



150 THINGS LARRY THOMPSON HAS DONE

“I put together the following list of things I’ve done in my life, some serious, some silly, some sad, some just plain wonderful-not to dazzle you with my accomplishments or the Star-quality of my life, but to emphasize something that it took me a long time to realize: Life should be lived as a celebration of every minute of every day. It is not a long hard preparation for a party *someday*. The party is this afternoon. So celebrate your life as it happens. Celebrate your talents, your interests, your opportunities, your failures, your loved ones and your spirit.”

1. Sat on the deck of the Starship *Enterprise* with Captain Kirk
2. Held Drew Barrymore in my arms
3. Got stoned with Miles Davis
4. Met with the Beatles
5. Have been blessed by three Popes
6. Had a martini with Hugh Grant at the Pool at the Hotel du Cap, Antibes
7. Held Kermit the Frog
8. Went shopping with U2’s Bono and his wife in Florence, Italy
9. Watched ringside as Mike Tyson took a bite out of Evander Holyfield’s ear
10. Celebrated the World Music Awards aboard the *Shamwari* with Prince Albert of Monaco, Pamela Anderson, and Tommy Lee
11. Did breakfast at Nate ‘n Al’s with Larry King
12. Set up Cindy Crawford to host her first TV show, MTV’s *House of Style*
13. Had a hilarious dinner at Spago’s with Don Rickles
14. Rocked with Alex Haley on his porch in Tennessee
15. Purchased Barry Manilow’s Rolls-Royce Convertible
16. Bought Kirk Douglas’s home with his handprint in cement in the driveway
17. Took pictures of David Bowie in my bedroom
18. Strolled along the Great Wall of China
19. Had Barry White explain to me all “380 degrees” of life
20. Laid in the King’s Burial Chamber of Egypt’s Great Pyramid
21. Bought a Motion Picture Studio
22. Saw the Rat Pack perform six times at The Sands in Las Vegas

23. Sat with Elvis on the steps of the Clarksdale City Auditorium
24. Dined with Mama Cass in London; my drunken date fell out of the booth
25. Had a day named after me
26. Pissed with Kelsey Grammer at the Carousel Ball
27. Represented Sonny and Cher, and 25 years later made a movie about it
28. Danced with Nancy Reagan
29. Learned strength from Cicely Tyson
30. Almost died on the road to Agra to see the Taj Mahal
31. Signed Donna Dixon of *Bosom Buddies* instead of Tom Hanks
32. Tried to heal my mother when she was sent home after shock treatments
33. Cried with Peter Fonda in Rome over our fathers
34. Wrote 2 books
35. Produced 17 TV movies
36. Dressed Charlton Heston
37. Rented a limo from a funeral parlor for William Shatner and myself
38. Stayed with Jane Seymour at her castle near Bath, England
39. Made 5 Motion Pictures
40. Took a trip around the world
41. Comforted my Mother as she lay dying on Halloween night
42. Received 8 Emmy, one Golden Globe, and two Prism Award nominations for my productions
43. Managed the careers of over 200 Stars
44. Signed myself as a client
45. Stood on a mountain top at the Cape of Good Hope
46. Made love in a Royal balcony box at the La Scala Opera House in Milan
47. Laughed with Monty Python's Eric Idle on a yacht in the South of France
48. Witnessed my Father smile and reach up to a "white light" when he died
49. Told Robin Givens in Morton's one night, after her interview with Barbara Walters, that she was one of the most hated women in the world
50. Overheard a frustrated Rolls-Royce service guy say to Fred Astaire, "Don't give me that song and dance routine."

51. Drank until the sun came up at the Beverly Hills Hotel with Richard Harris
52. Sat on a Dinner Dais with President George H. Bush
53. Played golf with Vijay Singh at Shadow Creek
54. Was invited to the Rolls-Royce factory in Crew, England where I had a Bentley made to my specifications
55. Rode floats in both the Rose Bowl and Mardi Gras Parades
56. Said, "I do" twice
57. Witnessed the visions of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Medjugorie in Bosnia-Herzegovina
58. Produced 2 TV Series
59. Fired by Alan Thicke not once, not twice, but 5 times as his manager
60. Pitched a project claiming that Jackie Kennedy Onassis would host it only to have her enter the restaurant and be seated in the next booth during the pitch—before I'd talked to her about it
61. Represented Linda Lovelace, and after *Deep Throat*, she made *Linda Lovelace For President*. Her campaign slogan was "I may not be the best man for the job, but I'm better than the other c@&k-suckers."
62. Took my family to Rome to see the Vatican
63. Cooked up a deal to have Wolfgang Puck cater my daughter's Baptism
64. Watched the Grand Prix in Monte Carlo from a Yacht
65. Cruised Alaska with inventor and telemarketer, Ron Popeil, as his guest
66. Attended George Harrison's *Concert For Bangladesh*
67. Invited 50 friends to Monte Carlo for my 3-day 50th Birthday Party
68. Received a Bible from Charlene Tilton
69. Dined at Chasen's with Ronald Reagan who sadly told me the same story about his belt buckle three times
70. Got married at Jim Nabor's home in Bel Air
71. Put John Larroquette in his first dramatic television role
72. Celebrated Paul Sorvino's birthday at his daughter Mira's Malibu home
73. Was told by Carroll O'Connor that I was his inspiration for his Southern accent in the popular series *In The Heat Of The Night*

