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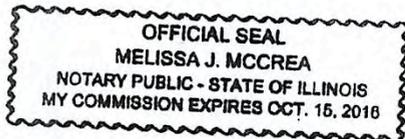
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TECHNOLOGY REVIEW

First peek through Google Glass impresses

By Michael Liedtke
The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Google hopes to change the face of technology by persuading people to wear computers on their heads.

That's the inspiration behind Google Glass, a spectacle-like device that contains a hidden computer, a thumbnail-size transparent display screen above the right eye and other digital wizardry. This Internet-connected headgear is set up to let users receive search results, read email, scan maps for directions and engage in video chats without reaching for a smartphone. Google Glass' grasp of voice commands even makes it possible to shoot hands-free photos and videos.

I got a glimpse of what it's like to wear Glass recently and saw just enough to conclude that it could become an appealing accessory in an era of wearable computing, especially as society works out the rules of etiquette for using the device. Although I doubt the device will become as commonplace as the smartphone, I don't think Glass is destined to be remembered as a geeky curiosity that never lived up to its hype.

Google Inc. is touting Glass as a liberating breakthrough that will make technology more convenient and less obnoxious in social situations than checking a smartphone to see what's happening in your digital realm. Critics deride Glass as another disturbing example of a how enslaved people are to their devices and a sign that technology

is obliterating personal privacy.

Only about 10,000 people in the U.S. have been given the chance to pay \$1,500 to own a test version of Glass as part of Google's "Explorer" program. So I've been eager to get a firsthand look at what all the fuss is about. I finally got a chance last week, when Google invited a few technology reporters and bloggers to test Glass under the company's supervision at a specially equipped San Francisco office that Google calls a "base camp."

Only eight applications from The New York Times, Facebook, Twitter, Path, Evernote, CNN, Tumblr and Elle magazine have been approved for use on the Explorer edition. Unfortunately, none of the Glass models we were allowed to sample were fully loaded

with all the applications, or "Glassware," that have been designed for the device. It would have been nice to check them all out. Instead, CNN was the only app available for this test.

I also couldn't log in to my Gmail to see what that's like on Glass.

Other major limitations were time and physical constraints. I only got to spend about an hour wearing Glass and was confined to using it within Google's base camp and an adjoining patio overlooking the San Francisco Bay.

Glass has potential to be much more than a novelty, especially if Google lowers the price below \$500 by the time the company begins selling the device to the general public next year. (The exact date has yet to be determined.)

I also quickly realized that a lot of people will be

turned off by Glass, if for no other reason than how they make a person look. Google has strived to imbue Glass with a sense of style by decorating the titanium frames in five different colors: charcoal, tangerine, shale, cotton and sky blue. Glass also weighs about the same as a pair of regular sunglasses, a vast improvement over Google's early prototype of the device, which consisted of a phone attached to a scuba mask.

Glass doesn't actually have any spectacles in the frame, though Google eventually hopes to offer that option for those who wear prescription lenses.

Still, when you first put on Glass and look in the mirror, you probably aren't going to channel your inner Fernando Lamas (or Billy Crystal, for that matter) and say, "You look marvelous."



Associated Press reporter Michael Liedtke models Google glass at a Google base camp July 31 in San Francisco, next to Google employee Marina Kruezel. Google Inc. is touting Glass as a liberating breakthrough that will make technology more convenient and less obnoxious in social situations than checking a smartphone to see what's happening in your digital realm. Critics deride Glass as another disturbing example of a how enslaved people are to their devices and a sign that technology is obliterating personal privacy.

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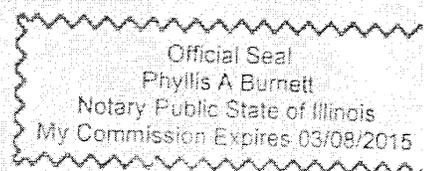
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Survey: Many seniors 60 and up worry about future financial health

• **FUTURE**
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As baby boomers approach retirement age — the oldest of the generation began turning 65 in 2011 — various organizations and scholars have set out to determine the boomers' impact on the workforce and their plans for their golden years.

