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Posted by [JeffH](#) on Wed, 21 Nov 2007 20:55:18 GMT

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> on the scene within three days of the storm's landfall. What just angered me to the point of popping a fuse was the blatant racism of the media.

When it all was said and done, there was no "holocaust" in the Superdome or the Convention Center. It was all bulsh\*t.

Those black Americans behaved, in the main, as the good people they are, and the crime rate in those facilities matched a normal city of that size. All the fears of rape and murder and God knows what else, were straight out of the racist minds of the media...

DC

"Dedric Terry" <

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Posted by [Chris Ludwig](#) on Wed, 21 Nov 2007 21:13:25 GMT

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>have arrived 3 minutes after,

>and if they did, the coffee would have been too hot and people would have

>burned their tongues and sued anyway.  
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>"DC" <dc@spammersinhell.com> wrote in message news:47881cee\$1@linux...  
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>> Here's an example from the site;  
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This is all very boring guys, for us non US types.

Martin Hfrom my notes at [www.kfocus.com/paris](http://www.kfocus.com/paris) under setup/motherboards

A bit hard to find these days, and a bit "old school", but they are still out there.

Gigabyte K8NS Ultra 939. Works like a charm with XP and 4 EDS cards, and two dual-head Nvidia VGA's.

I Highly recommend it. No problems with IRQ's etc, just plug in all cards, and install XP. Easy.

and

Subject: Re: BTW: Paris XP, K8NS ultra939...any pitfalls??..IT SEEMS NOT! (yet..

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Subject: Re: Is this any good?

Posted by [dc\[3\]](#) on Thu, 22 Nov 2007 08:49:59 GMT

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Date: 13 Jul 2006 22:02:56 +1000

From: "Kim W."

Newsgroups: IDEA.EMUEnsoniqPARIS

Hi, John.

No sound card, as all slots are full.

For any multimedia sound, I use the spdif out into my old Sony DAT recorder.

The first two slots have the Nvidia Quadro dual heads.

(Obviously the first slot being the AGP, and the PCI version is next to it.)

The other four PCI slots (The K8NS ultra 939 has five), have my four EDS 1000 cards.

As mentioned, I disabled SATA, as I don't use it, and also the parallel and game ports.

Firewire is active, so if I need to I can hook up my Maudio

Firewire Audiophile. (The K8NS has the Texas Instruments 1394 chipset, which is cool!).

RAM is generic 768mb DDR in DDR slots 1&3. (Dual channel would be better ofcourse, but I used what I had in my old comp.)

Drives are Western Digital 2500JB (boot) and whatever else I have in my removeable caddies (Mainly WD's), for audio. I use the boot drive as backup storage for works in progress.

Nice and quick, as the two are on seperate IDE channels.

One thing I did initially during windows install, was to use a single Nvidia MX400 geforce graphics card. After a flawless setup, I then installed both Quadras with drivers, then the EDS's.

Yes, and I HAVE imaged every step of the way.  
(Haven't had to roll-back yet.)

BTW John,  
In case you were referring to my actual Paris.cfg when you  
asked about my final config, here is a cut/paste:

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\*\*\* PARIS Configuration \*\*\*

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\*\*\* ENGINE configuration parameters \*\*\*

\* Cache Size in MB

CacheSize=40

\* Overview cache size in KB

OvwCacheSize=8192

\* I/O configuration

IOSize=96

\* SubMix Cache Size in KB

SubMixCacheSize=256

ManualRecDelay=8192

RecXFadeLen=20

Use32BitWinMTC=0

DisableDirectX=0

MIDIPlayDisabled=1

MasterOutputCard=0

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WheelSensitivity=20

WheelInertia=68

CSProVersion=EFGH



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I'm gonna disagree about that. One lawsuit doesn't mar another, legally speaking. The courts will sort it out. That's their job.

The only marring is in the court of public opinion, where those folks who desperately want to believe revisionist history (slanted in whatever direction that takes) will glom onto whatever seems to support their preselected notion of what happened, and ignore the rest.

