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Can a pen be left-handed?

How can a *pen* be left-handed?

Well, writing with a right-handed fountain pen can be a real problem for left-handers.

- Right-handers *pull* their pen along when they write, and if a left-hander has to use the same pen (which is originally designed for right-handers), he or she has to *push* it around. While he pushes it around, he might dig the nib into the paper, as well.

This pushing of the pen across the page rather than pulling it leads to difficulty with ink-flow, as well.

The problem is greatly alleviated by the use of a left-handed nib. Most of the pens designed for the left-handers have a rounded ball at the end of the nib that is machined to give smooth ink flow while writing left-handed from almost any angle. Some people prefer a wider nib to produce italic script.

It is important to remember, however, that hand-writing position is just as important as a well designed pen.

- Left-handed pens would make all the difference to all the millions of left-handed children in India. But why aren't they available in India? We get the latest Mercs off the shelf all right. Is it because our priorities are lopsided?



There are so many essential things designed and made specially for the left-handers: The tragedy is that they are not available in India.

Editorial



Is this world being run wrongly by RCP's — Right-handed Chauvinistic Pigs?

JAMES Garfield was the 20th one, Herbert Hoover was the 31st one, Harry S Truman was the 33rd one, Gerald Ford was the 38th one, Ronald Reagan was the 40th one, George HW Bush was the 41st one, and, Bill Clinton was the 42nd one. All of them were presidents of the United States of America, and, all of them were left-handed.

But why didn't any one of them do anything for all the left-handers of the world? Why didn't they popularise things meant specially for left-handers?

The latest scientific assessment is that almost 15 percent of the world's population is left-handed.

Why isn't anyone in India making anything special for all our left-handed children (and adults)?

I grew up with a left-handed brother. I remember how my mother would pray to all the gods to get my brother converted to a right-handed guy. How come my highly educated father was so illiterate when it came to bringing up a left-handed child, I wonder. Why didn't he get him pens and other tools meant and made especially for left-handers? Why are these things still not available?

Despite all these, my left-handed brother excelled as an extremely dexterous engineer.

It is only recently that I stumbled upon the information that they are making pens and scissors and most other things especially for left-handers.

Yes, the left-handers require different kind of pens. Can a pen be left-handed? Yes, Sir.

Why didn't any one of our leaders (anywhere in the world) popularise things meant specially for left-handers? Remember, almost 15 percent of the world's population is left-handed. Aren't they vote-bank enough?

Is your child left-handed? How do we find out if any of our children is left-handed? Should we try to convert our left-handed children?

Please go to any of these interesting and informative sites: www.anythingleft-handed.co.uk or www.left-handersday.com. [August 13, by the way, is the International Left-Handers Day.]

There is an Indian site, as well — www.geocities.com/lefthandersind is by courtesy of the Association of Left-handers India, and the left-hander in charge is Bipinchandra Chaugule. It has a lot of information and a very interesting Indian perspective on left-handedness. Their e-mail address is lefthanders@indiatimes.com. Famous actor Amitabh Bachchan is a left-hander, and he is a honorary member of this Association. So is Ashutosh Gowariker, director of Lagaan, the Oscar nominated Hindi film.

Left-handers are a special minority, but ignored by the brute, sinister and unright majority.

That's democracy.

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Special thanks to Ms Lauren Milsom, Press Officer of Anything Left-Handed Ltd, England. You could learn a lot more about left-handedness and order things meant specially for left-handers at www.anythingleft-handed.co.uk — Ed

Is your child left-handed?

Some Genetics

Sixty percent of children of left-handed parents will be left-handed.

Five percent of children of right-handed parents will be left-handed.

One in seven persons is left-handed.



LIVING in a right-handed world as a left-hander is not easy, when everything seems to be designed for the convenience of a right-hander.

Left-handedness is something that has stumped science. No gene that makes a person left-handed has been traced.

Yet, left-handers account for 15 percent of the world's population. And, no definitive reason has been given for the rest of the world being right-handed. And theories which hazard a plausible explanation for right-hand dominance abound

- 1 Sun worship established 'right' as a favoured direction because the sun traversed the sky from left to right, leading to right-hand dominance.
- 2 As the shield is usually held in the left hand to protect the heart, the weapon must be held in the right hand, which may have led to right-hand dominance.
- 3 Handedness is hereditary.
- 4 A genetic bias controls handedness. Though it is random, it favours right-hand dominance.
- 5 New-born babies are neither left nor right-handed.

