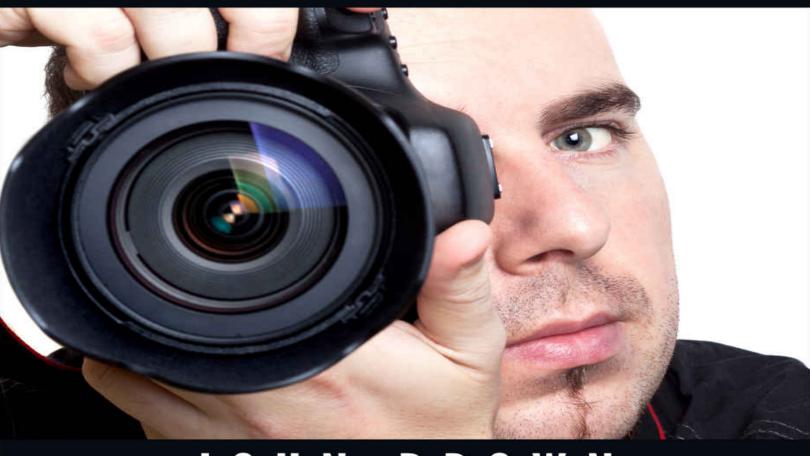
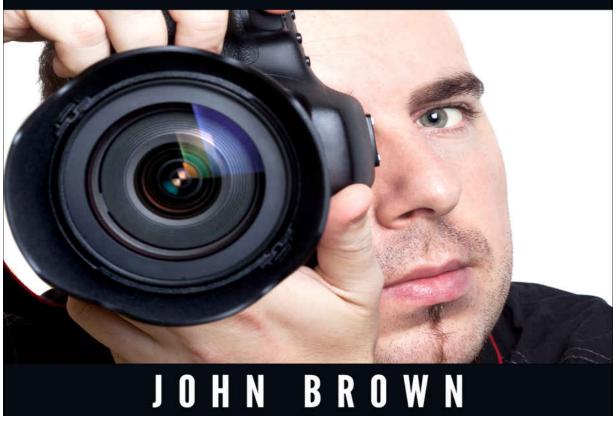
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- FACT 1. | Elvis Presley was a natural blonde. His familiar black hair was the product of dye, beginning back in high school.
- FACT 2. | Simon Cowell briefly worked as a runner in Stanley Kubrick's "The Shining". He polished Jack Nicholson's axe.
- FACT 3 . | Mark Wahlberg only served 45 days in jail for an unprovoked, racially motivated attack in 1988 that left one of two victims blind. he was initially charged with attempted murder.

- **FACT 4**. | James Doohan served with the Canadian Army in World War II. On D Day, he killed two German snipers and was shot six times.
- FACT 5 . | Johnny Cash wrote a science fiction story about a 21st century America that had been conquered by Russia called, "The Holografik Danser".
- FACT 6 . | Comedian, Rob Riggle, served in the Marines for 22 years, earning the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. He has been deployed in Kosovo, Liberia and Afghanistan.
- FACT 7. | Dr. Ruth is a trained sniper. To this day, she can load a Sten automatic rifle in under a minute, while blindfolded.
- FACT 8 . | Martin Luther King Jr. was a huge Star Trek fan. At a NAACP fundraiser at UCLA, he convinced Nichelle Nichols to stay on the show when she was thinking about leaving to go on Broadway.
- FACT 9 . | At 35, Harrison Ford was fitting a door for Francis Ford Coppola when a studio executive, testing actresses for a new film, asked him to help out by reading the lines written for the male lead. The film was Star Wars.
- FACT 10. | David Bowie's left eye became permanently dilated after he got into a fight when he was 15. The fight was over a girl.
- FACT 11. One of Hitler's associates once told him that his short mustache was unfashionable. Hitler responded by saying: "If it was not the fashion now, it will be because I wear it."
- FACT 12. | Vangelis, one of the pioneers of electronic music, composed and performed the soundtracks to Blade Runner and The Bounty, and won an Academy Award for his score to Chariots of Fire. He also can't read a single note of music.

- FACT 13. | Bruce Dickinson is not only the lead singer of Iron Maiden, but in his spare time he is also a world class fencer, author, and licensed Boeing 757 pilot. However, he never suggested "more cowbell" for any of Blue Oyster Cult's songs. That was a different Bruce Dickinson.
- FACT 14. | Steve Jobs became a vegan because he believed the diet would eliminate the need to bathe.
- FACT 15. | Bill Murray was arrested in 1970 for trying to smuggle 10 pounds of marijuana through Chicago O'Hare International Airport.
- FACT 16. | While at school, a young Bill Gates was tasked with writing the code for the program that scheduled classes. Gates altered the code to put himself in a class with mostly female students.
- FACT 17. | Isaac Asimov published so many books of novels, short story collections, essays and various non fiction, that if you read a different one every week, it would take you at least nine years to finish them all.
- FACT 18. | Mel Blanc, the voice of Bugs Bunny as well as a plethora of other cartoon characters, got into a near fatal car accident in 1961 that resulted in a triple skull fracture and a three week long coma. After many failed attempts to stir Blanc, his doctor tried a different tactic. He asked, "Bugs, can you hear me?" Blanc, in the voice of Bugs Bunny, responded, "What's up, Doc?" From this point on, the doctor was able to speak to him by addressing him as his characters until he was out of his coma.
- FACT 19. | Swedish film legend, Greta Garbo, disclosed to close friends decades after World War II, "Mr. Hitler was big on me. He kept writing and inviting me to come to Germany, and if the war hadn't started when it did, I would have gone and I would have taken a gun out of my purse and shot him, because I am the only person who would not have been searched."
- FACT 20 . | Steve Buscemi, a former FDNY firefighter, showed up at ground zero on 9/12/2001, and worked 12 hour shifts for a week, digging

- through rubble for survivors. He declined interviews and photographs as he wasn't there for publicity.
- FACT 21. | Michael Jordan makes more money from Nike than all of the Nike factory workers in Malaysia combined.
- FACT 22. | Bob Marley's dad was white. He was a white English Jamaican marine. He was actually embarrassed of his biracial background and resented his father so much that it influenced his entire musical career.
- FACT 23. | James Earl Jones has one of the most iconic voices of our time, but as a child, he had a severe stutter that he was ashamed of. The stutter caused him to be silent for nearly eight years.
- FACT 24. | Theodore Roosevelt read an average of one book per day; even on days when he was busy being the President.
- FACT 25. | Keira Knightley and Natalie Portman looked so much alike during Padme's part of Star Wars, that their own mothers had difficulty telling them apart.
- FACT 26. | Cuban leader, Fidel Castro, has appeared in two Hollywood movies. He appeared in "Holiday in Mexico" and "Easy to Wed". Both of the movies were made in 1946, and he was a background extra in both movies.
- FACT 27 . | Nicolas Cage owned a pet octopus. He claimed that studying its movements helped him with his acting.
- FACT 28. | Forty years after walking on the moon, Buzz Aldrin made a rap song produced by Snoop Dogg called "The Rocket Experience".
- FACT 29. | John Adams, the 2nd President of the United States and one the founding fathers, had a beloved dog in the White House named Satan.

- FACT 30 . | Woody Harrelson's father was a contract killer.
- FACT 31. | Ricky Gervais used to be in a new wave pop duo called "Seona Dancing".
- FACT 32. | Daryl Hannah is missing the tip of her left hand index finger. It was sheared off by a rope on a well at her grandmother's house when she was a child. She usually wears a prosthetic finger.
- FACT 33. | Dean Wincers played Ryan O'Reily on Oz. He went on to play Johnny Gavin on Rescue Me. Today, he's best known as Mayhem in ads for All State Insurance. In 2009, he nearly died from a bacterial infection that stopped his heart for 2.5 minutes. Over the next year, he lost two toes and half a thumb to gangrene.
- FACT 34 . | In Northern Ireland, on August 5, 1987, Matthew Broderick and Jennifer Grey collided with a Volvo driven by a mother and daughter, who were killed. Broderick claimed that he did not known why he was in the wrong lane. He was quoted for saying, "I don't remember the day. I don't remember even getting up in the morning." Broderick was charged with careless driving and fined \$175.
- FACT 35. | The lyrics to Billy Joel's song "Tomorrow is Today" come from his suicide note. He tried to kill himself by drinking furniture polish because of his wife's affair with his drummer.
- FACT 36. | Leighton Meester was born while her mother was in prison for drug smuggling.
- **FACT 37**. | Thora Birch comes from a showbiz family. Her parents are Jack Birch and Carol Conners, former porn stars who both appeared in the film "Deep Throat".
- FACT 38. | Vin Diesel was a Dungeons & Dragons geek. He played the game for more than 20 years. He even wrote the forward to Thirty Years of

Adventure: A Celebration of Dungeons & Dragons.

- FACT 39. | In 1933, Brooke Hart, a close friend of Jackie Coogan, was kidnapped and murdered by Thomas Thurmond and John Holmes. As the two awaited trial, Coogan, part of a huge mob, prepared a rope in an adjacent park while others broke into the jail and dragged them out to be horrifically lynched. Jackie Coogan helped pull the rope.
- FACT 40. | Andy Garcia has never done nude scenes. He was born with a conjoined twin no bigger than a tennis ball attached to his shoulder. A scar remains on the place from where his unformed brother was surgically removed.
- FACT 41. | In 1969, Samuel L. Jackson and a small group of students at Morehouse College held several members of the board hostage for changes in the curriculum. He was not arrested, but he did he suspended.
- FACT 42 . | Prince Charles collects toilet seats and takes on wherever he travels.
- FACT 43. | Pope Benedict XVI loves Fanta so much that he is reported to drink an average of four cans a day, which means that he drink, approximately, 1460 cans a year.
- FACT 44 . | Charles Dickens slept facing North. He thought that it improved his writing.
- FACT 45. | Chuck Norris was born Carlos Ray Norris in 1940. Carlos Norris was named after Carlos Berry, a minister who was close to Norris' father. He didn't acquire the nickname "Chuck" until he joined the U.S. Air force at the age of 18. His full nickname is "Ground Chuck".
- FACT 46. | Charlie Sheen once bought 2,615 tickets to a Major League Baseball game so he could improve his odds of catching a home run ball.

- FACT 47. | James Avery, the actor who played Uncle Phil in the TV Series "Fresh Prince of Bel-Air" was also the voice of Shredder in the original Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles cartoon series. He is also the voice of James Rhodes in the 1990s Iron Man series.
- FACT 48. | Jack Nicholson's supposed sister turned out to be his mother.
- FACT 49. On October 2, 1978, shortly after beginning his stand up comedian career while working at an advertising firm, Allen was caught by drug sniffing dogs at Kalamazoo/ Battle Creek International Airport transporting 1.4 pounds of cocaine. In exchange for not having to go to prison for life, as was the maximum penalty that could have been leveled against him, Allen plead guilty and subsequently ratted out the other drug dealers he knew. This got his potential sentence reduced from life imprisonment to 3 to 7 years. He ended up only serving 28 months in a Federal Correctional Institution, specifically at Sandstone, in Sandstone Minnesota.
- FACT 50 . | Ralph Lauren's original name was Ralph Lifshitz.
- FACT 51. | Bill Gates began programming computers at the age of 13.
- FACT 52. | Isaac Newton invented the cat door.
- FACT 53. | Albert Einstein slept for 10 hours a night.
- FACT 54. | Isaac Newton was 23 when he discovered the law of gravity.
- FACT 55. | Leonardo Da Vinci invented scissors.
- FACT 56. | Elvis Presley made only one television commercial.
- FACT 57. | Shakespeare invented the words "assassination" and "bump".
- FACT 58. | Tiger Woods' real first name is Eldrick.

- FACT 59 . | It took Leonardo Da Vinci 10 years to paint the Mona Lisa.
- FACT 60 . | Before beginning his movie career, Keanu Reeves managed a pasta shop in Toronto, Canada.
- FACT 61. | Gandhi refused to let doctors administer penicillin to his wife, which led to her death, yet accepted quinine to save his life.
- FACT 62 . | In 1906, Gandhi, although married and a father, vowed to abstain from sexual relations. In the 1940s, in his mid-seventies, he brought his grandniece, Manubehn, to sleep naked in his bed as part of a spiritual experiment in which Gandhi could test himself as a "brahmachari". Several other young women and girls also shared his bed as part of his experiments. Gandhi discussed his experiment with friends and relations; most disagreed and the experiment ceased in 1947.
- FACT 63. | Sean Penn beat Madonna with a baseball bat.
- FACT 64. | Lyndon Johnson, former U.S. President, nicknamed his penis "Jumbo" and was known to display it in public. One of the things he'd do was use the urinal, and if another guy walked into the bathroom, he'd turn around and shake his dick at them, asking, "have you ever seen anything as big as this?".
- FACT 65. | Dr. Seuss had an affair while his wife suffered from cancer and depression. She killed herself and he married his mistress a few months later.
- FACT 66. Grover Cleveland sexually assaulted a girl, threatened her if she went to the authorities, then had her publicly shamed when she had his illegitimate rape baby.
- FACT 67. | Henry Ford admired Hitler, and loathed the new (at the time) Hollywood cinema business because it was "run by Jews and increasing their influence".

- FACT 68. | Pablo Picasso had several mistresses, one of which killed herself, two of which became emotionally traumatized/insane.
- FACT 69. | Vincent Van Gogh didn't give his cut off ear to his girlfriend, he gave it to a prostitute who he became infatuated with after being a customer for a very long time.
- FACT 70. | Thomas Edison invented very few of the things people think he did, he had a small team of people he would pay next to nothing to come up with ideas which he would then patent and take credit for.
- FACT 71. | Charles Dickens separated from his wife after 22 years of marriage after he fell in love with an 18-year-old actress, then went on to have a letter published in numerous newspapers in which he accused his wife of being responsible for the separation, and calling her stupid, morbidly depressed and a bad mother.
- FACT 72. | Martin Luther King repeatedly cheated on his wife.
- FACT 73. | Rock-n-roll pioneer Chuck Berry hid cameras in bathrooms in a restaurant he owned to film women going to the bathroom for his sexual fetish.
- FACT 74. | Arthur Miller had a son with Down syndrome. Miller immediately institutionalized his son, did not visit him, and never mentioned him in his memoirs.
- FACT 75. | Martin Heidegger, the great German Philosopher, author of Sein und Zeit (Being and Time), was a Nazi.
- FACT 76. | Hitler was a vegetarian.
- FACT 77 . | As a young man, William Shakespeare was caught pouching on another person's property and sent into exile as punishment.

- FACT 78 . | Hitler had only one testicle.
- FACT 79. | King Harry VIII had syphilis.
- FACT 80 . | Benjamin Franklin invented bi-focal glasses.
- FACT 81. | Queen Elizabeth I used a mixture of egg whites and white powder on her face because she thought it made her look young. When she died, she had a 1/4 inch of the mixture stuck to her face.
- FACT 82 . | Alexander the Great was an epileptic.
- FACT 83 . | Mystery writer, Agatha Christie, disappeared for 3 months. She never revealed why or where she was.
- FACT 84. | Thomas Jefferson was the first American to find a dinosaur fossil on American soil. He speculated that giant creatures once roamed the Earth and then disappeared.
- FACT 85 . | Marie Curie was the only person to win two different Novel Prizes, one for chemistry and one for physics.
- FACT 86 . | French novelist, Georges Sand, was a woman. She had a love affair with a Polish composer called Fredric Chopin.
- FACT 87. | Mark Twain's real name was Samuel Langhorne Clements. Mark twain was a Mississippi riverboat term meaning mark number two. It was the second mark on the line that measured depth of the river and signified two fathoms, or twelve feet, a safe depth for the steamboat.
- FACT 88. | Marilyn Monroe had 6 toes on one foot.
- FACT 89 . | The creator of Mickey Mouse, Walt Disney, was afraid of mice.

- FACT 90 . | Pope Alexander VI had at least 7 illegitimate children.
- FACT 91. | During World War I, the future Pope John XXIII, was a sergeant in the Italian Army.
- FACT 92. | The author of Alice Through the Looking Glass (Alice in Wonderland), Charles Dodgson (better known by his pen name, Lewis Carroll) was an ordained priest of the Church of England.
- FACT 93 . | Sir Isaac Newton was an ordained priest in the Church of England.
- FACT 94. | John D. Rockefeller gave away over U.S. \$ 500,000,000 during his lifetime.
- FACT 95. | The inventor of the light bulb, Thomas Edison, was afraid of the dark.
- FACT 96. | Winston Churchill was born in the ladies' room during a dance.
- FACT 97. | Austrian composer, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, never went to school.
- FACT 98 . | George Washington had fake teeth.
- FACT 99 . | British author, Virginia Woolf, wrote all of her books while standing.
- FACT 100. | Pope Pius IX kidnapped a Jewish child and had him raised as a Catholic.
- FACT 101 | Beatle singer, Ringo Star's, real name is Richard Starkey.

- FACT 102. | Picasso's full name was Pablo Diego Jose Francisco de Paula Juan Nepomuceno Maria de los Remedios Cipriano de la Santisima Trinidad Ruiz Picasso.
- FACT 103. | Singer Bob Dylan's real name is Robert Zimmerman.
- FACT 104. | Sigmund Freud had a morbid fear of ferns.
- FACT 105 . | Robin William's ashes were scattered over San Francisco Bay.
- FACT 106. | Tupac never won a Grammy, and he actually received more awards after his death.
- FACT 107. | Eminem was so severely bullied in public school that his mother sued the local school board for "failing to sufficiently protect her child".
- FACT 108. | Brad Pitt's first job was dancing in a chicken suit to draw in customers at El Pollo Loco.
- FACT 109. | Marilyn Monroe used to stutter but overcame it on her own at the age of 16.
- FACT 110. | The band "Abba" had to negotiate with a fish canning company for the rights to use the name.
- FACT 111 . | Tom Hanks checks into hotels using the name of Scottish music hall singer, Harry Lauder, as an alias.
- FACT 112 . | As a child, Beyonce charged her parent's house guests \$5 each to watch her perform.
- FACT 113. | Elvis Presley had a twin brother named Jesse Garon Presley, who was delivered stillborn 35 minutes before him.

- FACT 114. | Michael Jackson was on an episode of Sesame Street when he was younger.
- FACT 115. | Vin Diesel's name is an anagram of "I end lives".
- FACT 116. | Country singer, Dolly Parton, anonymously entered a "Dolly Parton look-alike contest" but lost to a drag queen.
- FACT 117. | Emma Stone convinced her parents to let her take up acting by showing them a Power Point presentation.
- FACT 118. | Simon Cowell was arrested at the age of 12 for hijacking a bus with a toy gun.
- FACT 119. | Before his acting career, Christopher Walken once worked as a lion tamer in a circus.
- FACT 120. | Aldous Huxley, the famous writer of "Brave New World", asked for LSD on his deathbed, to which his wife complied. He died hallucinating.
- FACT 121. | While James Cameron was stricken with food poisoning in Rome on a film set, he had a nightmare about an invincible robot hitman sent from the future to kill him, giving him the idea for the Terminator; this catapulted his career.
- FACT 122. | When Jay-Z was 12 years old, he shot his drug addicted older brother in the shoulder for stealing his jewelry.
- FACT 123 . | Justin Timberlake's mother was Ryan Gosling's legal guardian while they filmed "The Mickey Mouse Club".
- FACT 124. | When Tupac was in prison, Jim Carrey would write him funny letters to help him smile and laugh.

