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note from the editor

Hello Fellow CMUGers,

Apple has just started shipping the long awaited, new Apple TV as you read this. Numerous reviews are appearing online now. I've included the list of websites with Apple news on page 15 and you will see excerpts from a couple good articles here in Mouse Droppings.

As we move into the holiday season, I've included some tips on how to use your Mac to help create your own personalized cards and holiday letters. Of course, you'll have to mail them, so there's even a link to learn how to print address labels from your Mac's Contact app. And a quick tutorial on how to print a hard copy of your busy fall and winter activities from your Calendar app.

If you're shopping the web for bargains be sure to do it safely. I've included a link to short 7 minute video that explains in simple terms the importance of good secure passwords when using the internet.

Be sure to get your Raffle Tickets for yourself and to sell to your friends and family!

Cheers!

Chris



The Beatles: a 5 Minute Drum Chronology

Way back when..... I was the Beatles number one fan. Paul was my favorite, and the first record I ever purchased with my own allowance was the Beatles first US album "Meet the Beatles". I saw "A Hard Day's Night" on opening day in a theatre packed with screaming teenage girls. And I'm proud to say that I actually got to see the Beatles in concert at the Hollywood Bowl in 1965!

If you have any appreciation for the Beatles and their music, I think you'll find this YouTube video really fab! This guy is an awesome drummer, so crank up your headphones and watch in full screen if you can or even on your Apple TV!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tTnxmn2jWjo>



CMUG Annual Raffle Tickets Available Now!

It is that time of year again for our annual raffle for the \$1500 grand prize!

★ **Tickets are only \$5 ea.** ★

The raffle is limited to only 800 tickets!

The winning ticket will be drawn at the December 8th CMUG meeting.

Winners need not be present, but we will attempt to call you that night!

All our CMUG members are encouraged to sell tickets to family and friends for a chance at the prize, but more importantly for such a good cause.

The raffle's profits go to CMUG's Donation Fund. Our Donation Committee uses these funds to refurbish and update Macs and iPads that have been generously donated. Local community services working with our Donation Committee are able recommend placement of these Mac and iPads in homes with students use who would not otherwise have access to computers for school work.

Tickets will be available at the October 13th CMUG meeting, so be sure to check out a few tickets so we can make this a total sellout for the Donation Fund.

Tickets are also available by contacting the CMUG Office at cmugoffice@cmug.com

Welcome back, Apple TV. It's been a while.

By Christina Warren for mashable.com *An excerpt from her review of the Apple TV*

.....Turning on the Apple TV for the first time, I was pleased with the new interface. The old Apple TV interface has received some updates over the years, but has remained fundamentally unchanged since 2010.

The new interface shares the same UI and UX cues as iOS 9 and OS X El Capitan. From the font to the images, everything looks modern — yet familiar.

Apple TV now has its own operating system, tvOS, which is based on iOS. The idea behind tvOS is to bring the best aspects of the iPhone and iPad experience to the biggest screen in the house.

But tvOS isn't simply blowing up the iOS experience for a bigger screen....because a six-inch experience and a 10-foot experience are different. The nice thing about the Apple TV and tvOS is that it knows that the experiences are different and the apps are built in a way to make that kind of shift work.....*read the whole article at: <http://mashable.com/2015/10/28/apple-tv-review-2015/#7fkZk2OeaGqU>*

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The New Apple TV: TidBITS Answers Your Questions

by Josh Centers

The following are excerpts from Josh Center's excellent article on [TidBITS.com](http://tidbits.com) about the new Apple TV. Here is the link to his entire article, a must read for anyone with questions about the latest Apple TV. <http://tidbits.com/article/16050>

The fourth-generation Apple TV is now available for purchase and pre-orders have arrived in homes. Apple was kind enough to send me one before they went on sale, so I'm happy to answer your Apple TV questions (and yes, an update to "[Take Control of Apple TV](#)" is in the works). If I've missed anything you want to know about, ask in the comments.

What's new with the Apple TV? Should I buy one?

It's much faster than the third-generation model, being powered by a dual-core A8 instead of the single-core A5. It also features a redesigned remote with a glass trackpad, volume buttons, and Siri support (it's called the Siri Remote).

On the software side, the new Apple TV is powered by a new operating system, tvOS, which is more closely aligned with iOS than the previous Apple TV software. Along with tvOS comes an App Store, app switching, Siri support, and notifications.

If you own a second-generation Apple TV, the upgrade to the new model is a no-brainer, since Apple stopped supporting the second-generation model long ago.

If you're a third-generation Apple TV user who feels that the current model is a bit long in the tooth, and you have the money to spare, the new Apple TV is an easy purchase. If you moved away from Apple TV, but want a box on which to play iTunes content, it's also a good buy.

