





For more than twenty eight years, I worked a cross-sectioned life in a cube consisting of three sides with six-foot high colorless partitions. The cube looks as if its external facade has been sliced away, exposing its contents and occupant to the whims and demands of the workplace. Here, we get to see the cogs at work in the great corporate machine. There is little

privacy with an abundance of noise distractions; certainly not something for the squeamish!

In the early morning, when the floor lighting has been reduced to minimum, the shadowed cross-sections seem to come alive and exude glimpses and echoes of their former inhabitants.





Spotlight







The Empty Chair







Empty Expectations



Twilight Zone







Night Lights







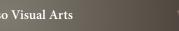






But how does a cog attempt to survive the harsh exposures of day-to-day laboring in such a sterilized setting, where conformity is the expected norm? Where the very air seems to suck the lifeblood out of its workforce? Humanity somehow struggles to

emerge through the symbols of personality. One chooses to cope through food. Another through music. Some through decoration or socialization as their weapon of choice. Still others rebel and erect their own partitions.







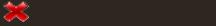




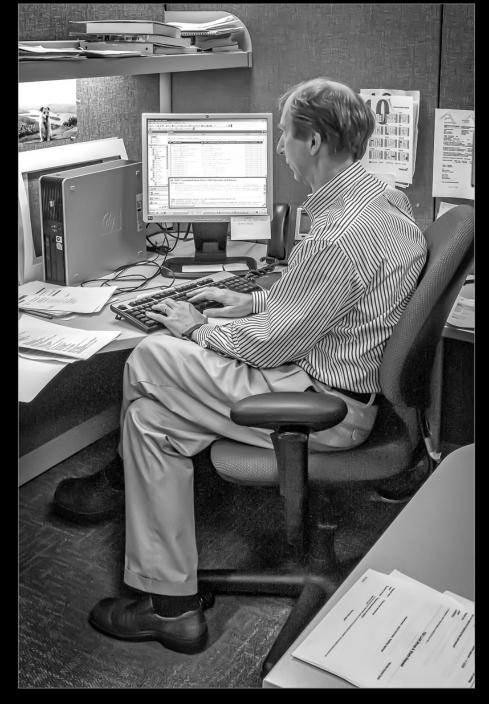




















Comforts















Got Something To Say?

