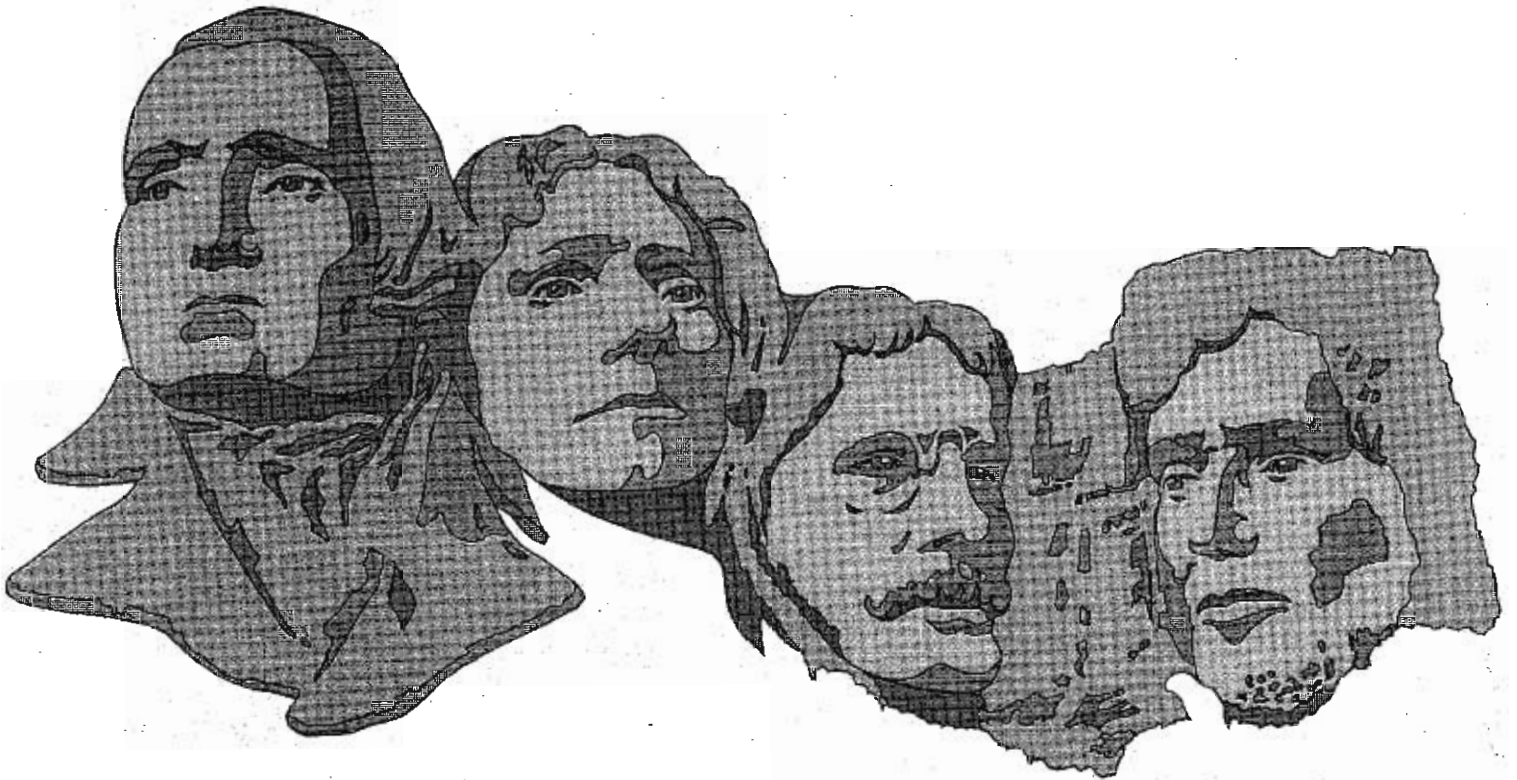


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## NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Congratulations to the new Board of Directors of the North Texas PC Users Group. They are: **Timothy Carmichael**, **Marsha Drebelbis**, **Alex Lilley**, **Andy Oliver** and **Andy Reese**. We will hold the election for President-Elect later this year.

### NEW Web SITE CONTENT EDITOR

**Mary McWilliams Johnson** has volunteered to take over editing of the content of the Web site. She brings a wealth of experience and ideas.

Since it's beginning, **Doug Gorrie** has kept the Web site running and edited the content. Doug is now concentrating on the new Web server. Thanks for the good work, Doug.

### NEW Web SERVER ROCKS

Many thanks to all who participated in getting the new Web server up and running. It replaces the BBS and, when it is fully operational, it will provide many more services. I really appreciate the ability to receive e-mail attachments.

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## THE PERFECT GIFT!

Looking for a last-minute gift that's quick, easy and keeps on giving for the entire year? Take a tip from Doug Gorrie and consider giving a one-year membership in the North Texas PC Users Group. This is an especially appropriate gift for a friend or relative who is new to computing and interested in learning how to use and enjoy the PC.

Point out the Genealogy SIGs to people who are collecting information about their families, tell friends how much the Internet SIGs can help in easing their way into really using the Web, and the benefits of friendly, early computer lessons in the Introduction to the PC SIG.

More experienced users would appreciate value of vendor presentations in making important software and hardware decisions during the year.

If you have a friend or relative who constantly "borrows" your copy of the latest *North Texas PC News*, a gift membership might be especially welcome.



### SAY GOODBYE TO THE BBS

We are maintaining both the Web server and the BBS until Doug Gorrie and the Web server team transition everyone from the BBS to the Web server. My guess is that we will finally shut down the BBS in late February.

### NEXT NTPCUG BUSINESS MEETING

The next Business Meeting will be at the vendor show at Bigtown Exhibition Center on Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 p.m. Until we have a permanent meeting place, we will hold our business meetings here. Attend and find out the latest information on how the meeting place search is proceeding.

### DFW XCHANGE VENDOR SHOW

The first vendor show on January 16<sup>th</sup> was a big success. I had to stay in North Dallas until the mail was put in our post office box. I wanted to get the ballots that arrived on the morning of the election. When I got to Bigtown, it was a pleasant surprise to have to wait for a parking spot to open up at 10:30 in the morning. We are continuing the advertising campaign and keeping publicity going about our new location.

### DFW XCHANGE CORPORATION

DFW Xchange Corporation is the corporation that puts on the vendor shows at Bigtown Exhibition Hall. It is jointly owned by the North Texas PC User's Group and the Apple Corp of Dallas. The user groups use money from DFW Xchange to fund the meeting sites.

