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Radio Daze

During America's DVD/cell phone/iPod revolution, AM and FM junkies have gotten nothing but static—until now. With



the Radio VCR you'll never miss your favorite programs again. This handheld digital tuner has a 32 MB memory that holds up to four hours of content. (For increased recording time an SD memory card can be purchased separately.) Extremely versatile, this audio wonder can also operate as a voice recorder and MP3 player. To order the Radio VCR, click on Hammacher.com or call (toll-free) 800-321-1484. Suggested retail price: §149.95

Feed Me, Seymour!

Need to rid your home of annoying pests? Then tell your inlaws that it's time to pack up and get out! But if you're trying to zap flies, wasps and/or mosquitoes, check out the Flycatcher Mark II. Shaped like a Venus's fly.



Arial Attack

The peaceful, lazy days of radio-controlled airplanes are about to come to an end thanks to the Fighterbird, which brings some much-needed violence to the world of toy aviation. This RC aircraft can dogfight other Fighterbirds with an ultrasonic blast that can be triggered by remote control. Once a target plane is zapped, its motor dies for ten sec-

onds, which may or may not be enough time to pull out of a nose-dive!
To land this high-flying wonder, go to Firebox.com.
Suggested retail price: \$149.93

Mightier Than the Sword

While you and the missus are out on the town, could your baby-sitter be one of those crazed lunatics we hear about on the news? And then there's the cleaning lady. Is she searching under the sofa cushions for loose change while you're at work? Find out what the hell is going on in your house with the Pen Cam. This battery-operated snooper is an operative writing implement with a mini-camera hidden inside. The diminutive



e. The diminutive device transmits up to 165 feet to a receiver (included), which can be attached to a TV, VCR or security monitor. To get the write stuff, surf the Web at Outpost .com or call (toll-free) 877-OUT-POST. Suggested retail price: \$299

Defving Gravity

For anyone who has ever imagined himself living like the Jetsons, the Anti-Gravity Machine is a dream come true. This piece of futuristic furniture suspends metallic objects in midair with a magnetic force field. No need to worry if the power suddenly goes out; in that event your prized possessions will automatically cling to the top module. To order this space-age device, visit IWantOneofThose.com. Suggested retail price: \$158.98 (globe included)

