

iMuffs let you listen sans wires

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With a pair of iMuffs, you can pick up the pace on your morning walk. Designed to fit snugly over your head, the headset provides a wireless Bluetooth connection to your Apple iPod, allowing you to listen to music without getting tangled in earphone wires. The headset features easy-to-reach controls that let you pause the music, skip tracks and adjust the volume while you're on the move. It also comes with a built-in microphone, so you can talk wirelessly via a Bluetooth cell phone. Available in black or white, the MB210 model with an included Bluetooth adapter is \$180.

www.wi-gear.com

Sanyo Xacti can shoot stills while filming

Sanyo's Xacti DMX-CG9 digital camcorder lets you have it both ways. While you're recording video of a big event, you also can snap photos without pausing the recording. Compact enough to hold in one hand, the versatile camera can capture vivid 9.1-megapixel snapshots and high-quality TV video at 60 frames per second. When capturing a still photo, the people-friendly camera will automatically find and focus on up to 12 faces in a scene. Available in silver or black, the camcorder has 40 megabytes of memory, a built-in flash, a 5x optical zoom, a 2.5-inch color display and a slot for a Secure Digital or Secure

Digital High Capacity memory card. It will go on sale in April for \$280.

www.sanyo.com

Software jazzes up images, video

Images in your digital slide show will move to the beat with a little help from CyberLink's MediaShow 4. Thanks to the program's beat-detection technology, animated images are automatically synced to the beat of the slide show's background music. The Windows-based title also has tools to help you organize your digital files, quickly enhance images, create theme-based movies, share videos online and preview and burn DVDs. Cost: \$50.

www.cyberlink.com

Adapter creates storage

The NewerTech USB 2.0 Universal Drive Adapter can extend the lives of old computer hard drives. Not only can the adapter help you transfer data to a new PC but it also can turn your old drive into an external storage device. To transfer data, simply connect the adapter directly to a hard drive and to a USB port on a computer. While the transfer takes place, you can monitor the action on the adapter's LED lights. The adapter works with major hard drive brands, such as Maxtor, IBM and Fujitsu; optical drive brands, such as Toshiba, Sony and Panasonic; and removable media drives, such as Iomega Zip. Cost: \$30.

www.newertech.com/products