

# Well, Picture that!

Along with educating us on how to organize, modify and improve our photos, Bear also showed a photograph that was most likely over 50 years old. It was a black-and-white photo of his father-in-law's brother and new spouse cutting the cake at their reception.

The original showed the wear and tear of the passing years. Then he showed us four more copies after he had made some improvements and fixes. The torn top left corner of the original was now intact. The glare from eye glasses, so common with the older flash cameras, was removed and you could actually see the eyes of each person. The fading was rejuvenated and had been corrected to a point that the photo looked only a few years, not decades old.

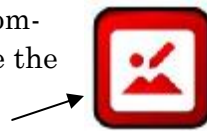
Bear then told us about the programs we most likely already have on our computers to do pretty much the same with our old photographs.

For the industrial strength methods used on the photo I described above, Bear used Adobe Photoshop. Photoshop is an expensive application. It is used by most professional photographers to enhance their work and it is designed for professional looking results. Many, if not all, of the photos you see on magazine covers have been 'photoshopped'.

If you do any surfing on the inter-

net you have seen pictures that have been photoshopped. When used for fun and games and innocent improvements, photoshopping is a good thing. When used to change the image for nefarious reasons, be they political or just plain malicious, then it is not.

Bear recommended, if you have Microsoft Office 2003 or later on your computer, that we use the MS Office Picture Manager.



It's installed by default when you install the Office suite. It can be found by going to Start, Programs, Microsoft Office, Microsoft Tools. It's also a free download from some sites. Just do a search for it to find out where you can get it.

It is a graphics package that lets you work on any photo or picture. You can adjust the brightness and contrast, remove red-eye, re-size, crop to eliminate unwanted background images, adjust the color and rotate and flip.

You can print and send email directly from the Picture Manager.

To remove smudges and add text you merely have to open Paint, which can be found under Accessories. Paint is included and installed with Windows.

Using the proper Paint graphic tools you can remove, recolor, distort, airbrush and add text boxes. You can fill a space with

selected colors; the Pencil tool lets you work on pixels; the Eraser does just that, erase; the Line tool lets you draw lines, boxes, ellipse and rounded rectangles.

Let's pretend—years ago you and several friends had a photo taken while camping. You broke up with the person you were with and now you want to 'rub' him, or her, out of the photo so you can keep it as a reminder of the other friends, whom you may still be friendly with. You can remove that old beau, or belle, rather quickly. Just open Paint, get the Eraser tool and start scrubbing.

You have a photo and you don't like the background but you don't want to just fill it in with one color. Using the Free Form or Rectangular selection tool, select an area that you want to use to improve the background to your satisfaction. Choose an opaque or transparent background and drag the selection to the location you want.

There are many ways to tweak up your old and new photos with Picture Manager and Paint.

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But, for the really tough jobs, you'll need a more powerful application. For those of us who can't afford, nor don't need, all the powerful features of a Photo Shop there are options.

Do a search on the web for either photo editing software or photo enhancement software and you'll find a large number of free, shareware and commercial applications.

The three listed below are all free, one of them should do what you want.



*Paint.net*, an open source app, was started a few years back, Microsoft and some programmers were working on an improved version of Paint. At some point Microsoft lost interest and gave all the code to the programmers who finished the project as an open source application and released it to the world, free of charge. They do appreciate donations to keep the project going.

Open source means that the programming source code is available to anyone who would like to create add-ons for the software. These folks write an app for Paint.NET and submit it. The folks at Paint.NET test it to make sure it works and then releases it for general use.



Paint.Net was designed to be immediately familiar to users of MS Paint

and Photoshop. It is a full graphics package that does everything the others mentioned here do plus layering. Layers allow you to compose one complete image from a stack of other images that are blended together. Paint.NET v3.5 has been enhanced for Windows 7. [www.paint.net](http://www.paint.net) is where you can get your free copy.

**PhotoPlus**  
Starter Edition

*Photo Plus Starter Edition* from Serif is a slimmed down version of Photo Plus x4. Photo Plus x4 is a low cost package that does it all. Download the freebie and decide if you want to spend the \$70 (approx) for the x4.