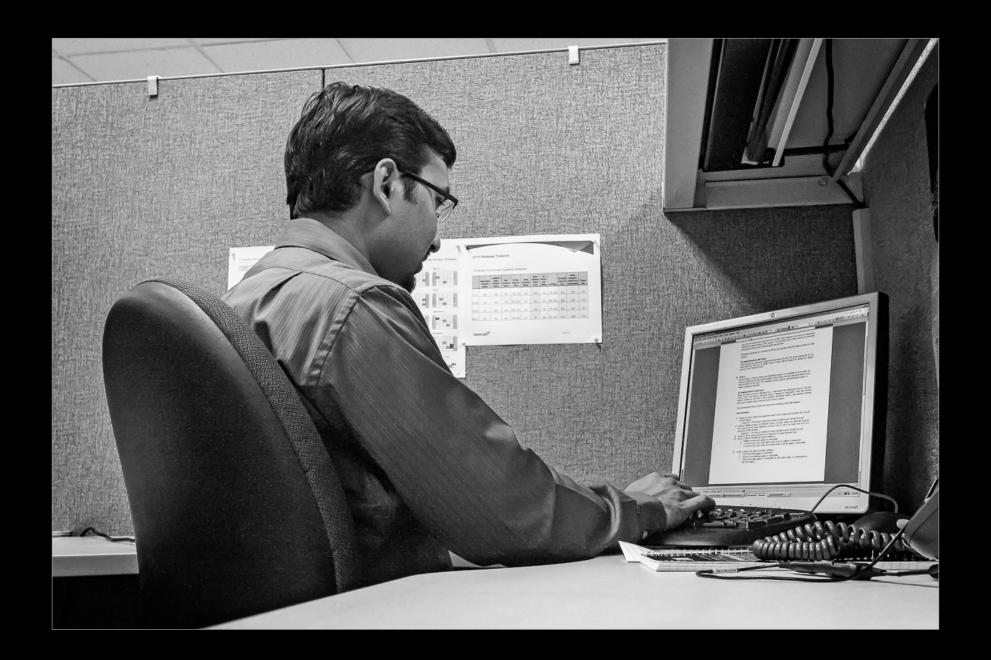




Explanation







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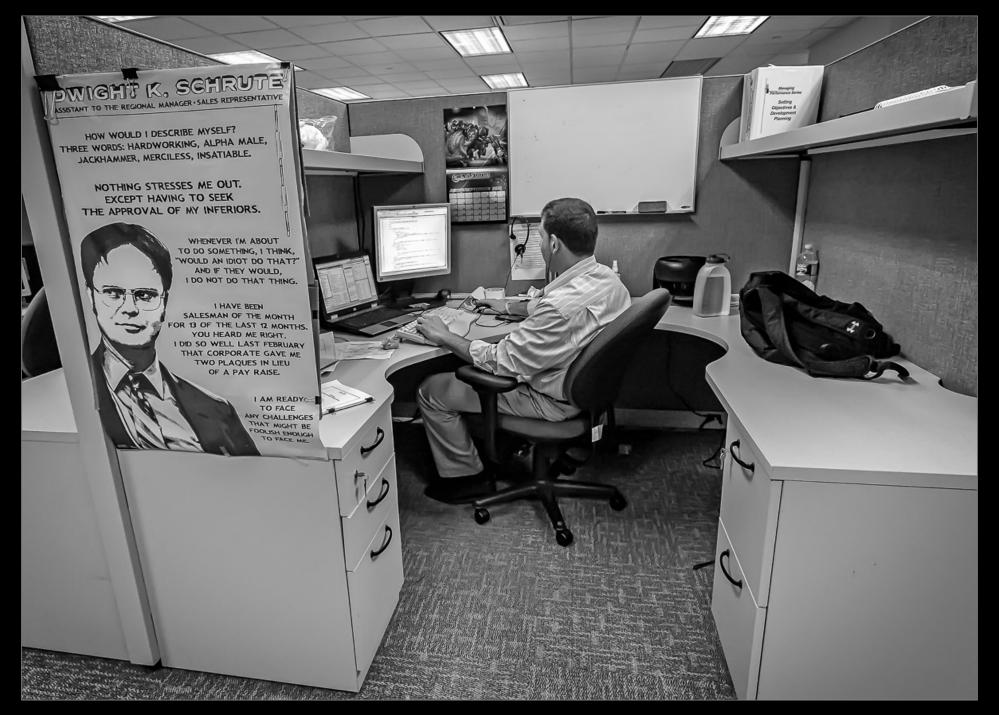


































