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**Best wishes to all our members and their families for a safe summer. Brandon High School is closed for the summer (July) and we hope to see all of you back in August. The Officers and SIG leaders are meeting this summer to plan an exciting program for the fall. JoAnn Brawner President**

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### 2008 Officers and SIG Leaders

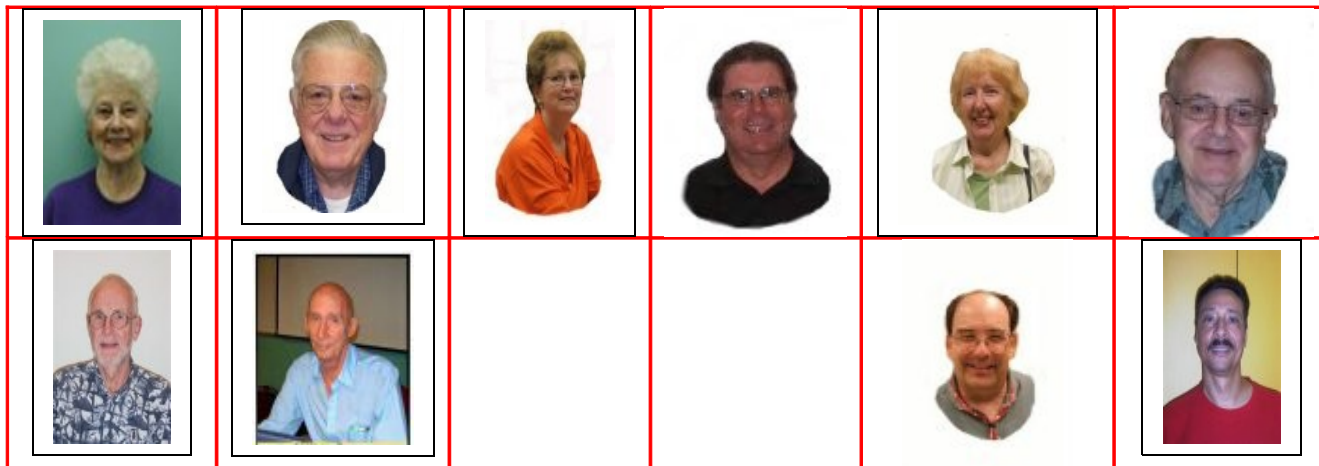
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- Don Miller's Home Page** <http://dmiller900.com/>  
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## Advice from Snopes

1) Almost all E-Mails that ask you to add your name and forward on to others are similar to that mass letter from years ago that asked people to send business cards to the little kid in Florida who wanted to break the Guinness Book of Records for the most cards. That and this type of E-Mail are ways to get names and 'cookie' tracking information for telemarketers and spammers - - so they can validate active E-Mail accounts for their own purposes.

2) Any E-Mail that says, "forward this to 10 of your friends", "sign this petition or you'll get bad luck", or whatever, has an E-Mail tracker program attached that tracks the cookies and E-Mails to which you forward. The host sender gets a copy each time the message is forwarded and then is able to get lists of 'active' E-Mails to use in SPAM E-Mails, or sell to others that do.

You can do your friends and family members a GREAT favor by sending this information to them. You will be providing a service to your friends, and will be rewarded by not getting thousands of spam E-Mails in the future!

If you have been sending out (FORWARDING) the above kinds of E-Mail, you now know why you get so much SPAM!

Do yourself a favor and STOP adding your name(s) to those types of listings, regardless of how inviting they might sound!

You may think you are supporting a GREAT cause, but you are NOT in the long run. Instead, you will be getting tons of junk mail later in life!

Also: E-Mail petitions are NOT acceptable to Congress or any other organization. To be acceptable, petitions must have a signed signature and full address of the person signing the petition.

Read the full story.

<http://www.snopes.com/inboxer/petition/internet.asp>

### FREE MP3 music:

<http://www.music.download.com> . This Web site claims to have over 100,000 MP3 songs available. They are categorized by genre: Rock & Pop, Indie Rock, Electronic & Dance, Hop-Hop, R&B & Soul, Country, Folk, Blues, Jazz, Latin, World, Reggae, Classical, New Age, Religious, Children's, Easy Listening & Vocals, Podcasts, Comedy & Spoken Word, Soundtracks & Holiday.

