**I Didn’t Know That about**

**Donald Trump**

**At a Houston-area rally last weekend, the former president made "one of the most incendiary and most dangerous speeches" in recent history, replacing his usual meandering trash talk with "a call for a new civil war." If re-elected, Trump said, he'd pardon the Jan. 6 insurrectionists – a blatant "form of obstruction of justice" that could persuade witnesses to stop cooperating with investigations by Congress and the Justice Department. *(The Week magazine, February 11, 2022)***

**Bad week for: Useful idiocy, after former President Trump lavished praise on Vladimir Putin for his "genius" seizure of eastern Ukraine, calling the Russian autocrat "very savvy" and boasting, "I know him very, very, very well." *(The Week magazine, March 4, 2022)***

**Remember how chummy Donald Trump was with Vladimir Putin? As a candidate, Trump begged for Putin's election assistance; as president, he said he trusted the Russian leader over U.S. intelligence; and as ex-president (last year, the very day before Russia invaded Ukraine) he praised Putin as a "genius." *(* *The Week magazine, March 31, 2023)***

**Bad week for: Fresh starts in 5784, after Donald Trump marked Rosh Hashanah with a social media post offering a "quick reminder" to those "liberal jews" who "voted to destroy America & Israel" that they should "make better choices moving forward! Happy New Year!" (*The Week magazine, September 29, 2023)***

**Asked by Fox's Sean Hannity to deny he'd be a dictator, Trump grinned and said he'd only be a dictator on "Day 1" of a new term. "This is something new in contemporary Western politics, said Jonathan V. Last in The Bulwark. Rather than hide his plan to defy the rule of law and crush his enemies, Trump believes "it's his special sauce" – and it seems there's "a constituency for this pitch." Whether that constituency can get him elected remains to be seen, but it's "a much larger cohort than we imagined." *(The Week magazine, December 22nd, 2023)***

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[**Nebraska is landlocked, but that hasn't stopped it from having its own Navy. In 1931, the governor went on vacation and left Lt. Gov. T. W. Metcalfe in charge. "Governor" Metcalfe took full advantage, creating the Great Navy of the State of Nebraska to reward his friends with the title of admiral. Why? Who knows. The title came with no pay or responsibility – did we mention that Nebraska is landlocked? Today, admiralties are handed out to those who've helped promote Nebraska, including Bill Murray and Bill Gates. (Military Times, as it appeared in the Reader's Digest, July/August, 2022 issue, on page 24)**](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

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**December 21st, 2023 - The History of the Christmas Present**

