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Hand-held Sound Stage

WHAT'S NEW

NEWS RADIO
Get news and reminders from bed. This clock radio has its own e-mail address, so pals can send it messages—"Let's do breakfast!"—that appear onscreen. Notes and data feeds, such as weather, are transmitted over a nationwide wireless network. **Ambient Mist** \$200; ambientdevices.com



EVEN-HANDED
Staple 25 sheets of paper without bruising your hand. OXO's model has two hinges, one at the back and one in the middle, to transfer force across a larger area—so a palm works as well as a fist. **OXO Good Grips Desktop Stapler** \$20; staples.com

THE GOODS

12 MUST-HAVE PRODUCTS

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SAFE HOUSE
This Internet router runs security software to protect all the computers in your home. It blocks malicious Web pages and lets parents specify which sites kids can view. **Linksys WRT310N** \$130 plus \$60/year; linksysbycisco.com



POWER-MOVE
Campers can charge their gadgets up to 50 percent faster with the first portable solar panel that follows the sun. Throughout the day, four light sensors signal a motor to rotate the panel toward the brightest spot in the sky. **Solar ChumAlong** \$400; scientificsonline.com

PAN-O-RAMA
Automatically create billboard-size panoramic photos. The GigaPan Epic holds your camera, tilts from one end of a scene to another, and uses a robotic finger to press the shutter button from 20 to 2,000 times. Included computer software stitches the pics into one image of up to 11,000 megapixels in which you can zoom in to see detailed close-ups. **GigaPan Epic** \$380; gigapansystems.com



WASTE NOT
Save water by giving any toilet two flushes, one full version and one that uses half the water. PerfectFlush's electronic valve drains the tank for specified amounts of time. **Brondell PerfectFlush** \$120; brondell.com