DFWX held it's annual elections on January 28<sup>th</sup>. Unfortunately, the *Evil Vice President* was elected President. It didn't exactly make my day. I'll just have to deal with him.

*Jim...*

## MEETING SITE SEARCH

As I write this in early February, we are still looking for a place for the User Groups to meet. We have examined lots and lots of opportunities and most of them are unacceptable for one reason or another.

The search committee had a very productive session on January 28<sup>th</sup> following the DFW Xchange meeting. We discussed one opportunity and decided not to pursue it. Here is the opportunity that we turned down:

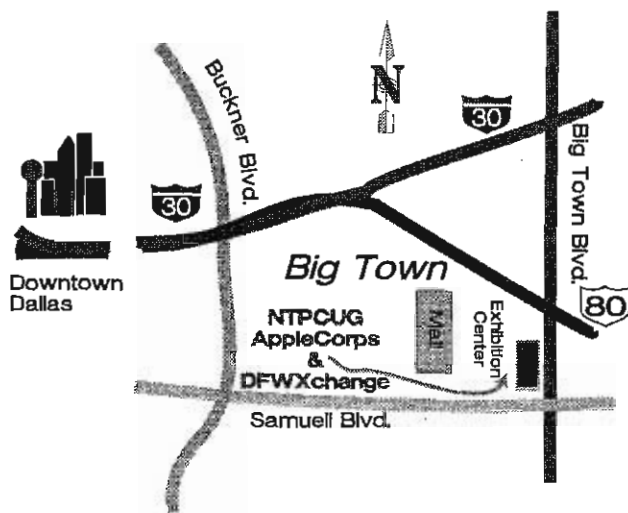
The meeting site was W. T. White High School on Welch Road, about one mile south of LBJ Freeway. They had sufficient classrooms with adult sized furniture— I was able to sit in it without getting stuck. Also, they have a large auditorium. And, when we added up the costs, we could afford it.

After a long discussion, the search committee realized that the same people who are involved in the vendor show would be responsible for running the

user group meetings at the high school. That would mean that we would be giving up two Saturdays a month. None of us felt like we could do that.

We are now down to two alternatives:

1. Provide meeting space for *some of the SIGs* at Big Town Mall, near the vendor site, on the Saturday of the Vendor show. We can't provide



rooms for everyone but it would be possible to attend some of the SIGs and also attend the vendor area on the same Saturday. We would hold other SIGs and vendor presentations elsewhere. We are currently getting the prices so we can evaluate if this alternative is within our budget.

2. Provide a permanent site in a commercial office building. This would allow SIGs to meet throughout the month on weekends and in the evenings. We would hold vendor presentations elsewhere. We have an unsigned contract for such a site that is within our budget.

It is my hope that by the time you read this, the search committee can recommend a meeting site, complete with the costs, to the boards of both Apple Corps of Dallas and North Texas PC Users Group.

Jim...



**Marsha Drebelbis**  
**Timothy Carmichael**



### 1999 NTPCUG Board of Directors

**Alex Lilley**



**Andy Oliver**



**Andy Reese**



## NTPCUG SERVER - Using INTERNET E-Mail

NTPCUG has completed the conversion of its Internet e-mail interface from a BBS (Bulletin Board System) to one that is Windows NT Server-based. We now have true Internet e-mail, allowing members to send and receive e-mail throughout the world using standard TCP/IP software. The handling of "TO", "Subject", and attachment information no longer requires special handling. E-mail can be uploaded and downloaded between our server and any e-mail client on your hard drive. Alternately, e-mail can be viewed and generated through a frames-capable browser (Netscape, Internet Explorer) from any Internet connection in the world.

Please note that NTPCUG is NOT planning to become a full-blown ISP (Internet Service Provider). While your NTPCUG membership allows you free access to Internet e-mail, and will shortly include our own newsgroups for information exchange among members, we cannot provide full World Wide Web access for "surfing the net". If you want/need WWW capabilities, you will still need an ISP or similar connection to the Internet. But if all you need is e-mail, NTPCUG membership is a bargain !!

### WHERE TO START

There are several different scenarios for creating and connecting to your free NTPCUG e-mail account. Below, we will first cover the ones most likely to meet members needs, then work our way back to address the others in this or separate documents.

Because the Internet has become such a prevalent force, **the following assumes you already have an ISP account**, and probably an e-mail account through that same ISP. (Toward the end of this document are alternate procedures describing in general how to access our e-mail server using our dial-up access lines.)

### CREATING YOUR E-MAIL ACCOUNT

To use NTPCUG e-mail, your e-mail account must first be created. There are *two* ways to do this. One is to call Doug Gorrie (972-618-8002) or e-mail [postmaster@ntpcug.org](mailto:postmaster@ntpcug.org), providing your name, NTPCUG member number, and the initial pass-

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word you desire. Your account will be created shortly, usually in the form of "*firstname.lastname*".

Alternately, if you have access to a browser on the Internet, you can go to <http://mail.ntpcug.org/emurl>, where you can Sign On and specify your own name and password. Your account is created immediately. Thereafter, once created, you can access your new e-mail account either through an e-mail client running on your PC, or via the same "emurl" link (address) above.

**Important:** Your ID, as entered by us or by you in "emurl", **must** be recognizable when compared to NTPCUG's membership database, and **must contain no spaces**. One address is allowed per membership, but if desired, it can be in the format "John&SueJones", "JohnAndSue.Jones", "Jo.hn\_and\_Sue\_Jones", or similar if you want a combined "family" account.

### ACCESSING YOUR NEW E-MAIL ACCOUNT

An e-mail "client" is software that runs on your PC (the client). It receives incoming Internet e-mail from our "server", and sends any outgoing e-mail you create to our server for forwarding to the intended recipient via the Internet. With an e-mail client, previously downloaded e-mail can be read when you are "offline" (no longer connected to the Internet), and can be created while offline for later transmission when you finally connect to the Internet.

To reach our e-mail server using an e-mail client, you can continue to dial in to your existing ISP as usual. But to get to your NTPCUG mail account, you need to (a) either add an account definition about our server within your **current** e-mail package, or (b) add a **different** e-mail package for use when accessing only the NTPCUG server.

