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YO! IS THAT A BOOMBOX ON YOUR HEAD?

Boomphones are the first headphones that can transform into a boombox with the push of a button; its portable power and multifunctional appeal are revolutionizing the way people listen to—and share—music. Designed with four speakers—two on the inside and two on the outside—the Boomphones Phantom model provides a two-in-one audio experience, ideal for traveling, parties, exercising, and anything in between. LED lights show which mode is in action: white when internally amplified and red when the bomb icon is pressed to blast external speakers in boombox mode.

Two audio cables are included, one with an integrated microphone, volume control, and push-to-talk capability. Users can make and answer phone calls easily, listening privately or switching to

BOOMPHONES



speakerphone. For those who use their phones to listen to music, there is no need to switch cables in order to talk into the phone directly or to remove the headphones. You also can turn your Phantoms into a portable amp by plugging into your computer, electric guitar (with adapter), keyboard, beat machine, etc.

Available in Matte Black or Polished White, Boomphones (\$149.99) use a built-in lithium battery that easily is rechargeable through a mini-USB, providing 10 hours internal, and five hours external, use. To find out more, go to www.boomphones.com.

GIVE HER SOME LOVE . . . RETRO STYLE

We're not saying forget the mistletoe—absolutely not!—but if your lady is looking for a little romance seasoned with humor, Broadlit, Los Angeles, Calif., offers novels, stories, games, merchandise, contests, videos, and more. For instance, its website, TruLOVEStories.com, a hub for all things romance, is featuring beautiful vintage cover images from the pages of *True Love* and *True Romance* magazines published in the 1920s, '30s, '40s, and '50s. They have been reimagined to make an everyday item a wonderfully nostalgic romantic gift.



True Love and Romance Apron

For instance, The True Love and Romance Apron (\$21.99) is perfect for foodie-loving romance readers. Show it off at your next holiday party, as



Mistletoe T-shirt

To jazz up her java, the 15 oz. Oversized Ceramic Coffee Mug (\$9.99)—with another stunning collage of magazine covers—is a practical and pretty go-to gift.

These items and more are available at www.trulovestories.gostorego.com.

CAN'T WE ALL JUST GET ALONG—IN THE COLD?

In what has been a political season of one-liners—and the passing of Election Day is unlikely to provide any relief—there finally is a product (made in the USA) that allows the politically savvy to share their support without taking a shot at the other side. It's good clean patriotism—whether you tune into Fox News or read the *Huffington Post*.

Funtrepreneur, Inc., Woburn, Mass., makers of the maternity safe nail polish line (Knocked Up Nails) as well as home to the uncon-

ventionally gift basket site (un-Baskets.com) now brings chilly consumers Democrat & Republican Scarves & Mittens, made from 75% pre-consumer recycled cotton and 25% acrylic. The recycled fiber comes via the waste product of apparel and furniture factories.

These politically correct products—in the appropriate blue or red—go for \$21.99 (mittens) and \$29.99 (scarf) at alwaysfits.com.



Democrat Mittens

Republican Scarf



Republican Scarf

COME FLY WITH . . . BISCOFF COOKIES

This holiday season, Lotus Bakeries, creators of Biscoff caramelized crisps (first served on every Delta Airlines flight), is bringing in the cheer by offering festive Holiday Favor Boxes filled with delicious cookies, a great way to say "thank you" to teachers, neighbors, and friends. It certainly makes a great stocking stuffer. (Through Dec. 25, Lotus Bakeries will donate 10% of each Holiday Box purchase to the nonprofit Teach for America.)

Baked using the same Belgian family recipe for more than 75 years, Biscoff's offerings are referred to as "Europe's favorite cookie with coffee." Each one is made with all-natural ingredients and contains no artificial colors or preservatives, trans fats, or butter.

The Favor Boxes are filled with six extra large



Holiday Favor Boxes

Rock Candy Makes for Sweet Video Play

The Rock Candy line of gaming controllers—from Performance Designed Products LLC, Sherman Oaks, Calif.—is designed to offer gamers maximum control (and self-expression) at a minimum price, delivering comfortable ergonomics, smooth and uncomplicated aesthetics, mechanical reliability, and all of the essential functions without loading the unit down with extraneous flourishes.

Rock Candy's Xbox 360 controller is Microsoft certified. The PlayStation 3 controller features an updated design to provide hours of comfortable gaming, while the Gesture Controller for Wii is a wireless remote compatible with MotionPlus, making it an ideal secondary controller for games on either Wii or Wii U.



PlayStation 3 Controller

The line's bright colors, however, are just the opposite of simple, allowing gamers to express their own style without sacrificing ease of play. The initial line showcases a cool and calculating blue, a naturally talented and elegant

green, a fiery and passionate red, and a

wild and free-spirited pink, with more colors to come. As its designers are fond of pointing out: "Color is expression."

Rock Candy devices are available at retailers and www.PDP.com for \$12.99 (Control Stick for Wii); \$17.99 (Gesture Controller for Wii); \$14.99 (Wired Controller for PS3) and \$24.99 (Wired Controller for Xbox 360).



Wii Gesture Controller