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Print me up a new chair: Just as color printers are becoming status quo, a new technology may enable something more — 3D desktop printers. Three-dimensional printers use lasers to harden thin layers of liquid plastic or to melt and fuse metal or plastic powders to build up three-dimensional forms, but lasers are expensive. Researchers from the University of Southern California have a printer that uses an inkjet nozzle to treat portions of a powder with saltwater so that it resists melting, then exposes the entire form to high-intensity heat.

Posted Wednesday, February 18 at 2:07 p.m.

Are you 123123123@kazaa.com?: The Canadian File-Sharing Legal Information Network, a group set up to help those concerned about their rights when it comes to downloading and sharing digital music files, has posted a list of the screen names and IP addresses of the file-sharers that the Canadian Recording Industry Association is going after in court. If you're known as chickiepoo@kazaa.com, you might want to consult a lawyer.

Posted Wednesday, February 18 at 12:42 p.m.

Wi-Fi makes the food taste better: Schlotzsky's reports 40 percent of customers consider Wi-Fi and Web browsing as factor in visiting. As the chain has expanded to 38 company-owned and franchise stores mostly in the South that offer in-store free computer access and Wi-Fi, their latest market research shows a significant uptick in awareness. The company reported that 40 percent of customers surveyed considered Wi-Fi and computer access a factor in their decision to come to Schlotzsky's, while 6 percent said Wi-Fi access alone was why they were there.

Posted Wednesday, February 18 at 12:28 p.m.

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the left-hand area of the card switches between either a single 4GB (FAT32) volume or two separate 2GB (FAT16) volumes. It's available in the popular Type I format, so it should fit any CompactFlash slot. The 4GB card has a suggested retail



price of \$999.99 (U.S.), and is expected to start shipping in April.

Posted Thursday, February 12 at 9:23 a.m.

Covering your tracks: [StealthSurfer](#) is making its line of privacy-relating surfing hardware even smaller. The original StealthSurfer is a USB memory key or "thumbdrive" with a special version of the Netscape browser stored on it. Plug the USB key into any Windows computer, run the special browser, and any Web-related files, cached items and history information is stored on the StealthSurfer hardware instead of the computer's hard drive ([see review](#)). It obviously appeals to people surfing places with, say, sex-related content, but one of the top groups of customers works in the world's other "oldest profession," according to the company — lawyers. The StealthSurfer is also billed as a way to safely surf public or remote office terminals. The old model was the size of a thumb. The newest StealthSurfer model is a mere few millimeters in thickness and not much larger than the average thumbnail, and it doubles as a removable drive with up to 512MB of storage space.

Posted Wednesday, February 11 at 12:51 p.m.

A real man's MP3 player: The AK-MP3 Jukebox is an MP3 player built into the body of the ammunition magazine of a Kalashnikov automatic rifle. It comes with 20GB of storage capable of holding up to 9000 songs or 3000 hours of mp3 audio books. The [AK-MP3 player](#) was developed by ex-rock-star Andrey Koltakov, who states: "This is our bit for World Peace. Hopefully, from now on many militants and terrorists will use their AK47s to listen to music and audio books...They need to chill out and take it easy."



Posted Tuesday, February 10 at 4:27 p.m.

Robot dogs sniff out toxic waste: They