Subject: Who are these people?
Posted by GarMan on Tue, 13 Jul 2004 19:50:47 GMT
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and when does it become "too much"??
http://aca.gr/system_sort.htm

Subject: Re: Who are these people?
Posted by Wayne Parham on Tue, 13 Jul 2004 22:26:41 GMT
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Looks like a club of high end guys. I remember seeing posts in forums with links to some of those systems. The motto is "too much is never enough!"

Subject: Re: Who are these people?
Posted by GarMan on Wed, 14 Jul 2004 01:04:32 GMT
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Growing up poor, my father had a motto too:"What good is it if you can't eat it?"

Subject: debt
Posted by Mike.e on Wed, 14 Jul 2004 03:34:40 GMT
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To me theres a difference between, value for money audio,and ripping-of-the-customer-audio/no-extra-fidelity-for-9x-the-cost. having $27g debt at 21,with more to come,puts perspective on audio expenditure,when you have $2 to last for 4days:-D

Subject: Funny thing about money....
Posted by wunhuanglo on Wed, 14 Jul 2004 08:07:00 GMT
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We have such a complex relationship with it.Over on AA Speakers there are a couple of guys

(doctors, at least one is an Ob/Gyn) debating (read bragging their asses off) about the merits of their new Wilson Audio X2 speakers. $125K per pair, plus tax and tip. Both apparently upgraded from their X1 speakers, which were on the order of $90K per pair.Being the odd person that I am, and having found myself in odd circumstances over the years, I've had occasion to be lectured by doctors on the subject of their remuneration.Invariably, the substance of their story is that with most health care consumed by the retired/older set, and the limits set by Medicare, they can barely make a living. One Ob/Gyn told me that the cost of his malpractice insurance was so high it barely made sense to go to work. Another one, a relative, told me that he's getting out of medicine and going into medical administration where the real money is, because the hours are killing him and there's no money in it. BTW, this is a rheumatologist – an arthritis doctor – you don't work outside 9 to 5 or get emergency calls in the middle of the night if you're a rheumatologist.All of this is to say that, invariably, when the subject comes up these middle-aged physicians tell their tale of woe and lack of real revenue. Then you read about the same group of guys dropping 3-years pay for most well paid middle class people on a pair of speakers they "just had to have" once they heard them. Not that the pair they already had weren't essentially the same thing already. On the one hand, they tell you they make no real money. On the other, they spend $125,000 after tax, net, folding-money-in-your-pocket, for a pair of speakers. And instead of being sheepish about it, they brag to the world.The same guys who, when they find out you have no insurance, charge you five times what insurance would have paid them, because that's the non-insurance price. If you can't pay it, they'll turn you over to collectors and bankrupt you. Guess they have to get the money for speaker cables from someplace.Are we any different, spending money on speaker stuff when we have to make $2 last 4 days? Or like yesterday, when I put the $500 co-pay for a month's prescription at the pharmacy on a credit card? Does it make sense that I'm spending money fooling with stereo when I have those kinds of bills? Nope. But nonetheless we apparently are able to make some sort of schizophrenic judgment that lets us do these sorts of things to ourselves (and others). .

Subject: Re: Funny thing about money....
Posted by GarMan on Wed, 14 Jul 2004 12:32:14 GMT
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It is true that most people see spending more than $500 on an entire stereo system is way too much. So I guess it's all relative.

Subject: Re: Funny thing about money....
Posted by Manualblock on Wed, 14 Jul 2004 12:42:09 GMT
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500$ co-pay??? How is that possible? You must have Aetna.

Subject: The cash price is over $3000 <nt>
Posted by wunhuanglo on Wed, 14 Jul 2004 22:47:44 GMT
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Subject: I borrowed $ to buy my 2226 jbl :o)
Posted by Mike.e on Thu, 15 Jul 2004 04:09:30 GMT
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i think im slightly different,,Because what i buy,brings such great improvements,and in return,audio happyness!thats whats good about being at the low end of the scale :-D

Subject: Re: Funny thing about money....
Posted by metasonix on Sun, 18 Jul 2004 03:25:03 GMT
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>Over on AA Speakers there are a couple of guys (doctors, at least one is an Ob/Gyn) debating (read bragging their asses off) about the merits of their new Wilson Audio X2 speakers. $125K per pair, plus tax and tip.Please, don't tell me these things. It only makes me angry.I saw a recent story that said the average American GP in private practice makes more than $290k per year. And that's AFTER EXPENSES. Specialists usually make more.The AMA used to report this routinely, and I hear that they stopped doing it about 10 years ago--because people (incl. Congresspeople) were incensed that MDs were making so much, even allowing for stiff malpractice insurance costs. (OBs pay the maximum rate, apparently -- something like $150,000/year if they don't have any record of complaints.)So don't accept any crap from your doctor about how little money he's making. American MDs are still the best-paid in the world. They have just learned how to lie about it. I guess they realize that if their patients found out how much they lie, they might have to accept lower payments from HMOs and Medicare. And pay more for malpractice insurance.Any chance we can get the email addresses of those jerks on the Asylum? So we can mail-bomb them?.....they deserve it....

Subject: Re: Funny thing about money....
Posted by metasonix on Sun, 18 Jul 2004 03:45:28 GMT
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Is this the thread you

mentioned?http://www.audioasylum.com/audio/speakers/messages/166416.htmlThis calls for some kind of middle-aged dweeb punishment.....clearly the 'Harry Pearson disease' is spreading.