

SELECTIONS FROM
THE WORLD RECORD ARCHIVES

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BIRTHS

HIGHEST NUMBER OF SHARED COINCIDENTAL BIRTH DATES IN A SINGLE FAMILY: 14

Held by Charles & Eliza Whipple and twelve of their thirteen children: Henry, Simon, Cordelia, Penelope, Edward, Charlotte, Lenora, Franklin, Abigail, Beatrice, George, and Ivy.

Though Charles and Eliza were no doubt fond of each other before they discovered they shared the same birth date, the prospect of conquering the prestigious coincidental birth date record together can hardly have hindered their decision to wed.

MOST TEETH AT BIRTH FOR A HUMAN BABY: 16

Held by Abel Denton.

Sadly, Abel's mother was forced to switch her child to bottle-feeding after only seventeen minutes, an effort for which she still bears the scars.

HEAVIEST HUMAN NEWBORN: 22 lbs., 7 oz.

Held by Roberto Babosa.

Birthered by Gabriela Babosa.

RIP Gabriela Babosa.

LONGEST ARMS ON A HUMAN NEWBORN: 19 3/16"

Held by Luigi Allampanato.

Baby Luigi's parents had no choice but to remove the mobile from above his crib after he used his long arms to take one too many mobile rides and wound up tumbling to the floor. Luckily, his arms broke his fall.

HUMAN ODDITIES

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FIRST RECORDED HUMAN BORN WITH SEVEN TOES ON A SINGLE FOOT:

Held by Antonio Benito Tomás, born October 22, 1908.

Became a legend of Uruguayan fútbol when he scored a goal from 106 yards, the Longest Goal Ever Scored.

HAIRIEST HUMAN EVER RECORDED: 78.6% skin coverage

Held by Phoolendu Mahankali (a.k.a. the Panther-Man of Pandharpur).

Fortunately for his humble family, little Phoolendu was able to use his Graelby sponsorship money to help offset the crushing cost of haircuts. He eventually went on to study medicine, but ultimately opted for a position as a lion tamer, because he found putting his head inside a hungry lion's mouth had fewer devastating side effects than most doctor's prescriptions.

HAIRIEST LIVING HUMAN: 74.3% skin coverage

Held by Nergüi Khünbish (a.k.a. the Monkey-Man of Mongolia).

It has only been a matter of weeks since the Monkey-Man secured the Hairiest Living Human title and gained the respect that such a title affords. Six years ago, in response to a lifetime of taunting from his normally follicled peers, he founded the "Hair Khan Cult," whose exceptionally hairy members proclaim to be the true descendants of Genghis Khan and the rightful heirs to the Mongolian Empire. They have hatched numerous plots to overthrow the current government, but as the cult consists solely of Nergüi and his cousin Ordu (who bases his claim to exceptional hairiness solely on a slightly longer-than-average mustache), the Mongolian government has thus far remained intact.

ORGANIZED COMPETITION & UNSAFE SPORTS

MOST NATIONAL STRONGMAN COMPETITIONS WON BY A SINGLE GERMAN: 16

Held by Wilhelm von Kleve.

Competitors at Muskelmannspiele (the German Strongman Games) are tested in dozens of traditional events, including Holstein-cow hoisting, schnitzel shoveling, and beer-barrel balancing.

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LONGEST INDOOR HORSE RACE RUN IN A SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE:

489 yds., 2 ft., 9 in.

Held by Henry and Simon Whipple at the First Annual Neverfall Hall Indoor Classic.

After their parents took stock of the damage, the First Annual Neverfall Hall Indoor Classic also became the Last Annual Neverfall Hall Indoor Classic.

BLOODIEST RHINO POLO MATCH EVER PLAYED: 18 tramlings and 11 gorings

Held by the Rhino Polo Intercontinental Cup Final, between Borneo and Zambia, at Unsafe Sports Showdown XXVI.

Though Borneo managed to claim the victory in the end, only three members of the squad were physically capable of hobbling over to the winners' podium to accept the trophy at the following awards ceremony.

OLDEST PLAYER TO BE EATEN BY CROCODILES IN AN EXTREME CROQUET MATCH: 66 yrs., 284 days

RIP Wailin' Waylan Martinson.*

Perhaps making Mr. Martinson's death even more tragic, extreme croquet officials believe the attack could have been prevented, had Mr. Martinson not always insisted on carrying four freshly-severed rabbit's feet from his belt for good luck.

**NOTE: Half of all proceeds for this Regrettable Record have been paid to Mr. Martinson's widow by Grazelby Publications.*

MOST POISON DARTS DODGED IN A SINGLE GAME OF EXTREME HOPSCOTCH: 73

Held by Beatrice Whipple.

To prevent antidote-hoarding, the antitoxin is now distributed after all competitors have completed their runs.

FIRST EVER BLINDFOLDED ROUND OF MOTHER/CHILD KNIFE THROWING:

Held by Fannie "Infanticide" Jenkins, Unsafe Sports Showdown XI.