## NTPCUG SERVER — Using INTERNET E-MAIL... Ctd.

Most browser software, such as the Netscape or Internet Explorer, has e-mail integrated into it which can be used. Other e-mail clients, such as Eudora, are stand-alone. Either type can be used. If you want to keep NTPCUG e-mail entirely separate from other e-mail, you can usually add a second, different e-mail client, and set it up to process only NTPCUG e-mail. Or, you can handle multiple e-mail accounts from within a single e-mail client, probably the one already provided by your ISP.

### Configuring Outlook Express

As an example, to set up an e-mail client such as Outlook Express (free with Internet Explorer 4.0) to access NTPCUG e-mail, start Outlook Express. Outlook Express may be in your Programs list if you use Internet Explorer, or you can find it under the "Go" menu option of Internet Explorer as a "mail" option. The route to Mail may vary depending on which version of browser software is on your PC.

Go to Tools, then Accounts, and choose Mail, Add, and Mail. Then just follow the directions to put in your screen name (i.e., John Smith), your e-mail address (*john.smith@ntpcug.org*), the names of your incoming and outgoing mail services (both are "*mail.ntpcug.org*") and your logon information. Your logon information is your e-mail name (i.e., *john.smith*, with a period between first and last) and your password. Your password may be the same one used on the old BBS, or another of your choosing as long as you specified it when creating your account.

For a "friendly name" for this account, I might suggest "NTPCUG". Any of these parameters can be changed later.

For the Connection Type, I suggest "Connect using my LAN" because you will be connecting to your ISP first, then will get NTPCUG e-mail through your ISP.

Now click Finish, and you will see a list of all the e-mail accounts configured in this e-mail client (Outlook Express). If you have more than one account defined, select one to be your default mail account by clicking on its "friendly name", and clicking on "Set as default". Note that this default is where OUTGOING mail will be sent from. Keep this feature

in mind if you will be sending mail from more than one account, as the default may need to be changed if you want to send your e-mail from different clients at different times. However, you can send mail from either account and it will reach its recipient(s).

The major concern with default accounts is that any replies to your message by the recipient will be returned to the account that was "default" when the original message was sent. However, if all your incoming mail from either account (NTPCUG and your ISP) is sent to the same Inbox, it makes little difference.

### Using Your E-mail Account

Once set up as described above, you can send and receive e-mail whenever connected to the Internet. Keep in mind that you can always Compose new e-mail and reply to old e-mail even when NOT connected to the Internet. In such cases, "send" it as usual, even if offline - it will be saved in an Outbox and uploaded as soon as you connect to the Internet and start your e-mail client.

### Other E-mail Clients

Setup in other e-mail packages is similar. In Outlook, for instance, go to Tools, then Services, and add "Internet e-mail". The remainder of setup should be about the same as described previously.

**NOTE:** If you are configuring your e-mail account into the Eudora Light e-mail client, where it asks for a "POP Account", your entry should be *firstname.lastname@mail.ntpcug.org*. This field is actually combining your ID (*firstname.lastname*) with the name of the POP3 server (*mail.ntpcug.org*), although they are actually two different pieces of information.

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## Ask VERIO

If you have a question regarding the Internet that you'd like answered please forward your inquiries to sales@veriotexas.net. With offices located in Dallas/Ft. Worth, Houston and Austin, Verio-Texas is the state's largest Internet service provider. To learn more about Verio-Texas' products and services visit [www.veriotexas.net](http://www.veriotexas.net).



**Q. I kind of understand how domain names work but I'm not sure about all the possible options and how to go about getting one. Could you help?**

**A. Sure. Domain names are what helps people find you or your business on-line. Let's take a look at some of the basic questions surrounding domain names:**

### What types of domains exist?

The normal domains are those that fit into an organizational structure. There are currently seven types of normal domains available. It is extremely

unlikely that any new domain types will be created. The following table shows the domain types and their meanings:

.com - commercial entities, for-profit companies

.edu - four year colleges and universities

.net - network infrastructures machines and organizations

.org - miscellaneous, usually non-profit organizations

.int - international organizations

.gov - agencies of the US federal government

.mil - this domain is used by the US military

**How do I use Whois to determine domain existence?**

To see if a domain name has already been taken, search for it using the whois InterNIC Database. You can do this various ways: with a local whois client, a telnet session, e-mail, or the Verio Web-based form.

**How long does it take to register a domain name?**

It can take from 1 to 6 weeks. Domain name transfers may take longer.

**How will I know when my domain registration is completed?**

The administrative contact will receive e-mail from Verio informing you that the domain registration was processed by the InterNIC (the worldwide registration body) and approved for use.

**Who's Verio?**

Verio merged with ONRAMP last year. Verio is hosting the NTPCUG Web page and is assisting with transition to our new integrated site. See related articles on Mail Server and List Server by Doug Gorrie in this newsletter.



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To ensure that folks know your TRUE e-mail address, place it in the "Return Address" field in the "Getting Started" category (*firstname.lastname@ntpcug.org*).

### OTHER ACCESS METHODS

If you do NOT already have an ISP, you will need to connect to our server via regular analog dial-up lines. In this case, we will need to set you up manually with a Windows NT account, after which you can dial in through a modem.

Thereafter, your use of an e-mail client will be similar to the above, but will require that you log in to the server with an ID and password before you can access e-mail. This process is identical to that used by any ISP. Call Doug Gorrie at 972-618-8002 if you need that done.

Once your NT account is in place, most members will use RAS (Remote Access Services) in Windows 95/98/NT or a similar tool to dial in, then will use their e-mail client software to do e-mail as usual. The **current** phone number to dial in on is 214-741-7338. An additional number will be installed soon.

### CONFIGURING RAS

Again, Win95/98/NT users without an ISP will access our server using RAS. Assuming RAS is already installed on your PC, configuration is fairly straightforward. If it is not installed, go to START, then HELP, and in the search block under Index, enter RAS. This will provide you with instructions for installing and using RAS.

To configure RAS, open you're My Computer icon on your Desktop, then double-click Dial-Up Networking. Depending on your operating system and whether you have used Dial-Up Networking before, installation may vary from here forward. You may see a Wizard to help you get set up, may need to double-click on New Connection, or may need to connect on "New" to establish a new entry. Without going into great detail here, you want to specify the following items where required:

- ❖ For "Entry name", use "NTPCUG-Analog" or similar
- ❖ For Phone Number, enter "214-741-7338". (Dallas Metro area). Ft. Worth will be added soon.
- ❖ If your phone line has Call Waiting, preface the number above with "\*70," if in SWBT, or "70#,"

if in GTE. This will prevent incoming calls from interrupting your session.

