



The General Meeting on the 13th will feature Bradley Dichter demonstrating Apple's latest Macintosh operating system, code named *Panther*, Mac OS 10.3, which has many new features that make it easier to use day in and day out.

*Friday, February 13, at 7 p.m.
 Building 300 (Anna Rubin Hall)
 New York Institute of Technology*

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Sore Eyes

Let's talk about communication. Our first modem was 300 baud and attached to the old Apple II plus. We rapidly switched to a 1200 baud and that hung around for a long time. During that period of time, we bought a CB radio for car travel, so that we could get help in emergencies, and our home phones were not cordless. Whoever heard of such luxury?

As technology and computers progressed, we moved up the speed scale. Our CB radio was replaced by cell phones, and the Apple II, by increasingly newer Macs. Interestingly enough, the price of Macs didn't zoom as much as other items. Our first Mac was over \$2000, and others have, through the years, hovered around this price. We keep adding capability, memory, drives, and such items that we never dreamed about in the past, but cannot live without at this time.

Now our cell phone allows us to call from any part of the U.S. to any other part. For an additional \$10 per month, Canada can be added, while we are traveling there. Actually, we were in Canada only 12 days, and when I called Verizon to turn off Canada for the next month, they gave me a \$5 rebate for the unused portion of the month. PDAs have telephone connectivity, and even pictures available if you wish. But the big deal, as far as we are concerned, is wireless. Our DSL connection in New York City is more than 600KBS. We use an *Airport* for wireless transmission, and wander around various locations throughout the country. Verizon has free locations. So does Starbucks, T-Mobile, and other companies. Many motels are offering this service, along with Kinkos and many public libraries.

Just like to add that when we go to locations that still have dial-up service only, if (**Sore Eyes continues on Page 3**)

User Group News

► Several members have alerted us that some e-mail sent to board members was going unanswered. Members should include the name *LIMac* on the subject line of an e-mail in order to avoid having that e-mail wind up in the junk mail box of a board member. You need to somehow indicate that you are not sending spam when you are contacting a person for the first time. This is absolutely true when the receiving individual does not recognize the name of the sender.

► In case of bad weather please check our Web site before heading out to the meeting in order to be certain that the school is open and that we are proceeding with our regularly scheduled program.

► Once again LIMac will be holding a special raffle. We will be raffling off a complete Power Mac G4 system. This system is a G4 "AGP Graphics" model, 500 MHz, 1 Gb RAM, 20 Gb hard drive, DVD RAM drive, Adaptec SCSI card and a NEC MultiSync 19" Color CRT Monitor. Only 100 tickets will be sold at \$5 a ticket. Tickets can be purchased at the meeting or via mail by sending in a check made out to LIMac. Send all checks to: *Long Island Macintosh Users Group, Post Office Box 2048 Seaford, New York 11783-0180.*

► At our last executive board meeting, the board formed several committees to help run our group more efficiently and increase member participation. We are looking for people to volunteer a few hours a year by serving on a committee. It is not possible for the LIMac board to do everything; therefore we need your help by signing up at the next meeting for one of the following committees. If you have any questions contact the committee leader or a LIMac board member. (**User Group News continues on Page 3**)



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TIP!

If you're the forgetful type and you can settle on a suitable time period to keep e-mails, you can have *Mail* erase the messages automatically. Though *Mail* is a very efficient application, a bloated *Trash* folder can slow the application down. To do so, choose *Mail>Preferences* and then select the mailbox with which you want to work. Click the *Edit* button and select the *Special Mailboxes* tab. Then, in the *Trash* section, choose the time frame you're comfortable with in the *Erase Deleted Message When ...pop-up* menu.

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