Preserve Memories On DVD

Transfer Your VHS Movies To DVD

(NAPSA)—Do you have boxes full of dusty videotapes hidden away in your closet or basement, never to be viewed again? Chances are you've caught some great footage of weddings, vacations and childhood memories on tape, but you may not be able to enjoy them if you've swapped out your VCR for a DVD player. Why not preserve your footage on a shiny DVD so that you can enjoy the video for years to come? It's not as difficult as you would think.

To get started, connect a video capture solution to your computer, and connect your VCR or camcorder to the video capture solution's inputs. Video capture solutions are small devices that can convert your analog video to digital and save it on your computer. At this point, you can use the software that came with your DVD burner to edit your video and add effects. The final step is to burn the video to DVD. Opt for a DVD burner, like Sony's Dual RW model, that can burn to most types of DVD discs. DVD burners come with newer PCs or can be purchased separately and easily connected.

On top of playing back in your DVD player, DVDs offer two key benefits over videotapes. The first is video storage. Up to two hours of high quality MPEG-2 video will fit onto a single DVD. The second



is viewing convenience. Since the footage can be broken up into "chapters," it becomes easy to skip ahead to the next piece of video, or view a chapter again. No fast forwarding and no rewinding needed.

DVD burners can also be used for other applications. You can create slide shows from your digital still photos that will play on most DVD players. You can back up your PC data onto high-capacity DVD discs (seven times more storage than standard CDs), or send large files to others. You can also do everything you could do with your CD burner, such as make custom music CDs, MP3 discs, and more.

For more tips on converting VHS video to DVD, check out Sony's tutorial at www.sony. com/dvdburners.