SMUG news

IF IT'S JANUARY IT'S MACWORLD EXPO TIME

Macworld starts January 10 to January 14. SMUG will be there with the User's Group, which is located near the Internet Cafe. If you are attending stop by and say hello

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Rumors – we get rumors, we get stacks and stacks of . . .

As Macworld approaches, the rumors of what Steve Jobs' will announce as "one more thing" at the Keynote escalate to a frenzy. The Mac rumor sites work overtime to propagate their ideas of what cool, new things will be announced by Steve. A Google search for "Mac rumors" brings up 767,000 references! If you are intrigued at all by such things, you can occupy yourself for hours chasing down rumors – or you can wait for Steve's announcements on January 11th.

By the way, if you aren't going to attend the Macworld Keynote Address in person, you can probably see it live on the big screen at a local Apple Store (check to make certain). After the address, it is likely to be available as a web-cast on Apple's website.

The following are just a few of the many rumors making the rounds. These came from four Mac rumors sites, but there are many others out there to entertain you – just do a Google search to find them.

Rumor from

http://www.macrumors.com/pages/2004/12/20041231175830.shtml

IWork '05 Productivity Suite?

Friday December 31, 2004 05:58 PM EST – Posted by Doctor Q

Continuing its series on Macworld Expo, Think Secret now reports that Apple will introduce a productivity suite

named iWork '05, the application code-named Sugar in the previous report.

The suite will include Keynote 2 as well as a word processor named Pages, once known as Document.

According to the report, iWork '05 will use a software serial number, require a 500MHz system or better, run on Mac OS X 10.3.6 or later, and will likely come with most new Mac models, including the rumored Headless iMac.

Pricing is unknown, although Think Secret speculates that iWork '05 is likely to cost more than iLife ($49) since Keynote alone is currently $99 and AppleWorks is currently $79. The Appleworks 6 suite, which is now five years old, has components for word processing, drawing/pagelayout, painting, spreadsheet, database, and slideshow/presentations.

Chatter surrounding iWork—then called iWorks, as it was speculated to be the successor to AppleWorks – first emerged almost two years ago. Since then, iWork has become a perennial rumor favorite, as AppleWorks 6 continues to show its age and lack of refinement associated with Apple's applications today. Steve Jobs introduced AppleWorks 6 during Macworld Expo San Francisco in 2000, making the application a dinosaur in software years by today's standards.

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SMUG new home page
http://www.pa-smug.org
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Meeting Schedule 6:30 - 9:00

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	Louis Bookbinder & Shareware team
7:30 - 7:45	**Break**
7:45 - 9:00	**The topic will be:**
	How to survive and get the most from Mac World Expo event in S.F. January 11 to 14.
9:00	**Raffle**

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**We Will be meeting at the Redwood Room Bldg. 48
and Not at Panofsky Auditorium**

(See map with directions on page 8)

December Meeting Report - - - Voyager III, by Carina

We were really happy to have the folks from Carina Software back again to show their latest Voyager III "stargazer" program. **Tim Debenedictis** (l) and **Tom Mathis** (r) made an exceptional presentation showing sky/planet/solar system/ comets/asteroids/galaxy/ and universe clips dating to five thousand years ago. Tim went to MIT and used a very early version of the program, and he now runs the whole Voyager show. Tom Mathis has backed away from day to day operations but still makes major technical contributions (pretty good for a molecular biologist.)

Voyager shows whole sky views at various elevations, and also shows our sun and planetary system from any near, to far distant, moving orbits. Its something to see all these objects displayed as little balls rotating around the sun and each other (plus a comet or two0 from any desired point or distance in the solar system. All this combined with how they would appear from afar as they might have moved in space over millennia back. It also displayed such nice views as a solar eclipse of the moon, as well as a representation of the moon's shadow on the earth. It was very interesting to see how our "unchanging" North Star—Polaris— changed its position in space over time (as seen from our position on earth).

