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Hi Santel Customers!

In April, we get to enjoy the color and fragrance of the first spring blooms. Among the flowers, however, there are often weeds and this applies to the Internet as well. A case in point: Your inbox will be a mixture of welcome messages and unwelcome scams. We begin this issue by warning you about **fake Facebook Security Team emails** that try to get your personal information.



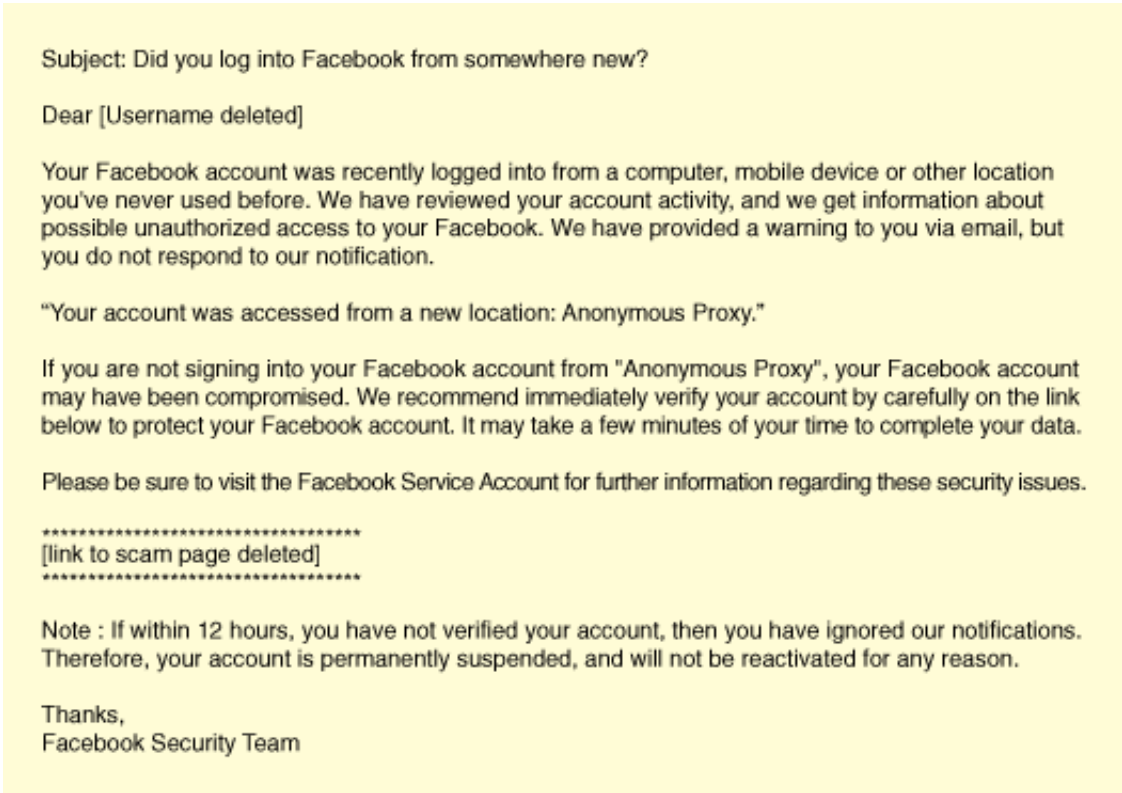
You'll also find a "bouquet" of other fun and useful resources here. Get inspired by this month's **Pinterest selections**. Learn what the **software term "Easter Egg"** means. Check out cool sites including one to **search for unclaimed property** and another to **pick out a tree for your property**. Enjoy **two charming videos** starring a soft-hearted couple and three hard-working farmers. Then take a minute to pick up some **timesaving keyboard shortcuts**.

The goal of each of our eNewsletters is to keep our subscribers informed regarding their Internet connection and to improve their Internet experience. We think you'll find this information interesting.

To see what's inside this issue, simply scroll down the eNewsletter or click on the links within the index to the left. Thanks for reading!

- The Santel Internet Team

Cybercriminals are using fake Facebook Security Team emails to trick unsuspecting users into visiting a malicious page and entering their usernames and passwords. Check out this sample email to see how the scam works:



Recipients are told their Facebook account is about to be suspended due to a violation of the social network's Terms of Service. The message includes a bogus link that takes users to a phony third-party Facebook application that asks them to enter their Facebook account name, password, and other information. If entered and submitted, this information is automatically sent to the scammers and used to hijack the account.

