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"If you think you are too small to make a difference, try sleeping with a mosquito."

— Dalai Lama XIV

Scientists Gather to Share Amazing Computer Discoveries

Every year, the world's best computer scientists come together for a big meeting. This year, it is being held in Chicago, Illinois. The meeting is called SC26.

Scientists from Brookhaven National Laboratory are attending. Brookhaven is a famous research center in New York. Their team works on very powerful computers that help make new discoveries.

These powerful computers can do things regular computers cannot. They help scientists look at tiny structures inside objects using special X-ray pictures. The images are so detailed they show things too small to see.

Brookhaven's team will share their work at the event. They will give talks and show demonstrations. Other scientists from around the world will get to see their ideas. Everyone learns from each other at gatherings like this.

Meetings like SC26 are important for all of us. Better computers help doctors, scientists, and researchers solve big problems. The work done at events like this one helps make life better for people everywhere.

Source: Brookhaven National Laboratory

Madagascar Works to Protect Its Ocean and Wildlife

The island of Madagascar is one of the most special places on Earth. It is home to animals and plants found nowhere else in the world. Now, the country is working hard to keep these living treasures safe.

Leaders from Madagascar recently attended a big global meeting about protecting nature. Countries from around the world came together to share ideas. Madagascar was proud to show what it has been doing to help wildlife survive and thrive.

One big goal is called "30 by 30." This means protecting 30 percent of the land and ocean by the year 2030. Madagascar is already making good progress toward this goal. Special protected areas have been set up across the country to keep nature safe.

What makes Madagascar's effort extra special is who is doing the work. Local people, women, and young people are all playing an important role. They know and love their land deeply. Their help makes the protection of nature stronger and more lasting.

It is wonderful to see a country care so much for its wildlife and oceans. The colourful creatures of Madagascar, from tiny chameleons to leaping lemurs, have a brighter future thanks to these caring efforts.

This story originally appeared on Global Voices

Heroes Save 150,000 Rare Trout From Wildfire

Two wildlife workers in Colorado did something truly remarkable. They saved nearly 150,000 rare fish from a dangerous wildfire. Their quick thinking gave these special fish a second chance at life.

Josh Homer manages the Leadville National Fish Hatchery in Colorado. His hatchery sits high in the Rocky Mountains at 10,000 feet. It is one of the oldest fish hatcheries in the whole country. It has been raising fish since 1889.

In June 2026, a fast-moving wildfire came very close to the hatchery. Homer teamed up with Bryan Johnson from a nearby hatchery. Together, they quickly moved all the fish to safe locations across Colorado. The fish they saved are called greenback cutthroat trout. These beautiful trout are rare and very special to Colorado.

Firefighters worked hard to protect the hatchery buildings. Thanks to everyone's efforts, the historic hatchery was not damaged. All the fish arrived safely at their new temporary homes. It was a true team effort from start to finish.

Homer recently received a special award for his bravery. It is called the River Champion Conservation Leadership Award. The award was given by a group that loves and protects Colorado's rivers.

Source: U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Pacific Island Fishing Traditions Celebrate 50 Years

For thousands of years, Pacific Island people have fished the ocean. The sea has always fed their families and brought communities together.

The U.S. Pacific Islands region covers over 1.7 million square nautical miles. That is larger than all of the continental United States. It includes Hawai'i, American Samoa, and the Mariana Islands.

Island people have a beautiful saying about the ocean. The vast waters between islands do not separate people. Instead, they connect them. The sea is a shared bond.

Fishing there is a special way of life. A fisherman might sell some of his catch at the market. He brings some home for dinner. Then he shares the rest with neighbors. This builds strong friendships across the whole community.

For 50 years, a law called the Magnuson-Stevens Act has helped protect these rich fishing waters. It set up local councils to care for each region's fisheries. Today, Pacific Island fishing remains healthy and thriving. These proud traditions are being honored and passed on to future generations.

Source: NOAA Fisheries

Ancient Mountain Ice Is Slowly Disappearing

High on a mountain in Indonesia, something rare is vanishing. Near the top of Puncak Jaya, there was once a great sheet of ice. It sat close to the equator, the warm middle belt of our Earth. That made it one of the most unusual glaciers in the world.

NASA satellites have been watching this ice for decades. Photos from 1988 show thick blue ice covering many mountain ridges. New photos from 2026 tell a different story. Almost all of that ice is now gone. Only tiny patches remain where great glaciers once flowed slowly downhill.

Scientists call this mountain a "canary in the coal mine." That is an old saying. It means an early warning sign. When something changes here, it tells us something big is happening on Earth.

The glaciers of Puncak Jaya sit in the warmest place where year-round ice can barely survive. They are surrounded by the largest stretch of warm ocean water on the planet. Even small changes in temperature affect them quickly.

NASA keeps watching from space. Satellites give us a clear view of changes happening over many years. This work helps scientists understand our planet better and care for it wisely.

Source: NASA

Activity Time - Word Search

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

Words to Find:

COMPUTER RESEARCH GLACIER SUMMIT

ISLAND TROUT OCEAN

K	R	X	S	X	O	C	E	A	N	E
W	I	S	U	M	M	I	T	T	P	I
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L	N	S	B	J	S	R	P	I	P	O
R	P	W	O	O	F	C	L	C	J	A
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