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APPLE STORE TO OPEN AT THE SUMMIT

The Birmingham News, reports that Bayer Properties has confirmed that they are close to wrapping up negotiations for Apple to open one of its retail stores at The Summit. The store will open sometime in the spring 2007 in a space that is now occupied by an Eddie Bauer store.

The store is expected to open in the spot now occupied by Eddie Bauer by March, according to sources. The 6,500-square-foot store will feature a "genius bar" where Mac experts can offer one-on-one advice, troubleshooting and tips. Shoppers also will find plenty of Macintosh computers and iPods in a location featuring the sleek design elements that have made other Apple stores shopping destinations.

There are already four Apple resellers in the Birmingham area, McKinney Technologies, Perry Computer and Com-South all in Homewood and CompUSA in Hoover. 🍏

Apple's Special Committee Reports Findings of Stock Option Investigation

Fred Anderson Resigns from Apple Board of Directors

Apple® announced that the special committee of its board of directors has reported its findings after a three month investigation into Apple's stock option practices. The special committee of outside directors, together with independent counsel and accountants, examined more than 650,000 emails and documents, and conducted interviews with more than 40 current and former employees, direc-

tors and advisors. Apple initiated this voluntary independent investigation after a management review discovered irregularities in past stock option grants. The independent investigation's key findings are:

- The investigation found no misconduct by any member of Apple's current management team.
- The most recent evidence of irregularities relates to a January 2002 grant.
- Stock option grants made on 15 dates between 1997 and 2002 appear to have grant dates that precede the approval of those grants.
- In a few instances, Apple CEO Steve Jobs was aware that favorable grant dates had been selected, but he did not receive or otherwise benefit from these grants and was unaware of the accounting implications.
- The investigation raised serious concerns regarding the actions of two

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BAC October Meeting

The October 14th meeting of the Birmingham AppleCore will be an open question and discussion session.

We'll bring some answers and hopefully they'll match your questions.

The meeting will be at the Homewood Public Library and starts at 10:00 a.m.

Come join us for coffee, doughnuts, cookies...

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BAC Disk of the Month

The BAC CDOM (Disk of the Month) is available at each BAC meeting. These CDs contain updates, shareware, and freeware.

The cost is \$2 per disk and is available at the BAC meetings from the Disk librarian Jerry Jenkins.

October CDOM

New Stuff

Budget 5.1.3...Shareware

Uses 'envelope' method of budgeting. For OS 10.1 or higher.

Connoisseur1.1.8...Shareware

Makes managing your recipes easy. For OS 10.3 or higher.

David's Backgammon 5.3.5C... Shareware

This is a full version of the game and for all systems.

iPartition Demo

Partition disk without initializing or reformatting. For OS 10.3.7 or higher.

iTunes 7...Freeware

Latest upgrade.

Measuring Cup 1.2.2...Freeware

Recipe management program. For OS 10.3.9 or higher.

Shivering Kittens 2.0 demo

Game – Rescue the Kittens. For OS 10.2 or higher.

SpinMac 1.0...Shareware

Games within a game.

Table Tennis Pro Lite 2.3.2...Freeware

Yes, a game. For OS 10.2.8 or higher.

Toast Titanium 7.1 Update

Good upgrade to version 7.

VueScan 8.3.66...Shareware

Upgraded driver for most scanners.

Option investigation

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former officers in connection with the accounting, recording and reporting of stock option grants. The company will provide all details regarding their actions to the SEC.

"I apologize to Apple's shareholders and employees for these problems, which happened on my watch. They are completely out of character for Apple," said Steve Jobs, Apple's CEO. "We will now work to resolve the remaining issues as quickly as possible and to put the proper remedial measures in place to ensure that this never happens again."

The company also announced that Fred Anderson, Apple's former CFO, has resigned from its board of directors. Mr. Anderson, who served as CFO from 1996 until 2004, informed the company that he believes it is in Apple's best interests that he resign from the board at this time.

The company and its independent auditors are reviewing the findings of the independent investigation. Management continues to believe, and the audit committee agrees, that Apple will likely need to restate its historical financial statements to record non-cash charges for compensation expense relating to past stock option grants. The company and its independent auditors are reviewing recent accounting guidance published by the SEC, and have not yet determined the amount of such charges, the resulting tax and accounting impact, or which periods may require restatement. The company continues to proactively inform the SEC of its findings. 🍏

October Door Prizes

The following list of door prizes will be awarded at the BAC October meeting: TopX Notes; a copy of the monthly CDOM, and a one-month rental of any of the instructional CDs that are in our Library. 🍏

TED'S TIPS

Folders to Add to Your Dock

Adding folders to the right side of your dock can be a real timesaver, and two of the most popular folders to add to the dock are your home folder and your Applications folder. Another thing you might consider, rather than putting your entire Applications folder on your dock, is to create a new folder and put in aliases of just the applications and system add-ons (such as the Calculator, etc.) that you really use. Then you can access these by Control-clicking on the folder in the dock and a pop-up menu will appear that looks a lot

FREE MAC TRAINING VIDEO CASTS

Fellow Mac users at Birmingham Apple Core:

I wanted to share some information with you and your users about a tech video podcast we have been creating here at Ohio University.

