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Fire over Kuwait

As six million barrels of oil a day go up in smoke in the Kuwaiti desert, "hellfighters" from Houston do battle with 1,500°F heat in the the blaze of the century. With a water shortage, dynamite is nixed in favor of liquid nitrogen. Here's an eyewitness account.

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Electronics as your copilot

Lost again? Computerized navigation systems use a single compact disc to store map information and directions, chart your progress, and even give traffic alerts so that you can go home again.

Weather

forecasting

The \$3 billion modernization of the nation's weather service includes new

satellites, advanced radars, and

sophisticated computers—though there will still be gaps in coverage.



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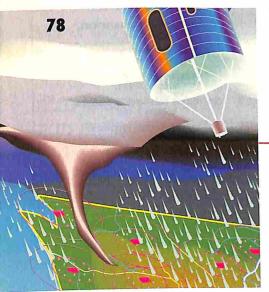
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Laptops go cellular More and more companies are packaging

portable computers with cellular-radio telephones to create complete onthe-go communications systems. This trend may change the way Americans do business.



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