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"You endure what is unbearable, and you bear it. That is all."

— Cassandra Clare

NASA's New Space Telescope Brings Hope

A new NASA space telescope is getting ready for launch. It is named after Nancy Grace Roman, a woman who helped start the Hubble telescope. This new telescope will take very clear pictures of faraway stars and galaxies. Scientists hope it will help us learn more about the universe and how planets form.

A team at NASA's Ames Research Center in California worked hard on this project. Their main task was to help make the pictures free of bright glares. Too much light can make the photos blurry. So the team created smart computer software called ROSALIA.

This clever program is like a helper that cleans the pictures. It spots unwanted light and removes it. That way, scientists can see the stars and planets more clearly. It also helps them plan which parts of the sky to look at.

This telescope will look at things that are very far away. It will help us understand dark energy and find planets outside our solar system. The mission is exciting for everyone who loves learning about the night sky.

The launch is set for Sunday, August 30. The team at Ames is proud of their work. They have made a big difference for this mission. It is a wonderful step forward in our journey to explore the stars.

Dancing Together Brings Joy in Cameroon

In Cameroon, a country in Africa, people love to dance. Every year, during the holidays, villages hold special dance parties called “bals dansants.” These are happy times when friends and families come together.

The music plays loud and cheerful. Young people and older folks all join in. Even grandparents can be seen smiling and tapping their feet. It is a time to forget worries and just enjoy the moment.

One young man, Dylan, is 23 years old. He travels back to his home village every year for the dance. He says the best part is meeting new people and feeling the lively spirit. Everyone is welcome, whether you know the steps or not.

Another visitor, Alice, came for the first time this year. A friend told her about the fun, and she made the long trip. She was happy she did. The night was full of laughter, music, and warm hellos.

Dancing is more than just moving to music. It brings people closer. In a busy world, these dance nights remind everyone of the simple joy of being together. What a lovely tradition to keep alive.

Whales Return to Hawaii for Winter Visit

Every winter, something wonderful happens in the warm waters of Hawaii. Whales travel from far away to visit. They come to rest and raise their babies. Humpback whales are the big stars of this yearly trip.

Scientists wanted to learn more about these gentle giants. So they went on a special boat trip. The trip lasted two months. They watched the ocean very carefully. They saw more than two hundred groups of whales and dolphins.

Some sights were extra special. They saw mother humpback whales swimming with their babies. They saw dolphins riding along the front of the boat. Other dolphins jumped high into the air. It was a happy time for everyone watching.

The scientists also used special listening tools. These tools can hear whale songs under the water. Even when the sea was rough, the whales could be heard. This helps scientists count how many whales visit Hawaii.

This information is very helpful. It helps us protect the whales and dolphins. It reminds us how important the ocean is. And it gives us joy to know these beautiful animals keep coming back to Hawaii each year.

Dolly Parton's Gift of Music and Kindness

Dolly Parton is one of the most loved singers in the world. She wrote hundreds of songs. She performed for millions of people. She also made movies and helped produce shows.

But her biggest gift was not her fame. It was her big heart. Dolly always used her success to help others. She gave books to children. She supported her hometown. She never forgot where she came from.

Dolly grew up in the Smoky Mountains of Tennessee. Her music sounds like the hills and the folks she loved. She took those mountain songs to big cities. She showed everyone that your roots are a strength, not something to hide.

In 2005, she received the National Medal of Arts. This is the highest honor our country gives to artists. But Dolly's true prize is the joy she brings. Her songs make people smile. Her kindness makes the world warmer.

We thank Dolly Parton for sharing her light with all of us. Her music will live on in our hearts for many years to come. She reminds us that a simple song can heal, comfort, and bring people together.

New Device Helps Diabetes Patients Stay Safe

A new wearable device can now help people with diabetes. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has approved it. This small sensor is worn on the body. It checks both blood sugar and ketone levels all day and all night.

Ketones are made when the body uses fat for energy instead of sugar. For some people with diabetes, too many ketones can be dangerous. This condition is called DKA. It can be very serious if not caught early.

Before this device, checking ketones was hard. People had to do a separate test each time. That only gave one reading. It did not show if ketones were going up or down. Now, the new device shows changes right away. This helps people and their doctors act fast.

This is the first device of its kind in the world. It is approved for anyone age 2 and older with diabetes. Doctors say this is a big step for safety. It gives peace of mind to families.

The device is simple to use. It sends helpful information that is easy to see. For many people, this means less worry and better health. It is a gentle, positive advance in daily care.

Activity Time - Word Search

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

Words to Find:

DOLPHIN

SAFETY

SENSOR

DANCE

HEART

WHALE

SUGAR

