

## On the Docket for the General Meeting

*Note Different Date/Location*

**Thursday, February 10, 2005**

**New York University**

## Computer Security: Trend Micro's Anti-Malware Programs

*With Dave Perry of Trend Micro*

**Y**ou can never learn too much about computer security! We used to worry only about viruses and worms. Now there are spyware and adware, phishing, and other attempts at theft of our time, money, credit, or identity. Even if you're happy with your current protection, it helps to hear a real expert talk about keeping your computer safe.

NYACC, the New York Amateur Computer Club Inc., has graciously invited NYPC to join them on Thursday, February 10, to hear David Perry, Global Director of Education for Trend Micro Inc., talk about computer security. David will give a comprehensive presentation about formulating a security strategy for our computers, both at home and at work.

### *Trend Micro, Inc.*

Trend Micro, <http://www.trendmicro.com>, is one of the leaders in anti-virus and Internet security software and services. It provides computer security solutions

from the enterprise to the desktop. Its products include PC-cillin Internet Security, HouseCall, Mobile Security, and Home Network Security.

### *David Perry*

David is a world-renowned speaker in the security area. He has addressed such varied forums as the National Security Council at the White House Conference on Computing Threats in the Internet Age and the European Institute for Anti Virus Research (EICAR). His presentations and white papers are on the cutting edge of computer security. We are indeed fortunate for this opportunity to hear him.

Come hear David Perry, an energetic and humorous speaker who can hold the audience's attention while discussing the driest topic. Dave will probably offer very special prices on Trend Micro products to meeting attendees.

### **Bus to Trenton Computer Fair**

NYACC is sponsoring a bus to take computer enthusiasts to the Trenton Computer Festival (TCF) on Saturday, April 16th. This year the fair is near Trenton—a fairly long ride.

The cost of the bus is only \$15.00 roundtrip, less than the cost of going by train. The bus will leave at 8 am from 11th St. and 6th Ave., near PS 41 (a site familiar to NYPC members). It will leave the Fair at 6 pm. This is a good benefit for members of both NYPC and NYACC.

NYPC members who would like to purchase a ticket for the bus ride should bring \$15.00 cash or check to the February Joint Meeting of NYPC & NYACC.

The bus only holds 45 people, and tickets are first come, first served. This year TCF returns to the College of NJ and promises to be better than ever. This is a rain or shine event—don't miss it. For additional info about TCF, visit their website at <http://www.tcf-nj.org/>

# Inside NYPC



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## General Meeting Info

**When:** Thursday, February 10, 2005

**Where:** New York University  
Silver Building, 32 Waverly  
Place (Cross St: University)  
Room 520 (subject to change)

**Schedule:** 7:00pm Meeting starts

**Subway:** 6 to Astor; N, R, W to 8th St; A, C, E, B, D, F, V to W. 4th/  
Washington Square; 1, 9, 2 to  
Christopher St/Sheridan Square

**PATH:** 9th Street Stop

**Web site:** <http://www.nypc.org>

**Phone:** (212) 643-7005

NYPC's General Meetings are free and open to the public.

To check on the NYPC General Meeting, find location, or get up-to-the-minute details on speakers, call our *Hotline* (212) 643-NYPC or visit our website, [www.nypc.org](http://www.nypc.org).

## The Consumer Electronics Show

For many years, the Association of PC User Groups (APCUG) has scheduled its annual meeting to coincide with Comdex, the international computer show held every November in Las Vegas. This year, however, Comdex was canceled, and APCUG changed its meeting to the first week of January, immediately preceding the 2005 International CES (Consumer Electronics Show).

CES was a very different type of show, and its size (huge), attendance (over 140,000 attendees from 115 countries), and energy contrasted sharply with the lackluster computer shows, both in NYC and elsewhere, of recent years. There were more than 2,500 exhibitors with a wide variety of products in such consumer technology areas as audio, video, home networking, mobile electronics, and wireless. The many floors, each with a specific type of electronics, were generally crowded, and many booths had lines. Even four solid days would not suffice to cover it fully.

