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Dedication

Four hundred twenty-two people were reported to have died on U. S. highways during the Labor Day weekend of 1977. Jerry Fried, the original editor of this book, was one of those statistics. The manuscript for this book was with him at the time, as he was delivering it to the publisher. Without his help and patience this book would not be. We'll miss him.

To the memory of Jerome Fried.

*"Trifles make perfection and
perfection is no trifle":*

Michelangelo

Mayor La Trivia:

Character played by Gale Gordon on
"Fibber McGee and Molly" radio show

The March of Trivia:

Routine featured on radio's
"The Fred Allen Show"

*"We all have a girl and her
name is Nostalgia":*

Ernest Hemingway

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A Note to the Reader

No attempt has been made to compile sports records; there are just too many, and there exist a sufficient number of books on most aspects of sport. A few key people, events, and feats are included, nevertheless.

No attempt has been made to compile the roles of actors in movies or on television—the list would be much too long and dull; the roles and personalities mentioned herein are those that are the most popular or unusual in nature.

Some seeming errors will have crept in, a result of differences of opinion of authors or sources on some point of fact. I have found in many cases that something appearing in a book or play version will have been changed in the movie or television adaptation, adding to confusion. An attempt has been made to make this work as valid as possible; therefore, movies or TV, having wider audiences, have been preferred over plays and books. The inference is not that one is “better” than the other, but rather that the “fact” is more widespread through the more popular of the media.

It should be noted, among other things, that couples mentioned as being married may no longer be together; that dates for movies given in sources are sometimes dates of completion and sometimes dates of release—there is great ambiguity in source material; that the arrangement of the book depends to a large extent on the compiler's own feeling, so far as under what name or letter of the alphabet information appears. Some cross-referencing has been done, but obviously the book would have gotten out of hand if everything had been sewed up tight and leak-proof. Note also that numerical entries, for example “221B Baker Street,” lead off in the letter of the alphabet in which the spelling of the number falls, i.e. “221B” is under “T” for “Two.” These numerical entries are followed by capital letter combinations that do not form words ordinarily pronounced, for example “TBI” and “T.C.” Then follow normal alphabetical entries for the given letter of the alphabet.

Introduction

In the 1965 movie *The Agony and the Ecstasy* Rex Harrison, as Pope Julius II, asked Charlton Heston "When will you make it end?" Heston, who portrayed Michelangelo, the great artist painting the Sistine Chapel, replied "When it is finished!"

I hope it never does end because a work like this hasn't any. My definition and comprehension of "*What is Trivia*" keeps changing through the years. Once I was satisfied to just know the names of the Seven Dwarfs. Now, who played their voices, which was the only one that didn't have a beard, and what musical instruments they played are "trivia musts." The thirteen elves in Tolkien's *The Hobbit* are now becoming popular trivia items, as is *Star Wars*! The best definition of trivia that I keep coming back to is that it is nothing more than American Folklore. If you were to offer a course in trivia, the educational community would balk. Teach the same material under the title of *American Folklore* and your students would learn a lot about their own and their parents' heritage.

This book was written with a double purpose: one, to compile in one reference work a collection of interesting and trivial facts; and second, to collect interesting and perhaps not so trivial facts, facts that are difficult to find. If, therefore, tragic events are mentioned, no minimizing of the event is intended, for they are not meant to be considered trivial per se but fall under my second purpose.

The sources for a book like this are endless, which is as it should be. Trivia is everywhere.

I hope the book answers at least a few of the questions about some particular item or items. As new sources are tapped, and as time produces new trivial facts, more entries will surely be included within the scope of this work. Constant revision probably will be necessary. To this end, I welcome correspondence suggesting new areas, new concentrations. Likewise, any inaccuracies will be ironed out in subsequent printings, and I ask that such inadvertent errors be called to my attention: a note to me at my publishers' will do the trick.

This personal statement would be incomplete without my giving thanks to those who kept the faith. My thanks go too to my editor, Jerry Fried, who brought some light into darkness and without whose help this book might better have been called an encyclopedia of chaos.

When I first began working on *The Trivia Encyclopedia*, I was a novice in the realm of trivia. After four years of research, I realized how much *more* there is to dig for. Will I ever find out who played Robby the Robot, or who held the flashlight on *NBC's Sunday Mystery Movie*? In time, maybe I'll find these and more answers. But until then, it's a kick to keep searching, for I know it'll never end. One great man noted that he learned more about so many other subjects when he was in pursuit of another. Until my next edition *Think Trivia* and be wary of people who answer, "So what?"

