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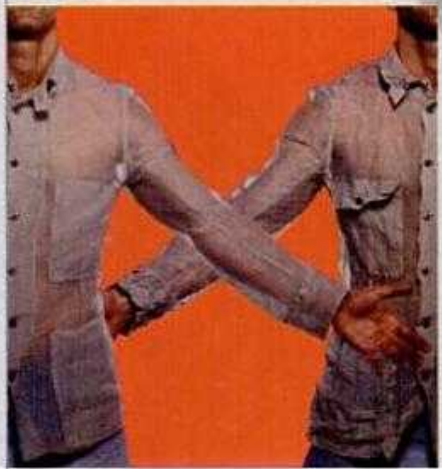
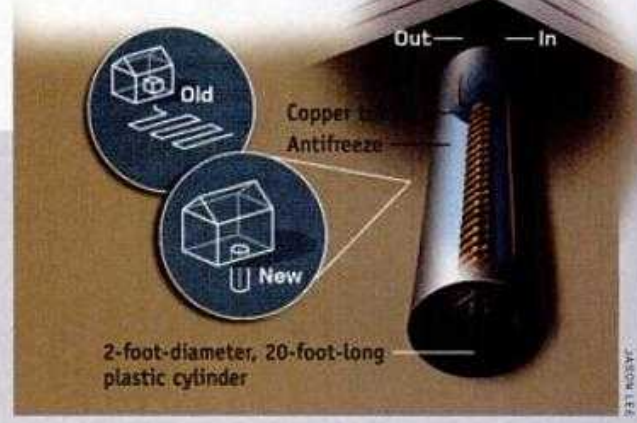
### We the PDAs . . .

Just when you thought all personal organizers were created equal, here comes Sony with a feature you didn't know you wanted: a high-resolution screen. The Sony Clie PEG-N760C, introduced this year, features a crisp, bright, 320- by 320-pixel color screen—double the resolution of most handhelds. It also has a front light, so you can see what you're doing in the dark, whether it's reading an electronic book or cueing up music on its integrated MP3 player. The Palm-powered Clie also has a built-in Memory Stick. Price: \$500. [www.sony.com](http://www.sony.com)



### Keep Your Grass—and Your Green

Geothermal heating and cooling is as much as 60 percent more efficient than traditional systems, but installing the necessary underground tubing requires that you treat your yard like a strip mine. Now, Geo Column makes geothermal practical for any home by replacing the tubing with more compact antifreeze-filled cylinders. It'll hit the market next spring; a system for a 2,500-square-foot home will cost \$13,000—five grand less than traditional geothermal systems.



### Hot Shirt Smooths Wrinkles

Its maker, Italian fashion house Corpo Nove, calls it "memory metal." We call it high-tech fashion. The Oricalko shirt, unveiled this year, is made from a lightweight half-titanium alloy that recovers any preprogrammed shape with a simple application of heat. Crumple it up, stuff it in your carry-on, fall asleep wearing it—a simple blast from a hair dryer renders it wrinkle free. Of course, you'll pay for such couture: \$4,000 (that'd buy a lot of irons). The company is now working on a shirt that automatically rolls up its sleeves in hot weather. [www.corponove.it](http://www.corponove.it)

This shirt's titanium fibers take the heat—and snap back into place.




### The Tech Files

BMW has rethought how to integrate new technology into cars, and the result—the 2002 745i—simply blows us away. To improve efficiency, electronics aid the six-speed automatic transmission by throttling the valves according to the demands of the driver. A computer likewise coordinates steering and suspension settings. And in the cockpit, you control everything with a joystick. The result: a seamless blend of high-tech and mechanical refinement that starts in the mid-\$60,000s. [www.bmw.com](http://www.bmw.com)