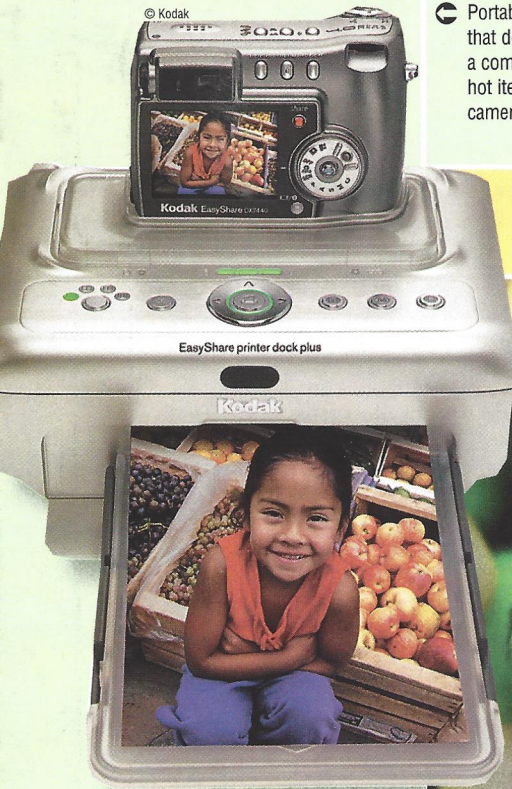


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Portable photo printers that do not require a computer are a hot item for digital camera owners.

Hong Kong-based toymaker Wow Wee Ltd. sells 1.5 million Robosapiens since the toy's introduction in April. Among other "talents," the \$100 robot can belch and pass gas on command.

The Food and Drug Administration links the use of antidepressants such as Zoloft, Paxil and Prozac to suicidal behavior in teens.

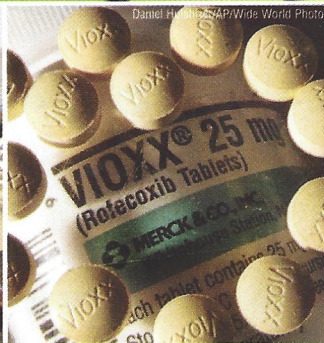
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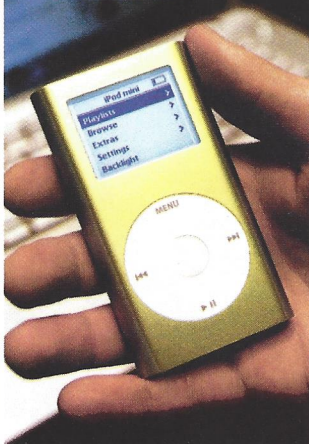
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SpaceShipOne, the world's first privately developed spacecraft, is named "2004 Invention of the Year" by *Time* magazine.

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Apple's iPod is the year's hottest tech gadget, fashion accessory and advertising personality, all in one credit-card-size package.

After four years on the market and billions of dollars in revenue, pharmaceutical company Merck recalls the arthritis drug Vioxx due to increased risk for cardiovascular disease.

General Motors releases the industry's first full-size gas-electric hybrid pickup truck, the Chevrolet Silverado.

Toshiba's HD DVD and Sony's Blu-ray battle for supremacy over the next generation of DVD technology. Major movie studios are evenly divided in their backing of the two technologies.

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