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"Words are easy, like the wind; Faithful friends are hard to find."

— William Shakespeare

Hubble Telescope Finds Amazing Galaxy in Space

The Hubble Space Telescope has spotted a very special galaxy. This galaxy has a bright center that glows beautifully. It looks like it might have spiral arms, but it doesn't have any clear ones.

Scientists call this galaxy NGC 1266. It sits about 100 million light-years away from Earth. That's very far away in space! The galaxy lives in a group of stars called Eridanus.

This galaxy is called a lenticular galaxy. That means it looks like a lens shape. It has a bright bulge in the middle that shines brightly. Reddish and brown dust clouds float around it.

Scientists think this galaxy is changing from one type to another. It might be turning from a spiral galaxy into a round one. This makes it very interesting to study.

The Hubble telescope takes beautiful pictures of space. It helps us learn about galaxies far away. Each picture shows us something new and wonderful about our universe.

Animals & Wildlife

Arizona Fish Makes Amazing Comeback

A special fish called the Apache trout is doing much better now. These pretty fish live in the cold mountain streams of Arizona.

Long ago, there were very few of these trout left. People worried they might disappear forever. But many groups worked together to help save them.

The White Mountain Apache Tribe started helping in 1955. They stopped people from fishing for these trout. This gave the fish a chance to have more babies and grow their families.

Many other groups joined in to help. They cleaned up the streams where the trout live. They also moved some trout to new, safe streams. Workers removed other kinds of fish that were causing problems.

The hard work paid off! In 2024, these special trout were taken off the endangered list. Now there are plenty of Apache trout swimming in Arizona's mountain streams. It shows how people can work together to help nature.

Nature & Environment

Good News for America's Forests

Great news for nature lovers! The Forest Service is helping save over 34,000 acres of beautiful forests across America.

The government is spending \$80 million to protect 15 special forest areas. These forests will stay safe forever. Most of these lands belong to families who care for the trees.

These working forests do many good things. They provide wood for building homes. They give people places to hike and enjoy nature. They clean our drinking water. They provide homes for wildlife like deer and birds.

Almost all of these forest areas will stay open for families to visit. People can walk on trails and see beautiful trees. Children can learn about nature in these special places.

Three of the new forest areas are in Idaho and Oregon. Keeping these forests healthy helps protect nearby towns. Well-cared-for forests are safer and stronger. The Forest Service has been taking care of America's forests for over 100 years. They work with local people to keep our forests beautiful for future generations.

Technology & Innovation

Smart Computers Help Make Better Products

Scientists are teaching computers to see tiny problems in materials. This exciting new technology helps workers find defects much faster than before.

At a research center in New Mexico, teams are building smart tools. These tools use artificial intelligence to look at ceramic parts. The computers can spot flaws that are hard to see with the human eye.

Workers used to check every part by hand using microscopes. This took a very long time and was hard on their eyes. The new computer helpers make this job much easier and faster.

The smart system takes detailed pictures of materials early in the process. Finding problems early saves time and money. Workers don't waste effort on parts that won't work well.

People still make the final decisions about each part. The computers are helpful assistants that make everyone's job better. This teamwork between people and smart machines creates higher quality products for everyone.

Scientists Make Computers Work Like Our Amazing Brains

Scientists are making computers smarter by copying how our brains work. This exciting new idea could help computers use much less energy.

Our brains are incredible machines. They can think complex thoughts using only 20 watts of power. That's about the same as an old light bulb! Today's computers need much more energy to do the same work.

Dr. Suchi Guha teaches at the University of Missouri. She studies how brains and computers are different. In regular computers, thinking and memory happen in separate places. Information must travel back and forth between them. This uses lots of energy and slows things down.

Our brains work differently. The connections between brain cells do thinking and memory at the same time. This makes brains very efficient. Dr. Guha's team wants computers to work the same way.

They are building special computer parts that act like brain connections. These new parts can store information and process it in one place. This could make future computers much faster and use less energy while being kinder to our planet.

Activity Time - Word Search

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

Words to Find:

COMPUTER

GALAXY

HUBBLE

TOOLS

BRAIN

SPACE

TROUT

