

Color TV a lot more than it was

The color TV set of tomorrow will be more than a medium for network and cable TV programming.

"Color television will become an integral part of a complete home entertainment, communications and information system," said Walter C. Fisher, Zenith's executive vice president, sales and marketing.

Innovations in color television are bringing high-technology into the home today. Broadcast

programming no longer dictates what today's consumer watches on - or does with - the TV set, Fisher said.

"For example, futuristic color TV sets such as the Avante II," he said, "combine television and telephone technology."

The patented Advanced Space Phone feature allows the viewer to place and receive telephone calls through the TV receiver.

The viewer can dial local, long distance and

overseas telephone calls using the infrared remote control. With the new Auto-Dial feature, two frequently dialed numbers can now be programmed into memory for easy re-dialing on command.

Space Phone technology from Zenith "can make the TV receiver a medium for displaying information supplied via telephone lines from data banks," Fisher said.

Today's home electronic playground revolves

around the color TV set. The Avante II 25-inch diagonal color TV receiver features audio-video input and output jacks for direct connection of optional auxiliary equipment to the set.

This ultramodern set can be used as a monitor for video cassette recorders (VCRs), home video cameras, electronic video games and personal computers - and as a conventional color TV set, which can receive 112 channels including up to 42 cable TV channels (in Canada,

"Add to this a high-fidelity sound system, and you have a total home entertainment system," Fisher said. With this monitor-receiver, "you can now listen to true stereo sound from a modular or console stereo system, stereo VCR or stereo video disc player," Fisher said.

The Avante II features a separate stereo power amplifier, stereo control center and four-speaker sound system.

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Roll over, Beethoven, Casio says

Times have changed since Beethoven's day, and so has the method of learning how to play a musical instrument.

We're now into the age of the computer chip and bar code music. Casio, Inc., a leading electronics manufacturer of calculators, watches, computers and musical keyboards, has developed a technique using bar code music and a computerized keyboard - a first for the industry. Bar code music is standard music notation that has been converted into printed bar code like the Uni-

versal Product Code (UPC) found on most groceries.

The CT-701, a computerized electronic player piano, is one such unit manufactured by Casio that utilizes a "miracle scanner" that is capable of reading bar code music. The user simply passes the scanner or wand over the printed bar code music sheets and the tune is put into the keyboard memory for instant playback.

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