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"Great minds are always feared by lesser minds."

— Dan Brown

Scientists Share Big Ideas at Quantum Computing Meeting

Scientists from around the world came together for a special meeting about the future of computers. They gathered at Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Tennessee. It was the seventh year this meeting has been held.

One hundred and eighty-four people attended the forum. They came from universities, businesses, and research labs. They shared new ideas and discoveries about a new kind of computing called quantum computing.

Quantum computers work differently from regular computers. They can solve very hard problems much faster. Scientists believe they will help unlock big discoveries in many areas of science.

A special program lets researchers around the world use quantum computers from their own labs. They connect through the internet. This means more scientists can take part in cutting-edge research than ever before.

The meeting was a big success. Scientists shared their latest findings and learned from each other. Leaders in the field say this work is helping build the computers of tomorrow. The future of science looks very bright indeed.

A Wild Refuge Turns 50 in the Heart of the City

A very special nature refuge is turning 50 years old! The Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge sits right next to a big city. Yet it is home to bald eagles, coyotes, and trout.

More than three million people live nearby. They can reach this green oasis in just ten minutes. It is a rare gift to have wild nature so close to city life.

The refuge stretches nearly 70 miles along the Minnesota River. It covers over 14,000 acres of forests, wetlands, and open prairies. Visitors can watch wildlife with city skyscrapers visible in the distance.

People have loved and protected this valley for a long time. Community members worked hard for decades to save it. On October 8, 1976, the refuge was officially established. All that effort finally paid off in a wonderful way.

Today, kind volunteers and dedicated staff work side by side. Together they care for the land and the animals that live there. This beloved refuge is a treasure for people and wildlife alike.

America Invests Big in Science for a Brighter Future

The United States is putting \$1.5 billion into science research. That is a lot of money to help scientists make new discoveries. The goal is to keep America a world leader in science and technology.

The National Science Foundation is in charge of this effort. They will give out money to scientists and engineers across the country. These researchers will explore big questions about our world.

The funding works in a smart new way. Some scientists will get money for long, careful studies. Others will get smaller grants to test new ideas quickly. This helps match the right support to the right kind of research.

Good science takes many forms. Some breakthroughs come slowly over many years. Others happen fast when someone tests a bold new idea. This program supports both kinds of discovery.

Science has always improved life for everyday people. It leads to better medicines, safer products, and helpful technology. This investment means more discoveries are on the way. The future looks bright for American science.

Tiny Germs From Earth May Travel to the Moon

Scientists have made a fascinating discovery about space travel. Tiny living things called microbes may be able to survive on the Moon. These are the same tiny germs that live on human skin every day.

NASA scientists published this finding in August 2026. They learned that shaded, sheltered spots near the Moon's South Pole could support these tiny passengers. Humans carry millions of microbes on their skin at all times.

When astronauts travel to space, some of these tiny living things travel with them. They escape through spacesuits and living quarters. Scientists say this is completely natural and unavoidable.

One NASA scientist put it warmly. He said humans bring their voices, their memories, and their microbes wherever they go. The team now wants to use the Moon as a giant natural science lab to learn more.

This discovery could be very useful. Scientists hope to study how these tiny living things survive in harsh places. What they learn on the Moon may one day help us understand life on other planets too.

New Treatment Approved for Rare Sugar Disease

Scientists and doctors have great news to share. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has approved a brand new treatment for a rare illness. It is called glycogen storage disease, or GSD for short.

People with GSD have trouble turning stored sugar into energy their body can use. This causes serious health problems. Until now, the only help was a very strict diet. That diet required eating large amounts of cornstarch many times each day.

The new treatment is called Genglycos. It is a gene therapy, which means it works by fixing a tiny part of the body's instructions. Think of it like correcting a small mistake in a recipe. This allows the body to start managing sugar the right way.

Genglycos can be used by children aged 8 and older, as well as adults. Doctors say it helps patients need much less cornstarch each day. That makes life much easier and more comfortable for them and their families.

One FDA doctor called this approval "a great milestone." Scientists will keep studying the treatment to learn even more. This is a hopeful step forward for people living with this rare condition. Good things are happening in medicine every day.

Activity Time - Word Search

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

Words to Find:

RESEARCH

QUANTUM

COMPUTE

HEALTH

REFUGE

EAGLE

MOON

