This Week’s Contest was suggested by Kevin Cuddy of Fairfax, who wins a wooden fraternity-type butt paddle purchased on the New Jersey Turnpike in 1954. Kevin sent us a ticked-off letter responding to the Week 306 contest, the results of which are published below. It’s about baby boomers. Kevin writes that the contest discriminates against young people like him. “Of course Chuck Smith and Ellen Camahan are going to win,” Kevin notes respectfully, “because they are old farts.” Kevin feels that The Style Invitational is written by, and for, douring farts. As far as we are concerned, Kevin is a boogler who ought to be horsewhipped, by cracky. However, we have to admit he may have a point. Not long ago, in a contest involving song titles, some of the winning tomes were not entirely contemporary, such as “Nancy Sinatra.” Anyway, this week’s contest is to suggest ways in which The Style Invitational or any other Washington area institution can become more relevant to younger people—say, to post-boomers. The first prize winner gets a plastic lapel Sprewell NBA dashboard doll, donated to the Style Invitational by Charlie Steinmetz of Chattanooga. The doll was purchased for $11.99, but we are declaring its value to be $32.00. This is because, in the corner of the package, it says in little letters: “Caution: Choking Hazard.” Charlie wins a bobble with a real cricket embedded inside.

> Fifth Runner-Up —
Then: Pear Now: AARP
(Ralph Scott, Washington)

> Fourth Runner-Up —
Then: Being caught by Hustler magazine Now: Being caught by Hustler magazine
(Joseph Romm, Washington)

> Third Runner-Up —
Then: Killin’ mead Now: Wood killer
(John B. McElhattan, Vienna)

> Second Runner-Up —
Then: Hopin’ for a BMW Now: Hoping for a BMW
(Barry Blythe, Columbia)

> First Runner-Up —
Then: The Grateful Dead Now: Dr. Kevorkian
(Chuck Smith, Woodbridge)

> And the winner of a fine plastic floral arrangement
Then: Getting out to a new hip joint
Now: Getting a new hip joint, (Elden Camahan, Laurel)

> Honorable Mentions:
Then: Movin' to California because it's cool Now: Movin' to California because it's hot
(Larry Phillips, Falls Church)
Then: Being called to the principals office Now: Storming into the principals office
(Kari Midgley-Biggs, Columbia)
Then: The peace symbol
Now: The Benz symbol
(Brian Brawos, Charlottesville)
Then: Getting your head stoned. Now: Getting your headstone.

(Bella Porto, Silver Spring)

Then: "The Making of the President." Now: The making of the president.

(Chuck Smith, Woodbridge)

Then: "Going blind." Now: Really going blind.

(Tom Veltz, Gaithersburg)

Then: Long hair. Now: Longing for hair.

(Marienne Jemian, Beltsville)

Then: Acid rock. Now: Acid reflux.

(Kathy and Brian Hullen, Leesburg. Bobbie Miller, Laytonsville; Bill Hine, Silver Spring)

Then: Obsessing over your PSAT scores. Now: Obsessing over your PSA scores.

(Marcy Alvo, Annandale)

Then: Worrying about no one coming to your party. Now: Worrying about no one coming to your funeral.

(Barry Dillirets, Columbia)

Then: President Johnson. Now: The president's Johnson.

(J. Larry Schott, Gaithesville)

Then: Fighting to get rid of the lying president. Now: Fighting to keep the lying president.

(Jason Zweben, Livermore, Calif.)

Then: The perfect high. Now: The perfect high-yield mutual fund.

(Steve Krauss, Danbury, Conn.)

Then: Elvis in the army. Now: Elvis in a UFO.

(Russ Beland, Springfield)

Then: Keg. Now: EKG.

(Jean Sonansen, Hamdon)


(Ted Allen, Bethesda. Sandra Hull, Arlington; Stuart McKinley, Ellicott City)

Then: You're growing pot. Now: Your growing pot.

(Johnathan Paul, Garrett Park)


(Sandra Hull, Arlington)

Then: Trying to look like Marlon Brand or Elizabeth Taylor. Now: Trying not to look like Marlon Brand or Elizabeth Taylor.

(Douglass Olson, Laurel)

Then: Passing the driving test. Now: Passing the vision test.

(Douglass Olson, Laurel)


(Ellen Hill, Kensington)


(Jennifer Hart, Arlington)

Then: Whatever... Now: Depends.

(Rebecca Plunkett, San Antonio)

Then: "Off the pig. Now: "No bacon, please. I am watching my cholesterol."

(Rebecca Plunkett, San Antonio)

Then: Ommmm. Now: Umm...

(Ralph Scott, Washington)

Then: Our president's struggle with Fidel. Now: Our president's struggle with fidelity.

(Ralph Scott, Washington)

Then: Catching rays. Now: Raising cats.

(Paul Whittemore, Gaithersburg)


(Chuck Smith, Woodbridge)

u And Last:

Then: Changing the world. Now: Nailing the "And Last" in the Style Invitational.

(David Salzman, Chevy Chase)