

1. The Verbeke Foundation in Flanders, Belgium, features two installation art pieces in its gallery collection. One of the installations, "CasAnus", offers participants which unique experience?

- a. Playing around in one of the foundation's old, broken car washes
- b. Camping in four vertically stacked tents with no bathroom nearby
- c. Staying in a one-room hotel shaped like a human rectum\***
- d. Using a bathroom built atop a reinforced pane of glass set over a mine shaft

2. Ryan Beitz from Washington State started the World Speed Project with two goals in mind. First, he wanted to redecorate his van to look like the bus in the movie "Speed". What was the second goal of his project?

- a. To collect every VHS copy of the movie "Speed" in existence\***
- b. To raise enough money to book Keanu Reeves as his wedding entertainer
- c. To have the movie "Speed" re-released in theaters across the country
- d. To write and direct a musical adaptation of the movie "Speed"

3. To pay owed back taxes totaling the equivalent of \$745,000, a retired French factory owner went to his local revenue office in 1996 and submitted payment using which unorthodox method?

- a. He presented an oversize check, similar to the ones used on game shows
- b. He submitted his payment using Japanese yen
- c. He paid entirely in change, turning in 920 bags of coins\***
- d. He brought in a painting that was valued at the amount of his taxes

4. A 1986 celebration in Cleveland, Ohio, turned tragic when two fishermen from an overturned boat could not be rescued as a direct result of the festivities. Which celebratory feature prevented the Coast Guard from helping the fishermen?

- a. Building-sized pancakes, with syrup that gummed up the rescue boat's engine
- b. New metallic sculptures along the coast, which interfered with rescuers' radar
- c. A staged reenactment of a similar, historic accident that confused authorities
- d. The release of 1.5 million balloons that blew back to the city, creating poor visibility\***

5. In addition to being the King of Pop and a double-inductee of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, Michael Jackson is also formally recognized as a patented inventor, thanks to his help in developing which device?

- a. Moving platforms people could use at home to simulate his famous moonwalk
- b. Anti-gravity shoes that were used for live performances of "Smooth Criminal"\***

- c. Technology used in the "Scream" video to make sequences of morphing faces
- d. A special carrier he used to bring his pet chimpanzee, Bubbles, on tour with him

6. The Ortolan Bunting is a small bird considered to be a French delicacy. There is a designated method for eating the dish, with a routine that requires diners to take which action at the dinner table?

- a. Intersperse bites of the bird with mouthfuls of dirt, said to enhance the flavor
- b. Place a napkin over their face to keep in the smell of the roasted bird\***
- c. Keep their hands behind their back and bob for the bird in hot broth
- d. Eat the bird in exactly seven bites, which supposedly brings luck

7. Rheumatism, a term used to describe joint pain and swelling, has caused sufferers to seek out a variety of medical treatments. Which unusual approach did some 19th-century Australians try for relief from their symptoms?

- a. They sat inside a whale carcass for an estimated 30 hours\***
- b. They rubbed unsalted butter on the afflicted areas at least once a day
- c. They slept with a human bone under their pillow to transfer the pain to it
- d. They ate a diet of foods that were officially cited as not having joints

8. In 2000, Nikita Kotiadis was arrested at the Athens airport, where he was scheduled to board a departing flight to Brussels. Which did Mr. Kotiadis do before his flight that prompted authorities to meet him at the airport?

- a. He robbed a bank and left his flight itinerary at the bank teller's stand
- b. He bet the airport shuttle driver he could smuggle "this stolen snake" on board
- c. He called in a bomb threat to delay his flight because he was late\***
- d. He went streaking the night before, yelling that he couldn't be caught because he was "flying to Brussels tomorrow"

9. Abraham Lincoln's top hat was one of his main identifiers, earning it an iconic place in history. Besides making the already tall man appear even taller, which other more practical purpose did the hat serve?

- a. It hid an ice bag the perpetually warm president sometimes put on his head
- b. It stored important papers the president would stick inside the lining\***
- c. It housed herbs so the president could enjoy a soothing aroma while working
- d. It served as a makeshift tabletop when he ate his lunch outside

10. Mary-Lu Zahalan-Kennedy earned a master's degree in 2011 that was the first of its kind when she became the inaugural graduate of which specialized program in pop-culture-related study?

