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News Watch

WATCH

With Fossil's Philippe Starck MSN Watch, you have no excuse for being late – or missing the news. A radio receiver grabs continuous updates from Microsoft's monthly subscription service, MSN Direct. Breaking news alerts, stock quotes, weather, and traffic appear as short text messages on the LCD. One-way IM capabilities allow for a quick "I love you" from your honey. Just don't get RSI from all that wrist flicking.

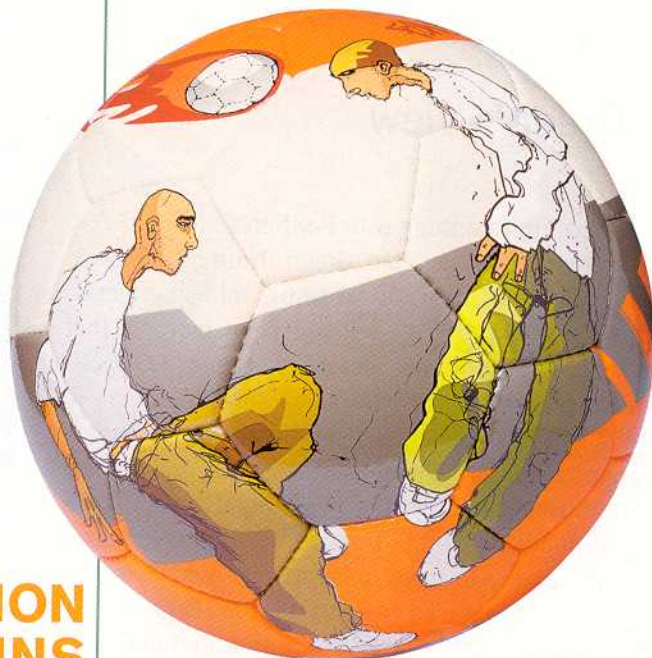
Philippe Starck MSN Watch: price TBD; service, \$10 per month, www.direct.msn.com

GET UP-TO-THE-MINUTE UPDATES

Paintball

SOCCER BALL

Once you've mastered *FIFA 2004*, take your soccer game outside with a Puma Paintura Pitch ball. The shoemaker commissioned artists from two international collectives to kick around 12 designs for a limited-edition run. This one's the work of illustrator David Folvari, whose tools of choice are a pencil and a Mac. Pick up his ghetto-fabulous ball before the competition does – only 150 of the polyurethane skins are available. Paintura Pitch: \$250, www.puma.com



PUMA'S LIMITED-EDITION DESIGNER SKINS