

The Style Invitational

WEEK 141: ASK BACKWARD VII



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Wet Hogs
in
Hot Pants

The Tenor
Luciano
Buttafuoco

An Aspirin
Tablet and
Princess Diana

A Toothbrush,
Comb and a
Ball Peen
Hammer

St. Augustine
of Hippo, but
Not Fat Joe
Waldholtz

Twelve
Angry
Mennonites

Ace Ventura
and the
Hon. William
Rehnquist



Betty
Rodham
Boop

Monstrous
Pillars of
Interstellar
Gas

Larry S
Truman

Mailbombs
and
Broomsticks

This Week's Contest has become something of a Style Invitational seasonal tradition, like congealed giblet gravy. You are on "Jeopardy!" These are the answers. What are the questions? Choose one or more. First-prize winner gets a rare rubber Walter Mondale Halloween mask, a value of \$35.

Runners-up, as always, get the coveted Style Invitational losers' T-shirts. Honorable mentions get the mildly sought-after Style Invitational bumper stickers. Winners will be selected on the basis of humor and originality. Mail your entries to the Style Invitational, Week 141, The Washington Post, 1150 15th St. NW, Washington, D.C. 20071, fax them to 202-334-4312, or submit them via the Internet to this address: losers@access.digex.net. Internet users: Please indicate the appropriate Week Number in the "subject" field. Entries must be received on or before Monday, Dec 4. Please include your address and phone number. Winners will be announced in three weeks. Editors reserve the right to alter entries for taste, appropriateness or humor. No purchase necessary. The Faerie of the Fine Print & the Ear No One Reads wishes to thank Joseph Romm of Washington for today's Ear No One Reads. Employees of The Washington Post and their immediate families are not eligible for prizes.

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1. **"Negotiating with Chairman Arafat."**
(Bob London, Washington)

Lessons to be learned from the O.J. trial

7. **Tonya wasn't so bad.**
(Steven King, Alexandria)
6. **White Broncos make nice pace cars.**
(Sue Lin Chong, Washington)
5. **Idiot racist cops are actually conspiracy
masterminds.** (Joel Knanishu, Hyattsville)
4. **The conscientious murderer always wears
properly fitting designer gloves.**
(Joel Knanishu, Hyattsville)
3. **Always use the Lost & Found.**
(Tom Witte, Gaithersburg)
2. **Handy tip for jurors: Thoughtfully
deliberating and carefully reflecting on
months of proceedings, dozens of witnesses
and reams of conflicting evidence is an
arduous task—but it doesn't have to take all
day.** (Allan Rostron, N.Y.C.)
1. **Marcia Clark ought to have that black
thing on her lip checked out.**
(Bill Moulden, Frederick)

*Questions that should never be asked at a
presidential debate:*

10. **"Do you think I look fat in this outfit?"**
(Jean Sorensen, Herndon)
9. **"Has it ever occurred to you that the**

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5. **"Would-ums wike some pudding?"**
(S.W. Green, Carlisle, Pa.)
4. **"To candidate Number 1: Where have you
been? Why haven't you called? I thought we
had something beautiful, something
special."** (S.W. Green, Carlisle, Pa.)
3. **"What one piece of information would be
most damaging to your campaign if it were
revealed?"** (Eric Stone, Arlington)
2. **"If you were a man trapped in a woman's
body, would you wear conservative flats or
radical heels?"** (Tina McMullin, Hagerstown)
1. **"Excuse me for interrupting, but would
any of you gentlemen happen to know
exactly how long before a grenade blows up
after the pin is pulled?"**
(Elden Carnahan, Laurel)

*Reasons the Cold War should be
started again*

3. **It will give the militias something real to
worry about.** (Art Grinath, Takoma Park)
2. **It might keep Bob Hope out of the country
more.** (Chuck Smith, Woodbridge)
1. **Because "C'mon baby, we could be dead
in six minutes" just doesn't work like it
used to.** (Elden Carnahan, Laurel)

Next Week: **Employment Lines**