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Denver Apple Pi Meetings (DAPI) with Individual Help Available are held from 7-9 pm at Applewood Community Church

12930 W. 32nd Avenue, Golden 80401

On occasion, Applewood Community Church may have shelter/meal obligations. You will be notified by email if DAPI meetings are to be canceled.

Denver Apple Pi		
January 16		
February 20		
March 19		
April 16		
May 21		
June 18		
Mid-July Sunday Afternoon TBD	Picnic	
August 20		
September 17		
October 15		
November 19		
December 17	Party	



Denver Apple Pi Holiday Party

Tuesday, December 19, 7-9 pm at Applewood Community Church

Join us! Bring your spouse or a friend. Let Linda know if you're coming at LindaSienkiewicz@gmail.com:

(subject line DAPi)

Bring finger food: Cookies, chips, candy, dip or your favorite Christmas hors d'oeuvres. DAPi will provide punch, napkins, plates, forks, spoons and cups.

REMINDER

Help SIG: Call Linda to get your name/problem on the list prior to our meeting so our DAPi Help people will be prepared. **You will need to bring your computer, your own power cord, mouse and keyboard.** Linda will keep a sign-up list for those asking for help at the monthly meeting so

members can be helped in a prioritized way. Drop-ins are welcome. Contact Linda at (720) 394-5466 or lindasienkiewicz@gmail.com.

Need help with iPad or iPhone? If you would like assistance with navigating and synchronizing your iPad and iPhone, bring them to the monthly meeting. Notify Linda of what help you need, and we will try to get the problems resolved.

Denver Apple Pi Club Member Tony Bilello Passed Away

It saddens the Board to report the death of Tony Bilello on October 23, 2023. He was the editor of *The Seed* for several years in the early 2000s. To assist those with hearing impairment he also suggested the FM dongle be added to the sound system in the basement of the church where DAPI now meets. Since he was retired from the US Post office he also assumed responsibility for adding the zip codes to our membership list using an Apple II. Tony, an Air Force Veteran, is survived by his wife, Carol, of 62 years, three daughters and seven grandchildren. Memorial services were held November 30th.

Rainbow Weather App available to Check Out

USA Today, Sept 23, 2023

Rainbow Weather is a new App whose Publisher (Rainbow.AI) claims to be the most accurate weather predictor available. It uses Artificial Intelligence (AI) and a wide range of data sources including satellites, meteorologists' radars, and stations, among many others, to significantly increase the quality and accuracy of its hyper-local forecasts. CEO and App Founder Alexander Matveenko claims it is more accurate than either Apple's *Weather* or popular alternatives like *Accuweather*.

Jury decides Google has illegal monopoly in App Store Ruling *The Verge.com, Dec 11, 2023*

Three years after Fortnite-maker Epic Games sued Apple and Google for allegedly running illegal app store monopolies, the jury in Epic v. Google has found that Google turned its Google Play app store and Google Play Billing service into an illegal monopoly.

In an historic victory the court decided:

1. that Google has monopoly power in the Android app distribution markets and in-app billing services markets,
2. that Google did anticompetitive things in those markets,
3. that Epic Games was injured by that behavior

The jury decided Google has an illegal tie between its Google Play app store and its Google Play Billing payment services, too, and that its distribution agreement, **Project Hug** deals with game developers and deals with Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs) were anticompetitive too. It was determined that secret revenue sharing deals existed between Google, smartphone makers, and big game developers that Google execs internally believed were designed to keep rival app stores down, especially concerning sales of Epic Games.

Next, Judge James Donato will decide what the appropriate remedies might be. Epic Games never sued for monetary damages. Instead it wants the court to tell Google that every app developer has total freedom to introduce its own app stores and its own billing systems on Android. However, Epic Games CEO Tim Sweeney did suggest Epic stood to make hundreds of millions or even billions of dollars if it doesn't have to pay Google's fee.

Google is expected to appeal the case.

Check out the New Journal App included in iOS 17.2 Release

9to5Mac Dec 11 2023

The all-new Journal App included in the just released iOS 17.2 operating system is Apple's take on electronic journaling. The app allows the user to capture thoughts on both life's big events and everyday activities and include photos, music, and audio recordings, then mark and revisit memories later "to find new insights or set new goals".

Some App features of note:

Using machine learning, your phone can offer personalized suggestions of moments to remember and write about based on information like your photos, location, music, or workouts. Machine learning allows your exclusive access to your information and use of end-to-end encryption and Face or Touch ID authentication ensures user privacy.

Software generated writing prompts assist in getting started. Apple's Journal app will prompt with "personalized suggestions" of moments the user may want to remember and write about.

Apple marketing materials highlight specific features of their Journal app, including:

Save to Journal: Save suggested moments to your journal so you can write about them later.

Find and filter: Scroll through a chronological list of all your entries and filter for those you've marked to revisit later.

Bookmark Entries: Bookmark entries so you can quickly find them later.

Filter Entries: Easily filter past entries to show those containing photos, videos, places, or websites that you've bookmarked for later.

Share Sheet: Easily add music and podcasts you're listening to into your journal, or save your thoughts about a book, website, or news article you're reading, so you can come back later and remember what it meant to you.

Notifications: Get a notification when new suggestions to journal about are available.

Journaling schedule: Set a schedule for the start or end of your day to help make journaling a consistent practice.

There is optimism that Apple's Journal App will introduce the benefits of digital journaling to a much wider audience.

What was the best podcast in 2023, according to Apple?

Apple.com

The Apple Podcasts Award was awarded to the podcast *Wiser Than Me with Julia Louis-Dreyfus*. The Apple Podcasts Award is given each year to honor a show that demonstrates quality and innovation in podcasting. In the series, the actress and comedian interviews older women about their lives.

The official description reads: “Julia Louis-Dreyfus wants to know why the h*** we don't hear more from older women, so she's sitting down with Jane Fonda, Carol Burnett, Amy Tan, Diane von Furstenberg, Isabel Allende and Fran Lebowitz (and more!) to get schooled in how to live a full and meaningful life. Join the Emmy award winning-est actress of all time on her first-ever podcast where each week she has funny, touching, personal conversations with unforgettable women who are always WISER THAN ME™.”

The Podcast *Wiser Than Me*, produced by Lemonada, appeared on the lists of Top New Shows, Most Followed Shows and Most Shared Shows on [Apple Podcast's 2023 lineup of most popular audio series](#). Both the first and second free season will be offered on Apple Podcasts. The second season premieres in Spring of 2024.

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Email lindasienkiewicz@gmail.com. Our web site is: www.denverapplepi.com

Mac and Troubleshooter Help is available during the Tuesday monthly meeting, 7:00 to 9 :00 p.m.

**Seed articles should be sent to: lindasienkiewicz@gmail.com,
Subject: Seed article**

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New members please complete the following and submit to:

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5615 S. Fenton St, Littleton, CO 80123

Date _____

Renewal

New _____

Change

Name:

Address

City/State/Zip

Phone(s)

Email

Kind of Computer: _____

OS _____ Apple II _____ GS _____ Mac _____