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Preface

Little did I, or the publisher, realize the interest the *The Trivia Encyclopedia* would provoke. I've received letters from all over the country, the vast majority suggesting new entries and correcting minor inconsistencies. To those people who wrote, I thank you. Any work this size is bound to contain slight imperfections, and thanks to the readers, these have been eliminated.

I even received information from a college professor who taught a course in trivia. Numerous new entries have been sent by the readers. Those new entries have been included in this, the new edition titled *Super Trivia*. Entries in *The Trivia Encyclopedia* have been enlarged and new entries have expanded the book to its present size. About the most difficult problem I have encountered is trying to keep up with the teams in various sports leagues. Since they come and go so fast, it is difficult to have a current list. No doubt the lists will have changed by publication date.

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(No relation to the comic strip character Mary Worth who was originally named Apple Worth, but that's another story)

A

- A**
The Scarlet Letter, an "A" embroidered on Hester Prynne's dress, meaning "adulteress" (*The Scarlet Letter* by Nathaniel Hawthorne)
- A.**
Mutt's initial when the comic strip "Mutt and Jeff" began in 1907. Bud Fisher, the original artist, titled it "A. Mutt." On June 7, 1908, Russ Westover killed off A. Mutt, only to bring him back to life. His full name, later: Augustus P. Mutt
- A1ANA2**
Lawrence Welk's California automobile license plate
- A-1 Detective Agency**
Jack, Doc, and Reggie's agency (radio series "I Love a Mystery"). Their secretary: Gerry Booker. Motto: "No job too tough, no mystery too baffling"
- A 7397664A**
Number of the \$10. gold certificate that led to the arrest of Bruno Hauptmann (see 4U13-41)
- A & M**
Record company founded by recording artist Herb Alpert and Jerry Moss. The studio is on the grounds of the Charlie Chaplin studio (1919-1940) at 1416 N. La Brea, Los Angeles
- A & P**
Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company: grocery store chain begun in New York City in 1859. Founded by George Hartford.
- A & W**
(root beer stands; oldest food franchise (1922)) Barons are Roy Allen and Fred Wright
- A. A. Fair**
Pen name of Erle Stanley Gardner
- ABC Powers**
Argentina; Brazil; Chile
- A. B. C. D. E. F.**
American Boys Club for the Defense of Errol Flynn: defenders of Errol Flynn when accused by teenagers Betty Hansen and Peggy Satterlee of rape. Trial: January and February 1943. William F. Buckley Jr. was a member of A.B.C.D.E.F.

ABO Blood Groups

A; B; AB—universal recipient; O—universal donor

ANL 709

Arizona license plate number of Marion Crane's 1955 Ford: 1960 movie *Psycho*. She later traded it for a 1957 Ford (California license NFB418) in Gorman.

ASTA

British license plate of Nick and Nora Charles' (Craig Stevens and Jo Ann Pflug) Rolls Royce (1975 T.V. movie "Nick and Nora")

AU1

License plate (18K gold) number of Rolls Royce Phantom 337 owned by Auric Goldfinger (Gert Frobe) (1964 movie *Goldfinger*)

AXE

Government organization for which Nick Carter works: detective novel series *New Adventures of Nick Carter*

Abbey Road

Apple Record's 1969 Beatle album. Its cover helped further a rumor that Paul McCartney had died in a car accident as far back as 1966. On the cover McCartney is walking barefooted and with his eyes closed. A Volkswagen parked nearby has the license plate number LMW 28IF, supposedly indirectly saying that Paul would have been 28 if he had lived. The rumor, of course, proved false. "Abbey Road" was the last album the Beatles recorded together although "Let It Be" was released later.

Abbot

Head of the Friars Club, founded June 1907; Wells Hawk was first Abbot

Abbott and Costello

William "Bud" Abbott and Louis Cristillo: comedy team in radio, then (after 1940) movies. The team split in 1957.