- ❖ The device to dial-in with is your modem, which hopefully is already configured. You should be able to select it from a list of configured devices/ports. Configure it to use a speed of 57,600 or 115,200, and to use Hardware Flow Control, Modem Error Control, and Modem Compression.
- ❖ Your Server Type is PPP/WinNT/Win95, and only TCP/IP is needed (un-check IPX/SPX and NetBEUI if checked).
- ❖ For TCP/IP Settings, defaults may be adequate. But if a Server Assigned Name Server is required, you can specify 199.1.11.2.
- ❖ Click "Enable Software Compression" if available.
- ❖ If there is a Script tab, select None. We do not open any "terminal window" either before or after dialing in.
- ❖ For Security, "Accept any authentication including clear text". We do not use encryption.

Hopefully, this will result in a new Icon or table entry named NTPCUG-Analog. Select this entry whenever you are ready to dial in. Provide your ID (same as e-mail account) and password where requested, and Dial. It should work.

Please provide any feedback on what needs to be clarified in the above instructions. Responses can be left on our old BBS until it is disconnected, or sent to me at [doug.gorrie@ntpcug.org](mailto:doug.gorrie@ntpcug.org). ew Icon

Thanks

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Additional Outlook Express info at:  
<http://www.microsoft.com/windows/ie/ie40/oe/default.htm>







## How to use NTPCUG "ListServers"

A ListServer is special e-mail software that manages mailing lists pertaining to one or more "topic groups". As an NTPCUG member, you may "join" any of the topic groups that interest you. Thereafter, any e-mail sent to those topic group(s) will automatically be forwarded to you, along with everyone else that has joined that group. Any replies sent to the group may *also* be forwarded to all members of that list.

As a means to dispense and exchange information about NTPCUG, especially in this time of change, we have created a list on our mail server called "members". To join this list, merely send an e-mail message to the ListServer. The format is as follows:

☛ TO: *listserv@ntpcug.org*

☛ Subject: N/A .

☛ **Subscribe members your\_e-mail\_address**

Where your\_e-mail\_address is your e-mail address, whether on the NTPCUG mail server or somewhere else. When your request to join is processed, an automated response will be returned to you confirming that your e-mail address has been added.

Once you have joined, any mail sent to *members@ntpcug.org* by *anyone* will be re-mailed to everyone that has joined the members list.

A ListServer mailing list may be set up to "moderate", or control, those that can join. In such cases, the list administrator must approve each request to join the list. At least initially, the members list will *not* be moderated – anyone may join. However, we reserve the right to begin moderating requests to join this and any other lists as needed.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact *doug.gorrie@ntpcug.org*.

Thanks.

Doug Gorrie  
(972) 618-8002

## Just Do It-For Yourself

by Carla Foster

The Texas church you attend on Sunday runs smoothly with choir music, coffee and cookies for visitors, and childcare. The Dallas Museum of Art has majestic exhibits, educational programs, and a fanciful gift shop. Habitat for Humanity builds houses, from the foundation through to finish painting, for low-income families in the Dallas area. Your NTPCUG prints a newsletter, runs a successful mentoring program, and produces a vendor exhibition.

### Do you see the connection?

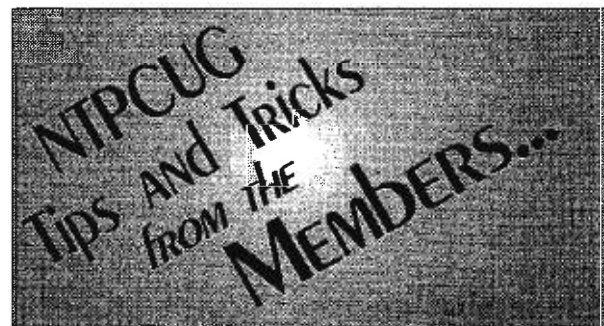
Can you spot the similarity?

That's it. You got it. All these organizations—a church, Dallas Museum of Art, Habitat for Humanity, and your NTPCUG—rely on volunteers to keep the organization alive.

Volunteers are the muscle and bone of each of these groups. You never see many of the volunteers in the limelight, but they are there doing their best to hold the group together and make sure things get done. Volunteers are the breath of life that gives meaning to the organization. Without volunteers, many organizations would die.

NTPCUG offers you opportunities to become an active member of your professional organization. One simple way to participate actively in NTPCUG is to volunteer for a program or activity. You can boost your organization with a one-time effort, an on-going monthly commitment, or a major leadership role. Your personal volunteer efforts fit some need at NTPCUG.

And, when you volunteer, you better stand back and be ready to receive. The rewards start coming in unexpected ways. When you give of yourself for NTPCUG, you are really giving to yourself in the form of new friends, experiences, skills, and opportunities.



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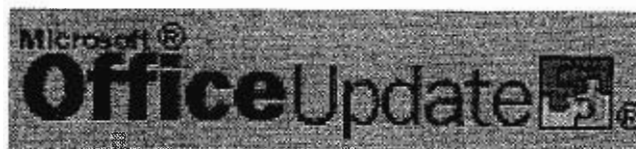
## An Overview of Microsoft Office 97® SR-2

Because there have been several problems getting the Service Release 2 to the customers, and the path to success is strewn with thorns, I thought it would be a good idea to pass on this edited version of the Knowledge Base article for general interest. The rest of the story is on the Knowledge Base as Q194377, an overview of the Updated SR-2 Patch. Between this excerpt and Q194377 was a problem we had with the setup program not recognizing the installation of Service Patch 1. Service patch 2 itself was fine, but getting it installed ran into some interesting and frustrating problems.

This is an excerpt from the Knowledge Base article Q192874, Overview of Service Release 2 for Office 97®. The full text of the article is available at <http://support/microsoft.com/support> on the Web.

