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"All you have to do is write one true sentence. Write the truest sentence that you know."

— Ernest Hemingway

Nature & Environment

Beautiful Islands in Lake Michigan

Long ago, ice covered much of North America. When the ice melted away, it carved out the Great Lakes. The ice also created special underwater ridges in Lake Michigan.

Some parts of these ridges stayed above the water. They became a group of islands called the Beaver Archipelago. These islands are like green jewels in the blue lake.

The islands have forests, sandy beaches, and wetlands. Many birds and fish call these places home. The water around the islands is beautiful. Some areas are shallow and bright blue-green. Other spots are deeper and dark blue.

Beaver Island is the biggest island in the group. It is 13 miles long and 6 miles wide. About 600 people live there year-round. Many families came from Ireland long ago in the 1800s.

The Irish settlers found good fishing and farming on the island. They felt at home in this peaceful place. People started calling it "America's Emerald Isle" because of its Irish roots and green beauty.

Technology & Innovation

NASA Tests Amazing New Space Computer

NASA is testing a wonderful new computer for space travel. The tiny processor is small enough to fit in your hand. But it is much more powerful than older space computers.

Space is a very harsh place for machines. There is lots of radiation and extreme heat and cold. Computer chips must be extra strong to work in space. That is why NASA uses older, proven technology.

But now NASA wants to build smarter spacecraft. These ships could explore on their own and help astronauts better. The new processor is 100 times faster than current space computers.

Scientists are putting the new chip through many tough tests. They test it with radiation, heat, and shaking. They want to make sure it will work perfectly in the dangers of space.

This amazing technology will help future missions to the Moon and Mars. It shows how smart and creative NASA engineers are. Space exploration keeps getting better and more exciting.

NASA Worker Helps Spacecraft Talk to Earth

Kathleen Harmon has an exciting job at NASA. She helps spacecraft in space talk to people on Earth.

As a child, Kathleen loved watching rocket launches on TV. Now she works with NASA's space program. Her job is very important for space missions.

Kathleen works with something called the Deep Space Network. This is a group of giant antennas around the world. These antennas are like huge ears that listen to spacecraft.

When spacecraft fly to the moon or other planets, they need to stay connected to Earth. The antennas help them send messages back home. They also send pictures and videos from space.

Kathleen says it's like having a phone in your car. Without it, you might get lost and can't call for help. The spacecraft need this connection to share their amazing discoveries with us on Earth.

Animals & Wildlife

America Protects Ocean Fish for 50 Years

Fifty years ago, America made a smart choice about ocean fish. The country passed a special law to take better care of sea life.

Back in the 1960s and 1970s, big fishing boats from other countries came near America's shores. These huge boats caught tons of fish from American waters. They took so many fish that there weren't enough left for American fishermen.

Senator Warren Magnuson from Washington saw this problem. He worked with other lawmakers to find a solution. They wanted to protect America's fish and give local fishermen a fair chance.

In 1976, Congress passed the Magnuson-Stevens Act. This important law created a 200-mile zone around America's coast. Only American boats could fish in this protected area.

The law helped bring fish populations back to healthy numbers. Today, American fishermen can make a good living catching fish. Families across the country enjoy fresh, healthy seafood thanks to this wise law from 50 years ago.

Scientists Study How Our Bodies Age and Feel

Scientists have made an exciting discovery about how our bodies work. They found a new way to learn about people's feelings by looking at their blood.

The researchers studied special cells in our blood. These cells can tell us how fast our bodies are aging. This is like having a clock inside us that shows our body's age.

The scientists learned something interesting. The blood test can help doctors understand when people feel sad or have trouble thinking clearly. This could help doctors take better care of their patients.

Right now, doctors ask people questions about how they feel. Soon, doctors might also use simple blood tests. This would give them more information to help people feel better.

The research helps us understand that everyone is different. People show their feelings in different ways. Some people feel tired or lose their appetite. Others have trouble feeling happy about things they used to enjoy. This discovery is good news for healthcare. It means doctors will have better tools to help people. The research shows how amazing our bodies are and how much we can learn from studying them.

Activity Time - Word Search

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

Words to Find:

DOCTORS

SPACE

BOATS

CELLS

LAKE

FISH

MOON