"With seniors living longer and more active lives, and with more than 77 million baby boomers turning 65 at a rate of 10,000 per day, the United States is experiencing historic growth in the 65-plus demographic," according to the United States of Aging Survey conducted last year. "The ultimate question is: Are we as individuals and communities ready for an aging population?"

Into the gray

The baby boomers might not be ready themselves.

The aging survey — which was created by the National Council on Aging, United Healthcare and USA Today — found that many American seniors age 60 and older are on solid financial ground now, but they are less confident about the future.

About 24 percent aren't confident their income will meet their monthly expenses over the next five to 10 years, and 23 percent aren't confident in or don't have a financial retirement plan, according to the survey.

That could be because

In some cases, their income has shrunk. In 1990, the real median income for those 45 to 54 was \$67,795 (in 2010 dollars) and peaked at \$74,457 in 1999, according to a September 2012 report from the National Center for Policy Analysis. It has since fallen to \$62,465, in correlation with the start of the recession.

For baby boomers, retirement is no longer a magical day on which they will stop working, get a gold watch and live a life of leisure, said Catherine Collinson, president of the Transamerica Center for Retirement Studies.

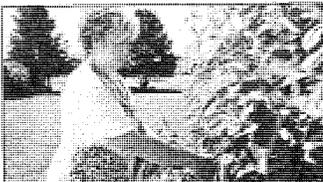
More than 60 percent plan to work past age 65 or not retire at all, she said.

"It's not their parents' retirement," Collinson said. "Baby boomers plan and expect to work longer, delay retirement and transition into retirement in a way that involves at least working part time."

Most baby boomers, Collinson said, are delaying retirement out of necessity as they try to repair damage done to their finances by the Great Recession, she said.

"One of the most really tragic aspects of the last five years is the number of workers who were displaced due to layoffs," Collinson said, noting many had to dip into their retirement savings while looking for work.

A 2012 study by the Urban Institute found that while layoffs during the recession were less common among older workers, it took them longer to find work



Dianne Gauthier of Sycamore works Thursday around her house. A retired Northern Illinois University employee, Gauthier said she sometimes worries about how she and her husband will manage if they have to deal with some kind of medical emergency.

again when they were unemployed. And if they did find jobs, they made less money. Median monthly earnings declined 23 percent for re-employed workers ages 50 to 61, compared to 11 percent for those ages 22 to 34.

That can make saving for retirement difficult. The U.S. Department of Labor recommends that people save 70 to 90 percent of their pre-retirement income in order to maintain their standard of living when they stop working.

Gauthier can understand the lack of confidence some may have about their financial future. Despite her relatively good health, Gauthier said she does worry about her ability to pay for medical treatment for herself and her husband if one of them were to suffer a medical calamity.

Both of them already have health issues. As a result of her osteoarthritis, Gauthier had one of her knees replaced because it was causing her leg to bow. Meanwhile, her husband is dealing with heart issues as a result of his exposure to Agent Orange when he served in Vietnam, and his smoking.

"There are times when I think, 'Oh my God, what is going to happen if we run out of money and we can't pay for this?'" Gauthier said. "But I don't dwell on it. As it stands, our insurance and our Medicare ... and with the monies we had not had to touch yet. Can we afford a catastrophic illness? No. But do I lie awake at night and worry about it? It won't do me any good."

Better than others
In addition to working

longer, baby boomers are in better health than their parents were when they retired, and they want to remain active and give back to their communities, said Mary Sue Vickers, director of the American Association of Community Colleges' Plus 50 Initiative.

The Plus 50 Initiative, which supports programs for students older than 50 at community colleges throughout the country, began in 2008 with a focus on personal enrichment, volunteering and workforce training for baby boomers who are looking for new pursuits, Vickers said.

