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Stellar in "The Cloud"?

We've recently done some testing with a vendor that offers "cloud" hosting for applications. Essentially your Stellar program and data could be hosted on their server and accessed from any computer with a high-speed internet connection. Normally this sort of remote-access type setup is slightly slower than actually being at the computer, but we were quite impressed with how responsive their system was. It was very nearly indistinguishable from having Stellar running on the local computer.

Users who would probably see the most benefit from this are those who need access to their data from a secondary location (such as a home office), or who are running multiple office locations.

They charge a one-time setup fee of \$150, plus a per-user setup fee of \$50 depending on how many different people would need access to the system at once. Then there is a monthly fee of \$40 per user. So for example, a 4 user office would cost \$350 to set up, then \$160 per month. Please note that this would be in addition to Stellar's regular support rate.

We'd like to hear from you if this sounds like something you would be interested in; give us a call or email support@stellarchiro.com for more information.

Are You Backing Up Regularly?

If you're not, you need to.

Computers can go down for many reasons, at any time, and a good backup can save you a lot of hassle when it happens. (Exact amount of hassle is proportional to amount of time since last backup, H=t-Bt. Allowing your backups to get more than a week old can be a very bad idea.)

One Stellar users' computer just recently went out after a storm (surge protectors and UPS systems won't always save you!), but thankfully they had a good backup and we had them up and running on another computer in 10 minutes.

Stellar Updates

Here are some of our additional recent enhancements and updates to Stellar. (Go to the Help menu in Stellar and click Download Stellar Update to open our webpage with the complete list.)

Posting

Added button to access patient messages.

Patients

Added option to print diagnosis history.

Multi-Column Appointments

Can now open patient profile by clicking on the patient's name (in blue, in the summary display on the right).

Month View now counts patients instead of appointment slots (helpful if multiple slots are often scheduled for the same patient).

Patient Billing, Configuration

Added options to print "Amt Due" or "Pay This" instead of "Min.Due".

Labels Export

Corrected Provider selection drop-down not working right.

North Dakota May Eliminate Property Taxes

From NaturalNews.com, by J.D. Heyes

(NaturalNews) There's a revolt of sorts brewing among citizens of a growing number of states who realize that, no matter how much they pay on their mortgage or how long ago they may have paid that mortgage off, they never truly own their homes. Rather, because of the property tax, Americans really just rent their homes from the government.

On Tuesday, North Dakotans were trying to reassert their property rights by voting on Measure 2, a constitutional amendment that would eliminate the state's property tax for good.

"I would like to be able to know that my home, no matter what happens to my income or my life, is not going to be taken away from me because I can't pay a tax," said Susan Beehler, one in a group of North Dakotans who support ending the tax. "When did we come to believe that government should get rich and we should get poor?"

Beehler is part of a growing movement of Americans who have come to realize that no matter how much or how long they pay on their homes, all it takes to lose it to the state is failing one time to pay annual property taxes. Unlike a sales tax, which is a one-time charge, property taxes come up every year, meaning the levy is like a recurring lien on your home and land. And as long as it's around, you will always live under the threat of having your property confiscated.

Read the rest at: <http://tinyurl.com/bw9jrwc>

Drugs and Corruption: Chronically Linked

From DynamicChiropractic.com, By Donald M. Petersen Jr., BS

"In recent years, Big Pharma has forked out billions of dollars to settle scandals involving improper promotion of medicines in the United States. Now bribes paid to foreign doctors and other state employees are shaping up as the next major legal liability threat for the industry.

A Reuters examination of U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) filings by the

world's top 10 drug companies has found that eight of them recently warned of potential costs related to charges of corruption in overseas markets.

"Over the past year eight of the world's top 10 drugmakers – Pfizer Inc, Novartis AG, Merck & Co Inc, Sanofi, AstraZeneca, GlaxoSmithKline Plc, Johnson & Johnson and Eli Lilly & Co – have all warned that they may face liabilities related to charges of corruption in numerous overseas markets.

Read the rest at: <http://tinyurl.com/7uqamhu>

U.S. Government Blocks Sales of Fuel-Efficient Cars

From NaturalNews.com, by J.D. Heyes

(NaturalNews) The development of affordable "green" cars and trucks - electric vehicles or hybrids designed to dramatically curb the nation's reliance on fossil fuels - is supposed to be a primary goal for the Obama administration and a number of government and industry leaders. But what about diesel-burning vehicles that already get more than 70 miles a gallon?

Yes, you read that right. There are already vehicles on the road - nice vehicles, not bread boxes with weed-eater motors on wheels - that get better than 70 miles to a gallon of diesel fuel. Only, you can't buy one here in the United States. More on that later.

Have you ever heard of a little German car company called Volkswagon (VW)? Well, what you probably didn't know is that VW makes a car called the Passat Bluemotion 1.6 TDI, and - according to published specs and eyewitness accounts - the vehicle is capable of getting 72-78 miles per gallon under normal load and driving conditions. While the car's engine lacks significant punch, says a review in Autocar magazine, it is certainly economical.

But you can't get one in the U.S. You can, however, get one in Europe.

"How about a projected 915-mile range after a fill up? Or a claimed 71.8mpg at the end of a 36-mile motorway and urban commute? Most impressively, a genuine 58mpg on a drive from southwest London to Sheffield without even trying, with the gauge still reading well over half full with 440 miles' worth of diesel left in the tank at the end of the 406-mile round trip," says the review. "And our car only had 2,000 miles showing on its odometer. There are without doubt even more impressive figures to come once the engine has more miles under its belt."

Read the rest at: <http://tinyurl.com/7wxvdp2>