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In addition to the weekly photo essays, "The Year In Space" includes informative articles about a mystery surrounding the Pioneer 10 and 11 spacecraft, the outlook for planetary exploration in 2008, and a month-by-month sky guide.

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