



Address http://ca.my.yahoo.com/



Hello Nathan

[\[Sign Out, Account Info\]](#)

Yahoo! - He



Introducing zip.ca

Canada's Leading Online DVD Rental Club**Free Shipping****Try Zip.ca for FREE!****My Front Page**

mo

Message Centre [Edit](#) [X](#)[Check Email](#)[Launch Messenger](#)[Check Calendar](#)[View Personals](#)**Weather** [Edit](#) [X](#)

Baltimore, MD	21...26 C	
Hamburg	10...17 C	
Inchon	20...25 C	
London, UK	11...19 C	
Vancouver	15...27 C	

[click on city for extended forecast](#)**My Front Page Headlines** Jun 21 10:11am**UK and Ireland: Top Stories**

- Iran seizes three Royal Navy vessels
- Blair launches EU constitution battle
- Rail workers to strike next week
- Private rocket plane makes historic space flight
- England turn to Rooney for final push
- Riot "leader" protests innocence
- House price slip may signal slowdown
- Protests called for against Bush visit
- Iraq militants threaten to kill Korean

UK and Ireland: Reuters World News

- Winnie Mandela appeals fraud sentence
- Germany and Britain clash over EU head
- Dutroux faces life sentence call
- Typhoon Dianmu kills five
- Elk crushes toddler's bed
- Iraq resumes oil exports
- Blair launches bid to sell EU constitution
- Four U.S. soldiers killed in Iraq
- Militants threaten to kill hostage in Iraq

UK and Ireland: Tech

- Falling prices drive UK notebook sales
- FriendsReunited acquires Schoolfriends.com
- Intel heads for 3D standards war
- AMD bets on cheap chips
- Svbase offers dynamic alternative to archive storage

**Top Stories**
☐ Stories ☐ Photos

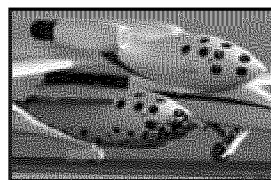
Search

[Home](#)[Top Stories](#)[Entertainment](#)[World](#)[Business](#)[Tech](#)[Science](#)[Oddly Enough](#)[Photos](#)[V](#)
[Reuters](#) | [Press Association](#) | [AFP](#) | [Sky News](#) | [The Scotsman](#) | Photos

Monday June 21, 05:44 PM

Private rocket plane makes historic space flight

By Reed Stevenson

[Click to enlarge photo](#)

MOJAVE, California (Reuters) - The privately funded rocket plane SpaceShipOne has flown to outer space and into history books as the world's first commercial manned space flight.

The distinctive white rocket plane was released from a larger plane called the White Knight and ignited its rocket engine to enter space 62 miles (100 km) above the earth on Monday.

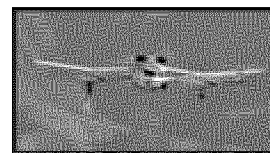
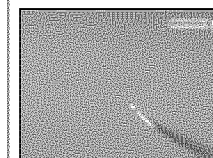
Against the backdrop of a clear blue sky, it landed safely back at a runway in the Mojave Desert in California, about 100 miles (160 km) north of Los Angeles.

"The colours were pretty staggering from up there," said pilot Michael Melvill, who also earned his wings, officially, as an astronaut. "It was almost a religious experience."

[Click to enlarge photo](#)

Melvill said he could see the black expanse of outer space, the curvature of the earth and a broad swathe of the Southern California coast during his three and half minutes just beyond earth's atmosphere.

The unprecedented \$20 million (11 million pound) project was intended to demonstrate the viability of commercial space flight and open the door for space tourism.

[Click to enlarge photo](#)
REUTERS
Latest News Videos

Onlookers watch historic rocket flight
[More News Videos](#)

Y! Today on Yahoo!

Big Brother news
 & photos



Follow Euro
 2004 on Yahoo!
 Sport



The best emails
 and attachments

Full Coverage