However, if you're mostly happy with your third-generation Apple TV, there's no harm in



waiting a bit to give Apple a chance to work out any kinks. And if you depend on optical audio (TOSLINK) to route audio from your Apple TV to your sound system, you'll want to hold off for now.

How do I use Siri on the Apple TV?

Pretty much like on an iPhone or iPad. Hold down the Siri button on the Siri Remote and state your query. You must hold down the button while talking to activate the microphone, and keep it held down the entire time you're talking.

What can Siri do for me on the new Apple TV?

- Open apps: "Open Photos"
- Ask for a weather forecast: "What's the weather today?" That displays the weather conditions in your area. Swipe up on the Siri Remote's touchpad for a detailed forecast.
 - Ask for sports scores and information: "When do the Titans play next," "How did the Titans do last Sunday," or "How tall is Dirk Nowitzki?" If you see an arrow pointing up, that means you can swipe up to see more information about your query.
 - Search for content in the iTunes Store by title, cast and crew, reviews, rating, date, age level, season, episode, and studio. Some examples: "Movies with Harrison Ford," "The best movies from 1989," "Season two of The

The New Apple TV: TidBITS Answers Your Questions by Josh Centers *(Continued)*

Blacklist,” “Episode three of Full House,” and “Movies I can watch with my kids.”

- Perform followup searches on content.

“Show me the best James Bond movies. Only the ones with Daniel Craig.”

- While watching a video: pause the video, turn subtitles on or off, and skip forward or back by a set amount of minutes. In what may be the Apple TV’s killer feature, you can ask “What did s/he say?” which skips back 15 seconds and temporarily enables subtitles, allowing you to catch missed dialog.

Does “What did s/he say,” work in third-party apps?

Yes, in some of them. I can confirm that it works in Netflix and HBO GO. It also works in YouTube, but without subtitles.

Does Siri search only iTunes content, or can it find programs from other services?

When you search for content, Siri will show alternative sources to iTunes, such as Netflix, HBO NOW (or HBO GO), and Hulu.

Unfortunately, developers don’t have access to this functionality yet, so it’s limited to the services that Apple partners with.

Is Siri buggy?

Of course it is, it’s Siri! Siri sometimes misunderstands me, and there are some things it has trouble finding.

Another drawback to Siri is that video keeps playing while it’s activated, although it mutes the audio so as to not interfere with voice recognition. I hope Apple updates the Apple TV to pause video while using Siri.

Bizarrely, Siri does not work with Apple Music, and Apple says it won’t until early 2016. It also cannot search the App Store.



Does the new Apple TV support Apple Music?

Yes, the built-in Music app is designed around Apple Music and iCloud Music Library. Unfortunately, that’s all it works with. It doesn’t display content from the iTunes Store or iTunes Match. Thankfully, you can access your iTunes library locally in the Computers app.

Does the new Apple TV support iCloud Photo Library?

No, unfortunately. Just like the previous Apple TV, it only displays iCloud Photo Stream and shared iCloud photo albums.

What apps are available for the Apple TV?

There are a lot of apps at launch, and unfortunately, there are no categories yet in the App Store, so it’s tough to navigate. Thankfully, the good folks at iMore have posted a [video](#) displaying every app available at launch.

Will Amazon bring an Instant Video app to the Apple TV?

Although Amazon has iOS apps for Instant Video, it appears that they’re boycotting the new Apple TV, at least for now. [Apple told BuzzFeed News](#) that “all are welcome” on the new Apple TV. Amazon hasn’t submitted an app to the App Store, and it refused to comment when asked. 🐭

Games for Apple TV

Christian Zibreg at [idownloadblog.com](http://www.idownloadblog.com) has written up a article highlighting some of the top games and apps that will be available for Apple TV at launch day. Here's the link to the whole article.

<http://www.idownloadblog.com/2015/10/29/roundup-of-best-apple-tv-apps-and-games-for-your-big-screen-tv/>

This excerpt lists the top games that are sure to be on many folks' download list:

Alto's Adventure by Snow, a gorgeous endless snowboarding odyssey that [debuted on iOS in February 2015](#), is now on the big screen. Playing with the Siri Remote or a third-party controller adds a new level of gameplay feel to the experience. [Alto's Adventure is \\$2.99 in the App Store](#). What's best, a single purchase gets you the universal app for your iPhone, iPod touch, iPad and Apple TV with iCloud sync.

Beat Sports by Rock Band creators Harmonic Musix Systems and Tilting Point was revealed on stage at Apple's September 2015 media event. A collection of music-infused mini-games inspired by familiar sports like tennis, volleyball and golf, Beat Sports is basically four games in one. Beat Sports cost for Apple TV is \$9.99 and contains no In-App Purchases.



