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DIGITAL



TERMITE TECH

>> Buggy-Dozers

In the mood for some DIY demolition? Thames Bank's Buggy-Dozers (\$399 each) will take out a drywall or an entire house, just like that. These canny little pocket monsters are actually old NATO-surplus smart weapons—that's your peace dividend at work!



3-D RENDERINGS BY ANDREW JERABEK AND CHRIS O'RILEY FOR TIME DIGITAL



HELPING HAND

>> The Goey-Glove

Do your kids suffer from frustrating joystick blisters? Molecular Assembly's Goey-Glove (\$299/liter) will dry those tears forever. The Goey-Glove is a game controller that comes in a can: just dip Junior's hand in this self-assembling plastic slush and seconds later it dries, shrinks and cracks into a form-fitting personal smart glove—fast, accurate and full of reactive feedback. It is nontoxic, washes off in minutes with soap and water and is compatible with most home game consoles. Not recommended for other body parts.



IT'S SCANTASTIC

>> Bone Star Home NMR Medscanner

Got a spare closet? It's the perfect place for a Bone Star (\$85,499.99), the latest home Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR) medscanner, from Lunar Design. Now you can have a complete noninvasive physical exam every morning before breakfast. The Bone Star's ultrapowerful magnets change the nuclear spin on the hydrogen atoms in your carbohydrate molecules, and its massive processing power does the rest! See right inside yourself: touch up that bone loss, have a serious look at that glitchy vertebra, even scan your teeth for cavities waiting to happen. It's a must for life-extension enthusiasts. Careful though: those magnets can wipe out smartcards, and they'll yank your belt buckle right through a wall.

HARDWARE TO WEAR

>> Sony Furashiki Neck PC

Last year's fabric cell phone was a hit in Tokyo; wait till they try this new woven "neck-top" computer (\$9,999). Superconductive fiber and contractile piezoelectrics make for a top-of-the-line PC that's also a kerchief, cravat or shawl. Plus, you can bury your head in its live fiber optics and peel off an image of your own face!





A COLDER HOLDER

>> Therminator 9000 Freezer

The icebox in your kitchen may be frosty enough to keep that leftover Kung Pao chicken from spoiling, but what if you want to store gases for home use or reduce your milk to a Bose-Einstein condensate? Then you want a storage appliance with an ambient temperature of less than a thousandth of a degree Kelvin above absolute zero—colder than interstellar space! The new Therminator (\$19,000) gives you the chill you need in an attractive cabinet that's self-cleaning, both inside and out.

FERT OF CLAY

>> Play-Doh Omni-Fab 4000

Last year Hasbro debuted the Omni-Fab 3000, a device that transformed ordinary household trash—table scraps, wood shavings, whatever—into a reasonable facsimile of good old lovable Play-Doh. Trouble was, the faux Doh smelled awful and was too hot to touch for several hours. This year's version (\$399) repurposes the extra heat, so the unit is self-powering, and you can choose from a menu of aromas: anything from fresh oranges to warm cookie dough. Not recommended for toddlers, who tend to put small pets in the intake hopper.

