In a well organized event to signify the launch of the IIT Formula Hybrid cars, Armour College of Engineering (ACE) team members drove the two completed Formula race cars in front of Siegel Hall and 33rd street. Organized with the help of ECE Department, Communications and Marketing and students of the ACE team, the event took place at 1pm last Friday in front of Siegel hall. The attendance included faculty members including Dr Emadi, the team’s advisor, family of the student team members, IIT students, staff members and also members of the Chicago television media.

The Formula Hybrid Competition (FHC) is in its second year of running and organized by the Society of Automotive Engineers, Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers, and Dartmouth College. IIT students have successfully participated in the annual competition last year in New Hampshire; they finished 3rd in two of the three dynamic events. This year, ACE team members have completed the construction of two cars—one car being a series-hybrid (based on last year’s car) and the second car being a parallel-hybrid car (built completely from scratch by the team).

The launch ceremony, which was also the send-off party for the team, included a technical presentation of the cars and a poster presentation. The team’s advisor, Dr. Emadi introduced the team leaders, Jonathan Sibley and Anthony Castaneda, and project manager Sanjana Wasinghia, who gave the technical presentation to the crowd.

In a delightful moment to the crowd, the team also ran both the cars and drove them the length of the road on 3rd floor, which was thankfully closed down for 15 minutes with the help of Public Safety patrol cars and officers.

The event was also attended by the team’s main sponsors who were all presented Honorable mementos by Dr Emadi as a token of gratitude. Greg and Ronnie Kaplan, Ron Sokol were both presented with mementos as well as a team polo shirt. Significant contributions also came from the fathers of Donald Ruffatto, Donald F. Ruffatto and Giuseppe Marrari, Bruno Marrari and the ACE team is grateful to their contributions as well. All the parents present were evidently proud of the work done by the team and applauded the running of the cars to show their zeal and support.

The team will now put the finishing touches on the cars and will safely ship them to New Hampshire for the competition. The team will fly to New Hampshire the day before the competition and will stay in Manchester for three days for the entire duration of the competition. For updates on the results of the teams’ performance, refer to formulahybrid.iit.edu.

**Results from the RHA Food Committee survey**

By Tim Lipman

A member of the RHA Food Committee-Commons subcommittee recently had a meeting with Joe Kocher, the Commons/Resident Director, to talk about the feedback we get from the students in the commons on April 17th. Your feedback matters! When collecting feedback the first time, we asked for the students’ favorite and least favorite station, and their comments on each. We also asked for some other general comments. Here are some of the comments about the stations, as well as some of the possibilities being considered as well as plans for the end of the year and next fall.

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Students who marked the classics station as their favorite says it has the most variety, is usually home-style and is very filling. Some of the detractors just didn’t like fish Fridays. Fans of stir-fry lauded the customization options and good texture, while applauding it for being the only Asian food consistently in the commons. Students who marked it as their least favorite criticized the station for the amount of time it took to get food and the varying quality depending on who is cooking the food. Joe said they’re hoping to expand the Asian bar to be more than just Stirfry. You should also be able to ask for a large or small portion, as some have complained about wasting food.

Students marking light cooking and pasta as their favorite praised the good continued on page 8.

**A message from the President**

**Many Voices, One Vision**

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We want to hear your voice and listen to your vision. We have created a new website to allow you to easily share your vision and ideas for the future of our university. These preliminary ideas will be collected and presented to our planning steering committee at the very beginning of our process. Please visit http://manyvoices.iit.edu before May 7th to offer your input. I urge all of you to participate in this initial idea gathering effort.

The challenges facing universities are great. The IIT community has a long record of responding to these kinds of challenges with creativity, energy and innovation. I know that we will again. Please share your vision with us today.

Sincerely,

John L. Anderson
President

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**Farewell LA**

By Galina Shpuntova

There are currently thirteen Learning Assistants in the residence halls, and one in every sorority and fraternity house. A Learning Assistant (LA) is an undergraduate student hired to help freshman students manage their academic life—to do everything from reminding them that going to class is, after all, what they are in college for. This position has only been around since Spring 2004, and has shown definite results. However, it has unfortunately been canceled for Fall 08.

