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Hi-Tech Phone Security

As cell phones become loaded with more sophisticated features, security begins to play a more crucial role in their development. The P903i from NTT DoCoMo, Japan's top mobile carrier, is loaded with security features that are sure to greatly reduce fraudulent activities.

This phone comes with a small card about the size of a movie ticket stub that connects with the phone wirelessly. The phone automatically locks itself once the card, which can be kept in a pocket, bag or wallet, moves too far away from the phone.

The phone also comes equipped with a facial identification feature. A four-letter word can be added to this process to guard against unauthor-

ized identical twins.

If users happen to lose their phones, they can track it with their onboard Global Positioning System.



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Video Game 'Bully' Causes Controversy

Amid much controversy and protest, a video game called "Bully" has reached the shelves in Canada. The game features Jimmy Hopkins, who is forced to fight off school bullies at a New England school. In doing so, Hopkins becomes the ultimate bully by delivering wedgies and using weapons such as slingshots and baseball bats.



Jack Thompspon, a Florida lawyer and vocal opponent of violent games asked a Florida Judge to ban the game on the grounds that it is a public nuisance. The Judge rejected Thompspon's attempt to ban the video game while stating: "There's a lot of violence. A whole lot (But) less than we see on television every night."

Thomson and other critics of the game contend that "Bully" helps train bullies and could create school violence. "The premise of Bully is that it is sometimes acceptable to deal with bullying by becoming the ultimate bully," Thomson wrote in his complaint. "This was the dynamic at Columbine. It has also been the dynamic in other tragic instances of school violence." [More](#)

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50 Greatest Gadgets

It's no secret that in recent years people have fallen in love with their gadgets. But what gadgets do we remember most and hold lasting memories in our hearts? Is it the game boy, the first Sony Walkman or did you spend countless hours playing with the Texas Instruments Speak and Spell?



By polling their editors, PC world has created a list of the 50 greatest gadgets of the last 50 years. The list includes oldies such as the Atari Video Computer System and the Commodore 64 to more contemporary items such as the iPod. Revisit the classic gadgets that revolutionized the technology industry and forever changed our lives.

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ISP's Don't Always Co-operate With Police

The quick arrest of a St. Thomas man accused of sexually assaulting a child live over the Internet was only accomplished because his Internet service provider co-operated with police, something that should happen every time but sadly doesn't, say police and victims' rights advocates.

When crimes are committed by Internet users, police are at the mercy of ISPs that can choose to voluntarily hand over a suspect's name or address, or cite privacy concerns and stonewall the investigation, said Staff Sgt. Mike Frizzell of the RCMP's National Child Exploitation Coordination Centre.

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Internet Rumours

Ever get emails that put forth facts and information that just don't seem right? Ever wish you could check their validity in just seconds? Well, you can. There are several sites designed to dispel Internet rumours. It is as easy as typing the topic or a few words from the email in the search field of the website. You can often get good results by simply using google search as well.

Websites include:

<http://www.snopes.com>

<http://www.truthorfiction.com>

<http://urbanlegends.about.com>



Tech Break Time

NEOnet will be delivering a presentation on photo editing (photoshop) at the Golden Dragon, 128 Third Ave., Timmins, noon - 1pm. If you are interested in attending this event contact Chris McLaughlin at cmclaughlin@neonet.on.ca or 360-1353x1

Broadband Complete

The Cochrane District Broadband project is now complete, as 22 communities have now received high speed Internet access. This project which was managed by NEOnet and funded by Industry Canada, NOHFC and our private sector partner NorthernTel, marks the end of phase one of a three phase project. For more on info on NEOnet projects visit www.neonet.on.ca

