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Better living through gadgets.

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Secret-Agent Man

As more high-tech gadgets become mobile, the American male is running out of ways to carry the latest gear. We even considered buying purses, but that dark moment is over, thanks to the arrival of the SCOTTeVEST TEC Sport Jacket.

This cool blazer looks normal on the outside, but inside there are 14 hidden pockets for digital cameras, portable keyboards, small laptop computers, two-way radios and even the latest issue of HUSTLER. If this sounds like a secret-agent outfit, that's because it's very close to the same type worn by the FBI, CIA and Secret Service. Some guys might still want a purse, but the rest of you should go to www.SCOTTeVEST.com or call (866) 909-VEST.



Jamming Jukebox

We all love those MP3 players and iPods that can store and play thousands of songs, but as Americans, don't we have a God-given right to even more entertainment? Enter the RCA Lyra RD 2780 Audio/Video Jukebox. Not only can you listen to tunes on the Jukebox, but you can also watch videos, prerecorded TV shows and movies. All you have to do is transfer audio and/or video files from your PC or Mac onto the Jukebox's hard drive (which can hold 80 hours of video or 5,000 songs) and let the good times roll. This mini-wonder can also hold as many as 100,000 JPEG images, which is great for grandmothers who love torturing people with pics of the grandkids. To reach this next level of entertainment nirvana, try your local electronics store or go to www.RCA.com.



Size Matters

A perfect companion for the SCOTTeVEST is the secret agent-style DocuPen: the world's smallest, fully portable, full-page scanner. This eight-inch wonder can scan an entire page, text and graphics, in just four seconds. It also holds up to 100 pages in its two megabytes of memory, which should be more than adequate to copy your girlfriend's diary while she's out buying you beer. The DocuPen easily plugs into your PC (sorry, Mac users) via a USB port, allowing you to transfer the scanned images onto your computer. The DocuPen is available at office stores such as Staples and Office Depot, or by going to www.DocuPen.com or calling (905) 507-3926.



Getting the Message

Whether you're a business professional on the road or just an average Joe trying to score some booty online, the Nokia 6820 Messaging Device is a great way to plug into the Web. This multitalented cell phone comes with a full keyboard that folds out; so you can instant message your girlfriend and e-mail the wife. The 6820 also includes a miniature camera to take pics (great for up-skirt voyeurs) and a sound card for audio recording. You can also combine all these features and send a multimedia message of text, picture and voice. The Nokia 6820 is available at electronics and phone stores, or by going to www.Nokia.com.

Ear Candy

If you can't live without tunes, even when you're on the phone, then you may need to see a psychiatrist, or check out the Skullcandy Portable LINK. This mini-mixer connects to virtually any cell phone and portable audio device, allowing

you to talk on the phone while listening to your favorite songs. The volume control enables you to turn down the music to hear your caller better or crank it up when the wife starts nagging. The Skullcandy Portable LINK is available at Target stores and at www.Skullcandy.com.

