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## Deals! Deals! Deals!

**iPhones for \$99?: AT&T has started selling refurbished iPhone 3Gs for \$99 for a limited time.** So, if Santa didn't bring you a new iPhone for Christmas you might want to check out this great deal from AT&T. I love my iPhone and don't know how I ever lived without one! It is the greatest hand held multifunction device on the planet! The AT&T network has worked everywhere I have traveled. I have E-mail and Internet access 24/7 from any location without lugging around my lap top searching for open WIFI networks. Get with the program! At the price of \$70 a month for this kind of service, it's a great deal! My Alltel service for just the phone is \$28 a month. Click here for more details: [AT&T.com](http://AT&T.com).  
*Note: You can now purchase new iPhones at your local Walmart starting at \$197.*

**Printers for \$29? Get a Hewlett Packard multifunction printer for just \$29!** Print, scan, and copy. This baby will even print photo quality prints from your digital camera. It will work with any Mac 10.3.9 or above. HP Deskjet F2210. Don't need a multi function printer? Get a five star rated Canon Pixma photo quality printer model iP2600S. Check out all the printers here: [www.walmart.com](http://www.walmart.com).

**CD-R or DVD-R bundles for under \$10!** Have the urge to burn? Get a 50 pack of Memorex CD-R blank disks for \$8.99. Need to burn those movies? Get a 25 pack of Memorex DVD-R for \$9.99. You'll find them on-line at [www.BestBuy.com](http://www.BestBuy.com).

**Apple Rumors and Innuendoes: New iMac's shipping in January?** According to Mac Rumors, Apple is expected to launch new iMacs in the first quarter of 2009. These new iMacs are rumored to the the NVIDA chip set.

**iPhone Nano?** Rumors have it that Apple is making a smaller version of the iPhone called an iPhone Nano starting at just \$99. No one knows if this is for real but I guess we'll find out soon as it's rumored to launch at MacWorld in January. For more information, visit: [www.macrumors.com](http://www.macrumors.com).

**Mac Rumors Buyer's Guide:** Use this information to get the most for your money when purchasing your new Mac.

**iPod classic:** Neutral. Mid product cycle.

**iPod touch:** Neutral. Mid product cycle.

**iPod nano:** Buy. Product recently updated

**iPod shuffle:** Neutral. Mid product cycle.

**iPhone:** Don't buy. Updates soon.

**Mac mini:** Don't buy. Updates soon.

**iMac:** Don't buy. Updates soon.

**Mac Pro:** Don't buy. Updates soon.

**MacBook:** Buy. Product recently updated.

**MacBook Pro:** Buy. Product recently updated.

**MacBook Air:** Buy. Product just updated.

Information gathered from [Mac Rumors Buyers Guide](http://Mac Rumors Buyers Guide).