The program contains a whole gallery of actual pictures of the planets as seen from a distance right up to full screen size blowups, including a multitude of specific nebulae, galaxies, asteroids—as well as the usual stars and constellations in the sky. And it can also show a "red screen" effect to be used at nite to enhance one's night vision. The next update, Voyager IV, will be a seamless update going back to 500 thousand years. Voyager retails for $160 ($120 for SMUG members) and there will be a show special offer at MacWorld.

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Shareware News
January
Demo Items
Demo by Louis Bookbinder

FastScripts 2.1

OS X's Script Menu is a great way to quickly access AppleScripts and shell scripts, but by replacing it with FastScripts, you gain even more functionality. The biggest advantage is the ability to easily create keyboard shortcuts for scripts. But FastScripts also provides better performance, by preloading scripts into memory so they execute instantly; quick access to both user and systemwide Scripts folders; and better menu organization - application-specific scripts, those that appear only when a particular application is active, show up at the top of the menu for easier access. (Apple's Script Menu sticks them at the very bottom.)
Requires OS X 10.2+. Free.

IPMenu 1.1

If your Mac has a dynamic IP address, other people may have a hard time connecting to it for personal file sharing, Web sharing, or even Internet or LAN gaming. Because your IP address may change regularly, you have to figure out what your IP address is at a given moment and then provide it to those people. IPMenu sits in the menu bar and gives you instant access to your Mac's IP address; if your Mac is behind an Internet router, it provides both the local (internal) and Internet (external) IP addresses. IPMenu can even send you (or someone else) an e-mail message when your external IP address changes, which can be useful when your Mac is also a server.
Requires OS X 10.2+. Free.

BuddyPop 2.2

BuddyPop lets you quickly access your Apple Address Book via a customizeable shortcut. It's a small, light and discrete application, has no Dock icon and it is easily and constantly accessible. With BuddyPop you can quickly find a contact, and drop them a mail, or copy the address to the clipboard. Screenshots are available in the documentation page.
Requires OS X 10.1+. $7.

Cyberduck 2.4b1

There are a few free FTP clients for the Mac, but none is as polished or as easy to use as Cyberduck. Making a connection is as easy as typing the name of the server in the address bar. Save bookmarks to a bookmark drawer, or drag them to your desktop. Cyberduck supports multiple connections and can resume interrupted transfers. It also supports SFTP, Keychain, and Rendezvous (so connecting with your local network is a breeze). When you select a file for editing, Cyberduck opens the document in your chosen editor and uploads the changes automatically when you save.
Requires OS X 10.3+. Free.

PithHelmet 2.1.1

Safari can block pesky pop-up menus, but what about all those annoying animated GIFs and boring banner ads? Like a spam filter for the Web, PithHelmet hides unwanted content, blocking ad-size images, hiding links to blocked sites, or hiding content from off-site domains. You can create your own rules, blocking or exempting specific sites. Want to see everything on a blocked page? Just reload without applying filters. A contextual-menu item lets you block images from any site or add a site to your list of exempt sites as you surf. You can set animations to play once, never, or always.
Requires OS X 10.3+ and Safari 1.2.2+. $10.

In Memoriam

Art Bayce, 80, a longtime resident of Palo Alto, died Oct. 7, 2003

Curiosity, passion and endless interests motivated him throughout his life. A professor, scientist, consultant, photographer, author, volunteer, guide and tinkerer, he loved science, nature and art.

Born in Cleaveland, Ohio, to Slovene and Italian parents, he grew up in Oakland and resided in California since the age of nine. He attended UC Berkeley, earning his bachelor's degree in Chemistry and a master's degree in Metallurgy. He then earned a master's degree in Education at San Jose State. He was a chemist at Colgate for many years, and as a metallurgist at the Stanford Research Institute, then as an associate professor in the Materials Engineering Department at San Jose State University before retiring in 1991.

