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Is Your Life Boring? Spice it Up By Becoming a Victim of Scammers and Thieves!

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If you're bored to tears, why not put more excitement into your life by becoming a victim?

Follow the tips below, and you're sure to find yourself quite busy as you try and dig yourself out of trouble. But at least you won't be bored!

Write your PIN number on the back of your ATM and credit card! How else are you supposed to remember that vital number to tap into your finances?

Why waste time by shredding documents? Just toss those financial statements, online credit card notices you printed, and your retirement account papers into the green bin. I mean, it's filled with cat litter, coffee grounds, and tea bags. Who would dig into your garbage to retrieve a few slimy documents?

Don't be stingy when someone using an unrecognizable phone number calls you and asks for a donation! Instead, make sure you open your heart by making sure the person on the other end has correctly typed your credit card number. It's a good

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Februarys Virtual Zoom Meeting—QR Codes for Emergency: *by J.J. Johnson*

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Meetings

LCACE meetings are usually held on Saturdays at the Grayslake Area Public Library, 100 Library Lane, Grayslake, Illinois. The meeting room opens at noon and the formal meeting begins at 12:30 p.m. All meetings are open to the public. Bring a friend!

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Logitech M720

Multi-Device Multi-Protocol Mouse

By Jasmine Blue D'Katz

Meet the high-precision mouse that's built for ultimate comfort, endurance, and versatility. With extra controls, a dual-mode scrolling, and adjustable dpi tracking, M720 gives you the power to tackle any task. Two ways to connect and multi-device capabilities keep you in your flow, even when working between two or three computers.The sculpted shape and up to 2 years[3] Battery life may vary based on use and computing conditions. of battery life ensures that you can keep doing the precise, high performance work you do-all day long.

The Logitech M720 mouse is a reliable and versatile peripheral device that is perfect for both work and play. It features an ergonomic design that is comfortable to use for extended periods, and its responsive buttons and smooth tracking make it ideal for a variety of tasks, from office work to gaming.

The mouse has six buttons, including the standard left and right buttons, a scroll wheel, and three customizable buttons that can be programmed to perform specific actions, making it highly functional and user-friendly. The buttons are easy to press, with a satisfying tactile feedback that lets you know you have clicked them, and they are also very responsive, ensuring that you never miss a beat.

In terms of connectivity, the M720 uses a 2.4GHz wireless connection that is both fast and stable, and it is compatible with both Windows and Mac computers. The mouse is powered by a rechargeable battery that provides up to 70 hours of continuous use, so you can use it for extended periods without having to worry about battery life. The mouse also comes with a USB receiver that you can plug into your computer, making it easy to get up and running.

The M720's build quality is excellent, with a durable and sturdy design that feels solid in your hand. It is also quite lightweight, making it easy to carry around and use on the go. The mouse's body is covered in a soft-touch finish that feels great to the touch, and it is available in a variety of colors, so you can choose the one that best matches your style.

In conclusion, the Logitech M720 mouse is an excellent choice for anyone looking for a reliable, versatile, and user-friendly peripheral device. Its comfortable design, responsive buttons, and smooth tracking make it ideal for a variety of tasks, and its fast and stable wireless connection makes it perfect for both work and play. With its long battery life and great build quality, it is a must-have for anyone looking for a top-notch mouse.

What is IoT?

The network of physical objects "things"

Compiled by Jasmine Blue D'Katz

The Internet of Things (IoT) refers to the growing network of physical devices, vehicles, buildings, and other items that are embedded with sensors, software, and connectivity which enables these objects to connect and exchange data with each other and with the internet.

IoT devices can range from simple sensors that collect data on temperature or humidity, to more complex devices such as smart thermostats, home automation systems, and connected cars. The data collected by these devices can be used to improve efficiency, increase convenience, and support new business models.

One of the key benefits of IoT is the ability to collect and analyze vast amounts of data from multiple sources, which can be used to gain insights and make better decisions. For example, an IoT-enabled building can use sensor data to optimize heating and cooling systems, while a connected car can use sensor data to improve fuel efficiency and reduce emissions.

