

BUDGET STRETCHING IDEAS

Out With The Old, On With The Fun

(NAPSA)—If you're like many Americans these days two issues may be in your way when you want to buy new things:

1. Having the money to pay for them.
2. Having a place to put them.

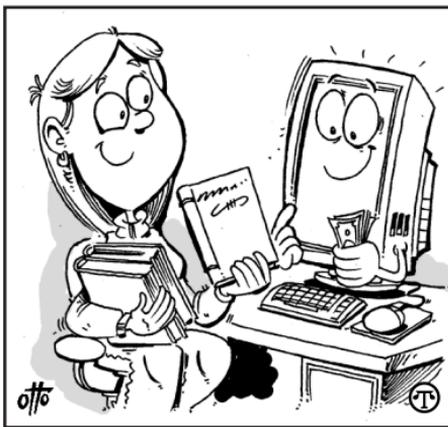
Help can come from one of the hottest new trends on the Internet these days. You can now buy and sell all kinds of used electronics items, video games, books, DVDs, CDs and more at the same site people visit to buy new ones.

Here's how it works: Say you want a new digital camera, one of the latest generation models that lets you capture moving video footage. The camera you bought last year is fine, but it doesn't include this fun new feature.

You can log onto Amazon.com and find a listing for the kind of camera you already have, new or used. Click the "Sell Yours Here" button, register as a Marketplace seller, describe the used camera's condition and set the asking price.

People seeking cameras come to the site and see that they can get new ones at competitive prices or used ones like yours, generally for a lot less.

When someone buys your used camera you'll get an e-mail telling



Buying and selling used books, games, electronics and more can be fun and easy through a new online service.

where to ship it. You can even get a shipping credit to help cover the costs. Now you have the money to help buy the brand new camera (which you can also do at the site)—and a place to keep it.

"People are taking advantage of the Marketplace to get all the latest gear," noted Frank Sadowski of Amazon.com, which is behind the system. "Everything from computers and cellphones to DVD players and PDAs."

You can learn more and see what you can sell and what you can buy, online at www.Amazon.com.