- FACT 125. | Kesha has an IQ of 140 and scored a near perfect 1500 on her SATs.
- FACT 126. | Before he was known for breaking up fights on a daytime talk show, Jerry Springer was the mayor of Cincinnati.
- FACT 127. | Before Sylvester Stallone became a well known actor, his first acting role was in a porn film called "Party at Kitty and Stud's".
- FACT 128. | Ashton Kutcher contemplated committing suicide by jumping off a hospital roof so that his dying brother could have his heart through a heart transplant.
- FACT 129. | Lady Gaga wrote her hit "Just Dance" with her producer RedOne, in 10 minutes.
- FACT 130 . | When the mathematician, George Dantzig, was studying in Berkeley, he solved two open problems in statistical theory which he had mistaken for homework after arriving late to a lecture.
- **FACT 131**. | Gemma Arterton was born with 6 fingers on each hand. The doctor who delivered her, tied off the extra fingers with sutures. They fell off, leaving just scars.
- FACT 132. | Halle Berry, whose real first name is "Maria", was named after a department store in Cleveland.
- FACT 133. | Cameron Diaz claimed she bought marijuana from Snoop Dogg in high school.
- FACT 134. | Lady Gaga graduated from Convent of the Sacred Heart High School in New York City. Nick and Paris Hilton also attended the same school.

- FACT 135. | Daniel Radcliffe broke over 80 wands while filming the Harry Potter movies because he used them as drumsticks.
- FACT 136. | In 1994, former Guns N Roses bassist, Duff McKagan, decided to invest \$100,000 in local Seattle companies, including an expanding chain of coffee shops, a software company and an online book seller; Starbucks, Microsoft and Amazon.
- FACT 137. | During his playing career, Michael Jordan would regularly chew double-mint gum during basketball games to help him concentrate.
- FACT 138. | Martha Stewart became a billionaire while in prison.
- FACT 139. | The Former U.S. Secretary of State, political scientist and novel price winner, Henry Kissinger, was quoted with saying, "military men are dumb, stupid animals to be used as pawns for foreign policy." He never denied saying that.
- FACT 140 . | Lil Wayne's first ever rape name was "Shrimp Daddy".
- FACT 141. | Shakira was rejected from her school's choir in the second grade because the music teacher thought she sounded "like a goat".
- FACT 142. | Brad Pitt has been smoking cigarettes since the 6th grade.
- FACT 143. | Jackie Chan once held an egg inside his fist and broke 12 concrete blocks with his hand without damaging the egg.
- FACT 144. | Many personal checks written by Marlon Brando were often never cashed as his signature was usually worth more than the amount on the check.
- FACT 145 . | Before she was famous, Lady Gaga appeared as a contestant on the MTV reality show "Boiling Points".

- FACT 146. | When Stephen King was 2 years old, his father left the family under the pretense of "buying a pack of cigarettes" and never came back.
- FACT 147. | Bruce Lee was so fast that they actually had to slow a film down so you could see his moves.
- FACT 148. | In a 2013 survey, parents voted Miley Cyrus and Chris Brown the worst celebrity role models for kids.
- FACT 149. | The drummer Rick Allen, from the rock group Def Leppard, only has one arm.
- FACT 150 . | Jon Bon Jovi has a restaurant that has no prices. Guests pay whatever they can or can choose to volunteer in exchange for their meal.
- FACT 151. | Sheryl Crow's two front teeth are fake. She lost her two front teeth twice. Once when she was 8, and later in her pre-fame music career.
- FACT 152. | Most of the money George Clooney makes off his Nespresso commercials, he spends on a satellite that provides surveillance on a Sudanese war criminal and dictator, Omar al-Bashir.
- FACT 153. | Johnny Depp doesn't watch his own movies because he doesn't like watching himself.
- FACT 154. Norah Vincent, a lesbian feminist writer, once disguised herself as a man for 18 months to write a book on gender. After the experiment, she was institutionalized for depression and stated that she never felt so glad for being a woman.
- FACT 155. | Johnny Depp adopted the one-eyed horse named "Goldeneye", from the movie "Sleepy Hollow" to save him from being put to sleep.

- FACT 156. | Tom Cruise was originally chosen to play the role of Iron Man, but Cruise "lost interest".
- FACT 157. | Before he was an actor, Tom Cruise originally wanted to be a Catholic Priest.
- FACT 158. | Oprah Winfrey's first name was originally "Orpah", but it was spelled wrong on her birth certificate.
- **FACT 159**. | Tyra Banks was the first African-American to appear on the Swimsuit Edition of Sports Illustrated in 1997. Beyonce was the second in 2007.
- FACT 160. | Bob Marley's last words to his son, Ziggy were, "money can't buy life."
- FACT 161. | Sarah Jessica Parker was named "Unsexiest Woman Alive" by Maxim magazine in 2007.
- FACT 162. | Before her claim to fame, Madonna worked at Dunkin' Donuts and lost her job for squirting jelly filling all over customers.
- FACT 163. | When asked what was the greatest political fact of modern times, Otto Von Bismarck, the man behind the unification of Germany, responded that it was, "the inherited and permanent fact that North America speaks English."
- FACT 164. | Bill Shepherd, the first U.S. Navy SEAL that became a NASA Astronaut and first commander of the ISS, was asked what he does best in his astronaut candidate interview. He answered, "kill people with a knife."
- FACT 165. | Michael Jackson tried to buy over Marvel Comics because he wanted to play Spider Man.

- FACT 166. | Brett Farve and Payton Manning are currently the only NFL Quarterbacks that have beaten all 32 teams.
- FACT 167. | In middle school, Katy Perry was often teased for having large breasts.
- FACT 168. | In 1923, Jockey Frank Hayed had a heart attack and died in the middle of a race. His horse won the race while Hayes' body remained in the saddle, making him the first and only jockey to win a race after death. Apparently, he never won a race before that.
- FACT 169. | When Princess Diana was stripped of the title "Her Royal Highness", a young Price William told his mother, "don't worry, mummy, I will give it back to you one day when I am king."
- FACT 170 . | Johnny Depp has been a featured voice on three episodes of Spongebob Squarepants.
- FACT 171 . | Freddie Mercury once dressed Princess Diana up as a man and took her out clubbing. Nobody recognized her.
- FACT 172. Dr. Dre didn't know Eminem was white until they met.
- FACT 173. | Megan Fox once worked at a smoothie shop and she dressed up as a banana to attract customers.
- FACT 174. | Slash of "Guns N' Roses" refused to allow the band's music to be used on "Glee", because he thinks that the show is horrible.
- FACT 175. | Bruce Lee left Hong Kong for Seattle in 1958 with nothing but \$100 in his pocket. He gave cha-cha lessons to first class passengers to earn extra money during the ship ride to the U.S.

- FACT 176. | Vincent van Gogh painted "Starry Night" while he was in an insane asylum.
- FACT 177. | When Steve Jobs refused to give early Apple employees stock, Steve Wozniak offered them \$10 million worth of his.
- FACT 178. | Michael Jackson was scheduled to have a meeting in one of the Twin Towers on the morning of 9/11, but missed it because he overslept.
- FACT 179. | Lil Wayne was only 15 years old when he had his first kid.
- FACT 180 . | Justin Bieber said that one of the worst dares he ever did was kissing a dead fish.
- FACT 181. | The founder of Playboy, Hugh Hefner, didn't lose his virginity until he was 22 years old.
- FACT 182 . | As a child, Jim Carrey wore tap shoes to bed just in case his parents needed cheering up in the middle of the night.
- FACT 183. | Prince Charles and Prince William never traveled on the same plane as a precaution.
- FACT 184. | Rachel Bilson's mother, Janice, is a sex therapist. The actress revealed that her mom knew when she lost her virginity. She was quoted as saying, "she's a counselor who specializes in that area and let's just say she's very intuitive."
- FACT 185. | Leighton Meester's mother was serving a prison sentence for smuggling marijuana when she gave birth to the actress. She nursed Leighton in a halfway house before returning to prison to complete the rest of her sentence and Leighton was looked after by her grandmother.
- FACT 186. | Uma Thurman's father is a Tibetan Buddhist monk. Robert Thurman was the first Westerner to be ordained into the religion; he is also

a professor of Indo-Tibetan Buddhist Studies at Columbia University.

FACT 187. | Gemma Arterton was born with six fingers on each hand. She was quotes for saying, "it's my little oddity that I'm really proud of. People are really interested but repulsed at the same time. My dad had them, and my grandfather. I feel like we're one step ahead - a sign of things to come."

FACT 188. | Tom Hiddleston originally auditioned for the role of Thor (which went to Chris Hemsworth) but movie executives were so impressed with him that they gave him the role of Thor's troubled brother, Loki, instead.

FACT 189 . | Emily Blunt had a stutter as a child and it was acting that cured her of it. She was quoted for saying, "I'd try to push the words out, but it was frustrating. My parents took me to speech coaches and relaxation coaches. It didn't work. Then one of my teachers at school had a brilliant idea and said, "Why don't you speak in an accent in our school play?" I distanced myself from me through this character, and it was so freeing that my stuttering stopped when I was onstage. It was really a miracle."

FACT 190. | Carey Mulligan is used to living in expensive hotels. At the age of three, her father accepted a job of managing a chain of hotels in Europe, and the family lived out of hotels for eight years.

FACT 191. | When Cameron Diaz got the part in "The Mask", she had no previous acting experience.

FACT 192. | Gaston Glock, the designer of Glock pistols, made prototypes and test fired them with his left hand; if he was maimed by an explosion, he could still draw blueprints with his right.

FACT 193. | Mollie King appeared twice on "The X Factor". First, as a solo artist in 2005 and then as part of girl band "Fallen Angels" two years later. On Mollie's first go, Sharon Osbourne told her: "I think you dress totally inappropriately."

- FACT 194. | At age nine, Una Healy was an All-Ireland champion swimmer, but she gave up the sport to concentrate on singing.
- FACT 195. | For her role in "Winter's Bone", Jennifer Lawrence learned how to skin squirrels.
- FACT 196. | John Langley, creator of the TV show "COPS", intentionally shows more white criminals on the show than black ones, despite it being the opposite statistically. He still receives numerous complaints for portraying African Americans badly.
- FACT 197. | Benedict Cumberbatch's father, Timothy Carlton, appeared in the 2012 Christmas Special of "Downtown Abbey", playing the judge who sentences Bates. His mother played Cassandra's mother in "Only Fools and Horses".
- FACT 198. | Brian May started writing his PhD thesis on the Zodiacal dust cloud in 1971 before beginning his musical career as the guitarist for Queen. He finished the thesis 36 years later, in 2007.
- FACT 199. | Rochelle Wiseman's uncle is former Manchester United player, Paul Ince. Her husband, Marvin Humes, reveled that the pair have always been close. He was quotes for saying, "he has been like a dad to Rochelle as she has grown up. They are really close. I've been round for dinner and we've spent time together ... He's had a quiet word with me, yes. I have total respect for him and Rochelle though. He's a big guy, you wouldn't mess with him."
- FACT 200. | Ryan Gosling has his own indie rock band "Dead Man's Bones" with friend, Zach Shields. They are planning their second album.
- FACT 201. | Before he started his acting career, Damian Lewis worked as a telemarketer selling car alarms in South London.

- FACT 202. | Angelina Jolie went to Beverly Hills High School, the school featured in "Clueless" and on which "Beverly Hills 90210" was based.
- FACT 203. | In 1999, Douglas Adams founded h2g2.com, The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy: Earth Edition, a "constantly expanding, user generated guide to life, the universe and everything," two years before Wikipedia launched.
- FACT 204. | "Girls" actress, Zosia Mamet's maternal grandfather was Russel Crouse, who co-wrote the classic musical "The Sound of Music".
- FACT 205. | Max Irons might be successful now, but he struggled with dyslexia at school, and couldn't write his name at eight.
- FACT 206. | Dan Stevens was adopted at birth but said that he has no desire to find his real parents. He was quoted for saying, "I'm very grateful to my mum and dad for adopting me they're completely incredible people."
- FACT 207. | Mollie King was a competitive skier as a teenager and raced for Great Britain.
- FACT 208. | Ashley Benson was born two months early, weighing just 2lbs 8oz, After a month in ICU and two months in the hospital, she was let home after the hole in her heart closed up on Christmas Day.
- FACT 209. | While in South Africa for a year, Rebel Wilson contracted malaria and hallucinated that she was an Oscar winning actress. This convinced her to pursue an acting career.
- FACT 210. | Pope Pius XII, who is often criticized for not speaking forcefully against Hitler, supervised a rescue network which saved 860,000 Jewish lives; that's more than all the international agencies combined.

- FACT 211 . | Carly Rae Jepsen, despite being placed third in "Canadian Idol", ended up getting a record contract with Fontana / Maple Music.
- FACT 212. | Former "Doctor Who" star, Matt Smith, was well on his way to being a professional footballer and had played for the youth team of Nottingham Forest when he got a serious back injury. When he couldn't play anymore, his drama teacher encouraged him to sign up for the school play.
- FACT 213. | Marion Cotillard's partner, Guilliaume Canet is well used to Hollywood ladies as he is also the ex of Diane Kruger.
- FACT 214. | James Franco's academic prowess was celebrated by his alma mater UCLA. They featured him on their adverts in March 2013, with a slogan reading: "Some A-Listers Actually Get A's".
- FACT 215. | Chris Hemsworth was rejected from "Home & Away" the first time he auditioned. The role of Robbie Hunter went instead to Jason Smith, but Chris was recalled for the part of Kim Hyde.
- FACT 216. | Amanda Holden made her debut TV appearance on Cilla Black's "Blind Date!" Sadly, the male "chooser" decided to go home with someone else that night.
- FACT 217. | Before she was famous, Russian model Natalia Vodianova and her mother used to sell fruit on the street to keep the family out of poverty.
- FACT 218. | "Divergent" star, Shailene Woodley suffers from a scoliosis of the spine. She was quoted for saying, "we were getting ready to go swimming and I was in a bikini ... My best friend was like, "Shai, your spine is weird." I was ok. It wasn't until the fourth week of wearing a brace that I said, "Whoa, this is a bummer."
- FACT 219. | Kaya Scodelario speaks fluent Portuguese, thanks to her mother, who's from Brazil.

- FACT 220. | Nick Cannon might be a multi-millionaire record producer and rapper, but his career started from modest beginnings. Aged 11, Cannon started his career doing standup comedy on the Baptist TV channel run by his dad.
- FACT 221. | Angelina Jolie sold the first pictures of her biological children for a total of \$23.7 million dollars. She donated it all to charity.
- FACT 222. | Bill Gates has donated over \$28 billion to charity and has stated that he wishes to donate a further 95% of his wealth.
- FACT 223. | Lady Gaga said she would like Marisa Tomei to play her if her life story was ever made into a film. She was quoted for saying, "I would have Maria Tomei play me. I am such a Maria Tomei fan. All my friends call me Marisa when I get angry because my New York accent just flies out of my body and I start smacking my gum."
- FACT 224. | Daniel Radcliffe's celebrations when he found out he'd got the part of Harry Potter at the age of 11 were relatively tame. He was quoted for saying, "I was in the bath when I found out. And then I was allowed to stay up an extra half hour to watch "Fawlty Towers"".
- FACT 225. | Artist Peter von Tiesenhausen made the top 6 inches of his 800 acre farm a copyrighted work of art to keep oil pipelines out. It costs oil companies \$500 per hour to talk to him.
- FACT 226. | Before finding success in "Four Weddings And A Funeral", High Grant worked as an assistant groundsman at Fulham football club.
- FACT 227. | Jared Leto spent most of his early childhood travelling with his family across America. He was quoted for saying, "I grew up in an environment of actors, musicians, photographers, artists and different theatrical persons."

- FACT 228. | Opera star, Katherine Jenkins worked as a tour guide for the London Eye.
- FACT 229. | Rachel Bilson made her acting debut in "Buffy The Vampire Slayer" as potential slayer Colleen.
- FACT 230 . | Ginnifer Goodwin was born Jennifer Goodwin but changed her name to the more unusual spelling to distinguish it.
- FACT 231 . | Nicole Kidman is scared of butterflies. She was quoted for saying, "I have tried to get over it. I walked into the big butterfly cage at the American Museum Of Natural History and had the butterflies on me, but that didn't work ... I jump out of planes, I could be covered in cockroaches, I do all sorts of things, but I just don't like the feel of butterflies' bodies."
- FACT 232 . | Christian Bale's mother was a circus clown, and the actor said his first kiss was with an acrobat named Barta.
- FACT 233 . | A three year old Elle Fanning played the younger version of her sister Dakota in "Taken".
- FACT 234. | Liev Schreiber had an eventful childhood. His father kidnapped him from an upstate New York commune after his mother was admitted to a mental institution.
- FACT 235. | Joaquin Phoenix spent most of his nearly childhood travelling around South America, as his parents were part of religious cult, "The Children of God." After they became disillusioned with it, they settles Joaquin and his siblings in Los Angeles.
- FACT 236. | During her teenage years, Hilary Swank lived out of a car until her mother saved enough money to rent an apartment. She also competed at the Junior Olympics as a swimmer.

- FACT 237. | Michelle Dockery is an accomplished jazz singer and sang at the 50th anniversary of Ronnie Scott's Jazz Club in 2009. She has also sung with Sadie And The Hotheads, which is the band formed by Elizabeth McGovern. Elizabeth plays her mother in "Downtown Abbey".
- FACT 238. | Mariah Carey sleeps 15 hours a night in a room full of air humidifiers before her live concerts. She was quoted for saying, "it's bleak, but you gotta do what you gotta do ... I live in my own little universe."
- FACE 239 . | In addition to playing Chuck Bass in "Gossip Girl", Ed Westwick is also the lead singer of indie rock group "The Filthy Youth."
- FACT 240 . | Paul Bettany was once a busker who earned money by playing the guitar.
- FACE 241. | The ring Ben Affleck gave to Jennifer Lopez was worth \$1.2 million, which is more than double the cost of the ring he gave to his wife, Jennifer Garner.
- FACT 242 . | Jessica Chestain's mother is a vegan chef.
- FACT 243. | Geri Halliwell worked as a glamour model, a nightclub dancer and a TV games show assistant before finding fame with the "Spice Girls".
- FACT 244. | Taylor Lautner was a junior world karate champion for several years running.
- FACT 245 . | Emma Bunton made a brief appearance as a prostitute in the BBC drama "To Play The King."
- FACT 246. | Rose McGowan was born into a religious cult. Her parents were both members of the Children of God and, at the age of 15, she emancipated herself from them, describing some of the religious movements' practices as "creepy".

- FACT 247. | Jessie J appeared in Andrew Lloyd Webber's West End production of "Whistle Down The Wind".
- FACT 248. | Taylor Swift first picked up a guitar at age ten when a computer repair man showed her how to play three chords.
- FACT 249. | Michael Fassbender served as an altar boy at his local church, while growing up in Ireland.
- FACT 250 . | Ashton Kutcher studied biochemical engineering at a university before dropping out to become a model and actor.
- FACT 251. | Emmy Rossum is the niece of Vera Wang. The fashion designer is married to Emmy's uncle, Arthur Becker.
- FACT 252 . | Mila Kunis was born in Chernivtsi, in South West Ukraine, and spoke no English till she was seven.
- FACT 253. | The FBI assigned a team to Sacha Baron Cohen during the filming of Borat due to numerous reports of a "middle eastern man travelling the Midwest in an ice cream truck."
- FACT 254. | Rihanna was an army cadet that trained with the Barbadian military and fellow singer Shontelle was her drill sergeant.
- FACT 255. | Johnny Depp suffers from coulrophobia, a fear of clowns. He was quoted for saying, "I have this fear of clowns, so I think that if I surround myself with them, it will ward off all evil."
- FACT 256. | Angelina Jolie was teased by children at school for wearing braces and glasses.
- FACT 257. | George Clooney developed Bell's Palsy for a year during Middle School. He was quoted for saying, "that was the worst time of my

- life. You know how cruel kids can be. I was mocked and taunted, but the experience made me stronger."
- FACT 258. | Olivia Palermo's father filed for bankruptcy in 2007 but a judge overturned the ruling after discovering Douglas Palermo had sent his children to expensive schools and joined private members clubs instead of paying his bills.
- FACT 259. | Robert Pattinson had been set to appear in the West End production of "The Women Before" at the Royal Court Theatre in 2005, but he was fired just before the opening night and replaced by Tom Riley.
- FACT 260 . | Jennifer Garner had a Conservative childhood and wasn't allowed to wear make-up or a bikini until she was 16. The actress was quoted for saying that her family was, "just a step away from being Amish."
- FACT 261 . | Rosario Dawson supports Arsenal. In February, before their Champions League match, she tweeted, "I'll be happy with their team winning cuz I love them both but yes I'm a Gunner first and foremost."
- FACT 262. | Rosamund Pike is a skilled cellist.
- FACT 263. | Brad Pitt's Toyota adverts were banned in Malaysia after the country's deputy information minister ruled that the actor's handsome appearance may make Malaysian countrymen feel inferior.
- FACT 264 . | Sam Mendes had been scheduled to fly on the American Airlines flight 77 that was hijacked on September 11th 2001 and crashed into the Pentagon. A month later, his then-wife, Kate Winslet, was flying with her daughter Mia when a passenger claiming to be a terrorist stood up and screamed: "We're all going to die", forcing the pilot to make an emergency landing to have the man arrested. As a result, they never fly together in case they leave their children parentless.
- FACT 265. | Shia LaBeouf was taken on by an acting agent after he pretended to be his own manager.