### Security for Battlefield and Home

Of particular interest was the PackBot EOD for Explosive Ordnance Disposal (getting rid of land mines, etc.). This robot and others like it are designed to function where it's too dangerous for people to go.



They are manufactured by the iRobot Corporation's Government and Industrial Robotics Division. This is the same company which manufactures the Roomba robotic vacuums.

There was also a wide array of home security electronics systems. A child-friendly smoke alarm seems especially useful: rather than a confusing ring, it tells the children, by name, in the parent's voice, to "leave the house NOW, and meet us at the Green's." Another system can remind the householder, via a buzzer or via the Internet, that the stove has been left on.

### Sight and Sound

The displays of digital television, with image quality ranging from standard to enhanced to high definition, were truly impressive. The hundreds of models included Plasma TVs, rear projection TVs, and LCDs able to double as computer monitors. Until this show, I was not impressed by the idea of HDTV, even at more than five times the sharpness of today's television. Now I am! (But I was glad that I wasn't making a purchase decision just then.)

The massive audio floor seemed dedicated to the concept of sound immersion. There were many ways to turn automobiles into "boom boxes," and couches into "surround-sound."

Bringing elaborate electronics into the home means that the home must have furniture to hold it, and CES did not disappoint here. This section included utilitarian metal stands attached to wall or ceiling as well as gorgeous hardwood entertainment centers.

There was a floor devoted to "traditional" computer technology. Some of the most interesting exhibits here showcased small computers or components, such as the Shuttle desktop and the ultraportable OQO. Several companies specialize in rugged tablet computers and PDAs. Of course, the emphasis on mobile and wireless applications continues.

Incidentally, I regard the CES website to be one of the best "expo" websites I have seen. It is easy to navigate and remains timely a month after the show. Take a look at it: <http://www.cesweb.org>

### Some Thoughts

Frankly, I was somewhat disturbed by the Audio Floor, with its many devices devoted to shutting out the sounds of the world around us. From automobiles to sofas, there seems to be a dynamic thrust to wire everything for sound. Although the many devices in this area did not seem offensively loud, I found that my ears felt relieved when I went outside.

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# NYPC Classes

To register or to request specific classes, phone 212 643-7005,x2 or e-mail [education@nypc.org](mailto:education@nypc.org).

For complete descriptions, click on class name at <http://www.calsnet.net/nypcmeetings>.

Unless otherwise specified, classes are hands-on. We welcome walk-ins for seminars, but please phone to confirm that the class is being held.

One advantage of NYPC computer training is our flexibility. If there's a topic you want to learn, let us know. If we have at least three students, we'll try to tailor a class to your needs.

Nonmembers should add \$45 registration fee to price given below.

## ⇒ Build Your Own Small-Form Factor Computer

Configuration: Thursday, February 17, 5:30-8:30pm

Building: Sunday, February 27, 10:00am-4:00pm

Do you have a small apartment...or just want more space? If you want small size and portability—plus a snazzy appearance—in your computer, consider a "Shuttle" small-form-factor PC! Under the expert direction of Mike Ostrowe, who teaches NYPC's A+ certification courses, you will be able to build one of these for yourself. This computer packs a lot of power into a small, attractive package.

For reviews and photos, go to

<http://www.pcworld.com/reviews/article/0,aid,115188,00.asp>

<http://www.dansdata.com/xpczen.htm>

<http://techreport.com/reviews/2005q1/shuttle-sb75s/index.x?pg=1>

Or visit Shuttle's site at <http://us.shuttle.com/index.asp>

The cost for this exciting course is only \$99, plus the cost of parts (probably \$400-\$450, depending on configuration).

Preregistration is ABSOLUTELY required!

