

The Style Invitational

Week CXXXVI: Playing Check-In



Elton John: Brian Bigbum
Jimmy Buffett: Al Vacado
Cal Ripken Jr.: Brad Carlton
Kevin Costner: Frank Farmer
John Travolta: J.T. Smith

This week's contest was suggested by Kevin Cuddihy of Fairfax. According to a recent gossip column in the Boston Herald, the celebs above use the names above as their aliases when checking into hotels. Your challenge is to suggest more appropriate check-in names for any celebrities, past or present, living or dead. (Kevin suggests, for example, that John Wayne Bobbitt might use "Les Johnson." The Herald actually suggests that Bobbitt *does* use this moniker, but we strongly doubt it.) First-prize winner gets an excellent pair of Elvis sunglasses with dangling sideburns. First runner-up wins the tacky but estimable Style Invitational Loser Pen. Other runners-up win the coveted Style Invitational Loser T-shirt. Honorable mentions get the mildly sought-after Style Invitational bumper sticker. Send your entries via fax to 202-334-4312, or by e-mail to losers@washpost.com. U.S. mail entries are no longer accepted due to rabid, spit-flying fanaticism. Deadline is Monday, Sept. 9. All entries must include the week number of the contest and your name, postal address and telephone number. E-mail entries must include the week number in the subject field. Contests will be judged on the basis of humor and originality. All entries become the property of The Washington Post.

Entries may be edited for taste or content. Results will be published in four weeks. No purchase required for entry. Employees of The Washington Post, and their immediate

relatives, are not eligible for prizes. Pseudonymous entries will be disqualified. The revised title for next week's contest is by Thos. Witte of Gaithersburg.

Report from Week CXXXII.

in which you were asked to combine the first half of a hyphenated word in a story in The Post with the second half of another hyphenated word from the same story, and define the new word.

- ◆ Fifth Runner-Up:
Tour-tle: An out-of-towner who walks really slowly in front of you. (Paul Kondis, Alexandria)
- ◆ Fourth Runner-Up:
Fiz-actors: Aged veterans who are reduced to doing denture commercials. (Stephen Dudzik, Olney)
- ◆ Third Runner-Up:
Bra-mitments: Unwise promises made when under the influence of a bosom. (Fil Feit, Annandale)
- ◆ Second Runner-Up:
Hu-ters: An adult-theme Chinese restaurant. (Steve Honley, Washington)
- ◆ First Runner-Up:
Knife-throw-fixed: How circus animals get neutered. (Steve Fahey, Kensington)
- ◆ And the winner of the Baby Born Miniworld:
Testimo-stitute: An expert witness who will say anything if the fee is high enough. (James Pierce, Charlottesville)

Honorable Mentions:

- ◆ **Constitu-biguously: How the Supreme Court decides cases.** (Phyllis Kepner, Columbia)
- ◆ **Occa-triotism: Loving one's country when it's politically advantageous.** (Phyllis Kepner, Columbia)
- ◆ **Ad-kay: Ary-Gay Ondit-Kay.** (Bill and Jo Vogt, Carlisle, Pa.)
- ◆ **Prohib-icans: The religious right.** (Bill and Jo Vogt, Carlisle, Pa.)
- ◆ **Han-dictment: The charge filed against Pee-wee Herman.** (Howard Harrell, North Potomac)
- ◆ **Reject-formia: Wyoming.** (James Pierce, Charlottesville)
- ◆ **Re-Gilligan: To get hopelessly lost again in a place where one was lost once before.** (Jennifer L. Nelson, Washington)
- ◆ **Under-ture: Deliberate action intended to discourage romantic attentions of another. (Antonym: Overture.)** (Jessica Giannascoli, Silver Spring)
- ◆ **De-empha-rine: A new drug that makes people more subtle; commonly prescribed to writers.** (Charles Haze McCrary, Alexandria)
- ◆ **Long-in-the-versation: Describing the work of Tennyson, Stevenson and other self-indulgent poets.** (Steve Fahey, Kensington)
- ◆ **Hand-versation: Two Italians, talking.** (Steve Fahey, Kensington)
- ◆ **Con-pounded: How Arthur Andersen calculated interest.** (Marc Leibert, New York)
- ◆ **Muse-teroid: A gargantuan apocalyptic rock that will hurtle through space and smash into the Earth, sparking cataclysmic tidal waves, devastating earthquakes, and a lot of really awful poetry.** (Marc Leibert, New York)
- ◆ **Deter-dress: Burlap sack with "Lesbian Power" stenciled on it.** (Marc Leibert, New York)
- ◆ **Oklaho-mered: Tipped a cow over with just one push.** (Brian Barrett, Bethesda)
- ◆ **Ali-phisticated: What befell many heavy-weights. See "Ali-gram."** (Dave Zarrow, Herndon)
- ◆ **Ali-gram: A stinging left jab.** (Tom Witte, Gaithersburg)
- ◆ **Inadequa-versity: Your "safe school."** (Kelli Midgley-Biggs, Columbia)
- ◆ **Got-Christ: Failed marketing campaign for Billy Graham Crusades.** (Dave Komornik, Berkeley Springs, W.Va.)
- ◆ **Digi-boot: Induced regurgitation.** (Dave Komornik, Berkeley Springs, W.Va.)
- ◆ **Intelli-abs: Stomach muscles so hyper-developed that they are capable of independent thought.** (Milo Sauer, Fairfax)
- ◆ **Can-master: The sequel to the Thighmaster.** (Dave Zarrow, Herndon)
- ◆ **Admini-tors: Bull-headed secretaries.** (William Zamojcin, Vernon, Conn.)
- ◆ **Bun-tween: Where a thong goes.** (William Zamojcin, Vernon, Conn.)
- ◆ **Inher-tion: The writing of oneself into a will.** (Jerome Alfred, Fairfax)
- ◆ **Nonprolifera-nium: An element particularly useful in not making nuclear weapons.** (Paul Kondis, Alexandria)
- ◆ **Year-itate: To tease someone about his age.** (Steve Honley, Washington)
- ◆ **Hes-ters: A failed restaurant chain where waitresses wore scarlet A's on the bosoms of their starched white shirts.** (Steve Honley, Washington)
- ◆ **Choreogra-vert: One who patronizes strip clubs out of appreciation "for the dancing."** (Meg Sullivan, Potomac)
- ◆ **Gin-whispers: Hiccups.** (Dave Zarrow, Herndon)
- ◆ **Rat-nership: A corporate merger.** (Paul Kocak, Syracuse)
- ◆ **Dis-fighters: Defenders of the insulted.** (Sue Lin Chong, Washington)
- ◆ **Ee-bum: Extra-wide posterior.** (Sue Lin Chong, Washington)

