



## ◀ 'Houston, we have a problem'

Those of you who've been watching the live webcasts of the latest Shuttle mission could buy Talking Technologies' Talkmic and pretend you're sitting at a console in mission control. People with lives and friends and families may wish to buy it for its intended purpose, which is as a superior replacement for the microphones bundled with voice recognition packages.

**Price** £46 (£39 ex VAT)

**Contact** Talking Technologies 0171 602 4107



## ◀ Parallel universe

No, it doesn't look awfully sexy, but it does a rather groovy thing: Entrega's P36 adaptor turns your printer into a USB device, which means, theoretically, you can connect a whole heap of printers to your machine. If you don't happen to have a whole heap of printers, you could buy one anyway, just to do something with those USB ports sitting at the back of your PC which you've never had anything to plug into.

**Price** Around £41 (£35 ex VAT)

**Contact** Entrega 0118 951 9549

[www.entrega.com](http://www.entrega.com)

## I wanted ▶ to be a lumberjack

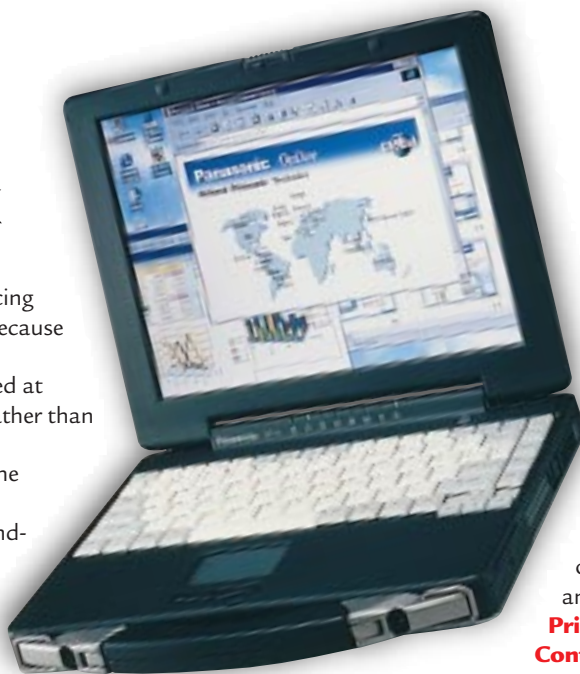
Those people at Panasonic are positively obsessed with producing ruggedised notebooks. Why? Because they sell lots. Unlike the Husky, Panasonic's ToughBook is aimed at businesspeople on the move, rather than archaeologists tramping about in muddy fields. The CF-71 is the prettiest yet, jumping on the magnesium-alloy-clad-top bandwagon, calculated to make any self-respecting male executive drool.

**Price** £2,700

(£2,299 ex VAT)

**Contact** Panasonic

0990 357357 [www.panasonic.com](http://www.panasonic.com)



## Is it a bird? ▶

Just the thing to complement and enhance the natural, dull-beige tone of your PC: Fuseon's MouseRugs are based on authentic Persian and far-eastern designs, apparently. The one you see here is the Maroon Bokhara, if you hadn't already recognised it. Fuseon claims that the MouseRug material has all sorts of wonderful properties, including dissipating static, keeping your mouse clean and hovering five inches above the ground, thereby facilitating its use as a rudimentary magic carpet... Only joking.

**Price** £12.95 (£11 ex VAT)

**Contact** Fuseon Graphics 01376 500566



## It's all in the wrist

No, they're not luxury air hockey pucks, they're an ingenious way to relieve fatigue and help prevent RSI. Wrist Gliders are designed to sit under your wrist and support your hand while you're typing or mousing. An interesting concept, but we found them a bit weird as we had to carefully position them and then slide our wrist around in a strange fashion to keep them there. Still, they're a talking point.

**Contact** POW Distribution 01202 716726 [www.wristgliders.com](http://www.wristgliders.com)

**Price** Single £6.95, pair £12 (£5.90 & £10.20 ex VAT)



## Silicon heaven

SGL's lovely LCD flatpanel doesn't just look lovely, it's the only commercially available panel we know of that will run at a higher resolution than 1280 x 1024. Due to its wide aspect, with 17.3in

diagonal, the 1600SW will handle 1600x1024. It's got a digital interface (which at the moment you can use only with SGI workstations) and, unusually for a flat-panel, adjustable colour temperature. Strangely enough, it's also rather expensive.

**Price** £2,127 (£1,810 ex VAT)

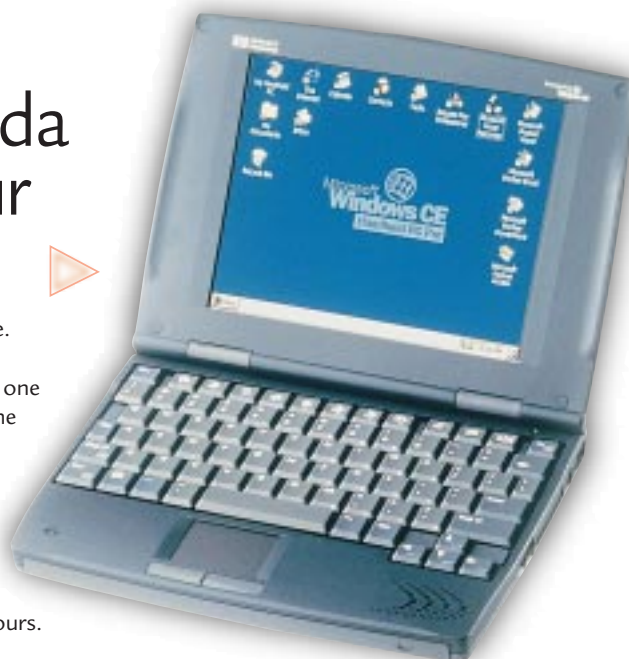
**Contact** Silicon Graphics 0118 925 7500 [www.sgi.com](http://www.sgi.com)



## A Jornada for your journey

Here's an interesting beastie. HP's Jornada may look like a standard notebook PC, but it's one of the first machines to feature the new Windows CE Professional Edition. This lets devices run at VGA and SVGA resolutions, so CE machines are finally viable as notebook replacements, hence the Jornada. It's got a nice, fast StrongARM processor and a claimed battery life of 15 hours. We'll be testing it just as soon as we can get our hands on one.

**Price** £849 (£722.55 ex VAT) **Contact** Hewlett-Packard 0990 474747 [www.hp.com](http://www.hp.com)



## Colour me blind

The good-old GameBoy has been around for ten years now. Yes, it's true. In that time there have been lots of coloured cases, but the screens have never displayed so much as a hint of purple or a dash of red. But now — Hurrah! — there's the Color GameBoy. It'll display 32,000 colours, it's the same size as a GameBoy Pocket and it runs all your old games, too. Battery life is a tad reduced, but Nintendo claims up to ten hours.

**Price** £69.99 (£60 ex VAT)

**Contact** Nintendo 01703 653377 [www.nintendo.com](http://www.nintendo.com)