Before exploring the causes behind the cancellation, let us take a look at the history of the program. I asked Katie Murphy-Stzet, Assistant Dean of Students, who has been working on the program since its inception, what she could tell me about how it was started and how it has changed. When LAs were first hired (Spring 2004), and there were only about six of them. The program was the brainchild of Dr. Susan Sitton, who was at the time the Assistant Provost for Retention. It was “modeled after the Resident Assistant program with an academic focus” and involved having upperclassmen students follow up with freshmen on poor attendance or class performance. The first group of Learning Assistants (LAs) did not live on the same floors as the students in their group; however, the physical distance was quickly seen as a barrier to the effectiveness of the LAs. Particularly, the program “had a hard time holding SSV residents accountable because LAs did not live in the building,” says Katie. This all changed as the next year at LAs were moved into almost every freshman floor, including SSV floors.

Since then, the numbers have increased by one or two every year, and there have been other changes in the program. A new computerized system was devised for professors of 100 and 200 level classes to communicate attendance and other concerns about their students to both Learning Assistants and academic Advisors. A required training component was added to the LA program, as well as one-on-one meetings with supervisors to give LAs the resources to be most effective. The role of supervising the LAs also moved from the Assistant Dean to the Director of Residence Life and, as Greek LAs were added, to Erin Gray, Director of Fraternity and Sorority life.

The effort put into developing these features was not in vain.

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By Karina Powell
Tech News Editor In Chief

Throughout the past year, TechNews has seen massive changes and improvements, both internally and changes visible to the community. As graduation draws closer and the semester comes to an end, it’s a good idea for student organizations to do some introspection and review what changes have taken place over the past year. For us, I believe that TechNews is moving in the right direction in terms of organization, as well as editorially and aesthetically.

TechNews has recently joined forces with the Galvin Library Archives to help maintain an even more complete history of TechNews. We have given our archives to Galvin Library, who specializes in maintaining hard copy records. With over 1,400 issues of TechNews available to peruse and almost 60,000 articles indexed in the database, the history of TechNews and IIT has never been more accessible and organized thanks to the wonderful Librarians at Galvin Library.

In addition to the history now available at the Library, TechNews has seen many internal and capital improvements. With a newly organized and managed file system, we are more aware of the historical works of TechNews than we ever could have been otherwise.

The staff has also been reorganized to improve workflow and output. As a result, in addition to a number of other factors, staff retention is high and the staff works as a cohesive group. TechNews is proud to say that we no longer consist of just IIT students: we have the faculty or staff of IIT. Sole authority and responsibility for publication and adherence to the values set forth in this policy and standards.

TechNews holds the right to deny any advertisement income for the paper, are accommodated. TechNews does not accept or publish anonymous letters.

Dear Faker,

Aspiring Faker

My boyfriend has recently discovered that the tent stakes ain't happenin', no way, no how. As far as fudgesicles go, this one is a doozy. My boyfriend insists that this was the only way his last girlfriend could get him off. I insist that I follow it up with oral. This doesn't have the gear to fill him out. How do you break it to a guy that the tent stakes he is using are too small for the tent?

Sincerely,
Unhappy Camper

Dear SexTech,

My boyfriend and I moved in together a few weeks ago, and since then we've been getting a lot busier than we used to aim to. I aim to please, but we've been at it almost every night - and some nights, after a long evening studying or getting ready for IPRD day, my heart just isn't in it. I don't want to shut him down, and I don't mind just lying there, but there's a big problem - I'm terrible at faking an orgasm. There must be some woman amongst your ranks - tell me, what's a girl got to do to please my man?

Sincerely,
Aspiring Faker

Dear Faker,

It sounds to me like the problem isn’t you, but your man. To answer this however, I'm going to turn the question over to the students of IIT (preferably the females). Ladies, how do you fake your orgasms when having sex with the average IIT male? Submit your answers to sextechnews@gmail.com and help a fellow student out.

