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Shocking...Horrific...Ridiculous

. For those who aspire to the Ed Wood school of horrible sci-fi films, try Destination Mars (Image Entertainment). Played serious, and anything but, it's a perfect late-night, Halloween or anytime laugher. And just dig those atomic robots! www.image-entertainment.com

Meet You at the Beach

· Remember those dorky screen savers that popped up to keep your flat panel TV from having image burn-in because you forgot the movie was over? Well, now there's something better: continuous running loops of beach scenes sparkling in the sun. It may be winter outside, but pop in the DVD, and inside it's white sand and surging surf. www.screendreamsdvd.com

Third Time's the Charm

· Star Wars: Episode III Revenge of the Sith arrived too late for us to review this issue. But c'mon, how could we not mention it?!

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Good Friends Always Come Back

· Friends may come and go, but this trivia game based on the popular TV show is always around when you need it. Friends: The One with All the Trivia will be released on PC/video game consoles to coincide with the tenth and last season on DVD. Over 3,000 interactive questions awash in video clips, sound bites and even the studio audiences' laughter. Also includes recurring characters Janice and Gunther to host single and multiplayer game play.

Video Restored

· DVDs are the media of choice for home movies, and companies will produce them for you for very little cost. But what happens if you lose the original video? You can't pull off video clips from a DVD like you could do with VHS tape. Cinematize 2 can help, because this PC/Mac program extracts video and audio clips taken off your home movie DVDs and saves them for later use. www.miraizon.com



What a iGuy...

 Where do you put your iPod when at home? Why, inside the belly of iGuy! This little fellow not only protects the screen, but can sit on a docking cradle when it's time for a charge. The best thing is the way he can hold notes or even a DVD (you never know when another pair of hands will come in handy). For fourth generation iPhoto and Minis. www.speckproducts.com



Broader Broadband

· With home networks and Internet use exploding, getting every erg out of a broadband connection is a must. That's where the inexpensive Broadband Booster jumps in. Placed between a router and the cable or DSL modem, it automatically optimizes and removes the lag from time-sensitive stuff like video streaming and online gaming. audio distribution, etc. It works right out of the box, but can be configured via a web browser if desired. Groovy LEDs show it's up and running. www.hawkingtech.com