Joining the Barron Park Association Board in his neighborhood in 1964, he served on the board as Traffic Chair for eight years, formed the Emergency Preparedness Committee in 1982 and contributed to Living with our Faults (which was distributed in various cities throughout California), supported the ToxSafe Committee, the Creek Committee, and represented his neighborhood on two Blue Ribbon Committees of the City of Palo Alto.

He was a member of the Citizen Advisory committee and was appointed by the City Manager to the committee that revised Palo Alto's Disaster Preparedness Management Plan.

In a letter to a friend regarding his mother's death, he wrote that he was thankful for all that his mother had taught him. He learned from her kindness the importance of helping others and giving back to society. His philosophy was that if he could enrich the lives of those around him, it would serve as a tribute to all she had done for him. He lived a selfless, energetic life.

He is survived by countless lifelong friends, cousins, two goddaughters, students and neighbors.

Friends attended a celebration of the life Sunday, Dec. 19, at 2:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Palo Alto, 505 E. Charleston Road, Palo Alto. In honor of his 40 years of service to his neighborhood, the Barron Park Association Board is graciously planting a tree in Bol Park in his memory. Donations in his name may be made to the Sierra Club, Habitat for Humanity and the Barron Park Association.

Rumor from:

Apple to begin manufacturing flash-based iPod next month

Flash-based iPod digital music player on tap for early 2005.

To his credit, Thomas Weisel analyst Jason Pflaum had this one nearly down pat.

Apple Computer in December will begin manufacturing a third variant of its flagship iPod music player, which will be based on solid-state flash memory, *AppleInsider* has confirmed through well placed and extremely reliable sources.

According to contacts in Asia, the computer company will build a stock-pile of approximately 2 million flash iPods before the product begins shipping world-wide in late-January or early February. The new players are slated to be announced at the annual Macworld trade show in San Francisco during the second week of January.

Though precise specifications were not readily available, the flash iPod will reportedly use controller chips from Austin, TX-based SigmaTel, and feature a storage capacity in the range of 256 Megabytes to 1 Gigabyte. Sources were unable to confirm if the player would be released in more than one configuration.

The iPod flash will retail for below (US) $200 and sport a similar user interface to the company's ubiquitous iPod and iPod mini.

 Despite comments from Apple chief executive Steve Jobs that flash-based digital music players are often received as gifts, rarely used, and "end up in a drawer," market share figures speak for themselves. Although the iPod holds a whopping 92% slice of the pie for hard drive-based players, this figure shrinks to 65% when flash models are tallied as part of the mix.

 Sales of flash players remain strong in the second half of 2004 and account for a larger percentage of digital music players than that of hard-drive music players when surveyed on a global basis. The introduction of an Apple-branded flash player is expected to increase Apple's share of players in the far east, where the adoption rate for the iPod has been feeble.

 At last year's Macworld Expo in San Francisco, Jobs introduced the iPod mini, a 4 Gigabyte hard drive-based player designed to compete in the high-end flash player market. A renowned success, the iPod mini drew strong demand throughout the better part of the year, but priced at $249, it remains inaccessible to man.

Rumor from Think Secret http://www.thinkse-cret.com/news/0412expo1.html

Road to Expo: iLife '05, Keynote 2 to debut

December 28, 2004 - By Ryan Katz, Senior Editor

With two weeks to go until Apple wows the Mac faithful and media alike at Macworld Expo, *Think Secret* has been burning the midnight oil and collating information from various sources in an effort to piece together what can be expected to roll out in San Francisco on January 11.

iLife '05, code-named Sphere, will make its first appearance and is expected to ship shortly after Macworld Expo, according to documents obtained by *Think Secret*. iLife's core applications will all receive updates, although complete details are lacking at this point.

iDVD 5, code-named Maui, will include a number of new features, including one-step DV-to-DVD creation. For users wanting to simply take the contents of a DV tape and burn it to DVD without any editing, iDVD 5 will be able to accomplish this in a single click that rewinds the DV tape and then burns its contents to DVD on the fly. iDVD 5 will also support dual-layer (8.5GB) DVD media, enabling users to burn DVDs up to 4 hours long or shorter movies at higher quality.

iDVD 5 will also, of course, work well with new features of iMovie 5, code-named Storm. iMovie 5 is expected to be renamed iMovie HD with its new support for HDV, panoramic 16:9 aspect ratios, and MPEG-4. iDVD 5 will also be able to burn sharp looking photo albums directly from iPhoto 5, code-named Spellbound.

