



## Video phones

Your telephone rings. You press a button and see the caller. Press another button, and he sees you. Phones like these once required special phone lines and cost thousands of dollars to buy or rent, relegating them largely to business use. Now, at \$399, they're made for your home. **Page 60**

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## Battle blimps

For years airships seemed to be anachronisms waiting to die. Now they may regain some special aerial niches: The Navy may build blimps to watch for sea-skimming missiles—a job patrol planes and helicopters can't do as well. **Page 56**



## Picks of the pros

POPULAR SCIENCE invited five workshop experts to name some unusual tools they wouldn't live without. Here are 10 of their favorites—from a cordless screwdriver to a foot-inch-fraction calculator. **Page 73**

## 4-wheel vs. 2-wheel steer

Does four-wheel steering drive circles around two-wheel? We test the 4WS and 2WS versions of the Mazda 626 and Honda Prelude Si to find out. **Page 30**



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