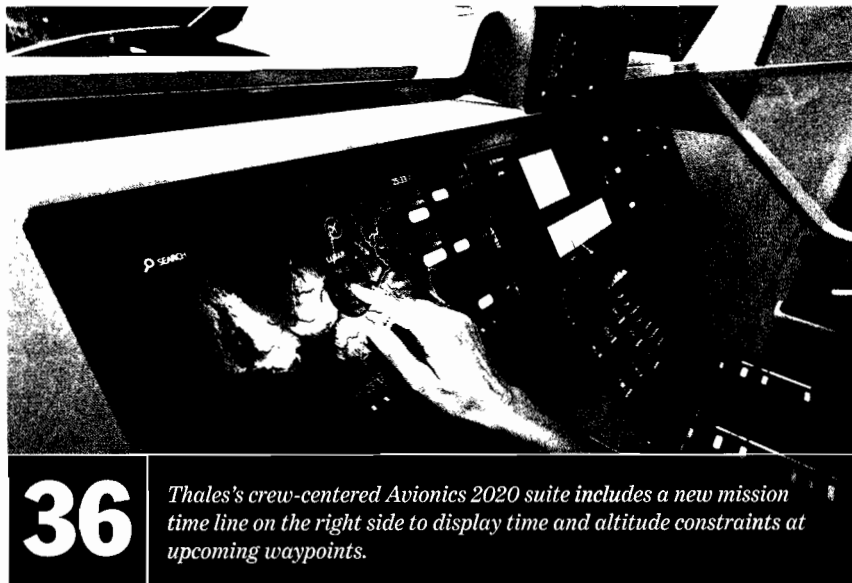


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One of the big surprises of the Cassini mission is the discovery of water-ice plumes jetting from the south polar region of Saturn's moon Enceladus, pictured in this NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory image. Irene Klotz reports on the spacecraft's epic journey of discovery beginning on page 20. Also in this issue: Taiwan's fighter development plans (page 33), cockpits of the future (page 36), developing agile electronic warfare technologies (page 41) and the fallout from Air Berlin's bankruptcy (page 24).

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