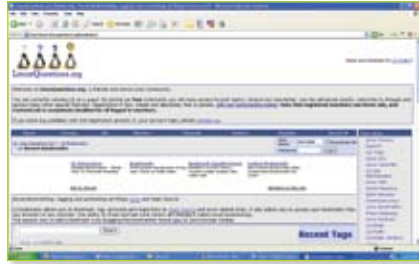


WHAT'S **new**

LinuxQuestions.org has redesigned and relaunched its LQ Bookmarks Web site. The free Web resource is described by the organization as a social bookmarking, tagging, and annotating site for all things Linux and open source. The site now supports AJAX integration, the del.icio.us API, has a cloud tag, and supports watchlists. Bookmarks saved in the previous version of the site can be imported.



MORE INFO: [LinuxQuestions.org](http://www.linuxquestions.org), 1.716.465.6849, <http://www.linuxquestions.org/bookmarks>



ISTE has released the second edition of **Spreadsheet Magic** by Pamela Lewis. Including 40 lesson plans for K–6, the book focuses on the uses of spreadsheet applications as educational tools, especially for younger students. Although the accompanying CD-ROM includes Microsoft Excel lesson templates and examples, the publisher says that the files and information are valid

for a wide array of spreadsheet applications. The title is sold through ISTE's online bookstore for \$35.95 for members and \$39.95 for nonmembers.

MORE INFO: ISTE, 1.800.336.5191, <http://www.iste.org/bookstore>

NetSupport has released an update to its **Protect (1.01)** desktop security software. According to the company, the software, available in English, German, French, Spanish, and Italian localized versions, can hide files and folders, prevent creation of specified file types, restrict downloads,



and control access to removable media such as USB devices, CD-R, or DVD. The software runs on Windows 2000, 2003, and XP. A trial version is available for download from the company Web site.

MORE INFO: NetSupport, 1.888.665.0808, <http://www.netsupportprotect.com>

Toshiba has released the **TDP-TW100U** mid-priced DLP projector. The projector includes integrated IEEE 802.11G wireless networking, a 2,700 ANSI Lumens bulb, 2000:1 contrast, and XGA 1024 × 768 resolution. Additionally, the projector includes USB RAM drive support for JPEG image display without a computer, a “blackboard” feature that enables color values to automatically adjust to the color of the screen, instant power off, and a 33 dB quiet mode.



MORE INFO: Toshiba Digital Products Division, 1.800.795.8247, <http://www.toshibadirect.com>

A revised version of **BRIGANCE Assessment of Basic Skills, Spanish Edition**, has been released by Curriculum Associates. According to the company, the title is designed to enable ELL/ESL and special needs teachers to diagnose the learning needs of Spanish-speaking learners in PK–9. A three-step assessment, the software includes screening to determine a student's dominant language, an assessment to identify basic skills and to establish educational objectives, and data to support diagnosis or referrals. The system consists of an Inventory (\$185), Student Record Book (10-pack \$35; 100-pack \$329), and an optional Class Record Book (\$14). The company also announced plans to provide a \$59.95 CD-ROM database of goals and objectives to help educators write individualized education plans. It is expected to be available late fall 2006.



MORE INFO: Curriculum Associates, 1.800.225.0248, <http://www.cainc.com>

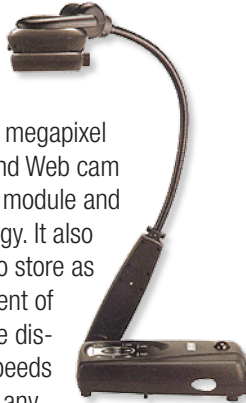
Future School USA Inc. has announced the completion and availability of its **online mathematics High School Exit Exam preparatory learning module**. A subscription service, the mathematics exit exam is \$19.95/month. The company based the exams on California's exit format. Among the topics covered in the module are: statistics/data probability, number sense, algebra and functions, measurements and geometry, and mathematical reasoning.



MORE INFO: Future School USA, 1.866.8185.8337, <http://www.futureschool.com>

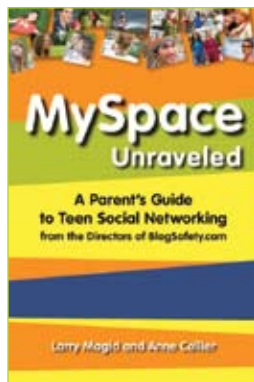
AVerMedia Technologies Inc. has released the **AVerVision150 Portable Document Camera**.