To register, come to the Configuration and Registration session at NYPC on Thursday, February 17, (anytime between 5:30-8:30 PM); if you cannot make this time, please e-mail Mike Ostrowe at [mjostrowe@earthlink.net](mailto:mjostrowe@earthlink.net).

## ⇒ MS Word: Advanced Formatting and Page Layout

Sunday, February 13, 1:00pm-4:00pm

Learn how to use tables to format text. Automate document formatting with Styles and Templates. Your documents will look better and have a more consistent look.

3 hours, hands-on, \$34

## ⇒ Effective Internet Searching

Sunday, February 20, 1:00pm-5:30pm

Enhance your Internet Searching Skills! We'll learn how to increase the effectiveness of Google searches, plus look at other search engines and when to use them. We'll show how to use RSS feeds to get regular updates on topics that interest you. We'll also briefly discuss the use of listserves and newsgroups (forums).

4 hours, mostly hands-on, \$39

## ⇒ File and Disk Management

Tuesday, February 22, 6:00pm-9:00pm

Have you ever saved a file, then forgotten where you put it? Or needed to copy several unrelated files to a diskette for a friend? File and Disk management in Windows is easy when you know how. Emphasis on Windows XP; let us know if you use a different version.

Partially hands-on, \$29

## ⇒ Using NYPC's Utility CD

Wednesday, February 23, 6:00pm-9:00pm

How to load and configure some of the important utilities on NYPC's utility CD, such as anti-virus, anti-spyware, and firewall. Seminar, possibly with some hands-on.

Low cost of \$29 includes the utility CD.

## ⇒ Web Xtreme: Webmastering Overview (For all levels)

Saturday, March 19, 10:00am-4:00pm

A full day overview of the many, many options you have to create or enhance a website. Whether you have never tried to build a website or are a professional designer, there is something for everyone here. Learn what you can do and how to go about doing it.

Among the topics to be covered are:

- HTML
- Javascript
- Dreamweaver
- Streaming Video
- Graphic Options (Photoshop, Fireworks, Illustrator, etc.)
- 3ds max
- CSS
- PHP
- Flash
- More...

Bring in any questions you may have about the web. If making a web page has confused you or you think you can do much more with the web, this course is for you.

Our terrific web guru Jeff Frankel will guide us. Jeff is an outstanding instructor, with a very clear presentation style. He regularly teaches Flash at NYPC, and you can see some of his sites at [www.webbrooklyn.com](http://www.webbrooklyn.com)

For only \$59, this is a huge bargain at twice the price.

Coming soon (March)!

## ⇒ Basics of Programming for Fun, using C#

Have you ever wanted to learn programming, perhaps for a simple application you'd like to use, but you haven't wanted to devote the time to an intensive, professional course?

Now's your chance!

Michael, an enthusiastic professional programmer, will teach our exciting new "Programming for Nonprogrammers," course.

Watch for details.

## Tune and Teach: PC Upgrade & Repair Clinic

Saturday, February 19, 10 AM - 3 PM

Unlike other repair facilities, our experts use the teaching opportunity to explain what they're doing!

Bring your ill computer to NYPC for evaluation and installation of freeware antivirus and firewall. Your donation of \$50 (per computer) goes to help NYPC. Diagnosis only; any parts cost extra, and will be installed later. We cannot guarantee that they can restore your PC to function. Back up any data before you bring your computer to the workshop.

Tell your friends and colleagues! Many computers have been restored to health by our experts!