**Spanking Corner: Toy Packaging Manufacturers.** If you bought toys for kids this Christmas, then you can understand my gripe. It's fun playing Santa picking out that favorite toy for every child on your list. Even wrapping them is pleasurable imagining the look on the face of that special little person as they tear through the colored paper and ribbon. Then reality sinks in as the child jumps up and down wanting to immediately play with that new wonderful toy that you spent a week hunting for at every mall imaginable. Now comes the hard part and the validity of my gripe. As the child towers above you while you sit on the floor around the Christmas tree yelling, "Open it, Open it, Open it!", you look like an idiot not having a clue how to get the damn thing out of the packaging! Not wanting a child's toy to defeat you, you go to the kitchen to retrieve a kitchen knife to cut the plastic. Sitting back on the floor with the child all but drooling on you now, you cut open the package with the knife only to find the toy securely wired to the box. Now you must trudge out to the garage to retrieve your needle nose pliers. The child, almost faint with anticipation, watches as you depart, frozen in place staring at the toy trying to will it out of the box. Pliers in hand, you spend the next five minutes unwinding the yards and yards of metal wire holding the toy captive. Drool is now running down the back of your neck as the child gets closer and closer hovering just over your shoulder. Success! The toy is out of the box! The child jumps up and down squealing with glee, spit flying every where! You reach for the batteries you smartly placed on the coffee table only to find a tiny, tiny, philips screw holding the battery bay tightly shut. Where there was once joy, now hangs a visible dark cloud. You look over your shoulder to see the child who now looks like a wilted, wet lilly. You trudge out the garage once again searching for the jewelers phillips screw driver you know is around some where. You dig down to the bottom of your metal tool box trying to find it, fingernails flying off by the yard. There it is! Almost insane with rage by now and not wanting to make another trip to the garage, you bring a hammer, saw, flat head screw driver, crescent wrench, and any thing else you can find just in case. That little toy will not defeat you now! You don't even care if you have to use a blow torch on the damn thing! It's coming out of that box! Walking back to the tree and the wilted child, you grab the toy and open the battery bay inserting the batteries with the force of a GI inserting a round into a machine gun . God forbid if you drop that little screw! The child has spontaneously come back to life and is drooling again! Grabbing the toy you flip the "ON" switch. The toy jumps to life as the child jumps with glee! They grab the toy as you wipe the sweat from your brow and the drool off your neck. You plop down on the couch, totally exhausted trying to catch your breath. Before you can count to ten, the child hastily drops the toy you just spent the last half hour opening and picks up another captive toy, looks into your exhausted face and joyfully says, "Open this one, open this one!" I don't remember it being this hard when I was a kid! Spanking is actually too good for these toy packaging manufacturers. I think I'll take that machine gun now.

**Application Tips and Tricks: Help Menu:** Do you know that you have a built in manual within every single program on your Mac? Even better than that, you have Help Pointers that can quickly and easily point out exactly what you are looking for. Example: While in Safari, say you forgot how to add a bookmark. Just go up to Help in the Menu Bar at the top. In the blank Search field, start typing the word "bookmark". While you are typing, several things will pop up. Under Menu Items, you will see several pages with a blue bar across the top. Just drag down to Add Bookmark and the blue pointer will point to the correct item in the Menu Bar that will enable you to add a bookmark. Do this in any program if you forget any thing. These "pointers" are a great help!

**Software on the Cheap: iArchiver:** (*Shareware*) Don't let that PC user think you're a loser just because you can't open the file they sent you. With iArchiver, you can do just about any thing! Create Zip, DMG, 7-zip, Tar, Gzip, Bzip2, Z and CPIO archives. You will also be able to open Zip, RAR, DMG, Gzip, Bzip2, ARJ, Z, 7-zip, LhA, Stuffit, DMG, hqx, rpm, PAX, and many other common and not so common formats. Convert archives from one format to another for example from RAR to ZIP or from Stuffit to DMG Get it here: [iArchiver](#).

**Free iPhone Apps: NightStand:** Turn your iPhone or iPod Touch into a beautiful digital clock. You can even create a playlist with soothing music to help get you to sleep When you awake, the time is immediately updated. Get it at the iTunes App Store.

**My Fathers Passing:** I just wanted to thank all of you for your kind words, cards and flowers. This has been an extremely difficult time for me. I miss him so much. Thank you so much to Pike Funeral Home in Bridgeman who did such a wonderful job taking care of Dad. I also wanted to thank all the members of the Bangor VFW and American Legion post as well as the members from the Bridgeman American Legion post who braved the weather to give my Dad the military burial he deserved. Thank you so much. If you would like to read about my Dad and sign the guest book, please click here: [Jack Spangler Memorial](#). I will print them out and add them to his memorial. If you would like to view the video tribute that I made, click here: [Dad's Video Tribute](#). Please wait a few minutes for it to load as it is 30 minutes in length.

**Lakeshore Mac Web Site:** Due to the circumstances, I am a little behind updating my web site. Don't give up on me, I will be getting to that as soon as possible. You may use web site to fix your computer, download past E-letters or to purchase a Mac. You'll find tons of free information and advice. Make sure to visit [www.lakeshoremac.com](http://www.lakeshoremac.com).

**Mac FindHer Web Site:** Tech information with a feminine touch. <http://www.macfindher.com/>

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*Have a Happy and Safe New Year!*

*Jodi Spangler, CEO Lakeshore Mac*

