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Friday, November 30, 2001 

The shuttle launch has been [rescheduled](#) for next Tuesday evening at 5:45 Eastern after [Russian flight controllers](#), along with [NASA](#), opted to use a [spacewalk](#) to clear an obstruction that interfered with the Progress [docking](#) Wednesday.

England [passes](#) emergency legislation barring reproductive cloning after a court threw out the existing law. Therapeutic cloning is still allowed.

[The Cloning Game](#): On the uproar caused by last Sunday's announcement by ACT.

Mugabe is [building](#) underground bunkers, buying armored limos, and military equipment to prepare for a possible a civil war in Zimbabwe if he loses next year's presidential election and has [deployed](#) troops in areas with strong support for the opposition party.

[Enron](#) is [headed for bankruptcy](#) after [credit downgrades](#) and a [merger collapse](#). The [100,000 trades](#) on the energy markets that will need to be undone is just one of the [ripple effects](#) the collapse will have. There are a [large number](#) of companies with more than \$100 million of exposure to Enron.

[On the ground](#): another warning to maintain our principles even in wartime.

[Reg Watson](#) and [Daniel Pauly](#) from the [UBC Fisheries Centre](#) have

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[published](#) a study claiming that the oceans' fish stock is [declining faster](#) than [previously predicted](#) by the [UN Food and Agriculture Organization](#) because of [over-reporting of catches](#) by China.

In a [paper being developed](#), scientists from UCLA studying very short [gamma ray bursts](#) discuss the possibility that they are [being caused](#) by the extremely powerful explosions of microscopic [primordial black holes](#).

In other black hole news, researchers at the [University of Warwick](#) have applied their method of studying X-rays generated by matter falling into black holes to analyzing soccer, to find that British games are [30 times more boring](#) than games in the rest of the world.

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