Preregister: [education@nypc.org](mailto:education@nypc.org) or 212-643-7005

**NYP**C Meetings, Seminars/Classes & Other Events February 2005

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
January 30	31	1 Genealogy NYPC Board	2 DeLUGE Visual Basic Palm Pilot	3 Java Study Group Passport	4 LINUX Study Group: Beg	5
6	7 Access	8 Photoshop (Day) ODK Excel Photo & Graphics LINUX	9 Alpha DB	10 General Meeting Java Study Group MetaStock	11 Investment	12
13 <b>MS Word: Formatting</b>	14 Volunteer Night	15 Perl Embedded Syst	16 Speech Recognition Flash	17 Adv Java <b>Shuttle Config</b>	18 LINUX Study Group: Beg Photo & Graphics	19 <i>PC Clinic</i>
20 <b>Internet Searching</b>	21 Hardware	22 Photoshop (Day) Wireless <b>File Management</b>	23 Accounting <b>Utilities</b>	24 Beginners Internet DB/SQL	25 Macromedia Studio	26 Volunteer Day
27 <b>Build Your Own Small Computer</b>	28 ODK Adv Tech & Tech Ventura Streaming Media +	March 1 Genealogy NYPC Board	2 DeLUGE Visual Basic Palm Pilot	3 Enterprise Windows C++/Java Gen Mtg Passport	4 LINUX Study Group: Beg	

**Calendar Legend**

Plain = SIG Meeting      *Italic = Other Meetings*  
**Bold = NYP**C Class      **Black background = General Meeting**

The calendar shows the events that were scheduled at press time. **Always confirm meeting information by checking our online calendar at <http://www.calsplus.com/nypcmeetings>.**

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**Location Legend**

PS41 116 West 11th Street, west of 6th Avenue  
 MS Microsoft, 1290 6th Ave. (51/52 Sts), 6th Floor (*Photo ID req*)  
 NYPC NYPC Office, Hotel New Yorker, 481 8th Ave, Suite 1560

# SIG Directory

Please remember that you can find detailed information about many SIG meetings by going to the Events Calendar via the NYPC website, [www.nypc.org](http://www.nypc.org), and clicking on the SIG of interest. Details will appear in a pop-up. Updates—changes, or cancellations, or specific topics to replace TBA—are announced here.

If we have your e-mail address, we will also send you occasional meeting updates and reminders.

## AXS Access

Claire Chase, (212)691-3577, M-F, 9am-5pm  
Monday, February 7th, 6:30 PM

Location: MS

Barry Cunningham: Less Code—More Action  
Class Modules in Access

## ACC Accounting

Len Ginsburg, [LenGinsburg@earthlink.net](mailto:LenGinsburg@earthlink.net)  
Wednesday, February 23rd, 6:30 PM

Location: NYPC

Topic TBA

## AT Advanced Technologies and Techniques

Jessie Shereff, [shereff@cs.nyu.edu](mailto:shereff@cs.nyu.edu)  
Monday, February 28th, 6:30 PM

Location: MS

General discussion of PC Technology

## ADB Alpha Database

Barry Rochford, [brochford1@comcast.net](mailto:brochford1@comcast.net)  
Wednesday, February 9th, 6:00 PM

Location: NYPC

Daniel Weiss: Application that keeps track of what's owed to someone who charges for services

## BEG Beginners SIG

Mary Ginsburg, [pres@nypc.org](mailto:pres@nypc.org)  
Thursday, February 24th, 2:00 PM

Location: NYPC

What's in the box: computer parts & "lingo"

## CSG C++/Java Gen'l Mtg

<http://www.cppsig.org>, <http://nycjava.org>.  
Dario Laverde, [dario@escape.com](mailto:dario@escape.com)

Thursday, February 3rd, 10th, 6:30 PM

Location: NYPC

Study for the Sun Java Certification exam.

## ODK C++/JAVA: Object Data Knowledge Management

Carlos Jerome, [cjinterf@panix.com](mailto:cjinterf@panix.com)  
Tuesday, February 8th, 5:30 PM: Site TBA

Monday, February 28th, 5:30 PM

Location: Seward Park Branch Library, 192 E. Broadway @ Jefferson

Continuing development of a constituent directory & communications systems, using LADP and CRM-focused process. See online calendar for texts.

