2009 mid-year link clearance

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Time for the semi-annual link clearance.

- How to rotate your Samsung Syncmaster 245BW into portrait mode.
- Glowing Cities Under a Nighttime Sky, a time-lapse video shot out the window of a commercial airline. [via]
- The least-visited attractions in Italy. "Until recently, many museum directors viewed visitors as a disturbance or distraction."
- The hidden stairways of Queen Anne Hill. You can order a map for $5 (+$1.50 shipping/handling).
- How to link to a timestamp in a YouTube video.
- A gift for your favorite Mac user.
- How much does a gigabyte weigh?
- If you're a customer of Waste Management in the Seattle area, the stuff you put in the recycle bin might very well end up at the Woodinville facility. And as a point of useless trivia—as opposed to useful trivia?—back when Microsoft used polystyrene plates and cups, the collected recyclables were sent to Spokane where they were burned to generate electricity.
- Yoram Bauman, the stand-up economist (mentioned earlier), posted another one of his routines from earlier this year where he discusses the financial crisis.
- The police tip line is for providing tips to the police, not for asking the police for tips on how to thaw a turkey.
- The Greeters are a group of volunteers who take visitors on quirky tours of their home city of Paris. It looks like many cities have programs like this.
- I find the television show *How It's Made* oddly mesmerising. Farhad Manjoo investigates why.

And, as always, the obligatory plug for my column in TechNet Magazine:

- Last Check-In Chicken. The story begins with Larry Osterman's description of the "game". Then comes losing the game twice in a row. That TechNet article is the next step in the series, which explains why you often see the same people win over and over, and it's not because they're bad developers.

- [The Case of the Disappearing Cursor](#).
- [The Forgotten Hotkey](#). How an ancient hotkey from 1983 can save you.
- [Forcing Handles Closed](#). Why forcing a handle closed is another name for "corrupt my hard drive".
- [Finding the Right Volume](#).
- [When Windows Audio Goes Haywire](#).

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