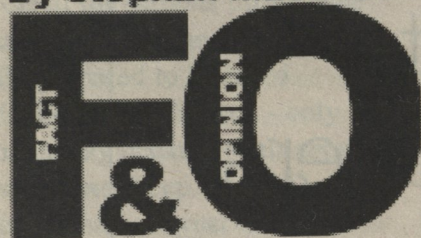


## Classic Fact & Opinion, from 01/18/01

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**FACT:** The first clothes made with Teflon coating went on sale in 1996.

**OPINION:** I've tried cooking an egg with my slacks, but I ended up severely burning my nut sac.

**FACT:** Worms feel pain.

**OPINION:** Don't tease your worm. They have feelings too, you know.

**FACT:** There are 685 drinking fountains in the Pentagon.

**OPINION:** I suspect I am not drinking from fountains properly because my gums keep getting caught in the faucet.

**FACT:** When the Indianapolis 500 racetrack first opened, the two-and-a-half-mile-long oval was paved with 3,200,000 bricks.

**OPINION:** Driving is a pretend sport like figure skating and bowling because there are no goalies.

**FACT:** Scientists have developed an artificial dog used to help breed fleas for medical research.

**OPINION:** It was necessary to develop an artificial dog to breed fleas, because when scientists tried to use Steve Tyler from Aerosmith he kept biting them.

**FACT:** Music by the Beach Boys was used to create a ballet called "Deuce Coupe Ballet."

**OPINION:** Ballet ain't no sport unless they use the song Kokomo.

**FACT:** In one day, the average gardener can plant 200 feet of vegeta-

bles.

**OPINION:** Planting vegetables ain't no sport either.

**FACT:** Moles can dig more than 200 feet in a single day.

**OPINION:** Moles are blind, so I don't understand why they insist on wearing cute, little miners caps.

**FACT:** An armadillo can have up to 104 teeth.

**OPINION:** Armadillo rappers must have some pretty sweet gold fronts.

**FACT:** The average mosquito has 47 teeth.

**OPINION:** I bet they have to peel watermelons before eating them on account of their little teeth.

**FACT:** A human baby can grow up to three quarters of an inch in a single day.

**OPINION:** You can get a lot of money for a human baby in Russia.

**FACT:** In the United States, there are 700 pink plastic flamingos to every live one.

**OPINION:** I wonder why live, pink, plastic flamingos are so rare.

**FACT:** According to surveys, tall people make bigger starting salaries than short people unless they are fat.

**OPINION:** Short people don't need as much money as tall people because they have more job opportunities working in small places like mine shafts and heating ducts.

**FACT:** In June of 1977, Alice Cooper's pet boa constrictor was attacked and killed by a rat intended for the snake's dinner.

**OPINION:** The Hedonistic Machiavellians have a pet ferret named Marty.

**FACT:** When the re-stickable adhesive used for Post-It Notes was first created at 3M in 1973, nobody at the company could figure out how it might be used.

**OPINION:** I like to use Post-It Notes to keep track of all the people that will pay for teasing me about my girlish walk.

**FACT:** A wild goose shits up to 65% of its body weight every day.

**OPINION:** No opinion necessary.

**FACT:** Careful scientific study concluded that, in a single year, if all of the moose droppings produced by all of the moose in Alaska were piled one on top of another, the pile would be 384,000 miles high.

**OPINION:** I bet I could get some sort of grant from the government to actually try out this theory.

**FACT:** Every year about 60,000 people are hurt while pumping iron.

**OPINION:** I would also advise against humping iron.

**FACT:** One out of every three smoke detectors has a dead battery.

**OPINION:** I always have trouble believing that batteries can die a natural death. Someone must be killing them.

**FACT:** In a given year, the odds of you hitting your own finger or thumb with a hammer are 1 in 3,000.

**OPINION:** The odds of me hitting your thumb with a hammer are pretty high, if you mention my girlish walk again.

**FACT:** The U.S. Mint produces more than 20 billion coins in a year. Almost 70% of these coins are pennies.

**OPINION:** The next time someone offers you a penny for your

thoughts, ask them for a quarter, then tell them you think they got ripped off.

**FACT:** A man in Ohio holds the record for the most pennies ever collected. Weighing more than 24 tons, the collection totaled about 8 million coins, worth \$80,000. It took a bank more than 3 months to count them all.

**OPINION:** He must have had really big pockets on his trousers.

**FACT:** Every year about 3,000 people are injured while playing horse-shoes.

**OPINION:** The only way horse-shoes qualifies as a sport is if some sort of injury is involved. Preferably a physical one, though points should be awarded if you hurt someone's feelings.

**FACT:** Most fatalities experienced by human cannonballs occur when they miss the net.

**OPINION:** Human cannonballs could probably qualify as athletes if had to dribble a ball while being shot out of a cannon.

**FACT:** In China, after a meal of fried chicken feet, diners often use the chicken toenails to pick their teeth.

**OPINION:** At least they have enough manners to keep their teeth clean. After a plate of chicken feet, you're almost guaranteed to get a toe caught between your teeth.

**FACT:** If you see "super deer" on a menu in China, it is not venison; it's rat meat.

**OPINION:** It sounds gross, but the antlers they glue to the heads of the rats and the cute little capes they wear makes it worth ordering at least once.