Getaway













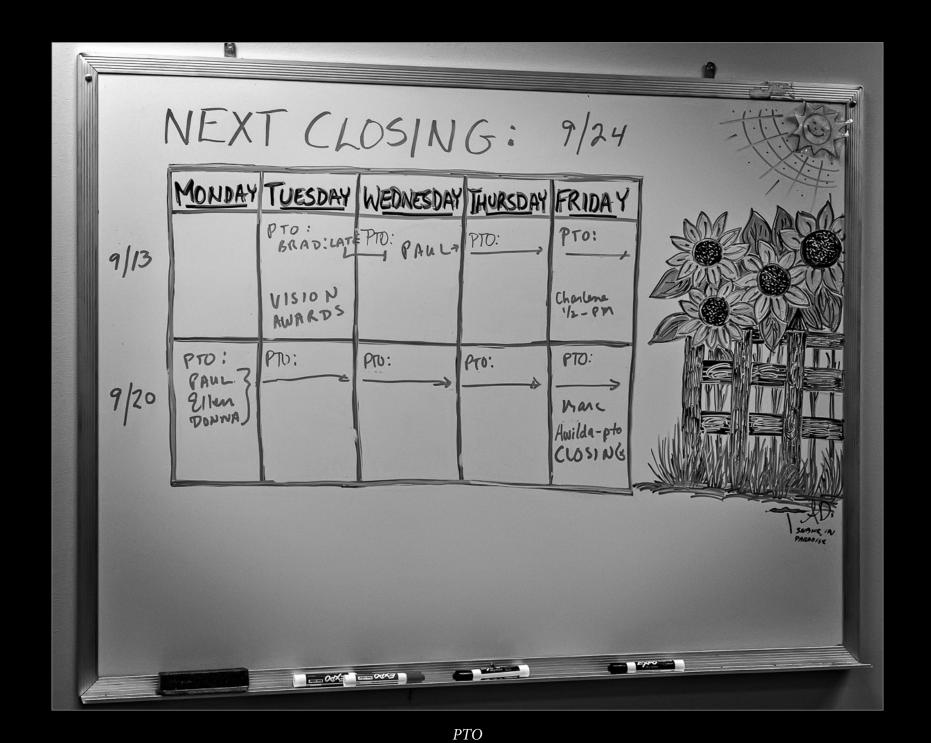


In The Basket











Trophy





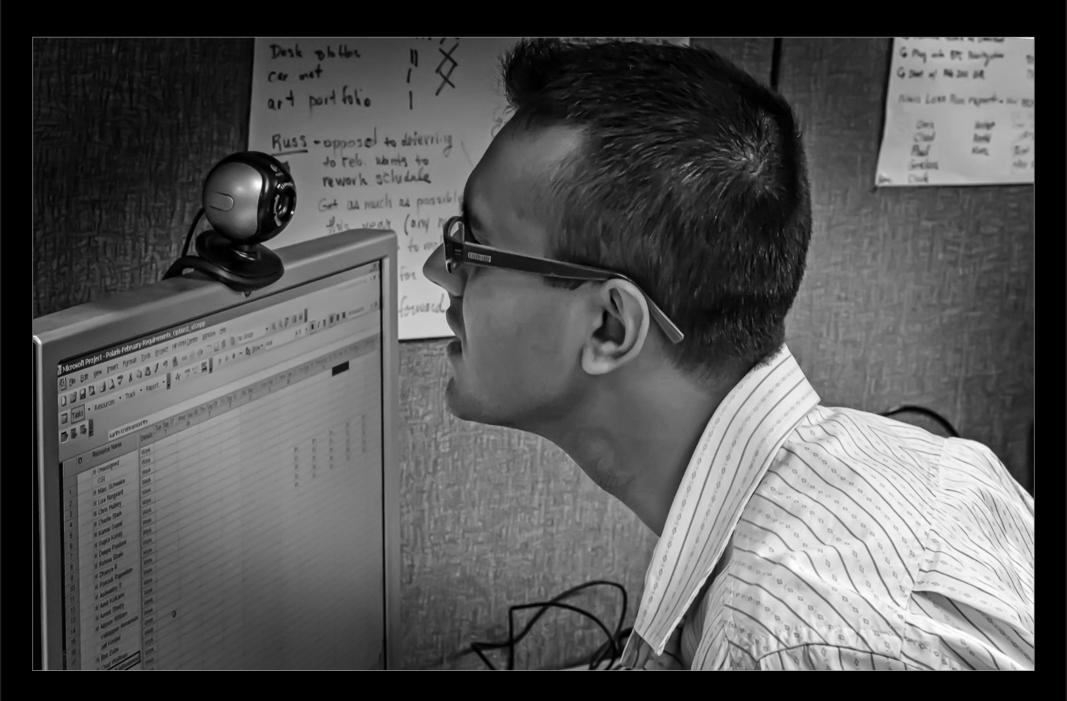
But the fact remains: we are chained to our desks, under the constant measurement of the ever-vigilant corporate eye. "Big Brother" is truly watching. Yes. We are "glad to have a job" as the broken record subliminally drones in the background. Although we

struggle to resist, we soon find that "resistance is futile" even as we work from weekend to weekend. At the end of the day we may find that we can "checkout any time we like, but we can never leave"!





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You Lookin' At Me?







Resistance Is Futile







This One's For YOU!







...But You Can Never Leave...





















































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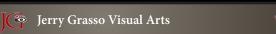


My Artistic Mission

Child-like wonder and inquisitiveness are qualities frequently put aside once we become adults. We tend to slowly become sterilized by our right-or-wrong kind of world which too often has too little time to explore the what-if's and the what-could-be's. I believe we all need to re-connect with these qualities to re-enrich our lives. Animation innovator, Walt Disney, recognized this and tried to bring back the power and importance of imagination. Inspired by his spirit, my mission therefore is to encourage the use of viewer imagination. My work attempts to explore and suggest what often lies hidden within the personalities and mysteries present in the world that was, and the world that is around us.

F or me, my photography is not so much about the decisive moment. Rather, it is about creating a place with a sense of history with an aura of mystery. It is the starting point for my artistic journey, not the destination. My final images attempt to reflect the emotional, mind's eye after-image that was captured by both the eye and the heart.

Y goal is is to have my images serve as a springboard into inventiveness and exploration with the hopes of awakening my viewer's inner child. I will try to do whatever I can to make my viewer linger longer in front of my works, to ignite my viewer's imaginative response through discovery and inquisitiveness.





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Jerry's mission is to awaken his viewer's inquisitive inner child by creating an awareness of place and a sense of history, with an aura of mystery.

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Cross-Sections

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