



**HANDY ITEMS:** Motorola's V2282 cellular phone, left, and the Conair Nose and Ear Hair Trimmer (model NE151R).

# Nose hairs beware!

Perhaps some women are attracted to men with graying hair and wizened features. They are not however keen on that less fashionable side effect of aging: hair that grows out of odd places.

If you find yourself trying to shear this unwelcome harvest back, you may know that the beard trimmer on your razor or the sharp end of the kitchen scissors is not suitable.

Thankfully Conair, a company well known for its hairdryers, has recognized this troublesome grooming quirk and has adorned the world with a handy Nose and Ear Hair Trimmer (model NE151R). It's the weed wacker of human hairiness.

The gadget is about the size of an obese ballpoint pen. It has a small covered cutting blade at one end that can be gingerly inserted into a nostril or ear to trim the embarrassing growth.

It can be used wet or dry and has a simple one button on-off switch. It also uses one AA battery which seems to last a long, long time.

It produces a quiet whirling when being used and whisks and mulches as it works. Children and pets might look at you funny when you use it, so close the bathroom door.

If you're reading this column after it has suddenly and mysteriously appeared under a fridge magnet or as a bookmark in your spy thriller paperback, take the hint. Go get one of these gizmos, and use it soon. The tactful woman in your life will thank you.

Price: \$24. More info: [www.conair.com/grooming4.html](http://www.conair.com/grooming4.html).

■ **Motorola V2282 cellular phone:** The V2282 is one of those phones that is ideal for rainy bus stops. Two fea-

## The Gadget Guy

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tures stand out on the curvy figure-eight-shaped cellphone:

First off the device has an integrated FM radio that plays through an optional earpiece designed for the gadget. These cost an additional \$30. You tune into stations using the handset's LCD screen. If a call comes in, the radio cuts out and the call cuts in. Pretty nifty.

The device also has a rain jacket. It's a rubber cover called a "SoftWrap" by Motorola that goes over the phone to dress it up. It makes for easier gripping and gives the phone some protection from the elements.

Like most phones these days the V2282 is Web ready. So you can plod through text info from the Web on the handset's four-line display.

The device has 11 individual ring styles, though lacks a vibration ring setting. It does however have a stop call alert feature, which halts the ringing of an incoming call, but doesn't answer it. Presumably this would be used to skip calls from someone you don't want to talk to.

Battery time is around 210 minutes of continuous talk time and 135 hours of standby. The device is affordable and has some merits. Teens will probably like what it has to offer.

Price: \$75. More info: [www.motorola.com](http://www.motorola.com). Buy it: Through Fido dealers.

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