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"Sanity and happiness are an impossible combination."

— Mark Twain

Simple Exercise Helps Cancer Patients Think Clearly

Good news for people getting cancer treatment! A new study shows that gentle exercise can help keep minds sharp.

Many cancer patients say their thinking gets fuzzy during treatment. Doctors call this "chemo brain." People might forget things or have trouble with daily tasks like paying bills.

Researchers found a simple answer. They taught patients easy exercises to do at home. The exercise plan included walking and using stretchy bands for strength training.

The results were wonderful. Patients who followed the exercise plan kept their minds clearer than those who didn't exercise. The exercises were safe and didn't cost much money.

The research team says this exercise plan can help anyone going through cancer treatment. It's designed to be gentle but effective. Exercise helps fight inflammation and keeps the immune system strong.

Space Rock Bennu Surprises NASA Scientists

NASA sent a spacecraft to visit an asteroid called Bennu. Scientists got a big surprise when they arrived there.

From Earth, Bennu looked like it would have smooth, sandy areas. Instead, the whole asteroid was covered in big rocks and boulders. It looked very bumpy and rough.

This puzzled the scientists for a while. Earlier telescope views from Earth suggested Bennu's surface would heat up and cool down quickly, like a beach. But rocky surfaces usually stay warm longer.

The NASA team figured out the answer. The rocks on Bennu have many tiny holes and cracks inside them. This makes them work differently than solid rocks on Earth.

The spacecraft collected samples from Bennu and brought them home. Now scientists can study the space rocks up close. They use special X-ray machines to look inside the tiny pieces and learn more about this interesting asteroid.

Technology & Innovation

Scientists Get New Computer to Help Research

Scientists at a research center in California got exciting news. They received a special new computer system in January. This computer will help them do important scientific work.

The computer is called Cech. It sounds like the word "check." Scientists named it after a famous chemist who won a big prize for his discoveries. This chemist once worked at the same lab as a young student.

Cech is a practice computer. It helps scientists learn how to use an even bigger computer coming later. The bigger computer will be called Doudna. That name honors another famous scientist who also won a big prize.

Over 11,000 scientists will use these computers for their research. The computers are very powerful and can solve hard problems quickly. They will help scientists make new discoveries.

The research center is very happy about this new tool. It will help scientists around the world learn new things and make life better for everyone.

Nature & Environment

Oregon Farmers Help Ocean Kelp Forests Grow

Aaron Huang loves seaweed so much he eats it every day. He calls himself a "kelp nerd" and lives in Newport, Oregon. Aaron noticed that kelp forests in the ocean were shrinking. These underwater forests are home to many sea creatures.

The problem was too many sea urchins. These spiny creatures eat kelp plants. Usually, sea stars and otters eat the urchins. But fewer sea stars and otters live in the ocean now. So the urchins keep eating all the kelp.

Aaron had a smart idea. He started a sea urchin ranch with his friend Brad Bailey. They called it OoNee Ranch. The name sounds like "uni," which is what people call sea urchin when they eat it.

The two friends collect hungry sea urchins from the ocean floor. They bring them to their ranch on land. There they feed the urchins healthy food. The urchins grow big and tasty. People buy them to eat at restaurants.

This helps in two ways. Fewer urchins in the ocean means kelp can grow back. And people get delicious food to enjoy. Aaron turned a problem into something good for everyone.

New Telescope Watches Sky Day and Night

Scientists have built an amazing new telescope that watches the night sky. The telescope can spot when stars change or move in space.

The telescope is called the Rubin Observatory. It sits on top of a mountain where the sky is very clear. Every night, it takes pictures of millions of stars and planets.

When something interesting happens in space, the telescope sends a message right away. It can find new asteroids flying by Earth. It can also see when distant stars get brighter or dimmer.

Scientists around the world will get these messages. They can then point their own telescopes to look at the same spot in the sky. This helps them learn more about space.

The telescope will send out millions of these alerts every night. This is the first time scientists can watch the whole sky change in real time. It will help us discover many new things about the universe around us.

Activity Time - Word Search

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

Words to Find:

RESEARCH

STRENGTH

URCHIN

SPACE

OCEAN

ROCKS

STARS