Next Week: **It's the Dichotomy, Stupid**

Richard's Poor ALMANAC by Richard Thompson

GEORGE W.B. - I cleared over 50 acres of brush at the ranch (not gonna be any wildfires round here!) Raised about 50 million bucks in campaign funds. Saw Mt. Rushmore. Attended Economic Roundtable Camp for almost 20 minutes (snoozefest!) Made plans for Operation Expect A Big Surprise, Saddam, 'Cause Here We Come Real Soon.

SADDAM H. - I posed for 267 new heroic murals (love the soccer one!) Developed new Secret Baby Milk (Instillation (wink!) And found out my new food taster has peanut allergies!

TONY W. - I kept having that dream where I'm trapped on a broken Metro escalator while constituents pass by to mock me. Also, I spent a week at Rediscover Your Roots Camp. It may have helped a little, but collard greens still give me a rash.

RICHARD T. - I mowed the lawn almost 12 times. Inadvertently won a giant stuffed toy at Kings Dominion. Spent 2 weeks at Don't Spit When You Laugh Camp with mixed results.

Datebook

Get Out Your Calendars

By ROBIN GROOM
 Special to The Washington Post

- More fall dates.
- Sept. 19**
 The American Friends of the Czech Republic are hosts of a reception in the Atrium of the World Bank to celebrate the dedication that day of the Tomas Garrigue Masaryk Memorial Statue, honoring the philosopher who founded the independent Czechoslovakia, at Massachusetts and Florida avenues. Tickets: \$75. Call 202-338-6100, Ext. 109.
- Sept. 20**
 "Viva Chile," the Wolf Trap Ball, is on the stage of the Filene Center. Tickets: \$300. Call 703-255-4030.
- "Put Kids First," a dinner celebrating the Paul Berry Academic Scholarship Foundation and Outdoor Odyssey Youth Leadership and Development Academy, is at the Hilton Washington. The evening honors John Sweeney, president of the AFL-CIO. James Carville is the host and emcee. Tickets: \$1,000. Call 202-828-7073.
- Rachael's Women's Center's gala dinner at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce celebrates 23 years of service to homeless women in Washington. Tickets start at \$100. Call 202-682-8648.
- Sept. 21**
 The 13th annual Black Tie Gala and Silent Auction of the Young Benefactors of the Smithsonian Associates is at the National Museum of Natural History. Music by Gonzo's Nose. Tickets: \$85-\$125 (\$20 extra at the door). Call 202-357-3030.
- The 22nd annual WMZQ/Hard Times Cafe Chili Cook-Off, a benefit for the National Kidney Foundation of the National Capital Area, is at Oronoco Bay Park, Old Town, Alexandria. Entertainers include SHEDAISY, Sixwire and more. Tickets: \$20 (\$25 at the gate); \$5 for children age 12 and under. Call 202-244-7900.
- The gala of Medical Care for Children Partnership, which provides health care to children of Fairfax County's working poor, is at the Ritz-Carlton, Tysons Corner. Tickets: \$318.50 per couple. Call 703-324-5171.
- Sept. 22**
 "Bowling With Ballerinas," a benefit for the Washington Ballet and DanceLinks, the education and community outreach program of the company, by the Jete Society, the ballet's young professionals organization, is at Strike in Bethesda. Tickets: \$45 (\$35 for Jete Society members). Call 202-362-3606, Ext. 135.
- Sept. 24**
 Mark Russell is the entertainment at a benefit for the Nyumbani Orphanage in Kenya at the Hyatt Regency. Tickets: \$250. Call 703-934-8534.
- Sept. 25**
 The first annual Jan Karski Freedom Award for Valor and Compassion will be presented to humanitarians Susan Pollack and Janina Ochojska at a dinner at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel. The evening benefits the Jan Karski Scholarship Fund, which is administered by the American Center of Polish Culture. Tickets: \$500. Call 202-285-2320.
- Sept. 26**
