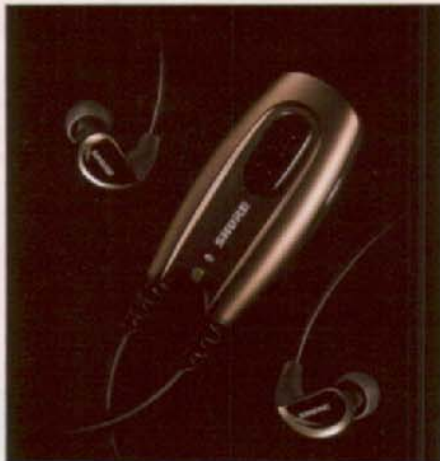


Office Mates

Solitaire is so yesterday; the next generation of gadgetry takes "slacking off at work" to a whole new level. We've even got the perfect ride for that speedy getaway you'll need to make....

HEAR NO EVIL

Don't you hate it when you put your headphones on at work, and all of a sudden a coworker's voice comes piercing through? **Shure's** new E500PTH Sound Isolating Earphones (\$549), with three mini speakers (one tweeter and two woofers) and unparalleled sound quality, bring the sexy back to the beats. And the innovative push-to-hear microphone lets you tune in to external sounds when you need to, without the inconvenience of removing your earphones—perfect for quick conversations with the boss. But it's so much more fun to leave the headphones on and ignore her altogether. *Visit shure.com.*—SARAH KHAN



AUTO PILOT

Remember the first time you flew first class? You probably decided never to fly "steerage" again. Well, be warned: Driving the 2007 **Mercedes S550** (starting at \$86,175) may evoke comparable feelings. The new top-of-the-line sedan series has enough legroom for four NBA players, plus a sun and moon roof spanning both the front and back seats. For the novice, the unfamiliar control panels may be intimidating at first, and the self-regulating lumbar adjustments designed to keep the body in place when rounding curves may surprise the unsuspecting driver. But once you're comfortable with all the bells and whistles, very few vehicles will compare. *Mercedes-Benz Manhattan, 536 West 41st Street, 212-629-1655; mbusa.com.*



LIFE'S A DRIP

If functioning before your morning caffeine rush is nearly impossible, and sometimes even firing up the coffee maker is a challenge, the **Melitta One:one Javapo** (\$68.99) is the way to go. All you have to do is drop in "java-pod" and before you've even changed your skivvies your fix is brewed straight in your mug. And good news: It's available in different blends and flavors. Now if only it came in an IV-drip version.... *Visit gourmet.org.*—GILLIAN NADEL



GROOVE TUBE TO GO

One of our favorite technologies is the **Slingbox** (\$199.99), a breakthrough product that lets you watch your favorite TV shows on your laptop, desktop, Windows mobile phone, or handheld device (providing it's Internet-connected and Windows-based) no matter where you are in your home—or around the world. The Slingbox redirects (or "place-shifts," for all you techies) a live TV stream from a standard cable connection, satellite receiver, or DVR to your PC or mobile phone via the Internet. It's the perfect new device for frequent travelers, especially those headed overseas who don't want to miss the late Yankees showdown or *Project Runway* catfight. *Visit slingmedia.com.*—NICK FEFFER