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I don't know the details of any of the lawsuits but you could be right. It may be the net result of such lawsuits would only be to bring more evidence into view rather than to trigger any large payouts. Evidence which may help with planning for the next disaster.

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IANAL but I think there is general government immunity for that sort of thing. But any cases of actual gross incompetence or dereliction ought to at least be examined and learned from, if they happen.

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If that's true, the fed and state govs would be smart to get that signature from everyone. There is no risk free place.

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- > will have to protect themselves - same as McDonald's "Coffee may be hot"
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- > not actually hot.

We'll see. Can I get you some luke-warm coffee, in the padded sippie cup? :^)

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OK.

A number like that sounds to me like an attempt to get publicity.

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It does make the news, I've seen stories about volunteer efforts in disasters. I specifically remember stories about that after Katrina. Kudos to all involved in those efforts.

But in general I think you're right about fewer lawsuits being better because it would indicate people being more responsible on all ends of the equation, and people getting along better.

Sense of community: Yes. I don't think this idea necessarily excludes government since good government flows from a sense of community, being inclusive of the entire community. But it doesn't have to always include government, people can organize in many ways.

News hype is an interesting topic in and of itself. Many of the same people who complain about "the media" being biased actively seek out blatantly non-objective sources of news and commentary to reassure their own confirmation biases. It's ironic.

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In analyzing a changing trend in a statistic, such as the decline in the quality of the US school system, what you must do is look just BEFORE the change occurred to find what caused it. What changed in the US school system that has caused the drastic reduction in results?

Discuss please...

Deej wrote:

> Perhaps we should be paying attention to what has happened to our educational  
> system relative to the rest of the world over the last 40 years?

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> <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pMcfLYDm2U>

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I never said I wasn't implying both citizens and the government as an entity. :-) But consider this...people make up government. It is not a separate entity of beings called "them" or "they" that reside in a different dimension playing by different laws of physics and at constant odds with the beings in this dimension known as our country. Better ethics, respo

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Subject: Re: Is this any good?

Posted by [John \[1\]](#) on Thu, 22 Nov 2007 12:35:35 GMT

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and honesty in general means better people in office too (it goes a little deeper than just those qualities, but that's enough for now). New Orleans and Louisiana would do well to consider the less than stellar performance of their own elected officials - just so we aren't laying blame anywhere in particular and considering both sides,

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The same concept applies as above - better ethics, responsibility,

integrity, honesty, etc... there are people working in the news industry as

well, most with at least some power to decide how to report a story.

Dedric

I'm guessing Korg might be building a new keyboard line on the M3 - since

that's basically what some of their website lit says. Don't know if we'll

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> On 1/12/08 4:50 PM, in article 478952da\$1@linux, "Jamie K"  
> <Meta@Dimensional.com> wrote:  
>  
>> "Litigation crazed" - what's a normal level?  
>>  
> Ah, the devil's advocate argument - if there's an opinion, there's a  
> rebuttal eh? ;-))

No, you're completely wrong about that. ;^)

But actually, the idea of how much litigation is the right amount is an interesting question. I'd say zero, ideally, but to get there we need some improvements in behaviors that may take litigation to accomplish... :^)

>> I agree that ethics and responsibility could be improved, in general, in  
>> our fine society.



>>  
>> So consider this: better ethics and responsibility might have improved  
>> the government's performance in all phases of planning, preparation and  
>> response. Now, after the fact, it's possible that specific lawsuits  
>> addressing the failures might improve the ethics and responsibility of  
>> government in the future. Just to shine your light in a different direction.  
>>  
> I never said I wasn't impl

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Posted by [dc\[3\]](#) on Thu, 22 Nov 2007 19:11:42 GMT  
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oom, he shouted to me, 'What  
> setting do I use on the washing machine?'  
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> 'It depends,' I replied. 'What does it say on your shirt?'  
>  
> He yelled back, ' University of Oklahoma ..'  
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> And they say blondes are dumb...  
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> \_\_\_\_\_  
> A couple is lying in bed. The man says, 'I am going to make you the  
> happiest  
> woman in the world.'  
>  
> The woman replies, 'I'll miss you...WHERE DID THE WHITE MAN GO WRONG?'