 "Red, White and Blue for Toyland," the Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary of Washington's 53rd annual benefit at the Hilton Washington, features the fall collection of New York designer David Goodman, presented by Rizik's. Proceeds from the luncheon and fashion show benefits the auxiliary's Toyland and Angel Tree Projects, which provide more than 10,000 area children with toys and clothing at Christmas. Tickets: \$65. Call 703-323-9202.
- "15/Ten," the Marrow Foundation gala commemorating the 15th anniversary of the National Marrow Donor Program and the 10th anniversary of the Marrow Foundation, is in the East Hall of Union Station. The evening honors Rep. C.W. Bill Young (R-Fla.), chairman of the House Appropriations Committee. Entertainment by Mark Russell. Speeches by Rod Carew and E. Donnell Thomas. Tickets: \$350. Call 202-638-6601.
- A cocktail party and raffle by the Rugmark Foundation, which aims to end child labor and offer educational opportunities to children in India, Nepal and Pakistan, at the General Federation of Women's Clubs honors former Sen. Howard Metzenbaum for his commitment to children and workers around the world. Raffle tickets to win one of eight Rugmark-labeled carpets: \$10. (Individuals need not be present to win.) Call 202-347-4205.
- Sept. 27**
 The Northern Virginia Community Foundation's Community Leadership Award dinner, honoring Michael G. Anzilotti, president and CEO of First Virginia Bank, is at the Hyatt Regency, Reston. Tickets: \$175. Call 703-759-3658.
- Special Love's 20th Anniversary Celebration Camp, which is at a private home in Bethesda, honors Barry F. Scher, vice president of public affairs for Giant Food. Tickets: \$500. Call 703-416-6414.
- Sept. 28**
 "Salute to the Silver Screen," the 25th anniversary celebration of the Hospices of the National Capital Region, is at the National Building Museum. Tickets: \$275. Call 703-506-8875.
- The town of Woodstock, Va., is celebrating its 250th anniversary with a ball at the Massanutten Military Academy's Memorial Gymnasium. Entertainment by Baby Huey and the Babysitters. Tickets: \$25. Call 540-459-2145 or 540-459-2542. Earlier in the day at Postcards Restaurant, at the Ramada, there's a luncheon for dignitaries. The guest speaker is Sen. John W. Warner (R-Va.). Tickets: \$15. Call 540-459-3222 or 540-459-2542.
- Sept. 29**
 Bill Cosby is the entertainment and David C. Driskell is the special guest at a gala at the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center, celebrating the establishment of the David C. Driskell Center for the Study of the African Diaspora at the University of Maryland. Tickets: \$300, \$500 and \$1,000. Call 301-405-4194.
- "The French Connection," a cocktail buffet at Mount Vernon, commemorates the 225th anniversary of the first meeting of George Washington and the Marquis de Lafayette. The event raises funds toward the creation of a special gallery devoted exclusively to the display of Jean Antoine Houdon's sculpture of George Washington, the masterpiece of Mount Vernon's collection. Tickets: \$125. Call 703-799-8642.
- Sept. 30**
 Roy Blount Jr. will emcee a gala benefit featuring authors Robert Bausch, Maxine Clair, Nicholas Delbanco, Gail Godwin, Tony Grooms, Francine Prose and others at "The Road Not Taken," an evening underwritten by the Ford Motor Co. to support the endowment of the PEN/Faulkner Awards and the PEN/Faulkner Foundation's Writers in Schools Program at the Folger Shakespeare Library. Tickets: \$375. Call 202-636-8745.
- Victor Vail is host of a fundraiser for the Whitman-Walker Clinic at Dave & Buster's in Bethesda that features a screening of his film "BACKED-UP!" Tickets: \$20. Call 301-424-3803.

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