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## GREAT GADGETS

What the tech experts want this holiday season. By Dan Heilman



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**Apple iPhone 4S** (Starting at \$199)

"It has the same physical design as the original iPhone 4, but it has a dual-core A5 processor, making it twice as fast and seven times better handling graphics. It's a world phone capable of handling both GSM and CDMA networks. The 8-megapixel camera is one huge improvement. It offers sharper images with better colors at a higher resolution, and it is one of the fastest cameras in the industry."

**Canon EOS Rebel T3i Digital SLR** (\$899.99) "This is the cream of the crop for great performance on a consumer-level DSLR. It features a large 18-megapixel sensor and an 18- to 55-millimeter

lens. This combination won't leave any memory uncaptured. You can also shoot movies in full 1080p quality at 25 frames a second. The three-inch TFT LCD monitor allows you to tweak your perfect shot before you take it and you can shoot pictures in a RAW format and edit later with the included software."



**DON MARTELLI**  
EXECUTIVE EDITOR,  
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**CEIVA Connected Digital Photo Frame** (\$127.99-\$147.99)

"You can send pictures to this photo frame via email, Facebook, mobile and desktop apps. You can even share pictures with other CEIVA frame owners. Imagine being able to update a frame for your grandparents so they don't have to do it themselves."

Clockwise from far left: Xbox 360; CEIVA Connected Digital Photo Frame; Amazon Kindle Fire; iPhone 4s; ElliptiGO; BodyMedia FIT LINK; Nikon 1.J1.

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**Sony NEX-7** (\$1,349.99) "This mirrorless camera follows previous NEX models, but adds awesome direct manual controls. It uses the same APS-C sensor used in most DSLRs while being packaged in a body a fraction of their size. Sony even managed to squeeze in the highest resolution viewfinder ever made."

**Nikon 1 V1 and Nikon 1 J1** (\$899, \$649) "These cameras use a sensor that's smaller than a DSLR's but bigger than compact cameras', while achieving a much smaller size. The new sensor has a phase-detection autofocus system that will apparently let it focus faster than even the top-the-line Nikon DSLRs."



**LATOSHA JOHNSON**  
BLOGGER

**BodyMedia FIT LINK** (\$249.99) "This armband monitors how many calories you consume and burn throughout the day, even when you're sleeping. It also gives you the ability to monitor that information via iPhone or Android apps. Many similar devices require you to log into a computer to see that data."

**Olympus PEN series** (\$499.99-\$899.99) "The cameras in this series are lightweight and come with extensive editing options, which is great for bloggers because it reduces the amount of work needed to edit images and videos."

### What I Really Want

**Kid 2.0:** "We need a cranial implant that monitors a child's behavior and sends instant alerts when trouble beckons. Just imagine. Built-in GPS tracking lets you know when they're safely playing at a friend's house versus making a surprise break for the mall, while text messages notify you when they post your home address to Facebook. Best of all, Streaming video options let you determine whose idea it really was to T.P. the neighbor's yard."



**SCOTT STEINBERG**  
CEO OF TECHSAVVY GLOBAL,  
HOST OF FAMILY TECH

**LG Cinema Lw6500 3D TV** (\$4,500) "This 65-inch beauty offers one of the strongest cases yet for home 3-D viewing and is built to use the more affordable and comfortable 'passive' 3-D glasses. It's capable of theater-quality 3-D visuals and upscaling of standard 2-D videos so that you won't die of boredom waiting for the latest blockbuster to make its way to DVD. Four pairs of 3-D glasses come with a set."

**Samsung Galaxy Tab 7.7** (U.S. release pending) "It's the first tablet with a 7.7-inch Super AMOLED Plus display for killer photo, app and video viewing, runs on the ultra-versatile Android 3.2 operating system and weighs 12 ounces, making it a travel-friendly alternative to traditional laptops. It has dual cameras for videoconferencing and—hallelujah for frequent fliers—10 hours of battery life."



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**ContourGPS** (\$299) "This ruggedized helmet camera has built-in GPS tracking. It geo-tags your video so you can view footage and see it side by side with a map. It's great for adventurers who want to see what they've done and where they did it."

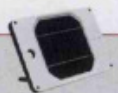
**DeLorme inReach** (\$249.95 + satellite service, starting at \$9.95/month) "This two-way GPS device sends and receives messages via GPS satellites—a first! The GPS unit pairs with a smartphone via Bluetooth. You can use it to type on your phone and then load text messages to the GPS, which sends your text data to a network of roving satellites and then back to Earth to connect with the Internet or the recipient's cellphone. It lets you update your Facebook or Twitter pages from the most remote corners of the planet."

### Prediction // The gender gadget gap will shrink.

Contrary to conventional wisdom, women spend a lot of money on consumer electronics (\$68 billion a year), and that figure will very likely grow. The rate at which women adopt new technologies is already on par with men and has even surpassed men in many areas. Yet there's a big difference in how women shop for gadgets, says Cliff Courtney of Zimmerman Advertising in Fort Lauderdale: "Women are more patient about finding the right price and they insist on ease of use."



**Powerbag**  
(\$139.99-\$249.99)  
This versatile bag's hidden removable battery has enough juice to simultaneously power or recharge four different portable electronic devices.



**JOOS Orange** (\$149)  
This personal solar charger can reportedly transform sunlight into stored electrical energy even while submerged underwater.

**Motorsola Talkabout MS350R** (\$99.99)  
Ideal for when your destination is really off the beaten track, these rugged, waterproof two-way radios have a range of up to 35 miles and even a flashlight.



**dB Logic EP-200 earphones** (\$49.99)  
Pressure-limiting sound technology spares your ears without distorting the quality of your tunes, while an inline microphone lets you clearly switch to fielding calls.

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