Their "Meet" movies:

Meet Frankenstein, 1948 (in Great Britain, . . . *Meet the Ghosts*)

The monster: Glenn Strange

Meet the Killer Boris Karloff, 1949

Meet the Invisible Man, 1951 The Invisible Man: Arthur Franz

Meet Captain Kidd, 1952 Captain Kidd: Charles Laughton

Meet Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde, 1953 Dr. Jekyll: Boris Karloff

Meet the Keystone Kops, 1955

Meet the Mummy, 1955 The Mummy: Edwin Parker

Abel, Colonel Rudolf

Russian spy exchanged February 10, 1962 for F. Gary Powers, U-2 pilot

Aberdeen Express

British train robbed of 7 million dollars (in British currency) on August 8, 1963, in what was called The Great Train Robbery

Abraham Lincoln

Frigate on which Ned Land, Professor Pierre Aronnax, and Conseil were when it was rammed by the "Nautilus" (Jules Verne's *20,000 Leagues Under the Sea*)

Absolute Zero

-273.16°C, which equals -459.69°F

Academy Awards**Pictures:**

Rocky, 1976
One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest, 1975
Godfather II, 1974
The Sting, 1973
The Godfather, 1972
The French Connection, 1971
Patton, 1970
Midnight Cowboy, 1969
Oliver!, 1968
In the Heat of the Night, 1967
A Man for All Seasons, 1966
The Sound of Music, 1965
My Fair Lady, 1964
Tom Jones, 1963
Lawrence of Arabia, 1962
West Side Story, 1961
The Apartment, 1960
Ben-Hur, 1959
Gigi, 1958 (9 Oscars, 9 nominations)
The Bridge on the River Kwai, 1957
Around the World in 80 Days, 1956
Marty, 1955
On the Waterfront, 1954
From Here to Eternity, 1953
The Greatest Show on Earth, 1952
An American in Paris, 1951
All About Eve, 1950
All the King's Men, 1949
Hamlet, 1948
Gentleman's Agreement, 1947
The Best Years of Our Lives, 1946
The Lost Weekend, 1945
Going My Way, 1944
Casablanca, 1943
Mrs. Miniver, 1942
How Green Was My Valley, 1941
Rebecca, 1940
Gone with the Wind, 1939
You Can't Take It with You, 1938
The Life of Emile Zola, 1937
The Great Ziegfeld, 1936
Mutiny on the Bounty, 1935
It Happened One Night, 1934
Cavalcade, 1932/1933*
Grand Hotel, 1931/1932*
Cimarron, 1930/1931* (Only Western to win)

*Award year: August 1 to July 31

All Quiet on the Western Front, 1929/1930*
The Broadway Melody, 1928/1929*
Wings, 1927/1928* (silent)

Songs:

"Evergreen," 1976
"I'm Easy," 1975
"We May Never Love Like This Again," 1974
"The Way We Were," 1973
"The Morning After," 1972
"Theme from Shaft," 1971
"For All We Know," 1970
"Raindrops Keep Fallin' on My Head," 1969
"The Windmills of Your Mind," 1968
"Talk to the Animals," 1967
"Born Free," 1966
"The Shadow of Your Smile," 1965
"Chim Chim Cher-ee," 1964
"Call Me Irresponsible," 1963
"Days of Wine and Roses," 1962
"Moon River," 1961
"Never on Sunday," 1960
"High Hopes," 1959
"Gigi," 1958
"All the Way," 1957
"Whatever Will Be, Will Be," 1956
"Love Is a Many-Splendored Thing," 1955
"Three Coins in the Fountain," 1954
"Secret Love," 1953
"High Noon," 1952
"In the Cool, Cool, Cool of the Evening," 1951
"Mona Lisa," 1950
"Baby, It's Cold Outside," 1949
"Buttons and Bows," 1948
"Zip-A-Dee-Doo-Dah," 1947
"On the Atchison, Topeka and the Santa Fe," 1946
"It Might As Well Be Spring," 1945
"Swinging on a Star," 1944
"You'll Never Know," 1943
"White Christmas," 1942
"The Last Time I Saw Paris," 1941
"When You Wish upon a Star," 1940
"Over the Rainbow," 1939
"Thanks for the Memory," 1938
"Sweet Leilani," 1937
"The Way You Look Tonight," 1936
"Lullaby of Broadway," 1935
"The Continental," 1934

*Award year: August 1 to July 31

Academies

United States Air Force: Colorado Springs, Colorado
 United States Army: West Point, New York
 United States Coast Guard: New London, Connecticut
 United States Merchant Marine: Kings Point, New York
 United States Navy: Annapolis, Maryland

Ace

Bruce Wayne's dog, that took on the identity of Bat Hound (comics)

Ace

Cowboy actor Tim McCoy's horse (Western films). McCoy later rode Baron

Ace Drummond

Newspaper comic strip created by Captain Eddie Rickenbacker (drawn by Clayton Knight): later (1936) a movie serial starring John King

