Engineering Newswire 35: Gag Gifts Sold As Bomb Detectors

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Today on Engineering Newswire [1], brought to you by Pivot Point [2], the leading designer and manufacturer of non-threaded fastener solutions, we're sweeping the sky with inspection robots, exploring hidden tombs with autonomous robots, and using gophers to detect bombs in the Middle East. This episode features:

- James McCormick has been found guilty of fraud after selling his gopher novelty golf ball finder as a device capable of finding explosives, drugs and people from planes, under water, underground and through walls.
- University of California, San Diego's [3] Nick Morozovsky has developed the SkySweeper Power Line Inspection Robots [4], using off-the-shelf electronics and plastic parts printed on an inexpensive 3D printer.
- BIOROB [5] recently demonstrated the Salamandra Robotica II [6], a snake-like robot that can swim, crawl and walk. The robot helps them explore how the nervous system - specifically in the spinal cord - works.
- An autonomous robot, known as Tlaloc II [7], will travel through an unexplored tunnel beneath the Aztec Temple of the Plumed Serpent, aiding in archeological discovery and tactical digging procedures.

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