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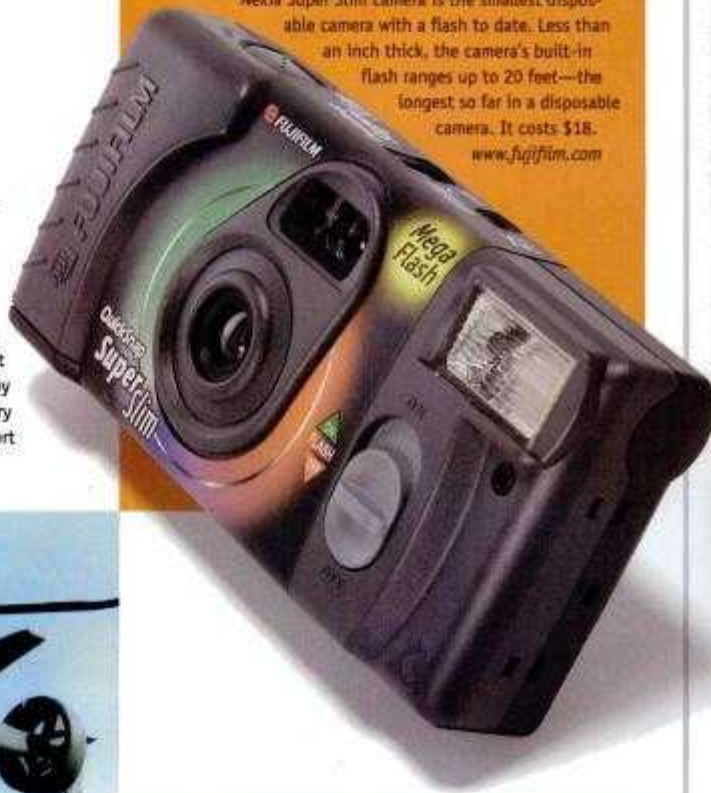


Bikers Heat Up

CAN'T WAIT until summer to get on the open road? Corpo Nove's I.O.W. (for "intelligent object to wear"), a jacket designed for motorcycle riders, keeps you warm when Mother Nature is chilling. A microchip coupled with a cigarette-size hard disk maintains a preset temperature by managing five heating pads in the jacket's lining. A cable attaches the jacket to a battery pack, which in turn is recharged by the motorcycle. Away from the bike, the battery keeps the jacket warm for an hour. Such comfort comes at a price: \$3,338. www.corpo-nove.it

Pocket-Size Castaway

PICTURE SNAPPERS who like the convenience of disposable cameras can now be discreet too. Fujifilm's new QuickSnap Nexia Super Slim camera is the smallest disposable camera with a flash to date. Less than an inch thick, the camera's built-in flash ranges up to 20 feet—the longest so far in a disposable camera. It costs \$18. www.fujifilm.com



Winged Chopper

IT LOOKS LIKE a cloning experiment gone wrong: Piasecki Aircrafts' modified H-60 helicopter starts with chopper DNA, then adds wings and incorporates a rear-facing propeller, called a thrust ducted propeller. In flight, the rear-facing tail rotor augments lift and thrust while increasing agility in hover mode. The rear propeller is a modification of the 1960s ring-tail. However, the new concept is 46 percent more efficient at producing torque. Piasecki and the U.S. Navy will begin testing the H-60 in September 2003. Piasecki Aircraft Corp., 2nd St. W., Box 360, Essington PA 19029.

Made-for-TV Movies

MOVIES ARE SHOT at 24 frames per second, but televisions display video at 30 frames per second. The result: When you watch movies on TV, you sometimes see jagged edges and other annoying flaws in the video. But the Sony KV-40XR700's CineMotion technology minimizes these defects by creating extra images from the existing 24 frames to add up to a full 30 frames. The 40-inch DTV-ready set will be available this fall for \$4,000. www.sony.com