- FACT 266. | Arctic explorer, Peter Freuchen, formed a chisel out of his own frozen feces to free himself from an avalanche. He then amputated his own frozen toes with a hammer and without anesthesia.
- FACT 267. | Jake Gyllenhaal is a descendant of the Swedish noble Gyllenhaal family. The prefix of the family surname, Gyllen, means golden and was given to ennobled soldiers during the 17th century in Sweden.
- FACT 268. | Sean Penn's father was the director of "Little House on the Prairie." Sean appeared in a 1974 episode as a little blonde-haired extra.
- FACT 269. | Sandra Bullock discovered while working on "Two If by Sea" that, while she loves horses, she is also allergic to them.
- FACT 270. | Demi Moore was cross-eyed as a child and wore an eye patch until her vision was corrected after two operations.
- FACT 271 . | Leonardo DiCaprio's father, George, is a famous underground comic artist.
- FACT 272. | Nikki Reed's father dated "Twilight" director, Catherine Hardwicke, for several years. After they split, Catherine and Nikki stayed close and co-wrote the film, "Thirteen."
- FACT 273. | Pippa Middleton attended Marlborough College after winning a competitive sports/all-rounder scholarship.
- FACT 274 . | Matthew McConaughey rescued pets stranded during flooding after Hurricane Katrina. A year later, he rescued a cat in Los Angeles that two youths had set on fire.
- FACT 275. | Paris Hilton rescued an Oompa Loompa at the Art Basel Miami show in 2007. The heiress then stayed with the performer after people rushed onto the stage where he was dancing and cut his leg badly.

- FACT 276 . | Robert Downey Jr. dated Sarah Jessica Parker in the 1990s, before they split because of his problems with drug addiction.
- FACT 277. | Sienna Miller got her first driving license in the U.S. Virgin Islands as it allowed her to drive in both the U.S. and U.K.
- FACT 278. | Michael Douglas' father, Kirk, gave his son the rights to "One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest" when he was 31. Michael went on to win an Oscar for his film adaption of the book.
- FACT 279. | Lady Gaga was discovered by Akon, who signed her immediately to his record label.
- FACT 280 . | Leonardo DiCaprio was named after Leonardo Da Vinci. Supposedly, his pregnant mother felt him kick for the first time while she was standing in front of a portrait of Da Vinci at a gallery in Florence, Italy.
- FACT 281 . | Sean Connery wore a toupee in every James Bond movie he appeared in.
- FACT 282 . | In High School, John Malkovich lost 70 pounds by putting himself on a diet of only Jell-O for three months.
- FACT 283 . | Sex guru, Dr. Ruth, is a trained Israeli sniper.
- FACT 284 . | R. Kelly suffers from illiteracy. He said, "the only reason I graduated from grammar school is because I had a great jump shot."
- FACT 285. | Steve Jobs used to relieve stress by soaking his feet in Apple's company toilets.
- FACT 286. | When Jim Carrey was just a teenager, he and his entire family took janitorial jobs and lived out of a Volkswagen camper.

- FACT 287. | J.K. Rowling was fired from her job as a secretary for daydreaming too much. After that, she wrote the "Harry Potter" books.
- FACT 288 . | Dennis Rodman has 28 siblings.
- FACT 289. | Kobe Bryant is fluent in Italian.
- FACT 290. | Rob Lowe is deaf in his right ear. This may be from an undiagnosed case of the mumps when he was a baby.
- FACT 291. | Matthew McConaughey is terrified of revolving doors.
- FACT 292. | Jaleel White, known for his role as Steve Urkel, provided the voice of Sonic the Hedgehog.
- FACT 293. | Abraham Lincoln is the only U.S. President who was also a licensed bartender. He was co-owner of Berry and Lincoln, a saloon in Springfield, Illinois.
- FACT 294. | The only president to be unanimously elected was George Washington. He also refused to accept his presidential salary, which was \$25,000 a year.
- FACT 295. | Beethoven hated authority and social rank so much that he would stop playing if aristocrats talked during his performances.
- FACT 296. | Because the KKK was a powerful political force, Truman was encouraged to join the organization. According to some accounts, he was inducted, though he was "never active." Other accounts claim that though he gave the KKK a \$10 membership fee, he demanded it back and was never inducted or initiated.
- FACT 297. | Grover Cleveland was the only president in history to hold the job of a hangman. He was once the sheriff of Erie County, New York, and twice had to spring the trap at a hanging.

- FACT 298. | The "S" in Harry S Truman doesn't stand for anything; therefore, there is no period after his middle initial.
- FACT 299. | Lincoln Logs are named after Abraham Lincoln and the log cabin where he was born. John Lloyd Wright, son of famous architect Francis Lloyd Wright, invented them.
- FACT 300. | James Madison and Thomas Jefferson were once arrested together for taking a carriage ride in the countryside of Vermont on a Sunday, which violated the laws of that state.
- FACT 301. | Andrew Johnson is the only tailor ever to be president. As president, he would typically stop by a tailor shop to say hello. He would wear only the suits that he made himself.
- FACT 302. | Teddy Bears" were so named when Theodore "Teddy" Roosevelt refused to shoot a small bear cub one day. The incident was reported in the news, which inspired a toy manufacture to come out with the cute stuffed animals.
- FACT 303. | George Washington never lived in the White House. The capital was actually located in Philadelphia and other cities when Washington was president. He is also the only president who didn't represent a political party.
- FACT 304. | J.R.R. Tolkien opposed holding Catholic mass in English, to the extent that he loudly responded in Latin whenever priests spoke the liturgy in English.
- FACT 305. | James Abram Garfield is the first president to ever talk on the phone. When he spoke to Alexander Graham Bell, who was at the other end 13 miles away, he said: "Please speak a little more slowly.
- FACT 306. | Twenty-ninth president Warren Gamaliel Harding (1865-1923) repeatedly made love to a young girl, Nan Britton, in a White House

- closet. On one occasion, Secret Service agents had to stop his wife from beating down the closet door.
- FACT 307. | Thomas Jefferson was the first president to be inaugurated in Washington, D.C.
- FACT 308. | After President Bush Sr. vomited on the Japanese Prime Minister, a new word entered the Japanese language. *Bushusuru* means "to do the Bush thing," or to publicly vomit.
- FACT 309. | President Grover Cleveland is the only president to be elected to two nonconsecutive terms. He was the 22nd and 24th president.
- FACT 310. | Martin Van Buren was the first to be a United States citizen. All previous presidents were born British subjects.
- FACT 311. | Richard Milhous Nixon was the first president to visit all 50 states and the first to visit China. He is the only president to resign.
- FACT 312. | Jimmy Carter is the first known president to go on record as seeing a UFO.
- FACT 313 . | Abraham Lincoln was the only presidential candidate who was not a Mason in the 1860 election.
- FACT 314. | Marathon runner, Francisco Lázaro, was the first athlete to die at an Olympic event. He collapsed after 30km, having covered large parts of his body with wax to avoid sunburn, which prevented him from sweating.
- FACT 315. | President James Buchanan quietly but consistently bought slaves in Washington, D.C., and then set them free in Pennsylvania.
- FACT 316. | Ronald Reagan was turned down for a role in the Broadway play "The Best Man" because the playwright didn't think Reagan could play

a credible president.

FACT 317. | Herbert Clark Hoover gave his White House servants strict orders to hide from him whenever he passed by. Those who failed to do so were at risk of being fired.

FACT 318. | Ulysses S. Grant (born Hiram Ulysses Grant, 1822-1885) smoked at least 20 cigars a day and, after a brilliant war victory, a nation of well wishers sent him more than 10,000 cigars. He later died of throat cancer.

FACT 319. | John F. "Jack" Kennedy most likely had the most active extramarital sex life of any president. He allegedly slept with Marilyn Monroe, Jayne Mansfield, Audrey Hepburn, Angie Dickinson, stripper Blaze Starr, Marlene Dietrich, and many other women including White House staffers, secretaries, stewardess, campaign workers, strippers, and acquaintances of trusted male friends. The FBI taped sounds of him and Inga Arvad making love.

FACT 320 . | Every member of Teddy Roosevelt's family owned a pair of stilts, including the first lady.

FACT 321. | Ronald Wilson Reagan (1911-2004) won the Most Nearly Perfect Male Figure Award from the University of California in 1940.

FACT 322. | Buzz Aldrin was the first man to pee his pants on the Moon.

FACT 323. | Thomas Jefferson wrote "The Life and Morals of Jesus of Nazareth," which was discovered after his death by his daughter. It argues that Jesus Christ was a great thinker, but that he was devoid of other worldly qualities that made him the center of Christianity.

FACT 324. | Tsar Peter III of Russia court martialed and hanged a rat which had chewed the heads off his toy soldiers.

- FACT 325 . | James Madison (1751-1836) was the shortest president of the United States, standing at only 5'4". He never weighed more than 100 pounds.
- FACT 326. | When Robin Williams auditioned for the role of Mork from Ork on Happy Days, producer Garry Marshall told him to sit down. Williams immediately sat on his head on the chair. Marshall hired him, saying that he was the only alien who auditioned.
- FACT 327 . | George Washington made the shortest inauguration speech on record—133 words and less than two minutes long.
- FACT 328. | George Washington, James Monroe, Andrew Jackson, James Polk, James Buchanan, Andrew Johnson, James Garfield, William McKinley, Theodore Roosevelt, William Taft, Warren Harding, Franklin Roosevelt, Harry Truman, Lyndon Johnson, and Gerald Ford were all Masons, many symbols of which are found on American currency.
- FACT 329. | The youngest president was Teddy Roosevelt who became president at age 42 when McKinley was assassinated. JFK was the youngest president elected at the age of 43.
- FACT 330 . | James Garfield could write Latin with one hand and Greek with the other hand simultaneously.
- FACT 331. | Herbert Hoover was an orphan whose first job was picking bugs off potato plants, for which he was paid a dollar per hundred bugs. He also was a mine worker.
- FACT 332. | Abraham Lincoln was the first president to ever be photographed at his inauguration. In the photo, he is standing near John Wilkes Booth, his future assassin.
- FACT 333. | Thomas Jefferson was convinced that if he soaked his feet in a bucket of cold water every day, he'd never get a cold.

- FACT 334. | In 1907, Joseph Stalin said at the funeral of his first wife, "This creature softened my heart of stone. She died and with her died my last warm feelings for humanity."
- FACT 335 . | Despite being one of the most famous painters in history, only 15 paintings of Leonardo da Vinci are known to exist. The small number of surviving paintings are due in part to Leonardo's frequently disastrous experimentation with new techniques and his chronic procrastination. He also had a strange artistic philosophy in which he would destroy any art he felt was not perfect. He thought art should be like magic; that it should be produced flawlessly. He destroyed most of his sketchbooks for this reason.
- FACT 336. | Arnold Schwarzenegger wasn't allowed to dub over his own voice in the German version of Terminator because his Austrian accent "wasn't tough enough."
- FACT 337. | Abraham Lincoln's loyal dog, Fido, was also needlessly murdered shortly after the President's assassination.
- FACT 338 . | George Washington didn't have enough money to get to his own inauguration so he had to borrow \$600 from his neighbor.
- FACT 339 . | JFK was the first Roman Catholic to be president, the first Boy Scout to become president, and the first president to be born in the twentieth century.
- FACT 340 . | Warren Harding was the first president to own a radio, the first to make speech over the radio, and the first to ride to his inauguration in a car. When women got the right to vote, he was the first president they could elect.
- FACT 341. | Eminem was sued by his own mother for \$10 million because he made offensive remarks about her in his songs. In the end, she was only awarded \$1,600.

- FACT 342. | John James Audubon painted 435 watercolors of birds in his lifetime. Born on the Caribbean island of Santo Domingo in 1784, Audubon moved to the United States in 1802, where he fell in love with birds and made it his life's work to paint a picture of every species of bird in America.
- FACT 343 . | Georges Braque was the first living person to have art displayed in Louvre.
- FACT 344. | Paul Cezanne was the illegitimate love child born to a profitable merchant, Auguste Cezanne and his innocent young mistress, Anne-Elizabeth Auburt. Paul Cezanne died a lonely death on October 22, 1906 after contracting pneumonia.
- FACT 345. | Leonardo da Vinci was a vegetarian and animal rights activist, he would buy caged birds and set them free. Leonardo left fewer than 30 paintings, and these weren't even finished; however, he also left behind hundreds of drawings, sketches and pages of notes.
- **FACT 346**. | Salvador Dali believed he was his dead brother's reincarnation. There is also a portrait or a silhouette of Dali in every one of his paintings. He produced over 1500 paintings, many of them regarded as masterpieces.
- FACT 347. | Edgar Degas was so fascinated with ballet dancers that he became obsessed with representing them in his art. It is estimated Degas made approximately 1500 paintings, pastels, prints and drawings of dancers.
- FACT 348. | Napoleon Bonaparte was always considered a short man. However, during his day, the French measurement for a foot equaled to about 13 inches. This made him about 5 feet 2 inches tall. Using the English measurement of 12 inches, he would really be about 5 feet 6 inches tall.
- FACT 349 . | Dr. Seuss was not actually a doctor. Although he never received a PhD, he did receive several degrees that were considered

honorary. He did intend to get a doctorate, but never did. He added the Dr. to his name because his mother had always wanted him to study medicine.

FACT 350 . | Thomas Jefferson spent eight years as president. At the time he left office, his bill for wine over those years equaled \$11,000, nearly \$200,000 today. Jefferson also died a broke man. He sold his collection of books to congress for \$25,000. This would become the beginning of the library of congress.

FACT 351. | Johnny Cash's truck caused a massive forest fire that nearly wiped out an endangered species of condor. Upon being sued by the U.S. national government, Cash proclaimed: "I don't care about your damn yellow buzzards."

FACT 352. | Edgar Allen Poe died of rabies.

FACT 353. | King Henry VIII wanted to divorce his first wife but the church would not allow it. Because of this, Henry chose to declare himself the head of the church in England, refusing to allow the pope in Rome to have any control over it. He then allowed himself the divorce he desired.

FACT 354 . | The last song Frank Sinatra ever sang in public was "The best is yet to come". It was also put on his gravestone when he died.

FACT 355. | When Colombian drug lord Pablo Escobar's home was raided, the military released the dangerous hippos of his personal zoo, not knowing what to do with them. They now thrive in the Colombian rivers. This makes Columbia have the largest wild hippo population outside of Africa.

FACT 356. | Despite his fame, there is no record of William Shakespeare's life at the time he moved to London. This period was when his career took off and spanned from the years 1585 to 1592.

FACT 357. | In 1669, King Louis XIV banned pointed, sharp knives in an attempt to reduce violence, and that's why table knives are dull and

rounded today. Apparently, this measure worked, but did not stop dinner table altercations entirely, but rather made them slightly less violent.

FACT 358. | Babe Ruth often wore a cabbage leaf under his hat. He did this because he said it helped keep him cool in hot weather. He reportedly changed the leaf out every two innings.

FACT 359 . | Benjamin Franklin started the first insurance company in America. It was called "Philadelphia Contributorship for the Insurance of Houses from Loss By Fire." The basic idea was that every man in the community chipped in at a certain time periodically. If something like fire destroyed a member's house, he was given a portion of the money for recovery expenses.

FACT 360. | Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart went to Rome to attend a mass on Easter weekend. The pope's choir would sing a piece called "Miserere", which had never been printed and could be heard nowhere other than in St. Peters Cathedral. Upon returning home, Mozart had memorized the piece and wrote the music down in its entirety. He was 14 at the time.

FACT 361 . | In 1920, Amelia Earhart paid one dollar for a ten minute plane ride in California. This was her first plane ride and many think it inspired a lifelong love of aviation, setting her up for her amazing career as a pilot.

FACT 362 . | The schizophrenic artist, Mary Barnes, discovered her talent while undergoing treatment at Kingsley Hall during which she was encouraged to regress to a childlike state and paint on the walls with her feces. When they needed a solution for the smell, they decided to give her paint.

FACT 363. | When the Model T Ford started being mass produced on the assembly line, it was only available in black. Henry Ford refused any other colors because the paint did not dry nearly as fast as black did. This allowed more cars to be produced in the same amount of time.

- FACT 364. | The family of Chris Benoit, the 40 year old wrestler who killed his wife and son before hanging himself in 2007, consider his death a result of brain damage, after tests showed years of wrestling injuries left him with the brain of an 85 year old with an advanced form of dementia.
- FACT 365. | Alexander the Great studied under the great philosopher Aristotle for three years beginning at the age of 13. He later went on to conquer much of the ancient world, becoming the closest leader in history to ever rule the world entirely.
- FACT 366. | Sir Isaac Newton was born on Christmas day in 1642, the same day Galileo died. He was extremely premature and his mother stated that he could fit into a mug. He formulated his theory of gravity after watching an apple fall from a tree.
- FACT 367. | J.R.R. Tolkien used to meet regularly with a group of men called the "Inklings". The men reviewed others works, as well as their own works in progress. C.S Lewis, who was a member of the group, allowed Tolkien to read over "The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe." Tolkien strongly disliked the work and advised Lewis to shelve the project and get onto something more worthwhile.
- FACT 368. | When Al Capone was near death at the age of 48, he suffered from severe mental and physical illnesses. A physician declared it was neurosyphilis, which he contracted in his youth. In his last years, Capone's mental capacity had deteriorated to that of a 12 year old.
- FACT 369. | Mother Teresa spent 15 years teaching history and geography at a high school for daughter's of wealthy families, but was distressed with the poverty all around her. During that time, she took a trip to Darjeeling for a retreat. There, she said she found her true calling: "I heard the call to give up all and follow Christ into the slums to serve him among the poorest of the poor."
- FACT 370 . | Yuri Gagarin's heart was beating at 64 beats per minute just half an hour before the launch that would bring him to space. 64 BPM is

lower than the average person's pulse just after waking up in the morning.

FACT 371. | Albert Einstein was born with a larger than average size head. The doctors worried that it was a deformation and that Albert may have a form of retardation when he grew older. Doctors later said the head was shaping proportionately and was normal.

FACT 372. | Having never actually completed the task of finding a route to the Indies, Columbus was not considered a hero in his own day. This is true in spite of his discovery of the Americas. In 1506, he died in poverty in Spain.

FACT 373. | Winston Churchill often preferred to discuss matters in bed. This does not mean with people like family or friends. He often liked to discuss state matters of great importance while in bed. A special breakfast table was made to fit his bed to accommodate the unusual habit.

FACT 374. | Beethoven gave his first public performance on the 26th of March in 1778 when he was seven years old. He died on the same day, March 26th in 1827.

FACT 375 . | A couple invited the Queen to their wedding as a joke, and she turned up.

FACT 376 . | Andrew Jackson, the 7th President of the United States, was deeply opposed to the idea of a federal bank. He vetoed the "Second Bank" and was quoted for saying, "I will kill it." Now, his face is one of the most circulated denominations of the U.S. currency printed by the Federal Bank; the \$20 bill.

FACT 377 . | The first president of Zimbabwe was President Banana.

FACT 378. | Mark Zuckerberg purchased all four homes surrounding his house in order to ensure his privacy, for a total of \$30 million.

