



Nokia introduces "N-Gage," a video game console combined with a mobile phone. N-Gage played MP3 files, had multiplayer capabilities and could send e-mail and text messages.



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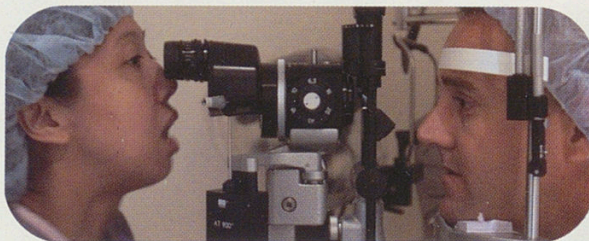
GPS (Global Positioning System) is a satellite-aided tracking system.



Actors from the film "L.A. D.J." model fashion fads. Low-rise jeans, tank tops, wide belts, cargo pants, rugby shirts, 70's style clothing and terry cloth sweat suits were also popular.



Kelly Rowland is stylin' with extreme color highlights in her hair.



Advancements in laser technology give surgeons the ability to reshape the eye to reduce or eliminate the need for contact lenses and glasses.

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- TiVo, a digital video recorder, allowed viewers to record their favorite shows without tapes or timers. It also had the ability to pause, rewind or replay live TV.
- The price of a 42-inch plasma television dropped to \$6,000. The gas-based displays were as thin as four inches.
- Nintendo released the limited edition Platinum Game Boy Advance priced at \$79.95. They also unveiled a new video game console, GameCube, which sold for \$199.95.
- Scientists turned to desktop printers in an effort to produce three-dimensional tubes of living tissue. Many laboratories were printing arrays of DNA, proteins and cells.
- Segway introduced the first "Human Transporter." The upright, personal transportation device was designed to operate in any pedestrian environment and retailed at \$4,950.
- The Packbot was recruited by the U.S. Army to help fight the war against terrorism. The robot transmitted images from inside caves, letting troops know if it was safe to proceed.