Check in next week for the best advice on putting on your best porn star act.

Keep it real,
SexTech Staff

We are currently accepting submissions from readers for articles and views. Please send an email to technews@iit.edu or the recently improved TechNews Wiki page.

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Karina Powell - Editor in Chief

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Dear SexTech,

Nature Lover

My boyfriend likes a little what a little in the butt. I don’t mind, really, but he insists that I follow it up with oral. This ain’t happenin’, no way, no how. As far as fudgesicles go, this one is a doozy. My boyfriend insists that this was the only way his last girlfriend could get him off. I suspect his ex was a little bit of a lump in bed, and more than a little bit ugly. What’s the best way to break my boyfriend of this naughty habit?

Sincerely,
Breath Mint Betty

The email again is sextechnews@gmail.com. Get on it!
St. Baldrick’s, gender matters

By Vladilena Gaisina

It has now been almost two months since a dozen brave volunteers (yes, truly included) have shed their hair to support kids with cancer and help raise money for the St. Baldrick’s Foundation. And now, much like the grass outside, our hair is sprouting back.

Shaving one’s head is quite an experience for both the shavers and the people around them. Familiar faces are transformed, and those friends and acquaintances unaware of the volunteers’ deed get a double-take upon looking at me and my fellows. Initial excitement vanishes after about the tenth time one has to explain to strangers the reason behind one’s near-naked scalp.

However, loss of hair didn’t come without its perks. Aside from the obvious benefits it brought to cancer research and in certain cases to the Locks of Love foundation, there were definite improvements for those to whom said hair used to belong. I blissfully forgot what it’s like to find annoyed single hairs all over my clothes, cleaning out the shower drain or the hair-trap, or taking more than eight minutes to shower. (Granted, if I do find single hairs on myself however, I know for sure they are not mine, which is not the most pleasant thing to realize.)

Brush, hairclips and hairties are collecting dust. Spike glue added to bathroom accessories, along with bright red temporary hair spray.

Yet the change probably wasn’t so drastic for the male participants: even if they had relatively long hair, it’s easy to adjust to a guy’s short cut. I, however, along with a few other females who received the razor treatment, was in for an interesting spin.

Somehow my gender vanished with my hair. I have been called “Sir” about ten times already by strangers, mostly people in the food industry. I can understand partially where they are coming from: I’m a slim, not particularly well-endowed lady of average height who doesn’t wear obviously feminine clothing on a daily basis. (However, I will note that nearly nothing of what I do wear a guy would ever put on. Therefore, it can be difficult to tell my gender from first glance. But for Pete’s sake, why then use any gender-defining words at all? How difficult is it to drop the “Sir” when saying “How may I help you” or “Have a good day”? What happened to using phrases like “Next in line, please?”)

It saddens me to think that possibly, people choose on purpose to err on the side of mistaking a woman for a man rather than the other way around. It reawakens the consciousness of the old double standard that being a tomboy is okay for a girl, but calling a guy “girly” is an insult. Isn’t it time that we as a society got over that outdated convention?

7.) the change probably wasn’t so drastic for the male participants:
8.) girls in general have softer and smoother facial features and
9.) the voice can often give away whether a person is male or
10.) And if you absolutely cannot tell, or even if you are not sure, please, try to avoid using gender-defining words.

On the Cheap: Tsuki Sushi

By Colin Emch-Weil

Here in the Midwest, we have a distinct culinary disadvantage to the Coasts. I’m speaking specifically about the high price of sushi in Chicago. It is undeniable that one can get great sushi here, but the caveat is the understanding that you’ll be paying top dollar for the food. That’s why I’m glad I found Tsuki Sushi, a Japanese restaurant and lounge on the North Side.