- FACT 379 . | George Foreman named all five of his sons George Foreman.
- FACT 380. | When Beethoven went deaf, he composed his music by hacking the legs off his piano and sitting on the floor so he could feel the vibrations.
- FACT 381. | During the filming of "Super Mario Bros." Bob Haskins and John Leguizamo were so unhappy working on what they knew to be a bad movie that they would often get drunk to go through with shooting scenes.
- FACT 382 . | President Garfield's assassin chose an ivory-handled gun over a similar wooden-handled model because he knew it would look better in a museum exhibit.
- FACT 383 . | Kanye West rapped one of his albums to Seth Rogen in the back of a limo, just to get his opinion.
- FACT 384. | Jason Lewis became the first person to circumnavigate the Earth without using motors or sails. He walked, cycled, inline skated, kayaked, swam, rowed, pedaled a boat across rivers, seas and oceans. It took him 13 years to complete the 46,505 mile journey.
- FACT 385. | After blogger, Jeff Pataky, wrote about the incompetence of the Phoenix police department, the Phoenix PD raided his home, seized his laptop, backups and cable modem, handcuffed and detained his female roommate for over three hours and took his sons out of elementary school.
- FACT 386 . | Samuel L. Jackson was an usher at Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s funeral.
- FACT 387. | Hugh Jackman didn't know that wolverines were real animal until after he started acting in his first X-Men film.

- FACT 388. | Former Governor of Minnesota, Jesse Venture, sued "American Sniper" Chris Kyle after he claimed he punched him in his autobiography. He was awarded \$1.845 million dollars for defamation.
- FACT 389 . | Samuel Adams received a female slave as a wedding gift, he insisted that, "a slave cannot live in my house; if she comes she must be free." He was able to free her after years of writing emancipation papers, and treated her as an equal family member throughout that time.
- FACT 390. | Daryl David, a black musician, is credited with dismantling the entire KKK network in Maryland. He did this by befriending many members, even going so far as to serve as a pallbearer at a Klansman's funeral.
- FACT 391. | James Watson, one of the scientists who discovered the helical structure of DNA, believes stupidity is a diseases that can be cured.
- FACT 392. | Nikola Tesla used to feed pigeons, bringing injured ones into his hotel room to nurse back to health. One time, he spent over \$2,000 to fix a pigeon's broken wing and leg, including building a device that comfortably supported her, so her bones could heal.
- FACT 393. | Katrin Himmler, grandniece of Heinrich Himmler, has not refused to have children to end her great-uncle's bloodline. She believes the idea of good or evil being passed through bloodlines is itself a reflection of Nazi ideology.
- FACT 394. | Barron Hilton announced that he is leaving 97% of his \$2.3 billion dollar fortune to charity, slashing his granddaughter, Paris Hilton's, inheritance, as well as her potential eligibility.
- FACT 395. | The founder of Wikipedia, Jimmy Wales, is only worth about \$1 million dollars.
- FACT 396. | When professional basketball player, Kris Humphries, was 10 years old, he was ranked the number 1 swimmer for his age nationally.

The person ranked number 2 was a young Michael Phelps.

FACT 397. | 1994 NBA MVP, Hakeem Olajuwon, released a \$35 sneaker instead of endorsing shoes from Nike or Reebok because: "How can a poor working mother with three boys buy Nikes or Reeboks that cost \$120? She can't. So kids steal these shoes from stores and from other kids. Sometimes they kill for them."

FACT 398. | Ruth Lawrence, a child prodigy, passed the Oxford University math exam at age 10, coming first out of all 530 candidates, she then completed the degree a year early by age 13.

FACT 399. | Vin Diesel was offered his first acting role after he broke into a New York City theatre with intentions of vandalizing it.

FACT 400 . | George Washington stopped the Revolutionary War to return a lost dog to the enemy. The terrier of a British general was found wandering the battlefield, and Washington ordered a cease fire. The U.S. waved a truce flag, and both sides stopped shooting until the dog was successfully returned to the British commander.

FACT 401. | To make the Prussians willingly eat potatoes when the crop was newly introduced to Prussia, Frederick the Great ricked his people into thinking the potatoes were of great value by planting a royal field of potatoes and setting up a heavy guard around them.

FACT 402. | Before starting Wendy's, Dave Thomas worked under Colonel Sanders at KFC and eve invented their widely used KFC chicken bucket.

FACT 403. | In 2005, a tour bus driver for the Dave Matthews Band released the bus' septic tank over a grate above the Chicago River. A boat full of sightseers was below at the time, and its passengers were covered with 800lbs of human waste.

- FACT 404. | Napoleon Bonaparte was buried with all parts of his body except one, his penis. It is currently located in New Jersey.
- FACT 405. | When Alexander the Great was a child, his tutor rebuked him for wasting so much incense during a sacrifice to the Gods. Years later, Alexander conquered Gaza and sent back 18 tons of the spices to his old tutor with a note telling him not to be stingy with the Gods.
- FACT 406. | A man called "Paz" snuck into Paris Hilton's 30th birthday party, stole her \$3200 red velvet cake and gave it away to the homeless of Los Angeles.
- **FACT 407**. | Jay Z, The Notorious B.I.G., Busta Rhymes and DMX went to the same high school and once Jay Z and Busta Rhymes had a rap battle in the lunchroom.
- FACT 408. | Paris Hilton was robbed for millions in jewels by a bunch of teenagers. She had left her mansion unlocked with none home. She didn't notice the robbery for weeks.
- FACT 409. | A couple bid \$100 for an abandoned storage locked and found the original James Bond submarine car inside. Tesla Motors' Founder, Elon Musk, later purchased it for \$920,000.
- FACT 410. | When Peter the Great found his wife had a lover, he had the man beheaded and then forced her to keep her lover's head in a jar of alcohol in her bedroom. This jar stood in her bedroom until Peter's death.
- FACT 411. | Benjamin Franklin designed one of the first American coins, and instead of saying "In God We Trust," it said "Mind Your Business".
- FACT 412. | Robert De Niro was so dedicated to his roles that he actually gained 60lbs for Raging Bull, lived in Sicily, Italy for The Godfather Part II, ground his teeth for Cape Fear, became a cab driver for Taxi Driver, and learned to play the saxophone for New York, New York.

- FACT 413. | Law professor, Roger Fisher, suggested that nuclear launch codes be implanted in a volunteer's heart. The president would be required to personally take the life of an innocent person before taking the lives of hundreds of millions.
- FACT 414. | Six years after Martin Luther King Jr.'s death, his mother, Alberta King, was assassinated while playing the organ at her church.
- FACT 415 . | Singer, Tom Waits, successfully sued the LAPD. He was wrongfully arrested for disturbing the peace when, outside a coffee shop, he intervened a group of men who were bullying other patrons. The bullies were plainclothes officers.
- FACT 416. | NASA's first trip into space was made possible in part by Katherine Johnson, an African American scientist who was in charge of calculating the rocket's flight trajectory. Her work was so trusted that, even after NASA had switched to computers, they would call on her to check for any mistakes.
- FACT 417. | Patrick Stewart, while he was going bald in his teens, believed no woman would ever be interested in him again, and gave up on the idea of love and relationships.
- FACT 418. | The telegraph was invented because of heartbreak. When Samuel Morse left town to paint a portrait, his wife suddenly fell ill and died. Because it took days for him to find out she had been sick, he was so upset that he abandoned his art career and focused on developing a fat method for long-distance communication.
- FACT 419. | Muhammad Ali once invited Billy Crystal to go on a run with him at a local country club. Crystal replied that he'd love to, but Jews were restricted. Ali never went to that country club again.
- FACT 420 . | Kim Jong Il once tried to solve North Korea's food shortages by breeding giant rabbits. A German farmer sent them 12 giant

rabbits to get started, but later learned all 12 were eaten at Kim Jong Il's birthday party.

FACT 421. | Edgar Allen Poe predicted the future. His only novel is about 4 shipwrecked men who run out of food and eat the cabin boy, Richard Parker. 46 years after it published, a yacht sank in real life and 3 of the 4 survivors also decided to eat the cabin boy, named Richard Parker.

FACT 422. | Justin Timberlake's half eaten French toast sold for over \$3,000 on eBay.

FACT 423. | Billy Joel gives away all of his front row tickets to random people in the cheap seats so that the front row isn't always just wealthy people.

FACT 424. | Chrysler offered Bruce Springsteen \$12 million to use "Born in the U.S.A." in an ad campaign. Springsteen turned them down and has still never let his music be used to sell products.

FACT 425 . | Gave Newell tricked the German hacker who stole Half Life 2's source code into thinking Valve wanted to hire him as a security auditor. He was given plane tickets to the U.S. and was to be arrested on arrival by the FBI. When the German government became aware of the plan, Gembe was arrested in Germany instead. The police chief said to Gembe: "Have you any idea how lucky you are that we got to you before you got on that plane?" Gembe was put on trial for the leak as well as other computer crimes in November 2006. He was sentenced to two years probation.

FACT 426. | Hitler was a fan of the Disney animated film, The Three Little Pigs, and would routinely walk around whistling the song "Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Wolf".

FACT 427. | Allan Ganz holds the world record for the longest career as an ice cream man. He's been selling ice cream outside of Boston since 1947. People in the area have known him as their ice cream man for 3 generations, and he knows 90% of his customers by name.

- FACT 428. | Lois Gibson, who after being assaulted and nearly dying from her injuries, volunteered to draw police sketches for the Houston PD. She now holds the Guinness World Record as the most successful sketch artist ever, having helped to solve over 1,000 crimes in her 30 year career.
- FACT 429. | When John D. Rockefeller died in 1937, his assets equaled 1.5% of America's total economic output. Bill Gates has about .38% today.
- FACT 430. | Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin, and Michael Collins had to fill out customs and immigration forms upon their entry back into the U.S. from the Moon.
- FACT 431. | Charles Rigoulot, a French weightlifter, was jailed for hitting a Nazi guard, but broke out of his jail cell by bending the bars. He allowed other prisoners to escape as well, then beat the guard who jailed him.
- FACT 432. | Angelina Jolie purchased 60,000 hectares of Cambodian land that was infiltrated by poachers and turned it into a wildlife reserve. Some of the former poachers were employed as rangers.
- FACT 433. | In 1965, Andre the Giant received a draft notice for French's peace time army, but was unable to join as there were no shoes big enough, bunks long enough, or trenches deep enough to accommodate him.
- FACT 434. | When Kim Peek managed payrolls of 160 people, he was able to complete this task in just hours without a calculator and when he was fired in order to be replaced by a computer, it took two full time accountants plus the computer just to replace him.
- FACT 435. | Jackie Chan's family was so poor that he was almost sold to a wealthy British Couple when he was still a baby.
- FACT 436. | Genghis Khan killed enough people to cool the Earth. 40 million people were killed and vast areas of farmland were reclaimed by

forests.

FACT 437. | Daniel Tammet, an autistic savant who speaks 10 languages and has the rare capability to explain how his brain works, says numbers have shape, color, and texture. 289 is ugly, 333 is attractive and pi is beautiful.

FACT 438. | The Chinese government "encouraged" the country's tallest female basketball player to marry the country's tallest man. Their child was Yao Ming.

FACT 439. | William Shakespeare added over 1700 words to the English language, such as "torture" and "swagger".

FACT 440 . | When Roman Emperor Nero's wife died, he found a boy looking like her, removed his testicles and had him appear in public as his wife.

FACT 441. | Emir of Qatar donated \$100 million to New Orleans intended to help rebuild housing, hospitals and schools after Hurricane Katrina.

FACT 442. | When Steve Fugate lost his 2 children to suicide and overdose, he hiked across the U.S. for 12 years with a sign that said "Love Life" to remind people that they can overcome life's hardships with the right mindset.

FACT 443. | Andrew Kehoe was committed the deadliest mass murderer at a U.S. elementary school. His rampage included his wife, 6 adults and 37 children. In the aftermath, investigators found a wooden sign Kehoe had apparently wired to a fence on his farm that read, "criminals are made, not born".

FACT 444. | Alice Walton, heir to the Wal-Mart fortune and one of the richest people in the world, has had a history of reckless collisions. Her latest DWI arrest was expunged after the Texas trooper who arrested her

was mysteriously suspended, and the statute of limitations was allowed to expire.

FACT 445. | Clement Vallandigham, a lawyer who, while trying to demonstrate how the victim might have accidentally shot himself, shot himself and died. He then won the case.

FACT 446. | Tom Cruise vandalized the world's tallest building in 2010. During the filming of Mission Impossible 4, he climbed to the top of the Burj Khalifa without safety equipment and etched Katie Holmes' name into the spire.

FACT 447 . | A 15 year old Lady Gaga made a cameo appearance in The Sopranos.

FACT 448 . | For the Futurama episode, "The Prisoner of Benda", a mathematical theorem was composed solely for the show by Ken Keeler, who holds a PhD in Applied Mathematics.

FACT 449 . | Al Capone was responsible for expiration dates on milk jugs.

FACT 450 . | A man named Walter Summerford was struck by lightning 3 times in his life. After his death, his gravestone was also struck.

FACT 451. | Norwegian mass murderer, Anders Breivik, while in jail, threatened to go on a hunger strike if his PS2 wasn't replaced by a PS3, and if his weekly allowance wasn't increased, among other requests.

FACT 452. | The richest woman in Germany, Susanne Klatten, met her future husband while she was working in an apprenticeship at BMW (which she owned 12.5% of) under a fake name. He had no idea who she actually was until they were sure about their relationship.

FACT 453. | The richest man of Asia is called Ka-Shing.

- FACT 454. | Marie Antoinette's last words were, "pardon me, sir. I meant not to do it," when she accidentally stepped on the foot of her executioner after climbing the scaffold at her beheading.
- FACT 455. | Mike Tyson was arrested 38 times by the time he turned 13.
- FACT 456. | Barkhad Abdi, Somali actor from Captain Philips only earned \$65,000 for his role and after it was complete, went home to continue working in his brothers store selling cell phones.
- FACT 457. | Amou Haji is probably the world's dirtiest man, because he hasn't bathed in 60 years, he eats rotten animal carcasses, and he smokes feces out of a pipe.
- FACT 458 . | John Adams once wrote, "one useless man is a shame, two is a law firm, and three or more is a congress."
- FACT 459. | Russell Brand was legally entitled to take \$20 million dollars from Katy Perry's fortune after their divorce but refused to take any.
- FACT 460 . | When Teddy Roosevelt was a young child, doctors prescribed him whiskey and cigars to relieve his severe asthma.
- FACT 461 . | After his abdication, Murad II of the Ottomans received an angry letter from his 12 year old son, Mehmed: "If you are the sultan, come and lead your armies. If I am the sultan I hereby order you to come and lead my armies."
- FACT 462 . | Theodore Roosevelt was against the phrase "In God We Trust" on currency as he considered it sacrilegious.
- FACT 463. | The role of Captain Jack Sparrow was initially offered to Jim Carrey but he turned it down for Bruce Almighty.

- FACT 464. | Afghan resistance leader Ahmad Shah Massoud, who fought against the Soviets in the 1980s, was also against a fundamentalist interpretation of Islam. He was assassinated two days before 9/11, after warning of a major terrorist attack set to happen in the United States.
- FACT 465. | Snoop Dogg once tried to rent the entire country of Liechtenstein for a video shoot, and the main reason they said no is because he didn't give them enough notice.
- FACT 466. | After his success in the Harry Potter films, Rupert Grint bought a 1974 Mr. Whippy Bedford van to fulfill his childhood dream of becoming an ice cream man. He drives around local villages giving free ice cream and lollipops to children.
- FACT 467. | Walt Disney planned his own city where everybody would be employed and working for Disney in some way. They would all pay rent for the privilege of living there and would always be ensured the latest technology in their homes.
- FACT 468. | Roman Emperor Augustus witnesses a man attempt to feed a slave to lamprey eels as a punishment for breaking a cup. Augustus freed the slave and had the rest of the man's cups broken.
- FACT 469. | Hugh Hefner has gone nearly deaf in recent years, which may be caused by the Viagra he uses. But he still says he would rather have sex than have his hearing.
- FACT 470 . | Japanese war criminal, Tojo Hideki, attempted suicide after the surrender. He was saved and resuscitated by Allied forces, who then hanged him.
- FACT 471. | Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt couple sold the rights for the first images of their twins to People and Hello! magazines for \$14 million —making them the most expensive celebrity pictures ever taken. The money went to the Jolie-Pitt Foundation.

- FACT 472 . | Donald Trump proposed a onetime tax on the wealthiest 1% to eliminate the national debt.
- FACT 473. | As a teenager, Puccini stole organ pipes from his town's cathedral and sold them to buy cigarettes. As the church organist, he rearranged the music to avoid playing the missing notes.
- FACT 474. | After Adolf Hitler's death, the royalties for "Mein Kampf" went to the government of the state of Bavaria in Germany, which still collects them to this day. However, "Mein Kampf" will become public domain in 2015, ending Bavaria's profits from the book.
- FACT 475. | Phil Collins dumped his wife of over ten years by fax.
- FACT 476. | Mark Twain invented the bra strap.
- FACT 477. | In 2007, Tom Cruise decided to spend \$10 million on an underground bunker to protect himself from aliens.
- FACT 478. | Arthur Guinness was an exceptional individual who used the money he made from brewing to help relief of the poor, abolish dueling, promote literacy, and provide this workers with a higher standard of living.
- FACT 479. | Steve Jobs was really unhygienic: he thought that by eating only fruit the need to shower was eliminated, so he stopped showering. When he worked for Atari, his boss assigned him the night shift so that he wouldn't need to interact with other people.
- FACT 480. | Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's interest in spiritualism cost him a friendship with Harry Houdini. When Houdini showed Doyle that he could reproduce the so-called mystic powers of mediums, Doyle was unconvinced, and instead, believed that Houdini himself was a psychic.
- FACT 481 . | Freud liked cocaine so much that he would give it to friends and family as a gift.

- FACT 482. | Arthur Conan Doyle believed in fairies. Well, he was convinced by the Cottingley Fairy photographs, the famous 1917 hoax. He even spent a million dollars promoting them and wrote a book, The Coming of the Fairies (1921), on their authenticity.
- FACT 483. | The most valuable vinyl record of all time is not a rare recording, it's a plain, off the shelf, version of Double Fantasy by John Lennon and Yoko Ono. It's worth half a million dollars because John Lennon signed the cover for Mark David Chapman 5 hours before Chapman murdered Lennon.
- FACT 484. | Before becoming one of the most controversial figures on race relations in American history, Louis was a Calypso singer. His nickname was "The Charmer".
- FACT 485. | The Cheyenne Chief Black Kettle, a major advocate for peace and coexistence between white settlers and Native Americans, was twice attacked by American troops despite explicit agreement of non-hostility, resulting in the death and mutilation of him and at least two hundred Cheyenne villagers.
- FACT 486 . | Lucy Liu once got into a fist fight with Bill Murray.
- FACT 487. | Eric Clapton went on a terribly racist rant at one of his concerts decades ago. His opinion on this hasn't changed since.
- FACT 488. | Charlie Sheen celebrated 365 days of sobriety by drinking at Nicolas Cage's house on day 366.
- FACT 489 . | Famous mathematician Kurt Gödel starved himself to death. He was obsessed with the idea of being poisoned, and would only eat food prepared by his wife. When his wife was hospitalized for six months, he refused to eat, eventually dying of malnutrition.

FACT 490. | After becoming associated with the catchphrase "billions and billions," Carl Sagan had a unit of measurement named after him. One Sagan is equal to at least four billion, since the smallest number that may be described as "billions and billions" must be two billion plus two billion.

FACT 491. | Arnold Schwarzenegger only spoke 74 words in The Terminator.

FACT 492. | Oskar Schindler, who saved over 1100 Jews in WWII by employing them, spent all his fortune on bribes and black market purchases for his workers. After the war he never regained any of his wealth and in later life had to live off of a small pension from the German government.

FACT 493. | Leo Fender, the inventor of Fender Guitars never knew how to play the guitar.

