
April program on Garage
Band should be quite inter-
esting.

I am still working on mak-
ing more use of .Mac for
your MUG. Roger Scruggs
has been generously con-
tributing a series of pictures
that he has taken. The pho-
tos from the January meet-
ing, as well as some from
February and other inter-
esting events are posted at:

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related photos or information that you would like to have up on that site, please let me know.

Over the past few months, I have been mentioning that the MacMad twentieth Anniversary is approaching. What are your thoughts as to how we should be celebrating this event?

Meanwhile, I will look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the meetings. The time approaches for our part-year residents to begin flying north. This means that more of us who reside in this paradise year around need to come out and support your MUG, so we can show potential presenters our great attendance. Bring a friend who owns a Mac. Bring a friend who owns some other computer and help them switch. They'll thank you for it.

About Last Meeting

by Jim Staal substituting for Mark Fosgate, Group Secretary

February 17, 2004

Jay Fleming opened the meeting at about 7:00:00.0 p.m. with about 32 persons in attendance, and then asked guests and new members to introduce themselves.

Jamie Cox then introduced the program for the evening and -- with appropriate enthusiasm -- the presenter, his wife Karen. Karen Cox is a Financial Planner with Mary Baldwin Fee-Only Financial Planning of Melbourne. Her topic was Using Quicken for the Mac. Karen gave an excellent walkthrough of Quicken and its capabilities. Of particular interest were the Quicken capabilities which she showed in addition to the usual checkbook and bank account tracking. These include extensive tracking of other assets such as stocks and retirement accounts, and tools for budgeting and spending analysis.

Following the program, Jim Staal took the reins to conduct a short business meeting. Most important in this was the announcement of upcoming elections and the slate of candidates. The four Board Officer positions must be filled. Jim (President),

Ray Legall (Vice President) and Bill M o r o n e y (Treasurer) have agreed to again run for their respective positions. Jay Fleming has indicated that he can no longer share the VP responsibilities. Mark Fosgate believes that his six

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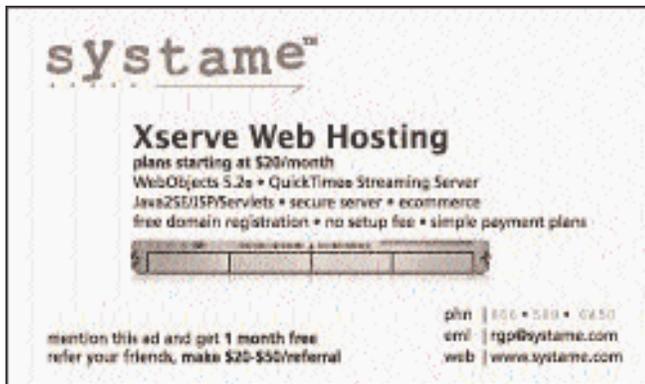
If you are experienced with a piece of software or hardware, and wouldn't mind a few calls for help, volunteer by giving your phone number to Cher Daley.

consecutive terms as Secretary invoke term limits, and he wishes someone else to take this position. Elections will be held during the March meeting.

Jim then passed out some MacMad business cards that he has created to make it easier to get the word out about our group. These will be available at the meetings and will be online for those who wish to download and make their own.

After a brief discussion of other Apple and Mac news, and upcoming programs, the group adjourned at about 8:40, with a subgroup reconvening at Bennigan's for more discussions and libations.

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Review of Mac OS X : The Missing Manual, Panther Edition (10.3)

Reviewed by Ray Stern

Having run on the old operating systems for many years I thought I could do without a supplemental manual. If, my logic told me, I needed some help I would just click on help. Well, my logic wasn't so good.

Mac Help is not always so, well, helpful. Plus there is nothing so worthwhile as having a hands-on printed manual to thumb through. The Missing Manual does just that in spades.

What I liked most about this manual I found right off the bat. The Table of Contents. It outlines the contents in a very user friendly way. It is a great place to get used to using this manual.

The contents lists the things you most likely are looking for. Almost immediately I found topics that I was interested in. Faxing and Networking with Windows.

The detailed information is written in an easy to read format and makes no bones about any limitations. For instance; Hitting the return key to start a new paragraph is almost automatic isn't it?

However, in the Fax section the manual warns you; "Don't press the return key to start a new paragraph, - - the return key triggers the fax button and sends your message before it is finished."

Kind of handy to know, isn't it?

If you have a previous edition and upgraded to Panther, it is worth while to get this new edition, Mac OS X: The Missing Manual, Panther Edition. It is designed to help beginning to intermediate Mac fans.

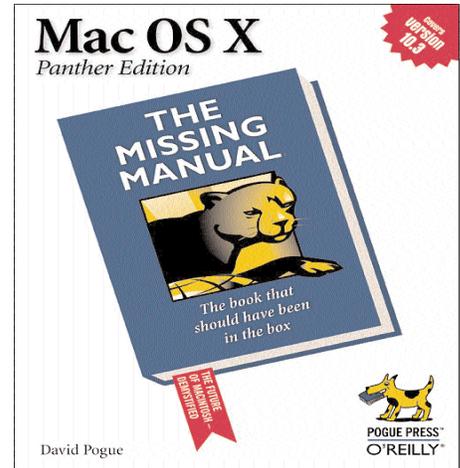
There are lots of tips, side bars figures and workarounds of use to even the more advanced users. Also new in this edition are mini manuals on iMovie, iPhoto, iChat, iTunes, Safari and other programs included with Panther.

