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Apple News

After so much news last month, this month is very dull. We are waiting for the Mac TV, iPhone, Leopard and some kind of new Macintosh Computer to actually be in customers hands so we can hear how they really work. When the news that the Shuffle now comes in five colors is the biggest thing going, you know things are slow.

Apple finally came to an agreement with "The Beatles" record label Apple Corps. (see article in this issue). I know Steve Jobs really wants to offer Beatles songs in the iTunes Music Store. Rumor has it, Apple won't have an exclusive to the music, it will be sold on many online music sites.

The launch of the Vista operating system for PCs may hurt Apple's sales in the short run, but as the pent up demand for PCs preloaded with Vista is met, customers looking for a new computer will look at Macintosh computers also. The initial sales of Vista have not met expectations, as potential users wait for the bugs to be ironed out and a very good reason why they should upgrade. Most will just wait until they buy a new computer. That computer may be a Mac.

How To Google Earth

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[Tristan, age 8, wrote this piece the weekend after returning from San Francisco, where he attended Macworld Expo with me for a morning (see "Take Your Child to Work Day, Macworld Expo Style," 2007-01-22). It's by no means the first time he has been mentioned in TidBITS, but it is his first byline! -Tonya]

In Google Earth, you can fly from San Diego (in the United States) to Portsmouth (in the United Kingdom) in two seconds! In fact, you can fly to anywhere on the globe that Google Earth knows about. If you want to see the Great Wall of China, you can! Google Earth works on newer Macintoshes and Windows computers, and the Google Earth Downloads page gives the

details for what you need.

Once you download, install, and run Google Earth, type a place where you want to go in the Search box. Spell it correctly and hit Return. Once you're at your destination, to navigate, notice the controls at the upper right. The vertical bar with the plus and the minus is where you click to zoom in and out. The circle with the N on it is a compass:

click one of its four arrows to move in a direction. I suppose you know your directions, but if not, the arrow pointing towards the N is north. The one pointing at the plus and minus is east. The one pointing away from the N is south. And the fourth arrow is west.

I like Google Earth for looking at special landmarks like the USS Constitution in Boston, but I don't think it is reliable, because it often doesn't understand my spelling, and I had trouble finding the HMS Victory because Google Earth doesn't have a way for me to say that I am looking for a ship.

Apple Inc. and Apple Corps Enter New Agreement

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Apple Inc. and Apple Corps. announced a new agreement under which Apple Inc. will own all the trademarks related to "Apple" and will license some of those trademarks back to Apple Corps. This agreement replaces the 1991 agreement in which Apple Corps agreed to let Apple Inc. use Apple Corps' trademarks even on items falling within Apple Corps' field of use (entertainment) so long as Apple Inc. didn't sell "physical media delivering pre-recorded content." (For a detailed look at the history of the companies' relations, see

Geoff Duncan's "Carry That Weight: Apple Versus Apple," 2006-03-27.) The agreement also marks an end to the ongoing trademark infringement case in which Apple Corps sued Apple Inc.; Apple Corps lost the case but immediately appealed the decision. Both companies will bear their own legal costs, and Apple Inc. will continue using its name and logo on iTunes. (Again, for details, see Geoff's "Not Guilty: Apple Beats Beatles Trademark Dispute," 2006-05-08.) Terms of the new agreement remain confidential.

Still up in the air is whether the Beatles' music will ever appear for sale in the iTunes Store. A handful of subtle references to the Beatles in Steve Jobs' keynote at the recent Macworld Expo in January 2007 had many thinking such an announcement was forthcoming. However, in words that don't exactly scream "let's make a deal," Neil Aspinall, manager of Apple Corps said in the announcement, "We wish Apple Inc. every success and look forward to many years of peaceful co-operation with them." According to the research firm NPD Group, the Beatles' music is among the most frequently downloaded from peer-to-peer file sharing services.

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AppleWorks and the Intel Mac

I have an iBook filled with spreadsheets and databases I created in AppleWorks. I'd like to upgrade from my iBook to a MacBook Pro. But according to someone at a local Apple Store, AppleWorks is incompatible with the MacBook Pro. What software can I use?-- Ernest Arvanitis

First, let's clear up a little confusion. AppleWorks works perfectly well on Intel Macs-- including the MacBook Pro. While no Universal version exists (or is likely to), AppleWorks 6.2.9 runs fine on Rosetta, Apple's PowerPC emulator. AppleWorks isn't bundled with Intel Macs, but you can just copy the AppleWorks 6 folder from your iBook to the MacBook Pro, and you'll be in business.

All that said, Apple abandoned AppleWorks long ago. It's high time for anyone who still depends on AppleWorks to go out and finally find a replacement for it.

Spreadsheets aren't a problem, as AppleWorks can save its spreadsheets in a format compatible with Microsoft Excel. You can then work with these documents in Excel, Mariner Software's Calc ($50), ThinkFree's Office (; $50), or the open-source NeoOffice (free).

Databases are tougher, as there isn't a clean way to import an AppleWorks database directly into FileMaker Pro. Here's the not-so-clean-way:

Open the AppleWorks database and choose Organize: Show All Records. Choose a layout that displays every field, select all, and copy the text to the Clipboard. In AppleWorks or Excel, open a new spreadsheet document. Paste the text into the spreadsheet. In all likelihood, your field headings-- Address and Phone Number, for example-- won't be there. So be sure to leave a couple of rows free at the top of the spreadsheet, where you can add your headings later.

Save the spreadsheet as ASCII text; then open that file in FileMaker Pro. The data should appear in a spreadsheet layout, so

you'll have to re-create the original database's layout.

Optionally, if you're only looking for a way to search for existing data and plan to start fresh in FileMaker, feel free to leave the data in a spreadsheet, which you can easily search. ....Christopher Breen

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Mac Hint
Use Google to solve your tech problems.

I was hooking up an iPod Nano to my Mac- to add more songs and recharge it. For a brief moment a "sad face" popped up on the screen and then all was blank. It was dead as a doorknob. I looked at the instructions and tried resetting it by holding down the "pause key" for 10 seconds. No good- still dead. With thoughts of having to make an appointment at the apple store and talk to a tech, I decided to try a Google search for "iPod Nano sad face". The first pick on the search gave me the answer! Hold down the center and menu keys at the same time. Success! Every thing works. I suggest you give "Google search" a try when having problems with your Mac or anything else. I even use it to find out how to fix my Jet Ski...Alan

Resizing Photos for Email
Apple Tip of the Week

Have you ever noticed how freaked out relatives get when you email them high-res photos from your six- or eight-meg digital camera? For example, your grandmother in Minnesota may not have Photoshop CS2, and so dealing with that 26MB, 41-inch-wide photo you shot with your eight-meg camera might put a strain on her system. That's why you might want to reduce the size of those photos you're about to email. You don't even have to launch Photoshop — because you can do the resizing right within Mail.

After you attach a photo to your email message (you can just drag-and-drop the image into the New Message window), take a look in the bottom-right corner of your email message window, and you'll see a pop-up menu where you can choose the Image Size you'd like to send. As soon as you choose a size (other than Actual Size), the image is immediately scaled down right within the email message window so you can see the exact size of the photo you're sending.