<http://tinyurl.com/3jeueet>



*Picasa 3* from Google. Most folks who have Google have Picasa. Download it from the Google site and it catalogs all your graphic images. You can then manipulate them anyway you want.

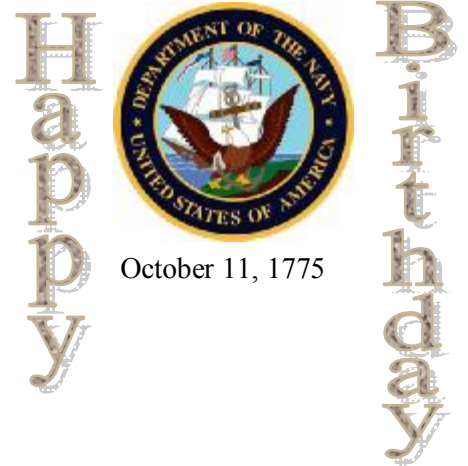
As I stated earlier, there are a large number of these apps out there. Find one that suits your needs, falls within your budget and is easy to understand and use.

If you have a favorite graphics package that you consider top notch, that is not covered here, let us know the name of it so we can pass the word to the group.

Aloha,

*Jim*

*Ed. Note: It is mere coincidence that all three of these applications start with the letter P.*



## Oct 1st Agenda



**Bear will educate on the on-line library assets you can find from home. It's a way that your tax dollars are actually doing something for the good citizens of the State.**



Bear

**Da Prez Sez column is on hiatus until further notice. Lou and his column will return in the near future.**

**Read all of Lou's previous columns, @ Oceanic Around Town. Visit <http://tinyurl.com/363qew>**

## Office Watch

*I've promoted this site in the past but thought I'd give you an example of the useful articles in this free newsletter. I've also left the links intact so you can browse at your leisure. Subscribe at the last link.*



### WHAT IS A DOPPLEGANGER DOMAIN?

It's a domain name similar to that of an organizations main domain, used for trapping emails sent to a mistyped domain name in the email address. This can happen when there are sub-domains, usually regional, for a large company.

For example a message to [fred@us.company.com](mailto:fred@us.company.com) is mistyped and goes to [fred@uscompany.com](mailto:fred@uscompany.com) instead. A clever hacker has registered uscompany.com and reads the message.

So far, it's the email equivalent of posting a letter to the wrong address, then being opened and read. Here's where the hackers get sneaky. Instead of just reading the message they pass a copy along to the intended recipient [fred@us.company.com](mailto:fred@us.company.com) so Fred and the company are none the wiser that the message has been intercepted.

Because the message arrived, the sender continues to use the mistyped address in future emails as he/she replies to messages in the same thread with the same incorrect address. That mistyped address can spread to other people via forwarded messages meaning that more and more messages for [fred@us.company.com](mailto:fred@us.company.com) can be read by hackers.

As we'll see below, Outlook can help spread mistyped email addresses. This isn't a small problem. Godai Group in their [report](#) say they collected over 120,000 messages in six months using this

method. The messages weren't all people arranging a lunch, Godai reports having messages containing "trade secrets, business invoices, employee PII, network diagrams, usernames and passwords, etc."

### WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Outlook has one feature which lets mistyped domains continue beyond the original mistake.

#### AutoComplete

The AutoComplete feature gives you a drop down list of addresses you have used in the past. This list is NOT linked to your Contacts list, so updating an email address for the contact won't change the one most people use in the AutoComplete list. We talked about this back in 2009 [Why doesn't an Outlook change of address stick?](#) "Autocomplete is so useful and quick, it's easy to forget the downside."

If you mistype an email address in Outlook – eg [fred@uscompany.com](mailto:fred@uscompany.com) that mistake will keep showing up until you delete it. Do that by using the down and up arrow keys to highlight the outdated AutoComplete entry then press Delete to get rid of it. In Outlook 2010 they've made this obvious by putting an X on each line for you to click.

It's amazing what information people will send in clear, unencrypted, emails. It's easy to forget that messages are 'in the clear' and can be read by hackers. Don't send passwords, login details, credit card info, bank account details in emails.

