

## tech V!BE

### TRANSFORM EXISTING APPLE MACBOOKS INTO TABLET-BASED MACS

Other World Computing (OWC®) ([www.macsales.com](http://www.macsales.com)) a leading Mac and PC technology company, recently announced the availability of Modservice, a new service that converts an existing Intel® Core 2 Duo based MacBook® computer into an Axiotron Modbook®, the world's only Mac-based tablet computer that lets users draw and write directly on the screen. Modservice pre-ordering is available immediately from OWC, with prices starting at \$1,299.99 for the turnkey service, which includes a protective shipping box and FedEx air shipping to and from OWC.

### VERIZON SUPERCHARGES FIOS TV

Anil Guntupalli, an Executive with Verizon's Information Technology department, sat down with TEQ at a special FiOS TV demo to answer a few questions about this new technology. Here's what he had to say:

**Tell us about some of the key future enhancements Verizon has in store for its FiOS TV service? How about FiOS for my home or office computer?**

Verizon's all-fiber-optic network that connects directly to customers' homes provides a foundation for delivering the latest technological advances and services. Verizon's FiOS TV offers enhanced interactivity and innovation. FiOS TV can deliver the benefits of Interactive TV today and has other benefits ready to roll out in the near future. The Interactive Media Guide with FiOS TV gives customers tools to access, browse and search multimedia content quickly and easily, offering subscribers unprecedented next-generation video.

Verizon offers on-demand access to

Widgets, an interactive application that gives FiOS TV views access to instant information on their TV screens for local weather, local traffic, daily national news headlines, daily national sports headlines, community news, daily horoscopes, and what's hot on FiOS TV. FiOS TV offers Media Manager, which allows customers to access personal photos, music and videos from their home computers and play them on their TVs.

**Wow, that is really cool. Tell us more.**

Sure. FiOS TV also offers casual games, such as Sudoku, Solitaire, Wordplay and Chess, which viewers can play on-screen, using their remote controls. With ESPN Fantasy Sports, FiOS TV provides personalized ESPN Fantasy Football stats displayed on customers' TV screens, including rosters, box scores, scoring leaders and player information.

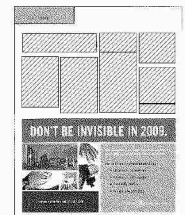
**How long until FiOS is available in my neighborhood and where can I learn more?**

In the Pittsburgh region, Verizon's FiOS TV service is available to more than 215,000 households in nearly 70 communities. Verizon currently is negotiating with the city of Pittsburgh for a cable TV franchise that would allow the company to bring FiOS TV to city residents. Anyone who wants to learn more about FiOS TV can visit [www.verizon.com/fiostv](http://www.verizon.com/fiostv).

### EXPLORE DEEPEST SPACE AT CARNEGIE SCIENCE CENTER

Since April 1990, the world has been amazed by the magnificent deep space images captured by the Hubble Space Telescope, a 45-foot-long telescope satellite orbiting above the Earth's atmosphere. Carnegie Science Center visitors will experience these dazzling Hubble images in stunning clarity in the traveling exhibition Hubble Space Telescope: New Views of the Universe, through Jan. 12, 2009.

Featuring dozens of high-resolution,



back-lit images of planets, galaxies, black holes, and other cosmic entities captured by the Hubble, the exhibition includes numerous interactive displays allowing visitors to delve into the deep space images, including attempting to determine a star's age, estimating the number of galaxies in the Universe, and finding the distance of other galaxies from the Earth. Using an infrared camera, visitors will also learn about light wavelengths and the valuable information about stars expressed by the light they emit.

Learn more at [www.carnegiescience-center.com/](http://www.carnegiescience-center.com/)

## HAPPY HOUR

### THE RED ROOM CAFE

One of Shadyside's best-kept secrets, the Red Room Cafe is tucked away in its own little corner of the world. Step inside the meticulously renovated building and experience a vibrant, yet intimate atmosphere.

With excellent service and exciting food and drink options, the Red Room Cafe is the perfect place to unwind and let off a little steam.

While we could go on forever about this establishment, you should check it out yourself at 134 S. Highland Avenue.

## NOONER

### DAVE AND ANDY'S HOMEMADE ICE CREAM & YOGURT

Located in Oakland at 207 Atwood Street, Dave and Andy's Homemade Ice Cream & Yogurt is a Pittsburgh favorite for dessert. But who says ice cream and yogurt are dessert-fare only? With several available flavors and options, there is always something for everyone. Dave and Andy's offers at least 14 daily different flavors that are changed twice a day sometimes, depending on the season.

But just because the seasons change

doesn't mean that your new favorite flavor won't be available. Dave and Andy's is one of the few ice cream establishments open year-round, providing sweet and frosty treats to the masses.

Although it can get pretty crowded in the warmer months, the wait is never unbearable and the staff is always friendly. You can usually find parking at nearby metered spots or one of the other side streets.

## WELCOME WAGON

### HARMONICS LIMITED

Harmonics Limited offers a harmonic suppression system (HSS) that couples with an existing transformer (SysteMax) or can be supplied as a transformer and HSS combination (TransMax) in one enclosure for new construction. The HSS eliminates the formation of the damaging third harmonic, generated by computers. The system prevents the formation of the third harmonic current and eliminates its circulation within the transformer and to the furthest load. By limiting the third harmonic current, the system reduces the amount of heat generated by the computers and reduces the amount of energy needed to operate the system. The system allows a transformer to be loaded to its rated capacity, while limiting the danger of overheating.

To find out more about Harmonics Limited, go to [www.harmonicslimited.com](http://www.harmonicslimited.com) or call Mark Sedelmeier at 412.680.4926.

### ANNUAL TOTAL COMPENSATION SURVEY

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ing and keeping the best talent. Order your copy today. ■

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