IoT also has the potential to revolutionize entire industries, such as healthcare, where connected devices can be used to monitor patients and improve the delivery of care. In manufacturing, IoT can be used to optimize production processes and improve supply chain management.

However, there are also concerns about the security of IoT devices, as many of these devices have weak security and can be easily hacked. This can lead to privacy breaches and the potential for cyber-attacks on critical infrastructure. As a result, there is a growing need for robust security measures to protect IoT devices and the data they collect.

Overall, the Internet of Things has the potential to bring a wide range of benefits to individuals and organizations, but it also requires careful consideration of security and privacy. With the right approach, IoT can be used to improve efficiency, increase convenience, and support new business models, but it is important to ensure that the data and devices are protected from potential threats.

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cause, and you're helping out in a big way. I mean, doesn't it feel good to share your credit card number with the $20,000 account limit to a charity you've never heard of before? Sure! You're a big sweetheart.

Why in the world would you waste your time by bothering to monitor your banking account online? Jeeze. The sun is shining. Go outside and have fun! No need to bother yourself with numbers on a website or an app. Even though there might be a few purchases you can't identify - heck - it's no big deal! No reason to contact the bank and speak to that helpful customer service rep that you cannot understand, anyway.

Sarcasm is a powerful tool to get across a message. We've been using it throughout this article to get your attention. Now that you're reading this —

What's currently the leading cause of financial loss by fraud? Romance scams. There's big money being lost here by thieves targeting the lonely.

In 2020, more Americans of all ages lost more money through romance scams than any other means.

Wow. That is an eye-opener!

Talk about the way to rob someone in the 21st century. In 2020, victims of romance scams lost $304 million – and people 70 and older had more money stolen that way – on average, $9,475 – than any other age group. Whew!

Here's how it's done. First, the scammer creates a fake profile on social media or dating sites and tries to start a relationship through texting or chatting.

Romance scammers usually make one excuse after another why they cannot meet their victim, um, "loved one," in person. For example, romance scammers often ask their "loved ones" for money by requesting gift cards. But instead, they never share their real photos, opting for faked headshots cropped from Instagram, Facebook, or even models displayed on websites.

Don't be gullible. Don't become a victim.

Be smart. Be aware. Be vigilant.

Interesting Internet Finds July 2022

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While going through more than 300 RSS feeds, I often encounter things I think might interest other user group members. The following are some items I found interesting during July 2022.

Google One Explained: Is It Worth Subscribing To?

https://helpdeskgeek.com/reviews/google-one-explained-is-it-worth-subscribing-to/

If your 15GB Google Storage is not enough, check out this post that explains just what Google One is, how it works, and its advantages and disadvantages. (Note: I have already been using different options, so I decided this was not worth it.)

Does Your Internet Provider Know That You're Using A VPN?

https://www.reviewgeek.com/122229/does-your-internet-provider-know-that-youre-using-a-vpn/

If you use a VPN to obscure your identity, this is a good post to read.

How To Find Out Which Kindle Model You Have

https://www.online-tech-tips.com/computer-tips/how-to-find-out-which-kindle-model-you-have/

If there is a problem with your Kindle or you need an accessory for it, you will need to know which model you have. Check out this post to learn how.

Wordpress Users Need To Watch Out For Fake Copyright Infringement Warnings

https://www.techlicious.com/blog/wordpress-users-need-to-watch-out-for-fake-copyright-infringement-warnings/

Are you a Wordpress user? If so, you need to read this post so you know how to protect yourself.

How To Spot Fake Amazon Reviews

https://www.dailybits.com/how-to-spot-fake-amazon-reviews/

I get a lot of stuff from Amazon, and I am always looking for ways to spot fake reviews. Sometimes the fake reviews are to make us buy certain items or sometimes not to get them.