(Donations to the Timothy Jenkins Memorial Fund may be sent to the World Record Archives offices and will be forwarded to the proper address.)

FASTEST ROCKET-KART RACE FINISH: 49.583 sec.

Held by Rupert Goldwin.

If not for the rule that the driver be alive upon crossing the finish line, the record would have gone to Leonard “Flash” Fletcher for his unbelievable time of 26.392 seconds. RIP Leonard “Flash” Fletcher.

MOST WOODEN ARROWS SPLIT IN COMPETITION OVER LIFETIME OF ARCHER: 2

Held by Peter “Re-Pete” Fluke.

Despite Mr. Fluke’s persistent claims that he had trained for years to execute such a feat, no member of the archery community has ever accepted the accomplishment as more than a mere stroke of luck.

MOST CONSECUTIVE PENNY-FARTHING STUNT-PARK GOLD MEDALS: 4

Held by Henry Whipple (for Unsafe Sports Showdowns XXIII–XXVI).

There is no doubt that Henry Whipple has earned every stunt park gold medal he has won. It surely hasn’t hurt, however, that six of the eight other medalists from those competitions have wound up severely debilitated or even comatose from the horrific training accidents common to the sport, thereby somewhat limiting his competition.

FIRST ENTRANT EVER TO COMPLETE THE PENNY-FARTHING STUNT PARK WITH AN ARROW
LODGED IN HIS BODY:

Held by Henry Whipple at Unsafe Sports Showdown XXVII.

The last entrant to have an arrow lodged in his body had not actually completed the event, due to loss of blood. The Unsafe Sports planning committee had scheduled an emergency meeting to discuss moving the foot archery event to a more remote location, but just before the meeting was to take place, the head of the committee had been struck by a stray arrow himself, and the meeting had been cancelled.

OBJECTS & STRUCTURES

FIRST LEATHER WHIP: 132 A.D.

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Invented by Tergus Acerbus.

After experimenting with various whip-making substances, including lambswool, peacock feathers, and dried grass, Tergus Acerbus finally arrived at tanned cowhide as being the most durable—and painful—material for whip production.

WORLD'S QUIETEST NOISEMAKER: .6 dBA

Manufactured by No-Noise Toys.

Voted "Best Toy Company on Earth" by the League of Curmudgeonly Neighbors.

FIRST NUCLEAR POWER PLANT:

Held by Tranquil Towers, Seascale, England.

Upon its opening, Tranquil Towers held a second world record, for Cleanest, Safest Radioactive Energy Producer on the Planet. That record, however, was short-lived.

FIRST NUCLEAR REACTOR LEAK:

Held by Tranquil Towers, Seascale, England.

Promptly renamed to "Mostly Tranquil Towers" after the incident.

WORLD'S LONGEST SMOKING PIPE: 38 ft., 2 in.

Produced by Hector del Humo: Córdoba, Spain.

In the private collection of Charles & Eliza Whipple.

Commissioned by Mr. Whipple's father, under the claim that "the longer the pipe, the more distinguished the man."

FIRST WALL TO SURPASS 5,000 MILES IN LENGTH:

Held by the Great Wall of China (at 5,500.254 miles)

The Great Wall, which spans nearly the full width of China, was gradually built over more than two millennia to be the ultimate defense against foreign invaders. Upon its completion at the start of the 17th century, China's rulers could breathe easily at last. In a cruel twist of fate, however, the capital city of Beijing was promptly sacked by an army of rebellious peasants—all of whom were resident Chinese citizens. Unfortunately for the old rulers, the giant wall they had built made it much harder for them to flee their now-hostile homeland, and

they were all summarily executed.

LONGEST WALL EVER BUILT: 5,501.102 miles

Held by the Greatest Wall of China.

Not to be outdone by his predecessors, the Kangxi Emperor (Longest-Reigning Chinese Emperor in History) commissioned the Greatest Wall near the start of the Qing Dynasty to overshadow the ancient Great Wall. The two walls run side-by-side across the country—but the Greatest Wall stretches roughly one mile farther.

LARGEST STRUCTURE CONSTRUCTED SOLELY FROM STANDARD PLAYING CARDS: 12'4" x 6' x 13'8" (63,482 cards)

“Arc de Triomphe” (1/12th scale)

Constructed by Cordelia Whipple.

Despite its lack of adhesives or fasteners, Miss Whipple’s playing-card structure can support the weight of an entire rugby team without significant structural damage—but might be completely leveled by a stiff breeze.

WORLD’S FIRST BIRTHDAY CANDLE: August 12, 1808

Invented by Diedrich Luftlippen.

Herr Luftlippen originally devised the idea for the birthday candle in order to win a bar bet, in which he was wagered a hundred Deutschmarks that he couldn’t get a roomful of party guests to eat a cake with someone else’s spit all over it.

WORLD’S LARGEST GET WELL CARD: 10'8" x 13'4" (open)

Made by Cordelia, Penelope, Edward, Charlotte, Lenora, Franklin, Abigail, Beatrice, George, and Ivy Whipple for Phoolendu Mahankali (a.k.a. the Panther-Man of Pandharpur) and their elephant, Shiva.

