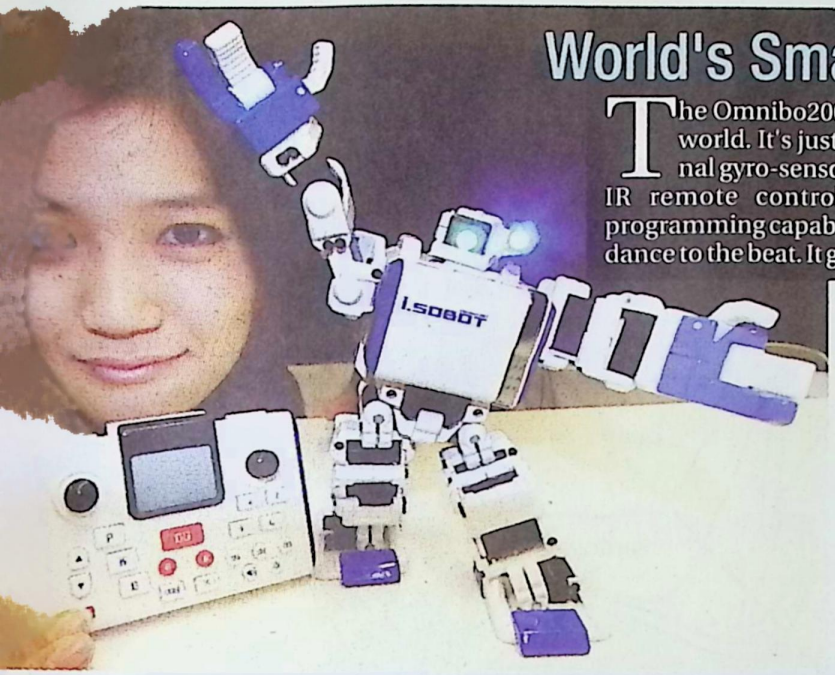



# World's Smallest 2-Legged Robot

The Omnibo2007 i-SOBOT is the smallest 2-legged robot in the world. It's just 96x67x165mm and weighs only 350g. An internal gyro-sensor gives is maximum flexibility while an attached IR remote control has voice command features and pre-programming capabilities. If you clap or play music, the i-SOBOT will dance to the beat. It goes on sale in July from toymaker Takara Tomy.

# *Beijing Aims to Tame Traffic by 2008*

Beijing's psychopathic traffic and the 2008 Olympics are on a collision course; pollution coats every urban surface; and now, according to a new government survey, 33 percent of residents cite the capital's clogged streets as their number one concern - putting gridlock ahead of medical care and employment on Beijing's list of frustrations. In response to this mess-in-the-making, the government has put 40 billion USD into expanding the antediluvian subway system and building new roads to handle the expected flood of Olympic visitors. Today Beijing has four subway and light rail lines totaling 114 kilometers; by 2008, that will expand to nine metro lines and 200 kilometers. Current plans call for Beijing to have the world's longest subway network by 2020, with 19 lines totaling 561.5 kilometres - surpassing even London's venerable underground. In 2006, 370,000 new vehicles were registered in the city, which now has 2.87 million vehicles for 15 million residents. The number of vehicles is expected to reach 3.3 million by the time the Summer Games begin.

# BluOnyx, the Tiny Home Server



Most of us desire for a tiny home server to replace the whirring, vibrating recycled desktops that have occupied our closet in times past. The BluOnyx, alas, is only a media server, not the ubuntu-powered everything-and-the-kitchen-sink. But it is tiny, being the size of a credit card and about a centimetre thick. And it's a capable little bugger, able to stream from PCs, internet sites and peripherals (accessing the web and other network storage via a WiFi connection). It offers 12 hours of battery life and will be priced from about 100 USD and up when it becomes available.

*Source: Gizmodo.com and Wired*

# Concierge: Like a GPS For Your Shopping Cart




Who said shopping carts had to be dull and gray? Not Springboard Networks. The folks at the Canadian-based company are looking to bring those rattling dinosaurs into the 21st century by pairing them with a touch screen LCD that will keep track of your purchases and also tell you what aisle to go to for your Doritos fix. The device is still in its early stages, so you may want to stick with online grocery shopping in the meantime.

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