

# Folk of Geniuses

the 4  
unusual  
habits  
of  
Andy  
Warhol

## The Trash Man

Before you throw out this week's trash, think again: Warhol was undisputed King of the Pack-Rats. Things he collected? Airplane menus, unpaid invoices, pizza dough, pornographic pulp novels, newspapers, stamps, supermarket flyers, cookie jars...He filled not only his four-storey townhouse, but also a nearby storage unit with what his friends referred to as 'Andy's Stuff' – and the true extent of it wasn't discovered until after his death. The Andy Warhol Museum in Pittsburgh now has 641 boxes of Stuff, aka Warhol's Time Capsules, aka a very valuable archive. Motto: never declutter! He filled not only his four-storey townhouse, but also a nearby storage unit with what his friends referred to as 'Andy's Stuff' – and the true extent of it wasn't discovered until after his death. The Andy Warhol Museum in Pittsburgh now has 641 boxes of Stuff, aka Warhol's Time Capsules, aka a very valuable archive. Motto: never declutter!

## Big wig

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# “Uh, No.”

## Feet first

From the head to the toes – Warhol had a serious foot fetish. One of the weirder finds in the Time Capsules (along with plenty of drawings of feet and shoes) was a mummified human foot from Ancient Egypt. The curator of anthropology at Carnegie Museum of Natural History reckons he picked it up at a flea market – we're not so sure what to make of that...From the head to the toes – Warhol had a serious foot fetish. One of the weirder finds in the Time Capsules (along with plenty

## Living on a prayer

As a man known for his sharp, inquisitive mind and fascination with the world, we can forgive you for thinking Warhol might have been an atheist – but, in fact, he was a practising Byzantine Catholic. Not so much a habit as a way of life, sure, but a rather strange one in Andy's circles. In 1980 he even had an audience with Pope John Paul II at the Vatican. And when he got interested in 'crystal healing' he stressed about how it might conflict with his religious faith. As a man known for his sharp, inquisitive mind and fascination with the world, we can forgive you for thinking Warhol might have been an