**December 14th, 2023 - Mistletoe Demystified *(Uncle John's Bathroom Reader – Christmas Collection, p. 52) Christmas***

**December 7th, 2023 - Vatican Museums *(Cullen Murphy, in The Atlantic magazine, June, 2023, on page 58)*  security**

**November 30th, 2023 - Right now, seven astronauts (The New York Times magazine, November 12, 2023) going higher**

**November 23rd, 2023 - real “father” of Thanksgiving *(Bob Temmey, in National Enquirer) Thanksgiving***

[**November 16th, 2023 - Warren Buffett (Harry Bright & Jakob Anser, in That’s A Fact, Jack!, p. 127) starting young**](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**November 9th, 2023 -Alexander Graham Bell telephone (William Ecenbarger, in Reader’s Digest) timing**](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**November 2nd, 2023 - Dolly Parton (The Week magazine, October 27, 2023)**](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**being yourself**](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**October 25th, 2023 satellites Amiah Taylor, in Discover magazine, September/October, 2023) obstacles**](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**October 18th, 2023 firefly (Leigh Ann Henion, in Reader’s Digest) light of the darkness**](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**October 11th, 2023 Hurricane Who? (Caitlin Stall-Paquet, in Reader’s Digest) weather-related**](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**October 4th, 2023 - Starbucks (Digg.com, as it appeared in Reader’s Digest, June, 2023 issue, on page 79) coffee**](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**September 28th, 2023 – Abraham Lincoln (Paul Stirling Hagerman, in It's a Weird World, p. 74)**](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**September 21st, 2023 - biggest irrigated crop, (Dan Zak, in Reader’s Digest, March/April, 2023) landscaping**](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**September 14th, 2023 - Great Wall of China (Isaac Asimov’s Book of Facts. P. 318) larger than life**](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**September 7th, 2023 - Cheers (Don Voorhees, in The Perfectly Useless Book of Useless Information, p. 100) failed first**](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**August 31st, 2023 – Monopoly (Charles Reichblum, in Knowledge in a Nutshell, p. 123) giee**](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**August 24th, 2023 – athlete Roger Bannister (A Synoptic Study of the Teachings of Unity) possible**](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**August 17th, 2023 - eBay (Rocky Mountain News) hb**](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**August 10th, 2023 - Eisenhower interstate system (The Daily Chronicle) travel**](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**August 3rd, 2023 - America's first bathtub (Herbert V. Prochnow, in The Complete Toastmaster) fake news**](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**July 26th, 2023 - Twenty years after 9/11 (The New York Times, as it appeared in The Week magazine, September 24, 2021) pnc**](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**July 19th, 2023 - inside of the earth (Cosmic Consciousness) world within**](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**July 12th, 2023 - Henry Ford (Glenn Van Ekeren, in The Speaker’s Sourcebook, p. 150) forgetting**](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**July 5th, 2023 - diamonds (Robert Schiller, in Reader's Digest) perfection**](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**June 29th, 2023 - Albert Einstein. (Bits & Pieces) forgetting**](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**June 22nd, 2023 - county in the United States (Noel Vietmeyer, in Reader's Digest) in common**](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**June 15th, 2023 – not even mentioned (Christian Clippings) father's day**](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**June 8th, 2023 - George Washington needed to borrow money to go to his own inauguration.(Jack Kreismer, in The Bathroom Trivia Companion, p. 87) -**](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**June 1st, 2023 - It cost $1 for admission to Disneyland when it opened in 1955. (Jack Kreismer, in The Bathroom Trivia Companion, p. 23)**](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**May 25th, 2023 - (William Ecenbarger, in Reader’s Digest) timing**](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**May 18th, 2023 - Frank Sinatra (Ripley’s Believe It or Not!: Book of Chance, p. 9) free**](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**May 11th, 2023 - Russia sanctions (The Week magazine, February 10, 2023) Russia’s war with Ukraine**](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**May 4th, 2023 - U.S. spends more on its military (Axios, as it appeared in The Week magazine, May 5, 2023) war**](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**April 27th, 2023 - new system could shoot a capsule (Politico, as it appeared in The Week magazine, September 22, 2017) postal service**](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**April 20th, 2023 - Communism. (Burke Hedges, in You Can't Steal Second With Your Foot On First!) mirror of self**](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**April 13th, 2023 - Big companies that went bankrupt (Press-Telegram newspaper, Long Beach, CA) failed first**](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**April 6th, 2023 - Easter bunny" (John McCollister, in The Christian Book of Why) Easter**](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**March 30th, 2023 - Never underestimate (Bits & Pieces) sleep-related**](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**March 23rd, 2023 - The bacteria clearing oceans (The Week magazine, February 10, 2023) transformation**](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**March 16th, 2023 - space shuttle explosion (From a letter, in Reader's Digest) little things make a difference**](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**March 9th, 2023 - Walt Disney (Charles Reichblum, in Knowledge in a Nutshell) giee**](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**March 2nd, 2023 - spy satellites (The Week magazine, February 24, 2023) privacy**](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**February 23rd, 2023 - Super Bowl ad revenue (CNBC.com, as it appeared in The Week magazine, February 24, 2023) Back in 1967(Lynn DeBruin, in Rocky Mountain News, February 3, 2006) football**](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**February 16th, 2023 - babies could not be sent (The Daily Chronicle) postal service**](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**February 9th, 2023 - Back in 1967 (Lynn DeBruin, in Rocky Mountain News, February 3, 2006) football**](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**February 2nd, 2023 - Americans own (The Washington Post, as it appeared in The Week magazine, July 6 /July 13, 2018) guns in America**](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**January 26th, 2023 - diamond (Ronald Schiller, in Reader’s Digest) process**](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**January 19th, 2023 - Up your recycling gams (Reader’s Digest Editors)**](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**January 12th, 2023 - Furry Pets, Healthier Babies (The Week magazine, April 28, 2017) Mother’s Day**](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**January 5th, 2023 - barnacles (Reader’s Digest, March/April, 2022, p. 50) Nature’s gifts**](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**December 29th, 2022 - NORAD (Rocky Mountain News, December 20, 2004) Santa**](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**December 15th, 2022 – celebrated (David J. Seibert, Unity Minister) celebrated (Uncle John’s Unstoppable Bathroom Reader)**](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**December 8th, 2022 - first crib (Ernest O. Hauser, in Reader’s Digest) Christmas trivia**](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**December 1st, 2022 - extra mail at Christmas (Absolute Trivia Web site, in Catholic Digest) postal service**](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**November 24th, 2022 - airline stewardesses (Isaac Asimov's Book of Facts, p. 194) travel**](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**November 17th, 2022 - India (The Week magazine, April 19, 2019) voting & elections**](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**November 10th, 2022 - Diamond Rainful (The Week magazine, September 15, 2017) separate document**](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**November 3rd, 2022 - Gov. Ron DeSantis (Tampa Bay Times, as it appeared in The Week magazine, September 30, 2022) immigration**](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**October 26th, 2022 - Grand Canyon. (Don Voorhees, in The Super Book of Useless Information, p. 57) it took a while**](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**October 19th, 2022 - President Thomas Jefferson (Jack Kreismer, in The Bathroom Trivia Companion, p. 41) Presidential trivia**](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**October 12th, 2022 - Kellogg Charlotte Lowe, in Fact-O-Pedia, p. 140) determination & effort**](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**October 5th, 2022 - bristlecone pine trees (The Daily Chronicle) longevity**](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**September 28th, 2022 - Central Park (L. M. Boyd) transformation**](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**September 21st, 2022 - America had no income tax Charles Reichblum, in Knowledge in a Nutshell, p. 123) taxes**](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**September 14th, 2022 - White House (Robert Shnayerson, in Reader's Digest, February, 1994) White House (Uncle John’s Bathroom Reader: Wise Up!, p. 184)**](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**September 7th, 2022 - magnetic poles flipped (The Week magazine, March 12, 2021) earth**](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**August 29th, 2022 babies could not be sent by parcel post (The Daily Chronicle) postal service**](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**August 22nd, 2022 - first weather report (The Daily Chronicle) weather-related**](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**August 15th, 2022 - AMAZING FAX**](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**If you think of the fax machine as a modern convenience, consider this:**](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**the first one was invented more than 140 years ago.**](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**Giovanni Caselli was a priest, but his neighbors in Florence thought of him as a bit of a mad scientist. He was eternally tinkering with things, and his home was always filled with junk.**](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**The telegraph was the hot new technology of the moment, and Caselli wondered if it was possible to send pictures over telegraph wires. He went to work in 1857, and over the course of six years perfected what he called the "pantelegraph." It was the world's first practical fax machine. Standing six feet tall and made up of swinging pendulums, batteries, and wires, it worked by passing an electrical current through an image. The signal was sent to a receiver that translated it onto a piece of treated paper;.**](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**Emperor Napoleon III of France was so impressed with Caselli's work that he authorized use of the machine on French telegraph lines. By 1868 the pantelegraph was transmitting as many as 110 faxes per hour. But it was viewed as a novelty, not a necessity. When a Prussian troops invaded France in 1870, the service was interrupted, never to be resumed again. It was another hundred years before the modern fax machine suddenly became indispensable. (Rick Beyer, in The Greatest Stories Never Told, p. 100)**](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