Galaxy on Fire – Manticore Rising

German developer Deep Silver Fishlabs worked closely with Apple on bringing the multi-million selling Galaxy on Fire franchise to the big screen.

A prequel to the upcoming Galaxy on Fire 3 – Manticore, which is coming in 2016, Manticore Rising puts you in the shoes of hot-headed rookie pilot Haley “Manticore” Snocom who must save his friends and crew from a supremacy of space pirates. Galaxy on Fire – Manticore Rising is \$5.99 in the App Store and available exclusively on the new Apple TV. 🐭

Other Apple TV games you might like:

- Almost Impossible
- Afterpulse
- Asphalt 8: Airborne
- Badland
- Disney Infinity
- Edge Extended (currently free for a limited time)
- Guitar Hero
- Jetpack Joyride
- Mr Jump
- Space Age
- Nanosaur 2: Hatchling
- PlayKids



Create Mailing Labels from Contacts App in MacOS

Sending out Holiday cards and letters this year? Whether you choose to create your own cards or letters or use the store bought variety, you still need to address those envelopes, right?

With the Contacts app (formerly known as Address Book) on your Mac can make this easy by printing your addresses on stock labels available at office supply or printer supply sections at your local stores.

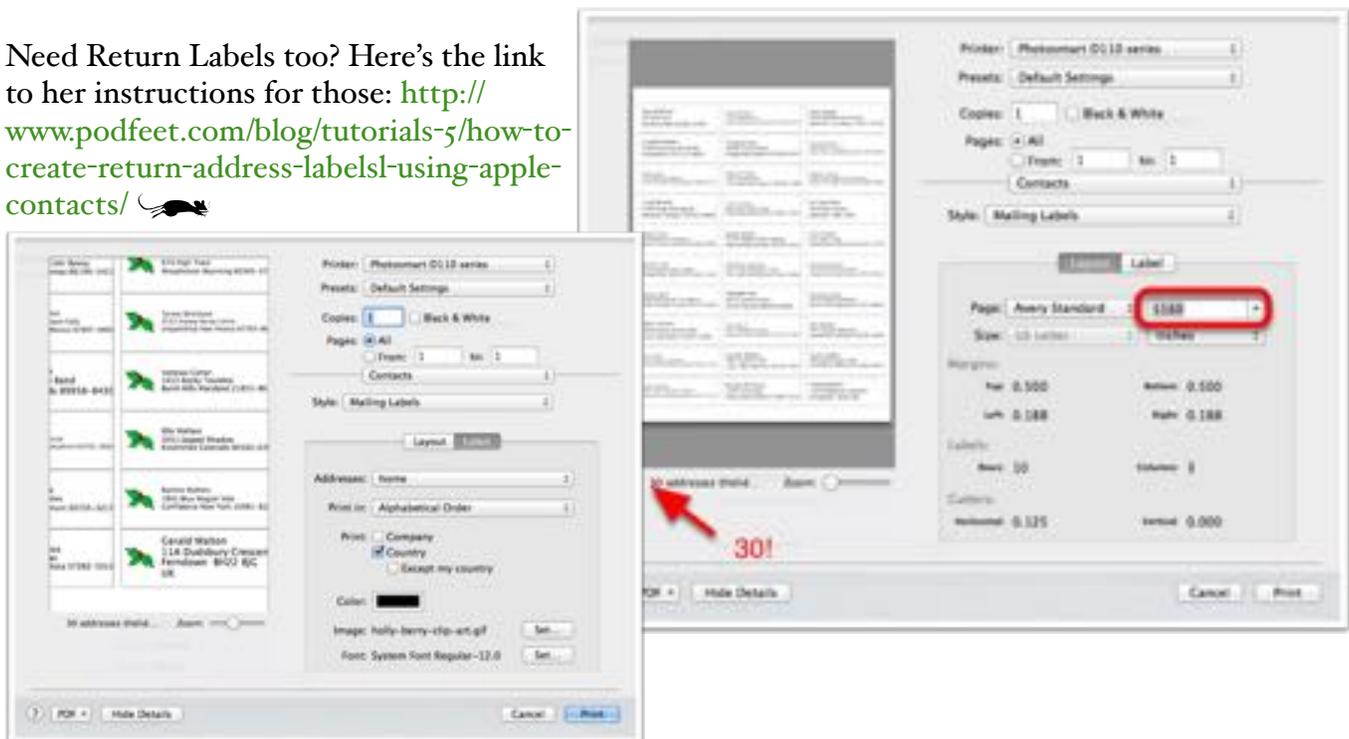
Apple gives us very short instructions on how to print out address labels onto standard label stock:

mailing labels

- 1 Select individual contacts or a group.
Tip: Command-click to select multiple contacts.
- 2 Choose File > Print.
- 3 Choose Mailing Labels from the Style pop-up menu.
If you don't see the Style pop-up menu, click Show Details.
- 4 Click Layout and choose a label type from the Page pop-up menu.
To set page margins, space between labels, and how many labels to print per page, choose Define Custom.
- 5 Click Label and set any other Label options.
- 6 Click Print.

