

features of Office 2013 will be irresistible? If you've been getting along with Office 2003 (I find this version excellent for all my daily needs as a writer and editor), 2007, 2010 or 2012, you no doubt can do quite well into the next year or two.

"WinPatrol's simple tabbed interface allows you to explore deep inside your computer without having to be a Windows registry expert. Our free WinPatrol provides the functionality of multiple utilities and runs smoothly with popular cybersecurity protections."

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**HP RP7 Retail System**

The HP RP7 Retail System Model 7800 is considered "the next-generation all-in-one retail solution from HP. Sleek, stylish, and able to effortlessly integrate into your current environment, the HP RP7 Retail System can be customized for everything you need and nothing you don't," according to a company representative. The intuitive touch-screen is easy for any rink staff member to use, and a second screen can be added to the unit to show the transaction display to the customer, wherever you may be in your rink's profit centers. Another great feature of the Model 7800: The unit is tightly sealed against dust, dirt and other contaminants in the air, a reality with many rinks and their whirlwind activities. For more on this unit designed for small business, visit <http://x.co/mSRn>.

**Epson WorkForce Pro WP-4540 All-in-One Printer**

The just-released Epson WorkForce Pro WP-4540 All-in-One Printer is setting performance and cost-of-operation standards, and that's the news the skating community likes to hear. The WP-4540 is an inkjet that does automatic two-sided copying, scanning, fax-

ing, and professional-quality printing — this includes dazzling photo printing — at a retail price of about \$280 (list is \$400). That's a lot of bang for the buck. In tests, the printer did everything I could throw at it, and it did so with ease and speed. What's more, this model enjoys lower printing costs as compared to laser devices. Other plusses: the input tray holds almost 600 sheets of paper, and the ink cartridges are extra-large, high-yield tanks, to lower your operating costs. The WP-4540 is wireless, too, if you want that configuration, and its monthly duty cycle is a robust 20,000 pages, perfect for rink businesses. A one-year limited warranty covers the unit. The only drawback: If you don't opt to go wireless, you have to buy a \$4 USB cable to connect the unit to your office computer. Overall, the Epson WorkForce Pro WP-4540 is an excellent, value-laden all-in-one for today's rinks.

Products mentioned in this column are widely available. Check local office suppliers, computer and technology vendors, mass-merchandise and discount retailers, and mail-order and online sources. With broadband Internet access, you'll find that software programs are a fast, easy and often cheaper download. This saves staff time and improves their efficiency at your rink.

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**WinPatrol 2012 version 25**

WinPatrol 2012 version 25 software is one of the best utilities you can get for any Windows computer. "It takes snapshot of your critical system resources and alerts you to any changes that may occur without your knowledge," said Bill Pytlovany, who is best known as a cyber expert who years ago had a leading role in creating the software behind AOL. "WinPatrol was the first program to use a behavioral approach to detecting Zero-Day attacks and infiltrations of your computing environment. WinPatrol continues to add first-of-its-kind features and is the most powerful system monitor with the smallest memory footprint.

I've used WinPatrol for years, and I depend on its easy-to-use-and-forget security features that monitor my computer non-stop, in the background, with no operational slow-downs. The latest version of WinPatrol is a solid refinement, with added security against ever-increasing malware, viruses, trojans and other online mischief. I've upgraded to WinPatrol PLUS and can see that my computer runs faster now than when it was new. True. WinPatrol PLUS is a peace-of-mind bargain at \$29.95 for a single user and unlimited computers; the WinPatrol PLUS Family Pack is \$49.95 and covers multiple family users and an unlimited number of their computers. Most highly recommended.

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