The following topics are covered in the article:

- ❖ - What exactly is a service release?
- ❖ - What is Microsoft Office 97® SR-2?
- ❖ - How can I get Microsoft Office 97® SR-2?
- ❖ - What versions of Microsoft Office 97® will the SR-2 Patch update?
- ❖ - What is the difference between the original SR-2 Patch, the updated SR-2 Patch, and the SR-2 Replacement CD?
- ❖ - How exactly does the SR-2 Patch work?
- ❖ - Does the SR-2 Patch work on both US English and International English versions of Microsoft Office 97® SR-1?
- ❖ - Are there any issues installing the SR-2 Patch under Windows 98?
- ❖ - What preparations do I need to make before installing the SR-2 Patch?
- ❖ - How do I install the SR-2 Patch on my computer?
- ❖ - How do I use the SR-2 Patch to update an administrative installation of Microsoft Office 97® SR-1?
- ❖ - How do I Install the SR-2 Patch from a shared location?
- ❖ - What is the SR-2 Patch log file, and where do I find it?
- ❖ - The SR-2 Patch failed. What do I do?
- ❖ - What files are updated by the SR-2 Patch?
- ❖ - How can I use the SR-2 Replacement CD?



- ❖ - How can I remove SR-2 from my computer once it has been installed?
- ❖ - Are there any issues using the SR-2 Replacement CD when Microsoft Outlook 98 is installed on my computer?
- ❖ - Are there any other articles in the Microsoft Knowledge Base that I should know about?
- ❖ - Where can I get more information?

### What exactly is a service release?

A service release is a collection of bug fixes that have been introduced since a product's initial release. To make it easier for you to deploy these fixes, Microsoft has centralized them all into one service release so that you get all of the latest fixes at one time. Note that there are no new program features included in service releases.

### What is Microsoft Office 97® SR-2?

Microsoft Office 97® SR-2 is a collection of fixes for Microsoft Office 97®. SR-2 contains fixes for many problems, including all Microsoft Excel 97 recalculation problems, as well as updates to ensure Year 2000 compliance. Because it is a service release, Microsoft Office 97® SR-2 contains no new program features.

### How can I get Microsoft Office 97® SR-2?

There are three methods you can use to obtain Microsoft Office 97® SR-2:

- You can download the SR-2 Patch from the Microsoft Web site at the following address:

<http://officeupdate.microsoft.com/articles/sr2fact.htm>

- You can order a CD that contains the Microsoft Office 97® SR-1 Patch, the Microsoft Office 97® SR-2 Patch, and the ValuPack items that are updated for SR-2. This CD is known as the Patch CD. To obtain the Patch CD, go to the following address:

<http://officeupdate.microsoft.com/Articles/sr2directdrive.htm>

- You can order a CD that contains a full install of Microsoft Office 97 SR-2. This CD is known as the replacement CD. This version of Microsoft Office 97® SR-2 is designed to install on any machine, even if no version of Office is currently installed (it is a full version of Office). However, if Microsoft Office 97 is currently installed, you will

lose your customized settings if you use the Replacement CD to upgrade to Microsoft Office 97® SR-2. To obtain the Replacement CD, you must call the Microsoft Order Desk at (800) 370-9272 and ask for the Replacement CD.

If you are using an Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) version of Microsoft Office 97®, you can download the SR-1 and SR-2 Patches from the Microsoft Web site. However, if you need a Patch CD or Replacement CD, you must order it from your OEM.

### What versions of Microsoft Office 97® will the SR-2 Patch update?

The SR-2 Patch is designed to update only Microsoft Office 97®, Service Release 1 (SR-1). If you have either the original version of Microsoft Office 97® or any of the original standalone Microsoft Office 97® programs installed on your computer, you cannot install the SR-2 Patch.

Using the SR-2 Patch to upgrade your current installation of Microsoft Office 97® SR-1 has one particular advantage over using the Replacement CD to upgrade: if you use the SR-2 Patch, all of your customized settings are retained. If you use the Replacement CD, your settings may be lost.

### How exactly does the SR-2 Patch work?

When you run it, the SR-1 Patch makes changes to your current files, modifying them in order to correct problems. The SR-2 Patch uses a different process to update your files. Instead of modifying them, the SR-2 Patch backs up your current files, copies in new files, and then, once all of the new files have been installed successfully, removes the original files. This process works well and allows "rollback" (the ability to quickly and easily restore your system to its previous state) in the event that the SR-2 Patch fails.

The downloaded SR-2 Patch is 23 MB in size; you need to have approximately 60 MB of free space available on your hard disk when you run the SR-2 Patch.

### What is the SR-2 Patch log file— where do I find it?

Each time you run the SR-2 Patch, it creates a log file in the folder where your Microsoft Office files are stored. Typically, this is the C:\Program Files\Microsoft Office\Office folder.



The name of the log file is 97sr2\_#.log, where # is a number: the first log file created is 97sr2\_0.log; the second log file created is 97sr2\_1.log; and so on.

You can open the log file using Notepad, Wordpad, or any other text editor. If problems occur when you run the SR-2 Patch, or if you just want to make sure that everything was patched correctly, open the log file and take a look at the records written there. Search the log file for phrases like the following:

- ☛ The SR2 patch will only operate when you have all the Office 97® apps upgraded to at least SR1
- ☛ Sr1 is not found in the user's machine
- ☛ Sr2 patch can not run without sr1 installed
- ☛ The sr2 patch fails
- ☛ The sr2 patch has failed

If you see phrases like these, the SR-2 Patch has not installed correctly.

### The SR-2 Patch failed. What do I do?

- Follow the steps contained in the following article in the Microsoft Knowledge Base:

- ☛ ARTICLE-ID: Q192816
- ☛ TITLE: OFF97: SR-2 Patch Fails Even Though SR-1 Has Been Installed

If you are unable to get the SR-2 Patch to install correctly after following the instructions in this article, you can contact Microsoft Technical Support for additional assistance.

The following Web pages contain more information about some of the subjects discussed in this article:

- ☛ - General info and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) about Microsoft Office 97® SR-2:  
<http://officeupdate.microsoft.com/articles/sr2fact.htm>
- ☛ - Downloading SR-1:  
<http://officeupdate.microsoft.com/articles/sr1fact.htm>

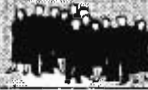
Sometimes it takes some persistence to get everything going; in the software world, that is true to the nth degree.

If you have a problem question that would be of general interest, e-mail us at [Questions@microsoft.com](mailto:Questions@microsoft.com), and we'll consider writing our next article on your subject.

Bob Russell

# INSIDE THE NORTH TEXAS PC USERS GROUP COMMUNITY

## VOLUNTEERS IN ACTION



by Claude McClure

## If you build it, they will come

Volunteers came from every direction to the new Big Town meeting of the NTPCUG. They would meet a large number of new faces wanting to see what this collection of Apple and PC users was all about. David Slavik, Dick Abbott and Jim Love had the tables pretty well arranged to their liking by the time the rest of us started showing up. The Information Booth stampede at opening time was handled very well by a full crew and followed by plenty of volunteers for every shift. Many computer shoppers were told about the NTPCUG for the first time. Vernon Cates and Kenneth Berg managed the last hour of what will be remembered as a pretty good start for a new year.

