

Science News



NASA

- An analysis of Eastern Seaboard weather shows it really does rain more frequently on weekends than during the week, an average of 22 percent more. Automobile emission patterns are the suspected cause of the phenomenon.

- NASA's Lunar Prospector finds scattered pockets of ice beneath the lunar surface. The presence of water could enable astronauts to use the moon as a kind of space-based filling station.



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- Apple's translucent aqua-blue iMac personal computer, its first consumer offering in years, is marketed mainly for Internet usage and, therefore, doesn't come with a disk drive. Its popularity soars and it soon becomes available in several other colors.



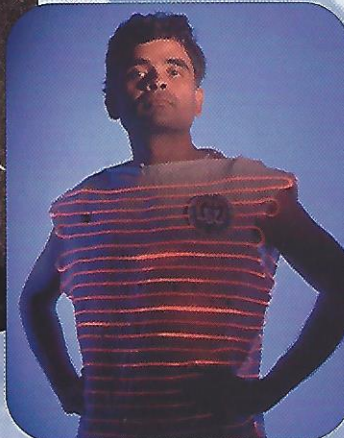
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- The comet Tempel-Tuttle causes a meteor storm when it passes by Earth. The comet will be visible again in fall 1999, after which it won't reappear for another 32 years.



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- A computerized T-shirt, woven with fiber optics and electrically conducted thread, may soon monitor the health of soldiers, rescuers, the elderly and others who are medically vulnerable.

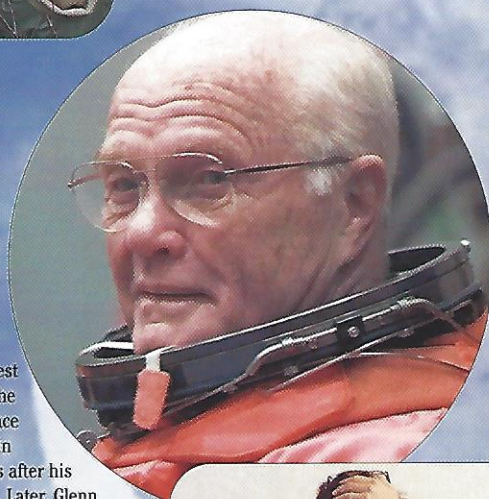


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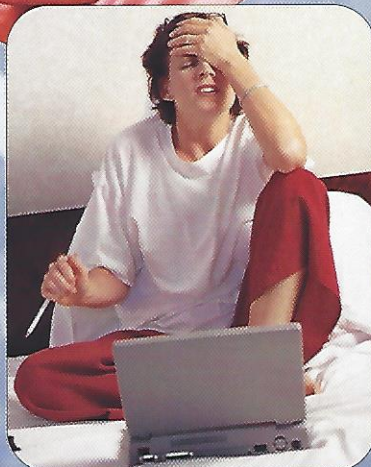
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- Columbia University graduate student Elizabeth Brannon and psychology professor Herbert Terrace demonstrate that monkeys can master simple arithmetic on at least the level of a two-year-old child.



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- John Glenn, 77, becomes the oldest astronaut when he undertakes a space shuttle mission in October, 36 years after his first space flight. Later, Glenn retires from a 24-year career in the U.S. Senate.



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- A study demonstrates that the more hours people spend on the Internet, the more depressed, stressed and lonely they feel.