



Internet Technologies Inc.

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MaX COMPETES IN ADSL MARKET: We now offer ADSL connections for some areas of town, without the hype and entrapping promos. You will be informed of real costs and not snared into unwanted contracts. We also give you dedicated IP's on all ADSL connections and supply software free. * see the next article about adsl...

HACK ATTACK IN FORT ST. JAMES: ADSL users in town have been subjected to persistent attacks all through Feb. It has been concentrated on the Telus ADSL addresses here and in Kamloops. When you set up ADSL, cable, or wireless you'll need: 1) Firewall software. 2) anti-virus program 3) regular updates for both your anti-virus and Windows. 4) time to learn how to use them! Most of the damage came about using KaZaa. Even if you have a firewall, you opened it up and let people in to use KaZaa! Or maybe the downloaded song, program MSN message or movie that didn't work was a backdoor that you activated and someone got into your computer. Your anti-virus can't check these unless you save first and scan before you open it.

People in town have been hacked so badly the first day they connected, they had to call banks and Visa to change their personal info and passwords because they may have been stolen!

NOTE: If a newer virus gets in, the first thing it does is shut down your on-line virus scanning. If your virus program doesn't pop up anymore when you start your computer, **you're already infected!** They also infect your RESTORE folder, so you can't get rid of it with System Restore.

THE INTERNET IS NOT "FREE": as some people have suddenly discovered. Every month I meet at least one person who signed up for "1000 FREE AOL HOURS" and then discovered they'd been calling long distance at \$6 to \$12 every hour. The newest surprises come to those who didn't read the fine print and found out about GIG CHARGES the hard way. Gig charges are applied to the amount of Internet traffic on ADSL, CABLE and SATELLITE connections. If you go over the prepaid limit, they start adding up fast. You may find that those crappy 'free movies' you downloaded and watched in tiny windows can cost as much as \$80.00 each in Gig charges once you exceed your monthly limit. You could've rented the DVD for \$5.00! You may also discover that you're paying for other people to download files off your computer because you left KaZaa or WinMx running when you weren't even there. You'll also discover that their huge corporate lawyers don't care you didn't understand or it was someone else's fault, they'll just sue if you don't pay up.

My pet peeve is all the downloaded music CDs I find laying on the floor, or covered in ashes or gum, or left at a friend's house. The kids don't care. They're free aren't they? How long until we find our \$80 Beatles CD set 'borrowed' and gone due to the same attitude? The only good thing is that our kids aren't spending hard earned money to buy some of the trash they're listening to!

DIALUP SPECIALS: prices are for dialup access for the period from
March 1 to June 30,2003 (4 mos!)

STUDENT NET: 30 hrs a month \$49.00

FAMILY NET: 50 hrs a month \$69.00

UNLIMITED NET: as much as you need \$99.00