But, If you'd like a *more detail with pictures*, try this link to an article by Allison Sheridan at PodFeet.com to get a step by step tutorial on how to not only print those labels, but add a little graphic to them as well: <http://www.podfeet.com/blog/tutorials-5/how-to-create-address-labels-from-osx-contacts/>

Need Return Labels too? Here's the link to her instructions for those: <http://www.podfeet.com/blog/tutorials-5/how-to-create-return-address-labels-using-apple-contacts/> 



Why do Strong, Unique Passwords Matter?

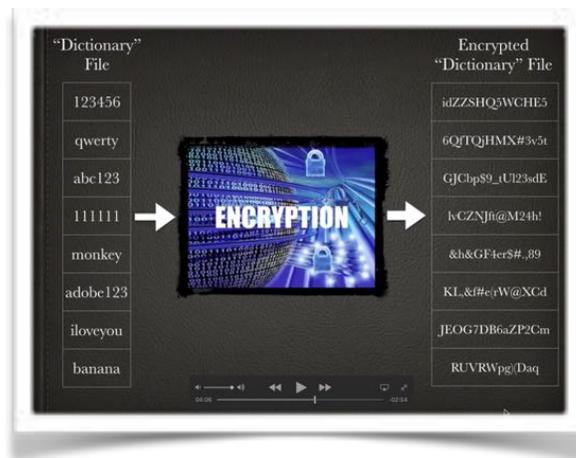
a short video by Allison Sheridan

One of the important parts of keeping our online presence secure is our passwords. Choosing a good, strong password is important but the temptation to use the same one in more than one place must be avoided. Allison Sheridan has created this video to explain the dangers involved with weak passwords.

“In this video, I try to explain (in words normal humans can understand) how poor passwords can be revealed even if the website you’re using encrypts those passwords.”

Here’s the link to her website and the short 7 minute video she created. Please do take a look and pass the link on to your friends too.

<http://www.podfeet.com/blog/2015/09/why-do-strong-unique-passwords-matter/> 



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Instructions for joining the Help and/or Talk Lists

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Ignore the first item concerning Archives - there are no archives available at this time.

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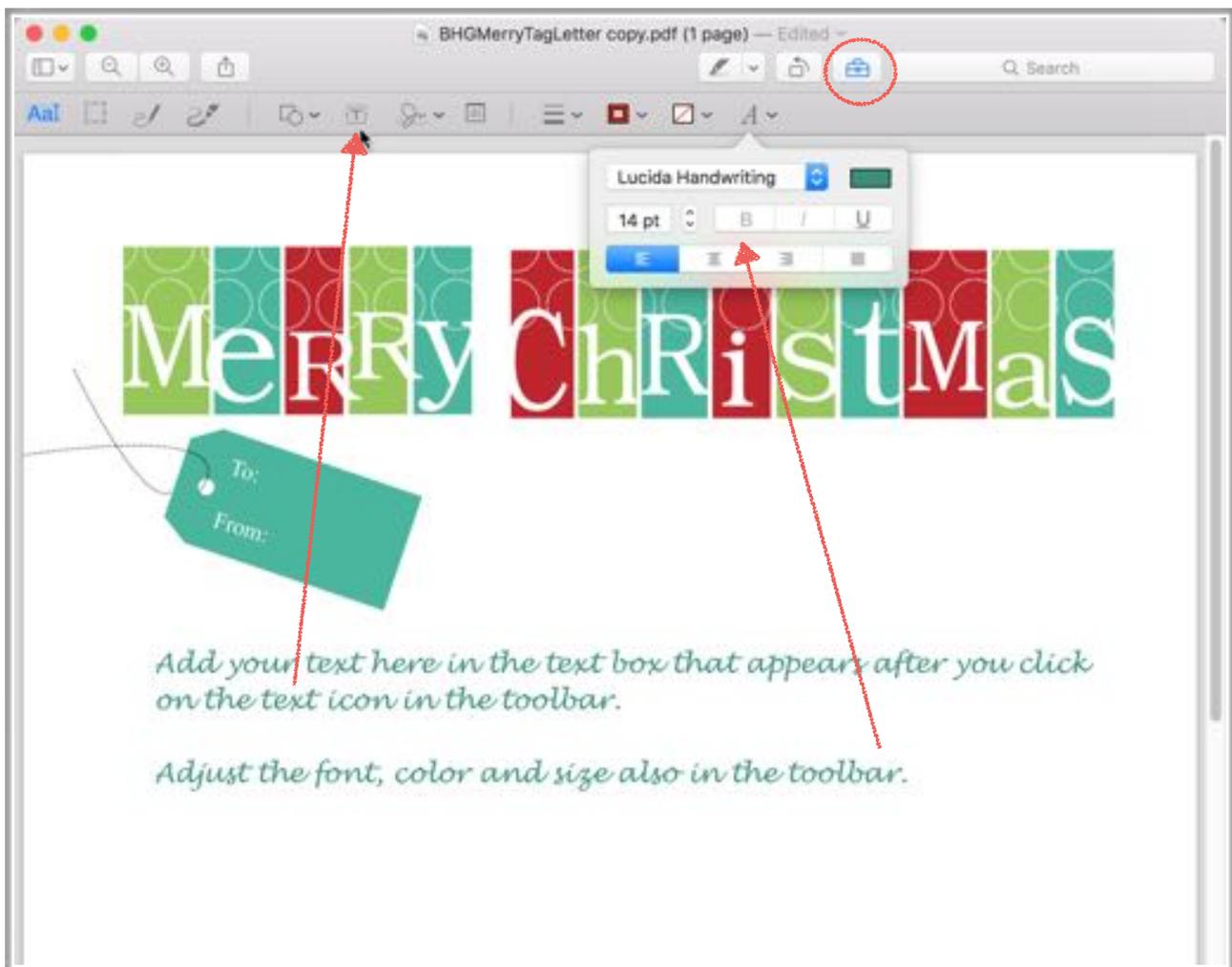
Holiday Letter and Card Tips and Links