There is an alternative – digitally signed and encrypted emails. They are complicated so we've written a clear simple guide to secure Outlook emails in our ebook [Privacy and Security in Microsoft Office](#).

The best protection is, as always, to be careful. Watch email addresses to make sure they are correct the first time you type them.

What to do?

Godai have some [preventative measures](#) for network administrators. Godai suggestions include:

*Register domain names that might be used for typo-squatting.*

Some companies already do that. If you type amazn.com you'll reach amazon.com because Amazon registered their mistyped name long ago. We suspect the idea of registering similar sub-domains has been overlooked in many IT departments.

*Watch domain registrations*

Keep a track on domain name registrations and lodge a Uniform Domain Dispute Resolution Policy if a new registration appears to be a problem.

*Trap doppelganger domains in-house*

Maintain a list of possible domains and configure in house DNS and email systems to not recognize those domains. This can be done in Exchange Server.

This only works if you have a good list of possible mistyped domain names.

See a version of this article at Office-Watch.com web site <http://news.office-watch.com/>



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# HALLOWEEN MEMORIES

Halloween can be a fun and scary time for children.

For those of us with, or without, small children it can also be a real pain in the okole (derriere, for you mainlanders), when the little urchins come to your front door, ring the bell and shout "Trick or Treat." Fortunately for them there are laws concerning the degree of reaction from the 'trickey'.

Or, you are pressured into dressing them up in silly looking costumes of fairies, superheroes, or animals and parade them around the neighborhood so they can beg for treats from the other adults in your area.

In my younger days the adults in our neighborhood would join in the Halloween tradition by ringing doorbells and shouting, "Trick or Drink", after the kids did their solicitations. At a few houses, mercifully very few, in some years we were pelted with hard candy and bags of popcorn.

But, there were times that the 'trickey' was a fellow reveler and we sauntered (staggered?) away with a cold one on our way to the next house.

The next morning the children were sick to their stomachs from eating too much candy and some of the adults were sick also.

But, alas, time has a way of changing traditions and, I suspect growing older has something to do with dimming the desire to prowl the neighborhood for free stuff, as well. So, now that I and my friends are no longer out begging for brews, I stay home on Halloween night, turn out all the outside lights, (so the hordes of kids will think no one

is at home and not ring the doorbell.) The large watch dog I have at the front gate helps out, too. I retire to a back room to sit at the computer and reminisce by watching Boris Karloff, Bela Lugosi and Peter Lorré movies on cable and/or the internet and having a Halloween themed desktop and screen saver to provide the eerie background sounds.



So, in my own sedentary way I re-live (in my mind) those annual care free days when we could get sugar highs and not be reprimanded by our parents for it.

Never again will I be trolling the neighborhood for sympathetic imbibers to have pity on me. Not unlike a thirsty soul looking for a friendly oasis to quench the parched palate. In truth, it's just not the same, and at my age, it's probably safer and healthier, too.

If you'd care to join in get screensavers, cartoons and even fonts (see the column heading) to delight the grandkids and maybe even yourself.

For free Halloween screensavers, go to <http://tinyurl.com/6hzoqd3> to ghoulish-size your desktop.

For free Halloween themed cartoons, visit <http://tinyurl.com/6kaykg2>

Avery Halloween themed templates <http://tinyurl.com/5tty78s>

The Zombie font above, and several others, can be downloaded for free at this location <http://tinyurl.com/6fn7bkgp>

Happy Halloween and be careful with the sugar intake.

Aloha,

*Jim*

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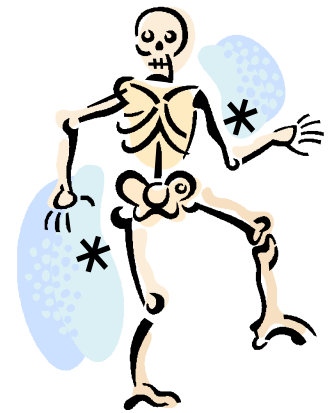
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· What do skeletons always order at a restaurant?

Spare ribs!

· Who was the most famous French skeleton?

Napoleon bone-apart.

· Who won the skeleton beauty contest?

No body.

**HAPPY HALLOWEEN**