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In the December issue (www.CPAPracticeAdvisor.com/10823599), I wrote about more than a dozen tech gadgets that would make great presents or stocking stuffers. They ranged from high-end audio devices to smart phone and tablet cases, remote controlled cars and even a mobile device-enabled bar-b-que controller. There was even the decidedly non-tech, but tasty, gourmet designer marshmallows.

Yes, that's a pretty wide range of gifts ideas, with some geared much more for play than for any kind of work. But that's just fine with me. The only problem – there's

just never enough room for me to showcase all of the things that have caught my eye.

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Shades with a Unique View

Whether racing down the slopes or burning rubber on the track, everybody loves sharing video of the action. That used to require carrying a bulky camcorder around, then came better mobile video tech that allowed a small camera to be mounted. But even that's old school now that **Pivthead Eyewear** is here.

Combining sleek sunglasses with a built-in HD video camera, the shades give a perfect first-person perspective, with hands-free video and audio. The most advanced imaging device for its size, the Pivthead comes in four models and 17 hip to chic styles. It's also available for users with prescription lenses. With the optional Air Pivthead WiFi Drive, users can also wirelessly upload, download and stream videos, photos and music. (www.Pivthead.com; \$299)

Get Your BlackBerry Fix in Tablet Format

If you don't have a tablet yet, you don't know what you're missing. The best news is, the pricing has come down on even trusted brands like the **BlackBerry Playbook**. The PlayBook has an awesome high-resolution touch screen for perfect gaming and movies, dual-side cameras for video calls, up to 64GB of memory, built-in wi-fi, optional 4G data connectivity and Bluetooth support. Unlike the iPad, it also fully supports Flash for the tons of games and work apps that are available. The 7" tablet is lightweight and light on the pocketbook, and even comes with a free case. (<http://us.blackberry.com/playbook-tablet>; From \$149. Also at major retailers.)

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Elegant Accessories for the Fashionable Techie

For the man of style and technology, these **Ravi Ratan USB cuff links** may just be the perfect fit. Available in numerous styles and metals for every taste, each cuff link includes a 2GB or 4GB USB flash drive, providing the gentleman with the convenience of mobile technology storage, but as a stylish accessory.

(www.CuffLinks.com; www.RaviRatan.com; From \$100.)

Keep Your iPad Cozy, Comfortable and Fashionable

iPad and tablet cases don't have to be boring. As evidence, I present **Art Bird Cozy Sleeves**, a collection of unique and artful cases in styles that include bird designs (of course), as well as flowers, retro phones, travel themes, collages and others. All of the cases are made with thick neoprene lining with cozy cotton flannel that will make your iPad or tablet the most comfortable and best-dressed, while sporting the awesome, retro-style art. Fits all iPad models and most other tablets.

(www.ArtBird.com; From \$29.95)

Keep Your iPad and Keyboard Together

If your iPad is becoming almost a replacement for your computer, then you've probably added the wireless Apple Bluetooth keyboard for better functionality. Unfortunately, most iPad cases ignore that the user might also have that keyboard.

The **Touchtype**, however, was designed with both the iPad and keyboard in mind.

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For winter sports enthusiasts, or those who face the extreme cold for work, keeping your hands warm is not just an issue of comfort, it's a matter of safety. The new **Chaval Response-XRT gloves** include a built-in rechargeable heating element that's as simple to use as charging a phone, and includes "alphaHEAT technology that automatically adjusts glove temperature to any specified heat level. The charge lasts all day, up to three times longer than other brands. These may be high tech, but make no mistake, they're ready for serious work, and are hand-stitched from high quality, durable leather. (www.ChavalUSA.com; \$389)

Plug Your Gadgets into the Sun

If you're on the road for work or an outdoor enthusiast, the batteries on your mobile devices are probably often in the red zone. Fortunately, there is a plug-in in the great outdoors... it's called the sun. The **Solio Bolt Solar Charger & Battery Backup** can be charged via a regular electrical outlet or by using the built-in small solar panels, which include a sundial feature that follows the sun. It can be used to charge all USB-gadgets, including iPads, iPhones and other tablets and smartphones. (www.solio.com; \$70)