Acme Packing Company

The company which provided uniforms for the first Green Bay Packers football team

Acme Saloon

Bar in El Paso where John Wesley Hardin was shot from the rear and killed by John Selman, a policeman, August 19, 1895. Hardin was rolling dice; his last words were "four sixes to beat"

Acropolis

Hill in Athens, Greece, on which the Parthenon, the temple of Athena, patron goddess of the city, is located

Acuff, Roy

Cowboy singer, leader of Smokey Mountain Boys: member of Country Music Hall of Fame. Finished first as most popular singer (Frank Sinatra, second) in World War II poll of U.S. servicemen in Europe.

Adair, Paul "Texas Red"

World's foremost oil-well-fire fighter: played by John Wayne in the 1969 movie *Hellfighters* as Chance Buckman

Adams, John

President of the United States; father of President John Quincy Adams: only father-son presidential pair. John Adams lived longest of the presidents, 90 years, 247 days

Adjutant

Longest lived dog: 27 years old (1936-1963), a Labrador retriever, in England

Admiral Benbow

Inn at Black Hill Cove owned by Jim Hawkins' widowed mother (Robert Louis Stevenson's *Treasure Island*)

Admiral Harriman Nelson

Commander of the 1983 nuclear submarine "Seaview" (TV series "Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea"): played by Richard Basehart

Adventure

Captain Lemuel Gulliver's merchantman ship in his later adventure in the land of the Houyhnhnms (rational, intelligent horses) (Jonathan Swift's *Gulliver's Travels*)

Adventure Galley

Captain Kidd's ship

Aerodrome

Samuel P. Langley's unsuccessful 1903 airplane, which twice crashed into the Potomac River

Agent 3030

Secret Service agent Vesper Lynd, lover of agent 007, James Bond. She turns out to be a double agent (*Casino Royale*)

Ahdet Bay

Secret identity of Im-ho-tep, the Mummy (1932 movie *The Mummy*): played by Boris Karloff

Ain't It Gruesome

B17 in which Clark Gable flew a mission over Germany, August 1943

Air America

Airline owned and operated by the CIA

Aircraft Carriers, United States*

CV-1: Langley (ex collier Jupiter), commissioned March 20, 1922, sunk by Japanese

CV-2: Lexington (ex battle cruiser CC-1), lost in battle of Coral Sea

CV-3: Saratoga (ex CC-3)

CV-4: Ranger, first carrier built from keel up, commissioned Feb. 25, 1933

CV-5: Yorktown, sunk by Japanese submarine in battle of Midway

CV-6: Enterprise, called "Big E"

CV-7: Wasp, deliberately sunk by U.S.S. Lansdowne

CV-8: Hornet, deliberately sunk by U.S.S. Dustin and U.S.S. Anderson

CV-9: Essex

CV-10: Yorktown (ex Bon Homme Richard), called "The Fighting Lady"

CV-11: Intrepid

CV-12: Hornet (ex Kearsarge), recovered Apollo 11 capsule after Armstrong's first moon walk

CV-13: Franklin, called "Big Ben"

CV-14: Ticonderoga (ex Hancock)

CV-15: Randolph

CV-16: Lexington (ex Cabot)

CV-17: Bunker Hill

CV-18: Wasp (ex Oriskany), collided April 26, 1952, with U.S. destroyer Hobson; 176 died

CV-19: Hancock (ex Ticonderoga)

CV-20: Bennington

CV-21: Boxer

CV-22: Independence (ex Amsterdam, light cruiser CL-59)

CV-23: Princeton (ex Tallahassee, CL-61), sunk deliberately by U.S.S. Reno

CV-24: Belleau Wood (ex New Haven, CL-76)

CV-25: Cowpens (ex Huntington, CL-77)

CV-26: Monterey (ex Dayton, CL-78)

CVL-27: Langley (ex Fargo, CL-85; ex Crown Point)

CVL-28: Cabot (ex Wilmington, CL-79)

