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"Would it save you a lot of time if I just gave up and went mad now?"

— Douglas Adams

Hubble Spots Mysterious New Shape Around Saturn

NASA's Hubble Space Telescope has made an exciting new discovery. Scientists have spotted a giant wave circling Saturn's south pole. The wave forms a perfect 10-sided shape in the clouds.

This special shape is called a decagon. It stretches across many layers of Saturn's atmosphere. Researchers say it is truly remarkable to see.

Saturn already has a famous six-sided shape at its north pole. That one is called the hexagon. Now scientists have found this brand new 10-sided pattern in the south. The two shapes are similar, but also quite different from each other.

Experts believe they may be watching a brand new weather pattern form. Nothing like this has ever been seen on Saturn before. It is the first large, regular-sided shape found in Saturn's southern sky.

The Hubble Space Telescope has been watching the stars for 35 years. It continues to surprise us with wonderful new discoveries. Saturn, our solar system's ringed beauty, still has many secrets to share.

Tiny Robot Submarines Discover Hidden Ocean Wonders

Scientists have found something amazing in the ocean off California. Special underwater robots are showing us sea creatures we never knew were there.

These robots look like small torpedoes. They glide silently through the water for days at a time. Regular research ships can only stay at one spot for about two hours. But these little robots can stay for ten days or more.

Because they stay longer, the robots see much more. They take beautiful, detailed photos of tiny creatures called plankton. These are very small animals that float in the sea. Big nets on ships used to crush these fragile beings. Now the robots photograph them gently and carefully.

One discovery surprised everyone. Tiny creatures called radiolarians have spiky, jewel-like shapes. Scientists thought they were rare. But the robot photos showed they are actually everywhere in the ocean! They may play a very important role in keeping ocean life healthy.

A lead scientist said it best. "Now we can truly see the whole picture," he said, "and it's even more fascinating than we realized." These wonderful little robots are helping us understand and protect our amazing oceans.

Smart Robots Now Build Tiny Materials Atom by Atom

Scientists have found an amazing new way to build materials. They use artificial intelligence to do it.

The building blocks are individual molecules. These are so tiny you cannot see them with the naked eye. Special microscopic needles, sharper than anything you can imagine, move these tiny pieces into place.

For many years, this work had to be done by hand. It was very slow and very difficult. One small mistake could ruin everything. Human workers had to be extremely careful every single step of the way.

Now, an AI system does this work on its own. Scientists at Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Tennessee taught the AI how to build these materials. The AI worked for more than 25 hours straight without any help. It made no mistakes and never needed a break.

This discovery is very exciting for the future. These tiny materials could be used in new computers and other electronics. Scientists say we are entering a new age. Instead of just finding materials in nature, we can now build brand new ones ourselves. This opens a world of wonderful possibilities for everyone.

Ghana's Healing Plants: Ancient Wisdom Still Works Today

In Ghana, West Africa, people have used plants as medicine for thousands of years. This tradition is alive and well today.

Every morning, women head out to gather healing herbs. They pick fresh leaves, bark, stems, and vines. Then they bring them to busy markets in the city of Accra.

These plant remedies have been passed down through families for many generations. The Ga and Twi peoples of Ghana have long known which plants help heal the body. This knowledge is treated with great respect.

Scientists are now studying these traditional plants closely. Dr. Kofi Donkor leads plant medicine research in Ghana. He says his team learns directly from the traditional healers. Then scientists test the plants to confirm that they really do work. Old wisdom and new science are working together beautifully.

Plant medicine is easy to find and simple to use. People across Ghana trust these natural remedies. It is wonderful to see ancient knowledge being honored and shared. The healing power of nature continues to bring comfort and health to many people every day.

A Joyful Day for Book Lovers Across America

Every year, thousands of people who love books come together for the National Book Festival. This year's event drew more than 45,000 visitors to Washington, D.C. People came from all over to celebrate reading.

Many guests wore fun shirts with book-themed sayings. One popular shirt read, "Reading is my favorite sport." Another said, "Sorry, I'm booked." The mood was warm, friendly, and full of laughter all day long.

More than 80 authors attended the festival. They gave talks, signed books, and met readers face to face. Author Ann Patchett won a top prize for American fiction. She told the crowd, "I'm so grateful to you for reading."

The head of the Library of Congress gave a short speech. He said, "The promise of a great library is that it opens doors." The Library of Congress, he noted, has more doors to open than any other library in the world.

A special guest helped children feel welcome, too. The National Ambassador for Young People's Literature spoke about exploring rare first-edition children's books. He said the library is a place where kids and adults meet as equals. It was a beautiful day for the love of books.

Activity Time - Word Search

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

Words to Find:

PLANKTON COPPER AUTHOR SATURN
PLANT ROBOT ATOM

Z	F	T	W	V	Z	D	Q	W	O	J
H	Y	E	X	A	U	T	H	O	R	P
X	Z	A	Z	C	T	Q	G	G	P	F
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L	Z	U	F	E	N	P	C	H	W	U
Z	O	D	T	R	K	I	H	J	W	R
U	F	F	E	D	T	F	Q	V	E	N
J	P	Z	Q	U	O	M	Q	U	V	S
P	L	A	N	T	N	U	Y	Y	V	Q