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++ Change ++

The theme of this issue of Hewie's Views and Reviews is "Change." Hewie's Favorites has been updated and dead links have been removed. The Net Mechanics service that I use < <http://www.netmechanic.com/> > reports to me on a regular basis. Whenever it can't connect to a link, and I have about 1500 of them, it will report such things as, "access denied for robots," "file not found," "no such domain name," or "no response from host."

I have seen many of the sites listed at Hewie's Favorites change over the 5 plus years that my site has been on line. I check each site with reported problems. Many times the pages or sites have only made small changes and I correct the link. Some of the sites have merged with other sites, and some have disappeared. Even my site has moved a few times and the pages have had name changes.

Chasing the site changes proves to be more time consuming than necessary. I start looking around when I get to a site and find new and interesting pages and links. Since the Web has grown so much in the last few years and the search engines do a pretty good job, my "surfing" has diminished. I try to keep up with new and interesting sites in several ways. Many of my links come from articles in e-newsletters like this one. I subscribe to many e-newsletters and will devote one of my future issues to describing several of them. Many web site owners contact me and ask to be listed. Many of my links and information come from news articles that I read on line.

++ Changing to Yahoo Groups ++

This newsletter has been using the Listbot email service, which was purchased by Microsoft a while back. Microsoft sent an email to all of the Listbot list owners that they were shutting down the service. I have set up an alternative at the Yahoo e-groups and will be migrating the subscribers to the service. You may be getting a message that this is happening. If you need to change your receiving email address, you may need to set up an account at < <http://groups.yahoo.com/> >. It appears that the Yahoo groups will be easier to maintain for you and me.

++ Interesting new product - Xanboo ++

This came from an article that I read at < <http://www.pcworld.com/news/article/0,aid,50323,00.asp> >. The change here

is the price. A product like this recently was in the \$5,000 to \$10,000 range. Now it's at 150 bucks (free with rebate) and \$120 yearly service. I have not tried it yet, but the price makes it tempting to try.

Xanboo's Internet Home Management System, which costs \$180 MSRP (\$150 street price) , plus \$10 monthly for a Xanboo account. This initial low-cost version is limited to performing security functions, but the company plans to add optional household controls. Check it out at < <http://www.xanboo.com/> >. There are additional cameras and sensors available.

There is a FREE Xanboo Smart Home \$149.99 rebate offer after purchasing the starter kit and signing up for monthly service. The starter kit is called the Xanboo System Controller. It includes a color video camera with built-in microphone for use with recorded video clips, and audio and motion detection, a 60-foot extension cable and all the necessary software to install the system. Except for the sales tax, you get the hardware and software for free and commit to 1 year of service. Details of the rebate are at <http://www.xanboo.com/specials/rebates/compusa062001.htm> and are only good for the month of June.

You can purchase a Xanboo System Controller Kit (XSK205) at CompUSA stores or online at www.compusa.com between 6/1/2001 and 6/30/2001. For more info go to < <http://www.xanboo.com/specials/rebates/compusa062001.htm> > .

++ Personal Changes ++

It happened to me. This past week I became a victim of downsizing. You may see an increase in Job Searching sites on Hewie's Favorites, while I pursue a new direction. If you need a copy of my resume, please email me.

++ How big is big (yotta-yatta) ? ++

Over the past several weeks I have seen articles about newer and bigger hard drives. Maxtor announced a 100 GB drive. IBM using something that they call "pixie dust" and is saying that 400 GB drives are not far off. This has led to questions about sizes and what comes after Gigabytes. I read an article that took me to < <http://www.logophilia.com/WordSpy/yottabyte.html> > that lists this information. You will be in the know at your next bar-b-que or cocktail party.

PREFIX	UNITS	NUMBER
kilo-	thousands	1,000
mega-	millions	1,000,000
giga-	billions	1,000,000,000
tera-	trillions	1,000,000,000,000
peta-	quadrillions	1,000,000,000,000,000
exa-	quintillions	1,000,000,000,000,000,000
zetta-	sextillions	1,000,000,000,000,000,000,000
yotta-	septillions	1,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000

That's it for this issue. Please pass it on to your friends, neighbors, relatives, and co-workers. Ask them to subscribe and to visit Hewie's Favorites. Thanks.

