Scientists build a bridge over turbulent waters

Indian student in the US teams up with his physics professor to overcome a 73-year-old problem of classical physics

Microsoft’s paid security service

A new security service from Microsoft Corp. will charge users $49.95 (€35.00) per year to better protect its Windows operating system from viruses, worms and other threats, the software giant said Wednesday, April 23, three days before the product in early June. Called Windows OneCare Live, the subscription service will work in concert with Microsoft security products by traditional security makers, such as Symantec of McLean, Va., a competitor, and that Microsoft’s product is in large part designed to combat threats that aren’t handled by those other products.

New property of protein found

Researchers at Duke University have discovered a surprising new function that proteins play in the immune system: the ability to activate genes that increase the production of immune cells. The discovery, made by a team of researchers including Dr. Jane Goodall, could have implications for cancer treatment and other medical applications.

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Chip trick: A potato minus the carbs and the calories

Indian News Service

Scientists in Britain have developed a potato with low carbohydrates and fibre calories with all the other nutritional values of the regular spud. The British company Naturally Best that developed Virta after nine years of research has found that the new variety could be used to make bread and other products. The new variety is the latest in a long line of potatoes that have been developed to reduce the amount of carbohydrates in food.

Apple iPods going cheap

World’s favourite music player now available at reduced prices, and also in a new flavour – the 1GB Nano

Researchers can’t agree over hurricanes, climate change

A handful of physicists, biologists, and engineers have joined forces to develop a new type of protein that can mimic the behavior of hurricanes. The goal is to create a computer model that can predict hurricanes and other extreme weather events.

Kathy Naiman

Storm researchers Tuesday squabbled over why the last hurricane season was such a disaster, and what should be done about it.

Among the disputed issues are whether climate change is making extreme storms more frequent and more intense, and how much, if any, other social factors are increasing storm risk.

Meeting here at the National Center for Atmospheric Research, the White House and the Office of Emergency Management and Disaster Assistance, the researchers are trying to determine whether the increased number of hurricanes is due to climate change or other factors.

Kailash Satyarthi

Kailash Satyarthi, Nobel Peace Prize laureate, has called for immediate action to end child labor.

“An immediate action is needed to change the climate of child labor,” Satyarthi said.

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