It's unclear where iTunes will fit into iLife. As a free application, Apple has the flexibility of releasing updates whenever it pleases. At present, iTunes 5 is not anticipated to be a part of iLife '05, but rather a smaller iTunes 4.7.1 update is currently in the works and will debut around the same time as Macworld Expo.

The next version of GarageBand will garner significant attention as part of iLife '05, especially with the debut of Apple's already **much publicized** FireWire breakout box, code-named Asteroid. Most of the details of GarageBand 2 are unknown at this point, but sources say an accompanying GarageBand software title, code-named Hermann, will add instruments and possibly new loops to the software.

Keynote 2 & More: Keynote 2, the long awaited update to Apple's presentation software, will be officially announced at Macworld Expo, although like iLife '05, specific details are lacking. Apple CEO Steve Jobs is thought to have been using builds of Keynote 2 during various presentations earlier this year, where keen observers noted that transitions Jobs was using are not available in current Keynote versions.

But the surprises won't end at Keynote 2: Apple apparently has *two* Keynote-related products in development, code-named Crossbow and Slingshot, although it's unclear what the second may be. Both are slated for a Macworld Expo release.

Sources also say another new application, code-named Sugar, will debut at Macworld Expo, although *Think Secret* continues to work to confirm details of what that title may be.

Rumor from http://www.powerpage.org/cgi-bin/WebObjects/powerpage.woa/wa/story?newsID=13410

Headless iMac Rumored for Macworld Expo SF

By Bob Snow, PowerPage contributing editor, on 29 December 2004

Is this machine the one that Mac fans have been asking for year after year? Let's hope so. I have long contended that Macintosh OS needs a minimum of five percent of the PC market to remain viable and ten percent to thrive. Without the runaway success of the iPod, Apple would be hard pressed to remain profitable selling just computers.

What can a loss leader box do for Apple? Attract new buyers and more. Clearly PC switchers looking for a home computer after purchasing an iPod jump to mind, but if this machine is clever enough, it could fill in a lot of space that Apple has left open in its lineup. With iLife software and the iPod, this product could become the hottest media PC out there. Schools with a surplus of monitors could really afford to go Mac. Long time Mac users could justify the cost as a second machine if they have an available monitor lying around. Sell this without a keyboard or mouse to keep the cost rock bottom.

Don't get me wrong; Apple has been very smart pushing laptops as the preferred form factor for the Mac in recent years. Providing a serious product in the server market is certainly a great long-term prospect as well. But, nothing has broadened the Mac installed base recently like the original Bondi Blue iMac. This rumored product could do it and on a much larger scale.

- - - IMPORTANT READ-ME - - -

Security and You

To pass through the security gate on **January 10** you will need:

- **To be on our list of members**
  If your membership has lapsed, send me an email by Saturday, **January 8**
- *aquaman47@mac.com,* to tell me you plan to attend
- **(Of course, err, um, don't forget to pay your dues at the meeting)**

AND !!! *Be prepared to show a photo ID at the gate.*

All guests are welcome as always, but you or they must email me by **January 10** so they can be on the list of attendees to be submitted to SLAC security.

Thanks for your cooperation.-*Frank Smith*

If you would like to join Smug please fill out the above form and mail to the address indicated. Please check out our website for more information or call if you have any questions.

