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"I do things like get in a taxi and say, "The library, and step on it."

— David Foster Wallace

Technology & Innovation

New Water Station Helps Keep Baltimore Harbor Safe

Scientists have built a new water monitoring station in Baltimore Harbor. The station sits on a pier near the historic Fort McHenry.

This modern station watches water levels all day and night. It sends important information to computers right away. The data helps keep boats and ships safe in the harbor.

The new station replaces an older one that was temporary. It has special sensors and a weather tower. Engineers built it to last for many years, even in storms and cold weather.

The station is part of a big network across America. More than 200 stations like this one work together. They all watch water levels and weather conditions.

This helpful information protects people who live near the water. It warns them about floods and helps boat captains navigate safely. The data makes harbors safer for everyone.

Animals & Wildlife

Louisiana Wetlands Come Back to Life

Scientists are bringing Louisiana's wetlands back to life. They created over 1,200 acres of new marsh habitat near the Gulf Coast.

The project used dirt from the Mississippi River. Workers moved 8 million cubic yards of sediment. That's enough to fill two football stadiums!

The new marshes are already working. Fish and crabs have moved in. White shrimp, brown shrimp, and blue crabs now call it home. Red drum fish swim in the waters too.

Birds and other wildlife will follow soon. As plants grow stronger, more animals will come. The marsh will become a busy neighborhood for nature.

This project helps replace land that Louisiana lost over many years. Now fish have safe places to live and grow. The wetlands will be home to many creatures for years to come.

Ocean Jobs Growing Strong Across America

Great news from America's coasts! Our ocean economy is doing very well. From 2021 to 2024, ocean businesses added over 500,000 new jobs. That's wonderful for working families everywhere.

The ocean economy now employs about 3.7 million Americans. Most of these jobs are in tourism and recreation. People love visiting beaches, taking boat trips, and enjoying seaside fun. This creates 2.6 million jobs for tour guides, hotel workers, and many others.

Other ocean jobs include shipping, boat building, and coastal construction. Workers build beautiful boats and help ships carry goods around the world. Florida, California, and New York have the most ocean workers.

Ocean businesses also pay well. Worker wages grew by 32 percent in just three years. This helps families buy homes, send kids to school, and save for the future.

Scientists track this information to help coastal towns plan for growth. They work with government agencies to count jobs and measure success. The ocean economy keeps getting stronger each year.

Nature & Environment

Native Tribes and Forest Service Team Up

A wonderful partnership has begun in South Dakota. The U.S. Forest Service is now working with Native American tribes. Together, they will care for a special wilderness area.

The Black Elk Wilderness sits in the Black Hills. This beautiful land is sacred to many Native tribes. Eleven different Sioux tribes joined this agreement. They will help protect the wilderness together.

The tribes bring important knowledge about the land. Their ancestors lived there for many generations. They know how to care for the plants and animals. They also understand the cultural meaning of these places.

This teamwork will create new jobs for tribal members. Young people can learn about their heritage. They can plant trees and protect wildlife. Visitors will also learn about Native culture and history.

The partnership shows respect for tribal wisdom. It honors the connection between people and nature. Working together, they will keep this special place healthy for future generations.

Astronauts See Moon and Earth Together

Four brave astronauts are coming home from an amazing trip to the Moon. They took a beautiful picture that shows both Earth and the Moon in the same view.

The astronauts flew very close to the Moon in April. From their spacecraft window, they could see the Moon up close in front of them. Earth looked much smaller and farther away in the background.

Both the Earth and Moon were lit up by sunlight. The picture shows how they move around each other in space. It gives us a new way to see our home planet from far away.

The crew includes three astronauts from America and one from Canada. Their names are Reid, Christina, Victor, and Jeremy. They worked together on this special mission.

The astronauts will splash down safely in the Pacific Ocean tonight. People can watch their return on NASA's website. It has been a wonderful journey of discovery.

Activity Time - Word Search

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

Words to Find:

HARBOR

MARSH

WATER

BIRDS

EARTH

BOATS

TREES

