



AUDIOENGINE 5 SPEAKERS AND 170 ITRANSPORT DOCK

Wadia, \$379; Audioengine, \$449 for carbonized bamboo (\$349 for black or white)

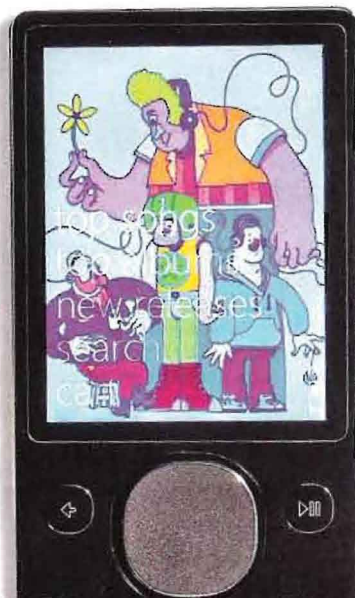
This combo is all you need to turn your iPod into a high-fidelity stereo system. With its own USB charging and audio ports, the powered bookshelf speakers offer clear midrange and booming bass at all volumes, and would be our favorite iPod dock by itself. But adding the iTransport improves the listening experience exponentially. The dock captures the digital signal of the music files before they're processed by the iPod, resulting in a purer, broader sound spectrum that restores subtleties like the interplay between the high hat and snare that often get compressed out of MP3s.



ZUNE 120GB

Microsoft, \$250

Bill Gates' favorite MP3 player has been drawing favorable comparisons to the iPod classic, and it even outdoes its nemesis with Wi-Fi download capability and an FM antenna.



ICONIC ROCK & ROLL PRINTS

Morrison Hotel Gallery, \$500 and up

Deep-pocketed collectors can score framed, high-quality photo prints from the Morrison Hotel Gallery, including Barry Feinstein's classic 1966 snap of Bob Dylan in London (above, \$1,500). Newbie connoisseurs can pick up affordable prints of Neil Young, Phish, Beck and more for under \$1,000.



APATOW HIGH

'Freaks and Geeks: Yearbook Edition,' Shout! Factory, \$170

The eight-disc set of Judd Apatow's cult comedy series features deleted scenes, commentaries and a cast table reading.



IRAQ UP CLOSE

'Generation Kill' HBO, \$60

Evan Wright's ROLLING STONE articles, translated for the screen, follow grunts during the first 40 days of the Iraq War.



BEST CRIME SHOW EVER

'The Wire' HBO, \$250

David Simon's Great American Novel gets the DVD box-set treatment: five seasons, 60 episodes, plus commentaries and interviews with Simon and the cast.