

11 FAMOUS FARTERS

1 QUEEN VICTORIA

The queen who ruled England from 1837 to 1901 became a gassy windbag in her later years. (One reason may have been that she ate her food really fast while drinking whiskey.) But Victoria, being a queen and all, was squeamish about her squeaking: In 1897 she had an Australian journalist named John Norton tried for libel after he wrote the she was “fat, flabby, and flatulent.” (Victoria lost the lawsuit.)

2 SIR HENRY LUDLOW

In 1607, during a heated debate in Parliament over Scottish naturalization, the English politician farted so loudly that it reverberated throughout the chambers. So legendary was Ludlow's fart that it inspired history's most famous (and maybe only) poem about a gassy public servant. Written over the next few years by several politicians (no one man took credit), the tongue-in-cheeky poem is called “The Censure of the Parliament Fart.” An excerpt: “The Motion was good; but for the stinking / Well quoth Sir Henry Poole, ‘It was a bold tricke / To Fart in the nose of the bodie politique.’”

3 WHOOP! GOLDBERG

In the 1980s, a young comedian named Caryn Johnson had such a bad farting habit that her friends said she sounded like a whoopee cushion. That's how Whoopi Goldberg got her stage name. And she's still at it: During a 2014 interview with the singer Ashanti on *The View*, Goldberg let out a massive fart that sent the other women at the table scrambling for safety. “I feel so much better now!” exclaimed Goldberg.

4 KATY PERRY

“I’m a little gassy. I don’t care,” admits the proud fartress—who regularly farts on stage, in interviews, and especially at home. Her ex-husband, comedian Russell Brand, once described her as a “flatulence factory,” explaining, “The pop hits that she fires out of her mouth are nothing compared to what comes out the other end.” Perry’s defense: At least her farts aren’t toxic: “Russell sleeps on the couch all the time because he lights up the sheets with his stanky arse.” The couple divorced soon after.

5 BRITNEY SPEARS

Speaking of toxic, in 2010 Spears was hit with a harassment lawsuit filed by her bodyguard, Fernando Flores. The former cop accused the pop princess of parading around her house naked and routinely “beckoning him into her bedroom.” Flores always declined, he said, noting that Spears was “unkempt” and “one big farting machine.” Flores’s lawyer added, “My client has seen cops overcome with the smell from flatulence, and he felt that he was assaulted every day by Spears and her farts.” Spears’s defense: She has a “potentially deadly” (for whom?) condition called *flatulencia explotatta*. “She can’t help it,” said the “Toxic” singer’s lawyer. “She’s been to the best doctors in the world. It’s a disease.” (Shortly after the bad press leaked, Spears settled out of court for an undisclosed sum.)

6 WOLFGANG AMADEUS MOZART

Mozart was a dirty, dirty man who appreciated farts so much that he wrote poems about the best ones he encountered. The composer composed this masterpiece in a letter to his mother: “Yesterday, though, we heard the king of farts / It smelled as sweet as honey tarts / While it wasn’t in the strongest of voice / It still came on as a powerful noise.”

Bonus fact: The Urban Dictionary describes a “Mozart fart” thusly: “To cut the cheese in a particularly tuneful way.”

7 MARTIN LUTHER

You may know that in 1517 Luther's "95 Theses" instigated the Protestant Reformation. But did you know that the German friar was fond of using farts to make his points? He once called the head of the Roman Catholic Church "Pope Fart-ass." His go-to weapon for fighting the devil: "It is with a fart that I chase him away." And our favorite Martin Luther quote: "A happy fart never comes from a miserable ass."

8 NANCY GRACE

A foul controversy wafted over *Dancing with the Stars* in 2010 after a loud fart that sounded like someone zipping up a winter coat interrupted contestant Nancy Grace's interview with Brooke Burke. (Fittingly, Grace had just danced a waltz to "Moon River.") Grace, a bombastic former prosecutor who acts as both judge and jury on television, denied that she farted. But the video footage reveals that, just as the fart was being released, Grace closed her eyes and placed her hand on her stomach. Then her dancing partner Tristan McManus looked away awkwardly. A few days later, after denying the fart had even happened, Grace finally verified its existence...but laid the blame solely on the Dublin-born McManus, claiming that the fart "had an Irish accent."

Update: Grace never did cop to the toot, but a fetish website called "Fart Fanatics" attempted to license the farting footage from ABC, to no avail.

9 LARRY KING

Apparently, CNN's "King of Talk" used more than his mouth to communicate. Several of King's interviewees claimed that his butt often butted in. Rumor had it that King kept a fan underneath his desk that blew his emissions in the opposite direction of his guests. According to an anonymous source who sat next to King at a banquet: "He leaned left and beefed right...directly on me. He didn't even say, 'Excuse me.'"

10 GEORGE W. BUSH

Another alleged leaker is the 43rd president of the United States. Five years after Bush left office, video footage shows him sitting next to fellow former president Bill Clinton at the 2014 NCAA basketball finals. At one point, Bush shifts in his seat and appears to hold one buttock slightly higher than the other...and then smiles as he launches an unprovoked fart attack at Clinton, who doesn't seem to notice. (One of Bush's favorite gags while serving in the White House: secretly placing a "remote control whoopee cushion" in Deputy Chief of Staff Carl Rove's chair.)

11 LE PETOMANE

History's most famous farter was Frenchman Joseph Pujol (pronounced "pu-zhol" and not "poo-hole"). When he was a teenager in the late 1800s, he was taking a swim and inhaled a deep breath before submerging...and inadvertently sucked a bunch of water up his anus. When he exhaled, the water squirted back out. Pujol soon realized that he could do the same trick with air, and with a few precise twitches of his gluteal muscles, he could make musical notes. His destiny was set: When Pujol grew up, he became known as Le Petomane ("The Fartiste"), one of the most popular entertainers in Paris. Packed rectal halls—err, recital halls—would applaud wildly as the "elastic anus" farted out hit after hit, in perfect pitch. He could even imitate animal noises, thunder, and cannons. No audio recordings of Le Petomane's performances exist, and no farter since has been able to match his talent.

8 ALLITERATIVE NICKNAMES FOR A MUSTACHE

1 Grass grin

2 Nose neighbor

3 Face furniture

4 Lip luggage

5 Bristle batons

6 Mouth mirken

7 Soup strainer

8 Snot mop