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Laptop PC Recommendations: The following are recommendations from Computer Reports regarding their testing of laptop computers from various suppliers. Three were rated excellent: Toshiba Satellite, Gateway 600, and Sony Vaio. Five were rated very good overall: Compaq Presario, HP Pavilion, IBM ThinkPad, Dell Inspiron, and the Gateway 400. They rated the **Macintosh Laptop** as Excellent and the lightest model that they tested.

Microsoft Vista: Most suppliers of home and small business computers have now switched to using the Vista operating system. Toshiba is the only supplier we know of that still offers to install either XP Pro or Vista for the home computer. Microsoft is still supplying XP Pro to commercial accounts. There may be some but we know of no commercial business, school, college, doctor's office, or hospital that has switched over to the Vista operating system. Some have tried using Vista, found problems, and gone back and reinstalled the XP Pro operating system.

Dual Platform Computing: If you have the need to run both Windows and Mac programs on the same computer there is really only one way to go. **Get a Macintosh Computer!** With a Mac running OSX you can use either one of two programs, Parallels 3.0 or VMware Fusion 1.1. (The retail price for either of these programs is \$79.99). Either one of these programs will allow you to run your windows programs on your Mac just as you would on a PC. With the use of these programs you can just drag and drop data from one platform to the other. There are no comparable programs for a PC that will allow you to run Mac programs on a PC.

Adobe Software: Adobe has now released Creative Suite 3.3. We have not had a chance to test it on the PC. CS 2 has been available for several years and CS3 has been available for about a year. CS4 is now in Beta test. If you plan to use CS2 or CS3 on your PC we recommend using Windows XP Pro operating system on you PC. The programs will not run well, if at all, with the Microsoft Vista operating system. The Mac version runs without problems with OSX.

Reminder - Mark your calendar: The Computer and Photo Club will have a joint Visitation with the Greeters on Saturday September 6.