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"Poets have been mysteriously silent on the subject of cheese."

— G.K. Chesterton,

Scientists Discover How Matter Forms From Empty Space

Scientists have made an exciting discovery about how the universe works. They found new clues about how real matter forms from what seems like empty space.

The discovery happened at a special laboratory in New York. Scientists used a powerful machine called RHIC to crash tiny particles together. When the particles collided, something amazing happened.

The empty space around us is not really empty. It contains invisible particles that come and go very quickly. Scientists call this the quantum vacuum. It is like a hidden world we cannot normally see.

When the scientists crashed particles together, they gave extra energy to these hidden particles. This energy boost helped turn the invisible particles into real ones that machines could detect and measure.

The research helps us understand how our universe creates matter from nothing. This discovery opens new doors for learning about the building blocks of everything around us. It shows that even empty space plays an important role in making our world.

Student Helps Animals Find New Safe Homes

A college student spent her summer helping animals move to safer places. Andie May Hardin worked with scientists to learn about moving animals when their homes become unsafe.

Climate change is making life harder for many animals. Wildfires, floods, and storms are becoming stronger. These changes hurt the places where animals live. Scientists are finding new ways to help.

One way to help is called conservation translocation. This means carefully moving animals to better, safer homes. Scientists move the animals to places where they can live and have babies.

Andie helped create a list of studies about moving different animals. She learned about turtles, coral reefs, salmon, and small fish. Each type of animal needs special care when moving to a new home.

One success story involves special swamp turtles in Australia. Their old home became too dry and was being built on. Scientists raised baby turtles and moved them to a better place. The turtles are doing well in their new home.

Smart Computers Help Scientists Make Amazing Discoveries

Scientists are using smart computers to make exciting new discoveries. These special computers can look at thousands of pictures from science experiments very quickly.

The project is called SYNAPS-I. It helps scientists study materials that could improve our daily lives. These materials might help make better medicines or cleaner energy.

Seven research centers across America are working together. They use powerful microscopes that take detailed pictures of tiny things. The smart computers help scientists understand what these pictures mean.

Before, scientists had to look at each picture by hand. This took a very long time. Now the computers can help them find important discoveries much faster.

This new way of doing science could lead to wonderful breakthroughs. Scientists hope to create better materials for hospitals, homes, and everyday products that help people.

Fish Helpers Use Cool New Ways to Save Fish

People who work with fish have found amazing new ways to help them. Long ago, workers put fish in milk cans with ice. They sent them on trains to new homes. Today, things are much better.

Daniel works at a fish place in New Mexico. He helps save a special fish called the Gila trout. These pretty fish live in the Southwest. They are very important to nature there.

Valerie has a really cool job. She freezes fish genes to save them for later. It's like putting fish DNA in a freezer for the future. This helps make sure we will always have these fish around.

These fish workers are on a podcast show. They talk about their fun jobs helping fish. The show teaches people about taking care of nature. New shows come out every two months.

Fish helpers today use computers and special freezers. But they still care about fish just like the old-timers did. They work hard every day to keep fish safe and healthy for everyone to enjoy.

Smartphones Help Doctors in Africa Care for Patients

Doctors in Africa are using smartphones to help sick people get better faster. This exciting new technology is making a big difference in places like Kenya and Nigeria.

A young farmer in Kenya felt sick with a fever. He went to his local clinic for help. In the past, he might have waited weeks to find out what was wrong. But this time was different.

A health worker took a picture of his blood with a smartphone. The phone was attached to a small microscope that cost only fifty dollars. Smart computer programs looked at the picture right away.

In just ninety seconds, the phone told the doctor what was making the farmer sick. The answer was right almost every time. The farmer got the medicine he needed that same day and felt much better.

This helpful technology is now being used in over four hundred clinics across Kenya. Doctors are giving patients the right medicine more often. Fewer people are getting very sick because they get help sooner.

Activity Time - Word Search

Find the words below in the puzzle. Words go across or down only.

Words to Find:

- PICTURES
- ANIMALS
- COLLEGE
- MATTER
- SUMMER
- SPACE
- HOMES

X	T	C	A	P	I	V	G	H	H	L
Y	M	O	L	Y	N	S	G	T	G	T
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P	W	G	A	J	Q	A	Y	H	H	G
A	T	E	P	N	C	R	B	R	O	T
C	B	M	A	T	T	E	R	X	M	G
E	O	O	P	I	C	T	U	R	E	S
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