FACT 494 . | The astronomer Tycho Brahe not only owned a tame moose. That moose died by falling down a flight of stairs while drunk.

FACT 495. | After learning of his parents tragic death due to carbon monoxide poisoning, Weird Al went on to perform and gave the reason that, "since my music had helped many of my fans through tough times, maybe it would work for me as well".

FACT 496. | Rapper Tupac Shakur received a letter from the parent's of a terminally-ill boy named Joshua, saying it was Joshua's last wish to meet Tupac. Tupac then flew out to Maryland to meet the boy. When Joshua passed away, Tupac changed the name of his publishing company to "Joshua's Dream."

FACT 497. | Rapper Ol' Dirty Bastard took a limo to cash his welfare check.

FACT 498. | Two different people have committed suicide after being interviewed by Nancy Grace. One shot herself, the other set herself on fire.

- FACT 499. | Ted Kennedy drove a car into the water, then fled the scene as his passenger died. He only received a two month suspended jail sentence.
- FACT 500 . | If you send \$600 and a picture of your ass to Sylvester Stallone's mom, she will predict your future.
- FACT 501. | For Bill Gates' wedding, to insure his and his wife's privacy for the day of their wedding, Bill rented every hotel room at a hotel and chartered every helicopter close by on the Hawaiian island Lanai.
- FACT 502. | Arnold Schwarzenegger did not accept his California governor's salary of \$175,000 per year because of his already substantial wealth from his acting career.
- FACT 503. | There is only one video of Mark Twain in existence and it was shot by Thomas Edison.
- FACT 504. | When Prince changed his name to a symbol, his record label had to organize a mass mailing of floppy disks loaded with a custom font so the print media could write about him.
- FACT 505. | The photographer who took the picture of the starving African child with a vulture waiting for her death later killed himself. His suicide note said "I am haunted by the vivid memories of killings and corpses and anger and pain."
- FACT 506. | Kim Ung-Yong understood algebra at age 3, by the time he was 2 could speak 4 languages fluently, started attending university at age 4 and graduated at age 8, and has the highest I.Q. (210) in the world.
- FACT 507. | The Queen of England's portrait has been on enough international banknotes to make a progressive timeline of her aging.

- FACT 508. | A Korean man named Sim Jae Duck started the World Toilet Association. His goal was to make public restrooms better for everyone. His house was even shaped like a toilet and was turned into a museum after his death.
- FACT 509. | A man was supposed to be on both doomed Malaysian Air flights. Dutch cyclist Maarten de Jonge had a ticket for Malaysia Airlines Flight MH 370, but changed his ticket at the last second. The plane still hasn't been found. He was also scheduled to fly on Flight MH17, but ended up changing his ticket for another flight.
- FACT 510 . | Ernest Hemingway used a machine gun when fishing, to shoot sharks, and was the first person to ever boat a giant tuna in an undamaged state.
- FACT 511. | Walter White, a light-skinned black man, disguised himself as a white man to investigate the KKK.
- FACT 512. | Neil Armstrong's 82 year old grandmother told him to look around and not step on the moon if "it didn't look good". Neil agreed he wouldn't.
- FACT 513. | Sean Connery was offered a contract to play for Manchester United, but turned it down to pursue acting.
- FACT 514. | Howard Stern ran for Governor of New York in 1994, promising to limit road work to night hours. He eventually withdrew, but later that year, The Howard Stern Bill was signed into law which limited road construction in New York City and Long Island to night hours.
- FACT 515. | Britney Spears has been under "conservatorship" by her father since 2008, meaning he is in charge of all her legal and financial decisions, something that is usually used on for people with Alzheimer's or severe mental illness.

- FACT 516. | In 2001, Saddam Hussein pledged \$94 million to America's poor.
- FACT 517. | James Cameron was homeless when writing The Terminator, and he sold the rights for \$1, on the condition that he could direct it.
- FACT 518. | Madonna has a sterilization team, charged with removing her DNA from performance venues.
- FACT 519. | Mr. T originally started wearing gold chains when people lost them at the bar where he was a bouncer. He would wear the item the following night in case the person came back looking for it, but had been kicked out and was not allowed back inside.
- FACT 520. | In 1981, Ronald Reagan fired 11,345 air traffic controllers after they refused to end their strike and subsequently banned them from federal service for life.
- FACT 521. | During the Qing Dynasty in China, Emperor Qianlong was able to cancel taxes four times during his reign because the imperial treasury was so full.
- FACT 522. | Henry Ford once balked at paying \$10,000 to General Electric for work done troubleshooting a generator, and asked for an itemized bill. The engineer who performed the work, Charles Steinmetz, sent this: "Making chalk marks on generator, \$1. Knowing where to make mark, \$9,999." Ford paid the bill.
- FACT 523. | Steve Jobs bought a new model of the same car every 6 months so he wouldn't have the legal obligation to get a license plate.
- FACT 524. | Jackie Chan is a pop star in Asia having released 20 studio albums, and often sings the theme songs of his movies.

- FACT 525. | When John F. Kennedy met Joseph Luns, the former Dutch Minister of Foreign Affairs, Kennedy asked for his hobbies and he answered: "I fok horses", Kennedy, struck with surprise responded: "Pardon?", Luns replied: "Yes, paarden!". "Fokken" means "to breed", and "horses" means "paarden" in Dutch.
- FACT 526. | In 2002, Steven Spielberg finally finished college after a 33 year hiatus. He turned in Schindler's List for his student film requirement.
- FACT 527. | An Indian music director and Academy Award winner, A.R. Rahman was nominated 123 times in numerous awards and got 105 of them. And he is the 1st Asian to win two Academy Awards in a single year.
- FACT 528. | Jim Carrey dropped out of high school at 16 to focus completely on comedy and never finished his education.
- FACT 529 . | Nicolas Cage claims to have invented his own acting style, and plans to write a book on it.
- FACT 530 . | Karolina Kurkova, a model for Victoria's Secret, does not have a belly button. Navels are Photoshopped into her bikini shots.
- FACT 531. | A Roman dictator, Cincinnatus, was made a dictator while he was plowing his fields. After saving Rome from rival tribes, he humbly returned to his farm.
- FACT 532. | During World War I, Albert I, the King of Belgium, fought alongside his troops while his wife, Queen Elisabeth, worked as a nurse at the front.
- FACT 533. | John Lennon was not as peaceful of a man as so many believe. He was physically violent towards women, and beat his first wife, Cynthia Lennon.

- FACT 534. | Jesse James once gave a widow who housed him enough money to pay off her debt collector and then robbed the debt collector as the man left the widow's home.
- FACT 535 . | Sir George Everest opposed the naming of Mount Everest in his honor because it could not be translated into Hindi or pronounced by the native people.
- FACT 536. | Bob Marley had 3 children born to 3 different women in one month.
- FACT 537. | In WWII, J.F.K. saved a man after their boat was sunk by swimming three miles to a nearby island, all while towing the man by his life-preserver's strap, with his teeth.
- FACT 538. | Whoopi Goldberg choose her stage name, not just as a reference to a Whoopee Cushion, but also because her mother thought "Goldberg" was Jewish-sounding enough to make it in Hollywood.
- FACT 539. | Weird Al Yankovic has asked permission from Prince to parody his songs on numerous occasions, and has always been refused. When the two were assigned to sit in the same row at an awards show, he got a telegram from Prince's lawyers demanding he not make eye contact.
- FACT 540 . | The Queen of England does not have a passport.
- FACT 541. | As a way of thanking the doctors that looked after his seriously ill daughter, Johnny Depp visited the Great Ormond Street Hospital in London and read stories to sick kids for over four hours in full Jack Sparrow attire.
- FACT 542. | Bill Gates released some mosquito's in an auditorium during a TED speech, "So, not only poor people got to enjoy the experience."

- FACT 543. | Lisa Sparks is a world record holder for having had sex with the most partners in one day. She had sex with 919 men on October 16, 2004 in Warsaw, Poland.
- FACT 544. | Lewis of Lewis and Clark committed suicide just 3 years after their famous expedition.
- FACT 545. | J.K Rowling makes £5 every second.
- FACT 546. | Sylvester Stallone's signature snarl and slurred speech were caused at birth by misused forceps resulting in partial paralysis.
- FACT 547. | Ozzy Osbourne's entire genome has been analyzed by scientists to determine how he survived decades of extreme drug abuse.
- FACT 548. | Warren Buffett (ranked world's wealthiest person in 2008) still lives in a 5 bedroom house he bought for \$31,500 in 1957.
- FACT 549. | Jerry Lee Lewis courted so much controversy by marrying his 13 year old cousin at the age of 22 that he went from playing \$10,000 concert halls to \$250 a night dive bars.
- FACT 550. | Ingvard Kamprad, founder of IKEA and worth \$28 billion, drives a \$1,500 1993 Volvo.
- FACT 551. | Pablo Picasso had to burn his own paintings to keep his room warm.
- FACT 552 . | Astronaut Michael Collin's secret fear was that he had to return to Earth alone, leaving Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin stranded on the Moon. He sometimes thought it would be better to not have that option.
- FACT 553. | In 2009, Coolio did a stage dive, nobody caught him, and he was beaten and had his shoes stolen from members of the crowd.

- FACT 55 4 . | Abraham Lincoln was shot, put in a coffin, removed from it and put in another coffin, buried, exhumed, buried, exhumed, buried, exhumed, buried, exhumed, buried, exhumed, buried, exhumed, and finally buried in a steel cage reinforced with concrete in 1901.
- FACT 555. | Bill Murray was incredibly difficult to contact on the set of "Groundhog Day", a movie he hated working on. When asked to hire a personal assistant, he obliged and hired a man who was mostly deaf and mute, only using sign language. Nobody else on set knew sign language, including Murray.
- FACT 556. | In July 1984, President Ronald Reagan called ice cream, "a nutritious and wholesome food" and established National Ice Cream Month.
- FACT 557. | Poet, Stanislaw Jerzy Lec, survived a German concentration camp by killing his guard with a shovel that was given to him to dig his own grave and then escaping in the guards uniform.
- FACT 558. | The actor who portrays The Most Interesting Man in the World lives on a sailboat in Marina Del Ray.
- FACT 559. | Michael Moore wrote a cheque for 12,000\$ to the owner of the biggest anti-Michael Moore website to pay for his wife's medical bills.
- FACT 560 . | Stephen King once called Glenn Beck "Satan's mentally challenged younger brother."
- FACT 561. | Psychologist, B.F. Skinner, got pigeons to repeat strange "rituals" by dropping food into their cage at random intervals. The birds associated their actions before the treats with reward and demonstrated superstitious repetition of those actions.
- FACT 562. | Catherine Yass has been nominated for a Turner Prize. This means that she's a serious artist, however, her plan to drop a piano off the top of a 27 story building in London, as a way to allow the community to "explore how sound travels," has been vetoed by the local housing

- association. Locals apparently feared her plan was "dangerous and ludicrous."
- FACT 563. | Johnny Cash took only one music lesson, after which his teacher told him, "always do it your way."
- FACT 564. | Salvador Dali would put a tin plate on the floor and then sit by a chair beside it, holding a spoon over the plate. The moment he began to doze the spoon would slip from his fingers and clang on the plate, immediately waking him to capture the surreal dream images.
- FACT 565 . | Brian May, the guitarist from Queen, has a PhD in Astrophysics.
- FACT 566. | Keanu Reeves gave away almost all of his earnings from the Matrix (\$50 million) to the special effects team, turning them all into millionaires. "Money is the last thing I think about. I could live on what I have already made for the next few centuries" he declared.
- **FACT** 567 . | In 2005, an artist bought the fat from Silvio Berlusconi's liposuction and made a soap out of it that then got sold for \$18,000.
- FACT 568. | Chris Hansen of "To Catch A Predator" was caught cheating on his wife with hidden cameras.
- FACT 569. | Freddie Mercury painted all of his cats on one of his coats, phoned them for hours while touring, and dedicated an album to them.
- FACT 570. | The last emperor of China, Puyi, spent the last years of his life working as an editor earning a monthly salary of 100 yuan.
- FACT 571. | The guy who invented Frisbee was cremated and made into Frisbees after he died.

- FACT 572. | At the premiere of Beethoven's 9th, police had to break up the applause, as the amount he was receiving was considered inappropriate for a private citizen.
- FACT 573. | Oscar Wilde had to prove he wasn't gay in court, and lost.
- FACT 574. | Benjamin Franklin was an advocate of "air baths", during which he would spend up to an hour reading or writing in his house completely naked.
- FACT 575 . | The O.J. Simpson car chase led to, at the time, the busiest day in Domino's Pizza.
- FACT 576. | Julius Caesar was kidnapped by pirates for a ransom of 25 gold but he told them that he was worth at least 50.
- FACT 577. | A Roman merchant who sold fake jewels was sentenced to face a lion in the arena. When the gate finally opened, a chicken walked out. Emperor Gallienus proclaimed, "he practiced deceit and then had it practiced on him."
- FACT 578. | "Lord" Timothy Dexter, an 18th century American businessman, faked his own death, held a mock funeral, and then berated his wife severely for not crying at it.
- FACT 579. | Bob Marley died from a cancer that had a 90% survival rate, because his religious beliefs would not allow him to have traditional medical treatment(surgery). The cancer spread to his brain and lungs after 4 years of no traditional treatment.
- FACT 580 . | Abraham Lincoln suffered from depression and was afraid to carry knives, fearing that he might kill himself.
- FACT 581. | Eminem won an Academy Award and slept through the ceremony while at home watching cartoons with his daughter.

FACT 582 . | On February 8, 1994, Jack Nicholson got out of his car in and smashed the windshield of another driver's Mercedes with a golf club for "cutting him off". Nicholson reportedly offered an apology and a \$500K check that successfully ended any criminal prosecution for the road-rage incident.

FACT 583. | In 1951, after his plane crashed into the ocean, Clint Eastwood swam 3 miles to safety (along with his pilot).

FACT 584. | Princess Alexandra of Bavaria (1826-1875) had psychological issues that led her to believe she had swallowed a glass piano.

FACT 585. | Charles Darwin ate every animal he discovered.

FACT 586. | Hitler planned to rebuild Berlin after the war into a neo-Roman cosmopolitan city. One state building, the Volkshalle was to be so massive, that it could rain inside during events due to 150,000 peoples' perspiration and breath.

FACT 587. | French mathematician, Joseph Fourier, believed wrapping his body in a blanket was beneficial to his health. He died after tripping on it and falling down the stairs.

FACT 588. | FDR had to borrow Al Capone's limousine in order to deliver a speech during World War II. Why? Because it was the only known bulletproof car at the time.

FACT 589 . | Saddam Hussein's bunker was designed by the grandson of the woman who designed Hitler's bunker.

FACT 590. | Mary Tyler Moore once offered a restaurant \$1000 for a 65 year old lobster so she could return it to the wild. Rush Limbaugh then offered \$2000 to eat the lobster. The restaurant denied both offers and kept the lobster as a mascot.

- FACT 591. | King Tut had his own personal nose picker. She was purchased for 3 head of cattle, food and lodging.
- FACT 592. | Jackie Chan does not like the "Rush Hour" series because he does not appreciate the action scenes, nor understands the American humor. He only made the sequel because they offered him an "irresistible" amount of money.
- FACT 593. | Serial killer and cannibal, Richard Chase, only broke into houses that were unlocked. If they were locked, he thought it meant he was unwelcome but if they were not, he saw it as an invitation to enter.
- FACT 594. | After Tupac Shakur was killed, his body was cremated and some of his ashes were mixed together with marijuana and smoked by members of the Outlawz.
- FACT 595. | Pope Benedict IX had wild orgies and sold the Papacy.
- FACT 596. | Greek philosopher, Diogenes of Sinope, use to masturbate in public to show happiness belonged to a man who rejected cultural norms.
- FACT 597. | Dexter Holland, the lead singer for The Offspring, was a Ph.D. candidate in molecular biology.
- FACT 598. | Stephen King bought the van that hit him so that he could beat the shit out of it when he felt better.
- FACT 599. On April 30, 1961, Dr. Leonid Rogozov removed his own infected appendix at the Soviet Novolazarevskaja Research Station in Antarctica, as he was the only physician on staff. The operation lasted one hour and 45 minutes.
- FACT 600 . | Johnny Cash was the first American to know of Stalin's Death.

- FACT 601. | On his deathbed, Aldous Huxley asked his wife for acid and she obliged him.
- FACT 602. | David Bowie was using so much cocaine in 1975 that he can't remember recording "Station to Station", one of his most acclaimed works.
- FACT 603. | Richard Nixon proposed to his wife on their first date. He pursued her for two years before she said yes. He even drove her on dates with other men during that time, hoping to win her over.
- FACT 604. | The Roman Emperor Elagabalus, at 15 years of age, wore makeup and wigs and enjoyed pretending to be a prostitute. He even promised physicians large sums of money if they would perform a sex change on him.
- FACT 605. | In 1901, a pregnant Madame Bobin fell ill and "died". Later, when her body was exhumed they found that not only had Bobin been buried alive, but she gave birth while inside the coffin before eventually asphyxiating.
- FACT 606. | Paul Cézanne was such a slow painter that, when he painted still life involving fruit, the content would often begin to rot before he had time to finish. To get around the problem, he started using waxed fruit instead.
- FACT 607. | O.J Simpson was supposed to play The Terminator, but James Cameron didn't want to cast him because he didn't think Simpson would be "believable as a killer"
- FACT 608. | Ella Schuler was so old she couldn't put her real date of birth on Facebook.
- FACT 609. | That despite being a fan of his movies, Joseph Stalin ordered the assassination of John Wayne.

- FACT 610. | Pornstar Asia Carrera played piano at Carnegie Hall by age 14, taught English in Japan at 16, attended Rutgers University on a free ride and double majored in business and Japanese.
- FACT 611. | Wayne Gretzky has more assists than any other hockey player has points (goals and assists).
- FACT 612. | Benjamin Franklin wrote an essay about farting.
- FACT 613. | Stalin, while in his mid 30s, had an affair with a 13 year old girl and got her pregnant twice.
- FACT 614. | Fidel Castro and Che Guevara raised the Cuban national literacy rate from about 60-76% to 96% within a year.
- FACT 615. | Sean Connery was offered the part of Gandalf in the Lord of the Rings trilogy, and 15% of the box office takings of the movies, but turned it down because he didn't understand the script. The 15% ended up being nearly \$450 million.
- FACT 616. | In 1337 Islamic scholar Ibn Khaldun theorized that humans developed from monkeys.
- FACT 617. | Harrison Ford has an ant and spider species named after him.
- FACT 618. | The U.S. Air Force developed a top secret plan to detonate a nuclear bomb on the moon as a display of military might at the height of the Cold War. The mathematical modeling for the explosion was done by Carl Sagan.
- FACT 619. | Whoopi Goldberg once worked as a phone sex operator.

- FACT 620 . | A vigilante named Rodrigo Duterte has transformed the murder capital of the Philippines to "the most peaceful city in Southeast Asia" by killing multiple drug leaders and traffickers. He was dubbed The Punisher by Time Magazine.
- FACT 621. | Gang boss, Monk Eastman, decided to enlist in the Army at age 42 to fight in World War I. During his physical, the doctor asked Monk in which war he got all of his knife and bullet scars. Monk replied: "Oh! A lot of little wars around New York".
- FACT 622. | Henry Ford was given the Grand Cross of the German Eagle by the Nazis.
- FACT 623. | J.R.R. Tolkien typed the entire "The Lord of the Rings" trilogy while using only two fingers. It ran to over 1,200 pages and took him 14 years.
- FACT 624. | Horror director, Eli Roth, showed villagers in a remote native village deep in the Peruvian Amazon the controversial 1980 horror film "Cannibal Holocaust". The villagers thought it was a comedy and the funniest thing they've ever seen.
- FACT 625. On September 11, 1987, Dan Rather, upset at the evening news being delayed by a U.S. Open tennis match, walked off the set and when the match was over, CBS was left with nothing but dead air for six minutes.
- FACT 626. | The Roman Emperor Commodus once reenacted the battle of Hercules and the Giants by gathering cripples, fastening their legs together and beating them to death with clubs.
- FACT 627. | Columbus was an anti-Semite and slave trader, as described in his own correspondence with king Ferdinand.
- FACT 628 . | Robert M. Pirsig, the author of Zen and The Art of Motorcycle Maintenance was diagnosed with schizophrenia (and he had

childhood IQ of 170).

