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**Everybody's Talking**

**Beacon of colour:** A lighthouse in Spain will never be the same again. That's because artist Okuda San Miguel used his talent to make the once-white Faro de Ajo lighthouse in the country's Cantabria region into a colourful beacon. With the Bay of Biscay as the building's backdrop, the extravagant array of different shades of blue, purple, red, orange, and yellow are eye-catching, to say the least. The colours adorn the 16-metre (52.5-foot) tower in geometric shapes that work together to form images of birds and animals. The artist named his creation "Infinite Cantabria."

**Folding house:** The tiny house movement is on a roll. Someone who is interested in this way of living might want to investigate the tiny houses built by a company in Latvia. Not only are the houses tiny, they are also foldable. Using a patented hinge system, these houses can be easily "unfolded" and set up almost anywhere. Once opened and ready for occupancy, these dwellings seem bigger than they actually are, thanks to thoughtful design, and they come with plumbing and electrical systems pre-installed. A permanent foundation is not necessary, and if the owner wants to change location, the house can be folded up and moved elsewhere.

**Icy phenomenon:** Kazakhstan may be cold in the winter, but people brave the chilly temperatures to view an interesting attraction. That sight is a "volcano" from which steam and water erupt, rather than lava. Called an "ice volcano," it is located on a snowy plateau near the city of Almaty. The volcano is actually a big mound of snow and ice that measures approximately 13.7 metres (44.9 ft.) high. It's hollow on the inside because an underground hot spring blows water and steam into the air. In winter, the water freezes and builds up, causing the big mound to develop.

**Middle of nowhere:** What has become known as "the loneliest house in the world" is on an island where no one has lived since the 1930s. Pictures of the house show why it has this nickname. Located on the island of Ellirey, in the Vestmannaeyjar archipelago south of Iceland, the white house sits on a green hill and is completely surrounded by the sea. Maintained today by a hunting association, the house has no accoutrements of modern living, such as electricity, running water, or indoor plumbing. It does, however, have a sauna.

**Quoteable Quotes**

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- Trivia**
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  2. Col. Harland Sanders created what company?
  3. Which Jamaican tangelo has an unflattering name related to appearance?
  4. Where was the first Disneyland resort located?
  5. What is another name for the Irish frame drum?

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