### What are the words to that song?

Lyrics to thousands of songs can be found at <http://www.lyricsondemand.com>. For example, if you want to know what Madonna sings in her song "Sorry," access the web site, choose "M" then from that page, choose "Made-Magi" to narrow the selection. On this page, choose Madonna Lyrics, find "Confessions on a Dance Floor" (the album) and then select "Sorry Lyrics." Now you can practice for "Don't Forget the Lyrics!"

### Want to add some interesting sounds to your computer?

For example, one of my computers says "Hello, Hello, Hello" in the voices of the Three Stooges, instead of "You've Got Mail." Open <http://www.thedailywav.com> and select the wav file from thousands of movies and TV shows. Download the file and insert it in the Sounds page of your Control Panel. Have fun!

## 2008 Hurricane Season Resource

<http://www.dmill900.com/weatherlinks.htm>

<http://www.emergencyemail.org/newsemergency/anmviewer.asp?a=298&z=13>

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2008 Hurricane Season Resource  
June 1 to November 30

A hurricane is a tropical storm with winds that have reached a constant speed of 74 miles per hour or more. Hurricane winds blow in a large spiral around a relative calm center known as the "eye." The "eye" is generally 20 to 30 miles wide, and the storm may extend outward 400 miles. As a hurricane approaches, the skies will begin to darken and winds will grow in strength. As a hurricane nears land, it can bring torrential rains, high winds, and storm surges. A single hurricane can last for more than 2 weeks over open waters and can run a path across the entire length of the eastern seaboard. August and September are peak months during the hurricane season that lasts from June 1 through November 30.

### 1. BEFORE HURRICANES START

Identify the media sources you will need to obtain information

- Include The Emergency Email & Wireless Network at <http://www.emergencyemail.org>
- Here you can obtain data via email and text messaging sent to your cell phone or digital pager
- Share this information with family and friends send them a link to download this poster.

Plan an evacuation route.

Contact the local emergency management office or American Red Cross chapter, and ask for the community hurricane preparedness plan. This plan should include information on the safest evacuation routes and nearby shelters.

- Learn safe routes inland.
- Be ready to drive 20 to 50 miles inland to locate a safe place.

Have disaster supplies on hand.

- Flashlight and extra batteries
- Portable, battery-operated radio and extra batteries
- First aid kit and manual
- Emergency food and water
- Non-electric can opener
- Essential medicines
- Cash and credit cards
- Sturdy shoes

Make arrangements for pets.

- Pets may not be allowed into emergency shelters for health and space reasons.
- Contact your local humane society for information on local animal shelters.

Make sure that all family members know how to respond after a hurricane.

- Teach family members how and when to turn off gas, electricity, and water.
- Teach children how and when to call 9-1-1, police, or fire department and which radio station to tune to for emergency information.

Protect your windows.

- Permanent shutters are the best protection. A lower-cost approach is to put up plywood panels. Use 1/2-inch plywood - marine plywood is best - cut to fit each window. Remember to mark which board fits which window. Pre-drill holes every 18 inches for screws. Do this long before the storm.
- Trim back dead or weak branches from trees.

Check into flood insurance.

- You can find out about the National Flood Insurance Program through your local insurance agent or emergency management office. There is normally a 30-day waiting period before a new policy becomes effective.
- Homeowners policies do not cover damage from the flooding that accompanies a hurricane.

Develop an emergency communication plan.

- In case family members are separated from one another during a disaster (a real possibility during the day when adults are at work and children are at school), have a plan for getting back together.
- Ask an out-of-state relative or friend to serve as the "family contact." After a disaster, it's often easier to call long distance. Make sure everyone in the family knows the name, address, and phone number of the contact person.

## 2. DURING A HURRICANE WATCH

(A Hurricane Watch is issued when there is a threat of hurricane conditions within 24-36 hours.)

Listen to a battery-operated radio or television for hurricane progress reports.