Indian Chief, "Two Eagles," was asked by a white government official,  
"You have observed the white man for 90 years.

You've seen his wars and his technological advances. You've seen his  
progress, and the damage he's done."

The Chief nodded in agreement.

The official continued, "Considering all these events, in your  
opinion, where did the white man go wrong?"

The Chief stared at the government official for over a minute and then  
calmly replied. "When white man find land, Indians running it. No  
taxes, No debt, Plenty buffalo, plenty beaver, Clean Water; women did  
all the work, Medicine man free. Indian man spend all day hunting and

fishing; all night having sex."

Then the chief leaned back and smiled. "Only white man dumb enough think he improve system like that." Sarah is going to love this one.

Why do SOME guys like women with big tits and tight pussys? Because some guys have big mouths and small dicks.

"Sarah" <sarahjane@sarahtonin.com> wrote:

>Well, predictably, that made me laugh pretty hard. Thanks dude. :)

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>"Deej" <noway@jose.net> wrote in message news:47899c10\$1@linux...

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>> .....from an email I received from my cousin's better half.

>>

>> Subject:

>> The Whys of Men

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>> The Why's of Men

>> 1. WHY DO MEN BECOME SMARTER DURING SEX?

>> (because they are plugged into a genius)

>>

>> 2. WHY DON'T WOMEN BLINK DURING SEX?

>> (they don't have enough time)

>>

>> 3. WHY DOES IT TAKE 1 MILLION SPERM TO FERTILIZE ONE EGG?

>> (they don't stop to ask directions)

>>

>> 4. WHY DO MEN SNORE WHEN THEY LIE ON THEIR BACKS?

>> (because their balls fall over their butt-hole and they vapor

>> lock)

>>

>> 5. WHY WERE MEN GIVEN LARGER BRAINS THAN DOGS?

>> (so they won't hump women's legs at cocktails parties)

>>

>> 6. WHY DID GOD MAKE MEN BEFORE WOMEN?

>> (you need a rough draft before you make a final copy)

>>

>> 7. HOW MANY MEN DOES IT TAKE TO PUT A TOILET SEAT DOWN?

>> (don't know.....it never happened)

>>

>> And the personal favorite:

>>

>> 8. WHY DID GOD PUT MEN ON EARTH?

>> (because a vibrator can't mow the lawn)  
>> \_\_\_\_\_  
>> One day my housework-challenged husband decided to wash his Sweat-shirt  
>> Seconds after he stepped into the laundry room, he shouted to me, 'What  
>> setting do I use on the washing machine?'  
>>  
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>yup, a bunch of egotistical numbnuts. it astounds me the level of non  
educated college graduates we're churning out...with pride.

On Sun, 13 Jan 2008 01:29:11 -0800, "Sarah" <sarahjane@sarahtonin.com>  
wrote:

>I think you got it, Don. Psychologists pretending to know something decided  
>that discipline and competition were harmful to children's mental health.  
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>"DC" <dc@spammersinhell.com> wrote in message news:4789a15e\$1@linux...  
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>Taking the emphasis off competition, pass/ fail grading and passing students  
>  
>along without them being able to accomplish the coursework."Ignorance is bliss" - Popeye

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"rick" <parnell68@hotmail.com> wrote in message  
news:32qjo3tacag3k1niba4n0sdgo18aafjb5v@4ax.com...  
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>picture that's fairly small potatoes. We lose that many every 4 days  
>from mis-prescribed pharmaceuticals and every month in highway deaths.  
>If we really want to save lives there ought to be "wars against" those  
>mistakes.  
>  
>Our biggest problem right now is we are spending way more than we have,  
  
>both individually and in the government. The dollar is crashing hard  
>because the rest of the world now has an alternative in the Euro and