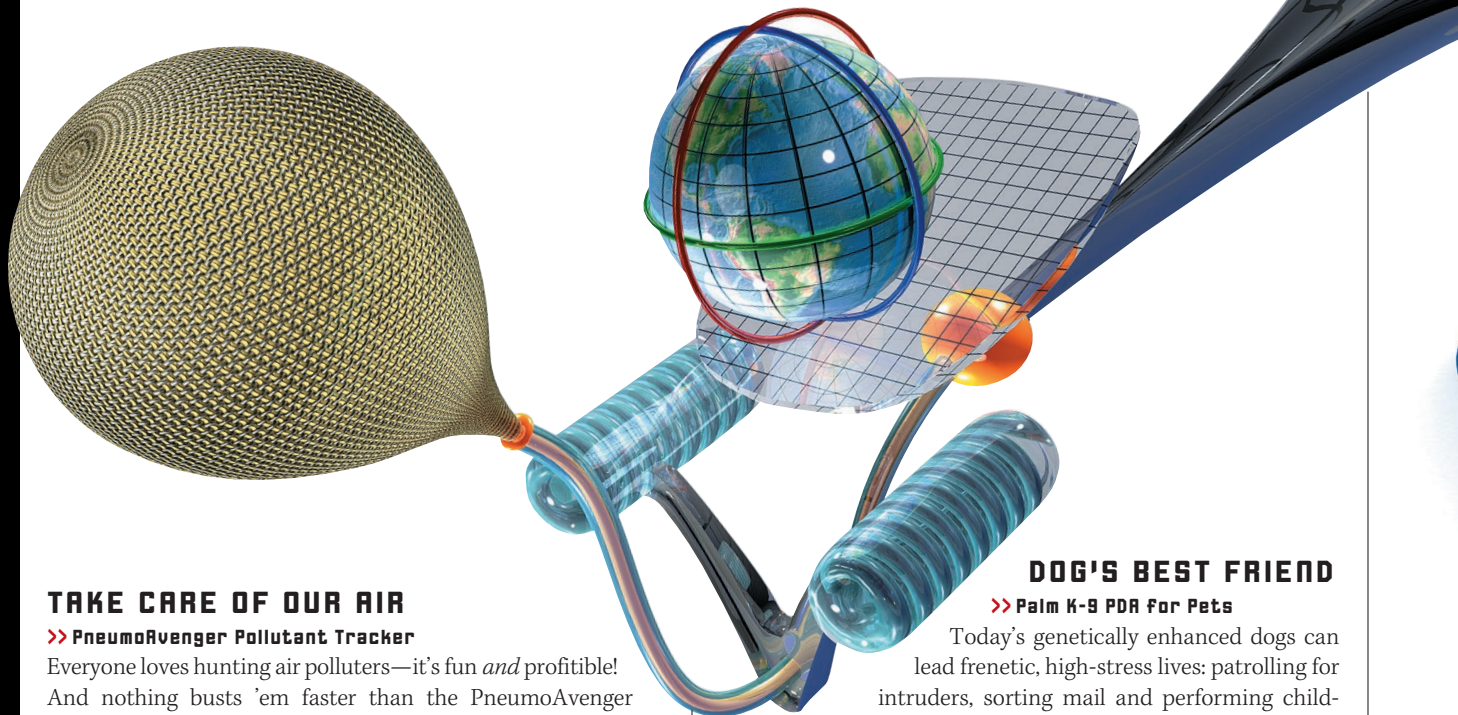


TABLE THAT MOTION

>> Zero-Vibe Home Isolation Table

Today's home nanobots are so tiny that even the slightest vibration can damage them beyond repair. It's happened to everybody: you're doing some perfectly simple nano-assembly in your den, tweaking a set of air-purifying bots the size of grains of pollen, when somebody slams a door on the other side of the house. Suddenly, you're

looking at a useless heap of dust. With the Zero-Vibe Isolation Table (\$7,999), that will never happen again. Originally developed for electron microscopy, the Zero-Vibe is mounted on pneumatic damping pistons, so it's proof against everything from the pitter-patter of little feet to large-scale seismic disturbances.



TAKE CARE OF OUR AIR

>> PneumoAvenger Pollutant Tracker

Everyone loves hunting air pollutants—it's fun *and* profitable! And nothing busts 'em faster than the PneumoAvenger (\$41,500). Just extend its patented telescoping SniffWhips and, in minutes, molecular odor sensors can trace the source of any environmental toxin within a thousand-mile radius. Best of all, you can start your own PneumoAvenger Club, linking to a net-pack of fellow hunters and sharing data. Once you've pinpointed the source of those carcinogens, the push of a button instructs your favorite celebrity lawyer to file a suit.

DOG'S BEST FRIEND

>> Palm K-9 PDA for Pets

Today's genetically enhanced dogs can lead frenetic, high-stress lives: patrolling for intruders, sorting mail and performing child-care tasks, as well as lavishing their owners with the love and affection they deserve. The Palm K-9 (\$3,299) makes their lives much easier. The K-9 is the first "pawtop" computer, a PDA for pets that fits around your best friend's front leg and is designed to be snout-activated. It'll help Fido remember buried objects, organize his contact information (via the olfactory interface), and of course, monitor local cats.

THE NUMBER OF AMERICANS WITH UNREGISTERED ELECTRONIC

BODY CLOCK

>> Swatch Circadian Timepiece



Ever feel like your watch is a part of you? The Swatch Circadian Timepiece (\$2,499) practically is. Once a day it quietly, painlessly extracts a drop of blood from your wrist, does some basic bloodwork—checking hormone and glucose levels, that sort of thing—then sets itself based on where your body is in its daily metabolic cycle. The results are approximate at best—it's a little like strapping a sundial to your wrist. On the plus side, there's no fiddling with knobs and buttons, and given a few days it even adjusts to changes in time zone. On the minus side, you have to watch your stimulants: drink one extra cup of coffee in the morning, and the darn thing runs fast all day.



A PHOTON FINISH

>> EuroBoutique's Solar Varnish

They've been talking about it for years and beta-testing it for months. Now it's finally on the shelves: EuroBoutique's Solar Varnish (\$399). No more clunky, old-fashioned silicon panels: now you can literally paint a workable solar collector right onto any flat, primed and suitably sun-drenched surface. Once the varnish is dry, just attach electric leads to the edges, hook up that AC converter and a meter, and you're ready to reap some serious voltage. We just have one complaint: the weird selection of chichi Euro-designer colors. Dewy Dawn? Jumpin' Jute? Solar Syrup? Who names these things?

FINE AND DANDER

>> The GrimeBuster Spectrometer Mop

Apparently the phrase "too much information" has no meaning to the brainiacs at Consolidated HouseWarez, inventors of the GrimeBuster electronic mop (\$299). The GrimeBuster is the first wetware mop that paints a digital picture of household germs while it cleans. Its head features a water-activated protein spectrometer that performs an immediate genomic analysis of whatever it encounters. As you mop, the GrimeBuster provides a running report on the micro- and macroorganisms with whom you're sharing your home. Cat dander, ragweed pollen, dust mites, spores, amoebas and worse—nothing escapes the keen eye of the GrimeBuster. Trust us: your floor may look spic and span, but after one cleaning with this electronic mop, you'll never go barefoot again.

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