



**CourseCast of the Week – July 21, 2008 – Episode 58**

**Key Topics:**

- Wireless Sensors Help with Urban Parking
- Apple iPhone 3G One Week Later
- News Briefs

**Talk About It:**

1. What is a smart parking system? Do you think it will catch on? Would you use such a system? Why or why not? (Wireless Sensors Help with Urban Parking)
2. Did you or one of your friends purchase an iPhone last week? If so, did you have any problems? How would you assess Apple's success with the release? (Apple iPhone 3G One Week Later)

**Explore Technology:**

1. Research how the wireless sensors work that will be used in the smart parking system. (Wireless Sensors Help with Urban Parking)
2. Besides the United States, other countries are interested in the iPhone. Research about the how the iPhone has made waves in other countries. (Apple iPhone 3G One Week Later)

**Think Critically:**

1. Amazon Video on Demand is set to launch this summer. What do you think is the next generation for movies and TVs? What are possible drawbacks to such a system? (News Brief)
2. Are you interested in reading your textbooks using an eBook reader? What if it were less expensive to read textbooks on your eBook reader than a regular textbook? Do you think one day we will no longer purchase textbooks, but will digitally download them? What are the costs and benefits of eBooks? (News Briefs)