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*"The greater the love, the greater the tragedy when it's over."*

— Nicholas Sparks

### **Officials Help Protect Dolphins and Ocean Life**

Good news for dolphins! Ocean officials found a way to better protect these playful sea animals. Some tuna companies were not following the right rules. They were putting "dolphin safe" labels on their tuna cans. But the tuna was not actually caught in a safe way for dolphins. Officials spent two years looking into this problem. They found over 3 million pounds of tuna with wrong labels. The companies worked with officials to fix the mistake. All the tuna was taken off store shelves. The companies gave the food to groups that help hungry families. Now they use correct labels that tell the truth. This helps protect dolphins in the ocean. When people buy "dolphin safe" tuna, they know it was caught without hurting these smart animals. Dolphins can swim and play safely in their ocean home.

### Beautiful Blue Waters Flow in Antarctica Summer

Summer brings amazing changes to a special place in Antarctica. Scientists call it Schirmacher Oasis. It is a rocky area surrounded by ice and snow. During the warm summer months, something wonderful happens. The ice starts to melt and creates bright blue water. This beautiful blue water flows through channels like little rivers. The water is so blue it looks like jewels. Many animals visit this oasis during summer. White snow birds fly overhead. Baby birds grow up safely in the rocky areas. Small penguins waddle through, looking for good places to build their nests. The summer sun shines all day long. This helps small lakes come alive with tiny creatures. Even though they are very small, these little animals are important to nature. Scientists use special cameras in space to take pictures of this amazing place. The photos show how beautiful nature can be, even in the coldest places on Earth.

### Scientists Join Moon Landing Team

NASA has chosen 10 smart scientists to help plan moon trips. These experts will guide astronauts on their moon visits. The astronauts will collect moon rocks and study the moon's surface. The scientists come from universities across America. They will work together as one big team. Their job is to make sure astronauts do good science work on the moon. The team will help astronauts use special tools on the moon. They will teach them what to look for and collect. This will help us learn more about our moon. These moon trips are part of NASA's Artemis program. The goal is to have people living and working on the moon someday. This could even help us get ready to visit Mars. The lead scientists are excited about this project. They say working together will make the moon missions very successful. Each scientist brings special skills to help the team.

### Scientists Find Better Gloves For Clean Research

Scientists have made an interesting discovery about their work gloves. The rubber gloves they wear in labs might be causing small mix-ups in their research. Researchers at the University of Michigan found something surprising. Regular latex and nitrile gloves release tiny particles. These particles can get mixed up with the pollution scientists are studying. The gloves have a coating that makes them easy to remove from molds. This coating creates soap-like particles that look very similar to plastic pollution. When scientists count pollution in air and water, they might count these glove particles by mistake. The good news is there's a simple fix. Special cleanroom gloves don't release as many particles. Scientists can use these instead to get better results. This discovery helps scientists do their work more accurately. It shows how important it is to keep improving research methods. Even small changes in equipment can make a big difference in getting the right answers.

### **Native Tribe and Forest Service Team Up**

A Native American tribe in Oregon is working with forest experts to help keep forests healthy. The Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe signed a special agreement in February. The tribe has taken care of the land for many generations. They know how to keep forests strong and safe. Now they will share this wisdom with the U.S. Forest Service. Together, they will work on 155,000 acres of forest land. This is a very large area with many trees and plants. They want to make the forests stronger so they can better handle wildfires. The tribe and forest workers have already created 37 miles of special areas called fuel breaks. These help stop fires from spreading too far. This protects homes and keeps forests safer. This partnership helps everyone. The forests will be healthier. Communities will be safer. And the tribe's special knowledge about caring for land will help future generations enjoy these beautiful forests.

## Activity Time - Word Search

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

### Words to Find:

NATURE

WORLD

STARS

TODAY

SPACE

OCEAN

NEWS