A special thanks to Jim Love for an extraordinary job of passing out the prior issue stack of *PC News* to all

the hands that reached out. They will possibly read those pages to find out more about this assembly of computer users. A tour of the parking lot afterward seemed to show the visitors considered them worth a second look, with only one copy found discarded. Jim may have achieved the best advertising coup of the day.

A special thanks to the facility search committee for their continuing volunteer work in establishing a permanent meeting place for the North Texas PC Users Group. Thanks for giving us the benefit of many hard hours of negotiating, visiting sites and describing our specific needs to property owners and managers. Thanks to our old and new club officers for letting us benefit from their dream. Thanks to the Vendor area and Information Booth Volunteers whose names are listed below.

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**2. Meeting day:** Sign up at the Information Booth or DOM Booth to work those areas in a coming month.

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## **MICROSOFT STUMBLES WITH 'ERROR-RIDDEN' VIDEO TAPE WHILE SHARP-EYED DOJ ATTORNEYS SPOT THE BOO-BOOS AS IOMEGA GRABS SYQUEST 'TECHNOLOGY' FROM CHAP. 11**

### ***Meanwhile, Is LINUX Ready for Prime-Time?***

Talk about "choking" — or about "too many cooks" Microsoft comes across looking like the "Bozo of the Week" in the latest round of the DOJ hearings. The 'evil' video tape will have to go down in MS history as the blooper of the decade.

My question — is this applied arrogance or just plain stupidity? Or, rather poor legal/trial management by Microsoft's legal "brains?" My own assumption is that it's a combination of all of the above. In spite of some very questionable decisions by the judge in all this, Microsoft has managed to come off looking like they just fell off the turnip wagon.

Couple this with almost everybody endorsing LINUX and it all begins looking like another rerun of the Harlem Globe Trotters come to town. My problem is that MS isn't showing any fancy moves in all this.

I'll go back to an earlier question — "Are we all bozos on this bus?"

I hope not. But MS is doing all the wrong things.

### **LINUX CONTINUES TO GAIN VENDOR ENDORSEMENT AS MEDIA SINGS OS PRAISES**

Mentioned the profuse endorsements for LINUX above. Its become the 'darling' of the industry press over the last month with only a few voices of caution in the wilderness so far.

That's a shame because the media would have the average user believe there's something there for them. Too bad.

While LINUX is a very good OS for the experienced UNIX hand, it still isn't ready for the casual, prime-time, got it for \$39.95 at CompUSA, desktop user. None of the UNIX variants is, in spite of being offered for "free" or near-free. UNIX is a system that demands consid-

erable user savvy and makes MS/PC DOS look downright friendly in comparison.

While I keep hearing about the "magic shell" that will make LINUX as easy to use as Windows (or the Mac OS), that has yet to emerge so far. For the casual PC user, it's still a work in progress and too demanding. All the criticisms about the DOS command-line interface apply here as well.

### **NOT FOR EVERYONE**

I can install LINUX, and have done so in the recent past. But that doesn't mean I'd feel comfortable in a production environment with the OS — I still have way too much to learn about UNIX/LINUX too breathe easily if this is my only choice.

# THE VARIETY STORE

A PERSONAL VIEW OF THE PC INDUSTRY,  
NEW HARDWARE OPERATING SYSTEMS,  
SOFTWARE AND APPLICATIONS  
by REAGAN ANDREWS

That's why it's the "back-room" choice and not the ideal (for me, and most other users) best decision for the desktop.

### **IOMEGA BUYS SYQUEST AS LOCAL VENDORS SELL SPARQ DRIVES AT RETAIL**

Iomega bought SyQuest's technology. That was pretty clear from the press releases published on the Iomega Web site and media sources. I'm not exactly sure what that means for the future of either concern. Iomega did report somewhat disappointing results for the last quarter in terms of revenue and profits.

Local stores are selling the SyQuest drives without any in-

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dication that users may be buying 'orphans' at retail prices. If these were 'distressed' priced, I wouldn't have any problem since *caveat emptor* reigns with sale-priced merchandise in the PC business.

But, the SparQ drives seen on local shelves are priced at pre-Chapter 11 MSRP's. Does that mean that Iomega will continue to support that technology? My best guess would have to be resounding 'maybe' at best since Iomega has a competing (JAZ) removable, 1G standard drive. Time will tell

### OCTOBER SQUADRON REUNION GIVES REAL SCANNER LEARNING EXPERIENCE

My October squadron reunion supplied a real learning experience. I originally thought the task would be simple — scan a few hundred negatives and prints, print them out via inkjet printer and take them to the gathering.

First problem was selection. I have approximately 10,000 35mm and 120 (6 X 6cm) negatives and transparencies taken in Berlin during my assignment there in 1959-62. All these images have been stored casually for the last 36 years without concern for heat or humidity. Time and temperature took a significant toll on the color transparencies with fading, color shifts and processing deficits made very apparent when I

began reviewing them. Most were unusable, and of the survivors, many required extensive reworking in Adobe Photo Shop to correct (partially) color balance, etc., for use.

I had replaced the original PC News scanner with the H-P's latest offering, a ScanJet 6200Cse in anticipation of this task because of the 35mm transparency adapter included with the package.

That was a mistake that caused me a lot of pain in the long run and I wouldn't advise anyone purchase this machine for scanning transparencies. It did a great job on 8 X 10" B&W and color prints, but couldn't produce satisfactory 1200 dpi scans of transparencies that would go larger than 5 X 7 inches when printed. My 6 X 6cm slides came out better — scanned through the good graces of Marsha Drebelbis at her Litigation Graphics' office on a much older H-P with a "real" transparency adapter.

I learned a lot about the "economics" of scanning along the way. First lesson was need to think in terms of end use of the scanned material, reproduction media, available storage and time.

I definitely wasn't thinking about file size. A good color transparency that will go up to 8.5 X 11 will easily hit 6+ MB — and a 100 (or so) will eat up a

1G hard disk. For good reproduction of B&W prints at this size, 4MB is not excessive, depending on the grayscale employed and detail desired in the finished print.