>they know our Fed Reserve just keeps on printing new dollars every time  
>they feel like having an extra juicy profit. The citizens won't take the  
>government to task for overspending because they are doing the same damn  
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>more money.  
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>up because it is sure to be poorly received by the electorate. Fox News  
>was evidently afraid to have Ron Paul in the last debate because he was  
>likely to shove his take-action-now fiscal viewpoint into the other  
>candidates faces, and they wouldn't know what to say - they think the

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Posted by [Kim](#) on Fri, 23 Nov 2007 01:34:53 GMT  
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fieldwork in the 80's, all said schools  
went to hell with dresscode demise '64 or so and bussing outside of  
neighborhood & local accountabilities around '68. (early results)  
Much earlier, my mother had been fired as a Milwaukee Public School  
elementary teacher in 1948, for secretly continuing teaching phonic based  
reading in class and publicly renouncing whole language as reading  
instruction. Powerful interests at stake...no dissention tolerated. It  
is/was deeper than most folks realize.  
It was known back in the '50s that the results would not be realized during  
the proponent's lifetimes. A smart, long, view  
g

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"Deej" <noway@jose.net> wrote in message news:478a81f8\$1@linux...  
>  
> Bill L <bill@billlorentzen.com> wrote:  
> >Deej, when I get some time I will work on that. Which points exactly?  
> >  
>  
> Just some authoritative reference to the fact that this particular agenda  
> was actually endorsed at a meeting of the APA. I couldn't find anything at  
> all on this on Google or Snopes. Snopes it pretty good about investigating  
> stuff like this, and they are very aggressive about debunking

sensationalist

> allegations. This is pretty sensational, to my thinking. Since I find nothing

> on Snopes about it, either they aren't aware of it (not likely if it has been previously the subject of some major flamewar forum topics, which it seems likely to be able to create) or they were aware of it and couldn't debunk

> it.

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> Thanks,

>

> DeeJ

> Be aware that Kim W, DeeJ and myself have all had these boards fail on us...

They work great... while they work. ;o)

Cheers,  
Kim.

"jim drago" <jamesd@prospectlk12.or.us> wrote:

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> Thank you for your responses so far. I am now looking for a K8NS mobo. Next >? What is a good processor with this mobo? What is a good video card, I'll > be using 1 HP w2007 to start maybe add one I more later. Good PS. and good > rack mountable case. Sorry for so many ?'s JimOn 14/1/08 5:47 AM, in article 478a4e9f\$1@linux, "Deej" <noway@jose.net> wrote:

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>> public is way too stupid to put future survival above their immediate  
>> desires.  
>>  
>> We gotta wake up NOW.  
>>  
> Bill,  
>  
> I think there is a lot of truth to what you say. We are headed to a third  
> world educational level which in turn will bring about third world  
> capabilities.  
> Perhaps we should start preparing for the role in this world that we have  
> created for ourselves.  
>  
> Deej  
>  
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Hay Guys/gals.  
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If it's the former, I'm outa here.

Martin HarringtonGreetings !

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the Eastcoast Music Mall win the  
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Please let me know :)

Morgan

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Opteron 185 is the king of the heap on that.

>What is a good video card,

Stick to nVidia/GeForce.

>I'll be using 1 HP w2007 to start maybe add one I more later.

Sorry, lost me.

>Good PS.

Antec seems to be the quality choice. what size is dictacted by what power you'll be pulling. that is decided by what kind of hardware are you putting in the machine. Do the math for each piece and you'll know where to land. include CPU, RAM, hard drives, optical drivers, mother board, PCI, AGP, etc....

>good rack mountable case. Sorry for so many ?'s Jim

Sorry man, I have no idea the current status of RM cases.

AAOn 14/1/08 11:14 AM, in article 478aa9ec\$1@linux, "Aaron Allen" <know-spam@not\_here.dude> wrote:

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t;Thanks!

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> Anyone?oh, and yes.. you will have to use the XP drivers.

