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SUMMER STORMS

Summer is upon us and here in South Florida it is the start of the rainy season. South Florida is rated as the area in the U.S. with the highest number of lightning strikes per year. Make sure your computer system is protected with AT LEAST a good surge protector. All devices, especially your modem's phone line, should pass through the surge protector. A surge protector can keep the surges and spikes out, but when the power goes out during lightning storms so will your computer unless you have a battery backup. A battery backup or Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS) generates A/C power for a short while after the power goes out allowing you to save your work before shutting off the power.

Family Computer USA has a limited supply of battery backups available at a reduced price right now: \$93.75 for a CyberPower 500SL system. Get yours before it's too late!

UPGRADES, ANYONE?

Need more performance but are hesitant to buy a new computer? Do you like your software as it is, but would like the computer to run faster? Consider a complete hardware upgrade. Family Computer USA is able to remove and replace your mainboard, CPU, RAM, video, sound card, etc. and still use your computer case and drives saving a lot over the cost of a new system. Plus you get to keep all your software as you like it instead of starting with brand new software again.

With recent price reductions from several parts manufacturers, Family Computer USA is able to offer as an upgrade package a new mainboard with an INTEL 633MHz CPU, 128MB SDRAM, 16MB AGP video card, 56K V.90 modem, and a 10/100 LAN card all for the low price of \$449.00. This is a \$50 special summer discount from our regular price of \$499. You must be running Windows 98 to take advantage of all of the new hardware. Call for a bench reservation so you can be without your computer for the least amount of time. 941-435-9210

You may just need more hard drive space. We have 10GB for \$109.00, 20GB for \$119.00 and 30GB for \$149.00.

Monitors have been reduced. A 15" is \$159.00, 17" is \$199.00, and 19" is \$349.00.

WE DO WINDOWS

Microsoft has recently announced that it will officially release the new edition of Windows, known as Windows XP, in October of this year. This edition will replace Windows 95/98, Windows ME, Windows NT and Windows 2000. If you haven't yet upgraded your operating system to Windows 98 Second Edition (SE), now would be a good time. Windows 98 SE is

mature, powerful and relatively bug-free. If Microsoft follows their lead, then Windows XP may take at least a year to become stable.

We recommend that if you don't have a need to upgrade, then don't. If you do need to upgrade for hardware or software compatibility, and you are currently running Windows 3.1x, Windows 95 or Windows 98, then choose Windows 98 SE. If you are currently running Windows NT or Windows 2000, then wait until Windows XP has matured for at least a year.

LITTLE BLUE GUYS

Family Computer USA only builds with INTEL processors. The newest line from INTEL is the Pentium 4. It's a high-performance series with speeds starting at 1.3GHz. By the end of the year, INTEL expects to top the 2GHz mark! That's 2000MHz!

Family Computer USA is currently offering a 1.5GHz Pentium 4 system with 128MB RDRAM, a 30GB hard drive, a 32MB AGP video card and a 12x10x32 CD-R/W drive for only \$1599.00. For those that don't need a top-flight machine, we are offering the same configuration with a 1000MHz Pentium III and a 52X CD-ROM drive for \$1179.00.

We also have mid-range systems featuring a 733MHz or 800MHz Pentium III with 128MB SDRAM, 20GB hard drive, 16MB AGP video, and 52X CD-ROM drive for \$749.00 and \$879.00 respectively.

HAVE NETJET, WILL TRAVEL

If you travel each year and want to have your computer with you at both locations, but don't want to pay the high cost of a laptop, then Family Computer USA has a special system for you. We call it the NETJET. It is a full-featured computer built into a small case that is small enough to fit into a briefcase! You can have a standard keyboard, mouse and monitor at each location and just carry the Netjet computer with you when you travel. Our Netjet has a 633 MHz INTEL CPU, 128MB SDRAM, 10GB hard drive, 16MB video card, 56K V.90 modem, 52X CD-ROM drive and 10/100 LAN card for only \$799.00. We can optionally configure a Netjet with a 733MHz or 800MHz CPU for \$849.00 or \$979.00.

SCHOOL'S NOT OUT FOR SUMMER

Family Computer USA has expanded its training facilities. The Learning Center in Naples has two classrooms for a total of 8 students at a time. IT Academy, our affiliate in Fort Myers, has four classrooms for a total of 17 students at a time. We have full-time occupational curriculums as well as customized one-on-one training schedules. Call Herb for details at 941-435-9210.

Have a safe and pleasant Memorial Day. Thanks for reading.
Now you're one of the Family!

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