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## Bits and Pieces Almost forgot to do my October Newsletter!

Maybe it's because I went on a week-long hiking/camping vacation to Philmont Scout Ranch, or maybe I was just too busy, or maybe lazy. Anyway I am writing my newsletter a bit late this month... I don't have a specific topic, so I'll blurt out the ones that I think are interesting, I hope you do, too! Here is a link to a [promotional video about Philmont Scout Ranch](#), an awesome wilderness area.

### Google pulls the rug out...

Google is known for going way out on a technology limb, so to speak, with some of their products and software. Google has published many software products in it's relatively short time on this planet: some were duds, but many more were very good. "Good" and "Popular" however, don't mean they will last if they don't turn a profit for Google - and if they don't, they are discontinued. I was quite disappointed to learn that in the Spring of 2016, the "Picasa" photo album product was discontinued. I loved Picasa, it was my favorite photo finder/organizer/editor, and it was mean to steal some users away from Snapfish and other photo sites, but sadly, it never lived up to revenue expectations: RIP. [Here is an article about other products Google has halted in 2016...](#) Not on the list, but almost certain to get the axe next is my other big favorite: Google Earth. It likely will be halted after the next round of upgrades to the online, cloud-based Google Maps. You heard it here first...

### Why do we click those links in emails?

Of course, the ones in this email are safe, because I have pre-screened them. However, many other links in emails, especially spam and phishing emails are very dangerous. So why do many people still click them? Apparently it's the "fear of missing out" on something, whether it be gossip, sales, news items, friend requests, or what have you. Here are two (safe) links to articles on the topic:

[Here is a link to how to tell a safe link from a suspicious link](#), and [Here is why we click on suspicious links anyway](#).

### Why do we ignore computer warning messages when they pop up?

Another good question: I always check out the who / what / when / where of any pop-up I see on my computer, but I suspect I am in the minority. Some may be wary of any pop-up, fearing a virus, some may be too focused on the task at hand (finish that report now!). Google and Brigham Young University teamed up to find out why, and how to make warning messages more understandable and more importantly, determine the best time to present the message so the person receiving it can act properly on it. [Interesting stuff - here is the link to the study](#).

### Password Strength Test:

Think your password is a good one? Maybe, maybe not... [Try this test on www.cygnus.net to see if your password qualifies as secure!](#)

-John Becker