FACT 629. | A retired postal worker was ready to ram President John F Kennedy's car with his own, dynamite laden 1950 Buick, but changed his mind at the last minute because he didn't want to hurt Jackie or her children.

FACT 630. | Representative Tom Moore Jr. once submitted legislation to the Texas legislature in favor of honoring notorious murderer Albert DeSalvo "for his work in "population control" as an April Fool's Day joke. Without paying any attention to it, it was unanimously passed.

FACT 631. | During Operation Mongoose the CIA tried to assassinate Fidel Castro with exploding cigars, poisoned fountain pens, and a lethal wetsuit.

FACT 632. | Robert Hansen, an Alaskan serial killer flew his victims up into the mountains and later hunted them down.

FACT 633. | Benjamin Wilson, a wounded Korean War Vet, rose from his stretcher to kill 33 Chinese in a one-man assault. After his rifle was wrestled from his hands hands, he proceeding killing with his shovel.

FACT 634. | While in college, Theodor Seuss Geisel was caught drinking gin with his friends; as a result, his dean insisted he resign from the college magazine. To continue working on the magazine without the dean's knowledge, he began signing his work with "Seuss," which he later changed to "Dr. Seuss."

FACT 635. | Shiro Ishii, a Japanese general who oversaw Unit 731 and thousands of horrific war crimes during WWII, was given immunity in exchange for human experimentation data, and may have gone on to do bio weapons research in Maryland.

FACT 636. | Stalin's eldest son died as a Nazi prisoner of war during World War II, after Stalin refused multiple offers to exchange him for

German prisoners held by the Soviets.

FACT 637. | Joseph Stalin sent his daughter's first boyfriend to Siberia for 10 years.

FACT 638. | Tchaikovsky held his head with his left hand while conducting, because he feared his head would fall off.

FACT 639. | Hitler had a romantic relationship with his niece, Geli Raubal, who committed suicide in 1931 with the same pistol he used to end his own life in 1945.

FACT 640. | Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, the creator of Sherlock Holmes, enjoyed practical jokes. He is said to have once sent a telegram to twelve of his friends, all people of great significance and power. The telegram said: 'Flee at once, the secret is discovered'. Within 24 hours all twelve had left the country.

FACT 641. | Comedian/magician Penn Gillette created and patented a special placement of a jet which is aimed to arouse women.

FACT 642. | An endurance athlete, Dean Karnazes, ran 350 miles in 80 hours and 44 minutes without sleep in 2005.

FACT 643. | Marion Barry, the former mayor of Washington DC and now a Council member, has reportedly taken a stand against taxing yogurt, saying that a yogurt tax is "crazy," and pointing out that: "Yogurt is really more healthy than some other things, as is cottage cheese." However, there isn't actually a yogurt tax. Barry apparently misheard a reporter who asked him about a so-called "yoga tax," which is a proposed tax on gyms and health clubs.

FACT 644. | Gordon Ramsay left one of his first jobs as an aspiring chef because he was tired of "the rages, the bullying and violence" perpetrated by the head chef.

FACT 645. | Alan Turing the father of computer science, artificial intelligence & who helped break German World War 2 ciphers, committed suicide after being forced to undergo hormonal treatment for homosexuality & barred from continuing his cryptographic work.

FACT 646. | Devyatayev was a soviet pilot who was captured by the Nazis in 1944 and managed to steal a German airplane from a heavily guarded Nazi military base. On his return to the USSR his plane was shot at, and was then labeled as a spy because his story was so unbelievable.

FACT 647. | Einstein's eyeballs are currently sitting in a safety deposit box in New York City.

FACT 648 . | Che Guevara wore a Rolex.

FACT 649. | CS Lewis and Tolkien held "you laugh you lose" competitions when reading terrible poetry.

FACT 650 . | Tom Petty, John Mellencamp and Sting all asked George W. Bush not to use their songs in his campaign.

FACT 651. | J.R.R Tolkien was an anarchist.

FACT 652. | Brad Pitt once played a practical joke where he bribed the Mexican army to arrest a friend at gunpoint.

FACT 653. | George Lucas has a daughter who is a professional MMA/cagefighter.

FACT 654. | Mark Twain said "God created war so that Americans would learn geography."

FACT 655. | Walt Disney used many dummy corporations to purchase the massive amounts of land needed for Disney World. But his plan was

publicized and while his first acres were purchased for around \$80, the last ones were over \$80,000 each.

FACT 656. | Not only did Ernest Hemingway commit suicide, but so did his brother, sister and father.

FACT 657. | Cyclist Gerhard Schönbacher stopped and kissed the road before he finished last in the 1979 Tour de France.

FACT 658. | Aelita Andre, an Australian artist who recently sold US\$30,000 worth of paintings at a New York exhibition, is just four years old.

FACT 659. | King Croesus was told by the Delphic Oracle that if he invaded Persia, he would destroy a great empire. Croesus attacked the Persians, but was eventually defeated and captured. The great empire destroyed was his own.

FACT 660. | Michael Jackson played professional baseball.

FACT 661. | NASA engineers once asked Sally Ride if 100 tampons was enough for a 7 day mission.

FACT 662 . | At 15, Sylvester Stallone was chosen "most likely to die in the electric chair" by his classmates.

FACT 663. | In 2005, the Italian Prime Minister, Silvio Berlusconi, insulted Finnish cuisine and jokes that Finns are "marinated reindeer". In 2008, Finland won an international pizza contest, beating Italy. The name of the winning pizza was "Pizza Berlusconi" and it was made of smoked reindeer.

FACT 664. | Andrew Johnson was drunk when he took the vice-presidential oath of office (1865).

- FACT 665. | Madonna and Celine Dion are both distant cousins of Prince Charles' wife, Camilla.
- FACT 666 . | Al Capone's older brother was a policeman in Nebraska.
- FACT 667. | Henry Ford never had a driver's license.
- FACT 668. | Ray Bradbury, author of Fahrenheit 451, stormed out of a lecture given to college students after being told his interpretation of his own book was wrong.
- FACT 669 . | In Nikola Tesla's elderly years, he became obsessed with feeding pigeons. He was particularly obsessed with a white female one, speaking of her he said: "I loved that pigeon as a man loves a woman, and she loved me. As long as I had her, there was a purpose to my life."
- FACT 670. | In 1991, Marshall Ledbetter blockaded himself in the Florida State Capitol building and demanded, among other things, a large Gumby's pizza, weed, 666 donuts, \$100 worth of Chinese food and a phone call with Ice Cube.
- FACT 671. | Giorgio A. Tsoukalos, famous meme and "Ancient Aliens" expert, has no academic background in any field relevant to the show. Instead, he holds a bachelor's degree in sports information and was previously a bodybuilder promoter.
- FACT 672. | To preserve the harvest, Mao Zedong had all sparrows killed (along with rats, flies and mosquitoes) because they are grain. The result was an ecological disaster that resulted in the birds' natural prey devouring the harvest.
- FACT 673. | Chris Kirkpatrick was the founding member of 'N Sync after he didn't make the cut for the Backstreet Boys.

- FACT 674. | Matthew McConaughey gets so turned on by food that sometimes he has to stop eating because the feeling is so overwhelming.
- FACT 675. | Leonardo DiCaprio turned down the role of Max Dennison in "Hocus Pocus".
- FACT 676. | Colonel Saunders disliked what the KFC franchise had done to the food so much that he described it as "the worst friend chicken I've ever seen" and called the gravy "wallpaper paste".
- FACT 677. | Taylor Swift's first job was to knock praying mantises out of Christmas trees.
- FACT 678. | King George III was known as "Farmer George" for his love of nature and agriculture. He began ignoring the laws of nature and attempted to plant a steak, perhaps hoping to create a new species of meat producing tree.
- FACT 679. | In 1999, Harvard physicist Lene Hau was able to slow down light to 17 meters per second and in 2001, was able to stop light completely.
- FACT 680 . | Back in 1936, Patricia Salter had an unusual hobby for a 12 year old girl; she collected dirt. She had soil from 24 states, from British Columbia, England, Italy, Sweden and Brazil. Most of the samples were obtained by writing to people whose names appeared in newspapers and magazines.
- FACT 681. | President James Garfield entertained his friends by having them ask him questions, and then writing the answer in Latin with one hand while simultaneously answering in Greek with the other.
- FACT 682 . | Jennifer Lawrence starred in a "My Super Sweet 16" commercial. She earned her SAG card from it.

FACT 683. | Ronaldinho's commercial deal with Coca-Cola was terminated after he was caught drinking Pepsi at a press conference.

FACT 684. | Bruno Mars' real name is Peter Gene Hernandez.

FACT 685. | Sarah Jessica Parker is a descendant of someone who was accused of being a witch during the Salem Witch Trials. Ironically, she played a Salem Witch n "Hocus Pocus".

FACT 686. | Harry Styles has two extra nipples.

FACT 68 7 . | Malcolm David Kelley from MKTO played the character Walt on "Lost".

FACT 688. | Snoop Dogg is one of the voice options for TomTom GPS.

FACT 689. | Jenny McCarthy and Melissa McCarthy are first cousins.

FACT 690. | Former Turkmenistan president for life, Akhbar Turkmenbashi renamed constellations and days of the week after himself and his mother.

FACT 691. | Robin Thicke is the son of actor Alan Thicke, who played the Seaver family patriarch on "Growing Pains."

FACT 692. | Ben Stiller's brother in law is the actor who voices Squidward Tentacles on "Spongebob Squarepants".

FACT 693. | Channing Tatum appeared as a dancer in Ricky Martin's music video for "She Bangs".

FACT 694. | Liam Payne has a phobia of spoons.

FACT 695. | Taylor Momsen was one of the three finalists for the role of Hannah Montana.

FACT 696. | Justin Timberlake originally wrote the 'N Sync song "Gone" for Michael Jackson.

FACT 697. | James Lipton was a pimp in France. He was quoted for saying, "I did a roaring business, and I was able to live for a year. The French mecs didn't exploit women. They represented them, like agents. And they took a cut. That's how I lived. I was going through my rites of passage, no question about it. It was a great year of my life."

FACT 698. | Christopher Walken traveled with the circus when he was 15 as a lion tamer.

FACT 699 . | At 15, Jake Gyllenhaal was given his first driving lesson by Paul Newman.

FACT 700 . | Natalie Portman has been published in two scientific journals.

FACT 701. | The first recorded flight of a human with artificial wings happened in the year 6 CE. Emperor Kao Yang liked to strap kites to his prisoners and throw them off of towers. One lucky guy, Yuan Huang T'ou, got a kite that worked well enough to carry him safely to the ground.

FACT 702. | Danica McKellar is a mathematician and has a theorem named after her.

FACT 703 . | 14 year old Nolan Gould is a member of the high IQ society, Mensa.

FACT 704. | Actor Paul Marcarelli, the Verizon Wireless "Can you hear me now?" guy, told The Atlantic magazine that the catchphrase plagues him so much that someone even said it to him at his grandmother's funeral as her casket was being lowered into the cemetery plot.

- FACT 705. | Elton John's real name is Reginald Dwight.
- FACT 706. | Tom Hanks is a third cousin, four generations removed, of Abraham Lincoln.
- FACT 707. | During World War II, Audrey Hepburn was a courier for resistance fighters in Holland.
- FACT 708. | As President, Jimmy Carter was attacked by a swimming rabbit.
- FACT 709. | Claire Danes and Hugh Dancy had an indoor swing installed in their New York city apartment. Danes explained, "My parents had a swing, a trapeze and a trampoline in their apartment, I was inspired by that."
- FACT 710. | Winston Churchill had a plan called "Operation Unthinkable" to invade the Soviet Union in a surprise attack immediately after the end of World War I. His plan was finally shot down when it was learned that the Soviet troops remaining outnumbered allied troops 3 to 1.
- FACT 711 . | George Clooney slept in a friend's closet for a year when he first moved to LA. It took him that long to find acting work.
- FACT 712. | Bill Gates and Warren Buffett went to China to encourage their billionaires to move into philanthropy. They were mainly ignored because philanthropy is not part of Chinese culture.
- FACT 713. | At age 11, Toni Collette faked appendicitis so well that doctors actually removed her organ. "I just wanted to fake my appendicitis and see what it would be like to be cut open. My mum had her appendix taken out when she was 11 so when I was younger she told me the story and said, 'When the doctor comes to feel you to check how you're going, he presses in and it doesn't hurt. It's when he lets go...' So when he let go, I did all the right things. I was young, I can't rationalize it now. I find it embarrassing."

- FACT 714. | An Indonesian toddler, Aldi Rizal, has quit the habit of smoking 40 cigarettes a day but has now gotten addicted to junk food. He started smoking when he was just 18 months old.
- FACT 715. | Charlize Theron was "discovered" when an agent witnessed her throwing a fit at a bank teller who wouldn't cash her check.
- FACT 716. | Animal lover Matthew McConaughey has helped rescue many critters, including countless pets stranded after Hurricane Katrina. But perhaps the most moving tale of his commitment involves a night the actor was driving in Sherman Oaks, CA; he spotted a group of teens dousing a cat with hairspray—getting ready to set the poor creature on fire. McConaughey jumped out of his car and grabbed the animal, went off on the kids, and took the kitty to an animal shelter.
- FACT 717. | Hitler's plan for Moscow was to kill all residents and replace the city with a lake.
- FACT 718. | Madonna suffers from brontophobia aka astraphobia—the fear of thunderstorms.
- FACT 179. | Daryl Hannah and her *Summer Lovers* co-star Hilary Shepard have created several board games together: "LIEbrary," (similar to Balderdash, but with the first lines of books), "Call-it!" and "Famous Last Lines."
- FACT 720 . | Diane Lane's mother, Colleen Farrington was a *Playboy* Playmate of the Month (1957).
- FACT 721. | In addition to being a musician himself, Johnny Depp has appeared in videos for Tom Petty's Into the Great Wide Open, Paul McCartney's My Valentine, The Lemonheads' It's a Shame About Ray and Avril Lavigne's Alice.
- FACT 722 . | The Mercedes Ladies were the first all-female rap group.

FACT 723. | 3 years after illegally joining the Marines at the age of 14, Jacklyn Lucas snuck onto a ship bound for Iwo Jima, stormed the beach without a rifle, and threw himself on top of two grenades to protect his team. He survived and earned the Medal of Honor at the age of 17.

FACT 724. | After the entire national Soviet hockey team was killed in an airplane crash in 1950, Stalin's son Vasily, the manager of the team, covered up the disaster and replaced everyone on the team to avoid his father's wrath. Stalin never noticed.

FACT 725 . | P. Diddy used to be a back-up dancer for Big Daddy Kane and Heavy D.

FACT 726 . | Back in 1958, high - school sophomore, Diana McGee, chose as her biology project an experiment "to make a hamster an alcoholic, then to cure it of the disease." She named the hamster "Alchy". The hamster consumed about a pint of bourbon a month and reportedly "seemed to love it." Eventually, Alchy refused to drink any more of the bourbon-water mixture, leading the Salina Journal to comment on April 25, 1958 that "the animal has more sense than some people."

FACT 727. | Nas co-wrote Will Smith's "Gettin' Jiggy Wit It," and it was the only Grammy Award-winning project of his career.

FACT 728 . | Lupe Fiasco admitted that "Lasers" is about his own inner battle with suicide. He said, "I wrestled with suicide. I wanted to document that in a song, explain to people what the fight of it is. There's this wrestling with fame and success: How much is enough? How much of this money can I blow on Ferraris? What level of fame shows that I made it? Is it when the paparazzi are chasing me down the streets? Then I'm famous? Or am I famous now?"

FACT 729. | In 1916, Manfred von Richthofen was considered a below average pilot who crashed during his first flight. Despite this poor start, he rapidly became attuned to his aircraft. Upon his death, two years and 80

aerial kills later, the British buried The Red Baron with full military honors out of respect for his skill as an aviator.

FACT 730 . | Even decades later, the U.S. military is still tracking and arresting deserters from Vietnam. President Jimmy Carter pardoned civilian draft evaders in 1977 but the pardon did not apply to those already serving in the military.

FACT 731. | Andre 3000 went abstinent before ATLien came out.

FACT 732. | Ghostface Killah beat up Mase so badly that he had to have his jaw wired.

FACT 733 . | Charles Grey, the Second Early Grey, established real democracy in Britain, abolished slavery throughout the empire, and is only remembered as a tea blend.

FACT 734. | Ben Affleck dropped out of college after his creative writing teacher ridiculed an early draft of the Good Will Hunting screenplay.

FACT 735 . | DMX used to collect bugs.

FACT 736. | Lil' Kim was, at one time, pregnant with Biggie's baby, but had a miscarriage. She also used to transport drugs on the bus system for him.

FACT 737 . | In "Poetic Justice", Tupac was supposed to have a sex scene with Janet Jackson, but it didn't end up being shot because he refused to get an HIV test.

FACT 738 . | N.O.R.E. did time for murder when he was a juvenile.

FACT 739. | Lil Wayne shot himself twice.

- FACT 740. | Dr. Dre didn't start smoking weed until he met Snoop Dogg. So when he raps, "I don't smoke weed or cess" in N.W.A.'s 1988 album "Straight Outta Compton", he wasn't lying. At the time, he really didn't.
- FACT 741. | Nas dropped out of school in the 7th grade.
- FACT 742. | When Biggie was recording "Notorious Thugs," he wanted to practice his Bone Thugs style freely and unencumbered, and so he sent everyone out of the room while he practice by himself.
- FACT 743 . | Gwen Stefani has won the same amount of Rap Grammys as Nas, Drake, 50 Cent, and Busta Rhymes combined.
- FACT 744. | Jessica Dubroff, a 7 year old, attempted to become the youngest pilot to fly an airplane across the U.S. The place crashed shortly into her journey.
- FACT 745. | "Bitches Ain't Shit" by Dr. Dre and Snoop Dogg isn't really about women at all, but rather Eazy-E and N.W.A's former manager, Jerry Heller. In the first verse when Dre raps, "I used to know a bitch named Eric Wright," he's talking about Eazy-E of N.W.A, who Dre used to be friends with before they got into a long-lasting argument.
- FACT 746. | American Psycho writer, Bret Easton Ellis, tried to order cocaine from his dealer but instead of texting him he accidentally tweeted it to his 350k followers.
- FACT 747. | In the 16th century, Ishikawa Goemon, was sentenced to death by being boiled alive in an iron cauldron along with his very young son, but was able to save his son by holding him above his head. His son was then forgiven.
- FACT 748 . | Not a single member of the group N.W.A had a criminal record.

- FACT 749 . | Both Jay-Z and Dame Dash (co-founders of Roc-A-Fella) were in love with Aaliyah.
- FACT 750 . | In VHI's 2002 documentary on Lisa "Left Eye" Lopes from TLC entitled "The Last Day of Left Eye", she admits to referring to her drunk self as "Nikki".
- FACT 751. | Rick Rubin founded Def Jams Records in his New York University dorm.
- FACT 752. | Snoop Dogg will usually perform a show for prices upwards of \$100,000. But, if you provide a good chunk of excellent weed, he will drop his price to \$20,000.
- FACT 753. | James Brown's "Funky Drummer" is the most sampled song in hip-hop. Over 150 hip-hop songs sampling "Funky Drummer" have been documented.
- FACT 754. | When Canadian reporter, Mellissa Fung, was kidnapped by bandits in Afghanistan, Afghan intelligence identified the kidnapper, kidnapped his family and then demanded Fung's release with no ransom paid.
- FACT 755. | Azealia Banks has admitted to being bisexual.
- FACT 756. | Tupac shot two off-duty police officers because they were assaulting a young man. The charges against Shakur were dropped because it turned out the officers were intoxicated and in possession of stolen guns.
- FACT 757. | Cee Lo Green sang on TLS's "Waterfalls".
- FACT 758. | Jay-Z wrote "The Blueprint" in two days.
- FACT 759 . | Eminem recorded his Slim Shady LP while he was on ecstasy.

