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The Goods: Laser Chess, LED flares, and headphones for chainsaws

Home Tech: The humble hammer--designed for destruction

Photography: Wi-Fi cameras that wirelessly print and e-mail photos

#### How2.0

You Built What?!: An amphibious vehicle that's part snowmobile, part

Gray Matter: You too can capture snowflakes for eternity DIY: An empty Altoids case becomes a portable battery pack Ask a Geek: Make ringtones from your own music collection

Robotics: The world's first brain-controlled bionic hand Space: Exploring Mars with blimps and cliff-scaling robots

Invention of the Month: It's a dream come true: an air guitar that

Photography: A camera that could banish the blurry snapshont

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#### Where's My Cool Stuff?

Futurists once promised us robot maids and flying cars. Shed a tear for unrealized dreams--then read about some reasons to keep hope alive.

### Ready For Takeoff

Backyard tinkerer Juan Manuel Lozano is determined to live a 007-style jetpack life.

### NASA's New Ride

NASA's spacefaring Crew Exploration Vehicle will go for the moon and maybe even Mars. The capsule will be roomy, reliable, and affordable (and -- surprise! -- it looks exactly like Apollo).

### The Aquatic Attack Drone

The military's new Cormorant jet floats, flies, and destroys enemy targets, all without a pilot.

### Hollywood's Science Guru

Tinseltown's first full-time science adviser makes teh future into reality for Spielberg. Plus: What's the most extraneous alien city? Who are the most irrationally beautiful mathematicians? Ladies and gentlemen, introducing the PopSci movie awards.

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