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HOLIDAY ISSUE



NOT THIS...



THIS!

If you live in cold weather and use touch screen devices, these **\$13.99** hot-selling conductive, metallic thread gloves are for you or *anyone* on your Christmas List! Type, tweet and text in five colors-- Chocolate Brown, Light Creme, Pretty Pink, Pebble Grey and Black.



WESTERN UNION

The singing telegram, launched in 1993, is making a **digital** comeback. The public is invited, **FREE** of charge until **December 31st**, for **Beta Testing** of the digital experience. The company is seeking feedback, so get to it!



Apparently, **Walmart** *arbitrarily* honors their **FREE** drop-ship feature to other **Walmart** stores. We just ordered a skateboard and were charged \$11.95 for shipping, even though there are two retail stores where recipient lives, in **Honolulu, HI**.

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Fat Burning Soup



How about doing this, for yourself, between Thanksgiving and Christmas? One of the most popular websites at Digital Times® is the [recipe](#) and [Shopping list](#) for fat-burning soup from the Mayo Clinic.

Digital Times HEALTH has numerous useful resources...some have been online since 1995 ;-)

*Cyber Shopping: What's **Not HOT**.* This year I've made a real effort to limit myself to vendors that provide free shipping. I have a habit of searching Amazon's inventory for anything I need 1st, because of our **AMAZON Prime** benefits, mainly the 2-business day shipping.

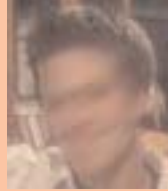
Those *benefits* have been *disintegrating* for some time now! Things that I ordered just a few months ago, with 0 shipping costs are now only available through an **AMAZON partner that charges shipping**.

A **\$2.00** item cost **\$6.99** to ship! I ordered a Magic Wand Stain Remover Stick for **\$3.95**. Shipping was an additional **\$3.50**. Yikes ;(

Additionally, **Amazon** needs to *revise* their **REFUND** website to include 'did not receive item.'

Gluten-free cookbooks I ordered Nov. 8 were never delivered in time for Thanksgiving, or at ALL. Adding salt to the wound, there was **no communication** by **Amazon's 3rd party vendor** or their delivery service...

Digital Living- Thanksgiving



Usually connected to their digital devices, my grandchildren and nephew had barely arrived from the airport before they were huddled in my den, laptops open, furiously trying to access my home network!!! [BTW, It was 6/1, laptops over tablets.]

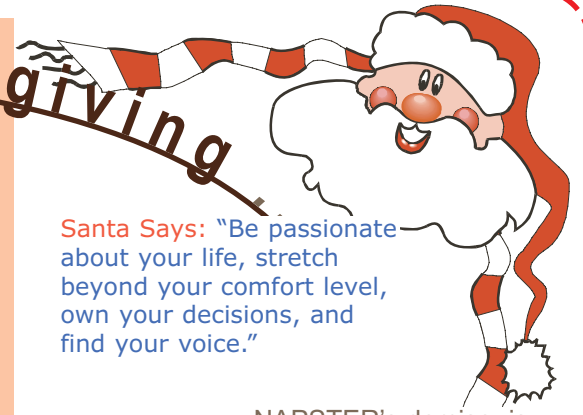
Encrypted, the access number is 26 characters long, and wild frustration was evident!!! Relief flooded their faces as one by one, they successfully connected to my wireless broadband network. Yes, no matter what was going on, including at-home karaoke, they were digitally glued to the Universe. Good reasons to lock-down your **Wi-Fi**.

Digital Devices are the Newest Addiction, or....Why I ~~do~~ NOT / Cannot enjoy Cruises....

There has been quite a bit of media attention to the growing problem--choking on a digital diet! *I am as guilty as sin*. At the time of my Honeymoon Cruise on Holland America 6 yrs. ago, I had a Customer Service gig with an Internet Company. Assured that connectivity was 'no problem,' I brought my positive attitude and 17" laptop. For 3 painful days, their Satellite was 'down' and there was no connection to the rest of the world, let alone the customers I was hired to assist. **Satellite signals are analog*, i.e. more intermittent and *less reliable*.

The Birthday Cruise I took on Celebrity last month was not much better. Some of the updated *files* that I sent to my client's server became corrupted over the Analog connection. I'm sticking to DIGITAL!!!
...editor

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Santa Says: "Be passionate about your life, stretch beyond your comfort level, own your decisions, and find your voice."



NAPSTER's demise is official. Founded by a bored 18 yr. old college dropout, it was a **model of INNOVA-**

TION. In the late 1990's everyone I knew was downloading music files, for personal use, from everybody else. Before it was over, many consumers of downloaded music were prosecuted, even an 8-yr. old girl ;(

Eventually, NAPSTER was shut down by the The Recording Industry Association of America.

Many years ago, I was sued by a sheet-music company & forced to remove a few songs from **my** popular 'personal use' **LYRICS** site.

IRONICALLY, the **SWISS Government** has recently declared that downloading files for Personal Use is **Legal!**

Note: NAPSTER® has been acquired by Rhapsody.com. At this time there is a **NAPSTER® free trial** with legal access to **13+ Million Songs**. ... editor

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