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**Computer-Help: Drop-
In 2-4 PM Mar 28, 2022**
Masks are only
required on non-
vaccinated
participants.



Next general meeting
will be **April 11, 2022, 1
PM**. Our guest speaker
will be **Jim Tubb**. His
presentation is
"Windows 11".

**April Drop-In Computer
Help: Monday Apr 25,
2-4 PM.**



Mar 14, 2022. At 1 PM, Jim will moderate
General Questions & Answers.
Our guest speaker will be **Susanne
Skabelund** from the **Santa Rosa Family
History Center**.
Erin will give updates for the Senior
Center.
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In the News:

- [Everything Apple Announced This Week](#)
- [Brain-like chips may make PCs 1 million times more efficient](#)
- [Will 2022 Be the Year of Alternative Cloud?](#)
- [Supercomputer simulates the entire universe, from Big Bang to now](#)
- [Retaliation? Russian hackers take credit for McDonald's ransomware attack](#)
- [Hackers stole top-secret GPU details — then Nvidia hit back](#)
- [AT&T Is Bringing Multi-Gigabit Fiber Plans to More Cities](#)

Articles for March

a) Russia-Ukraine: Is internet on verge of break-up? by Jane Wakefield, 03.08.22. "Corporate giants such as Meta, Google and Apple, who have always framed themselves as neutral tech firms, are now pinning their political colours to the mast - banning products in Russia in response to its invasion." The article discusses the idea of unplugging Russia from the global internet and what would be the consequences of that. "As the Russian economy is cut off from a lot of the global economy, they are turning to China. They will have to rely on China even more so than they have in the past."

[bbc.com/news/technology-60661987](https://www.bbc.com/news/technology-60661987)

b) That Computer Virus You Can't Remove Might Be a Browser Notification by Andrew Heinzman, 03.01.22. If you constantly see

b) antivirus software pop-up notifications in Windows or macOS, "you should never open them. Instead, you need to disable them by hand." This article explains how to do that and offers some information on how to avoid these "virus" notifications in the future."



[reviewgeek.com/111106/t-hat-computer-virus-you-cant-remove-might-be-a-browser-notification](https://www.reviewgeek.com/111106/t-hat-computer-virus-you-cant-remove-might-be-a-browser-notification)

c) Internet Safety: 7 Steps to Keeping Your Computer Safe on the Internet by Leo A. Notenboom. "Internet safety is difficult, yet critical. Here are seven key steps to keep your computer safe on the internet.

- 1-Use a Firewall
- 2-Scan for malware
- 3-Stay up-to-date (cont.)

Thank you to our Welcome Coordinator, Audrey Leyhe.

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c) 4-Educate yourself
5-Secure your home network and your mobile connection
6-Don't forget the physical
7-Backup"
Read the complete article to learn the details of each of the 7 steps.
askleo.com/am-i-safe

d) Biden just put out an executive order on cryptocurrencies — here's everything that's in it by Ryan Browne, 03.09.22. "U.S. President Joe Biden signed an executive order on Wednesday calling on the government to examine the risks and benefits of cryptocurrencies" while minimizing risks to Americans. The order directs the Federal

d) Reserve to research and potentially develop its own digital dollar. Learn about this new executive order here: cnbc.com/2022/03/09/her-es-whats-in-bidens-executive-order-on-crypto

e) Microsoft clamps down on Office power feature abused by malware by Mark Hachman, 02. 07.22. "Historically, malicious Office macros have been the equivalent of email's phishing attempts, launching malware at the click of a user's mouse. Microsoft said Monday that it's finally clamping down on this security vulnerability, blocking Visual Basic (VBA) macros by default...untrusted

e) macros will be blocked by within Access, Excel, PowerPoint, Visio, and Word for any file downloaded from the Internet." Beginning in April these changes will begin in Microsoft 365 apps, then to older versions of office. pcworld.com/article/612522/microsoft-will-block-office-vba-macros-by-default

f) What Does the 3G Network Shutdown Mean for Your Car? by Cory Gunther, 02.28.22. "Wireless carriers are starting to shut down older 3G networks, affecting millions of cars. Over the last decade or so, millions of cars and trucks came with 3G connectivity services before 4G and 5G were a thing. Unfortunately, many will lose some or

f) even all of their connected features. Some of these include emergency crash response alerts or notifications, S.O.S. mode, real-time navigation, remote diagnostics, remote start, remote unlock, HVAC controls, OTA software updates, and more." Learn the details by reading the article here: reviewgeek.com/110995/what-does-the-3g-network-shutdown-mean-for-your-car

Comments from Ross-- Is your computer taking a long time to start up and get to your home page? Does it seem to stall or freeze intermittently? Are applications taking an unusually long time to open? Have you experienced the dreaded BSOD (blue screen of death)? Repeatedly? Do you hear knocking sounds coming from your desktop computer case or your laptop? You may be experiencing a failing hard drive. You should immediately backup up all of your data before something bad happens. Once your hard drive fails, you will lose everything that was on it.

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Here's how to set up Apple's built-in storage

komando.com/tech-tips/how-to-set-up-apple-icloud

Did you get a strange notification that you need to protect your Facebook account? It's (probably) real

komando.com/social-media/facebook-protect-feature

Email etiquette – When to CC or BCC someone komando.com/tech-tips/when-to-use-cc-or-bcc

4 reasons why I switched from Google to Bing pcworld.com/article/435332/the-4-reasons-i-switched-from-google-to-bing

How Does an EV Battery's Charge Compare to a Tank of Gas? howtogeek.com/786363/how-does-an-ev-batterys-charge-compare-to-a-tank-of-gas

Windows 11 update: New gestures, Start menu changes, and more digitaltrends.com/computing/windows-11-update-new-gestures-start-menu-changes

You can now launch Android apps in Windows 11 – Here's how komando.com/tech-tips/android-apps-windows-11

11 settings to tweak on a new Windows 11 PC askwoody.com/newsletter/free-edition-11-settings-to-tweak-on-a-new-windows-11-pc

Top 5 Microsoft Office alternatives techrepublic.com/article/top-5-microsoft-office-alternatives

Income tax guide for tax season 2022 zdnet.com/finance/taxes/the-income-tax-guide-for-2022

