



Dynamic Possibilities

\$430, estimated street

■ www.ricoh.com

Even if high dynamic range imaging isn't your cup of tea, you've got to appreciate its usefulness in scenes with difficult lighting. Ricoh's 9.3-megapixel CX1 can automatically take two exposures, one each for the dark and light areas of a scene, and then combine their properly exposed portions—in the camera.

HOT: Multi-pattern auto white balance, multitarget AF, 28–200mm (full-frame equivalent) optical zoom lens, and 120 frames per second slow-motion video mode. **NOT:** More manual controls would be nice.

Give Tilt a Whirl

\$2,500, estimated street

■ www.usa.canon.com

Looking for an entirely different way of photographing? Try a tilt-shift lens. The tilt movements allow you to selectively position depth of field at any aperture, and the shift movements correct apparent distortion of tall objects such as buildings. Now, prepare to be impressed—Canon's new TS-E 17mm f/4L full-frame lens is the widest tilt-shift available. **HOT:** Extreme wide angle that's equivalent to 27mm on Canon's APS-C-sized sensors. The ability to combine tilting and shifting within the range of 90 degrees. **NOT:** At f/4, it's the slowest in Canon's tilt-shift line. And obviously, the price is as serious as the lens.



WIN FRIENDS BY RETOUCHING

your portraits. Mpix's digital retouching costs only \$8 per service, per head. You can even have braces removed for a metal-free smile. (www.mpix.com)

ADD A SOUNDTRACK

to your prints with Unibind's Photos N Sounds customized picture albums. A sound recording and playback device embedded in the cover lets you create your own message or play prerecorded theme music. (Available May 1, price not announced; www.unibind.com)

PERFECT YOUR STREET

photography with the Super-Secret Spy Lens. Pointing your camera directly at strangers can be a little scary. So why do it? With this mirrored lens, they don't have to know you're taking their photo. Through a cut-out in the side of the lens, your subject is on your flank, letting you get a totally candid shot. (\$50, direct; www.photojojo.com/store)

The Pen is Mightier

\$229–789, estimated street ■ www.wacom.com

Sometimes technology is at its best when it mimics traditional media. Take Wacom's Intuos4 digital pen-and-tablet set. The new pen has 2048 levels of pressure (twice what the previous model afforded) and a pressure-sensitive eraser. And the tablet is reversible, allowing you rotate it for right- or left-hand use.

HOT: Application-specific ExpressKeys with OLED displays to remind you of their function so you don't have to rely on memory. Available in four sizes.

NOT: The small version is missing displays for the ExpressKeys.

