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— Rick Riordan

Hubble Telescope Solves a Space Mystery About Oxygen

Scientists have made a fascinating discovery in outer space. NASA's Hubble Space Telescope has been studying small galaxies far away. These galaxies are called dwarf galaxies. They are smaller than our own Milky Way galaxy.

Stars inside these galaxies make oxygen as they burn. But scientists noticed something strange. Much of the oxygen they expected to find was simply missing. This puzzled researchers around the world.

Scientists studied 37 of these small galaxies in detail. They used Hubble's powerful cameras to look very carefully. Their findings were published in a top science journal. It is one of the biggest space mysteries in recent years.

Where did all the oxygen go? Scientists believe strong winds may be blowing it away. These space winds carry oxygen out of the galaxy. It then drifts into the vast empty space between galaxies.

This discovery helps us understand how galaxies grow and change. Hubble has been watching the universe for over 30 years. It continues to surprise us with amazing new findings. Every answer it finds leads to exciting new questions.

Source: NASA

New Rules Help Make Gene Therapies Safer for Patients

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has taken a big step to help patients. It released new rules to make sure that powerful medical treatments work as promised.

These treatments are called cell and gene therapies. They are used for serious illnesses like cancer and rare diseases. Many patients depend on them when other treatments have not worked.

The new rules tell makers of these therapies what they must do. They must test each batch of treatment carefully. Every dose must be strong enough to do its job before it reaches a patient.

Think of it like a quality check at every step. From the very start of making the treatment, all the way to the patient, each stage is reviewed. This helps make sure nothing goes wrong along the way.

A top FDA official said patients fighting serious illness deserve to know their treatment will work. The FDA wants America to be a world leader in medical breakthroughs. These new rules help make sure that great science also means great safety.

Source: U.S. FDA

NASA Cameras Capture Rare "Doughnut" Storm From Space

NASA's space cameras have spotted something very rare in the Pacific Ocean. Scientists are calling it an "annular" storm — but they have a much more fun nickname for it. They call it a "doughnut typhoon."

A typhoon is a large, powerful storm that spins over the ocean. Most typhoons have swirling bands of rain that spiral outward, like a pinwheel. But this special storm, called Super Typhoon In-fa, looked almost perfectly round — just like a doughnut.

NASA uses satellites far above Earth to take pictures of our planet. One satellite, called DSCOVR, sits very far out in space. It captured a beautiful image of In-fa spinning near a chain of small Pacific islands.

These rare doughnut-shaped storms are quite unusual. Only about 4 out of every 100 Pacific storms take this round shape. Their calm center, called an eye, is about twice as wide as a normal storm's eye — roughly 30 miles across. Scientists find them fascinating.

It is wonderful that NASA can watch over our whole planet from space. These cameras help scientists learn more about storms and how our atmosphere works. Every new discovery helps us understand our beautiful, amazing Earth a little better.

Source: NASA

Baby Sea Turtles Find Safe Home on Beautiful Beach

A beautiful beach in the U.S. Virgin Islands is home to some very special visitors. Tiny baby sea turtles are hatching there and making their way to the ocean. It is one of the most amazing sights in nature.

Sandy Point National Wildlife Refuge protects this special beach on the island of St. Croix. It is one of the most important nesting spots in the whole world for leatherback sea turtles. These gentle giants can weigh up to 2,000 pounds and grow up to 8 feet long.

Three kinds of sea turtles nest at this peaceful refuge. The leatherback, the hawksbill, and the green sea turtle all lay their eggs here in the warm sand. Hundreds of caring volunteers help watch over the nests each year.

Thousands of people have joined guided nighttime walks to watch the turtles nest and hatch. Seeing tiny babies rush toward the ocean for the first time is something visitors never forget. It fills the heart with wonder.

A special flag tour called Flags Across America visited Sandy Point in 2026. The flags are traveling the country to celebrate America turning 250 years old. The turtles gave them a wonderful welcome that spring morning.

Source: U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

New App Helps People Report Problems Simply and Quickly

In the small country of Kosovo, getting help from the government used to be very hard. People did not know which office to call. Paperwork got lost. Problems like potholes and dumped rubbish went unfixed for a long time.

A helpful group called Sbunker wanted to change that. In 2026, they created a new app called Kosovo.report. It lets ordinary people report problems to the right office quickly and easily.

The app does the hard work for you. You simply describe the problem. The app figures out which government office should fix it. Then it sends your report straight to them. No confusing forms. No wasted time.

The people behind Kosovo.report hope it will make life better for everyone. When problems get fixed faster, communities become cleaner and safer. It also helps people feel that their voice matters.

This kind of simple technology can make a big difference. It builds trust between people and their leaders. Other countries are watching with great interest. A small app may just be the start of something wonderful.

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Activity Time - Word Search

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

Words to Find:

REFUGE TURTLE REPORT SAFETY

OCEAN STORM STARS

X	N	Q	I	S	T	O	R	M	Q	I
R	P	O	C	E	A	N	K	I	F	C
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