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Apple News. Apple introduces Bento! “The \$50 database for the rest of us.” I loved AppleWorks. I could make it sing, dance and do flips! I first started using AppleWorks on an Apple IIe then on an Apple IIGS way back in the stone age. It became ClarisWorks 1.0 in 1991 and then back to AppleWorks in 1999 when Apple absorbed ClairsWorks and renamed it. Despite the confusion, AppleWorks became an old friend that I knew very well. I used it on every Mac I owned. iWork was introduced in 2005 and I could honestly say that I was not impressed. It contained Keynote for presentations and Pages, a new word processor. I loved Keynote for presentations, but I still thought AppleWorks was better and continued to use it. Apple killed AppleWorks in August 2007 and introduced Numbers, a new spread sheet program to be included in iWork. I hated seeing my old friend die, but it was time. It could no longer handle the complex file types of this new integrated world. Now that iWork included a presentation application, word processing and a spread sheet, I was almost satisfied. All that was missing was a database. Ah ha! Now we have Bento. I wish Apple could have included it in an iWork update like they did Numbers. They didn't and it will cost an additional \$50. Bento will help you organize your life. It seamlessly integrates with Apple Address Book and iCal. When I first opened it up, it automatically took every group I had created in my address book and created a searchable database of all the information. I didn't have to do anything! The manual is built in and it includes a tutorial. So what are you waiting for? Now's your chance to get your life organized. You can get Bento on my web site at: <http://www.lakeshoremac.com/getmacsoftware.html>



Apple Rumors: New MacBook and MacBook Pros are rumored to be coming out in June. Apple will include the new Intel Penryn processors with faster front-side buses (1066MHz) than the current revisions (800MHz). Faster and faster and better and better. Look for a price drop on older MacBook models after this release.

February Updates. MacBook, MacBook Pro Keyboard Firmware Update 1.0, iLife Support 8.2, Mac OS X 10.5.2 Combo Update, Security Update 2008-001, Leopard Graphics Update 1.0, WebObjects Update 5.4.1 for Mac OS X 10.5, Mac OS X Server 10.5.2 Combo Update, QuickTime 7.4.1, iPhoto 7.1.2, Braille Display Update 1.0, and ProKit 4.5. Run Software Update under the blue apple in your menu bar or go to www.apple.com/downloads/macosx/apple.

Apple Repair. When you purchase a new Mac, you automatically get a 1 year warranty and 90 days of free technical support. If you have purchased the 3 year AppleCare with your new Mac, you are covered for any problem and can call them at any time. AppleCare is available for purchase within the first year from the date of purchase of your new Mac. I strongly recommend that you purchase AppleCare. A major repair of any system can cost \$1,000 and up. You can get AppleCare here: <http://www.apple.com/support/products/proplan.html>

Repair Extension Program: Apple's Repair Extension Program is for those of you who don't have AppleCare and for other defects not normally covered under the AppleCare warranty. These programs are: MacBook & MacBook Pro battery update. iBook battery exchange. PowerBook G4 battery exchange and display program. eMac power and video repair. iMac G5 video and power supply issues. Power Mac G5 power supply. If you are having problems with one of these computers, do your home work before you call and print out the repair extension and bring it with you to the Apple Store or when you call. Go to http://www.apple.com/support/exchange_repair/ for more info.

Apple Sauce: I have been having problems with iBook G4's. They are old enough now to be mostly out of any kind of Apple warranty. The logic boards are failing and taking the hard drive with them. The repair is \$725. If you have one of these old lap tops like I do, KEEP IT BACKED UP AT ALL TIMES! When it fails, get a new one. Apple has refurbished new MacBooks for \$849. Time to upgrade.

Apple's OS X Tips: Apple's Address Book does so much more than just store addresses. You can get detailed directions to and from any address in your address book quickly and easily. Open your Address Book from the Dock. Scroll through your addresses and find an address that you want directions. Hold down the Control key on your keyboard and click on the address. Keep holding and wait until the little control box appears and then drag down to "Map Of". Google Maps will instantly launch with a map of that location. Click on "Get directions: To here" in the floating address bubble. Type your address and click "Go". You will now have street by street directions on how to get to the address you selected. To find your way back home, just click on "Get reverse directions" in the upper left corner of your search results.

Loving Leopard: iChat AV has been around for a while but is hardly used by the over 30 crowd. iChat lets you instantly communicate with anyone who has an ICQ or AIM account. If you have a .mac account, you already have a user name and password. If you don't have a .mac account, just sign up for a free AOL instant messenger account and you're good to go. Click here for an [AIM account](#). Click on "Get a Screen Name" in the upper right hand corner and follow the instructions. To use your AIM screen name, launch iChat from your Dock, then go to iChat in the menu bar and drag down to Preferences. Click Accounts then click the Add (+) button. From the Account Type menu, choose AIM Account. Type your AIM screen name and password, and click Done. If you have a .mac account, you will enter it here also. Once you have done that, go to Buddies and drag down to Add a Buddy. In Account Name, type lakeshoremac@mac.com. In the drop down menu on the right drag to .Mac. For first name type Jodi, last name Spangler. Then click Add. You can now chat with me any time you would like. What's even better in Leopard is that I can actually take control of your screen using iChat AV4. This is great resource for troubleshooting your computer.



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