If we go back to lens specification, 300 line-pairs/inch is considered to be a very good resolution for 35mm camera lenses. To reproduce this in a scan, users need a minimum of 2400 dpi to maintain good detail and eliminate the "jaggies" in large prints. Large here is 11 X 14."

There are a lot of good, inexpensive scanners on the market now, most selling for less than \$150. If the user wants to archive older family snapshots, they will do a fine job scanning these prints. Remember, a 4 X 6 inch print is 4X the size of a 35 mm negative or transparency so a 300 - 600 dpi scan is quite adequate for making large-size prints of the original. Only fall-out is quality of the prints themselves. If the photo finisher's setup was slightly out of focus, this will be magnified in the scanned print. If the photographer had slightly shaky hands, or a poor lens on their camera, final results will reflect this condition as well.

Color balance, contrast, brightness, etc., can be handled in one of the image editing programs such as Adobe *Photoshop*, Corel's *Photo-Paint* or Microsoft's *Picture It*, all of which can do a splendid job of making the photos look their best.

*Reagan Andrews*

# Selected SIG Reports . . .

**News and meeting notes of Special Interest Groups**  
 (Material for this column should be sent NTPCUG BBS SIG Upload Area or to  
 Connie Andrews, Special Interest Group Editor, before the 10th of the month.)

## Access SIG

I hope to make arrangements for a temporary meeting place in the near future to hold a meeting of the Access SIG. If/when I do, I'll get an article to the newsletter.

Check out our local MS ACCESS message conference on the NTPCUG BBS. We ask and answer questions, post sample code, and keep in touch between monthly meetings. And, while you're on the BBS, take advantage of the free Internet e-mail. Telephone numbers are inside the back cover of this issue. If you're on the Internet, the Access "meeting place" is the [comp.databases.ms-access@newsgroup.com](mailto:comp.databases.ms-access@newsgroup.com).

Larry Linson

## Dallas Corel SIG

Join us at Clampitt Paper February 27

Since the permanent SIG meeting site will not be ready in time for February's meeting, Dick Clampitt, of Red River Paper Company, graciously agreed to host our Dallas Corel SIG meeting at Clampitt Paper Company's training center. Come to 9207 Ambassador Row, Dallas, TX 75247 (Mapsco 33N) at our usual 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Saturday time. Dick promises to have the coffeepot perking, so we will be wide awake for a rousing good time. Following, there will still be time to visit the computer Vendor Show, now located at the Big Town Exhibit Hall. Remember we NTPCUG members get free admission to the Show. Judging from

### FROM THE SIG COORDINATOR

The following are changes/additions/needs that the NTPCUG has made to the SIG's.

#### New SIG

- **Y2K (Year 2000) SIG** [Contact Gary Lenamond @ (972) 272-2098 h or [garylenna@gte.net](mailto:garylenna@gte.net)]

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- **Dallas Corel** [Contact Marsha Drebelbis (214) 951-0266]
- **Hardware Solutions** [Contact Charles Miller (903) 938-4220 h]

#### The requirements for forming a SIG are:

**Leadership** — at least one individual willing to lead the SIG, and an assistant.

**Membership** — at least eight individuals willing to attend the SIG fairly consistently.

If you have a group that meets these qualifications or would like help in finding others who might share your interests, please contact me at (972) 517-7430 (H) or (972) 960-4276 (W).

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January's big Show attendance, there's plenty to see.

Dick Clampitt will present a "Red River Paper Company product update" for our SIG in February. With the many recent developments in desktop inkjet printers and printing papers since his last presentation, he will have lots to share. From card size to banner size, from dull matte to photo gloss, check out the paper samples and perhaps take home the door prize too. Don't tell anyone, but the **DOOR PRIZE** is the popular Epson Photo EX color printer. Your odds of winning are not bad if you attend and are a NTPCUG member. For a Red River Paper Company sneak preview, visit <http://www.redriverpaper.com>. Since we Corel users want the best output for our graphic work, don't miss this timely program.

#### DRAW 8 REV C

Corel has released "Rev C", officially called Service Pack 2 (SP2), for CorelDRAW 8. The Unleashed Web site offers the following instructions so that you have the best opportunity to get a successful update! We recommend you install this patch.

First, learn which revision you have installed. Select Help | About CorelDRAW. In the dialog box that appears, look just below the splash screen for a number 8.xxx. If you have 8.232 then you'll first need to



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download and install "Rev B". Details on downloading Rev B can be found at <http://www.unleash.com/tip-sticks/draw8revb.html>.

If you see the number 8.369 then you already have Rev B and you'll just need Rev C. You MUST have Rev B installed before installing Rev C. Details on downloading Rev C can be found at <http://www.unleash.com/tip-sticks/draw8revc.html>. Also included is information on the fixes, so read each page carefully while you wait on the downloads.

*Marsha Drebelbis*

#### DOS/OPERATING SYSTEMS SIG

Waiting for Godot — and a new meeting place is no fun. I've discovered that I really miss being able to pontificate, brazenly lie with a (mostly) straight face and BS in general about the PC community in the DOS/Operating Systems SIG meetings.

A modest proposal — with due apologies to Jonathan Swift.

I was really excited at the January 16th meeting at the Big Town Exhibition Center. Got me to thinking about what's missing there, i.e., the Hardware SIG, Windows Networking SIG, the DOS SIG, Introduction to the PC SIG, etc., etc., etc., where users could ask questions and get answers about what they should buy or did buy in the Vendor Area. There's a void there now.

So, I thought about a "Teaser SIG," perhaps called "Help," focused on providing knowledge about the PC and assistance when users are faced with non-working hardware, operating systems and the like. It would provide basic help in installing and configuring hardware and

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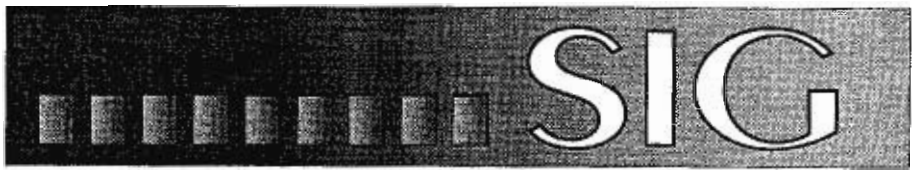
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some software. Might even lean on some of the vendors to provide installation and configuration tips and explain why some peripherals need to be installed in a given order or why component "A" conflicts with already-installed component "B" and, how to reconfigure so that both work properly.

