

# Wired News



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## Telus Rolls Out Emergency Satellite Unit

Emergency service workers and disaster response units in Canada will have one less thing to worry about with the launching of a pair of Telus' SAT-COLT systems.

The systems -- a satellite cellsite on light truck -- can be driven or flown into a disaster area to ensure the first troops and responders on the ground will be able to communicate with each other and a centralized command centre when communication systems are left in tatters.

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“In the case of a forest fire or an earthquake you typically lose your infrastructure and so this [Emergency Satellite Unit] can come in after the disaster and, within an hour, recreate

the infrastructure as though it was still there,” said Colin Belshaw, director of Telus’ emergency response support team.

The \$1-million system built into the body of a 10-tonne truck is basically a mobile cellsite that can support up to 1,000 simultaneous users, armed with handsets to provide communication within the disaster zone. [Full Article](#)

## Computer Games Enhance Quality of Life for Elderly



Video game technology is becoming more widely used in order to enhance the quality of lives of pensioners. Mihai Nadin, a professor at the University of Texas wants new technology

made available for seniors to help maintain cognitive, anticipatory and physical skills. He is the head of a research project aimed at developing technology and games along with other therapeutic behaviour environments for the aging baby-boomer generation.

Video games are already being used for physical therapy in approximately 120 hospitals in Japan. In the U.S., researchers are currently developing new games to intellectually stimulate Alzheimer’s patients in a bid to fight the disease.

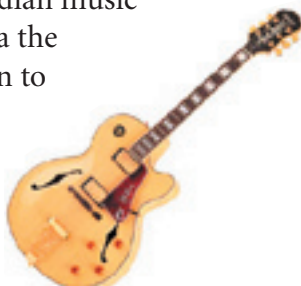
Some cancer sufferers have already used a game called “Re-Mission” to fight the disease. The game features a Lara Croft look-alike armed with a ‘chemoblaster.’ A clinical study of 400 patients in Britain, Canada, France, Spain and the US demonstrated that the game had helped young players cope with the disease.

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CBC Radio 3 is enhancing Canadian music and culture around the world via the Internet. Music lovers can log on to [www.cbcradio3.ca](http://www.cbcradio3.ca) and listen to 100% Canadian music from independent artists. CBC Radio 3 includes a variety of genres including rock, pop, hip-hop, electronica and alt-country. The station is also available on Channel 94 of the Sirius Satellite Radio network and is hosted live on CBC Radio Two every Saturday night.



Not only do music fans have access to a greater variety of music, but independent musicians can now reach millions of fans they wouldn't have before.

The website allows users to listen to a live feed while rating music and creating playlists of their favorite songs. Radio 3 also has Podcast capabilities for your MP3 player. [Click Here to visit Radio3](#)

## Tech Break Time Presentation

NEOnet will be hosting a Tech Break Time luncheon October 24, 2006.  
Topic: Editing Digital Video  
Guest Speaker: Tammy McQuestion  
Place: Golden Dragon (upstairs)  
Time: 12-1pm

If you are interested in attending this event contact Chris McLaughlin at [cmclaughlin@neonet.on.ca](mailto:cmclaughlin@neonet.on.ca) or 360-1353x1



## La Surveillance des courriels des employés

Les employés qui utilisent l'ordinateur du bureau pour leurs communications personnelles doivent être conscients que l'employeur a parfaitement le droit de lire les courriels de ses employés, et que la surveillance des systèmes de messagerie électronique au bureau est de plus en plus répandue dans le monde du travail.

Les gens ont la fausse impression que personne ne les voit, ou qu'ils peuvent le faire impunément, explique Russel Summers, professeur à l'université Saint Mary, à Halifax. Cela pourrait leur jouer des tours, puisque de plus en plus de logiciels surveillent ce qui entre et sort du serveur de courriels. [Continuez](#)

## Computers for Seniors Project

NEOnet has hired two project coordinators to roll out its Computers for Seniors Project. The project aims to provide seniors with computer access and training throughout northeastern Ontario. Timmins, Kapuskasing, Hearst, Kirkland Lake, and New Liskeard have all been confirmed as test sites with more to be added over the next two years. If you would like more information on this project please contact Crystal St-Jean at [cst-jean@neonet.on.ca](mailto:cst-jean@neonet.on.ca), tel: 360-1353x4 or Jackie Filion at [jfalion@neonet.on.ca](mailto:jfalion@neonet.on.ca), tel: 360-1353x7.