The Whipple children were careful to grip the card tightly upon presenting it to Mr. Mahankali, so as not to repeat the incident with the former Largest Get Well Card, whose recipient (a Mrs. Constance Aiken) was forced to spend six more weeks in intensive care when her children forgot to wipe their hands after eating buttered toast.

VEHICLES & TRAVEL

FIRST MOTORIZED WHEELCHAIR EVER ASSEMBLED: 1916

In the private collection of Lǎo Bàoyuàn.

Originally devised by military engineers during the Lesser World War, as a method of getting wounded soldiers back onto the battlefield as quickly as possible.

FIRST JET AEROPLANE: 1937

The “Derring Dart”

Engineered by Sir Frank Derring.

A compulsive gambler (as nearly every jet pilot after him has proved to be), Sir Frank had the misfortune of living a hundred miles from the nearest casino, and invented the First Jet Aeroplane to get himself to the roulette tables in the fastest conceivable time.

FIRST SUPERSONIC JET: 1946

The Bolt XLR-8, manufactured by Bolt Aviation.

Piloted by Commander Chance “Zippy” Keen.

Also a compulsive gambler, Commander Keen piloted the First Supersonic Jet to get himself to the roulette tables just a little bit faster.

TALLEST AUTOMOBILE ON EARTH: 11 ft., 9 in.

Towering Shadow TTT

Manufactured by the Hulls-Hoyst Motor Company.

Commissioned and owned by Charles & Eliza Whipple.

The Hulls-Hoyst Motor Company was formed when the Hulls Engine and Hoyst Ladder companies merged in 1907. It has remained the leader in the luxury oversized-motor-car market ever since.

WILD WONDERS

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THICKEST TREE LIMB EVER RECORDED: 12'9" diameter

Held by "Thor's Arm," a branch on the giant sequoia "Thunder God."

Ironically, the limb was severed by a lightning strike during Lightning Storm Larry, the Most Powerful Lightning Storm in Recorded History.

YOUNGEST PERSON TO SUMMIT KANCHENJUNGA (WORLD'S THIRD-HIGHEST MOUNTAIN): 4 yrs., 5 mos., 28 days old

Held by Edward Whipple.

"Though the climb up was rather grueling, sliding down was much more fun," Edward reported after completing the descent.

YOUNGEST INDIVIDUAL TO LIVE A MONTH WITH A WOLF PACK (VOLUNTARY): 4 yrs., 11 mos., 12 days

Held by Abigail Whipple.

In a never-before-documented oddity of wolf behavior, the pack leader seemed to offer Abigail a permanent place in the pack. She was, however, forced to decline, citing "interspecies differences," though not without tears.

WORLD'S OLDEST LIVING MAPLE TREE: 534 yrs.

Held by "Old Sweet Bruce," a sugar maple in Pelham, Ontario, Canada.

Heavily armed Mounties are stationed around Old Sweet Bruce twenty-four hours a day to ward off syrup-smugglers.

LARGEST EVER EXPEDITION TO SOUTH POLE VIA ICE CREAM VAN: 26 vans

Sponsored by the Freezy-Creamy Ice Cream Company.

Expedition led by Alfred Peregrine Congelati.

The expedition hit an unexpected snag when its leader realized a group of stowaway children had left the transport ship and instinctively proceeded to chase after the ice-cream-van convoy as it ventured across the icy wasteland. The expedition was forced to double back in order to return the children to the safety of the ship. Though many of the stowaways suffered from severe frostbite, all of them claimed the journey was worth it, as they were each given a Choco-Rocket in return for their troubles.

MOST CHILDREN SWALLOWED BY A SINGLE FOREST: 38

Held by the Black Forest, Germany.

Some observers have wondered why anybody would choose to live near such a dangerous place for children, but local parents have been known to use its reputation as a highly effective scare tactic. As such, children in the Black Forest region have been certified to keep the Cleanest Rooms of Any Region on Earth.

BREATHTAKING BEASTS

LARGEST COMMON HOUSEFLY EVER RECORDED: 25/32 in. long

Captured in the wild by Penelope Whipple (*who narrowly rescued it from her brother George's attempt at the Most Flies Swatted in One Hour*).

TALLEST DOG IN THE WORLD: 45 13/16 in.

Held by Hamlet, a Great Dane in the care of the Whipple family.

Though he and Shiva, the World's Largest Indian Elephant, are fond friends, Hamlet received a nasty shock when he mistook one of Shiva's tusks for one of his oversized chewing bones. He has not made the same mistake since.

FIRST ANIMAL IN SPACE:

Held by Boris the bear, Leningradsky Zoopark, Leningrad, USSR

Carried aboard Sputnik 2 ½, launched by Soviet Space Program.

