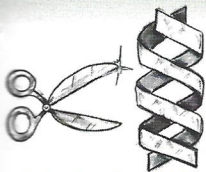


"The best way to produce smarter kids will be to educate them."

—Newsweek



Reports of advances in embryology are misinterpreted as "human cloning," creating a brief sensation in November. Although Human Genome Project scientists are optimistic about learning to treat single-gene diseases, like cystic fibrosis and sickle cell anemia, science does not have the ability to design superior beings or perfect children, as people feared.

Mathematician Andrew Wiles of Princeton University reports in June that he has found a proof of Fermat's last theorem, a problem whose solution had eluded scholars since 1637.

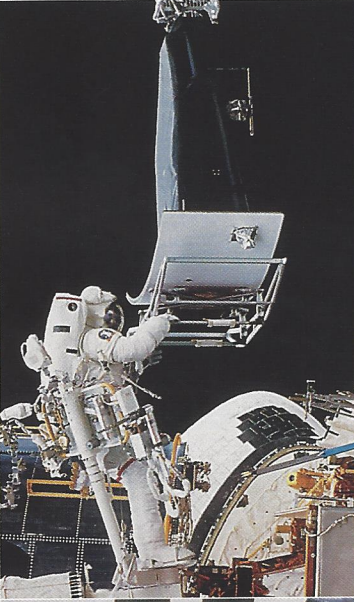
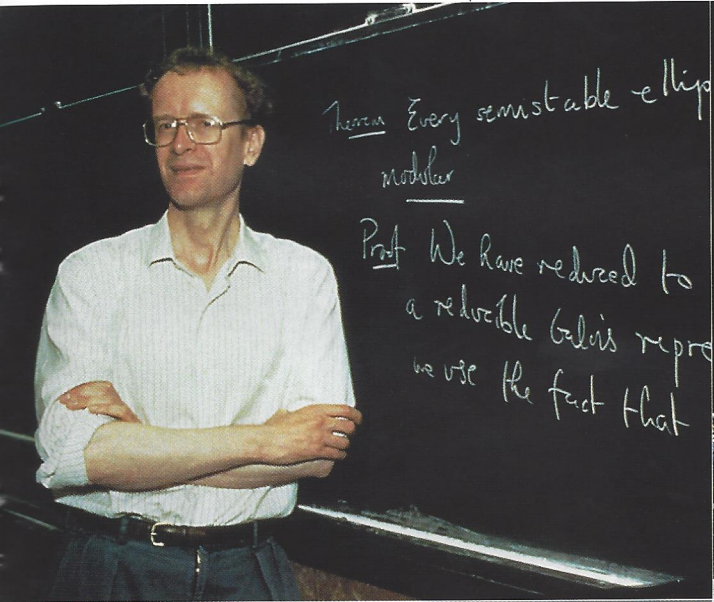
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Astronaut Jeffrey A. Hoffman adjusts a camera installed in December to correct an optical defect in the orbiting Hubble Space Telescope.

NASA

Ground contact with the Mars Observer is lost in August, shortly before the spacecraft reaches Mars. Though suspicion falls on faulty controls in the spacecraft's computer, scientists aren't certain what caused it to fail.

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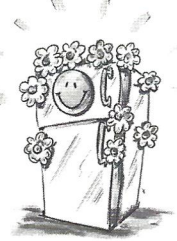
The point-and-shoot camcorder arrives with Sony's new Viewcam, in Hi-8 format with stereo sound, 4-inch color LCD screen, image stabilization, still and strobe effects. Viewcam and the even smaller Handycam allow you to film without lifting the camera to the eye.

Sharp Electronics Co.



Apple Computer introduces the handheld personal computer, Newton MessagePad, hyping it as technology for "the new mobile society." The electronic diary can send faxes and turn handwritten notes into printed messages.

Apple Computer, Inc.



Eight scientists who spent two years in a sealed, self-contained environment called Biosphere 2 emerge from isolation in September.

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Whirlpool builds an environmentally friendly fridge that doesn't use polluting chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs). It uses up to 50% less energy and saves up to \$600 over a typical 20-year life. Models will sell in 1994 for about \$1,400.