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connect TECHNOLOGY

PETER FAMILARI and DAVE BULLARD
keep in touch with the latest gizmos.

TECHNO BABBLE
with Michael Owen-Brown

DEAR Channel 7 and SBS, I am writing as a loyal viewer to plead with you to get with the program and start broadcasting shows in high definition.

Don't insult my intelligence by arguing that 576p - your current standard - is high definition.

Your so-called "HD" channels have a maximum resolution of 720 x 576 pixels presented via progressive scan. Doesn't really compare to the 1440 x 1080 pixels offered by Channel 9 and Channel 10, does it?

Hell, even the ABC upconverts some of its programs to 720p (720 x 528 pixels progressive scan), and we all know Aunty is hardly a hotbed of technological innovation. Don't we?

Standard definition TV is 576i - the difference between what you see is high-def and standard-def isn't that the former is progressive scan, which generates all the lines in the screen in sequence) as opposed to interlaced (which displays the odd lines, then all the even ones, 25 times a second), progressive scan makes a small but noticeable improvement to the sharpness and detail of the image. The number of pixels available has a much greater bearing on the overall clarity.

Cygnett GrooveTime iPod dock
\$169

WAKING up to the sounds of your favourite iPod music is a pleasure when you use the Cygnett GrooveTime as an alarm clock. The package comprises an iPod dock (which also charges your iPod), built-in sound system, alarm clock, FM/AM radio and a remote control. Output is rated at 15W per speaker.

Cygnett: (03) 9429 2552
www.cygnett.com

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www.motorola.com.au

Panasonic AV receiver
\$879

THE HDMI bandwagon continues to gather speed and the latest brand to hop aboard is Panasonic. Its nicely priced SA-XR57 is a 7.1-channel receiver with an HDMI connection and processing for Dolby Digital EX, DTS/ES/24, DTS-ES and DTS-NEO:6 surround-sound formats.

Rated SA-XR57 VIERA enable Panasonic one remote. **www.panasonic.com.au**

Sony br

SONY has announced a new pocket-sized gadget for instant messaging and other internet-based communications. The Sony mylo is scheduled for release in the U.S. in September, priced at about \$460.

It's a first-of-its-kind product that attempts to capitalise on the burgeoning popularity of wireless broadband networks.

It is not a mobile phone, so it doesn't carry monthly service fees. And though it could handle web-based email services, it does not support corporate email programs.

Instead, the slim, oblong-shaped gizmo - which has a fern display and slides open to expose a thumb keyboard - is geared toward young consumers for messaging and internet-based calls, commonly known as VoIP (Voice over Internet Protocol) calls. As long as a Wi-Fi network is accessible, a mylo user could chat away or browse the internet.

The mylo - which stands for "my life online" - will be marketed to young adults, the multitasking generation that relies heavily on instant messaging and is already viewing email as passe, Sony said.

The consumer electronics giant has joined with Yahoo and Google to integrate their instant-messaging services.

Sony has also teamed with the Skype VoIP service, which offers free voice chats for its registered users.

The so-called personal communicator doubles as a portable media player. It can play music, photos and videos that are stored on its internal 1GB of flash memory or optional Memory Stick. It also can stream songs between mylo users within the same network, as long as users grant permission to share their files.

Danielle Levitas, an industry analyst at market researcher IDC, called the mylo a "unique, compelling" product, but said it might fare better at a lower price.

In addition, though Wi-Fi is spreading across colleges, coffee houses, airports and even entire cities, Levitas said the wireless technology isn't ubiquitous enough yet to help Sony break mylo out of a niche market.

Unfortunately, Aussie Litrigued by this device may have to import it - Sony has not announced plans to release the device here.

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