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**FILE--David Allen, of the suburban Philadelphia company Fiber Optic Designs, smiles as his "Forever Bright" LED Christmas lights are strung on him Monday, Nov. 19, 2001, in Yardley, Pa. After years of frustrations with lights that used unreliable conventional bulbs, Allen's company developed "Forever Bright," which use patent-pending LED technology. The LEDs last much longer (Allen claims 200,000 hours), cost a lot less to operate, run cool to the touch and feature sturdy epoxy bulbs that won't break even when you step on them. (AP Photo/Chris Gardner, File)**

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