Keep it Simple and Neat

Professionals are more mobile than ever, and keeping track of receipts, business cards and other documents is a challenge on the road. **NeatReceipts** can save the day. The mini mobile scanner weighs about 10 ounces, can scan up to four sheets a minute and comes with a digital filing system that lets users quickly create PDF files, expense

reports and contact lists. It supports Mac and PC, can export to Excel, QuickBooks,

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dishwasher safe, and is made from safe materials. There are several other Zinger products, too. (www.ZingAnything.com; \$16.95)

Hands-Free Communication on Two Wheels

There's the mobile professional life, and then there's the active personal life. Both types of people still need to stay in contact while on the go. For active cyclists, the **UClear Helmet Communicator HBC 130** is the ultimate on-bike communication system, providing hands-free access to the user's mobile device for music, calls, GPS and intercom with other cyclists. The weather resistant system connects to the rider's helmet and pairs instantly with most Bluetooth phones and other devices, and has a boomless, high quality microphone that includes extreme wind and noise cancellation. Also available in versions for motorcycle and snow helmets. (www.uclear-digital.com; From \$179)

The Perfect iPad Companion

There are dozens or more iPad cases on the market, but if you're looking for one that combines real functionality with style, check out the **iLuv CEOFolio**. Much more than just a case, the CEOFolio provides several pockets for business cards, ID, credits cards, pens and other items, plus a slot for a legal note pad. The case also has a strap and built-in stand for propping up the tablet. Fits Most tablets, but designed primarily for iPad 2 and New iPad (Retina). (www.iLuv.com; \$79.99)

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time. (www.Seagate.com; \$199)

Protect Your ID from RFID

RFID is everywhere. That's the technology that helps scan items at the checkout, aids in inventory, is used on ID cards and allows key fob credit cards to work.

Unfortunately, it also means that data on your credit cards could be vulnerable, even when they are in your pocket. **Identity Stronghold Wallets** were designed to protect your cards from unwelcome scanning, using the best RFID shielding in the industry. Each pocket on the wallets are entirely protected. Available in various men's and women's designs and styles. (www.IDstronghold.com; From \$15.95)

Extra Power on the Go

Whether you use an iPhone, Android, BlackBerry or other mobile device, it seems like power supply is always an issue. But with the **Duracell Rechargeable Instant USB charger**, you can have hours of extra battery life always on-hand. The rechargeable power system works with any device, including phones and tablets, that have a mini USB port that allows charging, giving devices between three and 35 hours of extra life. It comes with a universal charging cable and is about one third the size of an iPhone, making it an easy bring along item when exploring the outdoors, or to keep in the car just in case. (www.duracell.com; Also at major retailers from \$30)

Stay On Top of Your Mental Game

Stop choking on key shots. Professional athletes not only have the time to devote

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Clean Up a Smoker's Habit

We all know that smoking is unhealthy and stinks, and yet millions of Americans still do it. Even smokers know this, and try to be conscientious about it. Now there's a way to be even more polite, and get rid of the smoke, ash and smell, without quitting. **EverSmoke eCigarettes** are a USB rechargeable electronic cigarette. The smoker gets their nicotine, but none of the tar, ammonia, carbon monoxide and other toxic additives. And for everyone around them, there's no smell, no flame and no smoke, only a water vapor mist. They also cost about 50 percent of what regular cigarettes cost. (www.EverSmoke.com; Available in various strengths and flavors; Prices as low as \$2.66 per pack-equivalent cartridge.)

Shred Like You Mean It

Financial and security professionals know how important it is to never throw away sensitive documents, but even things like junk mail could potentially give away information. So shred them and do it with the most durable shredder on the planet, the **Fellowes PowerShred 69CB Cross-Cut**. It has jam blocking technology, is ultra quiet can destroy 10 sheets of paper per touch and has a 5 gallon waste bin. The PowerShred also has SafeSense Technology, which is a feature that automatically stops the shredder blades when fingers are near the paper opening. (www.fellowes.com; Also at major retailers from \$209)

Make Security More Convenient

Wish it was as easy to unlock your front door as it is to just click to unlock your car?

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(www.SimpliKey.com; \$249)

Be sure to [check out the first part of the gift guide](#), which appeared in the December 2012 issue. From everyone at *CPA Practice Advisor*, We wish you the Happiest of Holidays and a prosperous New Year.

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