THE MEDIA COMES CALLING: EXCITEMENT OVER INVENTION THAT TURNS SMARTPHONE INTO A MICROSCOPE

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An invention by a University of Houston engineer that turns your smartphone into a microscope, allowing it to detect whether your pond water is healthy, is getting attention in the media. Houston’s CBS affiliate, KHOU-TV Channel 11 aired a story about the invention of the DotLens, which came to life in the laboratory of electrical and computer engineering Associate Professor Wei-Chuan Shih.

Much like the invention of the Post-it note, which occurred by happy accident when a chemist failed to invent a strong adhesive and instead invented the weaker one that would peel from paper, the DotLens came about through a friendly lab mishap.

Learn more about it and watch the Ch.11 story here.

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