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## GEMINI 12 FINDS NEW HOME

A spacecraft doesn't land in Chicago often! But on April 10, Gemini 12 touched down safely at its new home, the Adler Planetarium. Nearly 40 years after the capsule circled the earth 59 times - traveling 1.6 million miles during four days in space - Capt. James A. Lovell Jr. (pictured), was reunited with the car-sized capsule. Lovell, who flew in the two-seat spacecraft with fellow astronaut Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin, recalled the "cozy" environment with a laugh, "We got to know each other pretty well."

The capsule is the centerpiece of **Shoot for the Moon** – an exhibition opening July 8 that tells the story of America's proud, early days in space and our bold plans to return to the Moon.

**For more information on Gemini 12 and Shoot for the Moon:**

[www.adlerplanetarium.org/moon/](http://www.adlerplanetarium.org/moon/)

## 2006: A SPACE SYMPHONY

ADLER PLANETARIUM & CHICAGO  
SINFONIETTA

Sunday, May 14 at 2:30 pm

Monday, May 15 at 7:30 pm

The Adler Planetarium and the Chicago Sinfonietta have joined together to present Holst's *The Planets*. For the first time ever, the Chicago Sinfonietta will synchronize the performance with a spectacular visual presentation created by Adler Astronomer and digital artist Dr. JoseFrancisco Salgado. Throughout the piece, images of our solar system and the cosmos will be projected on a giant screen, complementing Holst's haunting music. The heavenly voices of the Chicago Children's Choir also accompany the performance.



For those who can't wait, check out a sneak preview of *The Planets* at the Adler's Far Out Friday on May 5.

For dates, tickets and more information:

[www.adlerplanetarium.org/visitors-guide/new.shtml#holst](http://www.adlerplanetarium.org/visitors-guide/new.shtml#holst)



## SUN-SATIONAL CELEBRATION

### ASTRONOMY DAY

Saturday, May 6, 11 am – 3 pm

Celebrate all things solar at the Adler's annual Astronomy Day Saturday, May 6 (free with paid general admission). Try your hand at a Solar Oven Heating contest, rev up with Solar Car Races, find out what causes eclipses and try some solar viewing of your own with on-site telescopes including the Doane Observatory, Chicago's largest public telescope. Enter contests, win prizes – including a Meade ETX 90AT telescope – and enjoy many other free activities related to the Sun and Earth (weather permitting).

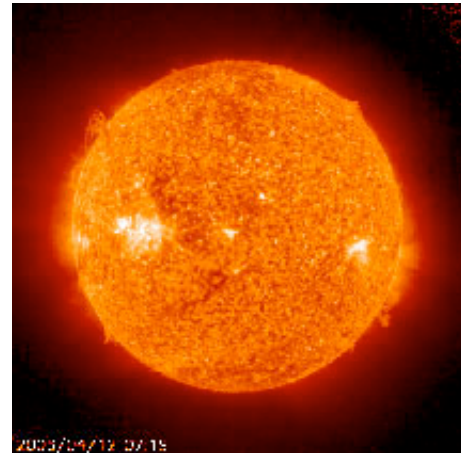
**For more information on Astronomy Day activities:**

[www.adlerplanetarium.org/visitors-guide/new.shtml](http://www.adlerplanetarium.org/visitors-guide/new.shtml)

## DELAYED REACTION: SEEING THE SUN

The Sun does not appear to the human eye as most objects do. Because the Sun is roughly 93 million miles away, it takes 8.3 minutes for light to travel from the Sun and reach us here on Earth. The Sun as it appears now is actually an image of the Sun as it appeared more than eight minutes ago!

Safety note: Looking directly at the Sun can cause eye damage or blindness. Only proper solar viewing – using #14 welder's glasses or a properly sun-filtered telescope – is recommended.



**Click here to find out what's up in the Chicago sky:**

[www.adlerplanetarium.org/astronomy/sky/month/2006.04.shtml](http://www.adlerplanetarium.org/astronomy/sky/month/2006.04.shtml)

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