

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



## What's Emerging

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### **Nano switch hints at future chips**

Researchers have built the world's smallest transistor - one atom thick and 10 atoms wide - out of a material that could one day replace silicon.

### **Nissan plans electric car in U.S. by 2010**

The Nissan Motor Company plans to sell an electric car in the United States and Japan by 2010, raising the stakes in the race to develop environmentally friendly vehicles.

### **Soup-stirring robot put to the test**

The next time you ask to congratulate the chef on your delicious soupe du jour - try not to be alarmed if a robot is wheeled to your table.

### **Intelligent paint turns roads pink in icy conditions**

When temperatures drop, it can be tricky to judge road conditions accurately. Soon, however, some roads could give drivers clear icy warnings by turning themselves pink.

### **Sustainable sleeping**

Keetsa brings an eco-friendly, sustainability orientation to sleep products. Keetsa also brings safer sleep environments by using everyday, natural ingredients that deliver anti-bacterial benefits. These products come together in one of the most efficient business models that produces a much lower carbon foot print than typical mattress stores...and every day cost savings to consumers in the range of 50% to 75%.

### **New wi-fi devices warn doctors of heart attacks**

The Bluetooth wireless technology that allows people to use a hands-free earpiece while making a mobile telephone call could soon alert the emergency services when someone has a heart attack.

### **IBM to offer BI via BlackBerry**

IBM has started selling software that lets customers access its Cognos business intelligence software via BlackBerry mobile devices.

### **The minority report comes to life?**

At Microsoft CEO Summit 2008, Bill Gates shows off a new multi-touch user interface technology called TouchWall. The product developed by a joint effort between Microsoft Research and Office Labs creates touch-sensitive interfaces on vertical surfaces.

### **HP rewires electronics**

A fundamental new electronic device could lead to denser, faster kinds of memory, and processing chips that act more like the brain.

### **Many households unprepared for disaster**

A survey from the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) has found many households are unprepared to cope with evacuation and survival in the event of a natural disaster.