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At age 18, Sophia Sánchez-Maes is joining the hunt for extrasolar planets – planets orbiting other stars. During a three-month stint at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena – her second – she will be helping map out the goals and technology for the next generation of space telescopes.



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## twisting skyscraper

In the heart of the urban networks of Xinyin District in Taipei in full development, the Agora Garden project, a building in the form of a double helix, presents a pioneer concept of sustainable residential eco-construction that aims at limiting the ecologic footprint of its inhabitants by researching the right symbiosis between the human being and nature.



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## inventions - weaving the web

On 12 March 1989, Tim Berners-Lee distributed a proposal to improve information flows at CERN (Centre for European Nuclear Research), where he worked, and this proposal eventually led to the development and promulgation of "The World Wide Web."



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