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The Latest In “Must-Have” Technology

(NAPSA)—How hot is high tech? A recent poll from Forester Research found that 71 percent of America’s households are home to at least one cell phone, more than 25 million homes house a laptop and 5.3 million people have cut the cord and gone with wireless Internet connections. But what will the next wave of must-have devices be? Here’s a look at some predictions from the experts:

For Health

Doctors know that weight isn’t the only factor that determines how healthy a person is. That’s where the new Tanita InnerScan comes in. The body composition monitor shows you what you’re made of from a fitness standpoint. The scan measures weight and body fat, but it also monitors body-water percentage, muscle mass, bone mass, visceral (stomach) fat and metabolic age. In addition, it provides a daily caloric intake recommendation and an overall physique rating. Visit www.tanita.com for more information.

For Security

Viruses and spyware can slow a computer down, but so can your kids downloading and installing unwanted programs. Centurion Technologies offers new hard-drive protection software for PCs and Macs that automatically restores the computer back to a clean state every time the computer is rebooted, making viruses and spyware ineffective and unwanted downloads disappear. Both PC and Mac products are available at www.CenturionTech.com.

For Fun

There are fun ways to personalize mobile devices beyond the usual ring tones and wallpaper.



Healthy Dose Of High Tech—People can now monitor their health with an at-home body composition scan.

For instance, SkinIt Inc. offers unique vinyl skins designed to fit more than 500 mobile devices. The company offers thousands of skins to choose from, or people can create their own skins using personal images and photos that they upload to the Web. That means you can skin a cell phone with a family photograph, a laptop with a company logo, or your MP3 player with a favorite pet. Visit www.SkinIt.com for details.

For Convenience

TrueLocal.com is a new local Internet search engine that helps make looking for virtually anything—from egg rolls and Barbie dolls to pizza delivery and teeth whitening—fast and easy. Currently indexing over 50 million pages of national and local businesses, the Web site’s users can search for anything in their neighborhoods (including products and brands) through full-text searching. The site is designed to give fast and comprehensive results.