Subject: OK...new computer.....here's the plan...and a question
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will be more than
> enough for her current needs with Photoshop, Illustrator, Pagemaker, etc.
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> Since I keep my computers set up on open SenFu test benches in a machine
> room, what I'm going to do is buy a good, quiet case, PSU, video card, audio
> card, CD/DVD player/burner, floppy and a big storage drive for her, install
> the current system drive, mobo and aforementioned componentry into that,
> reformat the drive, reload Win XP (so that she's not running the *tweaked to
> hell* system I'm running now) and buy her the Adobe software that she needs
> to be productive.
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> Next, I'm going to build another native system. I'm going to need a mobo,
> RAM and a dual core AMD CPU. I'll be interfacing my audio hardware/UAD-1
> cards using a Magma 13 slot chassis so I'm not really concerned about the
> number of PCI slots. One thing I do want to be able to do is to use my two
> existing Matrox G450's (AGP and PCI) Due to this, I am leaning toward trying
> the ASUS A8V-Deluxe mobo just because I'm familiar with the quirks of ASUS,
> I know that one of the PCI slots will be hardwired to the AGP and I know
> that since the Matrox cards share the same driver, this *should* work nicely
> with the host card of the Magma using az PCI slot that (hopefully) isn't
> sharing an IRQ with any other device, or at least benignly with something
> friendly. I'm also going to be going with at least 2 gig of DDR in this
> machine.....maybe more. Guess I'll check ASUS' site to see what's
> recommended.
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> Lastly is the CPU. I want to be able to operate this machine as much as
> possible at low latencies with VSTi's. I've been eyeing the dual core 3800
> CPU's because they are the least expensive right now, but skimping will
> defeat the whole purpose of this upgrade.
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> Is anyone using an AMD dual core CPU system right now? If so, I'd be mighty
> interested to hear your experiences before I once again descend into
> computer building hell.
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> Thanks,
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> Deej
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>That's good news Dave. After checking out the mobo manual, it looks like PCI
#4 isn't shared. I'm also thinking of going with a Matrox P750 since I'm
just using 3 x mon