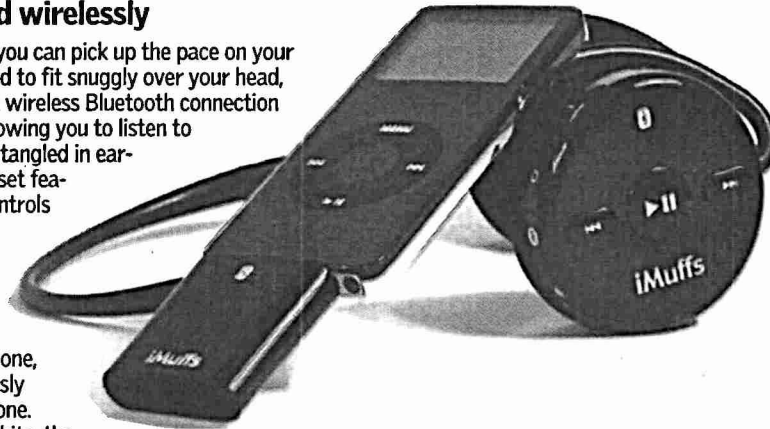


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Listen to an iPod wirelessly

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 ear-phone 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.

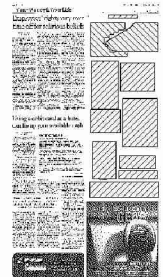
www.wi-gear.com



Sanyo Xacti shoots 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 goes on sale this month for \$280.

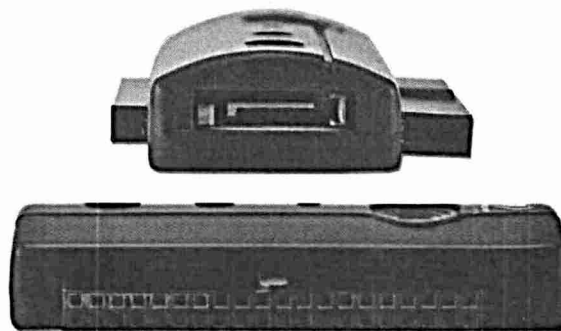
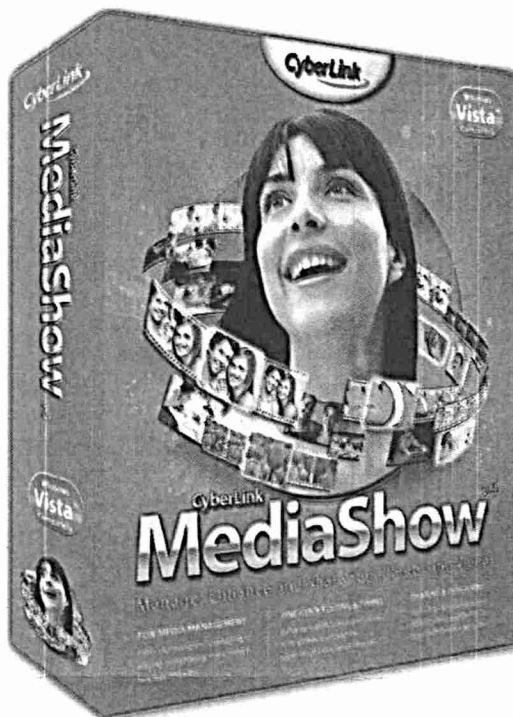
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Software jazzes up media

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 helps create external storage

The NewerTech USB 2.0 Universal Drive Adapter can extend the lives of old computer hard drives. The adapter not only helps you transfer data to a new PC – 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 versatile 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. It costs \$30.

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