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"Live to the point of tears."

— Albert Camus

NASA Studies Sounds of New Flying Taxis

NASA is working on exciting new aircraft called air taxis. These special planes will carry people on short trips around cities.

The air taxis could help people get to work faster. They might also rush patients to hospitals for medical care. NASA wants to make sure these new aircraft fit well into our communities.

Scientists studied how people react to the sounds these air taxis make. They tested 359 people in Los Angeles, New York City, and Dallas. The researchers played 67 different aircraft sounds for the volunteers.

The study showed something interesting. People who live in noisy city areas were more bothered by the new sounds. Those in quieter neighborhoods didn't mind the air taxi noises as much.

NASA scientists think people in loud places may be more sensitive to extra noise. The research will help make air taxis that work better for everyone. This exciting technology could change how we travel in the future.

Nature & Environment

Native Tribe and Forest Service Team Up

A Native American tribe and the Forest Service are working together in Oregon. They want to make the forests healthier and safer.

The Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe signed a special agreement. They will help take care of two national forests. The tribe knows a lot about caring for the land.

Together, they have already built 37 miles of firebreaks. These special cleared areas help stop wildfires from spreading. This protects homes and forest land.

The agreement covers 155,000 acres of forest land. That's a very large area with many trees and plants. The tribe and Forest Service will work on projects together.

The goal is to make forests strong and healthy for the future. When forests are well cared for, they can better survive fires and other dangers. This helps keep communities safe too.

Teacher Returns to Drawing Books for Children

A teacher named Nejra has found her way back to something she loved as a child. She now draws pictures for children's books.

Nejra grew up loving to draw. As a young girl, she read many picture books. She especially enjoyed books from two popular series that had wonderful drawings.

Now Nejra creates her own artwork for children's stories. She has drawn pictures for more than twenty books. Her drawing style is so special that people can recognize her work right away.

Nejra believes children should see lots of different drawings in their books. She thinks new artwork helps children see stories in fresh ways. Her drawings might even inspire young people to pick up pencils and start drawing themselves.

The teacher combines humor and creativity in her illustrations. She wants to share the joy of art with the next generation of readers.

Animals & Wildlife

Forest Animals Getting New Homes After Storm

Good news for wildlife in North Carolina! Forest workers are helping animals find safe homes again.

Last year, a big storm knocked down many trees in two beautiful forests. The trees were home to birds, deer, and other woodland creatures. Now these animals needed new places to live.

Forest experts are working hard to clean up the mess. They are removing fallen trees and planting new ones. They are also fixing trails where people love to walk and watch wildlife.

The project will take ten years to finish. Workers will create better homes for animals. They will plant trees that birds love for nesting. They will also make clean streams where fish can swim.

Families will soon enjoy visiting these forests again. Children can spot squirrels, rabbits, and colorful birds. The forests will be even more beautiful than before.

Scientists Create Better Nuclear Power Fuel

Scientists have made an exciting discovery about nuclear power. They found a new way to make fuel work better and safer.

The team works at Oak Ridge National Laboratory. They created something called ULIMES. This new fuel design helps nuclear power plants run more smoothly.

Nuclear power plants use special fuel to make electricity. The old way used solid fuel pellets. The new way mixes the fuel with liquid metal. This mixture flows through the power plant like water through pipes.

This flowing fuel stays cooler than the old kind. Cool fuel works better and lasts longer. It also makes the power plant safer to run. The new design costs less money to maintain too.

The scientists are very proud of their work. They say it uses materials we already know are safe. An Australian company liked the idea so much they signed up to help pay for more research. This could help make cleaner electricity for everyone.

Activity Time - Word Search

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

Words to Find:

DRAWING

TEACHER

TRAVEL

TREES

BOOKS

TREES

FUEL

