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Parabon

According to an article in ComputerWorld, Parabon is still trying to get a peer to peer network going. Parabon has 75,000 computers on their network scattered all over the world.

CU Financing

North Carolina State Employees Credit Union is financing computer purchases including Macs. The according to a member of the MacEvangeliList, the latest newsletter says:

"A New Connection For Computer Purchases Starting August 2, 2001, State and public school employees including State retirees have a new connection for computer needs! North Carolina's Information Resource Management Commission (IRMC) is sponsoring the Powerful Computer Connections program to make it easier for employ-

ees to purchase and finance computer equipment. Eleven

of the world's leading computer vendors have signed on to offer special pricing via the web. The companies are

Acer, Apple, Compaq, Dell, Fujitsu, Gateway, Hewlett-Packard, IBM, Micron, NEC and

Toshiba. More info is available at web site:

www.getapcnc.net.



Ultra-Tiny Computers

Information Week has an article about the Department of Energy's Pacific Northwest National Laboratory in Richland, Washington doing research that gets them a major step closer to having a sub-atomic quantum. They've devised a semiconductor material that has superior magnetic properties at room temperature. Before this development they need to cool material. The full story is at: <http://www.informationweek.com/thisweek/story/IWK20010809S0008>

New chip

The Austin American Statesman has an article about a new processor coming from an Austin startup named Intrinsity Inc. They are showing off a test chip that runs at 2.2 gigahertz. Now this is from a company with about \$31 million in capitalization. Its competitors have spent billions to get to the point where they can consider producing chips at that speed. (Motorola is still trying to get up to 1 gigahertz.) I certainly wish them luck. And hope that they are able to sell their concepts to Motorola and thus end the bottle neck on the PowerPC. Full story at: <http://www.siliconvalley.com/docs/news/vfront/025412.htm>

Hot Deals

Apple has put up a new page of "hot deals". It lists specials from Apple Store, CompUSA, MacConnection, MacZone and MacMall. While there isn't a whole lot there at the moment, it promises to be a good place in the future. You can

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 One year's membership in LAMUG is \$20 per person. Other family members... a spouse, son or daughter... may attend the meetings, as long as facilities can accommodate us, but only one person gets the newsletter.

Checks should be made out to LAMUG and sent to:

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 To submit articles please e-mail them as text files to davnic@adelphia.net by the third Thursday of the month.

September

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3	4	6:30 pm 5 Auburn Meeting Fairview School	6	7
10	6:15 pm 11 Officer's Meeting Designs by Skip	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28

Events

September 5th

Q & A
 iTools Demonstration by David Bergeron
 Beginners

September 11th

Board of Directors meeting at Skip's office, 41 Chestnut St. Lewiston at 6:30 pm - All LAMUG members welcome to attend. We'd like your input!

Volunteers Wanted

- Digital Art Contest committee
- Tutor senior citizens through the Auburn Adult and Community Ed Dept.
- School Liaison Directors - inform group of school events which LAMUG could participate in
- Community Projects Directors - inform group of charities and seek volunteers to create committees to work on projects
- Auction Project - volunteer for this committee today
- Writers for CiderPress

If you are interested in volunteering for any of the above, please contact Denise Scammon at 783-5203 or sammeyeam@exploremaine.com

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check it out at:

<http://guide.apple.com/hotdeals/> Thanks to Shawn King and his "Daily Report" (<http://www.macshowlive.com/dailyreport.html>) for letting me know about it.

iChicks

MacMinute.com reported on August 14, that MacNetv2 has launched iChicks, a new forum dedicated to female Mac users. The forum "promises to be a lively community for all the iChicks on the net." I am not sure that we need a forum for females on the Mac. However I do remember the Dallas version of Women In Technology that called itself WITI. So perhaps there is a market for this. Although looking at the forum, there wasn't a whole lot there yet and it was mostly male.

Sonnet Cuts Prices on G3/G4 Upgrades

Sonnet offer these processor upgrades for Macs and clones. Basically if you have a PowerMac it is upgradable. (There supposedly are some exceptions, but I haven't found them yet, except for some of the PowerBooks.)

