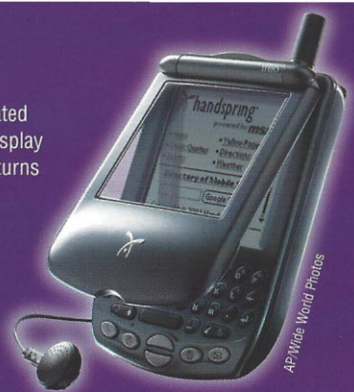




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← In November, stargazers are treated to a spectacular shooting star display as the Leonid meteor shower returns after a 33-year absence.

→ Combination PDAs and cellular phones take portable communication to the next level of convenience.



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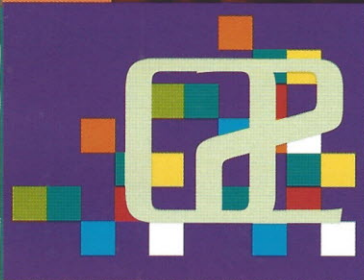
↓ American surgeons in New York perform the first remote control surgery. Signals sent through fiber-optic lines enable robotic surgical arms to operate on a gallbladder patient in France.



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← Researchers at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, unveil a new technology that uses facial heat patterns to detect lying. Blood flows to the face when a person lies, causing dramatic changes in heat patterns.

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↑ Scientists at Massachusetts General Hospital discover that beauty triggers a brain response in men that is similar to reactions to cocaine and money.



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↑ Winter weather buffs are left out in the heat as Americans experience record warm temperatures across the country in December and January.

← President Bush approves stem cell research, but only on cells already extracted. The research is highly controversial because extracting the cells kills human embryos.

→ Scientists report that vast fields of carbon dioxide ice are eroding from the poles of Mars. Over time, this could possibly prompt the return of water to the Red Planet.

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