“Ask the Techies” video podcast, produced by the Computer Learning Lab at Ohio University’s Academic Advancement Center, has begun producing its second season of free online tech help videos. The goal of the videos is to empower people with technology in a lighthearted and fun way.

The videos typically feature two hosts, D.Lee Beard, computer skills teacher and administrator at Ohio University, and a student or other Ohio University “techie” explaining the latest in cool technology from iPods and Photoshop to MS Office and video editing.

The videos are informal yet informative and similar in style to the former TechTV show “The Screensavers.” Over 30 episodes have been published so far with a new episode made available each week via web page


(www.ohiou.edu/aac/lab/techies) or iTunes subscription.

The podcast is called “Ask the Techies” because viewers can submit questions to be considered for video replies in future episodes. We deal mostly with Macs, but we do answer Windows questions as well. To learn more about technology check out the videos online at www.ohiou.edu/aac/lab or query the iTunes Music Store for “Ask the Techies” –it’s still free.

Please pass this information on to your members. You are welcome to link to our web page as well (<http://www.ohiou.edu/aac/lab/techies/>). From our web page, you will find links to the iTunes music store feeds as well which you are welcome to link to.

Thanks in advance for sharing this resource.

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Apple iMac Line Now Features Intel Core 2 Duo Processors In Every Model

Pricing Now Starts at Just \$999;

New 24-inch Model Added

Entire new iMac® line now features the new Intel Core 2 Duo processor in every model, delivering up to 50 percent faster performance than the previous iMac.* A new 24-inch iMac with a brilliant 24-inch widescreen display joins the 17- and 20-inch models, and iMac prices now start at just \$999. Every new iMac includes a built-in iSight™ video camera for video conferencing out-of-the-box; Apple’s breakthrough Front Row media experience; and iLife® ‘06, the next generation of Apple’s award-winning suite of digital lifestyle applications.

“Every iMac—from the \$999 model up through the new dazzling 24-inch widescreen model—now features blazing Core 2 Duo performance,” said Philip Schiller, Apple’s senior vice president of Worldwide Product Marketing. “And the new 24-inch widescreen iMac is the fastest, biggest and brightest iMac we’ve ever made.”

The new iMac lineup includes four models: a 1.83 GHz and a 2.0 GHz 17-inch, a 2.16 GHz 20-inch and the all-new 2.16 GHz 24-inch iMac, and features the new Intel Core 2 Duo processor which delivers up to 50 percent faster performance than the previous 20-inch iMac running industry standard benchmarks.

Ideal for both consumers and professionals, the 24-inch iMac features a 24-inch widescreen LCD display with a 1920-by-1200 pixel resolution that offers 30 percent more screen real estate than the 20-inch model and a brighter display to make reading text and viewing images even easier. The all-new 24-inch iMac packs professional performance into the convenience of an all-in-one design and includes a 2.16 GHz Intel Core 2 Duo processor with 4MB of shared L2 cache, 1GB of 667 MHz DDR2 SDRAM memory, a 250GB Serial ATA hard drive, NVIDIA GeForce 7300 GT graphics with 128MB of GDDR3 memory and a SuperDrive™ for burning professional-quality DVDs. Delivering greater customization for performance and expansion needs, users can configure the new 24-inch iMac with a 2.33 GHz Intel Core 2 Duo processor, up to 3GB of 667 MHz DDR2 SDRAM memory, a 500GB Serial ATA hard drive and the NVIDIA GeForce 7600 GT with 256MB of GDDR3 memory for outstanding graphics performance.

Every iMac includes a built-in iSight video camera for video conferencing out-of-the-box using Apple’s award-winning iChat AV, or recording a video podcast or iMovie® using iLife ‘06, and the breakthrough media experience of Front Row for a simple, intuitive and powerful way for consumers to enjoy their content. built-in AirPort Extreme®, a total of five USB ports (three USB 2.0) and two FireWire®

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NEW IPODS INTRODUCED

Apple Unveils the New iPod shuffle

World's Smallest Digital Music Player is Wearable with Innovative Clip

The new iPod® shuffle, now the world's smallest digital music player with Apple's pioneering shuffle feature that lets music fans serve up a continuous mix of their favorite songs anywhere they go. Nearly half the size of the original, the new iPod shuffle is just half a cubic inch in volume, weighs just half an ounce and features a stunning all-new aluminum design and a built-in clip which makes it the most wearable iPod ever. The new iPod shuffle contains one gigabyte of flash memory which holds up to 240 songs, and is more affordable than ever at just \$79.