AA

"Aaron Allen" <know-spam@not\_here.dude> wrote in message  
news:478ae483\$

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Posted by [Aaron Allen](#) on Sat, 24 Nov 2007 04:39:41 GMT

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>Usually, the "Aussie based threads" have zero to do with politics, (well the  
>odd one or two), but our lifestyle, and that's OK, but wall to wall days of  
>US politics is too much, even for Americans, I would have thought.  
>Why not put it in a general discussion folder or something.  
>I don't want to leave, but I'm certainly not interested in "fringe", (to  
>outsiders), political aspirations.

>Matin H  
>Now, settle down, Bill . . . don't go all Tom Cruise on us. "Battlefield  
Earth" was just a book and a movie . . . the psych-iatrists/ologists are not  
evil aliens from another galaxy . . . or ARE they? (dunt dunt duuunnnnn . .  
.. ) Psychs . . . Psychlos . . . hmmm.

I admire that Scientology usually demands specifics and personal observation, but when it comes to psychiatry, it's all broad generalities. I know a fair number of psychs through my job, and if there's an evil conspiracy to ruin humanity, I think someone forgot to clue them in. Now, the pharmaceutical companies . . . that's another story.

But thanks for the nice compliment. I should tell you, though, that I'm not particularly young, and the fact that I can count spilled toothpicks at a glance doesn't make me bright.

I'm an excellent driver.

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"Bill L" <bill@billlorentzen.com> wrote in message news:478a535f\$1@linux...

> Well done, class! Your answers are all correct, but as usual our bright  
> young lady is most astute. In the '60s psychiatry started a campaign to  
> influence the schools and school systems and the teaching colleges in a  
> big way.

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> In the '50s at an annual convention, the head of American Psychiatric  
> Association publicly declared their new goal of creating a "Value Neutral  
> Society". Their aim was to blur and eradicate the distinction between  
> right and wrong.

>  
> They knew that the sure way to change society was by influencing the  
> children. Psychiatrists have gradually introduced to our schools the mass  
> drugging of children and even infants (approximately 8 million on Ritalin  
> type drugs), Outcome Based Education (doesn't matter how much or how well  
> children learn, just that they felt good about it) and the rest of their  
> psuchobabble notions of how people should think and behave.

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> Who was the most influential proponent of the "drug culture"? Not  
> coincidentally, a psychologist and college professor, Dr. Timothy Leary.

>  
> When you hear someone derided for being "judgmental", that is the  
> influence of psychiatric double speak. Smart, ethical people used to be  
> regarded as showing "good judgment", but now that positive attribute of  
> being able to rightly judge people and situations has been slyly skewed  
> into a bad thing. I'm sure you have noticed other examples of how  
> illogical psychiatric concepts have replaced good reasoning.

>  
> When you look around our society and see the delineation between right and  
> wrong, logical and illogical, smart and stupid being blurred it is no  
> accident. Look to the only group who has for over 50 years had that as  
> their stated aim: psychiatry and psychology.

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> We can fix our schools but we must first recognize the source of the  
> problem and erase its influence or it will only get worse. Our children  
> are our responsibility.  
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directions have forgotten that.

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wrong thing being blurred. both my ass and the inability to leave the  
house did not suffer from non attention. and there sure as hell  
wasn't anything in my room to do went sent ther

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believe this as well. A bit of back story here.  
Delon Dotson was the CTO of MP3.com , while there  
developed MYMP3.com which later became known as  
Napster. He met with all the top record exec's at the time  
in a futile attempt to get them to understand the future.  
Simply put - folks would get their music by downloading.  
He was laughed out of all of their offices.

When Michael Robertson , then CEO of MP3.com and Hothead - insisted they go  
ahead and launch the first P2P site called MYMP3.com . Delon , a Christian  
and former attorney took a firm stand and said they simply could not just do  
this - it was wrong and it would be Piracy. Delon said if you do this - I'm  
selling my shares in MP3.com and I'm outta here - that's precisely what  
happened.