++ New sites added for this issue ++

Shields Up

<https://grc.com/default.htm>

Gibson Research Corporation GRC for Leak Test, Shields Up! and Spin Rite.

Check your Internet connection security

Zone Alarm

<http://www.zonealarm.com>

Zone Labs protection and security for your Internet connection

ExtremeTech

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

Deep technology content for the IT community

ICQconnection

<http://www.angelfire.com/on3/icqconnection/>

ICQ Help Resource

MacWindows

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

Macintosh-Windows Integration solutions News Tips Tutorials Reviews

TECHtionary

<http://www.techtionary.com>

Animated dictionary on telecommunications, data networking and internet technology

UltraTech Knowledgebase

<http://www.ultratech-llc.com/KB/>

UltraTech Knowledgebase Viewer - Many help files and links

Distance Learning Course Finder

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

Directory of e-learning courses

Duke Collections

<http://scriptorium.lib.duke.edu/>

Rare Book, Manuscript, and Special Collections Library - Duke University

Home Remedies

<http://burn.ucsd.edu/remedies.htm>

Index natural, home remedies for everyday injuries, diseases, and ailments

How Stuff Works Express

<http://express.howstuffworks.com/>

Marshall Brain makes science and technology entertaining and understandable

Metacritic

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

Movie Reviews, Video Reviews, Dvd Reviews, Game Reviews, Music Reviews

R&R Online

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

Radio & Record Industry Newspaper

Things People Said

<http://www.rinkworks.com/said/>

Words, from ordinary folks, who inadvertently, may just leave you helpless with mirth

BenefitsCheckUp

<http://www.benefitscheckup.org/>

Free, easy-to-use service that identifies federal and state assistance programs for older Americans From NCOA

Network Sound

<http://www.songwriterproducts.com/>
Site for company who takes old reel-to-reel tapes and converts to cassette or CD

Troubleshooter
<http://www.troubleshooter.com/>
Consumer Advocate Tom Martino locally on WFLF

Flanigan's
<http://www.flanigans.net/>
Flanigan's Seafood Bar & Grill & Big Daddy's Liquors. I worked for them over 7 years

Food & Drink
<http://www.learn-food-drink.com/>
Drink and Food VidBook Guide

Drug Information Technologies
<http://www.dispace.com/ditonline/>
Comprehensive source of full-text product information from drug manufacturers for the most commonly prescribed medications

Emergence of Advertising
<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/award98/ncdhtml/eaahome.html>
Emergence of Advertising in America: 1850 - 1920

iPING
<http://www.mrwakeup.com>
iPing for free Wake-Up Calls, Reminder Calls and Notifications

Megapixel.net
<http://www.megapixel.net>
Webzine Digital Camera Reviews and Information

Vintage Ads
<http://www.vintagead.com>
Color reproductions of period magazine ads of British cars motorcycles, and many historic American cars

HTML Goodies
<http://www.htmlgoodies.com/>
Includes some great tutorials and primers

Computerworld
<http://www.computerworld.com/>
News & Features from one of the foremost Industry weeklies

Dotcom Scoop
<http://www.dotcomscoop.com/>
Breaking news in the Internet and technology sectors

Headline Viewer
<http://www.vertexdev.com/HeadlineViewer/>
Program to see news headlines from a configurable list of Headline Providers

Disney World Information Guide
<http://www.destinationsinflorida.com/>
Disney World Hotels-Disney World Hotels & Attraction Guide

Google Groups
<http://groups.google.com/>

Search the Internet News groups including archives

Easy-Files

<http://www.easy-files.com/>

Windows based file archive. Any .DLL, .BAS, .ICO, .OCX, .TTF, and .VBX that you need?

E-Hoax

<http://www.zdnet.com/zdhelp/filters/ehoax/>

Credible, researched information about the latest e-hoaxes, urban legends, and chain e-mails circulating the Net.from ZDNet

ChasMs Help Desk

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

Windows help including setups and browsers

Configuring Windows Explorer

<http://cpcug.org/user/clemenzi/technical/WinExplorer/index.htm>

Collection of tips and trick for Windows Explorer

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