- a. Elvis as Anthology
- b. Topics in Comparative Media, American Pro Wrestling
- c. Elvish, the language of "Lord of the Rings"
- d. The Beatles, Popular Music and Society\***

11. A chiropractor is a healthcare professional specializing in therapeutic treatments for disorders such as joint dysfunctions. Conversely, what is a chirogymnast?

- a. A type of brine shrimp that is deadly if ingested during winter
- b. A court officer who prepares the finalized text of official documents
- c. A person who is able to tell your future from the lines on your palms
- d. A mechanical device meant to exercise the fingers of a pianist\***

12. During the summer of 2014, a man named Wesley Mark Terrell was arrested in Oconee County, Georgia, and charged with a DUI. However, Mr. Terrell insisted he could not be charged by citing which reason?

- a. He said his dog had been the one driving the vehicle\***
- b. He claimed he had a superhuman alcohol tolerance and could not get drunk
- c. He told the police they had mistaken him for his evil twin
- d. He stated he had been trying to catch a UFO for a government assignment

13. Harrison Ford is famous for his roles in "Star Wars" and the "Indiana Jones" movies. But he is also known by some for his environmental work, with his efforts resulting in the bestowal of which honor?

- a. He had his face carved into a mountain by a thankful community in Thailand
- b. He was gifted his own luxurious tree house atop a California redwood
- c. He has a species of spider and a species of ant named after him\***
- d. He has his own holiday in a remote South American city on the Amazon's banks

14. The 1917 Zimmerman Telegram, sent during World War I from the German foreign secretary to the German ambassador for Mexico, proposed a Mexican-German alliance and offered which deal as part of a victorious partnership?

- a. Germany would instate a "National Mexico Day" in its own country
- b. Germany would restore Texas, New Mexico and Arizona to Mexico\***
- c. Germany would send a constant supply of bratwurst to Mexico
- d. Germany would rename the southern third of their country "Newest Mexico"

15. Britain's National History Museum put a robotic, three-quarter size lifelike Tyrannosaurus Rex on display that roared, moved whenever crowds approached and had which feature for added authenticity?

- a. An excretion mechanism that simulated the dinosaur going to the bathroom
- b. A swinging tail that could knock people unconscious if they got too close
- c. An official dinosaur smell that wafted around the motorized exhibit\***
- d. Actual dead prey that hung from its jaws, usually road kill from the country

16. Craig Randall won the grand prize of "\$200,000 toward a new home" in a 1995 contest held by the Wendy's fast-food restaurant when he found the cup that held the prize-winning sticker in which unlikely location?

- a. Sitting on his front porch when he left for work one morning
- b. In his company garbage truck after making collections for the day\***
- c. At a bus stop after he'd just missed catching the last bus of the evening
- d. In his office's communal refrigerator after it had been there for over a week

17. The tiny, two-foot Mill Ends Park in Portland, Oregon, was established by Dick Fagan in the late 1940s. Mr. Fagan specifically designated the park for which use?

- a. It was for finger puppet shows and rubber band concerts
- b. It was where a giant beanstalk could be planted without disrupting traffic
- c. It was to be the site of a life-size statue of the mouse Stuart Little
- d. It was for snail races and also for hosting a colony of leprechauns\***

18. Nicolae Ceausescu ruled Romania as dictator for 25 years before being executed once the Eastern Europe Communist regimes fell. One of the many laws he imposed during his reign involved banning which popular activity?

- a. Listening to music with lyrics, since he thought the songs were too suggestive
- b. Chewing gum, since too many people left chewed gum in public places
- c. Playing Scrabble, since the game was too intellectual and therefore evil\***
- d. Growing mullets, since the hairstyle was considered too Western

19. While Stewart Springer, a shark researcher during the mid-1900s, was dissecting a sand tiger shark caught near the Chandeleur Islands in Louisiana, which unexpected event took place during the examination?

- a. He was bitten by a still-living shark pup that was in the birth canal\***
- b. He fainted from a rare odorless gas emitted by the shark's mouth
- c. He was knocked unconscious by the shark's tail when it twitched suddenly
- d. He discovered a new species of armadillo in the shark's stomach

20. Country-music legend Dolly Parton, who gained fame through her songs as well as her roles in films like "9 to 5" and "Steel Magnolias", once experienced which bizarre occurrence of mistaken identity?