As previously mentioned, Tsuki bills itself as both a lounge and a restaurant. Immediately upon entering, visitors are presented with the lounge, which includes a bar area and some casual seating. The restaurant is decorated along the same lines...it feels very comfortable, and is posh and nicely lit. We sat ourselves in the lounge, and I have to admit that it was indeed an enjoyable atmosphere. I felt totally at ease.

As far as sushi goes, the prices here are fairly reasonable. Maki will run you about $3 a roll, and some specialty rolls are around $13. The magic of Tsuki, however, lies in their Happy Hour menu. Served on weekdays from 5pm-7pm, Tsuki offers a small but supple menu of the lowest price you’ll find anywhere, I highly recommend Tsuki Sushi.

Tsuki Japanese Restaurant and Lounge
1441-1445 W Fullerton Avenue
Chicago, IL 60614-2430

Colin’s Corner: listification

By Colin Emch-Weil

Every now and then, I feel upset at multiple targets. Time is running short on the semester, and I can’t devote a column to every newly found foe. In the face of this, I’ll go through a list of bullet points, cleverly crafted and composed for maximum impact. Here we go:

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Isn’t it time that we as a society got over that outdated convention? Watch where you’re going, I’m not kidding. Last week, as I was coming out of the MTCC, I ducked into the revolving door to make my exit. I must’ve not noticed fast enough for an entering student, who proceeded to bummash the door while staring at the ground and trap me between the moving apparatus and the stationary wall. I squealed in protest, but to no avail. As my laptop clanked loudly against my chest and I managed to extricate myself with minimal injury, I could’ve very easily been hurt due to this moron’s inability to look up. Next time this happens, I’m turning around and giving the perpetrator a piece of my mind. And foot. Look around, and watch where you’re going.

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Genetic mutation discovery may benefit African-American patients

By Victor Guharoy

Researchers have discovered a genetic mutation that might help many African-American patients after heart failure. The findings serve as a clue why some of the African-American patients did not respond to beta-blocker drugs in previous clinical trials (Nature Medicine, April 20, 2008).

Heart failure affects 20 percent of the adult population and attributed to death rates about 25 percent within one year of diagnosis and 50 percent at 5 years after diagnosis. Till now, researchers could not understand the variability in response to beta-blocks between African-American and other population groups.

Initially, the researchers identified genetic mutation in GRK5, one of the receptor proteins in the heart in 40% of ninety six African-American patients with heart failure. Then they followed 375 other African-American heart failure patients with and without mutation until they died or received a heart transplant, an average period of 30 months. Some patients received beta blockers and others did not. The patients not on beta-blockers lived almost twice as long as those without mutation. The researchers commented that patients with GRK5 mutation mimic the beta blockers, slowing heart rate and as a result, half of the patients are getting the benefit naturally.

Heart check recommended for stimulant use in children with attention deficit disorder

By Victor Guharoy

The American Heart Association recommended (Circulation, April 21, 2008) screening children for heart problems with an electrocardiogram before starting drugs to treat attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD). Electrocardiogram is a test that detects and records electrical activity of the heart and can identify whether the heart rate is steady or irregular.

Stimulant drugs, like Ritalin, Adderall, and Concerta are used by 2.5 million children in the U.S. for treatment of ADHD. The stimulants balance brain chemicals and help children to control their behavior. They can also increase blood pressure and heart rate which can be potentially risky for use in children with heart problems. 19 children had sudden death and another 26 suffered strokes and other heart problems while on stimulants between 1999 and 2004. As a result, the Food and Drug Administration mandated the addition of a warning about possible risk to patients with heart problems on the labels of the stimulants last year. Children with heart rate abnormalities can be treated with stimulants as long as they are monitored by a pediatric cardiologist. ADHD affects between 4 percent and 12 percent of the school going children in the U.S. and about $5 billion is spent annually for treatment. Dr. Steven Nissen, chief of cardiology at Cleveland Clinic commented, “This step is reasonable and prudent”.

