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Apple News. New iMacs! So the rumor mill was right! The new iMac is made out of sparkling anodized aluminum and glass. Available in 20 or 24" models. It comes with iLife 08 and a new aluminum ultra thin keyboard. The Intel Core 2 duo processors are faster the hard drive is larger and this little baby uses a new video processor chip too. Beautiful and powerful. Apple also dropped the price \$100. Order a new one on www.lakeshoremac.com.

Apple Rumors: New iPods are now in the rumor mill and are rumored to be re-released soon. Possible touch screens and wireless connectivity for iTunes downloads are speculated. An FM tuner finishes off the list with the ability to scroll through your music with Cover Flow. For more information, see [Mac Rumors](#).

August Updates. iPhoto 7.0.2, iMovie 7.0.1, iWeb 2.0.1, AirPort Base Station Update 2007-002 for Mac, AirPort Base Station Update 2007-002 for Windows, Keyboard Software Update 1.1, MacBook Pro Software Update 1.1, Boot Camp 1.4, iMac Software Update 1.0, Front Row 1.3.1, Aperture 1.5.4 Update, and iTunes 7.3.2 Run Software Update under the blue apple in your menu bar or go to www.apple.com/downloads/macosx/apple.

Apple Repair Extension Program. No new Macs were added to the Repair Extension Program this month, just a little advice. If you purchase a new Mac, make sure you also purchase the three extended warranty from Apple. It's worth the additional cost. If a major board fails after the standard 1 year warranty, plan on spending a minimum of \$600. Repair costs of \$950 are not uncommon.

Apple's OS X Tips: I'm sure you know by now that you have the ability to save any file as a PDF (portable document format) that can be viewed by any computer. Mac or PC. You just go to File and drag down to Print. In the Print window, you see the little button that says PDF. Click on that and drag down to Save as PDF. Every body knows that! Something else I like in this window that is really useful is Save PDF to Web receipts folder. When you order anything from Apple, Amazon, eBay and such, you receive an E-mail notification of the invoice. Instead of letting it clutter up your mail in box, save it to your Web receipts folder. This folder will be created in your documents folder with a PDF of the invoice. It's great for future reference or taxes.

Cool Freeware: I don't know how people make great software and then just give it away for free, but they do. Check out the following free programs:

Neo Office 2.2.1: A fully-featured set of office applications (including word processing, spreadsheet, presentation, drawing and database programs) for Mac OS X. Click here for [Neo Office](#).

Messenger for Mac 6.0.3: Chat with your Microsoft friends. New for Intel Macs. Get it here. [Messenger for Mac](#).

The Filter 2.4.3: Is a neat, free piece of software that helps you build fantastic playlists from the music stored on your Mac. It's like a musical assistant who knows exactly which songs will fit together and which songs won't.

To build a playlist you open up iTunes and let The Filter analyse your library. You then click on 'Create a Playlist' to generate one based on your choice of artist or song. The music in the playlist comes from the music in your collection – it is a great way of rediscovering music you forgot you had! Get the [Filter](#) here.

iLIFE 08

JUST WHAT IS ILIFE 08 AND HOW CAN I USE IT?

iLife 08 is a suite of six programs from Apple. If you purchase a new Mac, it comes on the Mac free of charge. For those of you with your trusty old Mac, you'll have to part with an additional \$79. Here is a break down of the programs, what they do and what's new.

iPhoto: We have been using iPhoto for a while now to organize all our photos. What has changed in this version is the ability for iPhoto to organize your photos automatically by events not just by dates. Also, new editing tools, calendars and books, and theme based printing has been added with a whole new look and feel.

iMovie: Completely revamped and easier than ever. Expanded format support for all those movies you take on your camera phone. For those of you iMovie pros that have been using iMovie to the max, it's time to upgrade to Final Cut Express.

.Mac Web Gallery: iPhoto works with .Mac to share your photos with friends and family. Simply create a photo album or select an Event, then send it to your Web Gallery. iPhoto automatically uploads your photos and creates an interactive page to share with family and friends.

Garage Band: Welcome to your personal recording studio — where it's easy to make a song whether you're a first-time musician or a seasoned pro. With GarageBand, you can create your own virtual onstage band and play along on your favorite instrument. You can record, edit, and mix a song exactly as you want it, in pristine CD quality. It's the perfect place to get your act together.

iWeb: Web makes it easy to create a website that's stunningly beautiful — and totally you. Start with an Apple-designed theme, then customize it with your own text, photos, movies, and podcasts until it's exactly what you want. And switch themes with a click anytime. Web widgets allow you to add live content from any site, Add Google ads to start raking in the dough on your web site.

iDVD: Quickly create a Hollywood-style disc with iDVD, using Apple-designed animated themes to give your DVD a gorgeous style from main screen to chapter selection. Ten new themes and snappier performance make iDVD more fun than ever.

Labor Day: According to Wikipedia: Labor Day has been celebrated on the first Monday in September in the United States since the 1880s. The form that the observance and celebration of Labor Day should take were outlined in the first proposal of the holiday — a street parade to exhibit to the public "the strength and esprit de corps of the trade and labor organizations" of the community, followed by a festival for the recreation and amusement of the workers and their families. This became the pattern for the celebrations of Labor Day. Speeches by prominent men and women were introduced later, as more emphasis was placed upon the economic and civic significance of the holiday. Still later, by a resolution of the American Federation of Labor convention of 1909, the Sunday preceding Labor Day was adopted as Labor Sunday and dedicated to the spiritual and educational aspects of the labor movement.

Today Labor Day is often regarded simply as a day of rest and, compared to the [May 1 Labor Day celebrations](#) in most countries, parades, speeches or political demonstrations are more low-key, although especially in election years, events held by labor organizations often feature political themes and appearances by candidates for office. Forms of celebration include [picnics](#), [barbecues](#), [fireworks displays](#), water sports, and public art events. Families with school-age [children](#) take it as the last chance to [travel](#) before the end of [summer](#). Some [teenagers](#) and young adults view it as the last weekend for parties before returning to [school](#). However, of late, schools have begun well before Labor Day, as early as the 24th of July in many urban districts, including [Nashville](#) and [Atlanta](#). In addition, Labor Day marks the beginning of the season for the National Football League and NCAA College Football. The NCAA usually plays their first games the weekend of Labor day, with the NFL playing their first game the Thursday following Labor Day.

Have a safe holiday with friends and family.

