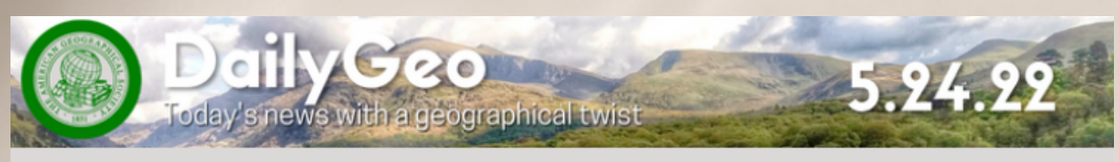
A Guide to DailyGeo

Today's news with a geographical twist



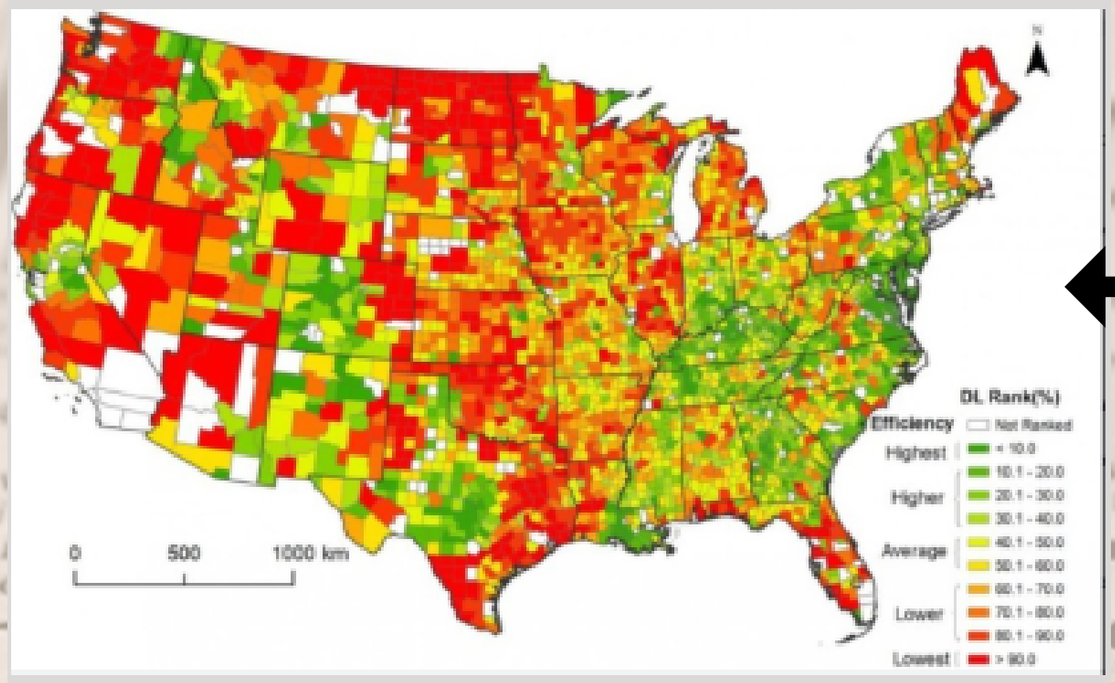
Where in the World

Japan

Asia-Pacific Agreement Unveiled

President Joe Biden launched a new partnership deal yesterday with 13 Asia-Pacific countries. The Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity (IPEF) was formally announced during Biden's second day in Japan, meeting with regional leaders. The aim of IPEF is to boost mutual cooperation on trade, energy, the supply chain, and anti-corruption efforts. The member countries in the pact together account for 40 percent of world GDP. The partner countries have been asking for a free trade deal to further economic opportunities and counter Chinese dominance, but political pressure in the US may hamper progress on free trade agreements.

A Cartographer's Quandary



Maps are powerful devices that can put into visuals what words often cannot. While a map may have substantial content, often times the way it is designed can make or break its impact on the reader. While not particularly clear, this choropleth map of the United States is meant to show efficiency of land use consumption per capita. This map could be improved in many ways, but perhaps its most jarring aspect may be a thing people don't often consider: its coloring.

The map's colors are visually appealing; in fact this red to green color scheme is commonly used for many purposes - from street lights to weather maps in depicting rainfall. This red to green scheme does however present a severe legibility problem to those who do not see the full color spectrum. While most people may be able to instantly see which colors represent highest and lowest efficiency according to the legend in this map, this is not the case for those who are color blind. Only about 7% of males and .4% of females are color blind, however the most common form of colorblindness includes the inability to see

In Case You Missed It

Top stories from our social media this week...

GeoQuestion ??????

Friday's Answer

Q: What U.S. National park was first set aside as a National Monument in 1936 but then elevated to National Park protective status in 1994?

A: Joshua Tree National Park

Although Joshua Tree has been inhabited by humans for the last 5,000 years, it wasn't until the late 1920s that the development of new

Today's Question

Q: In which African country can you find the tricolor, centuries-old eroded cliffs offering a "lunar landscape"?

Stay tuned for the answer to today's question in tomorrow's DailyGeo.

What is Daily Geo: *Launched in May 2017, DailyGeo is a short news blast in which we show the ubiquitous nature of geography driving current news stories. Readers find it to be geo-informative as well as geo-entertaining. DailyGeo is comprised of three main sections: Where in the World, Thumbs Up, and GeoQuestion; sometimes we also include one of our occasional sections: Maps Do it Better, A Cartographer's Quandary, and the Arternative World.* ***Learn about the sections below!***

WHERE IN THE WORLD

"Where in the World" features the top 3 news headlines from a geographical perspective, organized by country or region. In particular, it provides maps and focuses on how these headlines relate to geography. Multiple links to each story are provided in "Further Reading."

SPECIAL SECTIONS

Maps Do it Better: demonstrates the critical use of maps to enable the reader to fully understnand the story the data is telling. Sometimes a stor can only be fully appreciated when idualized through a map; this section focuses on highlighting articles that "do it better."

The Arternative World: exposes the reader to maps outside of their traditional applications. In this section, we seek to present our readers with unconventional maps based on literature, art, film, and video games.

A Cartographer's Quandary: People who aren't familiar with geographic concepts and software often struggle with options available in map making and misuse the software or ineffectively display their data. In an effort to equip our readers with this knowledge, this section discusses ways in which published maps could be improved for clarity. Anyone seeking to explore geography and make a map should have up-to-date tools and knowledge to responsibly do so at their fingertips.

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

Our Social media platforms pioneer the words of geography and geospatial science every day. "In Case You Missed It" is added every Friday and features our top performing posts on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram, and the most recent Ubique entry. Click the links to see the post. While you're there, make sure to check out all of our geo-posts!

GEOQUESTION

A daily brain teaser, the "GeoQuest*ion*" challenges our readers to identify a place based on an eye-catching image and textual hints. The answer, which is revealed the following day, provides the reader with geography-related facts pertaining to the chosen location, expanding their knowledge of the world one day at a time.

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