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#### WHY THE LONG LAPSE IN NEWSLETTERS?

We have been extremely busy handling the annual upswing in business at this time of year. I looked back and realized that our last newsletter went out in October! Here's what's new:

#### MEMORY PRICES SOAR

As a result of heavy consumer purchases over the holiday season and several manufacturers closing their business due to the super-low prices earlier, the street price on RAM has increased dramatically. The price will likely continue to climb.

We are offering a 128MB SDRAM Memory Upgrade at \$59.95, installed, while you wait. Call ahead for an appointment and details.

#### UPGRADE OPTIONS

We can rebuild your computer with a new mainboard, 16MB video memory, 128MB SDRAM, modem, LAN card and 3-D sound. Both Windows 98 and an ATX case are required.

Total cost with a 700MHz Intel Celeron...\$397.00.

Total cost with a 1000MHz Intel Celeron...\$447.00

And with our "Advance Reservation Service" you can bring your computer in by appointment for fastest turnaround time.

#### TECH TIP: Cleaning out sent messages

When you send an email message, your email program normally stores a copy of that message in a special folder. Depending on which program you use, that folder might be named "Sent," "Sent Items," "Sent Mail," or "Out." Some people like to keep those messages in case they want to refer to them in the future (you can read messages you've sent by clicking the folder to open it and then clicking the message you want to read). Other folks like to delete some or all of those messages to recover hard disk space. If you are not using an on-line email program, like Yahoo or Hotmail, you can delete copies of messages you've sent following this procedure:

First, click the folder containing your sent messages to display the list of messages. To mark only certain messages for deletion, hold down your "Ctrl" key as you click each individual message. To mark all the messages for deletion, click any message to select it, and then click the "Edit" menu and choose "Select All." Once you've highlighted the messages you want to get rid of, press your "Delete" key.

If you are using an on-line email program, follow their instructions for deleting sent messages.

#### NEW SYSTEMS

Let us build you a SUPER POWER Intel Pentium 4 computer. This powerful machine has a 2000MHz (2GHz) Pentium 4 processor, an 80GB hard drive (7200 RPM), 256MB SDRAM,

64MB video card, 24x10x40 rewritable CD burner, speakers, floppy drive, 56k V.90 modem, LAN port for high-speed internet connection, infra-red cordless keyboard with trackball, ATX case with 300 watt power supply, Win 98, Norton anti-virus and Lotus Smart Suite. All this power for \$1999.00.

#### INTRODUCING...

Our newest entry, the FlexJet Space Saver Computer. Designed for those who have a small space or want to take the computer back up north at the end of season. The FlexJet measures 12 ½" wide by 13 ½" deep by 3 ½" high but is a very powerful computer.

With an Intel Celeron 1000MHz CPU, 20GB hard drive, 128MB SDRAM, 24x10x40 rewritable CD burner, 16MB video, 3-D sound, floppy drive, LAN (for high-speed internet service), modem, keyboard, mouse, speakers, Win 98SE, Anti-virus S/W and Lotus Suite with Lotus Organizer. Price: \$1099.00.

Treat yourself to a big full measure 17" LCD flat screen monitor for \$689.00. The screen size is almost as big as a standard 19" monitor.

#### DON'T BE LATE FOR CLASS

Are you frustrated because you don't know how to use your computer? Sign up for one of our special ten-hour computer class for beginners. Subjects covered: Basic Knowledge of Windows, How to Use Word Processing Software, How to Use the Internet to Get Information, and How to Send E-mail and Attachments. The class meets for one week on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:20 p.m. There are only four persons in each class. Cost per person is \$200.00 or \$20.00 per hour. The first scheduled class will begin on February 11. Call now for your reservation, 435-9210. Payment required when reservation is made.

How about private tutoring in your home or at your business? Our qualified, experienced instructors can teach you about most computer software programs. \$55.00/hour.

#### WHAT ABOUT WINDOWS XP?

There been a lot of hype about Windows XP since it debuted in late October. As with all versions of Windows, the new release has its problems. Our official stance is that we are holding off on installing it into our new systems until Microsoft issues a Service Pack Release to fix some of the known bugs. In the meantime, if you want to learn more about if your system can be upgraded, follow this link to check for eligibility and to use the online Upgrade Advisor. <http://www.microsoft.com/windowsxp/home/howtobuy/upgrading/advisor.asp>

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