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"Don't you think it's better to be extremely happy for a short while, even if you lose it, than to be just okay for your whole life?"

— Audrey Niffenegger

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Special Fish Make Amazing Comeback in Southwest

Two special kinds of trout are doing very well in the American Southwest. These fish are called Gila trout and Apache trout.

These beautiful fish live in cold mountain streams. The streams are in very pretty places that are hard to reach. People travel from far away just to see and catch these special trout.

Not too long ago, these fish were in big trouble. There were so few left that they almost disappeared forever. But many good people worked together to help them.

Scientists, park workers, and fishing groups all joined hands. They worked very hard for many years. Their teamwork paid off in a wonderful way.

Now there are many more of these trout swimming in the streams. In fact, the Apache trout got so healthy that it was taken off the endangered list in 2024. People can even go fishing for them again in some special streams. The Gila trout is also doing much better. These success stories show how people can work together to help nature. The beautiful trout will be around for children and grandchildren to enjoy.

Scientists Celebrate 25 Years Watching Yellowstone

The Yellowstone Volcano Observatory is celebrating its 25th birthday! This special group of scientists watches over one of America's most famous national parks.

The idea for this observatory started in an unexpected place. In the year 2000, scientists met in California to talk about volcanoes in national parks. They took a field trip to Lassen Volcanic National Park.

During their visit, they saw amazing hot springs and bubbling mud pots. It reminded them of Yellowstone's beautiful geysers and hot springs. Dr. Bob Smith, a scientist who had studied Yellowstone for many years, had a great idea.

He asked why Yellowstone didn't have its own volcano observatory. Other places like Hawaii and Alaska had their own teams of scientists watching their volcanoes. Yellowstone is the largest volcanic area in America, so it deserved one too!

The scientists agreed this was a wonderful idea. Soon after, they created the Yellowstone Volcano Observatory. For 25 years now, these dedicated scientists have been keeping watch over this natural wonder we all love.

Scientists Find Something New on Mars

Scientists made an exciting discovery about Mars! They found something in the planet's air that no one had ever seen before.

The discovery happened in December 2023. Scientists were looking at information from a NASA spacecraft called MAVEN. This spacecraft has been studying Mars for many years.

What they found was very surprising. They saw tiny particles moving in a special way through Mars' air. These particles squeeze together like toothpaste coming out of a tube. Scientists call this the Zwan-Wolf effect.

This same thing happens around Earth too. But scientists had never seen it on Mars before. The discovery helps us learn more about how Mars works. It shows us how the sun's energy affects the red planet.

The scientist who made the discovery was very excited. He said he noticed some interesting wiggles in the data. He never expected to find something so special. This discovery helps us understand our neighbor planet better.

Smart Computer Learns to Understand Science Better

Scientists have created a special computer program called MatterChat. This new program can understand both words and science at the same time.

Most computer programs are good with words. They can write emails and help with many tasks. But they have trouble understanding science things like atoms and crystals.

The smart scientists at Berkeley Lab found a way to fix this problem. They taught their computer program to "see" tiny atoms and understand how they work together. It's like giving the computer special glasses to see the invisible world of science.

MatterChat works much better than other computer programs at understanding materials. It can help scientists discover new things faster. The program can even give step-by-step directions for making new materials.

This helpful computer friend makes science easier to understand. Scientists are excited because it will help them make new discoveries. The program bridges the gap between everyday language and complex science.

Scientists and Fishermen Work Together

Scientists and fishermen came together in New York this spring. They met at a special gathering to share ideas and help each other.

The meeting brought many different groups together. Commercial fishermen shared their knowledge from years on the water. Scientists talked about their research. Everyone wanted to learn from each other.

Rick Bellavance is a fisherman from Rhode Island. He said he enjoyed meeting new people and old friends. The gathering gave him energy to keep helping with ocean research.

Joe Letourneau fishes in Massachusetts. He called this the best meeting for bringing people together. The conversations he had led to new partnerships and research projects.

Another fisherman, Eric Hesse, said the meeting is like good soil where new ideas can grow. He always learns something new when he goes. Everyone appreciated the chance to work together on solutions.

Activity Time - Word Search

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

Words to Find:

SPRINGS

VOLCANO

SCIENCE

STREAMS

TROUT

SPACE

FISH