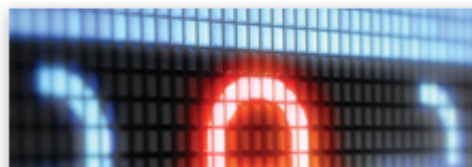
Scammers use official sounding page names, applications, and links to make their schemes appear legitimate to unsuspecting users. If you have fallen for the trick, try to access your Facebook account. If you are able to do so, change your password immediately. In the event you have already been locked out, report the compromise and Facebook will help you regain control of your account.

For information about other Facebook scams and how to protect your privacy and security, visit <http://facecrooks.com>.

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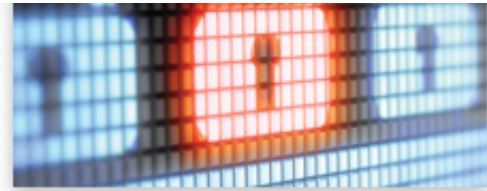
Do What You Can to Avoid Spam

Spammers have once again stepped up their campaign. They can bypass email filters and grab any email accounts that have easy passwords and use them to deliver their junk.



To protect your account:

- Have an updated password (8 characters or more, not the same as your username, letters and numbers required)
- Do not add your own email address to your list of approved senders in the email spam filter
- Don't get on spammers' lists in the first place



When a website requires you to sign-up to access their services, you are asked to provide a valid email address (to which your password will be sent, for example) during the sign-up process. There's nothing wrong with that; but you don't know what will happen to the email address you gave to that site. It's a good idea **not** to use your primary email address when you sign up at a website. Rather use an account at one of the free web-based email services, or another secondary email address that is not critical. (All Santel customers can get additional email addresses for low to no cost.)

The offer to "unsubscribe" to most junk email is a wasted effort. You most likely won't be taken off the list and your efforts have simply alerted the spammer that your email address is valid and can be used.

Although it is not possible to eliminate all spam messages from your inbox, Santel is working continually to report spam that gets through and put additional rules in place to catch some of the new waves that are inevitable.

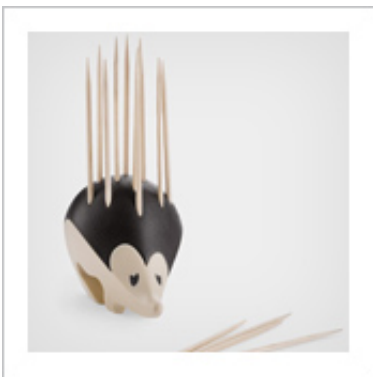
You can also set the filter at your browser for safer surfing: At www.santel.net

- Click on the gear icon in the right-hand corner
- Select:
 - Internet options
 - Privacy
 - Set slider to high
 - Apply
 - OK

These hints should eliminate some of the spam and the websites you or your children may not wish to see.

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Go Pinterest-ing! - Cool Stuff To Pin On Your Pinterest Boards



Invite This Handy Hedgehog To The Party



Sweet Cupcake Is Spring In Full Bloom



Wrap Up Cute, Quick, And Colorful Vases

You haven't started pinning on Pinterest yet and you want to get started? If so, [click here](#).

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This Month's FAQ - What Does The Software Term "Easter Egg" Mean?

Question: I've heard the term "Easter Egg" applied to software. I'm familiar with the chocolate candy variety I saw in baskets last month, but not this kind. What is an Easter Egg?

Answer: An Easter Egg is an undocumented function or inside joke hidden in software by its makers — secret "goodies" found by word of mouth or by accident. They are in no way destructive and are usually placed there simply for additional fun and credits. The term was coined by Atari after a secret message was left by software designer Warren Robinett in the video game *Adventure*. This practice is similar in some respects to hidden signature motifs such as Alfred Hitchcock's legendary cameo appearances in his movies and the "Hidden Mickeys" throughout the various Disney Parks.