by Chris Kent

It's the time of the year for the annual holiday cards and letters to friends and family. To help add a little extra merriment to your correspondence we've included some links and tips.

Free Holiday Letter themed stationery is available for download at Better Homes and Gardens website. <http://www.bhg.com/christmas/crafts/free-christmas-letter-templates/viewall/>

There are 36 styles to choose from. Each file is a PDF which you can print out and handwrite your message on. Or, being the Mac geek that you are, make a duplicate of the file, then using the text tools in the toolbar, you can type your message directly into the PDF, customize the color, font and size to your liking, save, and print out multiple copies.



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Holiday Letter Tips and Links

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Another link with autumn, thanksgiving and christmas themed stationery is at:

<http://www.pageborders.net/category/holiday> .

Office supply stores like Staples, Office Depot and the like carry holiday themed stationery with matching envelopes too. Create your letter in a word processor app like Pages or Word using generous margins to be sure to fit your text inside the decorative edges of the stationery. Tip: Print on blank sheet of paper first and hold up to the light with the stationery on top to see if your text fits, before printing on the stationery.

Xerox has a variety of holiday cards to download, some with a place to insert a photo too:

<http://www.office.xerox.com/small-business-templates/greeting-cards/holidays/enus.html>

Christmas Card templates are also available in many places. Download the template, which is in many cases, a jpeg. of an image with space to insert a photo. If you are familiar with a photo editor like Photoshop or Photoshop Elements, or Pixelmator you can use those to add photos using the layers process.

For Photoshop Templates try these 10 free 5x7 Holiday Card templates at:

<https://www.jeffhendricksondesign.com/10-free-5x7-holiday-card-photoshop-templates/>

These can also be used with an image editor that can open PSD files. The site also includes links to some very nice free fonts.

Using Pages 5 with a Card w/Photo jpeg Template

You may be able to use this simple way to add photos to the Card templates. Drag the jpeg. into Pages in a blank page, resize larger or smaller by dragging the corners in or out. Then use the Media button in the toolbar to add a photo from iPhoto or Photos onto the blank photo area. In some cases, you may choose to use the Border drop down menu to add a “frame” to the photo. Play around with sizes and cropping the photos. Save the page and print on photo paper or good quality printable card stock. If you are careful with sizing and placement on the page you may be able to squeeze two cards onto one page.

Here are a couple samples of websites to download a card template or two for free. These both work with Pages using the method described above:

<http://lovelylittlesnippets.blogspot.com/2011/11/christmas-card-display-and-5-free.html>

