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The **iTop Button Relocator for the Apple iPod** is

now available at Best Buy, Amazon.com, etc..

Nyko Technologies develops, manufactures and markets innovative peripherals to enhance the digital lifestyle.

Available in stores now is the **iTop...** a lightweight, slim adapter that attaches to the **iPod**, and relocates standard controls from the face of the unit to the top – perfect for iPod users who want fast and easy access to their music. The iTop is designed for 10GB, 15GB, 20GB, 30GB, 40GB and 60GB **iPods**. The relocator accessory is white and metal, matching the appealing iPod aesthetic. Each button has a unique texture so that users can play, pause, skip, go back, and adjust the volume, all without looking. With the **iTop**, iPod-lovers can access their music easily – whether they're jogging, commuting, or just want to keep the iPod in a case.

Where to Buy:

Nyko's iTop for the iPod (**\$19.88 - 29.99**) is available at all major retail outlets and consumer electronics stores.

Other great iPod accessories by Nyko: **iBoost/iBoost mini** - a slim and compact rechargeable battery pack for iPods and iPod minis with dock connectors, that adds up to 16 of extra playtime. * **Speaker Dock**, * **Universal Car Mount**, * **Charger Case**, * **Movie Player**.

Digital Neighborhood



Stephanie Stahl's neighborhood is pretty hip. They've got a community E-mail group, Web site, and Weblog. Lost a dog? News alerts can be sent out instantly. Need a carpenter? Post a request on the site or send E-mail, and recommendations will come your way. Want to know the list price of the house for sale down the street? Or what your new neighbors paid for their house? No need to look any further than your in-box. She's got a guy in the neighborhood who gets all of the data and makes it available to everyone. You could call it their community way of cutting out the middleman.

Does this scenario give you ideas? Stephanie Stahl is editor-in-chief of Information Week... more of her **Fight Or Embrace Change** story [HERE](#).

-editor



If you have a tremor that affects your hand you'll know how difficult it can be to operate a computer using a mouse. Simple tasks like opening an email or pressing a web button can be very difficult because of the erratic movements of the cursor on the screen and the problem of multiple clicking caused by a shaking finger.

The *Assistive Mouse Adapter* was invented by IBM to address this problem. It works by filtering out the unintentional movements of the hand caused by a tremor. The effect of the adapter is much smoother movement of the cursor on the screen and greatly improved accuracy of mouse operation. Full story [HERE](#).

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FCC legislating emergency 911 number requirement for Broadband VOIP [Voice Over Internet Protocol] telephone service ...

As many of my readers know, a couple of months ago I gave the heave-ho to Sprint and joined 650,000 other subscribers in support of Internet telephone company Vonage for unlimited domestic local and long distance phone service for a c-o-o-l \$24.99/mo. I have been very pleased with the service *except* that when my cable company goes **down**, so does my Internet, T.V. AND telephone! When that happens, my Verizon digital / video cellphone is indispensable!

As reported in the April edition of Digital Times, there is an issue with Vonage's proprietary opt-in emergency service. Since the broadband service allows customers to use area codes from other parts of the country, routing these calls to a localized emergency service has taken some serious maneuvering.

Texas and Connecticut have sued Vonage. U.S. FCC Chairman Kevin Martin has proposed requiring Internet-based telephone services to offer 911 emergency services to customers by as early as the end of September. Full story [HERE](#). Interestingly enough, Vonage has partnered with Verizon wireless to facilitate implementation. Full story [HERE](#).

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The LES PAUL ULTRA Digital Guitar



Legendary Les Paul is known for the *fullness of tone* of his amazing guitars. Don't miss our interview with Les Paul, "[A Guitar Is Like A Woman.](#)" At CES, [Consumer Electronics Show] he told me of a new signature digital guitar by Epiphone that was soon to be released. Available now, this beauty sets a new standard for digital electric guitars.

- Faded cherry finish with gold-plated hardware.

Available at:
American Musical Supply
\$499.00



The Ultra's mahogany body has strategically placed hollow cavities to make it not only lighter (about 5.5 lbs) but also more "acoustic" sounding. Additionally, a belly-contour on the back of the guitar allows it to comfortably hug the player's body. With a slightly narrower nut (42mm as opposed to 43mm) on a very fast, satin-finish neck, this is truly an Ultra-friendly guitar. It comes in a classic, faded cherry finish with gold-plated hardware.

Pickups: Alnico Classic/HOT Alnico Classic

Tuners: Grover Rotomatic

Hardware: Gold

Scale: 24.75"

Nut Width: 1.68"

Neck: Set

Neck Material: Mahogany

FB / Inlay: Rosewood/Trapezoids

Binding: Body/Neck

Body Material: Mahogany

Top: Maple

Bridge / Tailpiece: Tunomatic/Stopbar

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