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## Everybody's Talking

**Unwanted advice:** The British enjoy their tea and don't want outsiders telling them how to drink it. That's what American scientist and author Michelle Francl learned when she published a book that suggested adding a pinch of salt to make a cup of tea less bitter, an amount small enough that it couldn't be tasted. Good Morning Britain, a British breakfast program, said the notion felt like a crime. The controversy drew involvement from no less than the U.S. Embassy in London, which confessed Francl's suggestion had got them "in hot water." They joked that they would continue to make tea the proper way, by microwaving it. No word on how that advice landed.

**Unhygienic husband:** A court in Ankara, Turkey, approved a woman's request to divorce her husband, but the reason wasn't a typical one. In Turkish civil law, one reason for divorce is if life has become unbearable for one or both parties. The woman said she wanted a divorce because her husband had unbearable personal hygiene. She told a family court that her husband wore the same clothes for at least five days in a row, smelled stinky, and didn't shower often. Witnesses confirmed her claims. The court ordered her husband to pay her 500,000 Lira (TRY) for putting up with his poor personal hygiene.

**Fast kid:** Many people are familiar with Rubik's cube puzzles, which have six sides and 20 movable pieces. But then there's the 12-sided Megaminx, with 50 moving pieces. Aidan Granger is a 16-year-old student at Royal Wootton Bassett Academy, located in the British town of the same name. The teen cemented his status as a European Megaminx record holder and earned the 2024 title of the world's ninth fastest "speedcuber." Competitively solving puzzles like Rubik's cube or Megaminx is called speedcubing. The teen finished the Megaminx puzzle in only 31.41 seconds. He was competing against 200,000 speedcubers in the official World Cube Association competition.

**Urban art:** A street artist in Nerviano, a municipality in Milan, Italy, asks permission to apply his paint in public places. And because his art is so fascinating, the authorities usually say "yes" to Cosimo Cheone Caiffa. This self-taught artist makes 3D creations that look real, such as a man crawling out from under a bridge or a little boy leaning out of a window to give a flower to a passerby. His artwork really can transform dismal cityscapes into works of intriguing creativity. The artist initiates his designs on a computer, and when he's ready to hit the streets, he rounds up his paint cans and gets to work.

## Quoteable Quotes

"Follow your dreams, transform your life." —Paulo Coelho  
 "Only in the darkness can you see the stars." —Martin Luther King, Jr.

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## Trivia

1. A monk lives in a monastery and a nun lives in a \_\_\_\_.
2. In Disney's animated movie, Robin Hood is portrayed as a badger or a fox?
3. Shakespeare's play The Tempest is named for a storm, earthquake, or flood?
4. What is the human body's buccal cavity?
5. The minimum depth of a hole in professional golf is 3, 4, or 6 inches?

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