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The main magazine cover for Home Theater magazine, January 2006 issue. The background is a vibrant yellow. At the top, a blue banner reads "18 IPOD MUST-HAVES FOR YOUR HOME". The title "HOME Theater" is prominently displayed in large, stylized letters, with "HOME" in yellow and "Theater" in red. A green starburst in the top right corner says "Free Bonus Magazine". Below the title, the "Home Theater" logo and website "www.hometheatermag.com • January 2006" are visible. The central focus is a large image of a Pioneer HDTV displaying a Star Wars scene. To the left of the TV, a list of featured products is shown: "EXCLUSIVE! HDTVs" followed by "PIONEER Plasma", "SONY LCD", "PHILIPS Plasma", and "MAXENT LCD". Below this, a green section titled "THE GREEN ISSUE" lists: "How to Recycle Gear", "Save Money on Electricity", and "What Energy Star Does for You". In the foreground, a tall black speaker and a black receiver are shown. A white box is placed in front of the receiver. On the right side of the TV, there are small text boxes: "Star Wars: Revenge of the Sith DVD review" and "Bruce Almighty DVD review".

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## COMING ATTRACTIONS



### SIM2

Two heads may be better than one, but are three chips better than one? Generally speaking, three-chip projectors can reproduce colors more accurately without sacrificing light output. Also, by forgoing the spinning color wheel, three-chip projectors eliminate the annoying rainbow effect. The new Grand Cinema C3X projector from SIM2 is one such high-end, three-chip front projector, and it uses special technology to produce reportedly exceptional picture quality from a comparatively compact design. It uses the Hi-Brite lamp—which probably means you can expect high light output—and the claimed 6,500:1 contrast ratio indicates that the blacks are probably that much deeper. The retail price is \$15,995.

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### Crowson

Serious moviegoers want every film they see to be an immersing experience. Crowson can help send you to that next plateau of enjoyment in comfort and style. They have specifically designed their Sentient recliners to work with their \$249 BMP-3S motion-effects simulator. The BMP-3S sums up the left, right, and LFE channels into left and right motion outputs. The chairs have completely hidden actuators and isolators and are built with a combination of viscoelastic memory foam and high-density foam for extreme comfort. Each has a 0.25-inch headphone jack, and Crowson can configure them in an array of your choosing, including rows, love seats, and sofas. Each seat costs \$2,450.

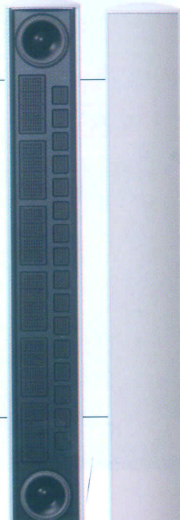
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### DVDO

As HD displays continue to drop in price, more consumers can consider getting a good video scaler to fill the void created by components that are unable to output these displays' resolutions. DVDO answers this call with the \$1,999 iScan VP30, which uses a new technology capable of 10-bit processing and enhanced sharpness control for nonlinear scaling. The VP30 offers tremendous flexibility by outputting any resolution between 480p and 1080p, including 720p and 1080i. It has 11 video inputs, each with its own parameter control so that every source gets to show off its best. What's more, the unit functions as an audio switcher and router and reportedly helps eliminate synchronization delays between audio and video.

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### BG

BG has recently released several new in-wall speakers in their Radia line, top among which is the R-800 loudspeaker, retailing for \$10,000 per pair. It features BG's new Neo10 planar ribbon driver, which is larger than typical ribbon drivers. According to BG, this allows the driver to compress and rarely large amounts of air while keeping diaphragm excursion low. The two 8-inch woofers that sandwich the Neo10 have unique motor structures for significant linear excursion, resulting in low distortion levels and wide dynamics. Plus, each pair comes with a dedicated 1,000-watt amplifier. BG has designed the R-800 to match the new \$2,000 R-400C center speaker and the \$3,000 R-88 sub.

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