



techno treats

Editor with a penchant for gadgets, **Jon Monsoon**, checks out some of the latest groovy gadgets and cool techno toys



work it

My Book World Edition network storage drive

What is it? It's Western Digital's (WD) newly-redesigned network storage drive that makes light work of the critical (but tedious) task of backing up an entire household's precious files.

We like it 'cos it offers plug-and-play installation and automatic continuous backup. Music, photos and videos can be streamed

directly from the drive to any PC, Mac or connected DLNA media player (such as Xbox 360 or PlayStation3, wireless digital picture frames or TVs).

It will be available in 1 terabyte, (TB) and 2 TB capacities, so say g'bye to piles of CDs, DVDs or USB thumb drives.

How much is it? 1TB retails for R2 500, including VAT.

Where can I get it? Through selected retail outlets (try Incredible Connection stores, nationwide).

wind it

What is it?

The HyMini Wind Charger – a lightweight, handheld, battery-charging device that will charge a cellphone, iPod or digital camera using nature's power!

The device has an internal, lithium-ion polymer rechargeable battery, which charges as the fan spins.

We like it 'cos it can be attached to a bicycle or motorcycle. It can be used as a wind-powered generator, a portable power pack, or universal adaptor to charge a device from its power outlet. It comes with adaptors for Nokia, Motorola, Sony Ericsson, LG and Samsung phones. It also has a handy torch light attached to it, meaning it won't leave you in the dark.

What you should know: A windspeed of 24kmph to 65kmph is recommended. The higher the windspeed, the more voltage is produced.

How much is it? It retails for R799.

Where can I get it? Available from Uniross: uniross.co.za



watch it

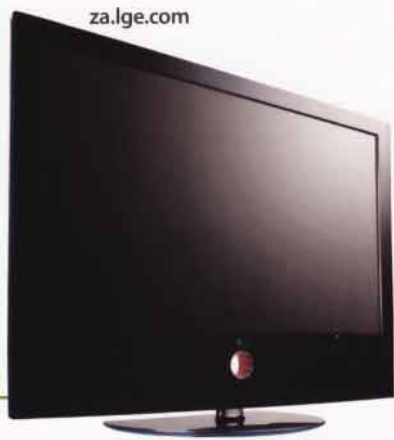
What is it? The New Scarlet telly from LG that boasts the world's slimmest LCD design (only 39.7mm).

We like it 'cos it's an HDTV that not only looks like Angelina Jolie, but is also easy to set up and adjust (probably unlike Angelina Jolie). It has Bluetooth (play music and photos on the screen from your cellphone or listen to the TV via a Bluetooth headset); Smart Energy Saving (the intelligent sensor uses up to 69.5% less energy, by sensing colour temperature and the light of the surroundings and adjusting key elements like brightness, contrast, colour, sharpness, white balance and the intensity of the back light); invisible speakers (custom-tuned by audio expert, Mark Levinson) and USB 2.0 (you can plug all sorts of other things in).

How much is it? Price to be confirmed.

Where can I get it?

za.lge.com



want it

What is it? The dot:

the world's first 8.9-inch netbook.

We like it 'cos it was designed and engineered through the eyes of a family, not a company. If the notebook is the main family car, then the dot is a scooter. It is ideal as an additional PC/ internet access point for the whole family and the full Windows XP operating system provides users with the features and interface they know so well (it's not Vista!) The Intel Atom processor and 1GB of RAM make performance zippy and battery lifelong. The 160GB hard drive, 3 USB ports and 5-in-1 card reader make it perfect for off-loading a digital camera. The dot is a born communicator, thanks to its built-in Wi-Fi (b/g), the optional 3G module and integrated webcam.

How much is it? Price to be confirmed.

Where can I get it? At Incredible Connection stores nationwide.

packardbell.com or incredible.co.za