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SPANKIN' NEW GEAR

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1 CANON OPTURA 500 DIGITAL CAMCORDER

There's no need for both a digital camcorder and a digital camera when you have the new Optura 500, as this high-end MiniDV recorder from Canon is not only a fully versatile digital camcorder but also a full-featured 2.2 megapixel digital camera. In addition, the Optura 500 allows users to shoot in true 16:9 widescreen mode, creating images that perfectly fill the screens of today's digital televisions. \$1,199.00 / www.consumer.usa.canon.com

2 FERNANDES RAVELLE DELUXE

The new Ravelle Deluxe line of electric guitars from Fernandes—the same axes used by As I Lay Dying—feature mahogany bodies/necks, 5-A Canadian flame maple tops, Seymour Duncan humbucking pickups, and Grover tuners. The guitars are available in wine red, black, ivory, and honey burst. \$799.99 (\$999.99 with case) / www.fernandesguitars.com

3 ALTEC LANSING AHS602 GAMING HEADSET

The perfect headset, whether you're listening to the haunting aural soundscape of *Doom 3* alone or you're playing *Joint Operations* with buddies online and need outstanding voice-communication quality. \$99.95 / www.alteclansing.com

4 SIRIUS XACT STREAM JOCKEY SATELLITE RECEIVER

About the size of a cell phone, the new XACT Stream Jockey plug-and-play receiver for the Sirius satellite radio service is incredibly versatile. The compact unit can be used as a stand-alone receiver when connected to headphones or speakers; it can also be wirelessly connected to a home stereo system or a vehicle's in-dash radio, providing a complete commercial-free hi-fi listening experience in just about any situation. \$99.99 (\$59.99 for docking station) / www.sirius.com

5 ALIENWARE DHD MEDIA CENTER PC

With all its components housed inside a 30-inch LCD widescreen display, the DHD can be outfitted with such high-end options as a Pentium 4 Extreme Edition 3.4GHz processor, a 400GB hard drive, a Radeon X800 XT video card, and a whopping two gigs of RAM, making it the ideal setup for storing massive amounts of audio, video, and games. \$5,673.00–\$8,080.00 / www.alienware.com

6 AXIO HARDBACK

For the technologically minded, the new Hardpack backpacks from Axio were designed by BMX racing pioneer Bob Haro specifically to carry and protect electronic gear of all types—MP3 players, laptops, cell phones, video cameras, and more. \$139.95–\$159.95 / www.axio-usa.com

7 AUDIO-TECHNICA PRO SERIES MICROPHONES

Audio-Technica's new line of affordable Pro Series microphones features a wide range of vocal and instrument mics (both dynamic and condenser). The instrument mics are specifically tailored for clear, full-range reproduction of acoustic and amplified instruments, while the vocal mics feature a broad frequency response with low handling noise for consistent onstage performance. \$59.00–\$239.00 / www.audio-technica.com