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Extra links that we couldn't fit in this month's newsletter...



What's Emerging

Going greener - Sea-Tac introduces electric vehicle plug-ins for public parking in the airport garage

Seattle-Tacoma Airport now offers prime location parking spaces with plug-ins for electric vehicles in the Airport Garage. The electrical charging is free of charge. *Read more...*

Clim' city animates the climate challenge

French science center Cap Sciences takes flash-based learning to new heights in a free online game launched this week: Clim' City (click Le Jeu to play). At present this climate change adventure is for those of you who read French but here's to hoping that Bordeaux-based Cap Sciences gets an English version out quick because the game is a beautifully crafted and an ingeniously programmed device for learning the contingencies and costs that lie on the road to a low-carbon energy future. *Read more...*

Controlling the independent release of multiple drugs with nanotechnology

Nanotech could make possible the controlled release within the patient of up to four different drugs by irradiation with different wavelengths of near-infrared radiation. *Read more...*

Breast cancer gene-free baby born

The first baby in the UK tested before conception for a genetic form of breast cancer has been born. Read more...

LG shows off 'Dick Tracy' wristwatch phone

It looks like Dick Tracy may finally get his wristwatch cell phone, the one that does video calls. LG Electronics plans to introduce a wrist phone later this year, giving reality a chance of catching up with the comic-strip hero who famously used a two-way "Wrist TV." <u>Read more...</u>

Nanotechnology provides new, improved walking DNA nanobot

A TWO-legged molecular machine that can walk unaided along a single strand of DNA could one day shift cargo around nanofactories. That's the promise of a walking molecular nanobot made by researchers at the University of Oxford. *Read more...*

Social networks grow: Friending mom and dad

The share of adult Internet users who have a profile on an online social network site has more than quadrupled in the past four years -- from 8% in 2005 to 35% now, according to the Pew Internet & American Life Project's December 2008 tracking survey. *Read more...*

Toyota to deliver plug-in hybrids

Toyota Motor Corp., the only major automaker that produces its own batteries, plans to sell lithium- ion batteries for plug-in cars to competitors. Along with making packs for a plug-in version of the Prius hybrid, Toyota sees an opportunity for additional revenue from supplying packs to rivals. *Read more...*

Swiss army knife meets bluetooth

The company has been adding hi-tech features to its knives since 2004 but the latest model, the Presentation Pro, furthers the trend by incorporating Bluetooth and fingerprint recognition technology – including a USB flash drive, laser pointer and Bluetooth remote control that can be used to direct a slide show or a PowerPoint presentation. *Read more...*

Image gallery: Pinger phone for the Apple iPhone

Pinger Phone is a new application for the Apple iPhone that lets you view status updates and interact with your friends on popular social networks (Twitter, Facebook, and MySpace). *Read more...*

WebEx goes mobile on iPhone; Notes 8.5 ships on Macs

MacWorld held two important announcements for collaboration professionals, especially those interested in multidevice future. *Read more...*

Fuel from coal-eating microbes

A process for converting coal into natural gas could help reduce emissions. Read more...

China's population of web users hits 298 million

China's fast-growing population of Internet users has risen to 298 million after passing the United States last year to become the world's largest, a government-sanctioned research group said. *Read more...*

Nanotube super batteries

Researchers at MIT have made pure, dense, thin films of carbon nanotubes that show promise as electrodes for higher-capacity batteries and super capacitors. Dispensing with the additives previously used to hold such films together improved their electrical properties, including the ability to carry and store a large amount of charge. <u>Read more...</u>

Ford tool link by dewalt

ThingMagic's Advanced Development Group worked closely with Ford Motor Company and DeWalt to develop an innovative RFID-based solution to track tools on vehicles. Ford work Solutions(TM) Tool Link (TM) from DeWalt (TM) uses UHF RFID technology to tell you what's in your truck and what isn't. *Read more...*

Nanotech clothing fabric 'never gets wet'

If you were to soak even your best raincoat underwater for two months it would be wet through at the end of the experience. But a new waterproof material developed by Swiss chemists would be as dry as the day it went in. <u>Read more...</u>

HP to offer 3-year laptop battery

A fast-charging laptop battery that promises to last at least three years without any degradation in performance is coming to the market as an option with Hewlett-Packard laptops. *Read more...*

Paper or plastic or neither?

In March 2007, San Francisco became the first city in the nation to outright ban plastic bags from being distributed by larger retailers. But almost two years later, an SF Weekly reporter finds that the cut-and-dried argument used for so long—plastic bad, paper good—is largely disproved after a close look at the facts. *Read more...*

The no wake zone

Can't sleep through the night? You're not supposed to. Read more...