## CSG C++/Java: Advanced Java

Dario Laverde, [dario@escape.com](mailto:dario@escape.com)  
Thursday, February 17th, 6:30 PM

Location: NYPC

Topic TBA

## BJG C++/JAVA: Beg Java Group

Shera Katz, [sherak180@yahoo.com](mailto:sherak180@yahoo.com)  
Thursday, February 10th, 6:30 PM

Join us for Certification Study, above.

Beginners' group resumes in March

## PAS Computer Passport

Kathy Petrucci, [kathypetrucci@hotmail.com](mailto:kathypetrucci@hotmail.com),  
Michael Ostrowe, [mjostrowe@earthlink.net](mailto:mjostrowe@earthlink.net)

Thursday, February 3rd, March 3rd, 6:30 PM

Location: NYPC

General Computer Technology

## SEQ Database SQL

Dario Castellanos, [jdcnyc@compuserve.com](mailto:jdcnyc@compuserve.com)  
Thursday, February 24th, 6:30 PM

Location: NYPC

Connecting Open Office to a Database

## LUG DeLUGE (Desktop Linux Users)

<http://www.delugeny.org>. Mark Halegua,  
[phantom21@mindspring.com](mailto:phantom21@mindspring.com)

Wednesday, February 2nd, March 2nd, 6:30 PM

Location: NYPC

2/2: CUPS; 3/2: TBA

## EMB Embedded Systems

Lee Thalblum, [lee\\_t@bigfoot.com](mailto:lee_t@bigfoot.com)  
Tuesday, February 15th, 6:15 PM

Location: NYPC

Interrupts in general, and the AVR timer interrupt in particular

## EWN Enterprise Windows

Bill Zack, [wzack@compuserve.com](mailto:wzack@compuserve.com); Tony  
Iams, [tony@dhbrown.com](mailto:tony@dhbrown.com)

Thursday, March 3rd, 6:00 PM

Topic TBA

## EXC Excel

Al Vachris, [Excel1Star@cs.com](mailto:Excel1Star@cs.com)  
Tuesday, February 8th, 6:00 PM

Location: MS

Topic TBA

## FLA MacromediaFlash

Mary Ginsburg, [lm\\_ginsburg@earthlink.net](mailto:lm_ginsburg@earthlink.net);  
Tony Holley, [tholley@citytech.cuny.edu](mailto:tholley@citytech.cuny.edu)

Wednesday, February 16th, 6:30 PM

Location: NYPC

More Flash for Beginners with Jeffrey Frankel

## FPX Front Page

If you'd like to see this SIG continue, please let us know at [pres@nypc.org](mailto:pres@nypc.org).

## GfH Genealogy

<http://homepages.rootsweb.com/~metrony/>  
David Kleiman, [roots@heritagemuse.com](mailto:roots@heritagemuse.com)

Tuesday, February 1st, March 1st, 6:00 PM

Location: NYPC

3/1: Preparing a Family Book, Part III:

Finished Product or "Putting It All Together"

## HRD Hardware

<http://www.smartgroups.com/groups/hugnypc>  
Kevin Raguette, [Rags6600@hotmail.com](mailto:Rags6600@hotmail.com)

Monday, February 21st, 6:30 PM

Location: NYPC

Assembler code use on Expendable PCs

## NET Internet

Tony Holley, [tholley@citytech.cuny.edu](mailto:tholley@citytech.cuny.edu)

Mary Ginsburg, [lm\\_ginsburg@earthlink.net](mailto:lm_ginsburg@earthlink.net)

Location: NYPC

Thursday, February 24th, 6:30 PM

Firefox Extensions (small add-ons that add new functionality to the browser)

## INV Investment

<http://www.better-investing.org/chapter/new-york> Phyllis Pawlovsky, [PGP106@cs.com](mailto:PGP106@cs.com)

SIG follows the investment principles of the National Association of Investment Corp.