Explaining why Microsoft, in all their wisdom, gave us that really dumb "!" icon and no decent error message(s) explaining the problem and suggesting how to solve it in *Windows 95* could be a course in itself. Interpretation of some of the more important error messages in Win95 and DOS before Windows is loaded could be a significant help to almost all users.

We'd be located in a "quieter" section (quieter is in quotes because I don't know if there is such a place there) of the Vendor Area and be open to everybody who comes in. I can't see doing this alone — we'll need a lot of help from some of the DOS and other SIG members to make this thing work well. Also don't know if this could be organized and set up in time for the February meeting.

It could be a lot of fun and a great lead in to generate interest in the other SIG's under the North Texas PC Users Group umbrella.

*Reagan Andrews*

**DOS Operating  
Systems SIG**

**Microsoft Visual C++/MFC  
SIG**

Last meeting we started our new project, CryptoPad, which is a word processor with the ability to encrypt and decrypt files. We began with a discussion of the Document/View architecture and then generated the skeleton application with AppWizard. Using the ClassWizard, we gave CryptoPad the ability to modify the bold, italicize and underline fonts. Step 1 of the project is available for download at <http://web2.air-mail.net/jcole/vc.htm> or <http://web2.airmail.net/emmert>.

In Step 2, we will give CryptoPad the ability to select font names and sizes. The example code illustrates how to include combo boxes in a toolbar. We will also modify the standard status bar to display the current line. Finally, we will implement a CFontDialog box to allow the user to select all the font characteristics at the same time. Other features may be implemented depending on how much time I have. The code for Step 2 is also available at the above web sites.

At the time of this writing, a new location for the SIG meetings has not been determined. Hopefully we soon will have a new location. In the interim, I've set up a Virtual SIG Meeting at <http://web2.air-mail.net/emmert>.

This discussion group is designed to ease our transition to a new location. If you have a question, ask it. If you know the answer, post it. It's that easy. If all goes well and there is some participation, we will likely continue the Virtual SIG Meeting even when a new location is found. I think it will add a nice touch to the continuity of our "real" meetings.



The VC++/MFC SIG has been around a long time. Let's continue the tradition.

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**Micrografx SIG**

The Micrografx SIG is still alive and kicking! When the North Texas PC User's Group moved from Infomart most of the SIGs were left without a place to meet. Our SIG was lucky since Micrografx is a local company and has offered us space in their building to meet. Our first meeting at our new location was January 17 with more to follow.

Our current plans are to still meet once a month on the usual Super Saturday date from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. So those of you who go to Bigtown can sneak out a little early and still get your fill of graphics. For those who don't know where Micrografx is, the location is quite easy to find. Going up 75 from downtown (or 75) take the Arapaho exit. Head east until you get to Plano Road. Right before Plano road is a pair of buildings on the northwest side of the Plano/Arapaho intersection. The one with the word Micrografx on it is the Micrografx headquarters and our meeting place.

Activities of the SIG vary based on who at Micrografx is available and what new product has recently hit the shelves. In January Michael demonstrated more of his Picture Publisher tips and tricks. Specifically he demonstrated how to use the bevel feature to build extremely attractive freeform web buttons and ball-like buttons. We also had a surprise guest who has recently started with the company and who had a few tricks of her

own to show. Our final half hour was spent covering some of the basics of Designer. Amy gave us a perfect description of Designer when she described it as having a split personality covering both the engineering and artistic worlds. No concessions are made in either area ("You want layers, how about 32000 plus? How about gradients? Don't like basic tow color gradients? You can build your own with as many color transitions as you want") Amy was the former Product Evangelist at Micrografx and is always fun to listen to.

On the agenda for February is a return to the basics. We have been doing some fancy things in the graphics realm and have picked up a large number of new people along the way. Some of the newcomers have requested a beginning class to help them catch up with us old timers. Besides, even the most advanced user can miss some things along the way. "Did you know that when drawing a shape, you can change its origin by holding down the space bar or the right mouse button?" This will be the perfect time for those who may have walked into the SIG and left because it seemed to be too complex to try us again.

Since our space at the Micrografx building is limited and will continue to be so until the big move in the summer, we request that all who are interested in coming to the SIG call or write the SIG leader in advance. That way we can let you know that the room is almost full, full, or packed.

See you in February.

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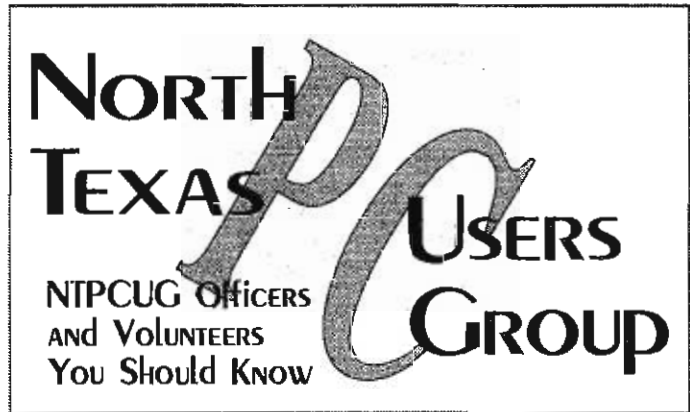
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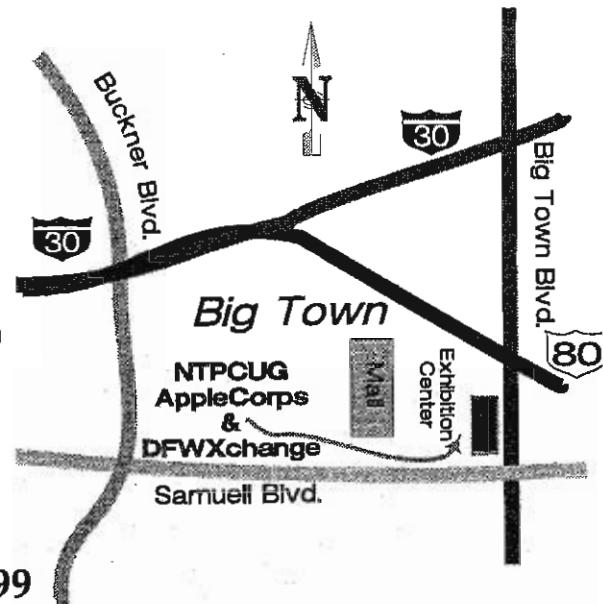
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