But none of these is based on any scientific evidence.

The brain is a cross-wired organ. The left side of the brain is associated with speech, language, writing, logic, mathematics and science, and this controls the right-handed side of the body.

The right side of the brain is associated with music, art, creativity, perception, emotions and genius, and this controls the left-handed side of the body.

Due to this brain dominance, the chances of finding more left-handers

in creative professions such as music, arts, media etc. are higher.

Left-handers, in general, have excellent hand-eye co-ordination and better three-dimensional perception.

A left-handed child may find it difficult to write certain letters that seem better suited for right-handers.

Don't ever try to suppress left-handedness: If you ever try to suppress left-handedness, the child could end up with a style of writing that is painful and slow.

Try out this simple test

- 1 Which hand do you scratch with if the centre of your back is itching?
- 2 Which thumb is uppermost when you interlock your fingers?
- 3 Which hand is uppermost when you clap your hands?
- 4 Which eye does the winking when you wink at an imaginary friend in front of you?
- 5 Which hand does the holding when you hold your hands behind your back.?
- 6 Which ear do you cup when you want to cup your ear to hear better?
- 7 Which forefinger do you use when you count on your fingers, using the forefinger of the other hand.?
- 8 Fold your arms. Which forearm is uppermost?

You now know that other parts of your body are not necessarily in sync with your right or left-handedness.

Some fascinating facts about left-handedness

DEXTERITY means **RIGHT-HANDEDNESS** — and **SINISTER** means **ON THE LEFT HAND** or **THE SIDE OF THE LEFT HAND** as opposed to **DEXTER** or **RIGHT**.

Some left-handed cricket players

Alan Border
Alistair Campbell
Denis Compton
Saurav Ganguly
David Gower
Gary Sobers

Some left-handed Olympic sportspeople

Francis X. Gorman (diving)
Greg Louganis (diving)
Mark Spitz (swimming)
Bruce Jenner (decathlon)
Nikita Kohloff (wrestling)
Dorothy Hamill (skating)

- 1 Most left-handers, when drawing figures, face them to the right
- 2 There is a 25 percent higher chance that women in the ages of 30 and 35 will give birth to a lefty.
- 3 Left-handers are more prone to stuttering and dyslexia.
- 4 According to neurologists, left-handers adjust more readily to seeing underwater.
- 5 The Romans were responsible for a lot of anti-left customs. They were the most militantly right-handed people in history. Romans invented the right-handed handshake, the fascist salute and even those right-to-left alphabet that still cause trouble!
- 6 The Romans used 'dexter' (as in dexterous) to mean 'right'.
- 7 Left-handers usually attain puberty four or five months later than right handers
- 8 Four of the five designers of the original Macintosh computer were left-handed.
- 9 Prof Stanley Coren of the University of British Columbia, in one of his recent reports suggested that, on an average, left-handers have a shorter life span than right-handers. Scientists have refuted this claim and further research is being conducted.
- 10 When NASA went in search of people to explore the moon, one in four Apollo astronauts turned out to be left-handed. Buss Aldrin was the first left-hander to walk on the moon.

Tips to help your child adjust

In their formative years, left-handers should be guided in the left-to-right direction of writing and in the movement of individual letters.

Some left-handers find it difficult to write forward-slanting alphabet. If they are not criticised for writing with a backward slant, then this problem does not arise.

Left-handers may find it more comfortable if they adopt a handwriting style that requires them to take the pen off the paper more often.

- 1 Give the child a slightly higher chair.
- 2 A soft-leaded pencil that does not dig into the paper will help, and later on, a pen that does not smudge is advisable.
- 3 Make sure the child is seated on the left side of a desk and that his paper positioning is correct.
- 4 Correct grip is very important. Advise the child not to hold the pencil/pen too close to the nib so that he can see what he has written.

What any left-hander would dread

- 1 Toasters with the handle on the right side.
- 2 Kettles, that have the water-level indicator positioned in such a way, that you can see it only if you held it in your right hand.
- 3 Door handles on the left side of the fridge.
- 4 Machines that have the on/off switch on the right side, for instance, computers and printers.

Cup of woe

THE devil is almost always portrayed as left-handed.

Throw salt over the left shoulder to ward off evil spirits.

If you get out of bed on the wrong side (that is the left), you will have a bad day and will be ill tempered.

A ringing in the right ear means someone is praising you. In the left ear it means that someone is maligning you.

If your right palm itches you will get money. If your left palm itches you will have to give money.

