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New gear that has impressed our editors

New Player in 'Pods OSN stands for One Source Network, and this relative newcomer sprang up about three years ago with accessories specifically aimed at the digital photographer: memory card holders, screen protectors, print trimmers, etc. Now, OSN makes a leap into the larger photo arena with its OS 364 LA carbon-fiber tripod (\$499.99 list), a 'pod for both digital and analog shooters. One of the few CFer's with flip-style thumb locks (most use collar locks), the 364 LA offers lightweight and sturdy magnesium hardware that helps make this four-section tripod unusually lightweight (4.2 pounds, sans head) for a tripod that tops out at 68 inches. Other features to like: a magnesium camera platform with built-in spirit level, self-leveling feet (photo), and a reversible center column for ground-level work.