FACT 760. | Veteran Don Karkos, lost his eyesight due to shrapnel from a grenade in World War II. 64 years later, he was kicked in the head by a horse in the exact spot the shrapnel had been, which caused him to regain his eyesight.

FACT 761. | At 6'5", 2 Chainz attended University of Alabama State on an athletic scholarship. He's also 37 years old.

FACT 762. | "Real Housewives of Atlanta" cast member, Kandi Burruss, wrote "No Scrubs".

FACT 763. | While Gucci Mane was filming his sex scene in Harmony Korine's movie "Spring Breakers", he fell asleep. Harmony said of Gucci, "in his entourage, everybody smokes weed from the beginning of the day to the end ... So we're inside this house in St. Petersburg, and the fucking weed smoke was so insane and Gucci was basically catatonic. I was like, "Gucci, you've got to have sex with this chick now!" ... He wanted her to ride him so he wouldn't have to do any physical labor. So we're shooting the sequence, and as he is getting fucked, I start to hear snores ... He had literally passed out! And she was riding his dick the whole time. I'd never in my life filmed a sex scene where the dude was sleeping and she was on top of him for a good 45 minutes."

FACT 764. | Tupac's step-aunt, Assata Shakur, is an activist and escaped convict who was a member of the Black Panther Party and Black Liberation Army. Between 1971 and 1973, Shakur was accused of several crimes and made the subject of a multi-state manhunt. After a series of criminal incidents, she was convicted of first-degree murder and in 2013 the FBI announced it had made Assata the first woman on its list of most wanted terrorists. In 1979, she escaped from prison and, since 1984, has been living in Cuba in political asylum.

FACT 765 . | TLC recorded the theme song for Nickelodeon's "All That".

- FACT 766. | In 1997, four years before being arrested for spying for the KGB, Robert Hanssen was caught using a password cracker on a federal computer. When asked about this, he said that he was simply trying to install a color printer, and so he needed the administrator password; they believed him.
- FACT 767. | Rapper, DMX, has fathered 12 children and then filed for bankruptcy because of all the child support payments.
- FACT 768. | Rick Ross used to work as a correctional officer in the early 1990s at the South Florida Reception Center.
- FACT 769. | Andre 3000 and Erykah Badu had a child, Seven, in 1997. Andre's song, "A Life In The Day of Benjamin Andre", is about his relationship with Badu.
- FACT 770. | Azealia Banks grew up in Harlem and was part of a upper-middle class family.
- FACT 771 . | Waka Flocka Flame hot his name from Fozzie Bear, of "The Muppets".
- FACT 772. | Before "Breaking Bad," Aaron Paul unsuccessfully tried out for the role of Bryan Cranston's son in "Malcolm in the Middle."
- FACT 773. | Arnold Schwarzenegger wasn't allowed to dub over his own voice in the German version of Terminator, because his Austrian accent "wasn't tough enough."
- FACT 774. | Rolling Stone readers vote Nirvana as one of the worst bands of the 1990s, right along with Creed, Limp Bizkit and Hanson.
- FACT 775. | When James Avery auditioned for the part of Uncle Phil on Fresh Prince of Bel Air, he had no idea who Will Smith was. When he

entered the room, Smith had his feet on a table and his hat on sideways. Avery told him to put his feet down and turn his hat around. He got the part.

FACT 776. | Even though he was a teenager during the Great Depression of the 1930s, John F. Kennedy said in an interview with TIME that he, "didn't really learn about the depression until [he] read about it at Harvard."

FACT 777 . | In 2001, when Rowan Atkinson was travelling with his family on his private plane, he had to take control of the plane after his pilot passed out. He had to prevent it from crashing, despite never having piloted a plane. The pilot was eventually woken up by Atkinson repeatedly slapping him.

FACT 778. | When his boat sank off the Jamaican coast, Christ Blackwell, the producer who first discovered Bob Marley, was found near-death by some Rasta fishermen. they nursed him back to full health, forming a bond with their culture that became the basis for his famous investment in the island's music.

FACT 779. | When filming "Blues Brothers," John Belushi disappeared from the set. Dan Ackroyd went door to door looking for him. A homeowner told him, "oh you mean Belushi? He came in here an hour ago and raided my fridge. He's asleep on my couch."

FACT 780 . | Because of the ravages of Parkinson's disease, it was difficult to understand Muhammad Ali when he spoke. But at one function in 1995, when he was invited to North Korea with a collection of other athletes, someone started rambling on about the moral superiority of North Korea, and how they could take out the United States or Japan any time they wanted. Suddenly, Ali piped up, saying, "No wonder we hate these motherfuckers."

FACT 781. | Helena Bonham Carter accidentally ruptured the eardrum of Matthew Lewis when she stuck her wand in his ear while filming Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix.

- FACT 782 . | While Caesar and Cato fiercely debated in the Roman Senate over a conspiracy to seize power, a note was delivered to Caesar. Cato alleged this could implicate his involvement, imploring him to read it. He handed it to Cato who read it out loud. It was a lustful love letter from Cato's sister.
- FACT 783. | While filming "Fight Club", Helena Bonham Carter insisted that her makeup artist apply all of her eye makeup with her left hand, as she did not believe that Marla Singer would be someone who was particularly good at applying makeup.
- FACT 784. | The office in charge of guarding Abraham Lincoln in Ford's Theatre left his post to go drinking, at the same bar where John Wilkes Booth was building up the courage to shoot the President.
- FACT 785. | A young Bill Nye worked in a local comedy show in Seattle called "Almost Live!" During one episode, the show's host said "jiggawatts" when he meant to say "giggawatts." When Bill jumped in to correct him, the host snapped back, "who do you think you are, Bill Nye the Science Guy?" The name stuck.
- FACT 786. | The part of "Jackie" on "That 70s Show" asked for an 18 year old girl. Mila Kunis, being 14, said she would be 18 on her birthday without specifying which birthday and won the part.
- FACT 787. | Kate Smith was a rat trained to raise a small American flag. It was trained by Kelly Buckwalter of Santa Barbara High School as "an experiment in operant conditioning" for her chemistry and psychology classes.
- FACT 788. | Tania Head, a well known 9/11 survivor, faked being in the South Tower during the attacks and served as President of The WTC Survivors Network before people found out she was lying. She was not even in the United States during the attacks.

- FACT 789. | A woman was trapped in her body for 6 years before anyone noticed. In 1966 someone saw that she was trying to smile after hearing a dirty joke. Julia Tavalaro learned to communicate by blinking, became an author, and died at age 68, 37 years after the stroke.
- FACT 790. | Keith Richards heard the riff to "I Can't Get No Satisfaction" in a dream. He woke up, played the riff on a tape recorder and mumbled "I can't get no satisfaction" and went back to sleep.
- FACT 791. | When Liam Neeson was asked about the potential for another sequel in the "Taken" film franchise, he responded, "I don't think there'll be a Taken 3. She can't get taken again. That's just bad parenting."
- FACT 792. | Prince William's day job as a helicopter pilot in the East Anglian Air Ambulance pays approximately \$62,000 a year. Considering his other form of income, like his inheritance, the Prince donates most of his earnings to an undisclosed charity.
- FACT 793. | Before Jason Aldean was a country music singer, the Georgia native was kicked off the stage for refusing to play Prince's "Purple Rain" at a country bar in Alabama. He also sold pagers at a mall kiosk before he was fired for not showing up to work due to a hangover.
- FACT 794. | Thora Birch caused a stir when the 17 year old appeared nude in "American Beauty". She needed her parents' permission to take her clothes off on screen for which they signed off. Nudity wasn't a big deal for her parents, Jack Birch and Carol Connors, who were both adult film stars.
- FACT 795. | In 1969, in response to one of the largest ever anti-war demonstrations, Richard Nixon wanted Army helicopters to hover over protesters and blow out their candlelit vigil.
- FACT 796. | Melissa Gorga slept in the same bed as her mother until she was 13.

FACT 797. | Miranda Lambert is the daughter of private investigators. The Lambert's private investigation business took off after they worked with former Arkansas state employee, Paula Jones', legal team on her case against President Bill Clinton.

FACT 798. | Katey Segal's sisters, who are twins, were once the Doublemint gum twins.

FACT 799 . | Marilyn Manson's real name is Brian Hugh Warner.

FACT 800 . | SS Leader, Heinrich Himmler, frequently carried out occult rituals in an ancient German castle, and may have believe he was the reincarnation of Germany's first king.

FACT 801 . | Nicolas Cage's middle name is Kim.

FACT 802 . | Scarlett Johansson has a twin brother named Hunter Johansson.

FACT 803. | Justin Timberlake is the voice of the "I'm Lovin' It" campaign.

FACT 804. | Miley Cyrus' real name is Destiny Hope.

FACT 805 . | Anne Hathaway wanted to grow up to be a nun.

FACT 806 . | A man developed a passionate love for the music of Johnny Cash after being implanted with a brain stimulation device.

FACT 807. | Martha Stewart used to be an editorial fashion model.

FACT 808. | Tim Curry was the voice for Nigel Thornberry on the cartoon "The Wild Thornberries."

FACT 809. | Emma Stone is not a natural redhead. She's actually blonde.

FACT 810 . | Tom Hanks was once enrolled in seminary school to become a priest.

FACT 811. | Louis CK is a Mexican citizen.

FACT 812. | While held captive as a prisoner of war by the Germans, Major Alexis Casdagli passed the time by cross-stitching. The Germans liked his needlework so much that they hung one of his works up on a wall for everyone to see, not realizing that he had hidden a secret message on it: On the sides, Casdagli had written "God save the King" and "Fuck Hitler" in Morse Code.

FACT 813 . | Jeremy Renner was a successful makeup artist before he became an actor.

FACT 814. | Al Roker and Lenny Kravitz are second cousins.

FACT 815. | Muhammad Ali's real name is Cassius Marcellus Clay Jr.

FACT 816. | Elvis Presley flew 800 miles just to get a bite of his favorite sandwich.

FACT 817. | Sheriff, Joe Arpaio, once busted a cockfighting ring with armored vehicles, Steven Seagal, and a SWAT team, causing thousands of dollars in damage and euthanizing all the birds.

FACT 818. | Gwen Stefani has had 2 boyfriends in her whole life.

FACT 819. | Alexander Graham Bell never phoned his wife or mother because they were deaf.

FACT 820 . | Even though she appears in ads for Tommy Hilfiger's True Star fragrances, Beyonce is reportedly allergic to perfume.

- FACT 821. | After Drew Barrymore posed for Playboy in 1995, Steven Spielberg sent a note that said "cover yourself up" along with a quilt and a copy of the magazine with all her pictures altered so that she appeared fully clothed.
- FACT 822. | At age 10, Justin Timberlake won the 1991 pre-teen Mr. America pageant. The following year, he became the first male winner of America's Universal Charm pageant.
- FACT 823. | Keira Knightley was Queen Amidala's decoy in Star Wars: Episode 1, though the film was promoted as If Natalie Portman played both roles.
- FACT 824 . | In 1993, Jessica Simpson tried out for the Mickey Mouse Club but panicked after watching Christina Aguilera's audition.
- FACT 825 . | In the early 70s, Richard Gere played Danny Zuko in a London production of Grease.
- FACT 826. | India's richest person, Mukesh Ambani, built a \$1 billion dollar home. It has 27 habitable floors, including six parking floors for up to 168 cars. He has a staff of 600 maintain the home.
- FACT 827. | Tom Cruise admits that he still does the "Risky Business" underwear dance when he's at home alone. He calls it his "dance of freedom".
- FACT 828 . | Christina Applegate attended the 1989 MTV Movie awards with Brad Pitt, but dumped him at the event and left with someone else.
- FACT 829 . | Mariah Carey was nicknamed "Mirage" in high school because she never showed up for class.
- FACT 830 . | Hugh Thompson Jr., a helicopter pilot in Vietnam, threw away his Distinguished Flying Cross when he saw the citation included a

fabricated account of the My Lai Massacre. The citation stated that he saved a young Vietnamese girl from "intense crossfire," when he had, in fact, saved many people from being murdered by American soldiers.

FACT 831. | Comedy actor, Jack Black, is the son of rocket scientists. His mother worked on the Hubble telescope, and his father worked on, "some stuff that I can't tell you about," he said.

FACT 832 . | John Lennon's assassination on December 8, 1980 still attracts its share of conspiracy theorists. One of them genuinely believes that John Lennon was killed by Steven King, who was working with Ronald Reagan and Richard Nixon.

FACT 833. | When Colonel Robert Gould Shaw, commander of the all-black 54th Regiment during the American Civil War, died at Fort Wagner, he was stripped and buried with his men as an insult. His father, however, proclaimed that he was proud to know that his son rests with his brave and devoted soldiers.

FACT 834. | Jennifer Love Hewitt sent Matt Damon an inflatable bed because she read that he didn't feel like he has a bed of his own.

FACT 835. | Paris Hilton has size 11 feet.

FACT 836. | Madonna is related to both Gwen Stefani and Celine Dion. Gwen's great aunt's mother in law shares the same last name as Madonna Ciccone and an ancestor of Madonna's mother was married to a distant relative of Celine's dad.

FACT 837. | Julia Roberts' left eye tears up when she gets nervous.

FACT 838. | Demi Moore, who has earned up to \$20 million per movie, first found work as a bill collector.

FACT 839. | Both Olsen twins had to wear fake teeth during the later years of Full House because their smiles began to look different.

FACT 840 . | In 1985, a four year old Alicia Keys appeared on "The Cosby Show" as one of the guests at Rudy's slumber party.

FACT 841. | Usher holds the Star Search record for the longest note by a child: 12.1 seconds.

FACT 842 . | Halle Berry used to date New Kid on the Block, Danny Wood. They broke up because the band thought she was a groupie.

FACT 843. | Brad Pitt belonged to the Key Club and the Forensics Club in High School, and before he became an actor he supported himself as a chauffeur, a furniture movers and a costumed mascot for the restaurant, El Pollo Loco.

FACT 844 . | George Clooney sometimes sleeps in the walk-in closet of his Los Angeles mansion because, he says, "all the bedrooms are too light."

FACT 845 . | Flavor Flav is a certified musical prodigy. He taught himself how to play the piano at age 5 and he is proficient in 15 other instruments.

FACT 846 . | Paul McCartney was deported from Germany for lighting a condom on fire.

FACT 847 . | Rowan Atkinson has a master's degree in Electrical Engineering from Oxford University.

FACT 848 . | JFK's sister was given one of the first lobotomies because of her mood swings. Doctors asked her to sing God Bless America while they cut into her brain, and stopped when she "became incoherent".

FACT 849 . | Drew Carey was a U.S. Marine.

FACT 850 . | Conan O'Brien's father is a doctor and his mother is a lawyer.

- FACT 851. | Meryl Streep is a distant relative of William Penn, the founder of Pennsylvania.
- FACT 852. | Benjamin Harrison, the 23rd President of the U.S., was the first President to have electricity in the White House but he never touched any light switches because he was too scared of getting electrocuted.
- FACT 853 . | Leonard Nimoy starred in Mission: Impossible for two seasons.
- FACT 854. | Walt Disney was the original voice of Mickey Mouse.
- FACT 855. | Sarah Palin can play the flute.
- FACT 856. | Jimmy Carter is the only U.S. President to have experienced firsthand what it was like to live in government subsidized housing.
- FACT 857. | Comedian and actor, Jerry Seinfeld, owns 44 Porsches.
- FACT 858. | Tupac Shakur also performed under the stage name Makaveli.
- FACT 859. | Britney Spears' music is used by the British Navy to scare off Somali pirates.
- FACT 860 . | John Grisham, apart from being a novelist, is also a lawyer who practiced criminal law for nine years.
- FACT 861. | Former president Gerald Ford, wasn't always grey-haired and paunchy. In his college days, he worked as a male model, and even appeared on the cover of Cosmopolitan.
- FACT 862 . | The world's best Chess player, the 21 year old Norwegian, Magnus Carlsen, played 10 games at the same time, without looking at the

board and won them all within 2 minutes.

FACT 863. | After being in a coma for nearly 8 years, Gary Dockery awoke suddenly and spent the day catching up with family. By the next day, he could no longer speak and he soon slipped back into the coma and never woke up again.

FACT 864. | Paul Newman was kicked out of Ohio University after rolling a beer keg down Jeff Hill and hitting the president's car.

FACT 865. | James Cameron originally wanted Enya to compose the score for the film "Titanic" and even went so far as to assemble a rough edit using her music. When Enya declined, Cameron hired James Horner.

FACT 866. | Facebook calculated that 2.8 million people in Britain and America alone had written status updates about the royal wedding of Prince William and Kate Middleton in the 24 hours before the service began. Twitter users were posting 237 tweets every second about the royal wedding.

FACT 867. | The Duke of Edinburgh, husband of Queen Elizabeth II, gave p the title of Prince when he married then Princess Elizabeth, rather than taking it. the Duke was actually born Prince Phillip of Greece and Denmark. In order to marry the Princess, he was required to renounce his titles and allegiances to both countries.

FACT 868. | The total cost of keeping the Monarchy in the year 2009 to 2010 was \$59 million dollars.

FACT 869 . | Former President, President for Life and then Emperor Jean-Bedel Bokossa of the Central African Republic ate the flesh of his political enemies.

FACT 870 . | The Queen owns all the sturgeons, whales and dolphins within three miles of the waters around the UK. They are recognized as "Fishes Royal".

- FACT 871. | After Disney threatened to sue three day care centers for unauthorized use of their characters, Hanna Barbera gave them the right to use Universal characters as decorations.
- FACT 872. | Kate Middleton, at 29, is the eldest spinster ever to marry an heir to the throne of the United Kingdom. Only two older women have ever married someone close to succeeding the throne and they were both divorced.
- FACT 873 . | NASA asked Buzz Aldrin to refrain from quoting the Bible on the Moon.
- FACT 874. | Kate Middleton is related to George Washington, the first President of the United States of America. they share a common ancestor from the 15th century. Sir William Gascoigne, making them right cousins, eight times removed.
- FACT 875. | Mussolini was expelled from school when he was 10 for stabbing a classmate. He did the same thing at his next school.
- FACT 876. | Abba got their name by taking the first letter from each of their names (Agnetha, Bjorn, Benny, Anni-frid).
- FACT 877 . | Saddam Hussein once used Whitney Houston's "I Will Always Love You" song as a campaign theme song.
- FACT 878. | Thomas Edison had five dots tattooed onto his left forearm.
- FACT 879. | Walter Koenig had to wear a shaggy toupee in his first season as Chekhov in Star Trek, until his real hair grew out. Reportedly, his mop-topped character was modeled after The Monkees singer, Davy Jones, in an attempt to lure teenage viewers.

- FACT 880 . | J.K. Rowling is the first person to become a billionaire by writing books.
- FACT 881. | Actor and comedian, Chevy Chase, occasionally played pick-up drums for one of the original lineups of Steely Dan, known as "The Leather Canary".
- FACT 882 . | Muhammad Ali claims to have seen UFOs on multiple occasions, notably during a 1971 jog through New York's Central Park.
- FACT 883. | Marc Gross uses Google Earth and drones to shoot elephants with Capsaicin paintballs, deterring them from poachers.
- FACT 884. | Louis Armstrong played the trumpet so much that get go calluses on his lips, so he cut them off with a razor blade.
- FACT 885. | Sylvester Stallone was voted "Most Likely to end up in the Electric Chair" by his schoolmates. He was expelled from 14 schools in 11 years.
- FACT 886 . | Christian Bale saw Tom Cruise on the Late Show with David Letterman while preparing for his role in "American Psycho". Cruise's, "intense friendliness with nothing behind the eyes", became the inspiration for how Bale would portray the psychopathic murderer.
- FACT 887. | Michael Jackson wanted to build a 50 foot robot of himself to roam the Nevada desert. The project failed as Jackson had trouble securing investors.
- FACT 888 . | When Anne Hathaway was auditioning for "The Dark Knight Rises", she thought she was auditioning for Harley Quinn.
- FACT 889 . | Ryan Gosling got his role in "The Notebook" because the director thought he was neither handsome nor cool.

