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## iPod Hi-Fi Speaker Case

The Apple iPod Hi-Fi (8888; [macworld.com/1215](http://macworld.com/1215)) is cool, but its scratchable glossy surfaces and snaggable mesh-fabric grill hinder the system's portability. WaterField Designs' \$149 iPod Hi-Fi Speaker Case covers your Hi-Fi in padded, ballistic nylon, and its plastic plate further shields the Hi-Fi's speakers—and provides a number of pockets for storing your iPod gear. Best of all, thanks to the top flaps and the cable openings, you can listen to your iPod without removing the Hi-Fi Speaker Case ([www.sfbags.com](http://www.sfbags.com))—see [www.sfbags.com](http://www.sfbags.com).

## Writeboard

Usually, my work consists of trading story drafts back and forth with writers via e-mail. But recently a writer introduced me to a new way to collaboratively write and edit: Writeboard. It's a free Web site where you can create a new document and then invite people via e-mail to work

also subscribe to a writeboard as an RSS feed so often someone posts a new post to the feed ([www.writeboard.com](http://www.writeboard.com)).

## Zone

Apple

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## Google Calendar

Over the years, Google has become much more than just a search engine. And one of my favorite offshoots is Google Calendar. This online calendar lets you view and add events from any Internet-connected computer—perfect when you're on the road. Perhaps the best feature for Mac users is the ability to add a Google Calendar to iCal. After a few simple steps, you can subscribe to an XML or iCal feed of your Google Calendar, gaining the convenience of an Internet calendar, as well as the interface and features of iCal ([www.google.com](http://www.google.com))—see [www.google.com](http://www.google.com).

## COINSTAR GIFT CARDS

I keep a bagful of coins on my dresser, so I was excited to discover that I can exchange my loose change for credit at the iTunes Music Store by using a Coinstar machine. What makes this deal even better is that for each penny, nickel, dime, and quarter I drop in the machine, I receive full credit—there's no service fee, like the 8.9 percent I pay when trading up to bills. Not all Coinstar machines offer this option, so be sure to check out the advanced-machine locator on the Coinstar Web site ([www.coinstar.com](http://www.coinstar.com))—see [www.coinstar.com](http://www.coinstar.com).