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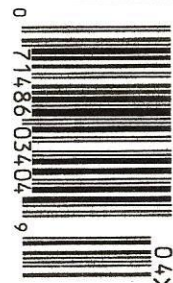
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# What's New

## DIGITAL PHOTO ALBUM ALSO SCANS AND STORES

Viewsonic is offering consumers a digital photo frame, a scanner and a digital photo album all in one product with its new Digital Photo Copier (\$200).

The device contains a 5-mega-pixel camera and an easel on which to place photos that a camera can capture and display on the device's 8-inch liquid-crystal display screen. The Digital Photo Copier also holds 128MB of memory and has a Universal Serial Bus port for easy file transfers to a computer.

## HOME COOKING WITH SOUS VIDE

Vacuum-cooking foods in airtight bags and a water bath—known as *sous-vide cooking*—is finding its way out of restaurants and into consumers' homes. SousVide Supreme is offering consumers the chance to use this method of cooking at home with the Sous-Vide Supreme Demi (\$300), which is about the size of a crock pot.

The sous-vide method slow-cooks food at a controlled temperature, which is normally the serving temperature. Cooking ingredients in an airtight bag and a water bath helps to maintain the texture and flavor of ingredients.



## IOMEGA SUPERHERO HAS YOUR BACK(UP)

A device from Iomega might not save your life, but it could save you from possible data headaches.

The Superhero, which was introduced in January, is a first-of-its-kind docking station that combines the ability to charge your Apple device and back up your contacts and images on an included 4GB SD card. The Superhero, which costs \$70,

works with the iPhone 4, iPhone 3, iPhone 3GS and third- and fourth-generation iPod Touch personal media players. If your device is damaged or lost, you simply place the replacement in the Superhero and save the day (and your data) by pressing the "restore" button.

Iomega told us at the International Consumer Electronics Show in

January that an Android version was expected to arrive in the first quarter of this year. It will be compatible with different versions of Android phones, the company said, and have the same functionality as the Apple version does. The price hadn't been established as of press time, but Iomega says it expects it to be similar to that of the original Superhero.

## Z-WAVE REMOTE IN CONTROL

If you've ever wished that one remote could control your lights, thermostat and even door locks, Jasco Products might have just the product.

The GE Z-Wave Wireless Lighting Control LCD Remote (\$100) will be available this spring. The remote can control any electronic device that's in your home that uses Z-Wave, which is a type of wireless networking technology. But non-Z-Wave fixtures, such as lamps and coffeemakers, can be plugged into Z-Wave modules (\$40 to \$75) to interact with the network.

Bigger systems, such as a thermostat or door lock, must come equipped with Z-Wave connectivity to come under the remote's control.