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Everybody's Talking

Wrong way Does the map application on cell phones always work? Salvatore Corrias, the mayor of the mountain village of Baunei on the island of Sardinia, Italy, does not think so. He has good reason for this opinion. In his area, dozens of emergency calls are made to the fire service and rescue teams by lost tourists who use an app to try to find a destination. The app's directions send the tourists down dirt roads and trails, where they get lost or stuck. The dilemma has put a strain on the region's budget. In response, the town is putting up warning signs that dissuade people from using the apps.

Thread art An artist in Hong Kong uses a wooden frame, one long piece of thread and 300 nails as his medium. If the thread breaks, he has to start over. This is the work of Alfred Chen, who makes very realistic portraits of such personalities as Johnny Depp and Harry Potter. Chen starts with a digital image, which he changes to black and white to enhance the shadows and light areas. He makes a map of what his thread portrait will look like. Then he loops the 5,000-metre (16,400-ft.) long thread around the nails, crisscrossing it in the exact fashion required to create his work of art.

Hard pillow Putting your head on a pillow at night is comforting, as you nestle into bed for sleep. However, what if that pillow was made of marble? The sculptures of Norwegian artist Hakon Anton Fageras might fool people. His marble pillows look so real, with their creases and folds, that they seem like a sleeper's head would sink right into them. Fageras, of Oslo, is a renowned sculptor who creates life-size images of men, women, children, babies, and dogs.

Traffic jam When people use a map app to pick a route to a destination, the map shows a red line on a road where a traffic jam is occurring. Simon Weckert, a German artist from Berlin, tried to outsmart the app by creating a fake traffic jam. He loaded a small wagon with 99 smartphones, all outfitted with SIM cards, and pulled it down the street. His slow movement replicated 99 phones stuck in one place, and the app responded by marking the street in red. Weckert's point was that he could influence people's actions in the real world because those who were using the app at the time were encouraged to take another route.

Quoteable Quotes

"He who knows others is wise;
He who knows himself is enlightened." —Lao-tzu
"Sometimes, with luck, we find the kind of true friend... that appears only two or three times in a lucky lifetime...." —Barbara Holland

What's Happening

May 14 to October 8 -Thursday at the 124 Grand Market

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NEW FEATURE!

- An apple charlotte is a cake, a cookie, or a candy?
- What is a homburg?
- Over what body of water does the Tower Bridge span?
- What are the three common primary colours?
- Who wrote the poem The Raven?

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