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"My library is an archive of longings."

— Susan Sontag

Smart Computers That Learn Without Forgetting

Computers that learn things can now stay sharp over time. A scientist named Tian Ma is working on a clever way to make this happen.

Most computer learning programs get updates very slowly. During that time, they can fall behind. It is like using an old map on new roads.

Tian Ma works at Sandia National Laboratories. His team is building a smarter kind of program. It can learn new things without forgetting old ones. This is called continual learning.

The team was inspired by a famous book about thinking fast and thinking slow. Their program works the same way. One part learns quickly. Another part watches and improves over time. Together, they keep the program sharp and ready.

One tricky problem is called "catastrophic forgetting." That happens when a program learns something new but forgets what it knew before. Tian Ma's team is solving this problem step by step. Early tests show very promising results. This research could help many important tools stay accurate and useful for years to come.

Source: Sandia National Laboratories

Young Man Brings Nepali Stories to the World

A young man from Nepal had a big dream. He wanted people everywhere to enjoy Nepali books and stories. His name is Rishi Ram Adhikari, and he is making that dream come true.

Rishi started a book festival called Kitab Jatra. It began in 2018 as a small, local event. Today it brings together readers and writers from many countries. People in India, the UK, and the USA all take part. The festival may soon spread to Australia and Germany too.

He also started a foundation to share Nepali literature with the world. His team works with schools, libraries, and community groups. Together they have built more than 20 libraries across Nepal. They also give scholarships to help students who love reading.

Rishi has won awards for his wonderful work. He received the Tally MSME Honours in 2025. He also won a technology and culture award back in 2019. These prizes show how much his efforts are valued around the world.

Rishi believes that great stories deserve to be heard everywhere. He says Nepali literature should not be limited by borders. Thanks to his passion and hard work, more people than ever are discovering the beauty of Nepali books and culture.

This story originally appeared on Global Voices

One Man's Mission to Bring Hawaii's Fish to Your Table

Have you ever wondered where your fish comes from? A man named Caleb McMahan wants to help you find out. He now leads the Hawaii Seafood Council. His job is to connect people with fresh, local seafood.

Caleb's story began in a surprising way. In college, he felt restless and unsure of his path. Then, on Halloween night, he met a fisherman with neck tattoos. That chance meeting changed everything.

The very next month, Caleb boarded a fishing boat in Alaska. He was just 20 years old and had never been on the ocean. He spent four years working as a commercial fisherman. He says it gave his life meaning and purpose.

Over the years, Caleb took on many different roles. He watched over fish populations, taught others, and managed fishing boats. He even worked at the famous Honolulu Fish Auction. All of these jobs taught him something new.

Now, Caleb uses everything he learned to help Hawaii. He wants people to know and trust the seafood they eat. He also works to protect local fishing jobs on the islands. Fresh, local fish is good for everyone!

Source: NOAA Fisheries

Tiny Fish Gets a Big Second Chance

A wonderful thing happened for a tiny fish called the Barrens topminnow. Hundreds of these little fish were released back into their home waters in Tennessee. It was a happy day for nature lovers everywhere.

These small fish had been in trouble for many years. Another fish called the mosquito fish moved into their waters and ate their eggs. This made it very hard for the topminnows to survive. By 2019, they were declared endangered and needed help fast.

That help came from a big team of caring people. Groups from several wildlife agencies joined forces to save the fish. Together they formed the Barrens Topminnow Working Group. It takes many hands to save a species!

The team carefully counted the fish at each location. They watched over the fish like a hawk. When some pools began drying up during a drought, the team acted quickly to move the fish to safety. Not one fish was left behind if they could help it.

Thanks to all this love and hard work, the little topminnow now has a real chance to thrive. Scientists will keep watching and helping the fish grow strong. It is a beautiful reminder that when people work together, nature can heal and hope can flourish.

Source: U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Scientists Dig Deep to Unlock Mysteries of the Universe

Deep underground in South Dakota, something amazing is being built. Workers are constructing a giant science experiment nearly one mile below the surface. It may help answer some of the biggest questions about our universe.

The experiment is called DUNE, which stands for Deep Underground Neutrino Experiment. Scientists from the United States and Europe are working together on it. Teams from Fermilab, CERN, and the Sanford Underground Research Facility are all involved.

The experiment studies tiny particles called neutrinos. These particles are almost too small to imagine. Scientists believe studying them could reveal how our universe first formed after the Big Bang, billions of years ago.

Workers are carefully assembling thousands of red steel beams underground. These beams will form two huge containers. Each container will hold about 17,000 tons of a special liquid kept extremely cold. When finished, Fermilab will send neutrinos 800 miles through the Earth to reach these detectors.

"The entire organization is thrilled to see this work begin," said Fermilab director Norbert Holtkamp. Scientists hope DUNE will help us better understand our universe.

Source: SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory

Activity Time - Word Search

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

Words to Find:

LEARNING SEAFOOD FISHING LIBRARY

HABITAT COUNCIL SENSOR

A	L	C	G	P	U	P	F	P	O	B
H	I	O	H	O	J	D	I	J	S	N
F	B	U	S	E	N	S	O	R	R	Z
I	R	N	M	O	U	F	U	Y	N	H
S	A	C	Q	S	K	D	N	W	S	A
H	R	I	D	E	Y	I	B	U	O	B
I	Y	L	E	A	R	N	I	N	G	I
N	M	H	Q	F	U	A	F	Q	E	T
G	O	S	R	O	N	X	E	I	J	A
C	F	Z	W	O	Z	Q	F	M	F	T
O	C	O	S	D	Y	O	E	I	O	T