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"You will do foolish things, but do them with enthusiasm."

— Colette

Space Telescope Discovers Amazing Star Explosion

Scientists made an exciting discovery using NASA's special space telescope. They found a star explosion that was much brighter than normal.

The explosion happened when a very large star collapsed. This created something called a supernova. Most supernovas shine brightly for a while. But this one was extra special because it glowed much more than usual.

The scientists think they know why it was so bright. When the big star collapsed, it created a special kind of star called a neutron star. This new star had super-strong magnetic powers. These magnetic powers gave the explosion extra energy.

NASA's Fermi telescope can see special rays called gamma rays. These rays helped scientists look inside the explosion. It was like looking under the hood of a car to see how the engine works.

Scientists have been studying thousands of star explosions for almost 20 years. This is the first time they found clear proof of this special type. The discovery helps us learn more about how stars work in space.

Tiny Fish Help Scientists Study Ocean Health

Scientists are learning amazing things about tiny fish called capelin. These small fish are very important to ocean life.

Capelin are like messengers from the sea. They tell scientists how healthy the ocean is. When capelin are doing well, the whole ocean ecosystem is healthy too.

These little fish are packed with good fats and oils. This makes them perfect food for bigger animals. Whales, seals, and sea birds all love to eat capelin. Big fish like salmon also depend on them for meals.

Scientists in Alaska have been watching capelin for twenty years. They study how these fish react to changes in ocean temperature. When the water gets too warm, there are fewer capelin around.

Dr. Rose calls capelin "sea canaries" because they warn us about ocean changes. Just like canaries once warned coal miners about danger, capelin warn us about our oceans. This helps scientists understand how to keep our seas healthy.

Animals & Wildlife

Fish Get New Homes in Michigan Lake

A beautiful old estate in Michigan is helping fish find new homes. The Ford House sits next to Lake St. Clair. It was built in the 1920s for Eleanor and Edsel Ford.

Most of Michigan's lakeshores are covered with concrete and rocks. This helps stop flooding. But it also takes away places where fish can live and have babies. Turtles and other animals need these natural shores too.

Workers are taking away the concrete. They are putting back plants and marsh areas instead. This gives fish safe places to spawn and grow. Birds and other wildlife will have homes there too.

The project will fix one whole mile of shoreline. It will create marsh areas and wetlands. New wooden walkways will let people see the restored areas. There will be a fishing pier too.

Eleanor Ford wanted this special place saved for everyone to enjoy. Now fish and people can both benefit from her beautiful estate. The lake will be healthier for many years to come.

Women Care for Nature in Dominican Republic

Three women in the Dominican Republic show their love for their country in a special way. They protect nature and help the environment every day.

Brenda Martinez works at a wildlife refuge. She takes care of animals and plants there. She has a degree in caring for the environment. Brenda says her work shows love for nature and her country.

Two other women, Marialy and Threydi, also work to protect nature. They believe taking care of the environment helps everyone. When they save trees and animals, they help their whole country.

These women think about the future too. They want children and grandchildren to enjoy clean air and water. They want beautiful forests and animals to be there for years to come.

Their daily work makes a difference. Every tree they save and every animal they protect helps. They show that loving your country means taking care of the land and nature around you.

Technology & Innovation

Scientist Wins Award for Ocean Data Work

Dr. Elizabeth Holmes won a special science award in January. She has worked for 25 years studying fish and ocean data. Her job helps protect sea animals and keeps our oceans healthy.

Dr. Holmes works at a science center in the Northwest. She takes information about fish and ocean water. Then she turns it into useful knowledge. This helps scientists understand how many fish live in the ocean. It also helps predict harmful changes in the water.

She created computer tools to study endangered Pacific salmon. These tools help scientists know if fish populations are growing or shrinking. This information helps protect fish for the future.

Dr. Holmes loves teaching other scientists. She has taught more than 500 people during her career. She organizes special workshops about ocean science. She also teaches at the University of Washington.

Her work focuses on "big earth data." This means huge amounts of information about our planet. The data comes from satellites and underwater robots. Dr. Holmes makes this complex information easier for other scientists to understand and use.

Activity Time - Word Search

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

Words to Find:

BRIGHT

NATURE

WHALE

OCEAN

DATA

FISH

STAR

