

**Tony Hawk
Helmet Cam**

**\$49.99; Best Buy and
other retail outlets**

From Digital Blue comes the ideal gift for the outgoing kid. This small digital video camera with a built-in microphone can be mounted on any helmet and captures skateboarding (and biking/rollerblading) stunts from a first-person point of view. Videos can be downloaded and edited right on the computer, and special effects can be added. The camera comes with a 32MB memory card and editing software. What can be better than encouraging your kids to have fun and wear a helmet?



Zero Toys Zero Blaster

\$19.95; Zerotoys.com

It serves no real practical function other than being incredibly cool, but the Zero Blaster by Zero Toys is the best kind of grown-up gadget. Labeled by its makers as "the most peaceful ray gun in the universe," this colorful toy gun shoots 2- to 4-inch diameter vapor-rings up to 12 feet away.

iPod Shuffle

\$79; Apple.com and other retail outlets

Admit it, you just want to pet the new iPod Shuffle. A much smaller, more compact design than the previous model, the Shuffle is only 0.4 inches thick and weighs .6 ounces. So yes, it is small. It also has an internal 1GB memory capacity, good for up to 240 songs.



TV-B-Gone

\$19.99; Amazon.com

We stumbled across this little fellow and liked it on a philosophical level. Cornfield Electronics' debut product, the keychain gadget is capable of turning off any television it is pointed at. There are universal remotes and there are universal remotes. The humor factor is apparent and could make an afternoon at Best Buy strangely rewarding. It comes in multiple colors and with a range of 50 feet.



Sony Blu-Ray High Definition Disk Player

\$999.99; Amazon.com and other retail outlets

There are people who jump headfirst into the Blu-ray vs. HD home video format wars, and then there are those who can't be bothered. For the former, now available is the Sony Blu-ray High Definition Disk Player. The perks: 1080p resolution means Frodo and Sam will seem like they are actually in your living room. The device also plays your old DVDs, upgrading their image quality so as to play on an HDTV. The player isn't cheap but is essential for any top-of-the-line home entertainment system.



Cooper Cooler Rapid Beverage Chiller

\$89.99; Best Buy

If you are like us and can only enjoy a Coke chilled to precisely 34 degrees, then the Revolutionary Cooling Systems Cooper Cooler Rapid Beverage Chiller (say that three times fast) is the product for you. This small, stainless wonder cools any beverage to your desired drinking temperature. A 12- to 16-ounce can of soda or beer chills in about 60 seconds, and a bottle of wine in two to six minutes.



**Danby Designer
35-Bottle Wine Cellar**

\$149.99; Best Buy

Because most New York City apartment buildings are without spacious wine cellars, we recommend the Danby Designer 35-Bottle Wine Cellar. At just under 3 feet tall, this black cabinet holds 35 bottles on seven slide-out wire shelves.



Virgin Mobile Switch-Back

\$149.99; Target, Best Buy, Radio Shack and other retail outlets

This new mobile phone from Virgin really seems to have it all. The phone comes equipped with Song ID, Rescue Ring and a built-in camera. With a flip-up keypad, the device allows texting, instant messaging and e-mailing. Also included is exclusive content from Comedy Central.