

fact & opinion

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FACT: Clans of long ago that wanted to get rid of their unwanted people without killing them would burn their houses down - hence the expression "to get fired."

OPINION: Now if someone wants to get rid of someone without killing them they throw tennis balls at them during breakfast - hence the expression "get your balls out of my cereal."

FACT: Hershey's Kisses are called that because the machine that makes them looks like it's kissing the conveyor belt.

OPINION: You don't want to know how "Nibs" got their name.

FACT: The phrase "rule of thumb" is derived from an old English law which stated that you couldn't beat your wife with anything wider than your thumb.

OPINION: I always thought Roger Ebert used his thumb to say whether or not a movie was good, I had no idea he was a wife-beater.

FACT: The Eisenhower interstate system requires that one mile in every five

must be straight. These straight sections are usable as airstrips in times of war or other emergencies.

OPINION: The rest of the roads are gay.

FACT: Cat's urine glows under a black light.

OPINION: Dog piss sparkles under the moonlight. It reminds me of your eyes.

FACT: In Cleveland, Ohio, it's illegal to catch mice without a hunting license.

OPINION: It's so backwards in Cleveland that it's also illegal to operate a car without a drivers license and murdering people is also against the law.

FACT: Thirty-five percent of the people who use personal ads for dating are already married.

OPINION: They're probably unhappy because they married people who hate sunsets and long walks on the beach.

FACT: Pound for pound, hamburgers cost more than new cars.

OPINION: That's why the Hamburglar steals burgers instead of jacking cars.

FACT: It's possible to lead a cow upstairs...but not downstairs.

OPINION: I know this for a fact because I have twenty cows in my attic.

FACT: Ten percent of the Russian government's income is derived from the sale of vodka.

OPINION: Russian is not a real language. It is actually the slurred English of a bunch of alcoholics.

FACT: On average, 100 people choke to death on ballpoint pens every year.

OPINION: The pen may be mightier than

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the sword, but He-Man would look like an idiot if he tried to shove a Bic down Skeletor's throat.

FACT: Average age of top GM executives in 1994: 49.8 years.

Average age of the Rolling Stones: 50.6.

OPINION: When GM executives say "corporate merger" they're really talking about screwing their groupies.

FACT: The cigarette lighter was invented before the match.

OPINION: The match is light-years ahead of the cigarette lighter

because it can be used to light things other than cigarettes.

FACT: Five Jell-O flavors that flopped: celery, coffee, cola, apple, and chocolate.

OPINION: Surprisingly the most successful Jell-O flavor was creamed corn.

FACT: The average human eats 8 spiders in their lifetime while sleeping at night.

OPINION: And I thought I was only dreaming when I ate those spiders. I wonder if that dream where I'm naked while writing a column...wait a minute...where are my pants?

FACT: The shortest war in history was between Zanzibar and England in 1896. Zanzibar surrendered after 38 minutes.

OPINION: If they used Viagra it might have lasted up to four hours.

FACT: Donald Duck comics were banned in Finland because he doesn't wear pants.

OPINION: Donald Duck was banned from the Navy for similar reasons.

FACT: If the population of China walked past you in single file, the line would never end because of the rate of reproduction.

OPINION: The Chinese get their "freak on" in line ups.

FACT: A dentist invented the electric chair.

OPINION: The sadistic bastards practically invented pain. The chair was originally used to kill the patient so the doctor could steal his fillings.

FACT: The Boston University Bridge is one of the few places in the world where a boat can sail under a train driving under a car driving under an airplane.

OPINION: Nuts to that. I bet the trolls under that bridge are super tough.

FACT: Cats have over one hundred vocal sounds, dogs only have about ten.

OPINION: Puff Daddy only has one.

FACT: Our eyes are always the same size from birth, but our nose and ears never stop growing.

OPINION: By the time most people are fifty they resemble elephants.

FACT: If Barbie were life-size her measurements would be 39-23-33. She would stand seven feet, two inches tall and have a neck twice the length of a normal human's neck.

OPINION: If Ken were life-size he'd still have no penis.

FACT: No word in the English language rhymes with month.

OPINION: That's why rappers target women instead of calendars.

The word "hoe" rhymes with practically anything.

FACT: It takes about a half a gallon of water to cook macaroni, and about a gallon to clean the pot.

OPINION: It takes two gallons of water to wash the rancid taste out of your mouth.

FACT: Michael Jordan makes more money from Nike annually than all of the Nike factory workers in Malaysia combined.

OPINION: That's why he's considered a hero. Most people don't even realize that he used to play basketball.

FACT: The human heart creates enough pressure when it pumps out to the body to squirt blood 30 feet.

OPINION: A Super-Soaker water gun has enough pressure to pump human blood 550 feet.

FACT: Humans and dolphins are the only species that have sex for pleasure.

OPINION: So it's okay to have sex with a dolphin. They like it too.

FACT: You are more likely to be killed by a champagne cork than by a poisonous spider?

OPINION: I keep my champagne bottles sealed with poisonous spiders to be on the safe side.