**a. She entered a celebrity look-alike contest and lost\***

b. Her picture was used in the obituary of an 80-year-old British woman

c. She was identified as a suspect in a convenience store robbery

d. A concert promoter used Tammy Faye Bakker's picture on Dolly Parton's show flyers

21. Norwegian brothers Arne and Oeystein Tokvam were robbed in 2001 of roughly \$8,000 cash, two checks and their home safe. Which unconventional but effective tactic was used to distract the brothers while the robbery took place?

a. A man with a fake camera crew interviewed them on their front porch

b. Robbers released two live squirrels in the house for the brothers to chase

**c. A woman talked her way into the house and put on a strip show with her friend\***

d. People dressed as aliens kept the scared brothers' attention at their windows

22. All 19 themed rooms at the Hotel Pelirocco in Brighton, England, are decorated with different specific motifs, like punk rock or boxing. Which practical pastime did artist Kate Jenkins choose to feature in the room she designed?

a. Baking, with a toy oven, flour-stuffed pillows and icing bags holding shampoo

**b. Knitting, with a knitted telephone, curtains, toothbrush and toothpaste\***

c. Gardening, with a shower surrounded by a planter full of seasonal growing crops

d. Scrapbooking, with a Polaroid in the room so guests can scrapbook their stay

23. Frogs can be found on every continent except Antarctica, and species have adapted to live anywhere from fresh water ponds to underground. Some types of Sri Lankan frogs choose to call which unlikely location their home?

a. Landfills with the highest concentration of discarded electronics

b. Bird nests that contain abandoned eggs

c. Broken-down cars that have been deserted on roadsides

**d. Dung piles left by Asian elephants\***

24. Eclipses baffled many early societies before astronomical explanations of the events were accepted. For example, which lore-related reasoning prompted residents of 19th-century China to fire cannons into the sky during lunar eclipses?

a. They needed to break the moon into pieces before it fell and crushed them

- b. They had to destroy the moon because it had become contagiously diseased
- c. They needed to scare away the dragon that was eating the moon\***
- d. They had to defeat the aliens that were trying to steal the moon away

25. A woman attempting to travel from Bangkok, Thailand, to Iran in 2010 was detained at the Bangkok airport after X-rays of her bag led to airport staff finding which unusual items in her luggage?

- a. A dead, stuffed armadillo dressed with a cowboy hat, sheriff's badge and guns
- b. Thousands of dried caterpillars
- c. A live tiger cub hidden among stuffed-tiger toys\***
- d. Money that had been rolled up and stuffed into dozens of pastries

26. Bob Ross, the patient and gentle-voiced host of "The Joy of Painting", didn't initially embark on an art career. Instead, he worked for 20 years to land which slightly more aggressive position?

- a. A master sergeant in the United States Air Force\***
- b. A criminal defense lawyer
- c. A top stockbroker on Wall Street
- d. A martial arts trainer

27. The Deli Garage in Hamburg, Germany, sells regionally produced foods in unique packaging. One of their offerings, developed with a food manufacturer, lets you add which finishing touch to food creations?

- a. An ink stamp of your name, using ingestible ink and a personalized stamp
- b. Fresh sprigs of garnish, from freeze-dried herb dust reanimated by water drops
- c. Meal sculptures, held together with edible glue and incorporating each course
- d. A red, blue, silver or gold finish, using food coloring in a spray can\***

28. A total of 21,000 men worked to build the Hoover Dam across the Colorado River in Black Canyon. Within this group, the High Scalers were a team of workers who climbed down canyon walls on ropes to handle which aspect of the project?

- a. Taking measurements from the proposed top of the dam down into the canyon
- b. Stripping away loose rock by working, suspended, with dynamite and jackhammers \***
- c. Jumping along the canyon walls to test the strength of the rock
- d. Painting sealing veneer on the finished dam to protect against natural damage

29. Western Australia's wine region produces numerous red and white wines, most coming from its southwestern tip. In 2012, University of Western Australia researchers announced they had used wine to make which common product?

- a. Light bulbs
- b. Shampoo
- c. Computer chips
- d. Fabric\***

30. The Swedish town of Luleå, just below the Arctic Circle, is home to an orchestra that plays a winter-only concert series. Which main feature of the orchestra's instruments makes them so unique?

