SAMSUNG GALAXY TAB

The iPad's first real competition has a lower screen resolution but higher pixel density, so images on the seven-inch display are just as brilliant. Unlike the iPad, it has a camera and camcorder. (From $400 with two-year contract from most major providers)

iPOD NANO

Almost half the size of its predecessor, the next-gen Nano has returned to its roots as a music player, ditching the video camera, speaker and mic while adding a touch-screen and keeping the FM radio. (From $149; apple.com)

PANASONIC LUMIX LX5

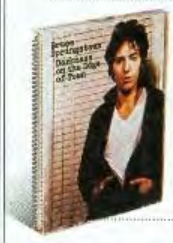
The Lumix LX5 is a top-notch 10.1-megapixel point-and-shoot that comes equipped with a Leica lens and takes photos with as much detail as a bulky DSLR. The LX5 is so similar to the Leica D-Lux series – which costs about $300 more – that most would never be able to tell the difference. ($500; panasonic.com)

EDIFIER LUNA5 ENCORE DOCK

Sci-fi glossy and menacingly large, the Luna5 Encore from Edifier, a Chinese firm lauded for innovative designs, is the Death Star of iPod sound systems. The eye-catching elliptical dock houses a loud yet surprisingly balanced five-driver speaker panel. ($300; edifier.ca)

CD BOX SETS

Hank Williams, The Complete Mother's Best Recordings . . . Plus! In all, 73 radio shows – 18 hours of music – never released in their entirety. ($200)



Bruce Springsteen, The Promise: The "Darkness on the Edge of Town" Story: The deluxe set includes an 80-page notebook with copies of Springsteen's original handwritten lyrics. ($115)

Matador at 21: Five discs of remastered tracks from the indie label's history, plus one of unreleased recordings from the 10th-anniversary shows in 1999. ($35)

The Complete Elvis Presley Masters: This 30-CD collection consists of every track Presley recorded during his lifetime, including 103 rarities, outtakes and alternate versions. ($750; completeelvis.com)

The Genius of Miles Davis: Eight deluxe box sets containing everything Davis recorded for Columbia Records between 1955 and 1965. ($749)

Bob Dylan, The Original Mono Recordings: The mono versions of Dylan's first eight LPs reveal details like the bass in "Blonde on Blonde" and the piano in "Like a Rolling Stone." ($130)

John Lennon Signature Box and **Band of Vision:** An 11-CD package of the remastered albums plus a deluxe case to store them. ($275 for both)

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