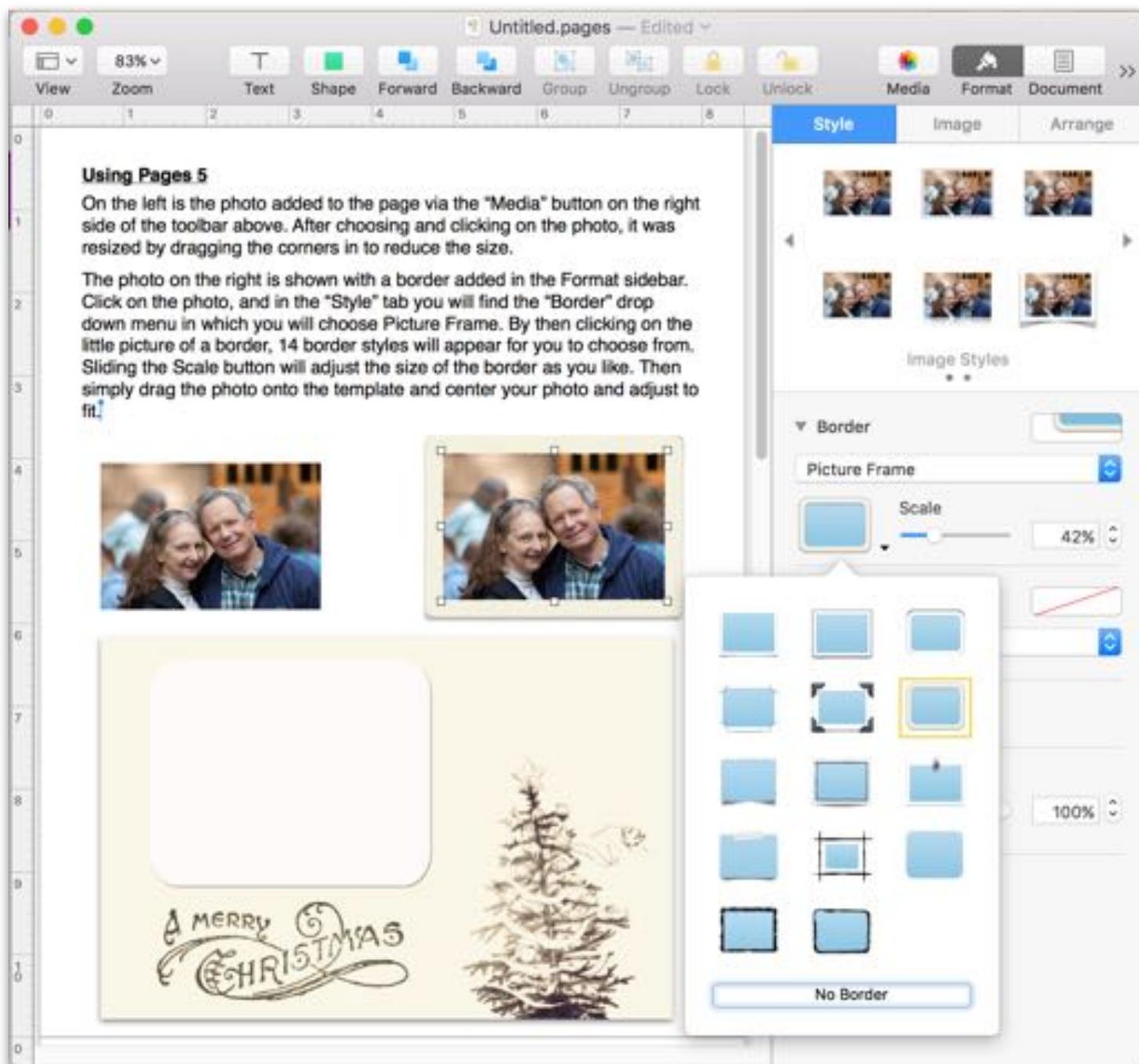
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Holiday Letter Tips and Links

Using Pages 5 (continued)

An example of a jpeg template placed on a blank page in Pages 5. The card is just 5 inches tall and will be able to be used with a fold or duplicated on the page so that two one-sided cards can be printed on one page. 



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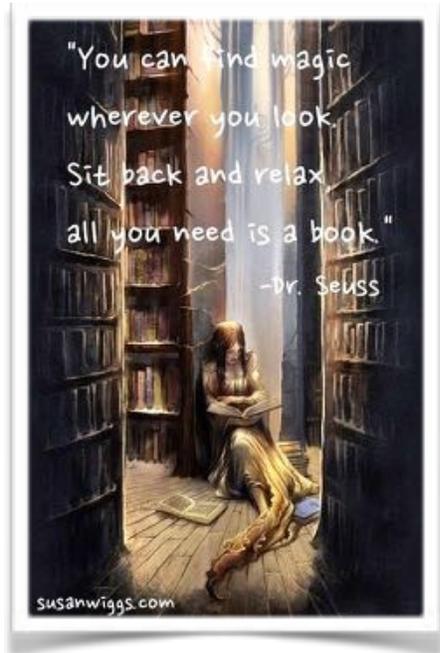
by Chris Kent

“Reading gives us someplace to go when we have to stay where we are.” _____Mason Cooley

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next cmug meeting!

tuesday - november 10th

Main Program:

**“Open Topic”
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with CMUG Genius Table**

General “Q & A” session begins at 7:00 pm
“Snippet” and Main Program at 7:30 - 8:30 pm (?)

