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"May the forces of evil become confused on the way to your house."

— George Carlin

Scientists Spot Mysterious New Objects in Space

Scientists have made an exciting discovery in space. Using a powerful telescope called Chandra, they found a brand new type of object. These objects behave in ways never seen before.

The objects give off a special kind of light called X-rays. But these X-rays are unusually gentle and low in energy. At the same time, the objects also send out very strong ultraviolet light. No one has ever seen this combination before.

A scientist named Mustafa Muhibullah led the research team. He works at the University of Alabama. His team found 84 of these mysterious objects across six different galaxies. Some galaxies are spiral-shaped, like a pinwheel. Others are oval-shaped, called elliptical galaxies.

The team used a public library of space images to make their discovery. The objects would appear in some telescope images but disappear in others. This is how the scientists knew they were something truly new and special.

This exciting find may help answer two big questions about our universe. Scientists published their findings in a respected journal called Nature Astronomy. People all over the world are now working to understand what these objects really are. Space still holds so many wonderful surprises for us to find.

River Comes Back to Life for Rare Florida Fish

A beautiful Florida river is getting a helping hand. Teams of caring workers are restoring the Saint Sebastian River. They want to bring back healthy fish habitat along its banks.

The Saint Sebastian River is very special. It is home to rare fish found nowhere else in North America. These amazing fish need clean, healthy water and plants to survive.

The problem was that unwanted plants had taken over the river. These invasive plants crowded out the natural plants the fish depend on. The fish were running out of good places to live and find food.

Workers cleared out the harmful plants to make room for native ones. On their first planting trip, the crew put in 1,500 new plants along the riverbank. Healthy plants also help keep the water clean for wildlife downstream.

Many groups are working together on this project. Fish and wildlife staff, county workers, and local volunteers are all helping. It is a wonderful example of people caring for nature and working as a team.

Dance Group Brings Healing and Hope to New York City

A wonderful arts group in New York City has been bringing people together through dance for many years. The Lower Manhattan Cultural Council, known as LMCC, has long supported artists and the community they love.

After a very hard time for New York City in 2001, LMCC wanted to help people heal and feel joy again. So in 2002, they created a free festival called River to River. It welcomed people back to the city with music, dance, and a sense of togetherness.

A famous dancer and choreographer named Bill T. Jones was a big part of this effort. He had actually been planning to perform in lower Manhattan in September 2001. Years later, LMCC invited him back to share his beautiful work at Battery Park instead.

Now, in 2026, Jones is performing again. This time, he is working with a talented composer named Samora Pinderhughes. Together, they are creating something new and meaningful for the community to enjoy.

LMCC believes great things happen when artists, neighbors, and organizations support one another. Their story shows how creativity can lift people up and bring a city together, even after difficult times. Art has a powerful way of helping us all heal.

Scientists Work to Keep Our Forests Safe and Healthy

Scientists are working hard to protect our forests from wildfires. They want to keep communities and nature safe. Their research is helping leaders make better decisions.

A big wildfire called the Dixie Fire burned through northern California in 2021. It was one of the worst fires in California's history. Scientists wanted to learn everything they could from it.

Experts from across the country held a special workshop in 2024. They spent two days sharing ideas about how fires affect people, land, and nature. They also talked about smart ways to help communities recover and stay safer.

The scientists found that wildfires affect many parts of life at once. Clean air, clean water, and healthy land are all connected. Protecting one helps protect the others too.

Researchers are also learning what the public values most about healthy forests. Some benefits are easy to measure, like money saved on repairs. Others, like cleaner air, are harder to count but just as important. Scientists use surveys to better understand what matters most to everyday people.

Smart Computers Help Scientists See the Tiniest Things

Scientists have taught a computer to help them look at incredibly tiny things. The computer guides a special microscope all by itself. This is exciting news from a big research lab in the United States.

The lab is called Oak Ridge National Laboratory. Scientists there built a smart tool called SimuScan. It uses artificial intelligence, which means the computer learns and thinks like a human expert.

The microscope they use can see things smaller than a grain of pollen. It can even spot tiny parts of DNA. One scientist compared using it to flying a modern jet airplane. It takes great skill and long training to do it well.

Before SimuScan, only experts could run this microscope. They had to decide where to look and what mattered. That took a long time. Now the smart computer helps make those choices quickly and reliably on its own.

This means scientists can study more samples, faster than ever before. Results will also be more consistent. Many fields of science could benefit. Doctors, biologists, and engineers may all find new discoveries thanks to this helpful new tool.

Activity Time - Word Search

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

Words to Find:

WORKSHOP CYPRESS MULLET FOREST
SURVEY MUSIC DATA

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