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"If you have two friends in your lifetime, you're lucky. If you have one good friend, you're more than lucky."

— S.E. Hinton

Man Helps Send Science Experiments to Space

Aaron Rose has a special job helping scientists. He works for NASA, the space agency. His team sends science experiments to the space station.

The space station floats high above Earth. Astronauts live there and do experiments. Some experiments need to stay very cold. Aaron makes sure they stay at the right temperature.

He uses special coolers and freezers. These keep the experiments safe during the trip to space. The experiments help us learn new things. They might help people on Earth stay healthy.

Aaron started working for NASA 18 years ago. He was still in college then. A former astronaut told his class about jobs at NASA. Aaron wrote to her for help getting started.

Now Aaron lives in Houston, Texas. That's where NASA's Johnson Space Center is located. He loves helping scientists make new discoveries. The experiments he helps with might even help future trips to the Moon and Mars.

Technology & Innovation

Smart Labs Help Scientists Make New Materials

Scientists at Oak Ridge National Laboratory are using smart computer helpers in their labs. These special computers can think and make decisions on their own.

Dr. Rigoberto Advincula leads a team that studies tiny materials called polymers. These materials can be made into many useful things we use every day.

The smart lab computers can do experiments by themselves. They watch what happens and then decide what to try next. This helps scientists discover new materials much faster than before.

These robot helpers can mix chemicals and test them automatically. They never get tired and can work day and night. When they find something interesting, they tell the human scientists right away.

This new way of doing science is very exciting. It means we might soon have better materials for making things stronger, lighter, or more helpful for the environment.

New Treatment Helps Children Fight Infections Better

Doctors have approved a new treatment for children with a rare condition. This condition makes it hard for their bodies to fight off germs.

The treatment is called gene therapy. It uses the child's own blood cells to help them get better. Scientists take some blood cells from the child. Then they fix the cells in a special lab. After that, they put the healthy cells back into the child's body.

Children with this condition get sick very often. Their bodies cannot fight bacteria and fungal infections well. Before this treatment, doctors had few ways to help these children.

The new therapy gives hope to many families. It is the first treatment of its kind approved for this rare condition. The treatment uses the child's own cells, which makes it safer.

This breakthrough shows how science keeps finding new ways to help people. Researchers worked for many years to develop this treatment. Now children with this condition have a better chance at a healthy life.

Scientists Study Southeast Bees to Help Them Thrive

Scientists are working hard to help native bees in the Southeast. These tiny creatures are very important for nature. They help flowers grow and keep our world healthy.

Many types of bees live in the Southeast and Caribbean areas. But we don't know much about how they are doing. Some bees might need our help to stay safe.

Dr. Hailey Shanovich leads a team studying these bees. They want to learn which bees need the most help. The scientists work with many groups across different states.

The team looks at where bees live and what they need. They study how weather changes might affect the bees. This helps them plan ways to protect bee homes.

This important work helps us understand our buzzing friends better. When we protect bees, we protect the flowers and plants they visit. Healthy bees mean a healthy world for everyone.

Animals & Wildlife

Wildlife Workers Help Lakes Stay Healthy

Wildlife experts are working hard to keep our lakes beautiful. They are helping at two special places called National Wildlife Refuges.

These workers found some problem plants in the water. The plants came from other countries long ago. Now they grow too much and crowd out the good plants that belong here.

The bad plants make thick mats under the water. This makes it hard for fish to swim and find food. Birds that visit the lakes also need the good plants to eat.

The wildlife workers have a plan to remove the problem plants. They want to make sure the lakes stay nice for fishing. Families love to come fishing at these peaceful places.

Soon the lakes will be healthier. The fish will have more room to swim. The birds will find plenty of good food. Everyone can enjoy these beautiful waters for many years to come.

Activity Time - Word Search

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

Words to Find:

COMPUTER

CHILDREN

SCIENCE

FLOWERS

THERAPY

NATURE

ROBOT

