

The Good Times

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SHARK WEEK!

Annually, The U.S in the summer has week we call Shark Week. Soon, lots of TV shows all about sharks will come out on Disney +. They are all educational videos you are sure to love!

NO NEED TO BE AFRAID OF SHARKS!!

Lots of people all over fear sharks; Ancestors of dinosaurs, razor sharp teeth, but it doesn't mean they are ruthless killing machines! Researchers have found you are more likely to win American Idol than be eaten by a shark. You are also more likely to die from a bee sting or get struck by lightning! Lots of times, when a shark bites someone (which doesn't happen often) it is most likely to let you go and keep swimming. Sharks lots of times think that humans are sea lions, which are top of their menu. Other times, the cause of shark bites is because sharks just want to observe us with the only thing they can, their mouth! Humans are not on a shark's menu, so we are all safe for now!

EUROPA CLIPPER IS LAUNCHED!

Only a few weeks ago, the Europa clipper, a camera designed to take pictures of Europa, one of Mars' moons, was launched.

For many years, scientists have wondered if there could be life in space and other planets. In 2020, Perseverance landed on Mars for the same reasons as the Clipper for Europa. Though, the only problem is Europa has extreme temperatures; -200.6 degrees on Average, which would freeze and ruin the machine, so the Clipper hovers a few miles around the planet, still able to get footage. Europa Clipper is expected to land sometime in 2029, 4 years from now. It is traveling at 6,000 mph on average. This just shows how insanely far away Europa is.

PANDA DELIVERY!

About a month ago, America got a special package from China! Quing Boa (female) and Boa Li (Male) will be staying at a zoo in New York for the next few years. The pandas were kept in separate crates for the long journey considering they are different genders, so there aren't any unexpected

babies along the way :D. The pandas got lots of yummy snacks along the way, in fact, when they finally got to the zoo, Boa Li (bow-LEE) hesitated to get out of his crate because he knew that he got lots of treats in there!

“Quing Boa (Ching- bow) is slow and relaxed while Boa Li is completely the opposite. He’s out going and just wants to play,” some researchers there report. The pandas though are definitely good friends!

LARGE ASTEROID SPOTTED!!

Millions of miles away, an asteroid has been spotted darting at a ridiculous speed, 1AU away (one astronomical unit) and 20 kilometers away. This ginormous asteroid will not be something easy to forget! The asteroid was also spotted in many different continents, North America, parts of South America, and different parts of Europe. Luckily, this asteroid won’t hit us, so we are safe from the 20 kilometer wide asteroid!

AURORA BOREALIS SPOTTED ONE YEAR AGO

1 year ago, a solar storm came through the states of Michigan to Tennessee. Aurora Borealis looks nearly identical to what we know as northern lights, with colors of pink, green, purple, and small hints of blue. Usually, Aurora Borealis stays in northern states, so it was a huge surprise to find it in states as south as Kentucky and Tennessee. It is hard to see, even in a lot of northern states, so it was truly a miracle to see it from there. Also, Solar storms usually do not go that far; only about two to three states, so it spreading from Michigan to Tennessee was pretty amazing.

MASSIVE SEA TURTLE IS BACK WHERE IT BELONGS AFTER FLORIDA PHOTOGRAPHER, RESCUE GROUP STEP UP!

Lenny, a big sea turtle was found struggling to swim with visible wounds in the Florida Keys. He was near an alligator reef off the coast of Islamorada in mid-March and was found by Mike Papish.

“I saw he had a badly damaged flipper, and his face was a little mashed up from a shark attack,” Papish said. Lenny was taken back to the surface and transported to a ‘turtle ambulance’ to the Turtle Hospital

in Marathon, Florida. The turtle hospital is a non-profit organization dedicated to rehabilitation of endangered sea turtles, the only one of its kind in Florida.

"There are not a lot of predators right, that could get a mouth around a turtle that size. So we are assuming it was a very large shark," Zirkelbach said. "The turtles are up against a lot when they're hatchlings, everything eats baby turtles, from crabs to birds to fish once they enter the ocean, two red ant bites can kill a hatchling. Zirkelbach said. "So when you realize that Lenny would have had to endure to make it out to sea to survive, he beat the odds."

HEAT WAVE COMIN' IN HOT!

Some of the past temperatures you may have noticed are increasingly hot! Usually, our summer temperatures are 7-10 degrees hotter than an average summer day! Make sure to do good lotion up and stay in the shade outdoors as much as possible. Also, 1-piece

swimsuits have been found to be better when it comes to protecting more skin, and just remember to not stay outside for too long. Be safe!

GLITTER IS BEING USED TO TRACK WATER VOLE MOVEMENT

Water voles are an endangered species. But right now, experts are offering them food, shelter, and glitter in hope that conservationists will be able to track their movement in the wild. The edible biodegradable glitter- also used in cakes should come out in their... uhm... waste. Allowing the different families and animals to be tracked.

Different colors of glitter could be used to find vole families and how far they range. Rob Perry, chief of Nature conservation Cymru, said that that his team had consulted with vets to ensure it would not be at all harmful to the semi-aquatic creatures.

HUGE 2,000-YEAR-OLD ROMAN SOLDIER'S LEATHER SHOE IS DISCOVERED

A roman legionary's shoe has been discovered near Hadrian's wall by resident archeologist.

The giant sole measures a whopping 12.8 inches from the toe to heel and is believed to have been worn by a roman soldier. Archaeologists have dug up a total of 32 shoes from a so-called ankle breaker trench at the magna roman fort in Northumberland in May this year. Eight of these shoes were, more than 11.8

inches in length- the equivalent size of a U.S size 14 or UK size 13, leaving archaeologists scratching their heads and thinking.

“We think it has do something with the people living here, having bigger feet, being potentially taller, but we don’t know,” said an archaeologist Rachel Frame. “Are the people living there from a specific region? Could that be why their shoes are so much larger?”

The large leather shoes were found in a shallow defensive ditch, which romans could have used as a garbage dump. At the nearby Vindolanda settlement, which is seven miles from the magna fort, 5,000 shoes have been unearthed from the area since the 1970s. However, only four or five have measured in 12 inches suggesting that people living nearby had much smaller feet.

Several children’s shoes have been unearthed as well in Magna fort, suggesting that Roman soldiers lived with their families. Many shoes have been found across 2 sites, the Vindolanda archaeological trust maintains a shoe specialist.

WEIRD BUT TRUE!!! :o

THIS WEEK’S THEME: THE HUMAN BODY!

1. The human body gives off the smallest amount of light but too small for the eye to see.
2. If you took all your veins out, they would be long enough to wrap around the equator twice!
3. You might make better choices when you REALLY gotta pee!
4. When you break your bones, they (with a cast) can grow back even stronger than before!
5. You may spend a total of 21 years of your life sleeping.
6. Your hair and nails may never stop growing in your entire life!
7. Your upper heel is called your anciles after a Greek myth.
8. By the age of 8 years old, your brain can remember more than 800 books full of knowledge and memories.
9. Your eye lids are the thinnest skin on your body, and the thickest is on your soles.
10. Brown is the most uncommon eye color
11. When you are wearing blue lenses on your eyes, you may be a little less hungry.
12. All your blood is about five buckets full.
13. Your strongest muscles are in your butt.
14. You have over 50 muscles in your face.
15. You have extremely small holes in your bones

Thank you for reading The Good Times!! I can’t WAIT to start next month’s paper!! :D

THANK YOU SO MUCH!!