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[**Pablo Picasso, one of whose paintings recently sold for $3,000,000, was so poor early in his career, that he burned some of his drawings to keep warm. (Ripley’s Believe It or Not!: Book of Chance, p. 325)**](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**The effort to oust California Gov. Gavin Newsom ended in resounding failure this week, after the Democrat prevailed in a landslide. As The Week went to press, with some 70 percent of ballots counted, an insurmountable 64 percent of voters had said “no” to removing the governor from office. The $276 million recall vote was ordered after only 4 percent of the state’s population signed a petition. (The Week magazine, September 24, 2021)**](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**A Washington Post analysis last week found that of the 569 Republican candidates for congressional or key statewide offices this fall, 299 – more than half – are on record supporting Donald Trump’s Big Lie that Democrats used massive voter fraud to steal the 2020 presidential election. (The Week magazine, October 21st, 2022)**](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

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[**The Davis County, Utah, school district is reviewing the Bible to see if it violates a new state law banning “inappropriate content” from school libraries. An anonymous parent complained that the Bible is “one of the most sex-ridden books around,” containing references to “incest, onanism, bestiality, prostitution, genital mutilation, fellatio, dildos, rape, and even infanticide.” A district spokesman said, “We don’t differentiate between one request and another.” (The Week magazine, April 14, 2023)**](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**Time magazine’s “Man of the Year” for 1938 was Adolf Hitler. (Harry Bright & Harlan Briscoe, in So, Now You Know, p. 48) 1943: Soviet dictator Josef Stalin appeared on the cover of Time as its 1942 "Man of the Year." (PressTelegram.com)**](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**In 1647, Christmas was outlawed by the English Parliament. Churches were stripped of ornamentation, and organs carted away; religious singing was restricted to the Psalms – an attitude the Pilgrim Fathers had already brought to the New World. Although the ban was soon forgotten, it took nearly two centuries for Christmas to recover its sparkle. (Ernest O. Hauser, in Reader’s Digest)**](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**One of the earliest stories in the Bible is about the flood that God sent to punish the people of the Earth. But the story of the flood does not belong only to Hebrew history. Similar stories come from the other parts of Asia, including China, Burma, New Guinea and the South Sea Islands, and from North and South America, too. (Simon Goodenough)**](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**Scholars say at least 200 cultures worldwide have passed down stories about a great flood in antiquity. (L. M. Boyd)**](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)