Drug maker accused of hiding data and ghostwriting article

By Victor Guharoy

In a recently published article in the Journal of the American Medical Association (April 16, 2008), the authors concluded that scientific articles on rofecoxib (Vioxx) were written by Merck employees or hired ghostwriters to do the job. The ghost writers about 25 percent within one year of diagnosis.

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Vioxx, a multibillion dollar drug used for arthritis and pain relief was withdrawn by Merck from the market in 2004 because of a higher rate of heart attacks and strokes in patients than those on placebo in a study.

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To dance or not to dance?  
By Kevin Krupp  
TECHNEWS WRITER

A catchy blast of trumpets suddenly sprouts from two small speakers sitting on a table in Crown Hall’s Center Core. The piano and clarinets join in accompaniment. Soon the chatter of the drum set’s Hi-hat establishes the tempo, and in a few instants the jives of 1920s Big Band Swing invade the ostensibly quiet School of Architecture building. Curious architecture students busy at their tables pause to peer confused, at the strange image emerging as new Dance 101 President Laura Maet and her inviting lead spin into motion, kicking off Dance 101’s second to last dance of the semester.

After jumping between the MTCC Ballroom and the old MSV cafeteria for several weeks this past February, Illinois Tech’s student dance organization went into an indefinite hiatus and remained relatively inactive for the most of the Spring semester due to scheduling, instructor availability, and venue conflicts.

As the evening’s dance came to a close, Laura and the other executive members stood around, excited at the event’s success. “We have our last dance next week,” Laura explained, “but a bunch of us will be here for the summer.”

With their final dance of the semester already planned and thoughts turning to summer and plans for next semester these dancers hope to reinvigorate interest in the group and encourage students and faculty to contact them at dance101it@gmail.com for summer events and to join them for their final dance Wednesday, April.

So, to dance or not to dance? Silly Question.
University Calendar

**Tuesday, April 29**
- **Society of Women Engineers: Wheel of Fortune**
  - 6:30pm, ABC 7
  - Members of the IIT chapter of the Society of Women Engineers went to the Wheel of Fortune show this February, and the episode will be aired on ABC 7.

**Wednesday, April 30**
- **Quiz Bowl Team Practice**
  - 7:00-8:30pm
  - Quiz Bowl is a team-based competition that tests your knowledge of academic material, pop culture, current events, and sports. Teams of four try to answer questions correctly before the opposing team does.

**Thursday, May 1**
- **IIT Hillel Picnic**
- **ROTC Spring Review**
  - 2:30 - 4:00 pm, Stuart Field
  - A full military parade paying homage to veterans and celebrating graduating seniors, and showcasing the resident ROTC programs through the precision of military drill. Faculty, staff, students, and friends of IIT are invited to honor our past and future veterans. Guest of Honor: Major General John Scully

**Friday, May 2**
- **TechTonics Acapella concert**
  - 9:00-11:00pm, BOG
  - Acapella (vocal-only) student singing group. Performance features both the guy’s octet and our mixed ensemble.

**Saturday, May 3**
- **Student Band Night**
  - 8:30pm-11:45pm, BOG
  - This is the time for the talented IIT musicians to show off their mad skills and rock out in the Bog.

**Monday, April 21**
- **ACE Lecture**
  - 2:00-3:15pm, MTCC Auditorium
  - BT Armour College of Engineering and the Department of Civil, Architectural and Environmental Engineering
  - Managing Access: Broadening the Perspective
  - Speaker: Herbert S. Levinson
  - For more information, contact Liz Alva, 312.567.3009, alva@iit.edu

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Email applications to technews@iit.edu.
Results from the RHA Food Survey

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The students, around the Commons, handing out surveys at a day, just to add some variety.

where the salad bar would provide special ingredients for some of the specials including cobb salad, fruit salad, chicken caesar salad, etc. There are too big portions and there's a lack of variety. We discussed the possibility of going to a to-go box and walk around and fill-up with anything. Joe will look in storage to see if they still have those and will possibly bring them back.