Greeks and Romans originally wore wedding rings on the third finger of the left hand to ward off evil associated with the left hand

In the French Parliament, before the Revolution, the nobles sat on the right side of the King, while the capitalists sat on the left. The right represented the accepted social order, and the left was considered the rebel faction.

It is said that if wine is passed or poured with the left hand, bad luck is imminent.

Raising your left hand for a toast is equal to cursing the person you toasted.

If you have a mole on your left eyebrow, you will always have problems in love and marriage.

The irreligious bit of it

CHRISTIANITY, Islam, Hinduism and Judaism have a definite bias against the left hand.

Christians have been taught to make the sign of the cross and give a blessing with their right hand. Though the Hindus use both their hands while praying and while performing poojas, offerings and blessings are given only with the right hand.

You will find that the Bible contains over 100 favourable references to the right hand and 25 unfavourable references to the left hand.

If you've heard the parable of the sheep and goats, you will understand the bias. The sheep are placed on Christ's right hand while the goats on the left. It goes on to say that those on the right inherit the kingdom of God, while those on the left depart into everlasting fire.

According to Islam, the left hand and everything associated with it is unclean.



The fate of the left-handed daughters (-in-law) in India

LEFTHANDED daughters-in-law (especially in rural India) are either not accepted, or are regarded as bad omen — and they are harassed in many ways.

Left-handed daughters-in-law are not allowed to use their left hand for cooking and serving. The hand is burnt or hit on to discourage its use.

- Bipinchandra Chaugule of the Pune-based Association of Left-handers India says that women are more the victims of the superstitions against the left hand. “The newly wed daughter-in-law is often ostracized for being a left-hander,” he says.
- “She is asked to perform daily activities with the right hand, she is described as evil, inauspicious, ominous or plain dirty. In some cases, she is even sent back to her father’s home.”
- This happens not only in rural or backward India but in modern urban cities too — like Mumbai, Bangalore, Chennai, Delhi and such other big cities, confirms Bipinchandra Chaugule.
- What have all the women’s associations done about this important issue?

Children are discouraged and forcibly obstructed from using left hand for writing, eating and many daily activities even in urban societies.

Their left hands are tied behind their backs or in a bag or are hit on the knuckles or chilly powder applied to or burnt to discourage its use.

This has a long lasting ill effect on the psyche and the overall personality of the child, which inhibits a natural healthy growth and mental and physical efficiency.

It can create problems such as speech disorders (stammering, stuttering, dyslexia and aphasia), psychological deficiencies (lack of confidence, negativism, clumsiness, and amnesia, feeling of defeat and being alienated, dirty or inauspicious). This may lead to medical problems like allergies, fits, bed-wetting, irritations and reactions to food and medicines, and Auto Immune Disorders.

It could hinder the development of natural psychomotor and manual skills like co-ordinated use of fingers for many daily activities (writing, cooking, drawing, painting, sewing, knitting and the like).

World’s largest and unorganised minority

TABOO of the use of the left hand in many day-to-day activities is a misbelief or superstition that came into existence and has stayed as, by and large, a permanent fixture in the Indian social mind.

In India, as may be elsewhere in the world, left-handedness is not considered normal or natural. It has always been a presumption of society (especially parents and teachers) that a child can be trained to use whichever hand we like, considering it as a matter of practice only. This is not true.

Handedness or the hand preference is an inborn trait. It is related to brain and neurological make-up of the person and can never be changed. Left-handers thus become world’s largest unorganised minority.

Left-handedness has been looked at with a lot of curiosity, doubt, apprehension and as something dirty, inauspicious, evil or sinister. Only in some educated families are left-handers treated either normally or with praise. This contradictory attitude of the society is an intrinsic part of the life of most left-handers.

At the same time, the fields of sport and arts are filled with innumerable left-handers who have excelled beyond imagination and more and more left-handers are included intentionally in sports teams.

In most industrial environments, all the machinery and equipment is designed for right-handed use.

This creates unimaginable hazards for left-handed workers. It affects the quantity and quality of their output and most important — they may meet with minor or major accidents. These things go unnoticed, as this point is never thought of.

Which is right, left or right?

THE English drive on the left of the road and so do the Indians.

It's one of those colonial hand-me-downs that India never really questioned. In France, America and Europe, people drive on the right side of the road. But, which is right, is neither wrong?

Driving on one side of the road started with the road itself. In ancient Rome, when roads were constructed in a big way, horsemen were posted in different parts of the empire to make transport and communication to the capital as efficient as possible.

