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Bower's beat is all things human, from the origins of our species to present-day human behavior, including mental health. A writer for *Science News* since 1984, he has a master's degree in psychology from Pepperdine University and a master's degree in journalism from the University of Missouri.



Sujata Gupta, Social Sciences

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Garcia de Jesús holds a Ph.D. in microbiology from the University of Washington, where she studied virus/host co-evolution, and a master's in science communication from the University of California, Santa Cruz. Her writing has appeared in *Nature News*, *Science*, *Eos*, *Smithsonian Voices* and more.



Susan Milius, Life Sciences

Milius delves into the bizarre, beautiful and surprising in the natural world, from murder hornets to how a spider can use silk to lift 50 times its weight. She has written for *The Scientist*, *Science*, *International Wildlife* and *United Press International*, and her work has been featured in *The Best American Science Writing*.



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Gramling's reporting ranges widely, from new discoveries about fossils to climate change. She has written for *Science* and *EARTH* magazines, and holds bachelor's degrees in geology and European history, and a Ph.D. in marine geochemistry from MIT and the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution.



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Ogasa has a master's degree in geology from McGill University, and a master's degree in science communication from the University of California, Santa Cruz. His stories have been published in *Science*, *Scientific American*, *Mongabay* and the *Mercury News*.



Lisa Grossman, Astronomy

Grossman explores big questions like whether Pluto really is a planet and what more we can learn from moon rocks. A former news editor at *New Scientist*, she has a degree in astronomy from Cornell University and a graduate certificate in science writing from UC Santa Cruz.



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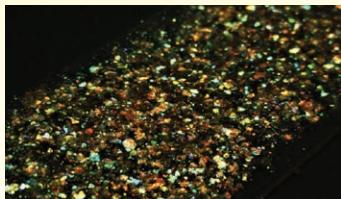
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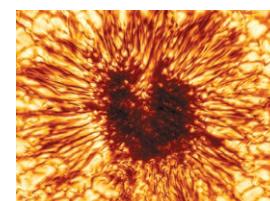
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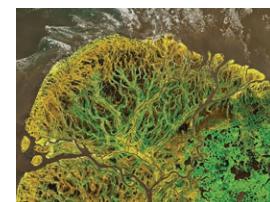


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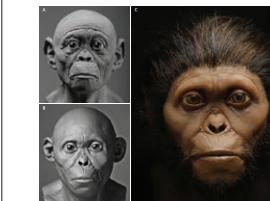
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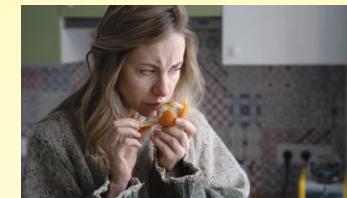
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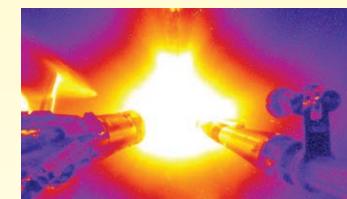
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More serious discoveries unfold inside!



These guys are bulletproof.

Until you treat them like a bullet.

Tardigrades are hard to kill. They can go years without food or water, and even live in the vacuum of outer space. But can they survive a crash landing on another planet?

Placed into nylon bullets, the dormant tiny animals could not survive impact speeds of more than 825 meters per second. Knowing whether life is up to the challenge of planet-hopping could help answer how life got started on Earth.

Stranger than (science) fiction news in each issue.



Elephants never forget.

Evolution responds to poachers.

From an evolutionary standpoint, decades of elephant poaching appear to have made tusklessness more advantageous for survival, encouraging the proliferation of tuskless females.

Sadly, tusks are not just ornamental. Elephants use tusks to dig for water and strip tree bark for food. If elephants evolve without this tool to do those kinds of things, then their future may become even more endangered.

Amazing scientific discoveries happen every day.



Oh snap!

The real power behind Thanos.

Scientists, inspired by a scene in the 2018 movie *Avengers: Infinity War*, where the supervillain Thanos snaps his fingers and obliterates half the universe, wanted to uncover the actual science behind the snap.

High-speed video reveals the extreme speed at which friction and the compression of the finger pads are key to a satisfying snap. Thus, Thanos' gloved snap would have been a dud. Once again, science saves the world.

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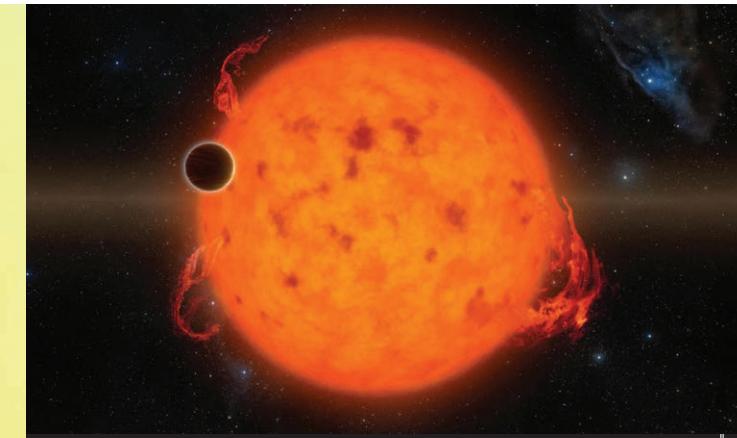
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