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## NEWS WATCH

### MOBILE TECHNOLOGY

#### A Personal Network Fit for the Duck Pond

Leaving home in the morning used to require little more than grabbing a wallet, a purse or a set of keys. Now people are walking out the door with cell phones, hand-held organizers, MP3 players, extra batteries, earbuds and expandable keyboards. Who has enough pockets?

Scott Jordan, a former corporate lawyer in Chicago, thinks he has a solution. He has developed a 15-pocket zippered vest designed not only to carry digital devices but also to keep them

connected to one another.

"When my wife and I would leave the house, we'd negotiate over who would carry my stuff," said Mr. Jordan, who carries a phone, a Pocket PC and a collapsible keyboard.

The vest includes what he calls a "personal area network," a series of narrow, Velcro-sealed conduits that run inside the vest, connecting pockets. The conduits could hide the wires for earbuds or keep an organizer connected to a cell phone that is serving as a wireless modem.

The water-resistant vest, which comes in black or khaki, costs \$159.99 and can be purchased from [www.scottevest.com](http://www.scottevest.com).

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### The SCOTT eVEST Version 1.0

#### EXTERIOR VIEW (Left side, outside of vest shown)

- Earbuds/Headset Holder**
- Cellphone**  
Attached to earbuds and DPC below
- Hidden Key Holder**
- Digital Phone Card (DPC)**  
Attached to cellphone through hidden Personal Area Network (PAN) allowing you to use your PDA to surf internet and retrieve email
- Sunglasses, etc.**



#### INTERIOR VIEW (Right side, inside of vest shown)

- Headsets**  
For CD/MP3 Player
- Pager**  
Secret Pocket
- PAN Revealed**  
Velcro flaps organize your wires
- PocketPC**  
Attached external power source
- Stylus Holder**
- Reward Tag**  
Name & address incase vest is lost
- Magazine**  
or small laptop pocket, e.g., Sony \
- CD/MP3 Player**  
Connect to headsets above via PAN