- FACT 890 . | Hugh Jackman was supposed to have a brief cameo as Wolverine in "Spider Man" (2002). Jackman actually showed up in New York to film the scene, but the entire plan was scrapped when the crew couldn't get access to the Wolverine costume from X-Men.
- FACT 891. | Antonio La Cava, a retired Italian school teacher, decided that after 42 years of teaching, he could do even more to spread the love of reading to children. So in 2003, he bought a used Ape motorbike and modified it to create a portable library that housed 700 books. He's been travelling in the Bibliomotocarro ever since.
- FACT 892. | A bully dropped 7 year old Mike Tyson's glasses in a truck's gas tank and tried to steal his meatballs. Several years later, Tyson came back and, "beat him in the streets like a fucking dog."
- FACT 893. | When Andre the Giant used to go to Japan, he sometimes would poop in the bathtubs, or on newspapers because the toilets were too small for him.
- FACT 894. | Before the Queen leaves Buckingham Palace to deliver her speech at the Opening of Parliament, as is tradition, a member of the House of Commons is ceremonially held hostage at the palace. This was started to ensure the safe return of the monarch from a possibly hostile Parliament.
- FACT 895. | Brad Pitt voluntarily went to a dentist to have his front teeth chipped for the role of Tyler Durden in Fight Club. His teeth were fixed after he finished making the movie.
- FACT 896. | The idea for YouTube, in part, was conceived when the founders couldn't find a video of Janet Jackson's breast popping out during the Super Bowl.
- FACT 897. | Doris "Granny D" Haddock was a political activist who walked over 3000 miles around the age of 90 to advocate for a single cause: campaign finance reform.

FACT 898. | "Teen Spirit" was a real deodorant. One of Kurt Cobain's friends spray painted "Kurt Smells Like Teen Spirit" on his wall because Kurt's then-girlfriend wore Teen Spirit, which led to the title of the 1991 Nirvana hit song.

FACT 899 . | Natalie Portman helped with the writing of "The Social Network" by providing inside information about the social life at Harvard. She was a Harvard student at the time Facebook first appeared there and the lines, "Who was the movie star?", "Does it matter?", refer to her.

FACT 900. | Mayim Bialik (Amy Fowler from The Big Bang Theory) has a PhD in Neuroscience.

FACT 901. | Shakira has been making music for more than 23 years and can play the guitar, drums percussion and harmonica. She also speaks 7 different languages, is the founder of a charity called Pies Descalzos and is a goodwill ambassador for UNICEF.

FACT 902 . | Mother Theresa wasn't as saintly as she is made out to be. Her house of the dying "hospices" saw a much lower standard of care than many people who donated had thought and were poor hospices by the standards of developed nations. Hospices have people who are medically trained and try to minimize suffering. Her "hospices" had untrained nuns making medically bad decisions that assumed most people were terminal. The nuns were not medically competent, many practices were in place that led to a lot of unnecessary suffering. For example all she had to do was to allow her nuns to boil needles and it would be a lot safer and more sanitary yet she didn't allow it. Also, she said "the most beautiful gift for a person that he can participate in the sufferings of Christ."

FACT 903. | Carl Sagan was not a great father to one of his kids. One of his sons talks about how absent a father he was. This comes from reading "Carl Sagan: A Life" by Keay Davidson. Also according to the book, Sagan was a disloyal friend, a cynical careerist, a security risk, an abusive husband, a scientist who eschewed experiment, an educator who avoided students, a goofy pothead.

FACT 904. | There is a good chance that Martin Luther King plagiarized a good part of his thesis. Boston University, where King received his Ph.D. in systematic theology, conducted an investigation that found he plagiarized major portions of his doctoral thesis from various other authors who wrote about the topic. He also cheated on his wife and was known to be a pretty intense womanizer.

FACT 905 . | Rudyard Kipling donated £30,000 to the UVF (Ulster Volunteer Force), the militant wing of those who did not want to see Irish Independence. Backing the militants instead of the actual legitimate party brought the gun into Irish politics and led to an end of constitutional parties making critical decisions over the future of Ireland, leaving it to radicals on either side to battle it out.

FACT 906. | Pope Innocent VIII was given the blood of 3 young boys while in a coma in an attempt to save his life. All four died.

FACT 907. | Women were excluded from the White House Correspondents Dinner until 1962, when JFK threatened to boycott unless they were allowed in.

FACT 908. | San Francisco Highway Patrol Officer, Kevin Briggs, has talked approximately 200 people out of suicide on the Golden Gate Bridge since 1994.

FACT 909 . | Physiologist Ivan Pavlov, wasn't the friendly, bell-ringing dog-lover we all think he was. He surgically implanted spigots in the dog's jaws to measure their saliva and fed them under very restrictive conditions (strapping them down, etc.). Then he did the same thing on human children. Believed to be street urchins, these children had spigots surgically added to their cheeks and were strapped down with a chute leading directly to their mouth. Pavlov would ring a bell and drop a cookie/biscuit down the chute into the child's mouth. There's film footage of these experiments on children.

FACT 910 . | In 1969, Massachusetts Senator Ted Kennedy drove a car with a passenger off of a bridge into a channel, got out and left the scene and went back to his hotel room. He fell asleep, was awoken by a party somewhere in the building, complained to the hotel manager, and didn't report the accident for 9 hours. The passenger drowned. He got a 2 month sentence and even that was suspended.

FACT 911. | "Stayin' Alive" by Bee Gees was used in a study to train medical staff to perform CPR. The song has close to 104 beats per minute, and 100-120 chest compressions per minute are recommended by the British Heart Foundation.

FACT 912 . | ZZ Top refused a \$1,000,000 offer from Gillette to shave their beards for an ad.

FACT 913. | Andre the Giant had surgery, but the doctors could not figure out how much anesthesia to use due to his size. They instead used Andre's claim that "it usually takes two liters of vodka just to make me feel warm inside" as their guide.

FACT 914 . | The Band ZZ Top during one of their live stage shows decided to have a mixture of live animals, including vultures, buffaloes and rattlesnakes on stage, but the buffalo rammed into a tank full of rattlesnakes and released them live on stage.

FACT 915. | Dark Horse Brewery turned down Nickelback endorsement deal because the workers hated the band.

FACT 916. | In 2013, Kid Rock took a pay cut that cost him around \$50,000 to \$100,000 per night during his tour to keep ticket prices at \$20 and a 12 ounce beer at \$4.

FACT 917. | A Megadeath is a unit of measurement. 1 Megadeath equal 1 million deaths caused by nuclear explosion. It is also where the band got its namesake.

- FACT 918. | When Pink Flyod was completing "Shine On You Crazy Diamond," which was an exploration of their former band mate Syd Barrett's mental decline, an overweight man with a shaved head and eyebrows entered the studio. He turned out to be Syd Barrett himself, who they had not seen in seven years.
- FACT 919. | When the Arctic Monkeys started their band, none of them knew how to play instruments.
- FACT 920 . | Def Jam Records founder Rick Rubin was in a punk band called 'The Pricks' that asked friends to heckle during a gig in order to start a brawl leading to the band being kicked off stage & the show being shut down by a "cop" who was really Rubin's father, in an effort to create buzz around the band.
- FACT 921. | The final words of Terry Kath (from the band Chicago) were "Don't worry, it's not loaded," whilst playing with guns.
- FACT 922. | After dreaming the melody to "Yesterday," Paul McCartney became convinced that he had subconsciously plagiarized the song (cryptomnesia), and went around to other bands and played a demo to make sure the song wasn't theirs.
- FACT 923 . | Astronomer, Percival Lowell, believed that he was the first person to observe canals on Venus, but because of a faulty adjustment of the eyepiece of his telescope, he was in fact looking at the blood vessels in his own eye.
- FACT 924. | The true meaning of the lyrics to Bohemian Rhapsody still remains a secret within the band.
- FACT 925. | Queen is the only band in which every member has individually written more than one #1 hit.
- FACT 926. | In 1993, the band Rage Against The Machine, upon being asked to censor their lyrics, went on stage fully naked with duct tape over

their mouths as an act of protest.

FACT 927. | At 2:58 in the Hey Jude, you can hear 'fucking hell' as Paul McCartney screws up on the piano. The band thought it was funny enough to leave it in.

FACT 928. | An Indian man named Jadav Payeng started planting trees on a barren sandbar at 17. He is now 47 and lives in his own 1360 acre forest which houses rhinos, tigers, deer, apes and elephants.

FACT 929. | After Dave Grohl left his first band, they decided to quit because they knew they'd never find a drummer as good as him.

FACT 930 . | Most of Sigmund Freud's theories have been completely discredited to the point that almost no institution in any discipline would dare use him as a credible source.

FACT 931. | In 2007 listeners of BBC Radio 2 ranked Queen as the 'top British band' of all time, better than The Beatles, Led Zeppelin, and The Rolling Stones.

FACT 932. On his last day as a welder, Tony Iommi, guitarist of Black Sabbath, lost the tips of his two fretting fingers. While he was recovering he found it easier to play the guitar by dropping the tuning and using lighter gauge strings, which helped give Black Sabbath its signature, dark, sound.

FACT 933 . | The Beastie Boys used to open for themselves in disguise as a heavy metal band.

FACT 934 . | Pink Floyd's Dark Side of the Moon earnings were invested in a floating restaurant, a fudge-making hotel, a computer game, a film nobody saw, a skateboard company, a car hire business, and a children's shoe factory. All complete failures. They fled to France as tax exiles and recorded The Wall.

- FACT 935. | Just a year ago, J. K. Rowling (author of the Harry Potter books) was wealthier than the Queen of England.
- FACT 936. | Billionaire Chuck Feeney (Co-founder of Duty Free Shoppers Group) has anonymously donated 99% his fortune of his \$6.3 Billion to help under privileged kids go to college. He is now worth just \$2 million dollars.
- FACT 937. | Reclusive Billionaire Howard Hughes (1905 1976) was being kept awake at night by the bright neon sign from the 'Silver Slipper' casino, so he bought the casino and dismantled the sign.
- FACT 938 . | Steve Jobs used a loophole in the UNOS registration system to get his liver transplant before others.
- FACT 939. | The richest man in history was Musa I of Mali. On his pilgrimage to Mecca, he spent so much gold that he caused a super inflation and devalued the metal for the next few decades.
- FACT 940 . | Freddie Mercury is celebrated in Iran, a country where homosexuality is illegal, and Queen's "Bohemian Rhapsody" was the 1st rock song officially approved post-revolution since he calls for God in Arabic ("Bismillah! We will not let you go") to help regain his soul from Shaitan.
- FACT 941. | Rolling Stones drummer, Charlie Watts, was sleeping one day, when Mick Jagger phoned drunk to Watts' hotel room asking where was his drummer. Watts got up, suited-up, went to Jagger's room, punched him, and then replied: "Don't ever call me your drummer again. You're my fucking singer!"
- FACT 942 . | James Madison proposed creating the Senate to protect the very wealthy from the poor: "Landholders ought to have a share in the government ... They ought to be so constituted as to protect the minority of the opulent against the majority. The senate, therefore, ought to be this body."

FACT 943. Steve Jobs & Steve Wozniak during their college years sold "blue boxes," or illegal technology that allowed people to make long-distance calls free of charge.

FACT 944. | Billionaire J. Paul Getty refused to pay \$17 million ransom for his 16-year-old grandson, who was kidnapped by Italian gangsters thinking it was a scheme set up by the grandson himself to make money. Three months later, when his grandson's ear arrived in the mail, he agreed \$3 million, but later only paid \$2.2 million (the maximum that would be tax deductible). He lent the other \$800k to his son on the condition that he pay it back with 4% interest.

FACT 945. | Donald Trump tried to sue an author for \$5 Billion. His only reason was that the author called him a millionaire instead of a billionaire.

FACT 946. | Michael Cicconetti is a judge in Ohio who has sentenced people to spend a night in the woods alone (for animal abandonment), be homeless for 24 hours (for stealing a Salvation Army kettle) and to stay silent for a day (for noise complaints).

FACT 947. | The famous Rolling Stone cover shot of a naked John Lennon curled against Yoko Ono was taken by Annie Leibovitz at the same apartment complex and on the same day Lennon was fatally shot.

FACT 948. | The Backstreet Boys and 'N Sync had the same manager and he defrauded both of them out of millions of dollars.

FACT 949. | 'N Sync's "I'll Never Stop" is the best-selling cassette single of 2009, 2010, and 2011, selling 24 copies, 13 copies, and 11 copies respectively.

FACT 950. | Shakira was banned from her school choir because her music teacher didn't think she could sing and "sounded like a goat."

FACT 951. | Steve Jobs tried to donate a computer for EVERY school in America. When the government did not collaborate (as they thought it was marketing idea to get children to use Macs), he donated them to the 10,000 schools in California.

FACT 952. | Billionaire Colombian drug lord, Pablo Escobar in his prime made so much money that he spent \$2,500 a month on rubber bands to bundle up his stacks of cash. He annually wrote off 10% as spoilage due to rats chewing on money and moisture destroying money stored in his warehouses.

FACT 953. | Blondie comic strip character, Dagwood Bumstead is the son of a billionaire railroad tycoon that got disinherited when he married Blondie.

FACT 954. On his deathbed, Steve Jobs refused to wear his oxygen mask just because he didn't like the design of it.

FACT 955. | The producer recording "Sweet Child O' Mine" with Guns n' Roses suggested there be a breakdown at the end of the song. The band had no idea where to take the song, resulting in the iconic repetition of "Where do we go now?"

FACT 956. | Scott Neeson, former president of 20th Century Fox International, sold his mansion, Porsche, and yacht and left the industry to establish and personally oversee Cambodian Children's Fund as Executive Director, in Cambodia.

FACT 957. | The sex noises in Rocket Queen by Guns N' Roses were real and were made by Axl Rose having sex with Steven Adler's girlfriend in the studio.

FACT 958. | In 1997, Steve Jobs used his patents to pressure Bill Gates into investing \$150 million into Apple, because he believed Apple would go under if Microsoft didn't have "a stake in our success."

- FACT 959 . | Broadcom Billionaire, Henry Nicholas built a secret sex lair under his house, was charged with distributing cocaine and meth, and once smoked so much weed on his jet that his pilot had to put on an oxygen mask to keep his senses.
- FACT 960. | An Azerbaijani billionaire has planned to build an artificial archipelago with a \$100 billion city with the new world's tallest building and making it "the new Venice".
- FACT 961. | Julia Louis-Dreyfus (Elaine from Seinfeld) is the daughter of a billionaire. Upon inheritance, she stands to becomes one of the wealthiest people in America.
- FACT 962. | Henry Ford became a billionaire in 1920, which would be, in today's money accounting for inflation and GDP, worth \$194 billion, making him the 7th richest man in history.
- FACT 963. | A billionaire sheikh (Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani) carved out his name in the Saudi Arabian desert so that it can be seen from space.
- FACT 964. | Mark Zuckerberg is not the world's youngest billionaire. Rather, it is his former college roommate, Dustin Moskovitz, who is a mere 8 days younger and also made his fortune in Facebook.
- FACT 965 . | Osama Bin Laden's father was a billionaire who fathered 54 children.
- FACT 966. | Chuck Berry earns all the royalties from the Beach Boy's 1963 hit single 'Surfin USA', which he won in a copyright infringement lawsuit unbeknownst to the Beach Boys for 25 years.
- FACT 967. On finding the body of Kurt Cobain three days after he died, the stereo at the scene of his death was still on with an R.E.M. CD in place suggesting Kurt Cobain killed himself while listening to R.E.M.

- FACT 968. | Anthony Kiedis once missed a Red Hot Chili Peppers concert because he was off scoring drugs, so Keith Morris filled in on vocals and just yelled and made up lyrics because he didn't know any of the songs.
- FACT 969. | The Spice Girls personally made \$75million between 1996 and 1998. Their global grosses were estimated to be \$500-800million. They only released two albums.
- FACT 970 . | In 1986, the Red Hot Chili Peppers were budgeted \$5000 by EMI Music to make a demo tape and set aside \$2000 to spend on heroin and cocaine.
- FACT 971. | Jerry Springer does not know what the subject of each episode of his show will be. They bring out the guest and he finds out why they are there by asking questions.
- FACT 972 . | Aerosmith made more money from Guitar Hero than any albums.
- FACT 973. | During the period of 2000-2009 Dave Matthews Band sold more tickets and earned more money than any other act in North America.
- FACT 974. | In the fall-out with Don King, Mike Tyson discovered a fanclub that had been hidden from him for years. Among the fan letters was one from a boy dying of cancer, asking for a phone call. Mike called immediately, buy was a year too late. He broke down and cried.
- FACT 975. | Andrew Jackson served as the President of the United States with a bullet near his heart, a musket ball in his lung, and chased down a guy who tried to assassinate him (with two pistols that misfired) and beat him into submission with his cane.
- FACT 976. | When a dignitary complained to President Theodore Roosevelt about Alice Roosevelt (his daughter) smoking on top of the

White House, Roosevelt replied, "I can be President of the United States or I can control Alice. I cannot possibly do both."

FACT 977. | President Lyndon B. Johnson owned an amphibious car, the Amphicar, and used it to scare guests by driving them into his lake screaming about brake failure.

FACT 978. | Megan Fox is a fan of comic books and video games.

FACT 979 . | Keke Palmer makes around \$20,000 per episode of True Jackson VP.

FACT 980 . | King Charles II used to wear a wig made out of his favorite mistress' pubic hair.

FACT 981 . | Katy Perry co-wrote Kelly Clarkson's song, "I Do Not Hook Up".

FACT 982 . | Matt Damon bartended without compensation in Knoxville, Tennessee in order to perfect his Southern accent for his role

FACT 983 . | Angelina Jolie has tried to eat bee larvae, crickets and cockroaches and surprising enough, she even loved the roaches.

FACT 984. | Ryan Gosling was once suspended from school for throwing steak knives during recess because he thought he was Rambo.

FACT 985. | Khloe Kardashian said she felt "disgusted" after losing her virginity at 14 years old.

FACT 986. | Hugh Jackman was a guest at Nicole Kidman and Keith Urban's wedding.

FACT 987 . | A Catholic priest named Michael Clegg first began distributing ecstasy and at its peak, he was delivering 500,000 pills to the

Dallas area per month.

FACT 988 . | For her role in "Spring Breakers", Selena Gomez had to be taught how to smoke a cigarette.

FACT 989 . | Nick Jonas once sang "My Girl" to Miley Cyrus.

FACT 990. | Tina Fey waited until she was 24 years old to lose her virginity.

FACT 991. | Justin Bieber is an investor in Spotify.

FACT 992. | Notorious B.I.G.'s interlude on "Ready to Die" of him getting a blow job was real audio of him getting a blow job in the recording studio.

FACT 993 . | 50 Cent told fans to invest in a stock and he profited \$8.7 million because of their investments.

FACT 994. | After Conan O'Brien's first show in 1993, he published a negative review of his own performance in the New York Times.

FACT 995. | When Nadia Comaneci achieved the first perfect 10.00 score in gymnastics, the scoreboard wasn't even capable of showing 2 digits. Instead it showed 1.00.

FACT 996. | Leonardo Da Vinci created an alarm clock that woke him up by rubbing his feet.

FACT 997. | Adele claims that she's like an American girl in the fact that she wants to marry a prince charming.

FACT 998. | Jack Nicholson once had a job answering Tom and Jerry's fan mail.

FACT 999 . | J.K. Rowling seriously considered killing off Ron and putting Hermione and Fred together in the Harry Potter series.

FACT 1000. | The Buddha himself was not a vegetarian and did not urge his disciples to become vegetarian either. In fact, earlier teachings actually encourage the consumption of meat. Even today, you'll find Buddhists who still eat meat willingly.

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