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Everybody's Talking!

Urban harvest: In Sweden, a groundbreaking solution places vertical farms inside supermarkets, offering a local, sustainable way to grow fresh produce. Developed by SweGreen, this system eliminates soil, using water and rockwool to cultivate crops efficiently. Each setup matches the yield of large-scale farmland while reducing transport emissions and extending shelf life. Customers witness greens like lettuce and herbs being grown and harvested on-site, blending transparency with freshness. Beyond supermarkets, restaurants and universities embrace this model for seasonal menus. SweGreen's approach proves fields aren't the only places where fresh ideas grow.

Accessible education: A thoughtfully designed school in Gandhinagar, India, offers visually impaired children an environment that promotes learning, independence, and exploration. Centered around a vibrant courtyard, the campus features classrooms with distinct layouts and natural lighting to aid navigation. Spaces for music, workshops, and outdoor activities create a dynamic and engaging learning atmosphere, while traditional rainwater harvesting and native greenery highlight sustainability and resilience. This innovative campus ensures that students can thrive academically and personally in harmony with their surroundings, proving that thoughtful design supports inclusion and lasting impact.

Humming noise: Apparently a more common problem than one would think, the market town of Omagh, Northern Ireland, has a mysterious sound that can be heard at night. The continuous hum or low-frequency drone sound started last fall, and causes some people to have trouble sleeping. But others are not bothered by it at all, and some people don't even hear it. However, multiple people have complained so authorities are trying to find out what might be causing it. Possible causes include farm equipment, streetlights, and noises made by the wind. Enough towns around the world have reported similar problems that the phenomenon has been named the Worldwide Hum.

Smart conservation: Technology is reshaping conservation, with artificial intelligence stepping in to address critical environmental challenges. In the Amazon rainforest, drones silently monitor for illegal logging, and AI quickly processes the data to pinpoint threats. Conservationists combine satellite images with reports from local patrols to create detailed maps that protect vital ecosystems. Across the globe, AI analyzes wildlife photos, helping track elusive species like tigers and snow leopards, while assisting with efforts to combat poaching. From dense jungles to open oceans, AI offers new tools for preserving biodiversity. When it comes to saving nature, innovation is proving to be a powerful partner.

Quoteable Quotes

“Your present circumstances don't determine where you can go; they merely determine where you start.” —Nido Qubein

“To bring anything into your life, imagine that it's already there.” —Richard Bach

What's Happening

Porter Memorial Library-Machias...March Activities

Hrs TF 10-5 and Sat. 10-1. All month there is a Youth Art Show, Tuesdays 11-noon is the Storytime with an activity, Fridays 10-11 is the Machias Area playgroup, and all month don't forget the Fed Seed Sale & Raffle! Always something at the library call 207.255.3933 to find out what.

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- Entertainer Charlie Chaplin wore this type of hat.
- This is the tallest member of the grass family.
- A Summer Olympics basketball medal was first awarded in 1936, 1950, or 1980?
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