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"What would men be without women? Scarce, sir...mighty scarce."

— Mark Twain

America's Special Wild Places Help Scientists Learn

America has over 900 special wild places called National Conservation Lands. These beautiful areas have been protected for 25 years now.

The government takes care of these lands so everyone can enjoy them. They include deserts, mountains, rivers, and forests. Some have ancient rocks and fossils. Others have wildlife like caribou and eagles.

Scientists love to study these protected places. They can learn about plants, animals, and how nature works. The research helps us understand our world better.

These lands cover 38 million acres across the country. That's bigger than the state of Illinois! They include national monuments, wilderness areas, and scenic rivers.

The protected places help scientists make new discoveries. They also keep beautiful landscapes safe for future generations to enjoy. It's like having outdoor classrooms where nature can teach us amazing things.

Robot Helper Makes Better Computer Parts

Scientists have a new robot friend helping them build amazing computers. The robot works like a pizza chef, but instead of making food, it makes tiny computer parts.

This special robot lives in a super clean room at a science lab in California. The room is so clean that not even a speck of dust can get inside. The robot can make many different materials and put them together perfectly.

The robot is helping scientists build something called quantum computers. These are very special computers that could help doctors find new medicines. They might also help keep our information safe online.

Before this robot helper, scientists had to move their work from one tool to another. This was slow and sometimes things got dirty. Now the robot does everything in one place, keeping everything perfectly clean.

The robot will help scientists learn the best ways to make these computer parts. It can try many different recipes quickly. This means better computers will be built much faster than before.

Fish Hatchery Workers Save 800,000 Trout From Winter Storm

A winter storm caused big problems at Wolf Creek Fish Hatchery in January. Heavy ice and snow broke the protective barriers over the fish ponds. Nearly 800,000 rainbow, brown, and brook trout lived in those ponds.

The broken barriers made it unsafe for workers to feed the fish. They could not clean the ponds or check on the trout. The workers were very worried about keeping all the fish healthy and safe.

Even with no power and dangerous conditions, the hatchery staff worked hard every day. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers came to help them. A construction crew also worked long hours to fix the damage.

By February 1st, the workers could safely care for the fish again. All 800,000 trout survived the winter storm. These fish are very important for Kentucky's trout programs.

The teamwork saved the day. Workers, engineers, and construction crews all helped. Their hard work kept the valuable fish safe through the difficult winter storm.

Smart Camera Can Identify Objects Like Magic

Scientists have created a amazing new camera that works like a super-smart eye. This special camera can look at objects and instantly tell what they are made of.

The camera is much smarter than regular cameras we use every day. It can see colors that our eyes cannot see. Then it uses computer smarts to figure out what it is looking at right away.

Dr. Ali Javey and his team at a science lab in California made this wonderful invention. The camera works much faster than older versions. It also uses less power and sees things more clearly.

This smart camera could help farmers check their crops. It might help doctors and scientists too. The camera can spot things that need attention quickly and easily.

The best part is that this camera thinks for itself. Old cameras had to send pictures to computers to figure things out. This new camera does all the thinking right inside itself. This makes everything work much faster and better.

Smart Cars Help Make Traffic Flow Better

Scientists are working on new ways to make driving easier. They want to help cars talk to each other and to traffic lights.

Researchers at Oak Ridge National Laboratory have a special lab. They put real cars into computer games that look like real roads. This helps them test new ideas safely.

The smart car technology lets vehicles share information. Cars can tell each other about traffic jams or accidents ahead. Traffic lights can also talk to cars to help them move smoothly.

Lead scientist Adian Cook explains that it's not just about cars driving themselves. Traffic lights and road signs can be smart too. They work together like a team to keep everyone moving.

This new technology could make rush hour traffic much better. Drivers would spend less time stuck in traffic. Cars would use less gas and create less pollution. The daily drive to work could become much more pleasant for everyone.

Activity Time - Word Search

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

Words to Find:

- PLACES
- AREAS
- ROBOT
- PARTS
- STORM
- WILD
- FISH

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