WHAT'S NEW

CONTROL DECK

In Tony Hawk's new videogame, you maneuver a wheelless skateboard that's just like

a real one, only safer. Accelerometers gauge tilt and rotation: infrared motion

sensors on the sides detect your foot kicking the floor. Activision

Tony Hawk: Ride Price not set; thride.com

GO WITH THE FLOW

Change this showerhead's spray from gentle to pounding by flipping its face. Each of its two wide sides and two narrow edges has a different nozzle pattern. As it turns, spring-loaded valves inside direct water to only the side that points downward. Kohler Flipside \$110; kohler.com

12 MUST-HAVE PRODUCTS

BY AMANDA SCHUPAK

HOLLYWOOD AT HOME

Make yourself a movie star with Yoostar's green screen, camera and software. The system digitally removes characters from classic film clips, fills in missing backgrounds, and splices in your



LOWRANCE



THE EASY WAY

The Out&Back GPS unit makes it simple to load the routes that many hikers post online. It automatically recognizes a standard map format, called GPX, so you can drag files from your computer to the device without special conversion software.

Lowrance Endura Out&Back \$300; www.lowrance.com



TRANSISTOR RADIO 2.0

A smaller, lower-power receiver chip makes this the first portable radio to get digital broadcasts. It can tune in, static-free, to the many available HD Radio stations and runs for 10 hours on a charge. Insignia HD Radio Portable Player \$50; bestbuy.com

RIGHT ANGLERS

Fly-fishermen unwittingly spread invasive species from stream to stream when their felt-soled boots, meant for traction, absorb algae. Simms uses a tacky rubber that hangs onto riverbeds but not gunk. Simms Guide Boot Stream Tread

\$200; simmsfishing.com



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A REAL PUSHOVER

Reframe a shot without budging your camera from its tripod. Buttons on the K-7 let you nudge the sensor inside slightly up, down or to the side, so you can catch a pal who shifted. Pentax K-7 \$1,300; pentaximaging.com



Leave this bar of fabric softener in your dryer for about four months. Procter & Gamble tweaked the ingredients that coat its dryer sheets, turning them into a solid that rubs off in small amounts when clothes brush against it. Bounce Dryer Bar \$8; bounceeverywhere.com



COOKING SHOW

This oven's full-color touchscreen helps you make meals that look as good as its pictures. Select what you're cooking, how you like it done, and even your type of pan, and it customizes instructions on time, temperature and what rack to use. Jenn-Air Wall Oven From \$1,900; jenn-air.com



Butterball's electric turkey fryer has a basket shaped like your bird. That lets it sizzle a 14-pounder in two gallons of oil, down from three, and cuts oil-heating time in half. Butterball Indoor Electric **Turkey Fryer** From \$120; masterbuilt com





SMART SWIMMING

The first heart-rate monitor made just for swimmers slips onto goggles instead of around your chest. A sensor clips onto your earlobe to take your pulse, and a waterproof speaker announces the results by transmitting sound waves through your cheekbones. Finis Aqua Pulse \$140; finisinc.com