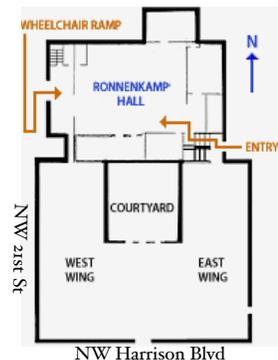
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How to Print Out Your Mac Calendar

by Chris Kent

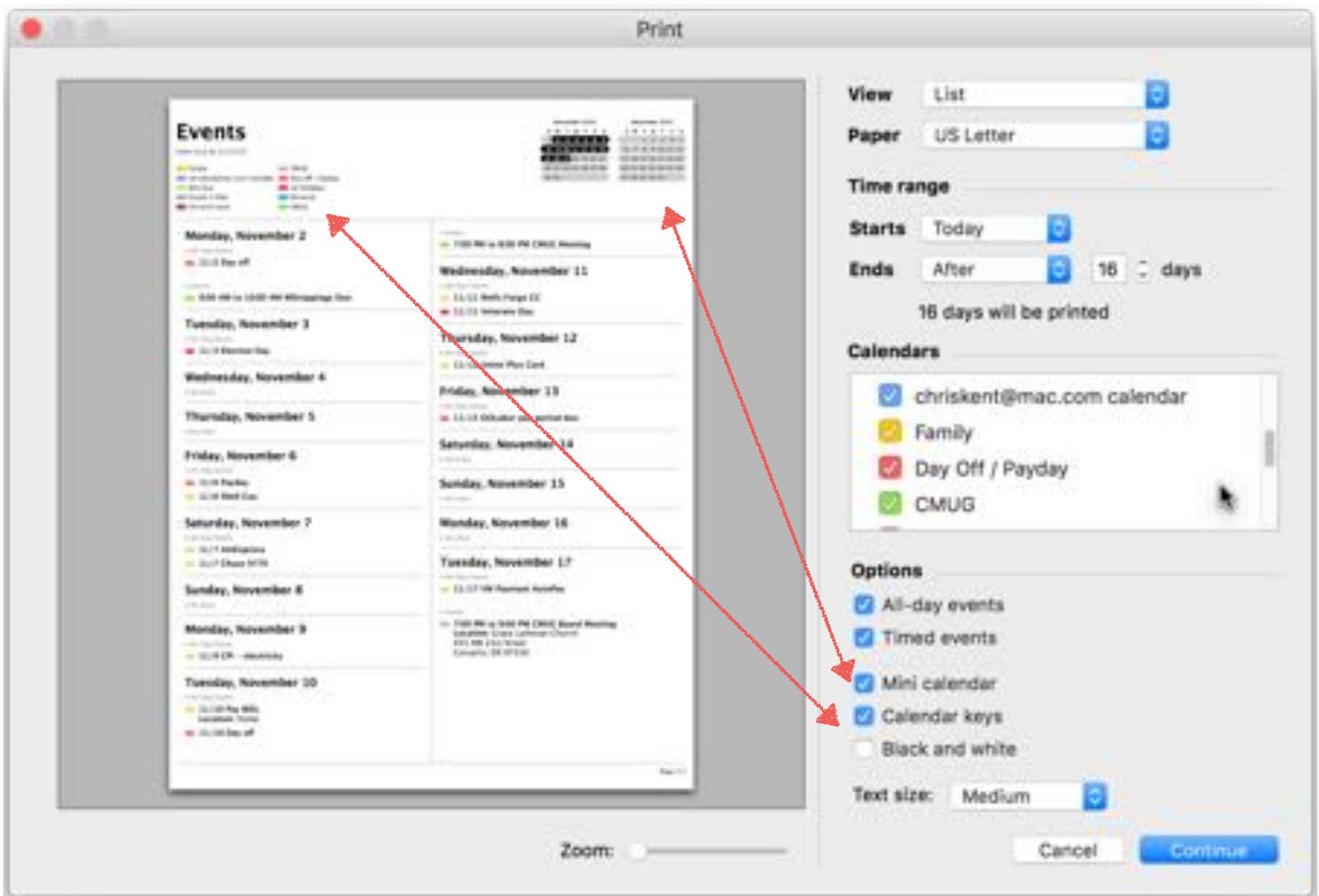
This being the busy holiday season, lots of events and reminders are being added to our calendars. We love our iPhones and iPads and having our calendars right at our fingertips, but there are times when a good 'ole printed copy of what's on the schedule is handy to have.

