



Summer 2003 Newsletter



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I have added a page to my web site at www.thecomputerman.biz where you can find all of my past and present newsletters so you can refer to them at any time you wish, or tell your friends about them too....

* **Notice:** For my clients who still have my old e-mail address in your address book (julesp@gte.net)

Please change my address to thecomputerman8@yahoo.com . I have closed my Verizon internet account since I have switched to Comcast cable internet and you will no longer be able to contact me at the old address. Thank you....

Welcome to another edition of my Tips Newsletter.

I hope you find something in it that interests you. I try to provide informative, interesting, and some fun things for you to explore. I should mention that I check out all web sites I mention and believe they are functioning at the time I created this news letter. Perhaps at a later time when you try them they may be out of service or no longer available on the web. Enjoy.... Jules

I have had some comments that some have had problems when they try to print out my newsletters from the e-mail message or the web site.

If this is still a problem for you here is what you need to do.

Go to my web site at www.thecomputerman.biz. Click on the link to "More Pages". Then click on the Newsletters Link. Click on the link to the newsletter you want to view and print. In the Internet Explorer menu at the top left of the page click on File. Click on Print Preview. If the page looks like it is all fitting on the page width then you can safely print it. If it is not fitting on the width of the page in the preview window....you need to adjust the page margins.

To adjust the page margins, first Click on "Close" to exit the print preview screen. Once again click on File and then click on Page Setup. In the window that pops up, change the left and right margins each to "0" (zero) and the top and bottom margins to .25 each. Now go back and try the Print Preview and see if all the page is showing. If so, then it is safe to print.

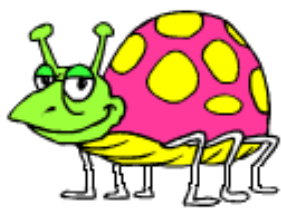
This tip is useful to try before printing any web page that won't print properly. By the way, this setting should remain like that when you return to Internet Explorer, so you should not have to re-set it again. Hope this helps....

Printing just a portion of a Web page: (This one is worth repeating...)

Web pages are rarely designed with printing them in mind. Often trying to print a Web page wastes paper when all you want is just part of a Web page.

The solution in Internet Explorer is to first use your mouse to highlight the portion of the Web page that is of interest to you. Then click File, Print and select the option button marked "Selection." Finally, click the OK button and only the highlighted portion of the page will print!

Here are a some animated graphics for those who collect them:



Now for some interesting Web Sites:

Interested in different topics? Want to talk about them? Read about them?

Well Arborwood might just be the place for you. With many different forums and channels including:

Pets, Genealogy, Sports & Recreation, to name a few; you won't be bored.

You can get maps and directions, free e-mail, yellow pages, and the ability to track a flight all at the tips of your fingers. Enjoy this one.

<http://arborwood.com/>

Dumb Laws

We all know they are out there, waiting, just waiting to get us. Have you ever been the victim of a dumb law? Well now you can find out about dumb laws from all over the world. Check out the dumb laws for my state, Ohio:

- 1.It is illegal to get a fish drunk.
- 2.The Ohio driver's education manual states that you must honk the horn whenever you pass another car.
3. It's illegal to catch mice without a hunting license!
4. You cannot eat a doughnut and walk backwards on a city street.
5. Throwing a snake at anyone is illegal.

Why don't you check out and see what dumb laws will affect you. Remember if you visit Ohio, don't get your fish drunk and let him throw snakes.

<http://www.dumblaws.com/>

[Mr. Smarty Pants Knows](#)

Visit the Fact-O-Matic, type in a single word and find all occurrences of that word in Mr. Smarty Pant's database. Or you can just jump right in head first to the topics, and browse to your heart's content.

For instance, choose the odd topic heading of Flan. Knowing that flan is a desert, it would be curious as to what interesting factoids you could find on it. Here are some of the results:

"In El Salvador, flan is called flan de horchata because it is made with a milk-based almond drink sold across the country."

"Spanish writer Vital Aza once said, "If you eat flan, you have a hearty appetite."