Check emergency supplies.

- Fuel car.
- Bring in outdoor objects such as lawn furniture, toys, and garden tools and anchor objects that cannot be brought inside.
- Secure buildings by closing and boarding up windows. Remove outside antennas.
- Turn refrigerator and freezer to coldest settings. Open only when absolutely necessary and close quickly.
- Store drinking water in clean bathtubs, jugs, bottles, and cooking utensils.

- Store valuables and personal papers in a waterproof container on the highest level of your home.
- Review evacuation plan.

### 3. DURING A HURRICANE WARNING

(A Hurricane Warning is issued when hurricane conditions (winds of 74 miles per hour or greater, or dangerously high water and rough seas) are expected in 24 hours or less.)

- Listen constantly to a battery-operated radio or television for official instructions.
- If in a mobile home, check tie-downs and evacuate immediately.
- Avoid elevators.

#### If at home:

- Stay inside, away from windows, skylights, and glass doors.
- Keep a supply of flashlights and extra batteries handy. Avoid open flames, such as candles and kerosene lamps, as a source of light.
- If power is lost, turn off major appliances to reduce power "surge" when electricity is restored.

#### If officials indicate evacuation is necessary:

- Leave as soon as possible. Avoid flooded roads and watch for washed-out bridges.
- Secure your home by unplugging appliances and turning off electricity and the main water valve.
- Tell someone outside of the storm area where you are going.
- If time permits, and you live in an identified surge zone, elevate furniture to protect it from flooding or better yet, move it to a higher floor.
- Take pre-assembled emergency supplies, warm protective clothing, blankets and sleeping bags to shelter.
- Lock up home and leave.

### 4. AFTER THE STORM

- Stay tuned to local radio for information.
- Help injured or trapped persons.
- Give first aid where appropriate.
- Do not move seriously injured persons unless they are in immediate danger of further injury. Call for help.
- Return home only after authorities advise that it is safe to do so.
- Avoid loose or dangling power lines and report them immediately to the power company, police, or fire department.
- Enter your home with caution. Beware of snakes, insects, and animals driven to higher ground by floodwater.
- Open windows and doors to ventilate and dry your home.
- Check refrigerated foods for spoilage.
- Take pictures of the damage, both to the house and its contents for insurance claims.
- Drive only if absolutely necessary and avoid flooded roads and washed-out bridges.

- Use telephone only for emergency calls.

## INSPECTING UTILITIES IN A DAMAGED HOME

- Check for gas leaks--If you smell gas or hear blowing or hissing noise open a window and quickly leave the building. Turn off the gas at the outside main valve if you can and call the gas company from a neighbor's home. If you turn off the gas for any reason, a professional must turn it back on.
- Look for electrical system damage--If you see sparks or broken or frayed wires, or if you smell hot insulation, turn off the electricity at the main fuse box or circuit breaker. If you have to step in water to get to the fuse box or circuit breaker, call an electrician first for advice.
- Check for sewage and water lines damage--If you suspect sewage lines are damaged avoid using the toilets and call a plumber. If water pipes are damaged, contact the water company and avoid the water from the tap. You can obtain safe water by melting ice cubes.



## ***REVIEW***

by Darryl D Eggleston of

*Photoshop Elements 6: The Missing Manual*, by Barbara Bundage (Cambridge: Pogue Press, O'Reilly, 2007)

There are a lot of how-to computer books.

Some you want to read.

Some you want to study.

Some you want to refer to.

Some you want to do all three.

This is that book.

Laid out in an obvious order, this book takes each aspect of the program and shows you how to make that aspect work for you. The author takes the position that it is not enough to know what to look for, one must know what to do when one finds it.

Each of its 19 chapters and three appendices takes a leisurely, but focused walk through the potentials and benefits of this powerful photo-editing program. Each covers in detail, without becoming boring, the offerings that will best suit the reader. Regardless who you are, each chapter focuses upon your needs.

I recommend you read this book because this book is truly the final version of what Photoshop Elements 6 can offer to you.

If this book had come with Elements 6, there would have been no need for any other publication about it.