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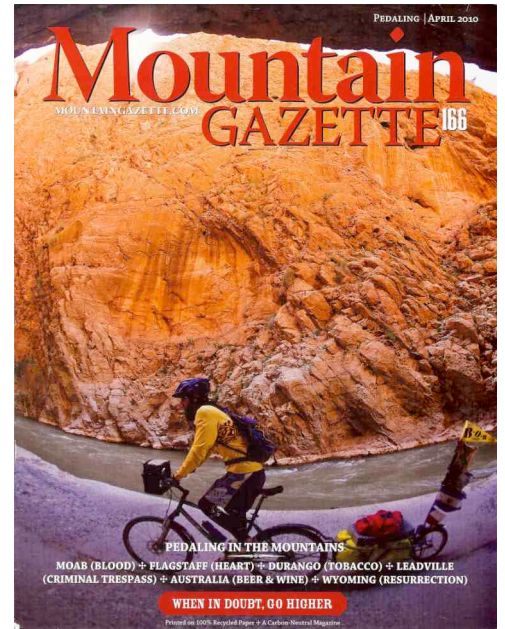
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Gear Up

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GEAR UP

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SPRING MEANS FRESH MUD, HOT pavement, sick downhill, and steep climbs, so squeeze into that Spandex and get ready to ride hard with this fresh gear.

OSPREY MANTA 30

Hydration packs allow for mercifully hands-free water access, a must on windy mountain paths or on the narrow shoulder of a busy freeway. The Osprey Manta hydration series is a solid performer in any situation, with a capacious three-liter reservoir and 20, 25 and 30-liter sizes. A special Helmet Attachment Loop gives you a place to stick your lid, and an integrated/attached rain cover is crucial for sudden spring showers. Best of all, a supportive mesh back panel creates airflow, to help prevent that pack-shaped sweat stain.

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