- CVL-29: Bataan (ex Buffalo, CL-99)
- CVL-30: San Jacinto (ex Newark, CL-100; ex Reprisal)
- CV-31: Bon Homme Richard
- CV-32: Leyte (ex Crown Point), explosions aboard in Boston, Oct. 16, 1953, killed 37
- CV-33: Kearsarge
- CV-34: Oriskany, used in 1954 movie *The Bridges at Toko-Ri*, and called the Savo Island
- CV-35: Reprisal
- CV-36: Antietam
- CV-37: Princeton
- CV-38: Shangri-La
- CV-39: Lake Champlain (Jack Lemmon stationed on)
- CV-40: Tarawa
- CV-41: Midway
- CV-42: Franklin D. Roosevelt (ex Coral Sea)
- CV-43: Coral Sea
- CV-44: construction cancelled January 11, 1943
- CV-45: Valley Forge
- CV-46: Iwo Jima
- CV-47: Philippine Sea (ex Wright)
- CV-48: Saipan
- CV-49: Wright
- CV-50-55: construction cancelled March 27, 1945
- CVB-56-57: construction cancelled March 28, 1945
- CV-58: United States; construction cancelled April 23, 1949
- CVA-59: Forrestal, fire aboard off North Vietnam, July 29, 1967; 134 died
- CVA-60: Saratoga
- CVA-61: Ranger
- CVA-62: Independence
- CVA-63: Kitty Hawk: appeared in final scenes of 1966 movie *Lt. Robin Crusoe, U.S.N.*
- CVA-64: Constellation, fire aboard in Brooklyn Navy Yard, Dec. 19, 1960; 50 died
- CVA(N)-65: Enterprise, explosions Jan. 14, 1969, off Hawaii; 27 died
- CVA-66: America
- CVA-67: John F. Kennedy
- CVA(N)-68: Chester W. Nimitz, largest mobile man-made structure
- CVA(N)-69: Dwight D. Eisenhower
- CVA(N)-70: Unnamed

Air Force One

The plane of the President of the United States, stationed at Andrews A.F.B.

Airline Pilots' Creed

"In God we trust, everything else we check"

*CV, aircraft carrier; CVA, attack aircraft carrier; CVB, large aircraft carrier; (N), nuclear-powered

Airplane Crashes

March 31, 1931: Knute Rockne
 August 15, 1935: Will Rogers and Wiley Post
 January 16, 1942: Carole Lombard
 March 22, 1958: Mike Todd
 February 3, 1959: Killed (in a Beech Bonanza, N3794N) were rock 'n' roll singers Buddy Holly, J. P. Richardson (The Big Bopper), Ritchie Valens. Just before takeoff Waylon Jennings of the Crickets gave up his seat to Richardson. Pilot was Roger Peterson. Flight was from Mason City, Iowa, to Fargo, N.D. At Fargo, young Robert Velline (later known as Bobby Vee) helped fill the empty bill
 March 5, 1963: Killed in a Piper Comanche were country-and-western singers Patsy Cline, Lloyd "Cowboy" Copas, Harold "Hawkshaw" Hawkins. Pilot was Randy Hughes
 July 31, 1964: Jim Reeves
 December 10, 1967: Otis Redding
 August 31, 1969: Rocky Marciano
 May 28, 1971: Audie Murphy
 September 20, 1973: Jim Croce
 November 29, 1975: Graham Hill

Airports

Other than named after city served:

Will Rogers, Oklahoma City	National, Washington, D.C.
General Mitchell, Milwaukee	Midway, Chicago
Lindbergh Field, San Diego	Weir Cook, Indianapolis
Friendship, Baltimore	Hobby, Houston
Dulles, Washington, D.C.	Jetero, Houston
Stapleton, Denver	Standiford Field, Louisville
	Blue Grass Field, Lexington-Frankfort

Akron, Ohio

Location of annual All-American Soap Box Derby

Akron and Macon

Sister-ship dirigibles (ZRS-4 and ZRS-5). *Akron* crashed off the New Jersey Coast April 4, 1933: 73 died. *Macon* crashed at sea off the California coast February 12, 1935: 2 died

Alamesa State Prison

Detention facility where inmates are incarcerated (TV series "On the Rocks")

Alamo

188 men died after 10-day defense of the Alamo against more than 4000 Mexicans under Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna; included among the dead Texans were William Barret "Buck" Travis, James "Jim" Bowie, Davy Crockett. Over the Alamo's door, the inscription reads: "Thermopylae had its messengers of defeat. The Alamo had none."

Alan Brady Show

Television program for which Rob Petrie (Dick Van Dyke), "Buddy" Maurice Sorrell (Morey Amsterdam), and Sally Rogers (Rose Marie) wrote and which Mel Cooley (Richard Deacon), Brady's brother-in-law, produced (TV series "Dick Van Dyke Show"): Alan Brady played by Carl Reiner