A G3/400/1MB L2 is now \$229.95.

The G3/450/1MB L2 is \$279.95.

Crescendo/7200 G3 400/512 \$249.95
(was \$299.95)

Crescendo/L2 G3 300/512K \$149.95
(was \$169.95)

Crescendo/L2 G3 400/512K \$229.95
(was \$249.95)

Crescendo/L2 G3 400/1M \$279.95
(was \$299.95)f

Crescendo/L2 G3 500/1M \$349.95
(was \$399.95)

For more info see check out Sonnet's site at: Sonnet Technologies <http://www.sonnettech.com>

(Thanks to Insanely Great Mac for pointing this out. For their article see: <http://www.insanelygreat.com/news/01/977.html>)

Yellow Dog

MacObserver reports that a non-Apple PowerPC computer is shipping with Yellow Dog Linux installed. They are using 500 MHz machines and the machines were announced at MacWorld Expo. While it is good to see someone else using the PowerPC chip and I can see a limited use for it as rack mounted servers. I hope that there is enough of a market to justify their existence. For the full story see:

<http://www.macobserver.com/article/2001/08/16.4.shtml>

Snow iMac

I had a discussion last week with a Dallas Apple Dealer. He mentioned two things to me that I thought was interesting. The first was that he is using the new Apple Store in Plano as his North Dallas demo location. So it could very well be that instead of hurting his sales it is actually helping. (Remember Apple only sales at SRP). The second was that the sales of Snow iMacs have taken off. Apparently these machines are being used as a canvas for users customizations. This is done either with vinyl or by actually taking the case off the computer and painting the inside. Guess Flower Power was only a start!

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User Group Network

<http://www.user-groups.net/>

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Web sites of the week:

Have trouble coming up with a unique name for your hard drive? If so, then this is the web site for you: <http://www.macintoshhd.org/>

* Need help with your e-mail program or want to switch? See: [Http://www.mace-mail.com](http://www.mace-mail.com) for all the help you need.

Bungie.org

As long time Mac gamers know Bungie was the premier game company on the Mac for several years. Marathon was their answer to the multitude of first person shooters on the PC. Now there is a web site that keeps the spirit of Marathon and other Bungie games alive. Check it out at: <http://www.bungie.org/>

Quotes of the week:

"People are disturbed not by things, but by the views which they take of them"
Epicetus, 1st Century A.D., pau

The Rumor Manager is a veteran of the UGN (AOL User Groups Forum) and User Group Network. He's been a supporter and volunteer on many, many UGNet and User Group Academy projects. As a long time user group member, he's served as volunteer from Honolulu to Boston and many points in between. Currently working with the Apple Corp of Dallas, the Dallas Mac Pack, Cowtown MUG of Ft. Worth and TUMS (the Tulsa Users of Macintosh Society) doing newsletter articles and the monthly CD-ROM Update.

Rumor Manger Favorites

Courtesy of the User Group Network

"Computers in the future may weigh no more than 1.5 tons."

* Popular Mechanics, forecasting the relentless march of science, 1949

"I think there is a world market for maybe five computers."

* Thomas Watson, chairman of IBM, 1943

"I have traveled the length and breadth of this country and talked with the best people, and I can assure you that data processing is a fad that won't last out the year."

* The editor in charge of business books for Prentice Hall, 1957

"But what ... is it good for?"

* Engineer at the Advanced Computing

Systems Division of IBM, 1968, commenting on the microchip.

"There is no reason anyone would want a computer in their home."

* Ken Olson, president, chairman and founder of Digital Equipment Corp., 1977

"Striving for excellence motivates you; striving for perfection is demoralizing."

* Dr. Harriet Braiker

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed people can change the world. Indeed it is the only thing that ever has."

* Margaret Mead

"Today decides Tomorrow. Make it Count!"

* Darla Lewis

Don't Forget!!

Next meeting
is Wednesday,
September 5th at
Fairview School.

Early birds at 6 pm
general meeting
starts at 6:30 pm.



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