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**Everybody's Talking**

**Gas guzzler:** Huge, big box shopping malls are the norm all over the United States, but now there is a huge gas station, complete with stores, a restaurant, and a large rest area, in Sevierville, Tennessee. The complex, owned by gas station chain Buc-ee's, is 74,000 square feet (6875 sq. m), with 120 gas pumps outside. And this station has a soft spot for the little guy: it does not allow big transport trucks to come in and gas up, which creates safety for small vehicles and family vans to navigate the services. Buc-ee's is a well-known chain across the southern part of the country. It intends to build more of these large stations.

**Clean thief:** It seems a burglar in the city of Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, just wanted a place to hang out for a while. The 20-something-year-old man broke into a bakery by shattering the glass of the front door. Security footage showed him sitting in a chair, heading into the washroom for a couple of minutes, and then, surprisingly, sweeping up the broken glass. He even used the store's phone to snap a few selfies. He walked out with one item: a six-pack of cupcakes. Less than a week later, store owner Emma Irvine got a call from the man, who apologized and offered to pay for new glass. Irvine couldn't help but be forgiving of his antics.

**Tall tale:** A lawyer in Rio de Janeiro wanted to purchase numerous items in a mall, but apparently didn't want to pay for them. Rodrigo Barcelos de Oliveira went shopping for a motorcycle helmet, shoes, designer clothing, swimming trunks, a dog bed, and more. Later, he called police, claiming he'd been kidnapped, forced to turn over his credit card and PIN number, and held captive while the thief shopped with his card. Unfortunately for Oliveira, police found video footage of him shopping and carrying bags in the mall. That made him a suspect, so police searched his home and found all the stolen items. The man now has several charges against him

**Dine and wash:** Loyal customers of a HaiDiLao hotpot restaurant in Wuxi, Jiangsu Province, China, can earn much more than food discounts; they can accumulate points to have their hair shampooed on site. The restaurant set up a salon so their regular clientele can have the smell of food washed out of their hair. Not that people complain about the yummy aroma of hotpots. During a meal, it smells delicious! The problem is that it tends to cling to people's hair so that, after a dining experience, they walk around smelling like a kitchen. To be eligible for the service, customers must collect points through dining at any of the chain's locations.

**Quoteable Quotes**

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—Aristotle

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2. The original Orient Express train route began in Paris and ended where?
3. Alexander the Great's favourite dog was Bucephalus, Peritas, or Laconius?
4. Mach speeds are subsonic, transonic, supersonic, or hypersonic?
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