Though the capsule contained only a few days' worth of food and oxygen, and though it has been confirmed with near certainty that Sputnik 2 ½ burned up in Earth's atmosphere three weeks after launch, Soviet officials insist that Boris is still orbiting the earth and conducting "extensive outer space research." Indeed, whenever a shooting star crosses the sky, Russian fathers routinely raise their arms in salute and tell their children to "wave to Boris."

WORLD'S SMALLEST MOOSE: 26 lbs., 7 oz. (full grown)

Held by Little Monty, a pygmy moose on exhibit at the Anchorage Animal Refuge of Alaska, un-

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til his untimely death. (*Unfortunately for Little Monty, one of the other animals on exhibit was the World's Largest Eagle.*)

Taxidermal remains in the private collection of Charles & Eliza Whipple.

WORLD'S LARGEST MOUSE: 11 lbs., 2 oz.

Held by Big Stanley, the cheese-thief of New South Wales.

Taxidermal remains in the private collection of Charles & Eliza Whipple.

The date of Big Stanley's capture is still celebrated as "End-of-Tyranny Tuesday" in cheese shops across southeastern Australia.

HIGHEST HAMSTER-PILOTED MODEL-ROCKET LAUNCH EVER RECORDED: 1,732 ft.

Rocket built by Simon and Cordelia Whipple.

Hamster training and rocket launch by Cordelia and Abigail Whipple.

Piloted by Corporal Whiskerton, a hamster in the care of the Whipple family.

Corporal Whiskerton is currently undergoing therapy for post-traumatic stress disorder.

MOST FIREFLIES EMPLOYED IN SPELLING OUT A FLOATING MESSAGE: 2,591

Insect-wrangled by Penelope Whipple. (Message: HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO US!)

The art of firefly wrangling is notoriously difficult, as all training must take place at night, in order for the trainer to see her performers—and to comply with the strict firefly-labor laws recently initiated by the SPLI (Society for the Protection of Luminous Insects).

WORLD'S CREAMIEST COW: 5.24% average milk fat

Held by "Ample" Agnes, a Jersey cow in the care of Charles & Eliza Whipple.

The Whipples have reported several attempts by so-called cream fiends to steal their prized cow, but the suspects have all been quickly captured due to the slow foot-speed, shortness of breath, and difficulty squeezing through car doors that is commonly attributed to cream addicts.

FABULOUS FOODS

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MOST FRANKFURTERS EATEN IN ONE MINUTE: 7

Held by Beatrice Whipple.

According to current regulations, both frankfurter and bun must be eaten, though they need not be eaten at the same time. Pureeing the two together and drinking the mixture through a funnel, however, is now strictly prohibited in light of Dan "Chug-it" Chuggington's stomach rupture at 'Furter Fest XIV.

LARGEST BOWL OF MUESLI BROUGHT TO TABLE BY ELEPHANTS: 3,247 gallons

Cereal prepared by Samuel (Sammy "the Spatula") Smith.

Elephant team led by Phoolendu Mahankali and his elephant associate, Shiva.

Commissioned by Charles & Eliza Whipple.

During the hectic training season leading up to the Synchronized Swimming Masters, this time-saving contrivance allowed the Whipples to combine their morning breakfast with their morning swim.

MOST GRAVY DROPPED BY CROPDUSTER AT ONE TIME: 852 gallons

Gravy prepared by Samuel (Sammy "the Spatula") Smith.

Dropped from aircraft by Wilhelm von Kleve.

Commissioned by Charles & Eliza Whipple.

After its role in their Christmas dinner, the Whipples returned the cropduster to the farmer they had borrowed it from, who went on to harvest the best-selling potato crop of his farm's hundred-year history. Unfortunately, he was never able to replicate the subtle yet distinctive gravy-flavor of those potatoes, and business promptly fell off again.

LARGEST SINGLE PIECE OF FRENCH TOAST: 15'2" x 13'8" x 1'5.5"

Prepared by Samuel (Sammy "the Spatula") Smith.

Lowered from aircraft by Wilhelm von Kleve.

Commissioned by Charles & Eliza Whipple.

Agent of the Whipples' infamous "French Toast Fiasco" and possible harbinger of the deadly "Lyon's Curse," but reportedly delicious.

DENSEST CAKE EVER BAKED: 1 oz. per cubic inch (63 lbs., 7.3 oz. total weight)

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Baked by Samuel (Sammy “the Spatula”) Smith.

Commissioned by Charles & Eliza Whipple.

During his first stint in prison, Sammy the Spatula reportedly used a cake from a similar recipe to fend off an assassin from rival cooking gang the Rolling Pins.

WORLD’S MOST INTRICATE CHEESE SCULPTURE

Carved by Jean-Marc Raclette.

Commissioned by Charles & Eliza Whipple.

After studying at Coupe le Fromage, the prestigious cheese-sculpting academy, Monsieur Raclette became disillusioned with the snobbish world of cheese art, until his passion was rekindled by a cheese-shop owner’s daughter, who sculpted purely for the joy of it. The two were married one month later, and Jean-Marc’s now-exuberant cheese-sculpture style could soon be seen in galleries and cheese museums across the globe.

