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**AlcoHAWK Slim**

With St. Patrick's Day approaching, it is safe to assume that there will be liquid celebration. While we have all heard the lectures on moderation and drunk driving, the most important thing is that you and your loved ones survive to March 18. Of course, nobody wants to be the one to scold their friends about their drinking.

The AlcoHAWK Slim offers a stylish way to make sure everyone stays safe. As awkward as it may seem to pull out a breathalyzer in the middle of a party, the Slim has the added bonus of looking like a cell phone or an MP3 player.

In fact, until you unfold the tube from the Slim, nobody will know what it is, allowing you to tactfully test yourself or an inebriated friend without alerting the whole room.

Pulling the AlcoHAWK out in the middle of a party isn't necessarily a mood-killer either. There is a strange thing about breathalyzers when they aren't held by cops that seems to draw people in. Even people who are too drunk to drive will not be able to overcome the urge to check their own blood alcohol level when everyone else is doing it.

The device is amazingly easy to use. Just unfold the tube, press a button, wait for a beep and then blow. The AlcoHAWK Slim even comes with three tube covers so germs aren't a concern.

Best of all, the price is not going to break you. At a suggested retail price of \$69 (and often cheaper at many online stores,) it is an affordable answer to the question of whether you or your friends are sober enough to drive. Granted, it only registers to the nearest .01, but that is all you really need to know whether you are safe or not.

**WYWH.mobi**

No matter how easy it is to send photos from your phone these days, you can't deny the joy of receiving a postcard in the mail. Of course, spending time trolling souvenir stands for something that somehow represents your vacation will pretty much guarantee to take you out of vacation mode.

WYWH.mobi (short for Wish You Were Here) hopes to bridge this gap between camera phone pictures and postcards by helping you convert your photos into fully



WYWH: "Wish You Where Here"

formed, color printed postcards and sending them to whomever you want for just under two dollars. This means that they will take photos you send them via MMS, print them on glossy paper with messages that you can personalize and then send them to your loved ones.

Sure, it may be a bit more expensive than a postcard and a stamp, but think of how much more special the view is with you in the shot.

**Yahoo! Go 3.0**

So, you've bought the cool new phone, paid extra for the mobile Internet package and are now in the interesting position of having tons of browsing potential and no money left over. Fortunately, Yahoo's new version 3.0 of its "Go" mobile experience is available and, more important, completely free.

Users of Go version 2.0 will already be familiar with Yahoo's widget-based mobile information service, allowing users to check their mail and news with a simple, pretty interface. Version 3.0 expands on this by allowing users to customize their widgets, including some very slick mobile solutions for eBay, Flickr and MySpace.

Yahoo! has also announced that they are designing special interfaces for some of the more popular phones, meaning that you will have new reasons to brag about your iPhone.

The only real flaw with the Yahoo! Go service in general is that there are some phones that it will not work with.

To see if your phone can use Yahoo! Go and to download it, go to [get.go.yahoo.com](http://get.go.yahoo.com). ■



AlcoHAWK

## college beat | BY JONATHAN KNELL

**OVERSEXED AND SELLING**

College students are putting their stuff just down to good use.

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It's a common sight on campus: a student sitting at a desk, looking at a laptop screen. The student is likely a member of the "college beat" group, a group of students who are putting their stuff just down to good use.

The group is made up of students who are looking for ways to make money. They are often selling their old textbooks, their old clothes, and their old electronics. They are also looking for ways to save money on their college expenses.

## L.A. beat | BY JONATHAN KNELL

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