"It's hard to believe the new iPod is a real music player when you first see it," said Steve Jobs, Apple's CEO. "But it is real, and holds up to 240 songs in an incredibly compact and wearable design that weighs just half an ounce."

iPod shuffle is based on Apple's super-popular shuffle feature which lets users enjoy their songs in a random order. Or listeners can simply flip a switch to listen to their songs in order, such as when listening to a new album. iPod shuffle features up to 12 hours of battery life.*

Users connect the new iPod shuffle to their Mac® or PC with the included dock, and iTunes' innovative AutoFill feature automatically syncs the perfect number of songs from their music library. Seamless integration with iTunes® 7 and the iTunes Store (www.itunes.com) allows customers to choose from a selection of over 3.5 million songs from the world's most popular digital music store.

Pricing & Availability

The new iPod shuffle is expected to be available worldwide in October for \$79 (US). iPod shuffle includes earbud headphones and an iPod shuffle Dock.

Apple Introduces the New iPod nano

World's Most Popular Digital Music Player Features New Aluminum Design in Five Colors & 24 Hour Battery Life

The all-new iPod® nano with a new aluminum body, an incredible 24 hours of battery life and more than twice the music capacity for the same price as the previous generation. The new iPod nano features Apple's innovative Click Wheel and an even smaller, thinner and lighter design available in silver, pink, green, blue and black.

"iPod nano is the world's most popular digital music player, and we've completely redesigned it to make it even better," said Steve Jobs, Apple's CEO. "The all-new iPod nano gives music fans more of what they love in their iPods—twice the storage capacity at the same price, an incredible

24 hour battery life and a gorgeous aluminum design in five brilliant colors."

With a stunning aluminum enclosure available in five brilliant colors, there's an iPod nano to match everyone's individual style. The second generation iPod nano is even more compact than the original and has a brighter, more vibrant display perfect for viewing album art and up to 25,000 photos. Intuitive new features such as Search and Quick Scroll make it even easier for music fans to find exactly what they are looking for and enjoy their music on the go, and with seamless integration with iTunes® 7 and the iTunes Store (www.itunes.com), the new iPod nano lets customers choose from over 3.5 million songs from the world's most popular digital music store.

The new iPod nano supports gapless playback for enjoying albums the way they were intended. iPod nano also includes Apple's patent pending Auto-Sync technology that automatically downloads a user's digital music collection, photos or podcasts onto iPod nano and keeps it up-to-date whenever iPod nano is plugged into a Mac® or Windows computer using USB 2.0. The second generation iPod nano features up to 24 hours of battery life and completely skip-free playback.*

Apple is also unveiling new accessories designed for the second generation iPod nano, including lanyard headphones, an armband, a dock, and a new incredibly compact USB power adapter which at almost half the size of the previous USB power adapter is perfect for charging your iPod while traveling. The new iPod nano features the 30-pin iPod dock connector allowing it to work effortlessly with an incredible range of third-party products, from home stereo speakers to cars featuring iPod integration. There are now more than 3,000 accessories available for the iPod. The second generation iPod nano also works seamlessly with the Nike + iPod Sport Kit, and provides support for voice recording accessories.

Pricing & Availability

The new iPod nano models are now available worldwide. The new 2GB iPod nano model in silver is available for \$149 (US), the new 4GB models in silver, pink, green and blue are available for \$199 (US), and the new 8GB model in black is available for \$249 (US). All iPod nano models include redesigned earbud headphones providing superior comfort, fit and sound quality, and a USB 2.0 cable.

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New iPods

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Apple Introduces the New iPod

Hollywood Movies, Games & New Lower Price

The new iPod®, the best digital music player and most popular portable video player in the world. The new iPod features a 60 percent brighter and more vibrant 2.5-inch color display perfect for watching TV shows and now Hollywood movies right in the palm of your hand. The new iPod features seamless integration with iTunes® 7 and the iTunes Store (www.itunes.com) which now includes over 75 Hollywood movies, 220 television shows and popular video games designed specifically for the fifth generation iPod. The new iPod is available in a 30GB model at the new low price of \$249 and an 80GB model, which holds up to 20,000 songs or 100 hours of video, for \$349.



