

GADGETS

Tablet PC has right touch

A tap of your finger is all it takes to control Toshiba's newest tablet PC. Designed with a backlit LED screen that responds to both a digital pen and a fingertip, the tablet PC

boasts a 12.1-inch wide-screen anti-glare display, a spill-resistant keyboard and a shock-

absorbing design. The Portege M700-S7002 model also includes a 2.2GHz Intel Core 2 Duo processor, 2 gigabytes of memory, a 160GB hard drive, a DVD recorder, wireless connectivity and a built-in 1.3-megapixel webcam and microphone. It costs \$1,799. Other configurations are available.

Info: www.toshibadirect.com

Charge your iPod on the go

When your Apple iPod's battery gives out on the way to Grandma's house, you can keep the music going with a portable battery-powered charging dock from Energizer. Charging time varies depending on the condition of the iPod battery but generally a full charge will take two to three hours. Priced at \$30, the Energi To Go Portable Power for iPod set includes a charger, an iPod connector and two lithium AA batteries. The included batteries have enough power to deliver about three charges to an iPod Nano and two charges to a video iPod.

Info: www.energitogo-portablepower.com

Gadget stores ear bud cord

The Cableoyo POP can

help you wrap up loose ends, at least when in comes to the cords on your ear buds.

Available in white or black, the itty-bitty cord winder comes with a suction cup that can be attached to an MP3 player, cell phone or most any other gadget. Or you can attach it to a belt, a pocket or a backpack with the included clip. The cord winder costs \$10.

Info: www.cableorganizer.com

Program teaches guitar

"Guitar Hero" gamers who are ready to move on to the real thing can boost their guitar-playing skills with iPlayMusic software. Using a mix of video animation and computer technologies, the program helps beginners tune a guitar, learn chords and play songs by Bob Dylan, The Beatles, Eric Clapton and other artists. The how-to videos can be slowed down without affecting the pitch, allowing musicians to learn at their own pace. Better yet, the program's lessons can be downloaded to an iPod for on-the-go practice. Beginner Guitar Lessons for the PC or Mac costs \$40 and a DVD ver-

sion is \$20. If you need a guitar, the company sells a package with an acoustic guitar for \$100 and one with an electric guitar and amp for \$160.

Info: www.iplaymusic.com

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