Any message handed over to one horseman was carried to the next 'post', and from there to the next, and ultimately to Rome.

In those days, long before telephone, fax or e-mail were even thought of, horse-back was the fastest mode of transport and communication. The system of horses and riders stationed at a 'post' and riding furiously to the next seemed to work very well for the Romans. That is how the term 'post haste' came into existence.

But how did riding on the left originate? When you mount a horse, you stand on the left of the horse and raise your right leg, much like getting on a bicycle. You will find it difficult to mount a horse or a bicycle standing on the right — unless you were left-handed maybe.

So, when you mount a horse you stand on the left of the road. If you want to get on a horse from the right of the road, you would do it from the middle of the road.

A Roman soldier always carried a sword wherever he went. Most human beings are right-handed and would prefer to tackle an enemy on their right. To do so, they would have to ride on the left of the road. Thus, as a road safety measure, the Romans decided to ride on the left.

Later, when horse-drawn carriage was introduced, they had one more reason to stick to the left of the road. The carriage driver would sit on the top with a whip in his right hand. He would keep the carriage to the left of the road so that passers by did not accidentally get whipped.

In England, there came a time when landowners began enclosing most of their fields and the roads dramatically decreased in size.

Thus, it became important to agree on which side of the road to ride to avoid accidents. Stagecoaches followed the keep-left rule as a custom and it continued that way. The British Parliament made it a law only when the traffic problem spiralled out of control.

In France, class distinctions dictated which side of the road to ride on. The aristocrats drove their carriages on the left and the commoners were forced onto the right.

The French Revolution, which resulted in the commoners gaining more rights and powers, changed everything. The aristocrats thought it wiser to discard their carriages and use the right of the road so they could blend in with the crowd.

Later, when Napoleon came into power, he decided that his military traffic would stick to the right of the

road. Then on, France followed the keep-right rule.

Countries such as Switzerland, Germany, Italy, Poland and Spain, which Napoleon conquered, were also compelled to keep to the right of the road. Britain, Russia, Portugal and the Austria-Hungarian Empire, which resisted Napoleon, continued to keep left.

Austria was in quite a fix. Half of Austria, which Napoleon had conquered in 1805, followed the keep-right rule, while the other half, the keep-left rule.

In 1938, when Hitler invaded Austria and proclaimed it part of Germany, he decided to change overnight the keep-left rule prevalent in half the country.

Driving became chaotic, and it took quite a while before people got a grasp of the new rules.

Motor traffic increased considerably after World War II, and most of the vehicles that were manufactured were designed to drive on the right of the road. Eventually, most of mainland Europe switched to the right to make it easier for people who may cross international borders.

So you really can't say which is right and wrong. But if you have to get behind a wheel in a foreign country, you'd better figure out which side of the road to drive on.

DR RANJIT GROVER

The leftist couple

Napoleon Bonaparte and Josephine de Beauharnais, are one of the most famous left-handed couple in history. They married on 9th March some 200 years ago.

The left hand is the hand of the heart, according to an Italian proverb. Here are some interesting tidbits.

- 1 Chang and Eng were the first recorded pair of Siamese twins: They were born in 1811. Chang and Eng were joined at the waist. Their names meant LEFT and RIGHT.
- 2 The ratio between male and female left-handers is two to one.
- 3 Officials in Mensa, the high IQ society, believe about 20 percent of their members is left-handed.
- 4 In ancient times, sailing vessels were docked to the left because their rudders were attached on the right. Thus, the left side came to be called the 'port side'. In America, left-handers are often referred to as 'port siders'.
- 5 If you hear a cuckoo chirp from the right, the year ahead will be lucky and if you hear from the left, you will have a bad year.
- 6 The Meru tribe of Kenya believed that the left hand of their holy man wielded evil powers. Therefore, it was left hidden for the safety of others.
- 7 A twitching right eye heralds the coming of a friend, but if it's the left eye that twitches, you'll see an enemy.
- 8 In tailoring, you must sew the left sleeve onto a garment before the right sleeve, lest bad luck befall you.
- 9 If your right foot itches while embarking on a journey, you're bound to have a good trip. If your left foot itches, it will be a harrowing one.
- 10 To pass a drink to another person with your left hand or anti-clockwise around a table is considered bad luck.

Some left leanings

- The ancient Zuni tribe believed the left hand was the older and wiser one, and considered left-handedness a sign of good luck.
- To dig coal from the ground in Spring from under your left foot, will bring you good luck.
- The forefinger of the right hand is considered the 'poison finger'. If you apply an ointment with this finger, the sore will not heal.



