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A number of famous celebrity inventors hold patents for interesting inventions. Here are a few of our favorites: Bill Nye, Eddie Van Halen, Andy Warhol, and Prince.

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