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The Front Line - "Overdrive"

Don't forget the roses! Some Entrepreneurs develop their business and vision with thoughts of shorter work hours and shortened commutes, only to become a victim of their own success. We are all subject to our self-imposed "high-expectations", but when is it time to slow down. Though this is something for each individual to decide, do not forget those close to you and that life is short. Take your family or a friend to the Aquarium or Zoo, or maybe just sit out on your porch and watch a sunset. Sometimes you can direct your visions better when you take a moment to look from the outside in.

Last month I asked everyone to take a moment to appreciate the liberties that we are granted each day in this nation. I never knew how truly close to home that statement might become. A fellow graduate of Douglas County High School, Ron Young Jr., was captured in Iraq protecting those very freedoms. I would personally like to congratulate himself and his family on behalf of GhostNet, Inc. for his safe return.

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Clearview Computing

Thinking of using that Tax-return money to upgrade equipment around the office?

It's hard to get by without at least one personal computer in the workplace these days. With deals from some companies offering discounts for buying

multiple computers, you might find this a good time to buy a computer for each employee if you have not already. There are a lot to choose from and systems today have never been cheaper. While it's hard to define which computer to buy for your business in only a few words, here's a quick look. The primary choice is to decide if you need a Windows-based machine or an Apple, you can always look at open-source options like Linux. It is always best to stick with one type for your office so that it is easy to share information among machines. Windows-based machines are unified by their operating system - the software that makes them run. Professional users usually opt for either Windows 2000 or Windows XP Professional. These systems are very reliable and will not crash or breakdown like Windows 9x or Windows Me.

When it comes time to make the "Big Purchase" do not forget the intended use of the machine. Desktop computers have quickly outgrown the most common tasks used by them. In the case of buying a new computer, bigger is not always better. Two helpful hints will generally lead to a much wiser purchase.

1.) Take a look at the requirements of the software you intend to use most often and purchase a machine with about 30% more resources than required. Make sure to use the "Recommended" requirements as your guide.

2.) Look at the specifications of the fastest machines on the market and then back down 20%. You will not notice the performance gains as most machines are overpowered for their intended everyday tasks. You will see the sharp price gain however, as this is generally the breaking point for market value.

Most of all, this is an investment that should last for several years to come, so buy something that you are happy with. Sometimes it is worth spending a few extra dollars to insure comfort!

We would like to welcome several companies to the GhostNet, Inc. family!

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