

A round-up of the top science news stories of the past 12 months.(Adam Mann)



Natural disasters pummelled Earth
Ancient kissing cousins were found
Doctors gained new weapons against HIV
Scientists unveiled a synthetic genome
Climate-change policy stalled
Oil gushed into the Gulf of Mexico
Stem-cell research rode a roller coaster
Japan's space agency had a hit and a miss
Astronomers joined the dark side
The budget crunch hit European science
Arsenic-based life was discovered. Or not.
A morality expert was accused of mischief
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