Friday, February 11th, 6:15 PM

Location: MS

Potpourri: Analysis of three stocks in an industry of interest

## LNX LINUX

<http://www.thelinuxsociety.net>. Dario

Castellanos, [jdcnyc@compuserve.com](mailto:jdcnyc@compuserve.com)

Tuesday, February 8th, 6:30 PM

Location: NYPC

Samba

## LNX LINUX Study Group: Beginners

<http://www.thelinuxsociety.net/certification.htm>  
Friday, February 4th, 18th, March 4th, 6:15 PM

Location: NYPC

Beginners' Study Group in Linux Administration

## WMM Macromedia Studio

Melody Reed, [webdesign@melodyreed.com](mailto:webdesign@melodyreed.com)

Friday, February 25th, 6:15 PM

Location: NYPC

Using Dreamweaver as a Design/Layout Tool

## MTA MetaStock

Barbara Scheiner, [bscheiner@nyc.rr.com](mailto:bscheiner@nyc.rr.com)

Thursday, February 10th, 7:00 PM

Location: NYPC

Topic TBA

## BRD NYPC Board Meeting

Tuesday, February 1st, March 1st, 6:30 PM

Location: NYPC

Members are welcome to attend, but we'd like to know ahead. Please e-mail [pres@nypc.org](mailto:pres@nypc.org)

**GEN NYP**C GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, February 10th, 7:00 PM  
 Location: NYU Silver Bldg, 32 Waverly Place  
 (Cross St: University), Room 520  
 Computer Security: Anti-Malware Programs  
 from Trend Micro

**PDA Palm Pilot**

<http://nypc.org/palm.htm>. Ted Cohn and  
 Grace Lee, [nypcpda@yahoo.com](mailto:nypcpda@yahoo.com)  
 Wednesday, February 2nd, March 2nd, 6:30 PM  
 Open questions and answer, discussion

**PRL Perl Seminar NY**

James E. Keenan, [jkeen@verizon.net](mailto:jkeen@verizon.net);  
 Alex Gill, [alexgill@nyc.rr.com](mailto:alexgill@nyc.rr.com)  
 Tuesday, February 15th, 6:15 PM  
 Topic TBA: If you'd like to present your code,  
 e-mail Jim

**PHT Photography & Graphics**

Mary Ginsburg, [lm\\_ginsburg@earthlink.net](mailto:lm_ginsburg@earthlink.net);  
 Tony Holley, [tholley@citytech.cuny.edu](mailto:tholley@citytech.cuny.edu)  
 Tuesday, February 8th, 6:30 PM  
 Counting Pixels: Resolution, Photo Size, & more  
 Friday, February 18, 6:30 PM  
 More hands-on experimentation with camera  
 features and practical photography  
 Location: NYPC

**PHO Photoshop Daytime SIG**

[http://www.hookbuilt.com/nypc/photoshop\\_sig.html](http://www.hookbuilt.com/nypc/photoshop_sig.html);  
 Laura Balsam, [nypc@hookbuilt.com](mailto:nypc@hookbuilt.com)  
 Tuesday, February 8th, 22nd, 1:00 PM, pre-  
 ceded by lunch in the TickTock at 12 Noon  
 Location: NYPC  
 2/8: Video Tutorial and Wacom Tablet Demo  
 2/22: Introduction to Scanning and Misc. Tips  
 and Tricks  
 Geared toward intermediate to advanced  
 Photoshop users, but all are welcome

**SUG Smalltalk**

<http://www.ocit.com/stug>. Charles Monteiro,  
[charles@ocit.com](mailto:charles@ocit.com)  
 Contact leader

**SPR Speech Recognition**

<http://www.out-loud.com>. Leftonred  
 Atanycorner, [vp@nypc.org](mailto:vp@nypc.org); Laura Miner,  
[76233.3413@compuserve.com](mailto:76233.3413@compuserve.com)  
 Wednesday, February 16th, 6:30 PM  
 Location: NYPC  
 Jonathan Klausner: Speech-automating  
 non-standard Windows applications