"The Green Burrito chain of Mexican restaurants in California added flan to its menu in January 1991. In an interview with The Los Angeles Times, Ruben Rodriguez, chairman of Green Burrito's parent company GB Foods Corp., said the move was due to the fact that, "flan is very popular with Hispanics, and with it, we believe we can attract a larger share of the Hispanic market into our restaurants." When it came to naming the new dessert selection, Green Burrito chose a name with a distinctly Anglo ring: "Flan-Tastic."

<http://www.austinchronicle.com/mrpants/>

[Healthy Diet](#)

Here you will find Medical Diets and much, much more. Need to find a diet after all this holiday eating? Then I suggest you start your research at this site.

The Medical Diet section is very interesting with information ranging from Heart and Diabetes diets to Allergies and Pregnancy. For those of us who are regular dieters, you will enjoy the other sections with recipes, humor, and of various types of diets. From Low Calorie to the Yoga Diet I think you'll find what you're looking for.

Enjoy!

<http://www.geocities.com/kaloriecounts/index.html>

[StarryScapes](#)

"Welcome to Loke Kun Tan's Astrophotography website which displays photographic images of celestial objects adorning our night skies. Some of the objects are visible to the naked eye, such as the bright and spectacular Comets Hyakutake and Hale-Bopp. Other objects, such as gaseous nebulae and galaxies, can be extremely faint and are visually evident only in telescopes or through long exposure photography." Did that grab your attention? It did mine, I sure couldn't think of a better way to say it.

Now let me tell you about these pictures; they are phenomenal. You can even choose what kind of things you want to look at: Comets, Galaxies, Nebulae, Star Clusters, or H-Alpha.

I love the Nebula section, the pictures are in color and my favorite is [NGC7000 North American and IC5070 Pelican Nebulae](#).

The color photos really take your breath away, and make great wallpaper for your desktop. However, please don't just set these images as wallpaper, read the copyright info and ask.

<http://www.starryscapes.com/etc/profile.html>

[Dumb Warnings](#)

In the style of Dumb Laws, here are dumb warnings. I particularly enjoyed their top ten dumbest warnings and I think you will too. A nice section is the random warning which is a good way to experience the humor of these warnings. Want to just go through them however you want? Go through their warning index and pick and choose as you please.

Have you read a dumb warning on something you've bought or operated? If so you can submit a dumb warning.

You can even check out the Dumb Network which has things like Real Haunted House and many more.

Enjoy!

<http://www.dumbwarnings.com>

Here is a handy tip for you:

Using the [Spacebar] for page up and down in your browser:

On the Web, when you're reading information on a long Web page, there are several ways that you can scroll through the page with Internet Explorer (or for that matter, Netscape Navigator):

- * You can use your mouse and the scroll bars
- * You can use the [Page Down] and [Page Up] keys
- * If you have a mouse with a wheel, you can use the wheel

However, there's another way to scroll through a long Web page. You can use the [Spacebar] to scroll down a page and [Shift] [Spacebar] to scroll up the page! This alternate method is nice for touch typists.

More interesting Web Sites:

[Castle of Spirits](#)

Do you like a good ghost story? Would you like to see photos of paranormal, ghostly activity? Well if so you might enjoy this site. Are you ready to visit the Castle of Spirits?

This site has ton of pictures, and pictures that have proved to be hoaxes. So for you sleuths out there that should appeal. Interesting photos and true ghost stories could keep you occupied for hours on end, I know it had my attention.

Enjoy this haunting site!

<http://www.castleofspirits.com/ghostphotos.html>

[Ask Oxford](#)

Are you passionate about language? Well so are the publishers of Ask Oxford. You can get a lot out of this site. Like what you ask? Well there is a Word of the Day section, Games, Quotations, and an Ask the Experts section.

For those of you who like odd trivia, you'll enjoy the section that gives you the history of a word and where it originated. There is even a Question and Answer section for those of you have deep probing language questions.

<http://www.askoxford.com/>



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