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The hottest new gadgets of the week By STAN HORACZEK

It's about time

Timex Expedition WS4

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\$200; Timex.com

There's a lot of information on the face of Timex's new adventure-oriented timepiece. Aside from the normal stuff, like an alarm and, well, a clock, there's also a compass, thermometer, barometer and even an altimeter. It'll come in six different colors when it's released in May, but if you're doing a lot of back-country skiing, it's probably best you don't get white.



yet to meet a set of keys they can't take

Despite its delicate

12.1-megapixel

sensor, HD

video-capture

mode and 4.6x

Leica lens, this

cam is dustproof,

waterproof (up

to three meters)

and can survive a

drop of almost

five feet. That should make

you feel better about handing it to your kids

— unless they're really tall.



Samsung Mem

\$299 with two-year contract; Samsung.com

Most cellphones can take a picture that looks good enough for your Facebook page, but Samsung's newest handset has its sights set on your Flickr account. It does all the typical smartphone stuff, with T-Mobile voice and data service, GPS and a QWERTY keyboard, but it's also a full-featured eight-megapixel camera with a flash. Skip the digital zoom, though. It's only there to pad the spec sheet and make pictures look worse.

ECCI Trackstar 6000

\$989 to \$1,428; ECCI6000.com

Sure, it costs about as much as a used Hyundai, but clamping this high-end wheel controller to a desk and firing up a copy of a racing game is the closest some will come to piloting a quarter-of-a-million-dollar sports car. The Trackstar 6000 gives you fluid-damped steering, a pair of genuine-feeling paddle shifters (that's brakes and gas to Sunday drivers) and an excuse to sit at your desk going "Vroom vroom!" all night.



WEB SLINGER

Sony Releases New Stupid Piece of S--- that Doesn't F---ing Work

TheOnion.com

Sony's probably preparing a lawsuit, but the rest of us can't stop laughing at The Onion's mockery of



impossible-to-use new gadgets. The latest R-rated report from the faux news wizards is about a bleepy piece of electronic bleep that is sweeping the bleeping nation, even though it doesn't bleeping work.

Man Versus Chameleon Showdown

Break.com

A moron, a lizard and a video camera. Here's why the Internet is such a thing of beauty. The only twist that could've made this any better would have been if the pet chameleon that stars in this clip had yanked out this fellow's eyeball with its sticky tongue. Is it animal cruelty? Probably not.

Descente de Venosc (Downhill from Venosc)

DailyMotion.com

Just for the couch potato who wants to be able to describe what it looks like to mountain-bike down a hair-pin, hair-raising trail in the French Alps. A helmet-cam catches all the action — and several near disasters of a white-knuckled, high-speed descent.

— Don Kaplan