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## Everybody's Talking

**Noisy home:** Living beside a busy highway isn't most people's idea of peace and quiet. A woman in Guangdong province, northwest of Hong Kong, doesn't seem to care about that. Known as Ms. Liang, the woman refused to take a payout from the government to sell her house so the Haizhuyong Bridge in the city of Guangzhou could be built. Many other homeowners and businesses took the compensation, and the construction proceeded. To accommodate the house, which is located in a pit, four lanes of traffic had to be split to go around it.

**Rare pasta:** The island of Sardinia, Italy, is home to the rarest pasta in the world. Called su filindeu, which means "the threads of God," this pasta has been made for centuries to feed pilgrims who pass through the area. Today, however, not many people know how to make by hand the slimmer-than-angel-hair threads of pasta from semolina flour, water, and salt. One of those people is 60-something-year-old Paola Abraini, whose niece and sister-in-law also know the tricks of the trade. Abraini wants to teach others before making the noodle becomes a lost art, but su filindeu is so arduous to create, that few will step up to the challenge. Su filindeu could be called an "endangered pasta."

**Attic antics:** No one wants to discover that a stranger might have taken refuge in their home's attic, but that's just what happened to Monica Green of Rockhampton, Queensland, Australia. The mother of three had noticed a few signs that something might be awry, such as missing food and a disabled security system. But one day, she arrived home to find the door open, the TV on, and a plate of food on the kitchen table. She called the cops, and they discovered that someone had been living in the attic, possibly for as long as three weeks. Green has changed the locks, but still feels a little weird knowing that a stranger had been hiding in her attic for a while.

**Try, try again:** No matter where one lives, getting a driver's licence is a rite of passage for most people. The trouble is that many fail the test the first time (or even the second or third time) before finally gaining the right to drive. But for a man in England, the third time trying his driving theory test was just the beginning of his attempts. He finally managed to pass the test after failing it 157 times. These many efforts made quite a hole in the man's bank account; trying, and trying again, cost him over £3,000. His next step was getting through the practical exam. Hopefully he's better at actually driving than at the written test.

## Quoteable Quotes

"To be awake is to be alive." —Henry David Thoreau  
"Children have never been very good at listening to their elders, but they have never failed to imitate them." —James Baldwin

## What's Happening

**Nov 27-Santa Clause Parade** Pre-Parade Party starts at 6 PM with hot dogs, hot chocolate, carolers, pictures with Santa his elves, and so much more! Parade begins at 7PM from the east end of Main Street at 47th street, west towards 50th street, and then north to 52nd avenue.

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## Trivia

1. Which Starr was a member of The Beatles?
2. What is the main ingredient in coq au vin?
3. If a text is abridged, is it translated or shortened?
4. A full moon's face is fully illuminated by the sun's light—T/F?
5. When was the first episode of the TV show Seinfeld aired—1989, 1999, or 2009?

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