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FaceTime*	Allows video chats with friends and family
TripIt	Organizes flights, hotel reservations, and more
Laser Level	Helps hang pictures straight
Lose It	Lets you create and follow a diet plan
RedLaser	Compares prices by scanning bar codes while you shop
The Weather Channel	Keeps up with local weather
iPharmacy Drug Guide & Pill ID	Identifies your pills and finds lowest drug prices
Tip Calculator	Computes your tip and splits the bill among friends

*iPhone only

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Just think you could have submitted a paragraph or two that would help your fellow Members

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February 10, 2023

Membership Chairperson Report

Attendees (Zoom)
15 / 31%

THANKS FOR VISITING
None

Renewals
None

Computer Services

Desktops, Laptops, All-in-Ones and more

During our October Zoom meeting the following two computer services were mentioned.

White Box Computers

They say they are the place for all your computer repairs & upgrades at nearly half the prices of the competition.

https://whiteboxcomputers.org

847-833-9324

ZYTEK Services

Has been around for over 30 years and offers the best in fast, friendly, high-quality, fair price computer service solutions

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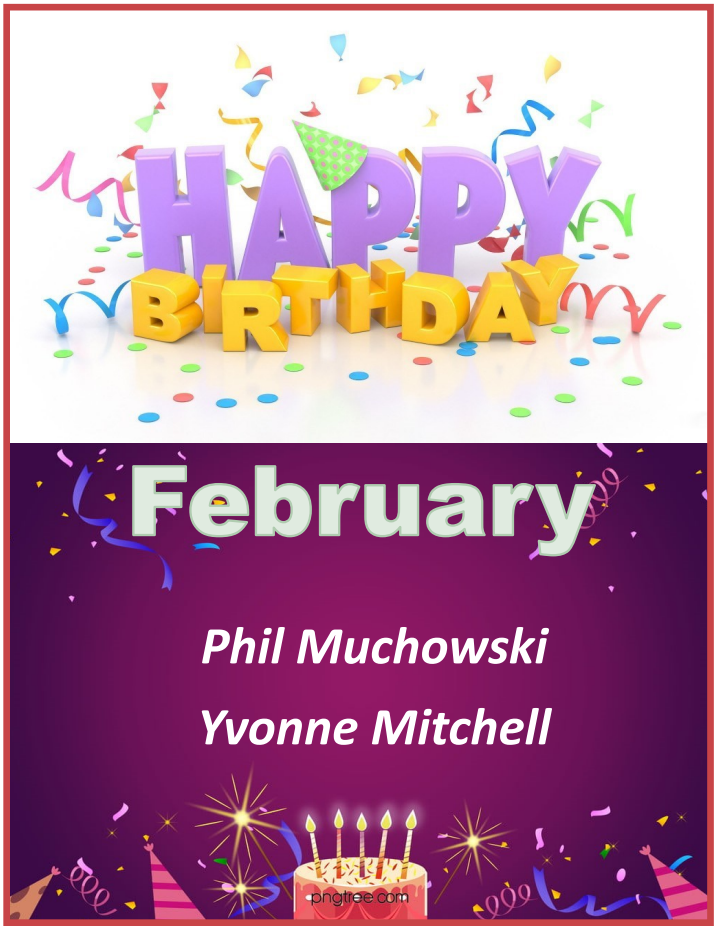

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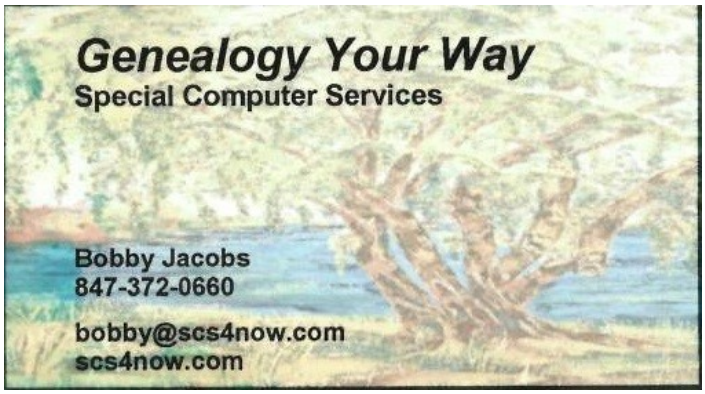
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