WORLD’S LARGEST BIRTHDAY CAKE: 30’4.5” (diameter) x 19’10.25” (height)

Baked by Samuel (Sammy “the Spatula”) Smith.

Commissioned by Charles & Eliza Whipple for the 18th Annual Whipple Birthday Extravaganza.

The cake was planned to be served alongside a small water tower filled with ice cream. Unfortunately, neither would ever be served at all.

WORLD’S RAREST SPICE: less than 1lb. produced per year

Held by mountain rock saffron.

Only saffron flowers grown in granite fissures at an elevation of 5,000 feet or higher may be harvested.

WORLD’S SHARPEST KITCHEN KNIVES:

Held by the Drake® X-Calibre Series.

Capable of preparing “split hog-hair soup” in less than half the time of the IX Series.

MOST PEOPLE HOSPITALIZED AFTER INGESTING CANDIED JELLYFISH AT A SINGLE EVENT: 114

Held by Unsafe Sports Showdown XXIII.

“Totally worth it,” croaked unsafe sports fan, Bradley Dultz, from the intensive care unit.

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WORLD'S LARGEST BATCH OF POPCORN: 1.02 tons

Executed by King Kernel's Popcorn Emporium at its grand opening ceremony.

Unfortunately, the giant mass of popcorn left no room for any popcorn customers, and King Kernel's was forced to permanently shut its doors two days later.

WORLD'S BUBBLIEST CHAMPAGNE: 62 million bubbles/bottle (82,667 bubbles/ml)

Held by Le Hoquet Sophistiqué, a champagne produced by Bulle & Bouche.

The beverage of choice for hiccup connoisseurs.

MOST LOAVES OF BONE-BREAD BAKED IN FOUR HOURS: 68

Baked by the "Jack-Killers" in the team event at the 54th Annual Giant's Day Bake-Off.

According to recent regulations, no less than two-thirds of the bones ground up to make bone-bread must be animal bones.

DAUNTING DURATIONS

LONGEST CONTINUOUS TIME PLAYING AN ACCORDION:

7 days, 5 hrs., 19 min., 4.473 sec.

Held by Simon Whipple.

The previous record of 6 days 22 hours was broken at the 9th Annual Polka-thon, during which three brave polka-dancers tragically lost their lives due to extreme exhaustion. "They would not have wanted to go any other way," said a spokesperson from the Bohemian Polka Coalition.

LONGEST TIME TO STAY IN BED: 53 yrs., 81 days, 46 min.

Held by "Inert" Burt Torpidson.

Though he could not work a regular job, Mr. Torpidson was able to pay his monthly bills with a sizable sponsorship deal from the maker of his mattress, the Sleepyhead Mattress Company, who used Torpidson's likeness alongside the slogan, "You'll never want to leave your bed, with a mattress from Sleepyhead!®"

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LONGEST TIME TO HANG AN UNSUPPORTED SPOON FROM NOSE: 2 hrs., 27 min., 36 sec.

Held by George Whipple.

George claims he could have kept the spoon hanging longer, had he not been struck by a sudden, uncontrollable craving for soup.

FANTASTIC FEATS

HIGHEST NUMBER OF MATCHING OUTFITS WORN BY A STUFFED TOY AND ITS OWNER: 441

Held by Ivy Whipple and her stuffed bear, Mr. Growls.

The year they launched their record campaign, Ivy and Mr. Growls were the talk of Junior Fashion Week, with every style-conscious toddler scrambling to snatch up a teddy bear and as many miniature outfits as possible, causing a global run on both commodities.

MOST DOMINOES SINGLE-HANDEDLY TOPPLED: 378,122

Held by Mervyn McCleary.

The total might have been nearer to 500,000 had a small owl not flown into the building a mere four days before the attempt and knocked over a large section of the setup. Mr. McCleary was forced to shoot the bird before it could do any further damage. Fortunately, the remaining setup was enough to earn him the world record. But Mervyn swears he has been stalked by owls ever since.

FASTEST TIME TO SWALLOW A SCHOOL BUS: 7 mos., 3 days, 8 hrs., 23 min.

Held by Hans Hungrig.

Little Lars Fruehauf made a narrow escape after falling asleep unnoticed at the back of the bus during its final drop-off rounds on the day of its donation to Herr Hungrig's record attempt. Luckily, the boy was awoken at the last minute by the sound of crunching metal.

LONGEST TIME TO JUGGLE FIVE CIRCULAR SAW BLADES WITH BARE HANDS: 42 min., 7.67 sec.

Held by Nicholas "Nine-Digits" Dyson.

When Nicholas Dyson, a notorious womanizer, "accidentally" severed his ring finger, it proved to be the last straw for his wife, who finally left him after fourteen years of marriage.

FIRST HUMAN RESCUE BY ROCKET PACK EVER RECORDED:

Held by Rex Goldwin (for his rescue of Charles Whipple at the 18th Annual Whipple Birthday Extravaganza).