If you try to print a regular monthly view of the calendar, it may not have enough room in each of those little squares to print everything on a busy day, so to get all of your entries to print, you'll have to use the "List" format. Here's how to do that:

1. Open the Calendar app.
2. Select File > Print.
3. In the Print dialog, look at the "View" drop-down menu and select "List".
4. In the "Ends" drop-down menu, click "On Date" and choose a date to end the list of events. Or choose "After" and add the number of days you wish to print.

Now when you print this list, all of the events for these selected days will print out.

You can also choose to include the little mini calendars to show on the printed list as well. 🐭



Top Websites for Apple News and Commentary

This is by no means a complete list, but a pretty good starting point for folks who wish to keep up with the current events in the Apple and tech community in general. We will add and amend the list as we go.**

Corvallis Macintosh Users Group - **cmug.com**: Your source for news about our group meetings, membership, links and resources for the gang in the valley.

Macnn - **macnn.com**: The Macintosh News Network is a premier source for Macintosh and iPod news, reviews, discussion, tips, troubleshooting, links, and reviews.

iMore - **imore.com**: iMore is your source for everything iPhone, iPad, Mac, and Apple. Featuring in-depth news and analysis, daily tips and how-to, the latest app and accessory reviews, and several podcasts. Editor in chief is Rene Ritchie.

Six Colors - **sixcolors.com**: Six Colors provides daily coverage of Apple, other technology companies, and the intersection of technology and culture. Its founder and editor in chief is Jason Snell, former editor in chief of Mac World magazine.

Daring Fireball - **daringfireball.com**: Well respected tech writer John Gruber posts commentary and articles with links to Apple and tech topics at the top of the news.

The Loop - **loopsight.com**: The aim of The Loop is to dig into the headlines to provide readers with some thoughtful, well-balanced coverage about Apple and the tech market in general by Jim Dalrymple and Dave Mark.

OS X Daily - **osxdaily.com**: News, how-to's, tips and tricks for Apple oriented community.

Tid Bits - **tidbits.com**: TidBITS, begun in 1990, is an online newsletter and Web site, devoted the Macintosh. TidBITS relates events and products to real life uses and concerns.

9 to 5 Mac - **9to5mac.com**: Breaking information in digestible format peppered with commentary, wit, and a deep understanding of the subject matter being discussed.

MacStories - **macstories.com**: In-depth, personal, and informed coverage that aims at offering a balanced mix of industry news, software reviews, and opinion with an international staff.

Mac World - **macworld.com**: No longer a print magazine, Mac World continues to bring the latest news, and tutorials about all things Apple in it's web platform.

the Wirecutter - **thewirecutter.com**: is a list of the best gadgets and gear for people who quickly want to know what to get.

New addition this month:

The Sweet Setup - **thesweetsetup.com: Recommending the best apps for your iPhone, iPad, and Mac, sorted within app categories. Also special deals on hardware and apps on sale.

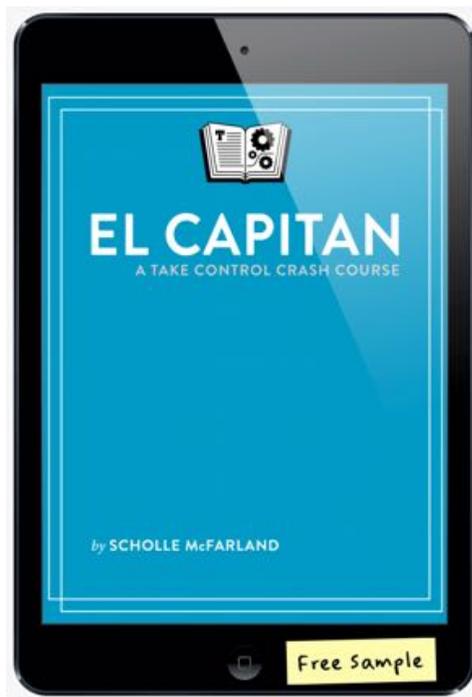
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TAKE CONTROL BOOKS

El Capitan: A Take Control Crash Course

Ascend El Capitan with Mac expert Scholle McFarland!



In this crash course about OS X 10.11 El Capitan, former Macworld editor Scholle McFarland helps you discover and master changes in the Finder as well as in Apple's Notes, Safari, and Messages apps.

The book's browsable layout makes it easy for you to find the information that you care about the most as you learn how to set up notifications sensibly, do more (or less) with your Dock, invoke Mission Control and set up a Split View, take phone calls on your Mac, locate all manner of things with Spotlight search, work fluidly between Apple devices with Handoff and AirDrop, dictate to your Mac — and even tell it what to do — plus lots more.

Scholle closes with two under-the-hood topics, setting up a user account (for a child, guest, or troubleshooting) and essential troubleshooting techniques.

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