The best motion for peeling vegetables is to move the peeler towards the body. This is not possible with a right-handed peeler held in the left hand, as the cutting edge is facing the wrong way. Peelers designed for left-handers are either fully left-handed or double-edged so they can be used in either direction.

The case of the bread-knife



THE WRONG WAY. The serrations on a normal bread knife exaggerate the natural twisting motion of the left hand leading to a curved slice and an overhanging loaf.



THE RIGHT WAY FOR THE LEFT-HANDER. The serrations are on the right side of the blade to counter-balance the natural twisting motion of the left hand, thus giving a straight cut.

If you always cut bread slices that start off wafer thin and end up as doorstep wedges, it is probably because of the bread knife you use. A right-handed knife has the serrations on the left side of the blade, so that they counteract the natural twisting motion of the hand to give a straight cut. A left-hander has problems with these knives as the effect of the hand twisting and the serrations combine to give a curved cut. Left-handed knives should have the serrations on the right side of the blade.



The case of the milk pan

Anyone trying to pour from a traditional milk pan using their left hand knows that it can not only be awkward but downright dangerous, as you have to pour backwards, as in this picture.

Milk pan designed specially for left-handers has the pouring lip on the right (as you hold it) so left-handers can pour in the correct direction.

How and when will I know if my child is left-handed?

IT is not uncommon for children of nursery age to still be undecided as to their dominant hand, as we all develop at different rates.

Most babies use both hands to begin with, and rarely show any preference before about nine months old.

By about 18 months, many children use one hand consistently. However, it is not unusual for children to show no distinct preference even at 3 or 4 years old.

Generally speaking, the earlier a child shows a specific dominance for a hand, the more strongly dominant they will be, and it may be that if a child has no strong preference until later, even when increasing the number of manually dextrous tasks they perform as their brain and co-ordination develop, it is because they are comfortable using both hands.

Most children have a preferred writing hand by the time they are five, but their brains and co-ordination are still developing and hand preference too, can continue to develop until they are nine.

Whatever preference a child shows, it is important to let them develop naturally, as they will only choose the hand that is better able to complete whatever task is set, at their brain's stage of development.

Even if your child has not decided on their hand preference by the time they start nursery, you can watch their development by noting:

- Which hand they use to reach for toys and crayons placed directly in front of them.
- Which hand they prefer to feed themselves with (either finger food or spoon)
- Which hand do they prefer to stir with, if helping you in the kitchen. Left-handers usually stir anti-clockwise. Left-handed children experimenting with toys and tools will try to turn things anti-clockwise.
- When drawing, or attempting to form letters, left-handers usually prefer to work from the right, away from the body to the left.
- Left-handed children tend to wind up a toy by unwinding it!
- When standing on one leg, feel more secure standing on the left. If you are helping them to dress, get the right leg ready first for them to step in.
- Which hand do they brush their teeth with/comb their hair with?

Note: Catching and throwing a ball is a mixture of dominant hand and dominant eye, so is not always an accurate measure of hand preference.

Should I change my child's handedness?

THE short and emphatic answer is “No”! Handedness is determined by the brain, not the hand, and the most versatile hand is that which helps brain and hand work together for language and writing.

If a left-handed child is made to perform a task right handed, this means that they are using the weaker and less co-ordinated hand to fulfil the task, which makes them unnecessarily clumsy, ineffective, and tire more easily. Far more practice and concentration will be needed than if using their natural hand, so it will be less enjoyable or rewarding, and the difficulty of learning the task will make them feel less capable than they actually are.

Also, even if you “train” a left-hander to perform one task right-handed, they will still always be naturally left-handed for everything else - left-handedness is part of a persons makeup, not a trend or habit that can be quashed or discouraged.

With consideration and encouragement, left-handers can learn to overcome many of the obstacles encountered through living in a right-handed world. They will have the confidence to explore the sporting, musical and artistic activities at which they so often excel, and in doing so become far more adaptable, confident and capable.

Thankfully, very few teachers today reprimand their students for using the “wrong” hand as did their Victorian counterparts, although it is still entirely possible that you may encounter adults who had been forced to write with their right hand, as this practice still continued into the last generation.

However, most people now realise how unnecessarily cruel and damaging this ridiculous practice could be to a young developing child, based as it was, totally on superstition and prejudice.