The new iPod features Apple's patented Click Wheel for precise, one-handed navigation, and is seamlessly integrated with iTunes 7 which now features gapless playback for enjoying albums the way they were intended to be listened to. iPod's new Search and Quick Scroll feature makes it even easier for music fans to find exactly what they are looking for and Apple's patent pending Auto-Sync technology automatically downloads digital music, podcasts, photos, audiobooks, movies, music videos and popular TV shows onto the iPod and keeps them up-to-date whenever the iPod is plugged into a Mac® or Windows computer.

With its stunning high-resolution color display, iPod allows users to view album art and photo slideshows while playing music, or watch video and play games in full color. Popular video games designed specifically for the fifth generation iPod include: "Bejeweled," "Cubis 2," "Mahjong," "Mini Golf," "Pac-Man," "Tetris," "Texas Hold'em," "Vortex" and

"Zuma," and are available for purchase on the iTunes Store.

The 30GB model features up to 14 hours of battery life for music playback and up to three and a half hours of video playback, and the 80GB model features up to 20 hours of battery life for music playback and six and a half hours of video playback.* The new iPod features brightness control allowing users to easily change the brightness.

The new iPod models are available worldwide through the Apple Store® (www.apple.com), Apple's retail stores and Apple Authorized Resellers. The new 30GB iPod model in white or black is available for \$249, and the new 80GB model in white or black is available for \$349. All iPod models include redesigned earbud headphones providing superior comfort, fit and sound quality, and a USB 2.0 cable. 🍏

New iMacs *cont'd from page 3*

ports (including one FireWire 800 port on the 24-inch model).

Every iMac also comes with iLife '06, featuring iPhoto®, iMovie HD, iDVD®, GarageBand™ and iWeb™, the latest iLife application that makes it super-easy to create amazing websites with photos, blogs and podcasts and publish them on .Mac for viewing by anyone on the Internet with just a single click. Every iMac also comes with the latest release of the world's most advanced operating system, Mac® OS X version 10.4.7 "Tiger" including Safari™, Mail, iCal®, iChat AV, Front Row and Photo Booth, running natively on the Intel-based desktop.

The new iMac line is shipping today. The new 24-inch 2.16 GHz iMac, for a suggested retail price of \$1,999 (US), includes:

- 2.16 GHz Intel Core 2 Duo processor;
- 1GB of 667 MHz DDR2 SDRAM (max. 3GB);
- 8x SuperDrive with double-layer support
- NVIDIA GeForce 7300 GT/128MB memory;
- 250GB Serial ATA hard drive running at 7200 rpm;
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The new 20-inch 2.16 GHz iMac, \$1,499 includes:

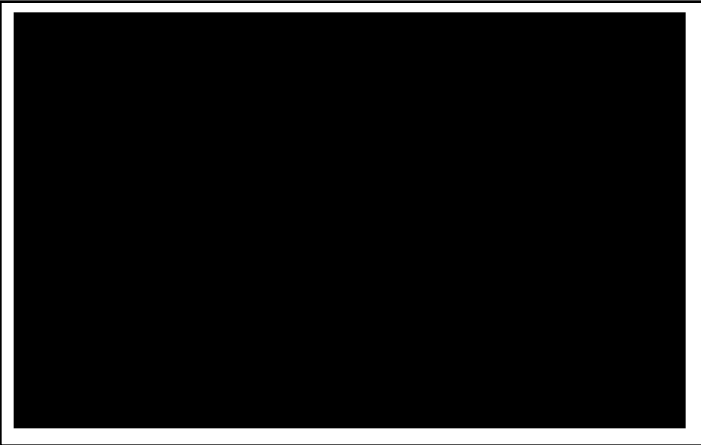
- 2.16 GHz Intel Core 2 Duo processor;
- 1GB of 667 MHz DDR2 SDRAM (max. 3GB);
- 8x SuperDrive with double-layer support
- ATI Radeon X1600 with 128MB GDDR3 memory;
- 250GB hard drive running at 7200 rpm;

The new 17-inch 2.0 GHz iMac, (\$1,199) includes:

- 2.0 GHz Intel Core 2 Duo processor;
- 1GB of 667 MHz DDR2 SDRAM to 3GB;
- 8x SuperDrive with double-layer support
- ATI Radeon X1600 with 128MB GDDR3 memory;
- 160GB Serial ATA hard drive running at 7200 rpm;

The 17-inch 1.83 GHz iMac, \$999 (US), includes:

- 1.83 GHz Intel Core 2 Duo processor;
- 512MB of 667 MHz DDR2 SDRAM up to 2GB;
- 24x Combo drive;
- Intel GMA 950 graphics;
- 160GB Serial ATA hard drive running at 7200 rpm;



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