One year earlier, an elderly, gadget-collecting millionaire attempted to rescue his hula dancer fiancée after she got herself stranded at the top of a volcano. Unfortunately, the weight of the second passenger proved too much for the prototype pack as they flew over the crater, and unfortunately, the volcano was live.

LARGEST PRIVATE COIN COLLECTION: 58,247 coins

Held by Penny Heeps.

An ardent world traveler, Ms. Heeps amassed most of her collection by checking under every couch cushion she came across, from Cairo to Kalamazoo.

WORLD'S MOST TATTOOED MAN: 99.9% skin coverage

Held by the Cannibal King of Manawatu.

Unlike some more barbaric adherents to his distinctive diet, the Cannibal King only partakes of willing volunteers, as noted before death on their "cannibal donor" cards.

LARGEST PRIVATE COLLECTION OF MILITARY PROTOTYPES: 948 unique models

Collected by Rex Goldwin.

Collection includes both the World's First Heat-Seeking Missile and the World's First Heat-Seeking-Missile-Seeking Missile, which were developed simultaneously by Herman Canceled (a shrewd but well-intentioned weapons engineer) to be sold to opposing armies.

LISTING MOST SYNONYMS IN ONE HOUR: 5,842 (for 631 original words)

Held by Felicity Joy Bliss.

Miss Bliss's parents had been preparing their daughter ever since birth for this one event.

MOST BANANA PEELS SENT VIA POSTAL SERVICE IN THREE YEARS: 34,021

Held by Bonnie Prince Bobo, the rocket-sticking chimpanzee.

Despite his continued need for retribution, Bonnie Prince Bobo has gradually toned down his

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methods as he has matured. Indeed, what he used to send to his enemies was much worse.

MOST TIMES TO TOSS A BABY AT A DISTANCE OF THREE YARDS WITHOUT DROPPING: 406

Held by Katsu & Yukiko Nakamoto, with their 7-week-old son, Kichiro.

Little Kichiro soon grew accustomed to the tossing motion and wound up sleeping through most of the attempt. Even as a boy, he often could not fall asleep without his parents tossing him back and forth a few hundred times.

ART & MUSIC

HIGHEST NOTE EVER SUNG IN LIVE PERFORMANCE: F#7

Held by Lenora Whipple.

A complimentary eyeglass-repair kiosk was set up in the foyer for all ticket holders.

FASTEST FAMILY PORTRAIT PAINTED ON THE HEAD OF A PIN: 4 min., 32 sec.

Held by Charlotte Whipple.

In order to render as much detail as possible, Charlotte has teamed up with her sister Penelope to produce an extensive line of handcrafted flea-hair brushes.

MOST LOGGED HOURS OF RADIO AIRTIME: 45,266

Held by “Nonstop” Norman Prattle.

Of Nonstop Norman’s over 45,000 hours, only about 20,000 were spent saying anything other than his own name.

HIGHEST-SELLING LIMBLESS ORCHESTRA OF ALL TIME: 3,692,011 albums sold

Held by Johnny Stump & the Missing Limbs.

For perspective, this figure gives Johnny Stump more albums sold per limb than all but the top three normal-limbed band leaders in the world.

SHORTEST RUNNING BROADWAY SHOW IN HISTORY: 33 min., 14 sec.

Held by *Cleopatra’s Cats!*

Forced to shut down halfway through act I on opening night after the record-breaking salary of its leading lady, Bianca Bainbridge, bankrupted the production.

LONGEST CONTINUOUS BOX-STEP: 46 hrs., 18 min.

Held by Jonathan “Rug-Cutter” Rutman.

The undeniable master of the box-step, Mr. Rutman freely admits: “I still have so much to learn. . . .”

MEDICAL SCIENCES

YOUNGEST PROVISIONAL BRAIN SURGEON: 12 yrs., 327 days old

Held by Cordelia Whipple.

Cordelia won the coveted post by presenting a twelve-foot scale model of the human nervous system constructed out of tongue depressors.

WORLD’S RAREST STRAIN OF MALARIA: 1 diagnosed case

Plasmodium vere malus, contracted by Mrs. Griselda Scrubb (former housekeeper to the Whipple family).

Though Mrs. Scrubb has baffled doctors with her contraction of this exotic and impossibly rare disease, many observers have attributed her misfortune to her exceedingly ill temper. Indeed, parents have begun using the Scrubb story to illustrate the axiom “what goes around comes around” to bad-tempered children around the world.

MOST AGGRESSIVE STRAIN OF FLESH-EATING BACTERIA EVER RECORDED: 3.5 sq. in. per hr.

Held by *Bacteroides ravenus*.

Contracted by Geoffrey Dwindle.

After his ordeal was over, Mr. Dwindle attempted to make the best of a bad situation by patenting and marketing a revolutionary new weight-loss program, the Dwindle Method: “Guaranteed to drop two sizes in two days, or your money back!®”

COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

MOST VOLUMES SOLD BY AN ENCYCLOPEDIA SALESMAN: 40,823

Held by Dustin “Dusty” Paige-Hocker.