People marking breakfast as a favorite they said that the omelets and the bacon is customizable. Joe said that sometimes breakfast is closed because they have had problems with their suppliers where deliveries would not come in until 7pm. The workers are paid to serve food until 7pm and then start closing down their station. He and others have been working to fix this problem. If you are refused food before 7pm on a weekday, you are supposed to call the supervisor immediately (there should be pictures with the current supervisor posted very soon, if not already). The supervisor should be able to fix the problem.

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By Linda Goldstein
CAMPU$ EDITOR

It was a normal Tuesday evening Illinois Institute of Technology Student Senate meeting in the MTCC Auditorium on 22 April 2008. The new Executive Board members were sworn in (on a book of Roberts Rules of Order). The SGA web page will be renamed to reflect the new name. Many people commented hopefully truly indicative of the current activities of the Senate, J-Board, Finance Board, Academic Committee, Student Life Committee, and Communications Committee. In the crowd of 30-40 senators, four of them were wearing “recycle it” t-shirts (Tuesday was the day that it seemed that half of campus were wearing light blue shirts with the IIT logo surrounded by a recycling sign.) The meeting was plagued by audiovisual difficulties which prevented the use of a projector—thus throwing the Senate into the quandary of having to listen closely to every word of Executive Vice President Suman Patel as he gave his lecture to the Senate on the topics on the agenda, including resolutions. Attendance in the Senate, as with many school events, is dropping alarmingly. Sending out email reminders of meetings has been suggested as a partial remedy.

The new Vice Presidents of Communications, Finance, and Senate Affairs are each a rank of various committees were sworn in by current SGA President Brandon Lloyd, to apply. The new SGA President, Sauraj Patel, was sworn in last, after the applause, Brandon Lloyd gave an inspiring speech, and the outgoing student body president, Robert Xing, stated that the Finance would like to say something complicated, about which (for explanation and details, email sf@iit.edu). The Student Life Committee is trying to combine the parent-student and Midnight Breakfast. It will be held on May 13. Professors: administrators— you are all welcome. Students, invite your professors, even your parents if you want them. The Commons has plenty of tables. The VP of Academic Affairs (AA) stated that the AA Committee should be active after the budget is set. They can talk about special rules of order which will hopefully reduce the number of vacancies in the Senate. The AA this semester has been the addition of an entire new course block of Japanese language and culture classes at IIT’s offerings, including:


The Senate heard and discussed a change to the special rules of order which would hopefully reduce the number of vacancies in the Senate. The AA was heard to say, dealing with the questions that dictate how many senators the Senate is supposed to have. No, another Senator said. “It’s worse than a tax form.”

Later, the student group Business Student Organization (BSO) discussed the possibility of having back-to-back open seats for open seats were taken and will continue. The SGA will contact the nominees and inform them of their status, in order to reduce the number of senators voted into positions without their knowledge. Congratulations to everyone for a productive semester! May the success continue.

By Tim Lipman
TECHNEWS

My other article dealt with the feedback from each station. This article focuses on other general comments in Joe’s comments or responses. While I couldn’t include every single comment, I’ve summarized the comments and the responses below.

Contact us for requests to display calorie information and to provide more low-fat options. There’s a computer program that contains all the calorie and nutritional information. There’s a cartridge that the users can put into each station, which would provide food nutritional information until it was replaced. Joe will put together a list of all the non-fat and low-fat options available throughout all the stations.

There have been many complaints about the end of the month and lack of food stations closing. This has been a problem for students for many stations. One user said, “have food before 7pm and then start closing down their station. We have been working to fix this problem. If you are refused food before 7pm on a weekday, you are supposed to call the supervisor immediately (there should be pictures with the current supervisor posted very soon, if not already). The supervisor should be able to fix the problem.

