This Week: May 30, 2003

May 30, 2003, Hour One: Development of Private Spacecraft
Join Ira in this hour of Science Friday as the talk turns to the race among private companies to send rockets -- and people -- into space.

Join Ira in this hour of Science Friday for a look at an early warning system for earthquakes, and the latest astronomy news.

Teachers: What does calling someone an "Einstein" mean? Find out at 'A Man Who Changed the World: Albert Einstein' -- this week in Science Friday's Kids' Connection. Plus: We dreamed up some fun from our archives! Visit "Dreams" to find out what happens when we (and our pets) sleep.

Quote of the Week
"If you look at living animals today everything ranging from insects right up through mammals--reptiles, fish, birds, you name it--they have many examples of cannibalism. And so for dinosaurs, it would be naive to assume that many dinosaurs weren't cannibals. But the trick is finding evidence in 70-million-year-old rocks. The fossil record doesn't give up clues all that easily." Raymond Rogers, as heard on Science Friday, 4/4/2003.

Last Week: May 23
Last week, we talked about future electronics - advanced materials for nanoscale computing. In our second hour, we talked about the life and work of Albert Einstein, more past programs.

Ira speaks with big thinkers, including Freeman Dyson (pictured above), on the new PBS miniseries 'Big Ideas' (photo Joseph Sinnott, WNET)
Want the scoop on Ira? Learn about Ira here.

SciFri Selections: Books

( Discussed on Science Friday in Sep 2000.)

( Discussed on Science Friday in Jul 1999.)

( Discussed on Science Friday in Aug 1998.)

Want to get into Einstein's brain? Check out the Einstein Archives Online. (suggest a si