

Re: MSNBC (Oberg) – Deadly space lessons go unheeded

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Terrell Miller <millerto@bellsouth.net> wrote:

:Fred J. McCall wrote:

:> :Paying for my health coverage would consume enough of my
:> :after tax income that I would have to abandon my home and go
:> :homeless.

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:> Yet you can afford a computer and internet access.

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:> Yeah, right.

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:if you do the math, the Internet is a really cheap form of
:entertainment. My DSL is \$40/month. I probably average 60 hours per
:month, so it's less than a buck per hour to get a "window on the world"
:or whatever. Obviously you have to amortize your PC, but a decent
:computer can be had for well under a grand and it'll last you five
:years. That's about a quarter per hour of internet usage, not counting
:game playing and spreadsheets and MP3 playing and the like. So it
:really only costs about a buck an hour to use the Internet. And it's a
:good way to get exposed to an awful lot of stuff you wouldn't have a
:chance to even know about otherwise.

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:I'd say that JazzMan is making pretty good use of the resources
:available to him. Gotta admire his spirit, and he's obviously very
:well-spoken and intelligent. Good people.

He'd be making better usage to not buy the computer, not buy the ISP
access, and spend the money on something he's whining about
desperately needing and not having.

It would have the added advantage of him not being here whining for a
hand out.

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"Some people get lost in thought because it's such unfamiliar
territory."

--G. Behn