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*"Do you want to know who you are? Don't ask. Act! Action will delineate
and define you."*

— Thomas Jefferson

Special Light Machine Unlocks Tomorrow's Technology

Scientists have an amazing tool that helps them explore the future of technology. It is called the Advanced Light Source. This powerful machine uses X-rays to study special materials. These materials could change the world.

The Advanced Light Source is located in California. It has been helping scientists for more than 30 years. Researchers from all over the world come to use it. They study things that regular tools cannot reveal.

The machine creates very bright beams of light. These beams are like super-powered X-rays. Scientists aim them at tiny materials to see how they work. This helps unlock big discoveries about electricity and magnetism.

Thanks to this tool, scientists have made wonderful finds. They discovered new types of magnets just one atom thick. They also found ways to make better computer memory. These discoveries could make computers faster and smarter.

Now the machine is getting a big upgrade. The new beams will be even brighter than before. This means scientists will see more detail than ever. The future of computers and technology looks very bright indeed.

New Pill Brings Hope for Hard-to-Treat Cancer

A new medicine is giving hope to people with a serious form of cancer. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration just approved a new treatment for pancreatic cancer. This is very exciting news for patients and families.

The new medicine is called Rasonque. It comes as a simple tablet taken just once a day. It works by targeting a protein in the body that helps tumors grow. By blocking that protein, the pill can slow the cancer down.

This type of cancer has been very hard to treat for a long time. Doctors have had few good options to offer patients. Now, for the first time, there is a brand new kind of medicine made just for this cancer.

About 67,000 Americans are told they have this cancer every year. This new pill was approved faster than expected. That means patients can get help sooner. Doctors say this is a big step forward.

Scientists at the FDA worked very hard to make this happen quickly. One leader said he was "immensely proud" of the team. Thanks to their dedication, a new door has opened for patients who needed it most.

Tiny Snails Get a New Home in Arizona

A team of wildlife workers in Arizona is helping one of the smallest animals in the world survive. It is a tiny snail called the Three Forks springsnail. These little creatures are endangered, which means very few of them are left.

A wildlife expert named Jeff carried about 50 of these snails in a cooler on his back. He and his team carefully walked half a mile to find a new home for the snails. These snails are so small that they spend their whole lives in just a tiny patch of water near a mountain spring.

Many good groups are working together to help. They include the Phoenix Zoo, the U.S. Forest Service, and The Nature Conservancy. Together, they are moving snails to new springs so more wild groups of snails can grow and thrive.

Arizona is home to 13 kinds of springsnails. That is more than almost anywhere else! The Three Forks springsnail lives high in the beautiful White Mountains in eastern Arizona, near cool, clear mountain streams.

The team says their work is already going very well. By moving snails to safe new homes, they are giving these tiny creatures a bright future. Even the smallest animals deserve our care and protection.

Hawaii's Famous Volcano Puts On A Lava Show

Hawaii's Kīlauea volcano is putting on a spectacular show. On August 25, 2026, glowing lava began shooting into the sky. Scientists called it "Episode 54" of the eruption.

The lava fountains burst from a crater called Halema'uma'u. This crater sits at the very top of the volcano. The fountains shot up 50 to 75 feet high. That is about as tall as a seven- story building!

Scientists from the US Geological Survey flew over the volcano in a plane. They took amazing photos from the air. The photos show bright orange lava glowing against the dark rock.

Kīlauea is one of the most active volcanoes in the world. It sits on the Big Island of Hawaii. Scientists watch it very carefully. They love learning from each new eruption.

Lava fountains like these are a breathtaking part of nature. They remind us how powerful and beautiful our planet can be. Hawaii's volcanoes have been putting on shows like this for thousands of years.

Technology & Innovation

America Invests \$90 Million in Exciting New Science Centers

America is getting three exciting new science centers. The National Science Foundation is paying for them. It will spend \$90 million over the next five years.

These centers will bring together some of the best minds in the country. Scientists from universities, labs, and businesses will all work together. They will explore big ideas in fields like robots, clean energy, and computer intelligence.

Each center will receive about \$6 million every year. That money helps pay for research, equipment, and training. The goal is to turn bold ideas into real solutions for people.

This kind of teamwork has a long and proud history. The science center program started back in 1987. Since then, it has helped create whole new fields of discovery. It has also helped launch many new companies and trained countless young scientists along the way.

Leaders at the Foundation say this investment is very important. Strong science helps keep America moving forward. These new centers will help find answers to some of the biggest challenges we face. Good things are on the way, and the future looks very bright indeed.

Activity Time - Word Search

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

Words to Find:

RESEARCH

CRYSTAL

PROTEIN

CRATER

FOREST

BEAM

XRAY