Mr. Paige-Hocker gained the loyalty of his vast clientele by personally delivering every volume he sold. After suffering severe herniation to several discs in his spine, however, he was forced to switch products and retired as a bookmark salesman.

MOST SHOES COBBLED UNDERCOVER IN A SINGLE NIGHT: 104

Held by Santino Scarpa (a.k.a. the Little Shoe Saint).

Identified only by the signature “S†S” etched into the sole of every shoe he cobbled, the Little Shoe Saint ended his covert cobbling career suddenly and without explanation seventeen years after his mark first began turning up overnight in the shops of struggling shoemakers. (The timing of his disappearance, it may be noted, does happen to coincide with a certain incident, in which Barnaby Shelton, owner of Shelton’s Fine Shoes & Shotguns, was awoken by strange noises and ventured downstairs to find a diminutive intruder rifling through his workshop. Shelton managed to get a shot off, but the mysterious man promptly jumped through a window and vanished, heavily bleeding, into the night.)

WINNINGEST LEGAL TEAM IN THE WORLD: 98.4% of total cases won

Held by the offices of Bleader & Leach.

Unfortunately, many of Bleader & Leach’s clients have been acquitted, only to be forced into a life of crime in order to pay off the firm’s record-breaking fees.

CRIME & PUNISHMENT

HEAVIEST LOAD OF STOLEN CAVIAR SEIZED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT: 1,138 lbs., 2.6 oz.

Seized from the possession of Samuel (Sammy “the Spatula”) Smith.

Seizure orchestrated by Chief Inspector Hadrian Ulysses Smudge.

Mr. Smith’s contraband caviar would likely have gone undetected by law enforcement had his mouth not been full of the stuff when Chief Inspector Smudge turned up unannounced to

question him. Sammy promptly choked, and the next moment, Smudge was wiping irrefutable evidence off his own face.

MOST SOLVED CRIMINAL CASES IN HISTORY: 1,104

Held by Inspector Hadrian Ulysses Smudge.

Inspector Smudge got his start in crime-fighting when he reported a woman for taking one more parsnip than she had paid for at the local market. After being released from jail five days later, his mother finally forgave him.

YOUNGEST MURDERESS TO ESCAPE FROM PRISON: 11 yrs., 254 days old

Held by “Mean” Mina Morton.

Convicted of murdering five members of the motorcycle gang the Demon Dogs, after they allegedly laughed at her pink bicycle. Miss Morton left a note in her cell claiming she’d escaped to “finish the job.” The remaining Demon Dogs are now believed to be in the United States Witness Protection Program.

WORLD’S YOUNGEST CRIME-SOLVING SLEUTH: 12 yrs., 54 days

Held by Skip “Napttime” Nelson.

Though Skip had solved many household mysteries throughout his early years, such as “The Mystery of the Empty Ice Cream Carton” and “The Mystery of the Older Sister’s Locked Diary,” it wasn’t until after his twelfth birthday that he solved his first actual crime, when he single-handedly apprehended the “Seven Counties Axe-Slayer.”

MORE SUCCESSFUL ARRESTS PER MEMBER THAN ANY OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT UNIT ON THE PLANET: 582 arrests per member per year

Held by the Commissioner’s Execution Squad.

The Commissioner’s Execution Squad was first assembled to track down and arrest Matthew Murky and the Murky Water Gang, who, after carrying out the Largest Bank Robbery in History, had evaded capture for forty-six days by escaping into the sewers. In under twenty minutes on the job, the Execution Squad recovered the missing loot and dragged out eight of the fourteen robbers alive. The other six robbers they simply dragged out.

MOST SUSPECTS TERMINATED WHILE RESISTING ARREST BY A SINGLE LAW ENFORCEMENT UNIT:

379 terminations per member per year

Held by the Commissioner's Execution Squad.*

This second record has led to the Execution's Squad's unofficial motto: "You can't scramble up the rotten without breaking a few bad eggs."

**NOTE: Half of all proceeds for this Regrettable Record have been paid by Grazelby Publications to the families of terminated suspects who were later proven not guilty.*

AWARDS & CORONATIONS

WORLD'S YOUNGEST LIVING MONARCH: 6 yrs., 143 days old

Held by His Royal Highness Grand Duke Frederik Henri Albért Gabriel Félix Marie Guillaume the Second of Luxembourg.

Crowned when he was only four years old, after his widower father and his two elder brothers all died suddenly and mysteriously in the span of two months. The little grand duke was eventually cleared of all charges.

MOST AWARDS PRESENTED IN A SINGLE DAY: 793

Held by the Academy of Qualified Award-Givers.

After securing the world record, the academy hosted a special awards dinner where its members took turns presenting the award to one another and giving acceptance speeches. (It is still unclear which item of food it was that caused the audience's outburst of spontaneous vomiting.)

