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"I am glad you are here with me. Here at the end of all things, Sam."

— J.R.R. Tolkien

Hubble Telescope Creates Space Map for New Explorer

NASA has two amazing space telescopes working together. The Hubble telescope has been watching the stars for over 35 years. Now it is helping a brand new telescope called Roman get started.

Hubble took pictures of something called gravitational lenses. These are not glass lenses like in eyeglasses. They are galaxies in space. Their gravity bends light like a magnifying glass. This lets us see objects very far away.

The great scientist Albert Einstein predicted this long ago. He said gravity could bend light. He was right! Today we can take pictures that prove it. These glowing rings and arcs in space are beautiful and amazing to see.

The new Roman telescope launched in August 2026. It will study the same lenses Hubble found. Roman can see a much wider patch of sky at once. The two telescopes make a wonderful team together.

Scientists hope to learn how galaxies formed and grew over billions of years. They also want to learn more about dark matter, a hidden force in space. Every new picture brings us closer to understanding our vast and beautiful universe.

Source: NASA

Nature's Comeback: Mangrove Forests Are Growing Again

For many years, special coastal trees called mangroves were disappearing around the world. Scientists watched with concern as these forests slowly shrank. But now there is wonderful news to share.

A new study shows that mangrove forests have been growing back since around 2010. This is a big and hopeful change. Forests are expanding in Asia, Australia, and South America.

Scientists used NASA satellites to track these trees from space. They studied images taken over nearly 40 years. The pictures showed clear signs of new growth in many parts of the world.

The forests are not just bigger. They are also healthier and thicker than before. Denser treetops are a sign that the forests are doing very well. This is especially true in South America.

Mangrove trees are very special. They grow where land meets the sea. They shelter fish, birds, and other animals. They also protect coastlines from storms. Watching them come back is truly good news for our whole planet.

Source: NASA

A Century of Science Under Hawaii's Volcano

Deep in Hawaii, scientists have been solving a big mystery for over 100 years. How can we tell when a volcano is about to erupt?

It all started with one very curious man. His name was Dr. Thomas Jaggar. He founded the Hawaiian Volcano Observatory. He had been watching Kīlauea volcano for ten years. He wanted to find a way to predict eruptions.

Dr. Jaggar had a smart idea. He knew that hot magma rises up through rock before an eruption. He thought tracking underground temperatures might give clues. Warmer rocks could mean an eruption was coming soon.

In 1922, he drilled small wells into the ground near Sulphur Banks. This spot is called Haʻakulamanu. It sits inside Hawaiʻi Volcanoes National Park. The wells were only about 12 inches wide. But they opened the door to something huge.

Today, that same spot is still used for science. Over a century of research has grown from those first small wells. Scientists still study gases and heat there today. A simple pile of rocks marks where it all began. It is a quiet reminder that great discoveries can start with one good question.

Source: U.S. Geological Survey

Rare Sea Turtles Making a Big Comeback in Texas

Great news from the beaches of Texas! A very rare sea turtle is coming back in big numbers. Scientists counted 697 nests this year. That is 55% more nests than last year.

The turtle is called the Kemp's ridley sea turtle. It is the rarest sea turtle in the world. For many years, its numbers dropped very low. People worried it might disappear forever.

But caring people refused to give up. Scientists, volunteers, and fishermen all worked together. They also teamed up with helpers in Mexico. Together, they made a big plan to save the turtle.

Part of that plan started back in 1978. Workers carefully collected turtle eggs from a beach in Mexico. They brought the eggs to Padre Island in Texas. There, the eggs were kept safe and warm until they hatched. The tiny baby turtles were then raised until they were strong enough to swim free.

The plan worked beautifully. In 1996, the first turtles returned to Padre Island to lay their own eggs. Now, nearly 700 nests were found in just one season. It is a wonderful reminder that when people work together with love and patience, nature can heal.

Source: U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Blood Tests May Help Protect Women's Brain Health

Scientists have made an exciting discovery about women's health. They found that menopause causes changes in the blood. These changes may help doctors protect brain health later in life.

Menopause is when a woman's monthly cycles stop for good. Most women go through this in their 40s or 50s. Scientists now know it affects the whole body, not just one part.

Researchers studied thousands of proteins in women's blood. Proteins are tiny building blocks found throughout the body. They found that certain proteins shift during menopause. These shifts appear to be tied to how the brain ages over time.

The study included nearly 12,000 women from several countries. This makes the findings very strong and reliable. Scientists confirmed their results using large health databases in the United Kingdom.

The good news is that this discovery opens new doors. Doctors may one day use a simple blood test to spot changes early. Then they could step in with treatments to keep the brain healthy. Lead researcher Emily Jacobs says menopause leaves a "molecular fingerprint" in the blood. Reading that fingerprint could help women live longer, sharper lives.

Source: Futurity.org

Activity Time - Word Search

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

Words to Find:

PROTEIN HEALTH SUMMIT CANOPY

BRAIN LENS NEST

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