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Test A Breast...

I urge every man & woman to examine themselves!

What better time than in now, during Breast Cancer Awareness Month? Mammograms are not the only answer. Altho I *had* one last December, there were no indications of the growing cancer. Self-detection saved my life. In April I felt a small lump. 6 months later, after ultrasound(s), MRI's, nuclear medicine and 2 surgeries, I incurred a deadly MRSA staph infection that put me in the hospital for a week and sent my blood pressure to 213!

Still mending, I am lucky to be alive. Physically, I now look like a **Picasso** painting. One post-surgery breast higher and smaller than the other...a small price to pay. After all, *I can have that fixed ;-)*

-editor

Free *Ringtones

In an effort to bring awareness of rare and endangered species around the world, The Center for Biological Diversity environmental group offers digital downloads of new wildlife ringtones every month.



Technology savvy people from 150 countries have downloaded 100,000 files so far... This is a win-win service, as the Center achieves it's goal of educating visitors. Downloaders can pick from the howl of an endangered Mexican gray wolf, an Arctic beluga whale or dozens of other mammals, birds & reptiles & become educated on the plights of, and facts pertaining to the species.

Ringtones are collected by researches around the world. Later this year the site will be available in Spanish. More ringtones from species in Latin America will be added.

Get Ringtones [HERE](#).

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Virgin Digital Down For The Count!



Microsoft technology
fails to compete with
iTunes...

iTunes is the apparent victor on the digital downloaded music front. **Virgin Digital**, who uses digital rights management [DRM] technology from **Microsoft Corp.** to manage how songs could be played and transferred to portable devices, is closing up shop.

Virgin's service was incompatible with Apple's iPod products, which use a different DRM technology and a different file format. **Virgin Digital** stopped selling tracks in the U.K. on 9/21 and is no longer accepting new customers. The site will shut down for good Oct. 19.

The Virgin Digital service allows customers to download tracks up to four more times to replace lost or damaged copies. Unused credits for song downloads should be used and won't be refunded. **U.S. users of Virgin Digital** will be able to use their credit on **Napster LLC's** music download service.

MTV Networks, which is owned by **Viacom Inc.**, is merging its Urge music service with **RealNetworks Inc.'s** Rhapsody service. Urge, a partnership between **MTV** and **Microsoft** launched in May 2006, also failed to effectively compete with **iTunes**.



Got a White Elephant? [a term we used to use for items we had no use for]. There is a place where you can get, or give, perfectly good things to strangers with no \$\$ changing hands, no questions asked.

Welcome to a Web-based community swap program called The Freecycle Network™ made up of 4,214 groups with 4,305,000 members across the globe. Membership is FREE.

FreeCycle is a grassroots and entirely nonprofit movement of people who are giving (& getting) stuff for free in their own towns. It's all about reuse and keeping good stuff out of landfills. Each local group is moderated by a local volunteer.

To sign up, find your community by entering it into a search box or by clicking on "Browse Groups."

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CHURCH as a virtual community...

Rather than attending a bricks-and-mortar church, why not have a few friends over and try the virtual kind?

A sign of our 'digital life and times' is that by 2010, 10% of Americans will rely exclusively on the **Internet** for their religious experience.

Many evangelical pastors are viewing their Web site as a ministry in itself, not only as a way to bring people to church, but as a way to bring them to God. Many sites feature video and podcasts. "Megachurches are doing the most fascinating and interesting stuff on the Web," per Scott Thumma, a professor of the sociology of religion at the Hartford Seminary in Connecticut.

Looking for a Fuel Efficient Car?

Green is \$\$IN. With that in mind, here is an online tool that can help you figure out how much easier a different vehicle would be on your wallet.

Fueleconomy.gov is a website that features a calculator allowing you to compare the carbon emissions and mileage of your current vehicle with others you may be considering.

Sponsored by the Environmental Protection Agency, the site offers fuel economy guides and invites drivers to enter information based on their own driving experiences and share data with other drivers.

Another useful tool is at the [Alternative Fuels and Advanced Vehicles Data Center](#). Their calculator helps you see which car represents the better value for your wallet over a period of time *and* for reducing pollution.

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