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NDrive G280 and G800: your best travel companions

By Kamakshi Palakodety

I’m sure many of us have struggled with tedious maps while driving around in strange places we’ve never been to. Then came Google maps and the GPS devices as a blessing in disguise. With easy to follow instructions and a bird’s eye view of all the streets, these software devices did away with the hassles of dealing with maps. But revolutionizing this technology further is the first photo mapping satellite navigation device range brought to us by NDrive. Due for release by the end of this month, NDrive is all set to spoil the frequent traveler with not just one but two satellite navigation devices—the G280 and G800.

Both these devices offer a full photographic view of your location and surroundings. While you drive, these devices give the actual representation of structures such as buildings and other comparable objects. Moreover, the device does not blank out while you are making turns. Instead, the images are connected and help you identify whether you are on the right track or not.

The secret to the technology used by the NDrive devices is real-life photo imaging as opposed to the one dimensional or two dimensional maps. This photo mapping technology gives it to you like it is. It is literally like getting a visual of the place you are heading to, which is more like it is. The device offers a total of five different perspectives which help the driver get a better view of the surrounding from all different angles just to locate beforehand where you are driving. The views consist of four diagonal perspectives and a bird’s eye view to approximately guess the distance and the area the driver will need to cover to get from one point to the other.

However, having so many angles to choose from can make the driver pretty crazy. So to keep the driver’s sanity in tact, the device automatically picks the view which is best for the driver while navigating. For those who enjoy a bit of the hair-pulling experience, the device also has a manual operation which allows the driver to position the view which he is best comfortable with.

Watching out for the welfare of the driver, the passengers and pedestrians alike, the G280 and G800 also have visual and audible speed camera alerts, so you know when you are driving on the edge. These devices can be your best travel companion even when driving out of state. The photo mapping feature comes with the images of some major vacation hot-spots such as Spain, Portugal, France, Europe, and Italy. These real images are stored into an 8GB memory card which is inserted into the device, almost like a plug and play device for our computer. The devices are provided with Tele Atlas Q1 2008 maps, which feature all the recent changes which might have taken place in areas such as new buildings which have come up over the years, etc. Moreover, in case the area you are traveling in does not have a photo mapping facility, the device automatically switches to the standard Tele Atlas mapping.

To playback the audio alerts and video features of the device, both the G280 and G800 have a built-in loudspeaker as well as a slot for headphones. The difference between the two models lies in the Bluetooth functionality that is offered in the G800 model. So, fortunately, if you know all about where you are headed, you can sit back, relax and enjoy the music coming from your NDrive device, which comes with an FM transmitter as well. You can even connect it to your iPod or cell phone.

The device is compact and easy to carry around. The G280 has a screen size of 3.5 inches, whereas the G800 has a 4 inch screen. Each model has its own features. The G280 is a navigation device like a media player, whereas the G800 is a navigation device plus has Bluetooth, FM transmitter and the all important feature of plugging it in with your iPod or mobile.

So, if you are the traveler on the go, and have a knack for getting lost, the NDrive G280 and G800 satellite navigation devices are the ideal gift for you!
Across
1. One of the Three Bears
7. "God’s Little ___"
10. Island chain
11. Pepper’s partner
12. Condo, e.g.
13. Set up
18. “Dig in!”
19. Clean air grp.
20. U.S.N. noncom
21. Tony-winning Hagen
22. ___ Aviv
24. “___ rang?”
25. Rapa ___
27. Futile
29. Sonora snoozes
32. Adam’s madam
33. Big Apple sch.
1. Sheriff’s group
2. Paint board
3. Cultural doings
4. Bargain-basement
5. Stove or washer (abbr.)
6. Jewelry clip
7. Chills and fever
8. Duct
9. Uncredited actor
14. Airs
15. Inlets
16. Critical hosp. areas
17. Beeswax cells
23. Vote into office
26. Customary
34. Animal classes
37. Boxes
39. Range units (abbr.)
40. “___ say!”
43. Immigrant’s course (abbr.)
53. Out of town
54. Guitarist Clapton
55. Lawful
35. Uncredited actor
50. Baby blues
51. Hammer’s target
52. Soup vegetable
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Down
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By Anil Vasiredi

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