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Everybody's Talking!
Glow shift: Scientists and designers are exploring natural light from glowing organisms as a gentle, power-free way to brighten cities. Bioluminescence, found in ocean creatures and insects, gives off a soft blue or green light through a built-in chemical process. Some urban projects have already started experimenting with bacteria that give off light in carefully maintained setups. This approach could cut energy use and reduce light pollution by working without wires or electricity. The soft glow doesn't overpower surroundings, making it more in tune with natural darkness. Although current designs need more development to match everyday lighting demands, they're already hinting at a gentler path forward.
Miniature mastery: A sculptor in Tuzla, Bosnia and Herzegovina, transforms everyday pencils into impossibly small works of art. Rather than drawing with them, he uses the inner graphite as the material itself, carefully slicing, scraping, and refining it into intricate shapes. The ideas come from a mix of client suggestions, famous imagery, and the artist's own reflections. Because the core is brittle and narrow, each piece demands patience and precision. Earlier explorations with paper and clay helped shape his passion for tiny creations. Now, each pencil becomes a test of focus, endurance, and problem-solving. The results often defy what most people expect from such a basic object.
Forest warning: In zones known for volcanic risk, trees may offer hints of what's to come. Scientists have noticed that when magma begins shifting beneath the surface, surrounding vegetation often appears unusually healthy. This burst in growth, likely linked to underground gas release, clearly shows in satellite images. A growing team of researchers is now comparing this tree activity with known eruptions, using a mix of orbital tools and ground data to refine prediction models. Unlike traditional sensors, trees respond naturally to environmental change. Some believe this living feedback loop could be key to faster alerts. The forest, it turns out, might notice trouble before we do.
Window wood: A team in Stockholm, Sweden, has transformed ordinary wood into a light-passing material that could change how we build. The process involves carefully stripping away a key part of the wood, then filling the gaps with a clear compound that blends in. The result isn't just strong and lightweight, it's also see-through and surprisingly durable. Ideal for solar panel casings and windows or wall panels that welcome sunlight, the material keeps the natural benefits of wood with a futuristic twist. Unlike traditional glass or plastic, this option comes from a renewable source and offers insulation, too. Researchers are now working on making it even clearer and easier to produce on a much bigger scale.

Quoteable Quotes
 "Knowing is not enough; we must apply. Willing is not enough; we must do." —Johann Wolfgang Von Goethe
 "Turn your wounds into wisdom." —Oprah Winfrey

What's Happening
The Kamloops Social Club is hosting a dance featuring Kelly Bellanger (from the Roy Orbison Band and BTO) on March 15, 2026 at 7:00 pm at St. Paul's Cathedral at 360 Nicola Street. Admission is \$15.00 at the door. A great evening of dancing with popular and country tunes, all invited to join in the fun.
The TRU Sustainability Department will be hosting the Repair Café team at the TRU Makerspace (main library building) on March 12th. If you can carry your item in (sorry no computers or cell phones), the Repair Café team will help troubleshoot and hopefully repair your item. This event is free to the public and runs from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM.
This year the Legion celebrates 100 years of service. We are offering free membership for the year. Come by the Legion at 425 Lansdowne St (Thurs-Sun) or go on-line at Legion.ca Thursday is Open Mic - come have a dinner (5:30) and listen to some great local music (6:30). Meat draws Saturday and Sunday (2:30-4:30)
St. Patrick's Day Dance 7-11 PM: Saturday, March 14th. @ St. Paul's Cathedral, 360 Nicola St, Kamloops. Swing dance social featuring a 1-hour dance lesson and Live jazz by Beyond Brass. Dry Event. Hosted by the Kamloops Swing Dance Society, more commonly known as Lindy in the Loops.
Some Band will be performing at Barside Lounge March 14 from 6-9 pm. Not just any band, they're Some Band!

Trivia
 1. Are the Taurus Mountains in Greece, Italy, or Turkey?
 2. The ___ Cat is an Alice in Wonderland character.
 3. This famed news anchor was called "the most trusted man in America."
 4. A yellow tail is a bird, fish, or insect?
 5. The capital of Madagascar is Antananarivo, Bangui, or Gaborone?
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