

Boys' toys



1 > SMALL DISC-OVERY

LIKE MiniDisc and the government, micro hi-fis are still with us. Unlike the government, Sony's Q Brq Micro System looks bold and interesting for its size and offers MiniDisc recording and editing facilities, including high-speed CD to MD dubbing. Best of all, it doesn't try to justify higher taxation. **\$1299**, call Sony on 1300 138 246, NZ (09) 488 6120

2 > IMAGE CONSCIOUS

MANY digital cameras – especially the smaller ones – have optical viewfinders that only give you a vague idea of the shot you're taking. But Fujifilm's FinePix 2800 packs in (among lots of other stuff like video and sound facilities) a comprehensive digital viewfinder, so you'll know exactly how bad your picture of rare Liberian awks is going to turn out. **\$999**, call Hanimex on 1800 226 355, NZ 0800 242 646

3 > SOUND OFF?

NOW that mobile phones are so small you can't find or use them, their screen size and noises are the selling points. The term "polyphonic" is too dull to go into, but the more of it your phone has, the better the ring. The Panasonic GD95 will let you download tones or record your own, and its screen holds 10 full lines of text. **\$663** or plan, call Panasonic on 132 600, NZ (09) 272 0100

4 > EASY LISTENING

A GOOD car-audio player is not defined by its features, but by whether drivers can figure them out without cartwheeling over a cliff. Pioneer's DEH-P900HDD offers a 10GB hard-disk drive, simple track organisation, recognition and selection, and an easy-to-read multi-line display. It'll do everything but send you over the edge. **\$4999**, call Pioneer on 1800 060 852. NZ readers can call (09) 415 744

