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"If you do not tell the truth about yourself you cannot tell it about other people."

— Virginia Woolf

America's Scientists Use AI to Make Discoveries Faster

A big science laboratory in California is helping America discover new things much faster. It is called SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory. Scientists there are using artificial intelligence, or AI, to speed up their work.

AI is a kind of smart computer technology. It can look through huge amounts of information very quickly. This helps scientists find answers that might take years to find on their own.

SLAC has two of the biggest science data collectors in the world. These tools gather enormous amounts of information about nature. AI helps make sense of all that data. Scientists study everything from tiny electrons to the vastness of outer space.

The U.S. Department of Energy started a program called the Genesis Mission. Its goal is to double what American scientists can discover and create. SLAC joined other labs, universities, and companies across the country to help make this happen.

Together, these partners are building smarter tools for science. They hope to find new materials for batteries and make new breakthroughs for everyone. It is an exciting time for American science and discovery.

Two Space Telescopes Unlock Secrets of the Milky Way

Scientists have made an exciting discovery about our galaxy. They used two powerful space telescopes to study a mysterious cluster of stars. The telescopes are called James Webb and Hubble.

The scientists were studying a group of stars called Terzan 5. For a long time, people thought it was a simple star cluster. But the new research tells a different story.

Webb and Hubble found something surprising together. Terzan 5 actually contains four different groups of stars. Each group formed at a different time in history. This makes it very special and rare.

This discovery helps us understand how our Milky Way galaxy was formed. Scientists believe Terzan 5 is like a tiny time capsule. It holds clues from billions of years ago. It orbits deep within the heart of our galaxy.

Finding four star groups in one place is remarkable. It shows that Terzan 5 grew and changed all on its own over time. Scientists are thrilled by what these two telescopes revealed. There is still so much wonder waiting for us in the night sky above.

A Special Fish Hatchery Helps Fish and Fishermen Thrive

Deep in Arizona, near the famous Hoover Dam, sits a very special place. It is called Willow Beach National Fish Hatchery. Every year, this hatchery raises over 100,000 rainbow trout. These fish help bring joy to many people who love fishing.

Rainbow trout are one of America's most beloved sport fish. At Willow Beach, the fish grow to between 10 and 12 inches long. Then they are released into the Colorado River. Anglers of all ages can enjoy trying to catch them.

The hatchery has been doing this wonderful work since 1959. It was built because Hoover Dam created the perfect cool, clean water that rainbow trout love. Nature and human effort worked together beautifully to make this happen.

But rainbow trout are not the only fish raised here. The hatchery also helps rare native fish called razorbacks and bonytails. These fish need extra care to survive. The hatchery gives them a safe place to grow strong.

Across America, 71 national fish hatcheries raise millions of fish every year. Fishermen and hunters were among the first people to care about protecting nature. Their love of the outdoors has helped keep America's rivers and lakes healthy for everyone.

Fishermen Help Bring Oyster Reefs Back to Life

Good news is coming from the waters of the Chesapeake Bay. Fishermen and scientists are working together to help oysters and fish thrive again. It is a wonderful team effort.

Oyster reefs are special underwater homes for many kinds of fish. When oysters are healthy, fish have safe places to live and grow. Scientists have already restored about three square miles of healthy reef in the Chesapeake Bay. That is a big achievement worth celebrating.

Local fishermen are playing an important role. They go out on the water and take part in fishing surveys. These surveys help scientists learn which fish are returning to the restored reefs. Cameras and water quality checks are also used to track progress. Every piece of information helps.

There is even a fun fishing tournament called the Rod and Reef Slam. Fishermen earn points for catching many different kinds of fish, not just the biggest ones. This encourages people to care about healthy reefs. A healthy reef means more types of fish for everyone to enjoy.

This is a lovely example of communities coming together for nature. Everyday people and experts are making the ocean healthier. Thanks to their hard work, future generations will enjoy rich, full waters for many years to come.

Theater Group Brings Neighborhood Stories to Life

A special theater group in Tucson, Arizona does something wonderful. They collect stories from long-time neighborhood residents. Then they turn those stories into live performances. The group is called Borderlands Theater.

Their project is called the Barrio Stories Project. It began in 2016 and is now celebrating its 10th anniversary. Performers bring these stories to life in streets, parks, and gardens. The shows happen right in the neighborhoods themselves.

The stories come from real people who have lived in Tucson for many years. Their memories and experiences become short plays. This helps preserve the history of each neighborhood. It also brings people together in a warm and meaningful way.

This year is extra special. America is celebrating its 250th birthday. The theater group received a \$40,000 grant to help. The money comes from the National Endowment for the Arts. Their new shows explore how Tucson fits into America's story.

Over the years, the project has spotlighted four neighborhoods. Each one has a rich and unique history worth sharing. This beautiful work reminds us that every person's story matters. Together, our stories make up the great American story.

Activity Time - Word Search

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

Words to Find:

STORIES FISHING GALAXY ANGLER
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