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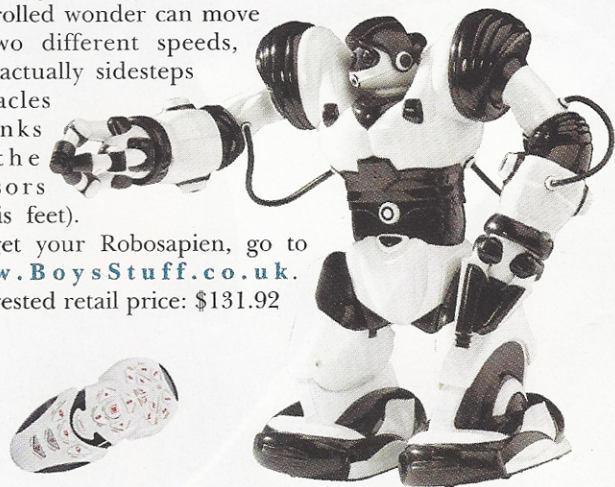
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Mr. Roboto

Tired of the wife nagging you to pick up your smelly underwear? Just send Robosapien in to do the dirty work. Not only can this programmable 14" robot pick up small objects and carry them, he is also preprogrammed to perform 67 functions, including dancing, high-fiving and karate kicks. This remote-controlled wonder can move at two different speeds, and actually sidesteps obstacles

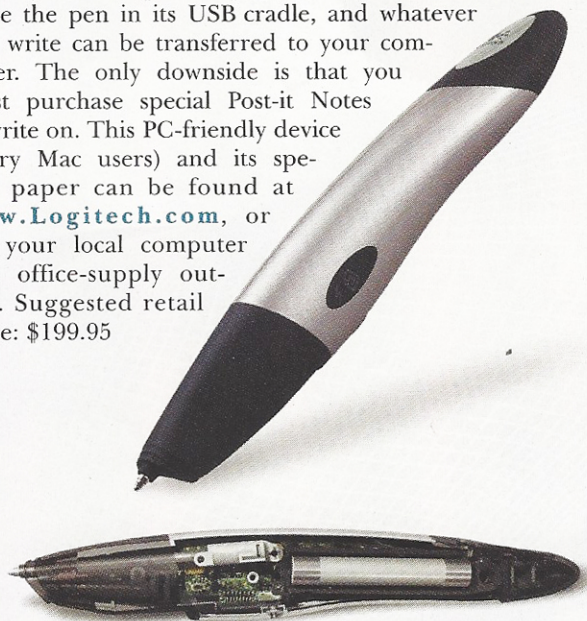
(thanks to the sensors in his feet).

To get your Robosapien, go to www.BoysStuff.co.uk. Suggested retail price: \$131.92



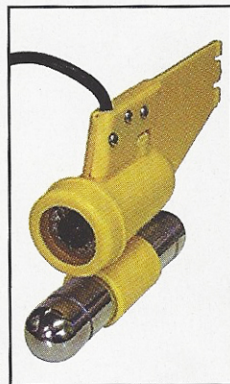
The Write Stuff

Part computer, part ink, the Logitech Personal Digital Pen transports your earthly scrawling into cyberspace. This mighty mite writes like a normal pen, but also uses a tiny camera to digitally record up to 40 pages. All you have to do is place the pen in its USB cradle, and whatever you write can be transferred to your computer. The only downside is that you must purchase special Post-it Notes to write on. This PC-friendly device (sorry Mac users) and its special paper can be found at www.Logitech.com, or try your local computer and office-supply outlets. Suggested retail price: \$199.95



Wet Spot

If you've always wanted to film a remake of *20,000 Leagues Under the Sea*, but found your camcorder shorting out (even when you covered it in plastic wrap), here's a high-tech solution. The SWANN Underwater Cam is fully submersible and attaches to a 66-foot cord (included), which connects (on land) to most camcorders, portable monitors, LCD screens with AV inputs, and VCRs. Thanks to the four-hour rechargeable battery, you can help your kids improve their swimming, capture snorkeling trips or check to see what that weird sound is under your boat. To pick one up, go to your local computer store, surf to www.Outpost.com or call (877) **OUTPOST**. Suggested retail price: \$149.99



I Can See Clearly Now

Is that chick whose number you got at the bar last night really as hot as you remember? Find out with the Beamer FX, a cool video phone that allows you to see the person you're chatting with. Since this futuristic device works with your existing phone line, no special hookups are needed. The only catch is that whomever you're calling has to have one of these nifty gadgets too. Besides online at www.Vialta.com, the Beamer FX is available at retail electronics stores or by calling (877) 963-8383. Suggested retail price: \$299



Close Encounters

This pair of specs is a must-see for all techno geeks. With the i-glasses HRV PRO, you can plug into DVD players, VCRs and camcorders to view your favorite movie or video. If your computer has an S-video output, you can plunge head-first into cyberspace. For outdoors use, a huge advantage is the lack of annoying washout that normally occurs with LCD screens in sunlight. To buy these futuristic four-eyes, go to www.i-glasses.com or call (800) 339-5287. Suggested retail price: \$1,199

