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Subject: OT(ish): ANA seems to be back  
Posted by [James Tappin](#) on Wed, 14 Nov 2001 11:21:50 GMT  
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It looks as if the ANA site <http://ana.lmsal.com/> is operation again. Still no updates since Sept 00 though.

James

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Subject: Re: OT(ish): ANA seems to be back  
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Wed, 14 Nov 2001 17:08:17 GMT  
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Nigel Wade (nmw@ion.le.ac.uk) writes:

> But, in the case of "free" software, it hasn't actually cost you anything.

Well, if you don't include "time futzing around" into the equation, of course. :-)

Cheers,

David

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Subject: Re: OT(ish): ANA seems to be back  
Posted by [Logan Lindquist](#) on Wed, 14 Nov 2001 19:25:53 GMT  
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"David Fanning" <[david@dfanning.com](mailto:david@dfanning.com)> wrote in message  
news:MPG.165c52eb332a85c9989770@news.frii.com...

- > Well, if you don't include "time futzing around" into
- > the equation, of course. :-)

You should look into working for a corporation where you don't have to feel guilty about spending time futzing around with stuff. Of course you would have your regular work to do. Well that is if your regular work doesn't take up all your time. The news group counts as futzing? Getting paid to work on whatever sounds interesting is the ideal.

If our society was setup where everyone got what they wanted and could do whatever they wanted then we wouldn't need money! A truly republic democracy or a monarchy democractic political system could then be formed where government interests couldn't be "bought".

The corporation would still exists as a means to run things, but the social classes that exists today in the industrialized nations as a result of capitalism would disappear. The person could then choose what they want to do and be rewarded based on what they choose to do for that year.

This is of course assuming that we could somehow transfer skill sets required to the different jobs. Who knows how that would be accomplished, but if it is possible it would lead to better social system which promoted something closer to equality.

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Subject: Re: OT(ish): ANA seems to be back  
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Wed, 14 Nov 2001 19:51:16 GMT  
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Logan Lindquist (llindquisit@mrdoc.cc) writes:

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- > or a monarchy democractic political system could then be formed where
- > government interests couldn't be "bought".

Uh, you wouldn't still be on college, would you?

In the real world, even if you are doing what you want to do and what you are interested in doing, it

can still be a grind. Money definitely helps. :-)

Cheers,

David

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Subject: Re: OT(ish): ANA seems to be back

Posted by [Logan Lindquist](#) on Wed, 14 Nov 2001 20:50:19 GMT

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"David Fanning" <david@dfanning.com> wrote in message

news:MPG.165c79236116bd72989771@news.frii.com...

> Logan Lindquist (llindquisit@mrdoc.cc) writes:

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David,

Uh, graduated but no diploma. Stupid Liberal Arts :) [in school part time]  
Not that it matters cause a person can expirence the grind working in all  
sorts of jobs. Some people think working for yourself is more rewarding  
because you make the decisions, but I think working for a corporation [Its  
employees are responsible for its suces, even though those at the top are  
held more responsible and if the corporation fails then they have a hard  
time also] and being at the top is more rewarding. I am working full time at  
something that is interesting, but not what I really want to do for more  
than a year.

My point, and sorry to get off on a tangent, was that money was a  
meaningless social construction that causes more strife than good. If it  
didn't exist then your problem of feeling guilty about spending time on  
something that you found interesting [otherwise you wouldn't have taken the  
time] and not on what ever consulting work you had would be alleviated. I  
also tried to point out that when working for a corporation you don't feel  
as guilty at futzing around because of the more relaxed pay structure versus  
a consultant. I am sure you are aware of this, but my real motive was to  
offer my fantasized view of a better society.

Logan

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Subject: Re: OT(ish): ANA seems to be back  
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Wed, 14 Nov 2001 21:18:40 GMT  
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Logan Lindquist (llindqsit@mrdoc.cc) writes:

- > but my real motive was to
- > offer my fantasized view of a better society.