“Every year, my mum always hangs a joke present on our Christmas tree. Last year, my present was a left-handed potato peeler. I laughed when I opened it and didn't think that I would use it but I was wrong. It's so easy to use and now I am the best carrot and potato peeler in our house. The only trouble is that nobody else volunteers for the job!”

FROM AN ANONYMOUS LEFT-HANDER

What percentage of the population are left-handed?

At what age will I know if my child is left-handed?

How do you define “Left-Handedness”?

What is “Cross Laterality”?

What Causes Left-Handedness?

How is Handedness Determined?

Should You Change a Child's Handedness?

How can I help my left-handed toddler learn everyday skills, like tying shoelaces?

Should I reverse the cutlery for a left-hander at the dinner table?

Will being left-handed cause my child any problems at school?

Will the school know exactly how to help their left-handed pupils?

My child keeps writing back to front - is this unusual?

Left-handers often look awkward when they write. How can this be avoided?

What special equipment do left-handed children need?

Do left-handers need a left-handed computer mouse?

Why are left-handers said to be good at sport?

What musical instruments are good for left-handers to play?

Are left-handers more common in certain professions?

Is it possible to buy ambidextrous scissors?

Are left-handed items more expensive than right-handed ones?

You could learn a lot about everything related to left-handedness by visiting www.anythingleft-handed.co.uk

In the special issues to come...

THE KERALITE LADY

Here's a peep into what *The Keralite Lady* has in store for you in its coming special issues.

- Common sense: Do we really have it?
- What is the best design for salwar and churidar? It's the ThermoTropic design. It's the ideal outfit to wear during summer in any tropical region. ThermoTropic design is all about the way your outfits are cut and tailored. It is the first time anyone is introducing this brand-new, scientific dress concept in India. Look out for the coming issues of *The Keralite Lady*.
- For those of us who do not know how to choose the right bra, *The Keralite Lady* is here to help. Everything about the bra.
- How do you get rid of all those ugly bulges, maintain your youth and vitality, know whether anti-ageing medicines do any good? Read the coming special issue of *The Keralite Lady*.
- Watch out for stunning photographs of the new two-piece, interchangeable blouses.
- Everyone loves a cup of tea, but do you really know how to make a 'good' one?
- Low-calorie food is the in-thing okay; but how should we cook it?
- Alcohol and your health: how much is good for you(r husband)?

The Keralite Lady will give you sensible, practical answers to all this and more.

Do not miss the coming special issues of the one magazine for women that separates sense from nonsense — *The Keralite Lady*.

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Separating sense
from nonsense.**

Here are some famous left-handers:

Benjamin Franklin, statesman/publisher/scientist
Joan of Arc (?), French heroine
Ramses II (?), Egyptian pharaoh
Tiberius (?), Roman emperor
Alexander the Great
Julius Caesar, Roman general
Napoléon Bonaparte (?), French emperor
King Louis XVI of France
Queen Victoria of England
King George II of England
Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother of England
King George VI of England
Queen Elizabeth II of England
Prince Charles of England
Prince William of England
Fidel Castro, Cuban leader
Albert Einstein, physicist (This is controversial.)
Henry Ford, automobile manufacturer
David Rockefeller, banker
Dwight F. Davis, founder of the Davis Cup in tennis
Helen Keller, advocate for the blind
Dr. Albert Schweitzer, physician/missionary
August Piccard, inventor of stratosphere, bathosphere
Edwin Buzz Aldrin, astronaut
Wally Schirra, astronaut
Cecil Beaton, photographer/costume designer
Lord Baden-Powell, founder of the Boy Scouts
John F. Kennedy, Jr., lawyer/publisher
Caroline Kennedy, lawyer/author
Ron Reagan, son of Ronald Reagan
Boston Strangler (Albert Henry DeSalvo), serial killer
Jack-the-Ripper, serial killer
John Wesley Hardin, Western gunslinger
Bart Simpson, cartoon character
James Baldwin, novelist
Lewis Carroll (of Alice in Wonderland fame)
Mark Twain, novelist
H.G. Wells
Jimi Hendrix, Musician
Paul McCartney (The Beatles: Wings)
Ringo Starr (?) (the Beatles)
Paul Simon (Simon & Garfunkel)
Lenny White, drummer
Michelangelo, Artist
Raphael, Artist
Leonardo da Vinci, Artist (RH paralyzed?)
Amitabh Bachchan, Indian actor
Charlie Chaplin
Peter Fonda
Rex Harrison
Shirley MacLaine
Marilyn Monroe
Slyvester Stallone ?
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