The presentation device has a three megapixel camera resolution, image capture and Web cam applications, a detachable LED light module and the company's AVERZOOM technology. It also includes onboard RAM, enabling it to store as many as 32 JPEG images independent of either a MAC or PC host system. The display system can produce video at speeds as high as 24 frames per second to any VGA device. The AVerVision150 sells for \$599.99.



MORE INFO: AVerMedia Technologies Inc., 1.408.263.3828, <http://www.avermedia-usa.com>

PeachPit Press has published **MySpace Unraveled: A Parent's Guide to Teen Social Networking** by Larry Magid and Anne Collier. Written for adults, the book provides step-by-step instructions for using the popular social networking site and details the safety features built into MySpace. Additionally, according to the publisher, the book also focuses on the social web and why teenagers are so drawn to it; what they are doing on the site, and includes tips for engaging youth in discussions, setting rules, and policy. Authors Magid and Collier are directors of BlogSafety.com, a social-networking safety site. Magid is also the founder of Safekids.com and SafeTeens.com Web sites. Collier is



executive director of the Tech Parenting Group and editor of NetFamilyNews.org. The book costs \$14.99.

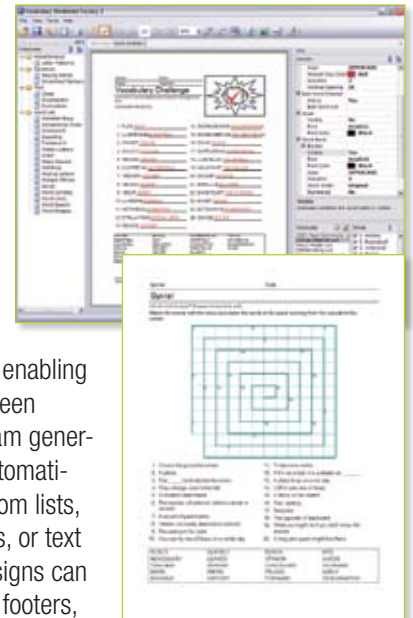
MORE INFO: Peachpit Press, <http://www.peachpit.com/title/032148018x>

MoneyMoney101.com is a Web site launched September 1, 2006 to assist students in understanding the concepts of financial literacy. According to the site's designers, content is crafted to lead students to thinking about real, actual, and constructive methods of developing their money concepts. Basics such as creating and using budgets, tracking expenses, establishing credit, and living within ones means are covered.



MORE INFO: MoneyMoney101, 1.817.236.1678, <http://www.moneymoney101.com>

Schoolhouse Technologies Inc. has released **Vocabulary Worksheet Factory 3.1** for Windows-based computers. According to the company, the product is designed for educators to create vocabulary-enhancing activities. Worksheets for students in any grade can be created using the "windows-pane"-style design environment. The program also has tabbed page views, enabling users to move between projects. The program generates worksheets automatically using words from lists, sentence collections, or text files. Worksheet designs can incorporate custom footers, headers, messages and instructions, images, and text in a variety of colors, fonts, and sizes. The software includes a set of vocabulary words and



clues with additional sets available online. The list creation module includes a spell-checker for U.S. English, UK English, French, German, and Spanish. Windows 98 or newer running Microsoft's .Net Framework 1.1 is required. Single-user cost is \$59.95 for the download version and \$69.95 for the version on CD-ROM. A no-charge 30-day evaluation is available, as is volume and site licensing.

MORE INFO: Schoolhouse Technologies Inc., <http://www.schoolhousetech.com>

Canadian Space Agency. This investigation poses students in Grades 5–8 the research question, “Do people everywhere see the same number of stars in the night sky?” Students are guided to using a common star counting method and data is shared with students in many areas of the world.

MORE INFO: NASA Educational Technology Services, 1.256.544.0167, <http://www.nasa.gov/audience/foreducators/starcount/home/>



NASA has launched a collection of online, inquiry-based modules designed to enable students to discover answers to questions that excite NASA's scientists. The Student Observation Network (SON) theme currently in development is “Living and Working in Space” and is divided into three sections; Energy, Habitat,

and Transportation. **Star Count** is a component of the energy section and was developed in conjunction with the



e frontier announces a free educational Lab Pack program. The 10-seat license (Mac or Win) of e frontier software to qualified schools is offered with charge and includes the company's manga and comic creation software, **Manga Studio Debut 3.0**. Standard educational pricing for the software is \$29.99 for each seat.

MORE INFO: e frontier, <http://www.e-frontier.com>

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