**STR Streaming Media Plus**

Ashod Kassabian, [streaming@earthlink.net](mailto:streaming@earthlink.net)  
 Monday, February 28th, 6:30 PM  
 Location: NYPC  
 Topic TBA

**VPI Ventura**

Allison Moore, [amoore@nyc.rr.com](mailto:amoore@nyc.rr.com)  
 Monday, February 28th, 6:30 PM  
 Location: NYPC  
 Continuation of work on informal flyers

**BAS Visual Basic**

David Kulick, [dgkulick@hotmail.com](mailto:dgkulick@hotmail.com)  
 Wednesday, February 2nd, March 2nd, 6:15 PM  
 Location: MS  
 TWIN handling in VB.NET

**WFI Wireless**

Ted Cohn, [TedCohn@earthlink.net](mailto:TedCohn@earthlink.net);  
 Leftonred Atanycorner, [vp@nypc.org](mailto:vp@nypc.org)  
 Tuesday, February 22th, 6:30 PM  
 Location: NYPC  
 Topic TBA

**XML XML/Web Services**

Mahesh Chhatlani, [nypcxml@hotmail.com](mailto:nypcxml@hotmail.com)  
 Next meeting in March

*Other Organizations*

**NPC Non-Profit Computing**

John L. German, 212-759-2368

Includes:

**JOB Career Development Group**

Tuesdays, February 8, 22, March 8, 22, at 4  
 PM. Check website for details:  
<http://www.idealists.org/orgs/119879:107#events>  
 West-Park Presbyterian Church, 86th and  
 Amsterdam  
 Facilitators include:  
 Susan Werbin, 212-799-6111  
 Mort Trachtenberg, 212-769-TRAC

**Thanks to Our Hosts**

The following company provide space for many of our meetings. We would like to take this opportunity to thank them.

**Microsoft**



**Volunteer Days!**

Join us for an hour or more...To help with mailings, hardware, etc...and get to know your fellow-members.  
 Mon., Feb 14, 5:00-9:00 PM  
 Sat., Feb. 26, 11:00 AM-5:00 PM

**Open Office Hours:**

Starting 2/15:  
 Wed., 2:00-6:00 PM  
 Thurs., 12:00-6:00PM

Phone 212-643-7005 first, to be sure nothing has come up.

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**Consumer Electronics Show**

I wonder what this does to our auditory cells—or to our psyches. Whether we listen to the song of a bird, the murmur of a child, or even a warning sound from a car engine, it seems that there are times when our ears need to be alert, rather than immersed in artificial sound.

Why does an SUV need five television screens? What about watching the scenery?

To demonstrate the sharpness and beauty of HDTV, Samsung and Sharp,

and a few others, turned not to action films but to nature. It was here, in front of a 60" screen showing a baby penguin with every barb of each feather sharply visible, followed by a butterfly with sunlight showing the wing structure, that I heard oohs and aahs, followed by the silence of anticipation for the next flight of beauty. I felt gratified that we humans still respond to the same loveliness that inspired the Psalmist, even if we see it in a different way. *Mary Ginsburg, [pres@nypc.org](mailto:pres@nypc.org)*

“We don’t like for computer systems to be poetic. We don’t want them to be creative; we like them to just be very, very predictable and get things right.”

From “A Head in the Clouds or Hopes on Solid Ground?”  
 Tim Berners-Lee’s Keynote  
 Address from SpeechTEK 2004

Read the entire speech at  
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Being formed by one of our members of Enterprise Windows User Group. Please sign up to be on the mailing list to obtain more information about it:

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## coming attractions

*We've got some great general meetings coming up...*

*Thursday, March 17 RSS, Thunderbird, and Blogging:  
Some New Ways to Communicate*

Let us know what you'd like to see! Tell us on the evaluation forms we pass out at the General Meeting, or send an e-mail to Bill Ginsberg, [wzg128@aol.com](mailto:wzg128@aol.com).



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*Friday, February 25th, 6:30 PM  
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