When I met Delon , He told me of his history and his Desire to Right the  
wrong so to speak.  
Delon had an idea for a security codec and an new approach a file format  
that would be a fraction  
of the size of an MP3 file and have way better Audio quality . That's when I  
introduced him to Elliot  
and the now known META Group consisting of all the top dogs from the Grammy  
Producer and  
Engineering wing. The Concept was to provide a secure way to sell "  
Intellectual Property " via the web.  
Along the way , the security codec portion eclipsed the actual value of the

Audio Codec when it became clear to all involved that this had solved the identity theft problem. Delon was on the team that built the SSL encryption presently used by all online transactions etc... , the new security codec is a Quantum leap from that.

I think this is going to be a very interesting year :)

Morgan

"steve the artguy" <artguy@somethingorother.net> wrote in message news:478c3fb6\$1@linux...

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> "Morgan" <morganp@ntplx.net> wrote:

>>Greetings !

>>Some of you know of my involvement with:

>><http://www.palmtreeetechology.com/>

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>>Morgan

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>>morganp@ntplx.net

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> Morgan-

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> I suspect everyone here on the NG would be very interested in Palmtree,

> from

> what I just read at the site.

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> -steve

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> for those who haven't checked it out, they claim a new compression method

> that can maintain CD quality while reducing the file to half that of an

> mp3...To quote myself, "...our Fed Reserve just keeps on printing new dollars

every time they feel like having an extra juicy profit." Who gets rich

in war time? Central bankers! They love war time, lending money to both

sides at exorbitant interest rates.

You do realize who gets screwed by inflation? People who work for a living and people who save money. Do you still think we can afford this

war and our bought and paid for Presidents?

Are you hearing Ron Paul yet?

PS: Martin, I know this is OT and may not seem to apply to Australia, but please don't ignore it. You will somehow feel the effects of it, too. Sorry. Well, you still didn't answer my question, so I guess that's that.

As for the charge of pedantry, showy writing, and so forth, I decided a while back that I'll only act stupider than I am when I'm chatting up unlettered pretty girls. If she's a hottie from the 'burbs who had to be smuggled out of Amity High and I want to see her naked, I'll pretend I watch reality TV and don't know John Milton from Milton Friedman. For the rest of the world I write and read the way I like. Some people find they can take advantage of this, that I've hacked a few paths into the jungle that make their own trek a bit easier. Other people decide I'm a pedant. As the Germans say, Es ist mir wurst! It's all sausage to me!

TCB

"DC" <dc@spammersinhell.com> wrote:

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>"TCB" <nobody@ishere.com> wrote:

>>

>>Now then, here we have the DC rhetorical and debating style at its simplest

>>and purest. Or rather half of it. There's pit bull DC who will argue anything

>>to the bitter end and provoke the other party at every turn. Then there

>is,

>>grandfatherly DC (this one) who speaks in generalities, answers questions

>>with questions, and makes swooping appeals to open discussion and earnest

>>sharing of ideas. Grandfatherly DC shows up in two situations, a) when

DC

>>has provoked the other party into spittle jetting rage ('Now \_look\_ at

what

>>you're doing, tsk tsk') or b) when he's caught dead to rights. There's

also

>>the convenient chopping up of what other people write to avoid discussing

>>anything he doesn't want to discuss.

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>This is supposed to be a substitute for content??

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>How about you? Proud member of the assholes (I'm not a nice guy!)

>union? The list pedant, never missing a chance to display his knowledge?

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>You have to be kidding. Man I edit you to spare you some grief...