74. Helped straightened out Linda Blair's head
75. Managed Drew Barrymore, Tori Spelling, and Shannen Doherty
76. Sipped tea at the Dorchester with *Gone With The Wind* legend Olivia de Havilland
77. Flew to Rome with Tim Matheson and Ann Jillian
78. Received the Entertainment Industry's prestigious Vision Award
79. Partied at the Playboy Mansion and I'm not telling
80. Was on *The Dating Game* twice and never chosen
81. Howled at the moon with Tanya Tucker
82. Ate food prepared by the Iron Chefs
83. Won a bowling trophy with Kiss's Gene Simmons
84. Was given a harmonica by John Popper of Blues Traveler
85. Played Baccarat with Kelly Hu
86. Swam in my pool with CNBC's Maria Bartiromo
87. Raced Angie Harmon down Sunset Boulevard
88. Attended David Bowie and Iman's Wedding in Florence, Italy
89. Honored by having a Fine Arts Center named after me
90. Had drinks at the Polo Lounge with Jack Lemon
91. Partied with Goldie Hawn at Caesar's Palace
92. Purchased a Rodin, Renoir, and Picasso
93. Listed perennially in *Who's Who in the World*
94. Met Sela Ward on the Spanish Steps in Rome and we went shopping
95. Caught a Marlin off Oahu and let it go
96. Awarded the *Show Biz Lawyer of the Year* Record by Capitol in 1971
97. Nominated for the *Looking Good* Style Award along with Warren Beatty, Tom Selleck, and Dan Rather
98. Auditioned over 1000 Sonny & Cher hopefuls
99. Auditioned over 2500 would-be redheads for Lucy
100. Proposed marriage to Kelly LeBlanc at the Grand Wailea in Maui
101. Was nicknamed *The Man Who Broke Up The Beatles*
102. Chatted several times with the awesome Muhammad Ali
103. Sat with Sharon and Ozzy Osbourne at the Four Seasons in Maui

104. Froze my ass off in Red Square
105. Had a week named after me
106. Voted Showman Of The Year in 1998 by the US TV Fan Association
107. Watched the Super Bowl with Eric Roberts, Scott Hamilton, and Leonard Nimoy
108. Begged Quincy Jones for the rights to do a movie on his life
109. Played pool with billiards legend, Minnesota Fats
110. Did 10 pushups in my office with Jack LaLanne
111. Stumbled upon Princes Diana and Prince Charles on a deserted beach in Sardinia
112. Lunched Ma Maison with Orson Wells
113. Went to the Inaugurations of Presidents Ronald Reagan and George H. Bush
114. Helped President Gerald Ford become a mule
115. Served as an Altar Boy at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church
116. Prayed that you would find this book inspirational and helpful
117. Learned to line dance with *Sex and the City's* Kristin Davis and her friend
Melanie Shatner-Gretsch
118. Discovered it was lonely in the middle
119. Watched José Eber cut Farrah Fawcett's hair at Jay Bernstein's home
120. Scored a par on the 18th hole of Pebble Beach
121. Played tennis with Rene Russo and Susie Coelho
122. Met the Prince of Saudi Arabia at the Hotel Cala di Volpe in Sardinia
123. Celebrated three of my birthdays partying at La Voile Rouge in St. Tropez
124. Had two women walk on my back at the Amanpuri in Phuket, Thailand
125. Fitness trained at home with Pete and Jake Steinfeld
126. Have read the Bible
127. Was a Judge on both *Star Search*, and *Miss Teen USA*
128. Hid under a table with William Shatner at the MGM Grand Hotel when the
shooting started after a Mike Tyson fight
129. Continue to wonder who really roots for you after your parents die
130. Flew the Concorde from New York to Paris in 3 hours and 11 minutes
131. Heard Paul McCartney and Paul Simon sing a duet at the Adopt-A-Minefield
Charity Dinner

132. Have been friends with *ET*'s Mary Hart for many years
133. Experienced 4 epiphanies in my life so far
134. Told Pete Townshend from The Who to read *The New New Thing*.
135. Sat in the Royal Enclosure at the Ascot races in England
136. Set sail on my wife's birthday cruise with 60 guests, including Mira Sorvino
137. Had *The Sopranos*' Steven Schirripa judge Italian food for me on Iron Chef USA
138. Ate caviar with Ruth Gordon in the Russian Tea Room
139. Met fellow southerner Reese Witherspoon at Rape Foundation Luncheon
140. Was ticketed on the way to Palm Springs doing 117 mph in a Corniche
141. Moved into the neighborhood with Hugh Hefner's LA Playboy Mansion
142. Went nightclubbing with Sammy Davis Jr.
143. Sat with B. B. King in his bus while he played his guitar, Lucille
144. Touched by angel Roma Downey who inscribed her book to my daughter
145. Snow skied in Aspen with Agent 007, Pierce Brosnan, at Race to Erase MS
146. Wrote in this book "all the things I have learned" from "all the things I have done."
147. Have had one, great friend, Fred Alias, all my life
148. Shared a loving life with my sister, Janice, and brother, Marshall
149. Married Kelly LeBlanc at the Good Shepherd Church in Beverly Hills and partied with family and friends for three days at the Bellagio Hotel in Las Vegas
150. Became a Multi-Millionaire along the way,
and

"I would trade any, if not all, of them for the one moment my little girl, Taylor, was born, and my beautiful wife, Kelly, and I cried together from joy."

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