too many years past 1980.

remember the days of VHS vs. Beta can't be blamed for thinking that this business still hasn't advanced

If this feud isn't settled before these "HD-DVD" and "Blu-Ray" formats arrive in stores, consumers who

years, has developed two incompatible standards.

The electronics industry is busy developing high-definition recordable DVDs that should solve this

recording conundrum once and for all -- except that the industry, ignoring every lesson from the past 30

The D-VHS's biggest failing, though, was that it couldn't record in HD from most digital video

For all their finer points, these three recorders leave out one must-have capability: a way to take

Dish Network's Dish Player-DVR 921 isn't quite as smooth as DirecTV's TiVo, but it adds a picture-in-

Its one downside -- besides that $1,000 price -- is its sluggish operation, with a noticeable pause as it

recordings. It can record two shows at once, easily switching from one to the other.

DirecTV's HR10-250 costs the most, but is built around TiVo, the most usable model of video recorder.

The early adopters of high-definition TV soon discovered that their year-2000 hardware had a year-1980

the advantage of including their own cable or satellite tuners, greatly simplifying setup and operation.