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### Strippers' magnetic appeal

**NIGHTCLUB STRIPPERS IN** Italy are getting their knickers in a twist over the switch to the single currency. [VIEW](#)

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**Tony Hawk**



**Tony 'The Birdman' Hawk** is widely regarded as the greatest skateboarder the world has ever known. He retired in 1999 after inventing more

## Hugs from across the globe

**THE TRAIN'S CANCELLED**, it starts raining and you've forgotten your book - what you really need is a friendly hug.

• Their shirt inflates, recreating the feel of a real

But, if the thought of asking the nearest stranger doesn't appeal, how about a hug from a loved one, via a mobile phone, straight into your 'hug shirt'?

The garment has, not surprisingly, been developed in America and maker Cutecircuit has called it F+R Hugs. It allows people to experience a squeeze from

someone thousands of kilometres away - even the other side of the world.

What happens is this: The sender and the receiver both wear special shirts. The sender hugs him or herself, sending signals via Bluetooth technology to the receiver.

Their shirt inflates, recreating the feel of a real hug through the sensations of heartbeat, breath, body temperature and pressure.

Cutecircuit spokesperson Francesca Rosella said: 'During the hug positive natural chemicals get released within our body, our blood pressure stabilises and stress is soothed. It would be ideal for children and elderly relatives.'

Ms Rosella, who created the shirt with fellow designer Ryan Genz, expects it will cost around £200 and go on sale within 12 months.

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than 80 tricks and winning a record six gold medals at the ESPN X-Games. The latest in his line of skating video games, Tony Hawk's American Wasteland, is out now.

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