

A THEATRE IN YOUR POCKET



Sure, the iPhone is great for watching video content while travelling, but when you want to share the show with a friend, it gets kind of tough. Not only is the screen a little small for four eyeballs, it's also a bit of a pain (in the shoulder) to hold the phone in the air the entire time. You could tote around your laptop or a smallish DVD player instead, but that kind of defeats the whole notion of portability. Enter 3M's new **MPro 150 Pocket Projector**. Weighing in at just under 159 grams, and truly able to fit in your pocket, this cool tool will project videos—or for the less fun-inclined, PowerPoint presentations—onto any surface, including the ceiling. Not only is great for getting content out of your phone (or many other personal media players), it also has 1GB onboard storage and a microSD slot, so you could really get by taking nothing but the mini-movie theatre on your next trip. The brains inside can not only handle most common video and photo formats but Microsoft Office apps and Adobe PDF files too, which makes it great for business presentations, although the relatively dim 15 lumens dictates that the room should be fairly small—the projector works best when it's less than 127cm from the wall. Still, the wow factor more than makes up for the low lamp. Although the MPro 150 has a built-in speaker, it's best to plug a set of portables into the headphone jack for better sound. The pocket projector comes with a variety of cables, a charger that delivers enough juice to the battery for approximately two hours of viewing, and a mini-tripod that means you can put your hands behind your head instead of clutching your media player come next show time!

(\$727, available at all Challengers, Epicentres, Sim Lim Square, Funan IT Mall, Matrix IT Gallery and AAAs.com).



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To win it, just tell us in 50 words or less how you would use it. If we pick your entry, you'll get this amazing tech toy FREE! Send your entry with "3M" as the subject to: telescope@starhub.com. Be sure to include your full details (see page 4) and reply by June 30.



A NEW DIMENSION TO TV VIEWING

The **LG LED 3D TV LX9500** is here (try saying that five times fast)! This is one for the truly early adaptors because even though *Avatar* was a success of extreme dimensions, 3D television technology is still in its beginning stages. This is due, however, more to the fact that 3D content isn't widely available, than it is to the lack of hardware, as LG demonstrates with their new Infinia line (available in both 47- and 55-inch versions). The TV works in conjunction with something known as shutter glasses—powered eyeglasses that constantly (and unnoticeably) turn one or the other lens on and off to create the 3D effect. As the technology catches on, you'll eventually be able to watch TV shows and sporting events in 3D as well as view movies and play games created in the format. Until then, with its slim profile (22.3mm) and narrow bezel (16mm) you'll still enjoy having this hanging on your wall, watching regular TV on the super-sharp screen, and basking in the glow that comes from owning one of the world's first 3D TVs! (Just released in Singapore. Retail information not available at press time.)



ANDROID MEETS SNAPDRAGON

They might sound like two characters in a kid's book, but the union of the Android™ operating system and the super-fast Qualcomm Snapdragon™ makes for some seriously grown-up fun in the new **Liquid** mobile phone from Acer. In addition to its speed, perhaps one the most enjoyable parts of this new phone is the unique on-screen spin-wheel interface that lets you breeze through all of your media files and bookmarks with a flick of the finger. The 3.5-inch touch screen is big and bright; the mighty Snapdragon keeps multiple applications running as smooth as, well, liquid; and the ever-growing suite of Android apps ensures this is a phone that can grow and be customized to your unique needs. The phone also comes with a basic 5.0 megapixel camera and a copy of the RoadSync application that helps you coordinate all of your email and appointments with your computer. The ellipse-shaped body is available in red, white or black. (\$799, available at all StarHub retail outlets.)



THE YOU-PROOF CAMERA

This is Southeast Asia, right? When we travel, we lounge on beaches, trek through jungles and float down muddy rivers. So a wimpy camera that gets temperamental from the slightest drop of rain (yeah, we've got a little of that too) will never do for us. No. We need a tough camera. A camera that can survive a splash from a bowl of Tom Kha Gai or hold its own when stolen from our backpack by a mischievous monkey. Enter the **Sony Cyber-shot TX5**. Not only can it handle pretty much anything you throw at it (or anywhere you throw it), it also takes great shots thanks to the trademark Carl Zeiss lens and a strikingly good low-light anti-shake mode. It also has the nifty Backlight Correction feature that takes two shots in super-fast succession and then combines them for a rich picture that doesn't look washed out by the flash. It can survive under water (up to 3 metres) for an hour, so it's a good snorkel camera and can withstand falls from a height of 1.5 metres so it even protects itself from you! (\$599 from all authorized Sony retailers.)

A NEW MILESTONE

The new **Motorola Milestone** is a slider with a super-generous 3.7" high-res touch screen display and full QWERTY keyboard that also has a rectangular navigation button next to it—great for moving your way around text.

Speaking of navigating, it is fairly straightforward on this phone with four touch screen buttons on the bottom for search, home, menu and return. The return button is particularly useful and well positioned to use in either of the phone's orientation. It's especially handy during web browsing.

And when it comes to surfing, this is an Android phone so a big plus here is the blazing fast Internet browsing experience. Just boot up the built-in YouTube application and you'll be amazed at how quickly videos load. The phone has a 5-megapixel camera that produces adequate if not stunning shots and features some cool on-screen settings like black and white, solarize and negative. It can also shoot video.



APPSOLUTELY!

OK, we know stereotypes are not always on target (just look at those football guys dancing around every week on Glee). But when it comes to shopping, the old saying pretty much holds true—girls love it and guys would rather be home watching TV. So this month we present an app for each of you. One will help the ladies navigate the malls with stunning efficiency and the other will let the guys watch their favourite TV shows while the ladies fling credit cards around like ninja stars in a Kung Fu movie!

FOR THE LADIES: The mother of all mall apps is here. Boot up **SGMalls** on your iPhone and you get a huge list of Singapore's shopping palaces from Anchorpoint to Yew Tee Point. Click on the name of a mall and you get all the stores it contains. A handy list on the right lets you instantly reorder the stores according to categories like sports, electronics and, of course, food. Click on a store name and you get a record



that shows the outlet's phone number and clickable web address. The "map" function for most malls doesn't work yet, but when it does, you get a clear floor-by-floor treasure map. And because the GSS is all about good deals—here's one you can't refuse: The app is FREE at iTunes' app store!

FOR THE GUYS: While shoes and handbags might get women's blood pumping, gadgets and sports pretty much do it for men. Thanks to StarHub's new mobile TV app, you get to enjoy both. The app works on both iPhones and other models (see www.starhub.com/mobile and click on Mobile TV for details), and allows users to access more than 21 channels including the Football Channel, CNN, Bloomberg and Nat Geo Adventure. The price is just \$1 for 24 hours of viewing—plenty of time to distract yourself while your better half stalks her quarry in the retail jungle. If you have the iPhone though, the service is FREE until the end of June and can be downloaded from the app store on iTunes. Other phone models can get the app by sending an SMS: <LIVETV> to 6757.