In computer software, Easter Eggs are secret results that occur in response to an undocumented set of commands. These results can vary from a simple printed message or image to a page of programmer credits or a small videogame hidden inside an otherwise serious piece of software. Videogame cheat codes are a specific type of Easter Egg, in which entering a secret command will unlock special powers or new levels for the player. Easter Eggs can also be found in movies, TV commercials, DVDs, and CDs.



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Sites Of The Month - Great Sites To Check Out In April



Play Virtual Keyboard

[bgfl.org](#) – Here's a way to add a musical note to your day — try your hand at playing this virtual keyboard. Choose piano, organ, saxophone, flute, pan pipes, strings, guitar, steel drums, or double bass. Who knew you could sound so good?



Find Money That Might Be Yours

[unclaimed.org](#) – Billions of dollars are waiting in unclaimed property programs and some of it could be yours. Do a search at this site from the National Association of Unclaimed Property Administrators, affiliated with the National Association of State Treasurers and Council of State Governments.



A Tree-mendous Resource

[arborday.org](#) – Arbor Day is celebrated April 26 in the U.S. and it's a great time of year to pick out and plant trees. You'll find all the help you need to dig into tree projects at this Arbor Day Foundation site. It includes a tree guide, nursery, care tips, forums, and more.

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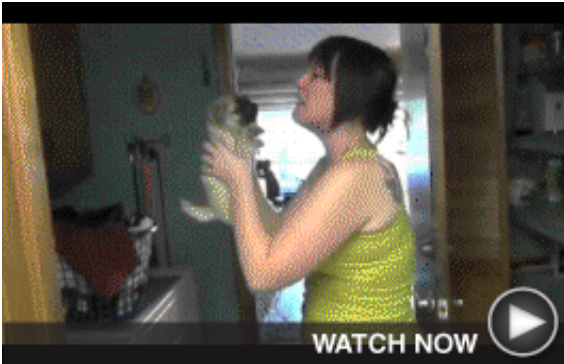


Creative Cakes Plus Cool Cash

womansday.com – There are plenty of cake-worthy occasions in spring — from graduations to showers — so check out this sweet resource for celebratory cake recipes. While on the site, register to win \$100,000 in the Goodbye Debt Sweepstakes.

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Two To View - A Couple Of Amazing Videos You Don't Want To Miss



Heartwarming Surprise Puppy

This video captures the touching moment when a man surprises his girlfriend with a pug puppy to help console her after the loss of her 10-year-old beagle to a brain tumor. It's nonstop tears, hugs, and canine cuteness that will make you smile.



I'm Farming And I Grow It!

Who doesn't love a parody music video? This homegrown one was produced by the Peterson Farm Bros. and proudly spotlights the work of farmers. Since they "gotta feed everybody," they dance through crops, cattle, and combines.

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Short Tutorial - Save Time By Learning Keyboard Shortcuts

In today's fast-paced world, it seems we're all looking for ways to get more done in less time. One way to be more efficient while on the computer is by using keyboard shortcuts to do frequent tasks instead of moving the mouse and clicking icons.

To perform a keyboard shortcut, you press two, three, or sometimes four keyboard keys at the same time. If that sounds tricky, keep this in mind: You can press and hold the Control (CTRL) key first and then press the other key(s). If you're a Mac user, use the Command (CMD) key instead of the CTRL key for the keyboard shortcuts below.

Here are some of the most popular keyboard shortcuts:

CTRL+S (Save)

The first rule of computer use is to save your work often. You never know when the program you're using, or your entire computer, is going to crash. It's a good idea to use this shortcut after every few sentences you write.



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CTRL+Z (Undo)

This shortcut lets you undo a mistake very quickly. Pressing CTRL+Z several times will often undo the last several changes.

CTRL+C (Copy)**CTRL+V (Paste)**

If you do a lot of copying and pasting of text, these keyboard shortcuts will really save you time. Just use the mouse to select what you want to copy, press CTRL+C, click the mouse where you want to paste, and press CTRL+V.

There are hundreds of other keyboard shortcuts and, depending on your computer habits, you may want to learn more of them. For complete information, [visit this site for Windows](#) or [this site for Mac](#).

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We hope you found this newsletter to be informative. It's our way of keeping you posted on the happenings here. If, however, you'd prefer not to receive these bulletins, click [here](#).

Thanks for your business!

Best regards

[The Santel Internet Team](#)

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