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GADGETS GALORE

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Technology has reached a whole new level in our age of the high tech world. So many things have come into existence that virtually anything can now be done with technology, even exercising. It seems that each month a new gadget is released that sweeps the nation by storm. Here is a look at some of the newest technologies that Popular Science Magazine says to be on the look-out for in the up and coming months.

Windows 7: First there was Windows XP, then Windows Vista and now the newest addition to the Windows line of software, Windows 7. Windows 7 features a lot of new features that make users computing experience more enjoyable. The new Windows Media Center allows users to record television right on their computer. Internet TV allows users to watch their shows when they want, anywhere they want to for free. Windows 7 is marked by everything from an enhanced desktop with the ability to access the Internet, Microsoft Word, and any other device in a matter of seconds to improved quality of photos and a new program called HomeGroup that allows users to share files in just four clicks.

Touch Screens: A technology that is sweeping the nation from phones to computers to cameras

is touch screen technology. It all started with the iPhone and BlackBerry Storm and has now moved on to numerous other appliances (even refrigerators!) The new touch screen Verizon Droid is trying to imitate the Apple iPhone, featuring new features such as Google by voice, allowing users to use their voice to search on the internet from their phone. The Droid also features a number of apps that can be downloaded from the Android Market. The Droid features special features such as a 5 mega pixel camera, the ability to shoot videos with DVD quality, and the ability to watch movies, play music, and access WIFI. The phone also has both a virtual keyboard and a real keyboard to make texting easier. The HP TouchSmart Computer is taking the computer to all new heights. The TouchSmart actually allows users to touch the screen instead of using a mouse.

The TouchSmart also features an HD screen improving the clarity of the screen so it is better for watching movies and television. On the idea of touch screen technology, Nikon recently released the new Nikon CoolPix, a touch screen camera. From shooting to playback, the entire camera is touch screen, allowing the user to scroll through pictures, enhance photos and adjust the lighting all with the touch of a finger.

Music: Are you a fan of Dance Dance Revolution? Get ready for

the newest electronic dance game, Tiger U-Dance. This motion-sensed dance system allows players to dance to the steps on the screen by simply attaching wireless foot tags to their feet. The game features popular songs to make playing even more fun. Is music more your thing? The new Ovation iDea Guitar is an MP3 equipped guitar that allows users to record songs on the guitar.

Exercise: It's hard to believe that exercise has reached the technological world, but with the Wii Fit, exercise was taken to a whole new level. Now, the new FitBit Tracker is even more advanced; it tracks calories burned, steps taken, distance traveled, and sleep quality. The FitBit Tracker contains a 3D motion sensor like the one in the Wii that tracks user's motions and

converts it into useful information about the user's daily activities. The FitBit Tracker fits in a pocket or on a clip on the waistband, and at night the FitBit can be worn on a wristband to track the user's sleeping habits. The FitBit automatically uploads data tracked on the FitBit to FitBit.com where all users have a personal page showing their data.

A lot of the products featured are some of the hottest gift ideas for the holiday season. With the New Year quickly approaching, be assured that 2010 will bring even more new technological gadgets. Until then, happy shopping!

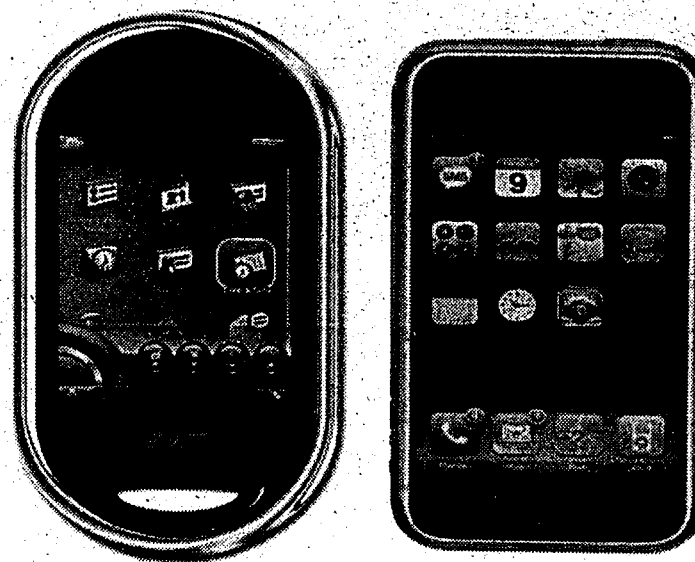


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WHINES & GRIPES

Dear Youth: When you say "baby daddy/mama" I'm confused. Did you forget to make it possessive, or is it really a miniature or young dad/mom?

For the girls who can not seem to leave highschool behind, go back if you miss it that bad!

Dear girl who just left Ledford: Whoever told you booty shorts were appropriate for November lied to you. Go put some real pants on.

Winter Break? Yeah right! It is more time to work on things for our majors or figure out our majors!

To the commuter who almost hits me every morning. NEWFLASH: Meredith now offers an on-campus apartment option. Considered this for next semester.

To the girl who pretends to be my friend, just go away please!

FYI: When you commit to something, do it!!!!!!