So, if Mac Help leaves something to be desired, or you like to thumb through some good information in your easy chair. This is the manual for you.

With the release of Panther

Editors Note:

Thanks to Ray Stern for his contribution to MacBits! We encourage all our members to do the same thing. Ray we applaud you!



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Apple made the decision to have AppleTalk DISABLED by default on new Macs and new installations of OS X (don't ask me why). So in order to connect to your older Macs you'll have to re-enable the AppleTalk service first!

Folks having problems with Panther might find it useful to have a look at:

<http://www.macattorney.com/panther.html>

Item # 9 covers the above problem.

Also very useful, for those having issues with installing and setting up Panther, or networking under Panther, is TidBits "Take Control of..."

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Here are the e-books available so far, and their regular prices:

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For more info on Tidbits e-books, see:

<http://www.tidbits.com/takecontrol/>

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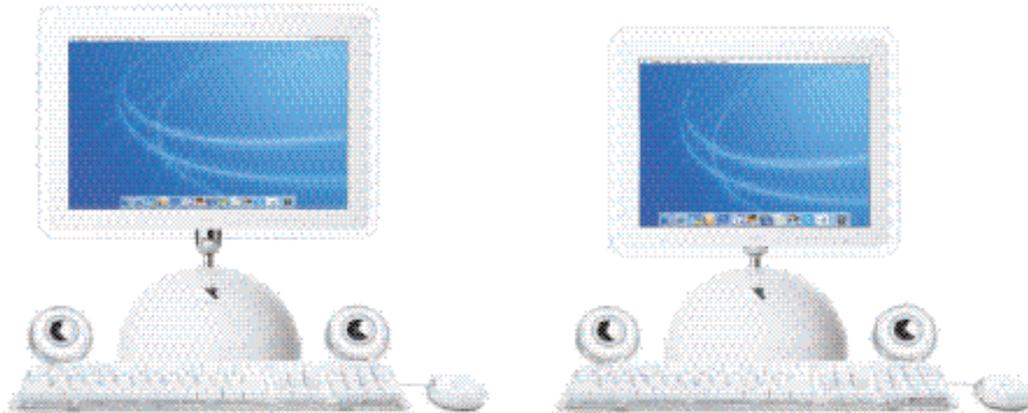
RedrawClassic XT redraws the QuarkXPress document windows which have afterimages when switching back and forth on Mac OS X Classic environment.

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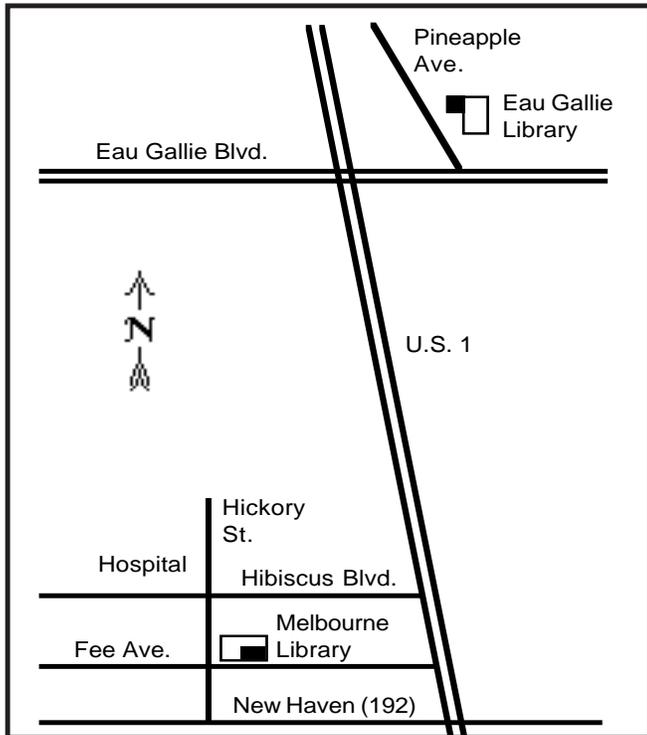
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The Media Lab is a Mac-dedicated group. This presentation will highlight some of the Media Lab's work and present some of the tools utilized in their development.

About MACMAD



MacMAD is a user group devoted to helping each other explore the possibilities opened by the Apple Macintosh. We publish this newsletter, operate a web site, and hold meetings on the first Wednesday and third Tuesday of each month. www.macmad.org.

After each meeting all are welcome at a local restaurant where we indulge in a festive open discussion over pitchers of cokes, beers, and food stuffs galore. Here the true spirit of the world of Mac is exposed, many acquaintances are made and expertise shared openly. Thus our name, MacMAD, which stands for "Macintosh Meeting And Drinking Society."



Meetings

Tuesday, March 16th

The Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institution Media Lab:

Developing Content-Rich Educational
Media on the Mac

James W. Masterson, Ph.D.

Biologist/Educational Media Specialist

7:00 to 8:30 at the Melbourne Library, Fee Ave.
in downtown Melbourne.
Check our bbs for info!

Wednesday, April 7th

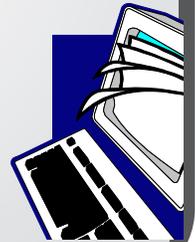
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