Oh, right. Well, you came to the right newsgroup.  
There are all kinds of fantasy here. :-)

Cheers,

David

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Subject: Re: OT(ish): ANA seems to be back  
Posted by [Ken Prager](#) on Wed, 14 Nov 2001 21:20:38 GMT  
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In article <9sugic\$rjs\$1@sulawesi-fi.lerc.nasa.gov>,  
"Logan Lindquist" <llindqsit@mrdoc.cc> wrote:

- > "David Fanning" <david@dfanning.com> wrote in message
- > news:MPG.165c52eb332a85c9989770@news.frii.com...
- >
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> something closer to equality.  
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"Logan, meet Ayn."

"Ayn, this is Logan."

"You two will be sitting next to each other at dinner tonight..."

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Subject: Re: OT(ish): ANA seems to be back  
Posted by [Paul van Delst](#) on Wed, 14 Nov 2001 21:27:56 GMT  
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Logan Lindquist wrote:

>  
> but my real motive was to  
> offer my fantasized view of a better society.

Fantasized...oh, o.k. Then I won't issue a recommendation to change your usenet moniker to "The Man of La Mancha".... :o)

paulv

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Subject: Re: OT(ish): ANA seems to be back  
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Wed, 14 Nov 2001 21:30:11 GMT  
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Ken Prager (prager@ieee.org) writes:

> "Logan, meet Ayn."  
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> "Ayn, this is Logan."  
>  
> "You two will be sitting next to each other at dinner tonight..."

You got that right! :-)

Cheers,

David

P.S. In a previous life time, almost, I was  
an Ayn Rand fanatic. How exhilarating it all  
was. Now my 17-year old son is writing reports  
about Fountainhead. Ah, it takes me back....

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Subject: Re: OT(ish): ANA seems to be back  
Posted by [Logan Lindquist](#) on Wed, 14 Nov 2001 22:27:31 GMT  
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"Ken Prager" <prager@ieee.org> wrote in message  
news:prager-9D7768.13203814112001@bos-proxy.ext.ray.com...

> In article <9sugic\$rjs\$1@sulawesi-fi.lerc.nasa.gov>,  
> "Logan Lindquist" <llindqsit@mrdoc.cc> wrote:

> "Logan, meet Ayn."  
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To take the topic even farther off track ....

Funny, I have never read any of her work, and I do not consider myself to be  
a objectivist. Well at least all the time that is. The Libertarian party is  
kinda interesting. I'm torn between the two. Oh and I didn't vote for Nader  
;) Gore all the way baby!

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Subject: Re: OT(ish): ANA seems to be back  
Posted by [Nigel Wade](#) on Thu, 15 Nov 2001 09:46:58 GMT  
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David Fanning wrote:

> Nigel Wade (nmw@ion.le.ac.uk) writes:  
>  
>> But, in the case of "free" software, it hasn't actually cost you  
>> anything.  
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> Well, if you don't include "time futzing around" into  
> the equation, of course. :-)  
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That's equally applicable to commercial applications.

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Subject: Re: OT(ish): ANA seems to be back  
Posted by [hcp](#) on Thu, 15 Nov 2001 10:26:21 GMT  
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In article <9t02uj\$55ke\$1@rook.le.ac.uk>, Nigel Wade <nmw@ion.le.ac.uk> writes:

[in reply to the statement]  
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> > the equation, of course. :-)  
>  
> That's equally applicable to commercial applications.

Especially (to bring this all back on topic) if that application is IDL.

Hugh

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Subject: Re: OT(ish): ANA seems to be back  
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Thu, 15 Nov 2001 14:00:06 GMT  
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H C Pumphrey ([hcp@newsread.ed.ac.uk](mailto:hcp@newsread.ed.ac.uk)) writes:

> [in reply to the statement]  
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> |> > the equation, of course. :-)  
> |>  
> |> That's equally applicable to commercial applications.  
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> Especially (to bring this all back on topic) if that application is IDL.

Well, only if it has to do with objects, or PostScript,  
or contours, or... Oh, I see your point. :-)

Cheers,

David

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