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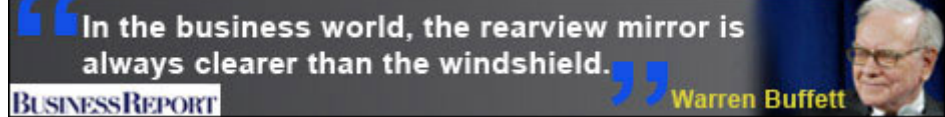
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HIGH-TECH FIRST: Chrysler SA has introduced MyGIG, a multimedia infotainment system that can include satnav and a reversing camera, across three of its brands.

Chrysler goes high-tech with MyGIG multimedia

February 25, 2008

Chrysler, Jeep and Dodge are now offering a MyGIG multimedia infotainment system that, they say, "offers an industry-first combination of customer-friendly usability and premium features".

The head unit, with or without navigation, costs R14 000 and, Chrysler says, combines hands-free communication, multiple ways to save and play music and high-quality audio.

It includes an advanced voice dialogue system that recognises more than 100 000 words and touch-screen control.

"Customers can store their favourite music and images using Chrysler's first USB 2 .0 port interface.

The system recognises more than 100 000 words

Guy Franken, Chrysler SA's brand manager, explained: "MyGIG will be available locally for new Chrysler, Dodge and Jeep vehicles, with the Chrysler Sebring

convertible, Jeep Wrangler and Dodge Nitro the first ."

The optional GPS navigation can use either touch-screen or voice-activated destination input. It has two and three-dimensional views of roads and multiple route calculation. Maps and guidance appear on a 6.5" thin-film-transistor (TFT) display that can be viewed from angles up to 180 degrees – "perfect for the centre of an instrument panel".

At 20 gigabytes, MyGIG enables hard drive-based navigation, storage of images and the ability to rip and store music downloaded from CD or a USB memory devices. There is, Chrysler says, space on the hard drive for 1600 songs – more than 100 hours of music.

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How about getting traffic cops back on the roads?

Driving home the other night on the 10km or so of the R27 that links my home village of Melkbosstrand, north of Cape Town, and the booming suburbs of Table View brought home the fact that we need patrol cars, not speed traps and road blocks, to bring down the death toll.

On that short stretch of almost perfectly straight road I spotted:

- A big container truck that parks every night, unlit and with apparent impunity, on the hard shoulder.
- Two trucks travelling without any rear lights at all.
- Three cyclists without lights.
- One car without lights.
- Several with one broken headlight.
- A number of pedestrians almost invisible in dark clothes.

That's a dozen examples of road-users just waiting to die or, worse, to kill others who observe the law.

The number of sad little white crosses on this road is testament to the great business undertakers are doing and the lack of work the Cape Town traffic department is doing – and I've no doubt the same thing can be seen in countless other places in this country that seems to take 30 000 road deaths a year in its stride.

On Sunday night, on this well-maintained highway, there were two crashes within minutes of each other and only a few hundred metres apart.

The answer is a blitz on

notes to be recorded . As well as music, JPEG photos can be downloaded through the USB port interface and viewed on the screen. These photos can be used to create a custom background for the radio display.

Some models allow a reversing camera image to be displayed

Three simultaneous audio output sources and two simultaneous video output sources can be supported but with video only allowed when the gearshifter is in park.

Some models allow a reversing camera image to be displayed.

Chrysler says it is now the only company offering completely integrated audio, navigation, entertainment and hands-free communication in one system.

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moving traffic violations: crossing solid white lines, unsafe overtaking, ill-maintained vehicles (which should be instantly impounded), jumping red lights - and only traffic patrols will curb this scourge about which politicians talk much but do little.

31 people died on KZN roads on March 3. The MEC for safety and security announced, no doubt after deep thought and reflection: "This is not a very good morning." A senior traffic cop said: "This is a very sad day."

Well hey, guys (and you lot in Cape Town), get off your backsides, put your traffic cops to work, and bloody well do something about it. That's what you get paid for - go earn your cheques and put good men, in fast cars, back on the roads. - **The Editor**

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