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A RUNDOWN OF COOL – AND OCCASIONALLY COVERT – WAYS TO KEEP A HANDLE ON YOUR BUSY WORLD.

THE ROVIO HOME SURVEILLANCE BOT

Your assistant is watching your place while you globetrot to bring in *dinero* for your next big-budget feature, but who's watching your assistant? Powered by Northstar navigation, WowWee's wily bot can roam your home while avoiding obstacles like that recently smashed, obscenely expensive Oscar replica in your home theatre (not to worry, the academy will notice your talent one day). Did we mention the WiFi connection that allows you to view the Rovio's video feed anywhere in the world? Yes, catch Danny Boy or Suzy Q snooping around and trading your secrets to the enemy, or recreating the Pam Anderson-Tommy Lee sex tape on your king-sized bed. Hmm... maybe you can have your Rovio customized to sanitize and print pink slips, too. **\$299**



VERTU ASCENT TI PHONE

Only an elite phone will do for a top-notch producer such as yourself. This limited-edition, handcrafted Vertu phone has a far more valuable feature: nearly indestructible titanium. That's right, you can hurl this baby full force at your numbskull assistant's head, hit the concrete wall behind him and immediately pick up the luxury device to share the comedic moment with a golf buddy. Not to worry, though. After your weakling ex-assistant scurries away forevermore (geez, it was only a warning toss), you have a twenty-four-hour international concierge service available to you at the mere push of a button. Have them make reservations for you at the hottest club in L.A., and consider them your personal assistants until you find one with the *cojones* to handle a real job. **\$6,300**

MBT SHOES Ouch! After endless days walking the WGA picket lines, your tootsies look and feel like they've gone five rounds with Rocky Balboa, then been KO'd by Apollo Creed. Before you face another day of fighting the good fight, hop into a pair of MBT (Masai Barefoot Technology) shoes. This Swedish design simulates the natural instability of soft ground with each step, potentially alleviating back and foot pain. Avoid handing in a crinkled wad of physical therapy receipts to the frazzled Guild health

insurance coordinator when you finally get back to work by purchasing shoes that improve posture and gait, tone legs, reduce cellulite and help with joint, muscle, ligament and tendon injuries. What *can't* these amazing shoes do? Well, they can't tie up those loose ends in your third act – there you're on your own. **\$238.95 and up**



FLIP VIDEO ULTRA SERIES CAMCORDER

You knew it was just a matter of time before you had the studio in your back pocket. Be creator and director of the next big Writers'

Strike video with the compact Flip Video Camcorder. Boasting a 528 x 132 pixel display, 2GB of memory and up to sixty minutes of recording time, take this easy-to-use tiny wonder everywhere you go. Connect it via USB port to your PC or Mac. From there, upload it to your desktop or share it through the Internet via email, YouTube or AOL Video. Just make sure not to confuse your new masterpiece with that home video starring you and your boink-buddy trying out that adventurous Kama Sutra position you described in your last HBO pilot. The camcorder's sleek design comes in a variety of colors, including black, pink, green and white (as a blank page). **\$149.99-175.99**



VOICE CHANGER PROFESSIONAL VERSION

It's said that change is good. Like, when an expense cut forces you to fire your only assistant and you're a lone agent fending for yourself in the entertainment jungle – wait, bad example. Here's a better one: You can use this professional Voice Changer at the office so no one has a clue that the real Rick is currently the new stock boy at Barnes & Noble. Simply plug

this economical device into your phone and adjust the pitch to make your voice sound higher or lower. Voilà! Instant vocal makeover. Now, if you could just find an ear-double to endure the insufferable ranting of your former '80s child-star client. **\$35**

ALCOHAWK SLIM PERSONAL BREATHALYZER

Are casting directors seeing more mug shots than headshots of you lately? The next time you're out commiserating about yet another unfruitful pilot season with a trio of tequila shots, you may want to pull out the AlcoHAWK before you pick up the keys. Just blow into the folding mouthpiece of this single-button digital breath alcohol tester for an accurate BAC reading in seconds. Slim, compact and easy to carry, this baby could mean the difference between making an appearance on TMZ.com in handcuffs or drunkenly stumbling into your cab after puking on a paparazzo's shoes. **\$49.99**



NONOBJECT BEHIND THE SCENES CAMERA

Production of your TV series has ground to a halt because of the strike. Thinking of joining the throngs of actors who are going abroad, or popping out babies? Take the Non-Object camera along and capture the memories. This narcissist's dream gives you the ability to see yourself as you photograph yourself. Control the background

and perspective of each shot, whether you're partying in Rome, clubbing in Japan or pub-crawling in Ireland. This item isn't available in stores yet, but you'll want to put it on your wish list – just below anti-aging serum.

www.nonobjectbook.com/Behind_the_Scenes_Camera

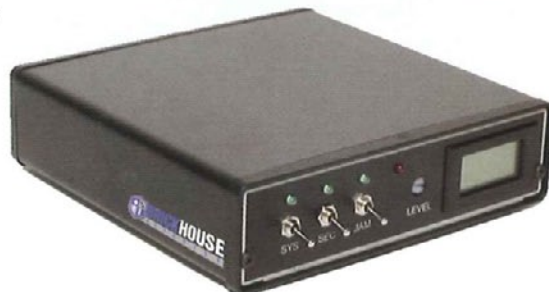
BIONIC EAR & BOOSTER SET

Tired of going out of your way to steal film and TV ideas? Now you can purloin premises from the comfort of your own home, office or car. The Bionic Ear and Booster from Brickhouse Security pinpoints and amplifies sound up to forty decibels. Take a casual stroll past a network executive's office wearing these babies, get the scoop on its new reality show to be released this fall, produce the same show, release it late summer and make the other guys look like the copycats. Genius. **\$153.84**



THE BRICKHOUSE SECURITY TAP NULLIFIER

Gosh, it seems like every time you're on the phone having an innocent conversation with your Mafioso boyfriend, the feds burst through your front door – and you're tired of replacing those imported Italian double doors! What's a girl to do? Make an executive decision to arm your phone with the Tap Nullifier. Protect your privacy with technology that jams any listening device that uses telephone lines to nose in on your chats. It's FCC-approved, stops automatic recorder activators and monitors exact line voltage whether the phone is on or off the hook. So the next time the coppers come snooping around your place, be confident that they've got nuttin' on ya. **\$553.00**



VTECH PHONE LS5145

The higher-ups at the studio have kicked the collective butts of your production company to the curb. So until your inevitable comeback, you're forced to work from home sweet home. But don't inflate your cellphone bill with business calls you can't afford! Remember the landline? We know, you thought it was a dying breed (like actresses without hair extensions). VTech's design vibes with cellphones by integrating Bluetooth technology. Use your Bluetooth for a hands-free call from a landline or feed it your mobile calls to answer with the clarity of a home phone. Did we forget to mention the full-color LCD display, dual caller ID, recordable ring tones and 100 percent recyclable packaging? When your company finally gets that new address, call in sick with high-tech style. **\$149.95**