Calendar of EVents

Monday, January 10
General Meeting:
    Redwood Room of Bldg. 48,
    Stanford Linear Accelerator Center (SLAC),
    2575 Sand Hill Road, Menlo Park

Shareware Team meeting at Owen Saxton's house,
    1442 San Marcos Circle, Mt. View.
    Meeting starts at 7:15 pm.
    (See page 2 for Owen's phone number and E-mail address)

Thursday, January 20
    Board of Directors meets at 6:45 pm
    Place to be announced

Friday, January 28
    DEADLINE for Newsletter articles and Calendar items to be submitted by email to **bleiler@pa-smug.com**

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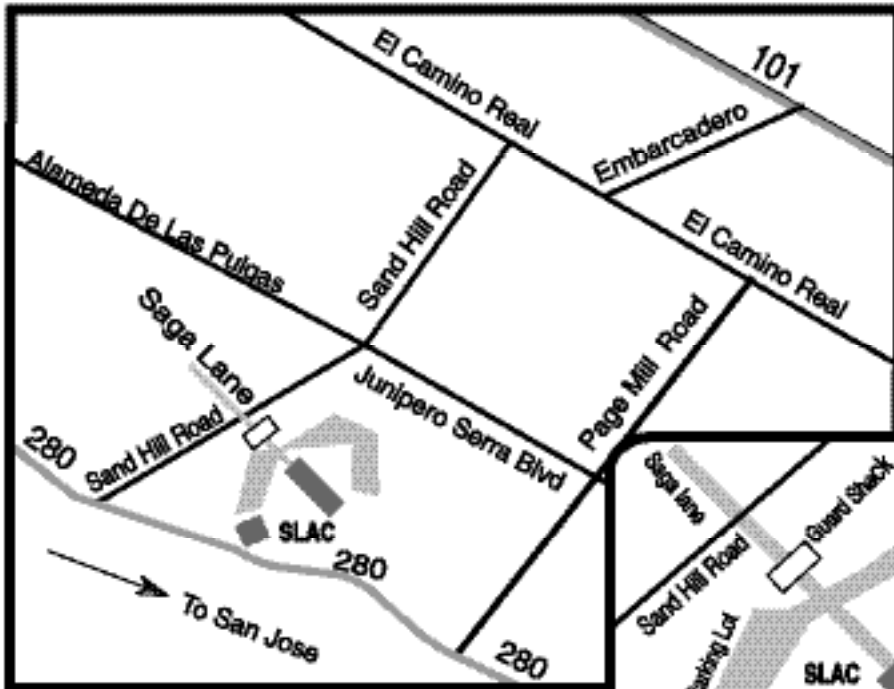
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NEXT MEETING
Monday January 10 2005

Reminder: The January meeting will be
Monday the 10th in the **Redwood room Bldg. 48**

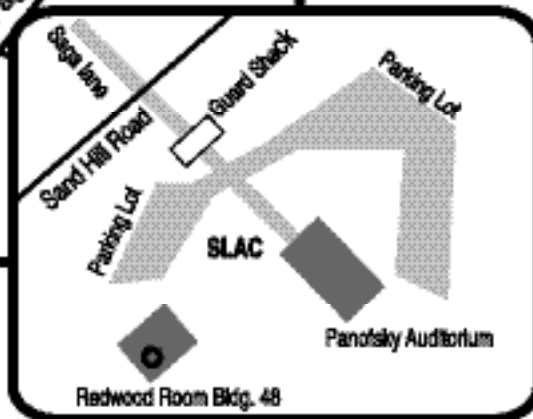••

The topic will be:
How to survive and get the most from Mac World Expo event in S.F. January 11 to 14.

The Meetings are generally held on the **First Monday** *
of the Month

Bldg. 48 the Redwood room
Stanford Linear Accelerator (SLAC)
2575 Sand Hill Road, Menlo Park

 * **Some exceptions on holidays**

DIRECTIONS:
When you pass the Guard shack you take a right and
park in the parking lot to the right.
Bldg. 48 and the Redwood room is across from the
parking lot. Any questions ask the guard.