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"You can cut all the flowers but you cannot keep Spring from coming."

— Pablo Neruda

NASA Launches Powerful New Eye on the Universe

NASA has launched a brand-new space telescope. It is called the Nancy Grace Roman Space Telescope. This exciting mission will help us learn more about the universe.

The telescope is named after a remarkable woman. Dr. Nancy Grace Roman lived from 1925 to 2018. She was NASA's very first chief astronomer. She worked hard to build telescopes that could study space clearly. Many people call her the "mother" of the Hubble Space Telescope.

Dr. Roman believed that space telescopes should share their discoveries with everyone. Thanks to her vision, NASA became a world leader in space science. She helped create several great telescopes that changed how we see the universe.

The new Roman telescope has a very wide view of the sky. Think of it like switching from a tiny peephole to a giant picture window. It can see huge areas of space all at once. It uses infrared light, which lets it see things human eyes cannot.

Scientists hope this telescope will answer big questions. What holds galaxies together? Are there planets like Earth orbiting distant stars? The Roman telescope will search for clues. Every discovery it makes will be shared with scientists around the world. It truly carries on the spirit of the wonderful woman whose name it bears.

Cool Water Secret Helps Endangered Salmon Survive

Scientists have made an exciting discovery about baby salmon. They found a key secret to helping the most endangered salmon in California survive.

These salmon are called Sacramento winter-run Chinook salmon. Only a few thousand of them return to spawn each year. Researchers from UC Davis and NOAA Fisheries studied them closely.

The big discovery is about temperature. Cool water in the first 15 days after eggs are laid is crucial. During this short window, cold water helps the eggs develop into healthy young fish. Warmer water makes it much harder for eggs to survive.

Scientists used both traditional fieldwork and new technology to learn this. By tracking which eggs survived, they could see exactly when cool water made the biggest difference. This kind of detective work helps experts better protect fish.

Water managers now use this knowledge to help. They release cold water from a large reservoir to cool the river during this important time. This gives the tiny eggs their best chance to grow into strong young salmon. Every little salmon that survives is a victory worth celebrating!

Tiny Radio Tags Help Scientists Track Bumble Bees

Scientists have found a new way to learn about bumble bees. They are putting tiny radio tags on the bees. This lets them follow the bees as they fly around.

The tags are very small and light. Bumble bees are tiny insects, so this was a big challenge. The same technology is usually used to track birds and larger animals.

Scientists are watching bees at a beautiful wildflower prairie in Illinois. The prairie is full of colorful blooming plants. Bumble bees fly from flower to flower collecting nectar and pollen.

By following each bee, scientists learn where it travels. They can see which plants the bees visit most. They can also find where bees rest and build their nests for winter.

This research helps protect a rare bee called the rusty patched bumble bee. Learning more about where bees go helps keep them safe. Healthy bees are important because they help flowers and food plants grow. Scientists are excited about what these tiny tags will reveal.

Scientists Begin Historic Hunt for Universe's Hidden Matter

Deep underground, a remarkable science adventure has begun. A team of researchers is searching for something mysterious called dark matter.

Dark matter is invisible. You cannot see or touch it. But scientists believe it makes up most of everything in the universe. Finding it would be one of the greatest discoveries in history.

A special laboratory is helping with this search. It sits more than a mile beneath the ground in Canada. Being so deep keeps the experiment very quiet and still. Even tiny vibrations from the surface could disturb the delicate work.

The equipment inside is kept incredibly cold. It is chilled to nearly the coldest temperature possible anywhere in nature. This helps the detectors sense the faintest signals imaginable. Scientists from 28 institutions around the world are working together on this project.

The team has just begun collecting their very first data. Even at this early stage, they may make exciting new discoveries. The full search will begin in 2027. Scientists everywhere are watching with great hope and curiosity.

Smart New Tool Helps Computers Read Like Humans

Computers are getting smarter in a very exciting way. A new tool is helping them read documents more like people do. This is great news for workers everywhere.

Today, many offices use artificial intelligence, or AI, to help with reading and writing tasks. AI can look through long reports and answer questions very quickly. But sometimes it misses small details hiding in charts or footnotes.

Researchers from Georgia Tech and J.P. Morgan have created a solution. They built a new system called SlideAgent. It helps AI read through complicated documents much more carefully. It looks at both the big picture and the tiny details at the same time.

This idea was inspired by the way humans read. When we study a report, we look at the whole page first. Then we zoom in on the important parts. SlideAgent teaches computers to do the same thing. Tests showed it worked better than many other leading computer tools.

The team believes this is just the beginning. Instead of just building bigger computers, they are building smarter ones. Better thinking, not just more power, is the key. This clever new approach could one day help people in many fields do their jobs with greater ease and confidence.

Activity Time - Word Search

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

Words to Find:

RESEARCH

HUBBLE

SEARCH

NECTAR

PLANET

AGENT

EGGS