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>(grin)

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>  
>>In any case, you missed a chance to make a good, or at least your best,  
>argument  
>>here. You said morals, wisdom, and decency need to be taught alongside  
'intelligence'  
>>and I asked who got to choose the morals to be taught. Of course, that's  
>>an almost impossibly difficult question, because at some point someone  
is  
>>going to object to some of those morals.  
>  
>  
>Which of course is not at all the point.  
>  
>It's not impossible, and it's not even very difficult. It is, however,  
>collaborative and you have contributed nothing. As usual.  
>  
>Is there common ground? Can we agree on some basics?  
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>  
>>What you could have argued, to at  
>>least get some breathing space, is that whatever morals should be taught  
>>it shouldn't be that Frankfurt School relativism spouted by elite and effete  
>>east coast Ivy Leaguers like me, which is the status quo. That misrepresents  
>>both me and the status quo, but that's never stopped you before and it's  
>>the best argumentative out you had.  
>  
>  
>Nope. Don't give a damn about your relativism and neither will history.  
>This country is still a democracy, no matter how much that pisses you  
>off, and most people have a clear set of morals. They will contribute  
>where you will not. They will rule. You will not. You will hate them.  
>That will make you feel special about yourself...  
>  
>  
>>Now then, some parts of a good school curriculum have no moral component.  
>>There's not much ethical spin possible when dealing with the laws of thermodynamics  
>>or the Pythagorean Theorem. The satanist in Brooklyn, the maddrassah teacher  
>>in Peshawar, the Mormon home schooler in Provo, and the radical settler  
>on  
>>the West Bank would all cheerfully agree that the speed of light is about  
>>186,000 miles per second. So what we're really talking about is minimal  
>social  
>>sciences (barely taught outside of college), history, and languages and  
>literature.  
>  
>You forgot Zoroastrianism and your friendly local Buddhist, not to  
>mention your fellow Flying Spaghetti Monster worshipers...



>  
>So, It's proven! Nothing can be done!! There can be no morals taught  
>in schools.  
>  
>And you call this a position?  
>  
>  
>>So then, if morals and decency are to be taught in public schools, I ask  
>>this time thrice, who gets to decide what is taught?  
>  
>Thrice, he said thrice!! Must be educated...  
>  
>We the People, that's who. I just reject your thesis, out of hand,  
>that is it impossible to find common ground.  
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>  
>>As a delectable carrot to draw out an answer I offer this. If you answer  
>>that question with any degree of thoughtfulness and thoroughness I will  
>give  
>>you my opinion. And that is the opinion of someone who attended public  
>>schools for twelve years, whose parents both spent their entire working  
>lives  
>>in public education, and who attended a private college where I got to  
compare  
>>my education to students who graduated in some of the most elite private  
>>and public secondary schools in the world.  
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>>This isn'

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ernal DVDR out of my next MacBook Pro  
>>>>laptop and put in a second hard drive, that would be useful. And use  
the  
>>>>  
>>>>external DVDR that was just announced today for few times I'd need it  
>  
>>>>with the laptop. Hmm.  
>>>>  
>>>>Cheers,  
>>>> -Jamie  
>>>> [www.JamieKruz.com](http://www.JamieKruz.com)  
>>>>

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>>>>  
>>>>James McCloskey wrote:  
>>>>> And they left out FireWire. WTF are they thinking??? But hey it's  
>thin  
>>>enough  
>>>>> to slice bread. What a joke!  
>>>>>  
>>>>> "TCB" <nobody@ishere.com> wrote:  
>>>>>> Never mind, I take it all back, it doesn't have ethernet. Nice job  
>Apple,  
>>>>>> leave out a ten cent part on an \$1800 laptop so I can't use it in  
>my  
>>>office  
>>>>>> to talk to my servers securely over a wire.  
>>>>>>  
>>>>>> TCB  
>>>>>>  
>>>>>> "TCB" <nobody@ishere.com> wrote:  
>>>>>>> Drive space isn't much of an issue, this would be mostly an office/travel  
>>>>>>> laptop, my music laptop is already tricked out with a 250GB drive.  
>>Also  
>>>>>>> SSD  
>>>>>>>> drives are just way to expensive now.  
>>>>>>>>  
>>>>>>>>> I'll keep an eye on this. If they don't have any of the usual dying  
>>>batteries/cracking  
>>>>>>>>> cases problems that a lot of first gen Apple hardware has I'll give  
>>>one  
>>>>>>>>> a  
>>>>>>>>>> serious look.  
>>>>>>>>>>  
>>>>>>>>>>> TCB  
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