- a. They are designed to be played with special fur coats worn by the musicians
- b. They produce sound by resonating in very cold temperatures
- c. They are made of ice\***
- d. They make notes that are amplified by the Northern Lights

31. Starting in the summer of 2014, visitors to the Cebu City Zoo in the Philippines were able to take part in which animal-related activity, included in the zoo's regular cost of admission?

- a. A ride through the zoo atop an elephant
- b. A massage administered by four large pythons placed on top of willing visitors\***
- c. A sitting for a self-portrait painted by an ape
- d. A picnic lunch in the sheep exhibit while it was still occupied by sheep

32. Rats came to New Zealand on British ships, and have since destroyed the area's native forestry and wiped out multiple bird species. Which idea did Jonathan Musther help implement in 2014 to motivate locals to trap the destructive pests?

- a. Lottery Nest, which gave a winning lottery ticket to anyone reporting a rat's nest
- b. Cat Fancy, which rewarded owners of cats that trapped rats with a tax credit
- c. Beer Trap, which let university students trade dead rats for free beer\***
- d. Life-Size Mousetrap, an actual rattrap modeled after the popular board game

33. Jordanian ruler King Abdullah bin al-Hussein, also known as King Abdullah II, publicized his interest in the entertainment industry by appearing in a non-speaking role on which American television series in 1996?

- a. Law & Order
- b. Star Trek: Voyager\***
- c. Friends
- d. Blue's Clues

34. Actor Christopher Walken, who began his film career in the 1970s and won the Academy Award for Best Supporting Actor in 1978, held which entertainment-related job before his focus turned to acting?

- a. Motorcycle daredevil
- b. Wig maker
- c. Roadie for a heavy metal band
- d. Lion tamer\***

35. Bill Standley from Mechanicsburg, Ohio, began planning his funeral 18 years before he died in 2014 from lung cancer. His extensive preparations ensured all his last wishes were carried out, including which important detail?

- a. That his body be suspended from wires and hung out over the funeral guests
- b. That the funeral be Christmas themed and include a coffin on a sleigh
- c. That his friends and family pose for pictures in a photo booth with his body
- d. That he be buried in a Plexiglas coffin, riding his Harley-Davidson motorcycle\***

36. Breakfast, the commonly touted "most important meal of the day", has ranged from scrambled eggs to baked maize flakes. In Finland, which popular dish do many residents eat to start their day?

- a. Porridge and aged eggs with green yolks
- b. Dried-blood pancakes\***
- c. Soup made from the head and feet of a cow, lamb or goat
- d. Pickled corn served pureed tree bark

37. Per Cromwell, cofounder of the Studio Total design company in Sweden, was inspired by nature in 2013 when he created which product that, at the very least, added some variation to normal gardening routines?

- a. Flower Shell, shotgun shells filled with flower seeds\***
- b. Long-Handled Spider Catcher, a two-foot pole with bristle pinchers at the end
- c. Wearable Garden Stool, a strap-on stool for constant hands-free sitting
- d. Automower, a robot mower that mows the lawn automatically

38. Synonymous with the Florida Keys, Key lime pie is named for and made with the region's small Key limes. The dessert is believed to have been created by sponge fisherman for which practical and important application?

- a. To use as peace offerings when in unfamiliar waters
- b. To hide valuable coins in the custardy filling while out at sea
- c. To prevent scurvy with the citrus juice from the limes\***



d. To use its smell as bait for the exotic fish found on the way to sponge habitats

39. During the 1930 World Cup soccer tournament, in a semi-final game between the United States and Argentina, Jack Coll, the United States trainer, collapsed on the field as a result of which game-time action?

**a. He dropped his medical bag, broke a chloroform bottle, and passed out from the fumes\***

b. He hyperventilated by blowing into his a noisemaker too much

c. He broke his ankle trying to do a backflip during a goal celebration

d. He head-butted the Argentina trainer and gave himself a concussion

40. While being booked at the Corbin, Kentucky, police station in 2014 for public intoxication and shoplifting, inmate Michael Harp allegedly placed a call, posing as his arresting officer, to which establishment?

a. The Psychic Source psychic hotline, for an hour-long reading

b. A town radio station, to try and win free concert tickets

**c. Domino's Pizza, to place an order for five pizzas that were delivered to the station\***

d. The store that reported the shoplifting, to try and absolve him of wrongdoing

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