HIGHEST NUMBER OF TROPHIES EVER RECEIVED BY A LAW-ENFORCEMENT AGENT: 402

Held by Inspector Hadrian Ulysses Smudge.

When home from his travels, Inspector Smudge has been known to leave his outer trophy-room door ajar as a way of attracting dull-witted thieves whom he might catch in the act and haul off to jail, thereby increasing his record for Most Solved Criminal Cases in History.

ORGANIZATIONS & GATHERINGS

LARGEST GARDEN PARTY EVER HOSTED AT A SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE: 1,853 guests

Held by Charles & Eliza Whipple, for their 18th Annual Whipple Family Birthday Extravaganza.
Party planning by Gordon Carouser.

After attending more parties than classes during his time at school, Gordon Carouser became the First Person to Ever Prove His Parents Wrong by Turning Party-Going into a Successful Career.

LARGEST GATHERING OF DWARVES AND GIANTS: 4,302

Held by the 8th Annual Exceptional-Size Awareness Expo.
Hosted by the Global Guild of Dwarves & Giants.

Though the turnout surpassed all expectations, the event had limited success in actually raising exceptional-size awareness, as all the attendees were exceptionally sized themselves.

WORLD'S LARGEST ALLIANCE OF TRADE ORGANIZATIONS: 14.2 million members

Held by the World Record-Breakers Union.

First established in 1826 to combat the often deplorable working conditions in the factories of the day, which sought to break records for productivity at the cost of their workers' health and well-being. Despite the record-breaking size of the union's current membership, only about 6% of its members are actual record breakers.

LARGEST DWARF-ONLY CRIMINAL ORGANIZATION: 1,200 estimated members

Held by the Dwarven Brotherhood.

With four out of five of the organization's members currently living within the prison system, fellow inmates live in perpetual fear of the Dwarven Brotherhood's brutal knee-cappings, vicious femoral-artery slicings, and sadistic groin-punches.

CLOWNS

MOST MONEY RAISED BY A CLOWN FUNDRAISER: \$2,118 US

Held by the 4th Annual World Clown Day.

Organized by the International Brotherhood of Circus & Party Clowns.

Though it did manage to set a record for charitable contributions to a clown organization, the final figure fell far short of the fundraiser's \$500,000 goal.

FIRST CLOWN TO UNICYCLE AROUND THE GLOBE WHILE JUGGLING:

Held by Kevin "Spokes" McGee.

It has not yet been determined whether Mr. McGee's deteriorating mental state was caused or merely exacerbated by his grueling global trek. Sadly, Mr. McGee ignored several recommendations that he see a psychiatrist upon his return home.

MOST PEOPLE STRANGLLED TO DEATH WITH A NOVELTY BOW TIE: 3

Held by Kevin "Spokes" McGee.*

Tragically, McGee strangled his wife and young son before turning the bow tie on himself.

**NOTE: Despite its sponsorship contract with Mr. McGee, Grazelby Publications has declined to publish this Regrettable Record.*

UNDERTAKING & DEATH

MOST ARROWS REQUIRED IN EXECUTION BY FOOT ARCHERY: 246

Held by Shumei Nao (convicted in 1208 of dumpling-smuggling at the Manchu Han Imperial Feast and punished in the traditional manner).

MOST CORPSES PREPARED AND BURIED IN A SINGLE DAY: 26

Held by Obediah Digby Lowe.

Mr. Lowe graciously donated his services in the wake of the tragic "Harlequin Glue Factory Massacre," the Deadliest Glue-Factory Horse Revolt in History.

WORLD'S MOST EXPENSIVE COFFIN: £375,000

Designed by Richard Bawkes.

Commissioned by the fifth and final Lord Grubber, who converted his riches to gold coin and

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had his extravagant coffin filled with them upon his death. His headstone read simply: YOU CAN TAKE IT WITH YOU. But although he was right about taking his wealth with him, he was proved unable to keep it with him—due to persistent grave robberies. Lord Grubber's remains now lie in an otherwise empty pine box.

MOST BLOOD COLLECTED FROM EXSANGUINATED CORPSES IN ONE YEAR: 4,088 gallons

Collected by Jules Drayner.

Notoriously disorganized in all things but the actual exsanguination process, Mr. Drayner never bothered to purchase a suitable receptacle for the product of his work and was forced to collect it in various tin cans and glass jars, which he stored on shelves and bookcases throughout his home. Needless to say, he never married.

SHORTEST TIME AFTER DEATH TO PREPARE & BURY A SINGLE CORPSE: 47 min.

Held by Gideon Balmer.

Mr. Balmer was awarded the "Still-Warm Heart" by the International Undertakers Society for the selfless dedication and exceptional expediency he displayed in the burial of his mother-in-law.

LONGEST TIME SPENT IN A BODY BAG BY A LIVING INDIVIDUAL (INADVERTENT): 34 hrs., 52 min.

Held by Serena "Silent-Sleeper" Spralls.

Fortunately for Ms. Spralls, a night watchman finally heard her cries just before dawn during his last rounds at the city morgue.