Kishwaukee College is one of 45 public colleges in Illinois that are a part of the Plus 50 initiative.

Vickers said focusing on students 50 and older is important because their needs are different than those of younger students. They have different learning styles, she said, and might need to take math refresher courses, computer training or tests so they can receive credit for what they already know.

Vickers said the Plus 50 program has evolved as the need has changed, with more demand for workforce training. It has launched the Plus 50 Encore Completion Program, a national effort to train 10,000 baby boomers for new jobs in health care, education and social services.

"This is a population that picks these kinds of occupations that are helping professions,

giving back," Vickers said. "It's a chance to do a new career."

Mike Kloser, 64, has had two careers — one as a spring machinist, now working for Ideal Industries in DeKalb, and the other in the U.S. military. Kloser served in the U.S. Air Force from 1968-73, and then in the Naval Air Reserve from 1977-84.

A few years ago, he was planning to add "restaurant owner" to his resume. Kloser leased a closed bar in Rochelle when he was thinking about retiring. To fund it, Kloser used money that he was going to pour into a house he was building in Arkansas, but stopped after project costs escalated.

"I thought a few years down the road, I could use the income as a retirement income," Kloser said. "We had it opened three months, and they came out with the remodeling bid ... And then the economy took a dump. So I know I have X amount of dollars in it. Do we put more in it, or do we cut our losses? We cut our losses."

Kloser's bar, Memory Lane, opened in July 2008 and closed nine months later. As a result of the debt he incurred from the restaurant, Kloser wasn't able to retire when he wanted.

"If the economy hadn't taken a dump ... we might have survived and made it," Kloser said. "Any time you buy a business ... you don't buy a bad business. It's a gamble no matter what. And that's the gamble we took and it didn't work out ... So I couldn't really retire."

Surplus projected to be gone by 2033, as oldest baby boomers turn 87

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The surplus is projected to be gone by 2033, as the oldest baby boomers turn 87, according to the report, and Social Security will only be able to pay out 77 percent of the benefits promised.

"For boomers, the biggest problem is a lot of their savings

will be exhausted then and they'll be more dependent on Social Security," said Ryan Gruenewald, manager of advocacy and outreach for AARP Illinois.

At the beginning of 2012, the average monthly benefit for a retired worker was \$1,283. For one in three seniors, Social Security is almost all of their income, and for two in three, it is more than half their income,

according to the nonprofit National Academy of Social Insurance.

Many baby boomers are even less prepared than retirees who came before them, Gruenewald said.

"If you look at the savings rate for boomers, a good percentage of boomers only have \$25,000 to \$30,000 in assets," he said. "That is not nearly enough to meet their needs."

If nothing changes, the disability insurance fund's surplus is expected to run out in 2016, with the Social Security Administration only able to cover 80 percent of benefits.

The trustees overseeing the programs recommend legislation that would either increase revenues by raising the payroll tax, or cut benefits, or a combination of the two.

To make the Social Security

funds solvent without raising taxes, benefits would need to be cut by 19.8 percent, or on average \$244 in monthly benefits, according to the Social Security report.

One benefit-centric proposal includes raising the eligibility age, which could be problematic for seniors who can't afford to retire but aren't healthy enough to work. Another idea ties the growth in benefits to

the inflation rate, which would curb the growth of the program but not make it solvent.

On the flip side, payroll taxes would need to go up 2.66 percent to keep the funds solvent, the report said.

Opponents to this idea argue that it's unfair to current workers who have to cover the benefits of baby boomers who didn't pay enough into the system.

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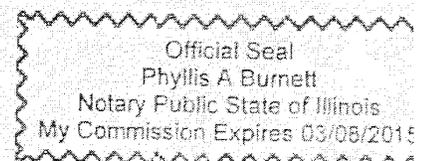
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