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The summer of 2007 will mark the 20th year of operation for the Sports Center. Since day one the business has been locally owned and operated allowing the business to grow without losing touch with the community. The club now boasts 45,000 square feet of fitness and recreation facilities including top of the line equipment for strength and cardio training.

The club also offers two pools, racquetball courts, a basketball gymnasium, group fitness classes, and a wide variety of programs and services. The wide variety of services and size of the facilities, make the Sports Center unique in Carteret County and is also one of the largest clubs in Eastern North Carolina. Memberships are available to individuals, couples and families and a contract

is not required to join. Corporate membership programs are also available. Interested parties should inquire at

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Email can be hazardous to your career

You can't fault organizations for being careful. They have a number of things to guard against including everything from terrorists, to lost trade secrets, libel, and potential violence.

That's why emails are routinely subjected to programs that search for dangerous words and suggestive remarks. The latest software is very sophisticated. It doesn't just hunt for words and phrases such as "insider trading," or "breaking the law."

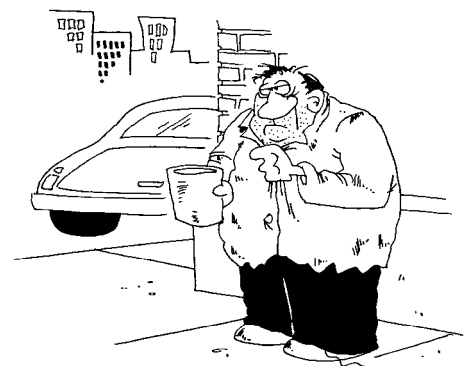
Some programs such as those by Cataphora, described in Fortune, additionally search for language that seems intentionally vague. It catches phrases such as "that thing we talked about," and "what we spoke of the other day when we talked about the other thing." And it catches words that indicate negative emotions, such as confused, bewildered, lost sleep, and regret.

Some programs examine any shift in email habits. If you usually use email in the afternoon, for example, and you suddenly begin sending messages in the middle of the night, the program will point that out.

For many people, however, emails that simply show a lack in judgment can wreak the most havoc. Remember that anything you write can be forwarded instantly to hundreds of others and to blogs where you may be ridiculed.

To keep email working for you the way it should:

- Stick to business topics. Be concise and clear.
- Keep it short and to the point, no small talk that could be misunderstood.
- Know what types of words and phrases company software programs target and don't use them.
- Always keep common sense and good values in mind



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NOTABLE QUOTES

"The fact is, there is no such thing as "try." There is either "do" or "don't do."

Anthony Robbins

"There is no such thing in life as an unimportant day."

Alexander Woollcott

"A peacock that rests on his feathers is just another turkey."

Dolly Parton

"If you can find a path with no obstacles, it probably doesn't lead anywhere."

Jean Jacques Rousseau

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Long-term financing makes cars cost much more

While consumers focus on the price of gas, many are ignoring the high price of financing a car. Some loans can last as long as nine years.

It's nice to buy a vehicle with nothing down and low monthly payments. But buyers who do are more likely to owe more on car loans than the car is worth. The "upside down" position can last for years.

The practice is growing. Last year, about 29 percent of car buyers who traded in a vehicle to buy a new one owed more on their car loans than their cars were worth, compared with 20 percent five years ago.

Consumers are viewing their expenses in terms of monthly payments rather than overall costs, say economists writing in The Wall Street Journal. Few car buyers know the actual full cost of their vehicles or stop to consider how much more expensive it is to take on a long-term loan.

The average maturity of a car loan today is about 70 months, up from 62 last year. Loans that are for seven, eight, and nine years push the average up.

Many consumers formerly traded their cars after about three years. But three-year car loans today are rare. Today, cars are traded about half way through the loan term. Buyers with negative equity when they traded their cars last year on average owed \$3,062 on their loans, compared with \$1,726 in 2000

and \$617 in 1990.

To finance a 2007 Chrysler 300C, (\$35,195), a three-year loan at 5.89 percent has \$3,287 in financing costs. To finance five years at 6.05 percent, interest comes to \$5,679. A seven-year loan at 6.59 percent has \$8,835 in financing costs, according to the Kelley Blue Book

Data Back-up

Did you back up your data today? Yesterday? Last week?

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Top Ten + Threats

The following listing highlights some of the major threats to computer systems during the month of June 2007. If your anti-Virus program advises you that it cannot remove any of these threats, you should contact your IT department, or ACS Computer Systems for help in removal as serious damage can be done to your system and some threats can e-mail themselves to others in your address book.

- W32.Himu.A@mm
- W32.Netsky.BG@mm
- W32.Amca
- Trojan.Trickanclck
- Bloodhound.Elpl0it155
- Bloodhound.Elpl0it156
- Bloodhound.Elpl0it156
- W32.Vispat.A@mm
- W32.Hairy.A
- W32.Nujamk.B

*Source symantec.com/enterprize/securityresponse/

ACS Welcomes New Carteret Chamber Members for June 2007

- AFLAC—Leslie Peaden
- AFLAC—Lisa Bourbeau
- Ahoy Boat Rentals, LLC
- Calico Racquet Courts
- Century 21 Newsom Ball Realty
- Crystal Coast Consultants
- Crystal Coast Super Boat Grand Prix
- Crystal Ministries & Counseling
- First Horizon Home Loans

ACS Welcomes New Havelock Chamber Members for June 2007

Victory Chapel Christian Center

Prez Says— Is your business computer a tool or a toy?

Do you view your computer as a business tool, or just a toy? The easiest way to get a truthful answer to this question is to see how much work you can get done during your business day without using your computer.

So, if you have decided that you computer is a tool, did you buy this business tool with as much care as you would other tools that are necessary for the successful running of your business? If you are a contractor and you need to replace a drill, do you go to the home tool section and buy the \$19 Black and Decker?

Obviously not, you go to the industrial section and buy a drill specifically made for heavy duty use. Many people would serve themselves well to be as careful when it comes to getting their business computer systems.

Some business owners will go to the store to buy paperclips and then ask the salesman that just sold him those paperclips what he needs in a computer to run at his business. In



From the desk of:
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this way many business owners get home computer systems that have not been designed for business use. What is the difference you might ask? Business computers are designed and built for heavier sustained use and are built with higher end components. During the design stages the computers and servers can have capabilities added to them to account for any special needs that

the business owner might have for them. An off the shelf unit will most probably not meet those requirements

Business systems are loaded with a business class operating system, allowing them to be connected to a server environment should that ever be needed. These systems are also not loaded down with extra software that will never be used and just using up space. Save yourself some time and energy, find a person with experience in business computing to advise you in your computing needs. That advice will not be complete if it does not include reviews of possible future expansion.

A little planning for your future can pay you many dividends when you are able to drop in a new server in your office without having to make major changes to your existing computers.

We have built and maintain numerous business systems for local business and town governments and would be happy to meet with you to review your present and future requirements and needs.