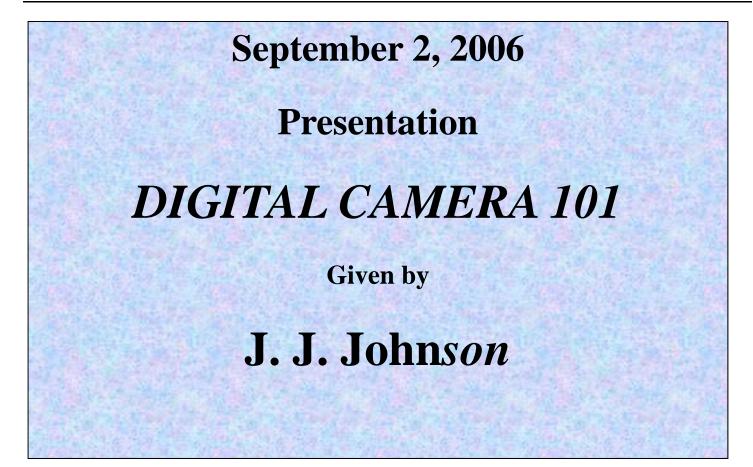




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December 2, 2006	Holiday Party



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Meetings

LCACE meetings are usually held on the second Saturday of each month 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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President's Ram

EDITOR'S NOTE:

Due to circumstances beyond his control, President McEnery did not write a President's Ram for this issue of the *News Jou*rnal.

Look here next month for the next installment of his "Ram".

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Microsoft admits music hack, promises fix Wed Aug 30, 12:00 PM ET

Microsoft Corp. has acknowledged the existence of a program circulating on the Internet that could circumvent its copy protection for online music, but said it was working on a fix.

The program called "fairUse4WM" enables users to strip out the so-called digital rights management (DRM) in downloaded songs that limits the number of copies that can be made.

A Microsoft spokesman said a patch was being developed with the software giant's online music partners, those who use the Windows media format for online music sales.

The program could undermine efforts to limit illicit copies of music circulated on the Web, but some analysts minimized the impact.

"Does it matter? Well, yes and no," said Mark Mulligan at Jupiter Research.

"Yes it exposes a vulnerability that technically means that rights protected content downloaded from the likes of Napster can now have its rights management circumvented. But in practice it doesn't actually mean that much."

Mulligan said consumers who want to use legitimate sites will probably not use the technology but that hackers and those interested in illegal copies may already have the means to accomplish this.

"This is big news in the weird and wonderful world of hackers and developers, but not really that big a deal for the digital music world," Mulligan said.

"Hackers will always crack technology. That is their raison d'etre."

Article submitted by Jim Rutledge.

WINDOWS MEDIA PLAYER II

Windows Media Player 11 Graduates to Beta 2 Kyle Monson - PC Magazine Thu Aug 31, 12:57 PM ET

Roughly three months after the launch of Windows Media Player 11 Beta 1, Microsoft has followed it up with a Beta 2 release, which includes some small improvements to the promising new media player.

One welcome improvement is broadened support for online music stores. The first version supported Napster, Audible.com, Movielink, and MTV's Urge service, but with the new release Microsoft has added integrated support for MusicGiants and eMusic (two favorites of our audio analyst, Mike Kobrin).

Microsoft has also enhanced the player with a Media Sharing feature akin to iTunes' network streaming capabilities, which lets users stream music from other computers over a shared network. This comes in handy for sharing music between connected computers in a home or office, though obviously it doesn't allow you to actually download tracks from another PC. You can enable this new feature by clicking on "Options | Library | Configure Sharing".

Other tweaks and updates aren't as noticeable, and Microsoft hasn't responded to our queries asking for specifics. Our wishlist includes things like improved overall stability and more intuitive syncing to portable players, but we'll update this story with details when Microsoft reps get back to us.

You can download WMP 11 Beta 2 for free by going to www.microsoft.com/windows/windowsmedia.

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Article submitted by Jim Rutledge.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

I first heard these rules on the radio. Looked it up on the internet and found them at www.MarkRosa.com.

11 RULES OF LIFE FROM BILL GATES

Bill Gates recently dished out some advice at a high school speech, 11 things they did not learn in school. He talked about how feel-good, politically correct teachings created a full generation of kids with no concept of reality and how this concept set them up for failure in the real world.

RULE 1: Life is not fair — get used to it.

RULE 2: The world won't care about your selfesteem. The world will expect you to accomplish something BEFORE you feel good about yourself.

RULE 3: You will NOT make 40 thousand dollars a year right out of high school.

RULE 4: If you think your teacher is tough, wait till you get a boss. She/He doesn't have tenure.

RULE 5: Flipping burgers is not beneath your dignity. Your grandparents had a different word for burger flipping — they called it opportunity.

RULE 6: If you mess up, it's not your parents' fault, so don't whine about your mistakes, learn from them.

RULE 7: Before you were born, your parents weren't as boring as they are now. They got that way from paying your bills, cleaning your clothes and listening to you talk about how cool you are. So before you save the rain forest from the parasites of your parent's generation, try delousing the closet in your own room.

RULE 8: Your school may have done away with winners and losers, but life has not. In some schools they have abolished failing grades and they'll give you as many times as you want to get the right answer. This doesn't bear the slightest resemblance to ANYTHING in real life.

RULE 9: Life is not divided into semesters. You don't get summers off and very few employers are interested in helping you find yourself. Do that on your own time.

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RULE 10: Television is NOT real life! In real life people actually have to leave the coffee shop and go to jobs.

RULE 11: Be nice to nerds. Chances are you'll end up



2006 Holiday Raffle Prizes

1st Prize: Gateway 15.4" widescreen laptop (80GB hard drive; 512MB RAM; DVD±RW/CD-RW drive with double-layer support; 4-in-1 digital media manager supports Secure Digital, MultiMediaCard, Memory Stick and Memory Stick PRO; IEEE 1394 (FireWire) interface and 4 high-speed USB 2.0 ports; Built-in high-speed wireless LAN [802.11b/g]). etc).

2nd Prize: HP Photosmart 428 GoGo Photo Studio (M517.5 MP Digital Camera with 3x Optical Zoom, 2" LCD display, printer dock [charges batteries] & Photosmart 420 4x6 Photo Printer).

3rd Prize: HP LaserJet 1022 monochrome personal printer (up to 19 pages per minute).

4th Prize: One year membership to LCACE.

Raffle Tickets will be available for purchase and/ or to pick up for selling beginning at the September meeting.

Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.

2000 tickets have been printed.

See Linda to get your tickets before we sell out.



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- Midwest Computer Recycling moved to Lake Bluff. They are located by Routes 176 and 41. Phone: 847-582-1730. They are a bit hard to find. I can help anyone who wants to drop off items.
- Web site: www.ez2recycle.com

They take old computer stuff for free.

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September 2, 2006

Grayslake Public Library Grayslake, IL

12:30 — 3:00 p.m.

This month: Digital Cameras 101

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