

The Style Invitational

Week CLVII: Eyes on Reprise



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If McDonald's made brassieres, they wouldn't have to change their logo. (Bob Dalton, Arlington)

If Anheuser-Busch made Viagra, we'd know wassup. (Bob Dalton, Arlington)

If ExxonMobil made wine, George Bush would be ready to invade France. (Bob Dalton, Arlington)

This Week's Contest was inspired by the above excellent entries to a recent contest. They would have been published, except they were discovered too late—on a couch, under The Czar's dog. This tells us it is time once again for an afterthought contest: You may submit any good entries you might have thought of, for any previous contest, after the deadline passed. Kindly do not re-submit entries. If we thought they sucked the first time, you'll do no better the second. First-prize winner gets a cellophane-wrapped slice of Trent Lott® pure white bread, a very amusing novelty item. 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. Deadline is Monday, Feb. 3. 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 Seth Brown of Williamstown, Mass.

Report from Week CLIII, in which we asked you to come up with acts, bills, or resolutions to be sponsored by any of the new members of Congress. Many, many entrants proffered some variant of the "Murphy-Brown-Waite" act promoting the traditional nuclear family.

♦ Fifth Runner-Up: **Bishop-Scott-Cole bill, enumerating the contents of the clergy's stocking-stuffers in 2002.** (Dave Zarrow, Herndon)

♦ Fourth Runner-Up: **Bell-Graham-Alexander Act limiting the ability to reverse the charges on phone calls.** (Mel Loftus, Holmen, Wis.)

♦ Third Runner-Up: **Miller-Miller-Dole act to provide every hungry person in America with two beers and a pineapple.** (Ellen Perlman, Washington)

♦ Second Runner-Up: **Bishop-Rogers-King act to introduce more outre ways to mate in chess.** (Jonathan Paul, Garrett Park)

♦ First-Runner-Up: **Turner-Ruppersberger-King Act, putting pictures of missing children on fast-food wrappers.** (Joe Cackler, Falls Church)

♦ And the winner of the "Acquit Bernhard Goetz" T-shirt: **The Cole-Porter-Musgrave-Turner Act awarding Eminem a Medal of Freedom for his contribution to the field of music.** (Chris Doyle, Forsyth, Mo.)

♦ Honorable Mentions:

Pryor-Harris-Feeney Act requiring James Traficant to lose the toupee when entering prison. (Dave Zarrow, Herndon)

The Ballance-Gerlach equal opportunity for women act. (Danny Bravman, Potomac)

Van Hollen-Bishop act to promote the purchase of entry-level popemobiles. (Jonathan Paul, Garrett Park)

Alexander-Grijalva-Bell Act requiring greater clarity in cellular phones. (Kevin Mellema, Falls Church)

Bell-Pryor-Bishop Act, mandating that clergy wear cat-bells so you can hear them coming. (Seth Brown, Williamstown, Mass.)

Feeney-Gerlach-Gingrey-Porter Act providing KFC to the Capitol press gallery. (Mike Hammer, Arlington)

Cardoza-Bell Act requiring that automakers install an alarm for when the forehead hits the steering wheel. (Mitch Mularz, Aberdeen, Wash; Kala Ladenheim, Washington)

Coleman-Burns-Marshall-Miller-Graham act banning the use of camp stoves to prepare s'mores. (Jennifer Hart, Arlington)

Ruppersberger-Gingrey-Turner Act, requiring refunds for inedible fast foods. (Mike Hammer, Arlington)

Sununu-Nunes palindrome improvement act. (Joe Cackler, Falls Church; Michael F. Duffy, Washington)

Majette-Burns-Cole Act encouraging the use of alternative aircraft fuel. (Mike Hammer, Arlington)

The Meek-Gerlach-Cole-Miller-Pryor-Barret Act, to impose civil penalties on brewers if virginity is lost due to lowered inhibitions caused by ingestion of their product. (Danny Bravman, Potomac)

Cooper-Ruppersberger-King act mandating delivery of fast food to shut-ins. (Bob Dalton, Arlington)

Bishop-Cornyn-Meek Act denouncing child abuse by priests. (Ned Bent, Herndon)

Bishop-Murphy Law acknowledging that anything that can go wrong with the Catholic church already has. (Steve Geist, Mechanicsville, Md.)

The King-Chocola Cole-Resolution in support of the erstwhile count's military coup. (Sarah Elan, Baltimore)

Ryan-King Act: Hakuna matata! Even Tlent Rott wouldn't touch this bill! (Dave Zarrow, Herndon)

Cole-Coleman-Meek-McCotter-Sununu "No Stutterer Left Behind" bill. (Brendan Bassett, Columbia)

Cole-Porter "Anything Goes Night and Day" Act to authorize additional dictatorial power to combat terrorism. (Joe Cackler, Falls Church)

Sununu-Nunu? Act for reducing our national impatience, immediately. (Jeffrey Dvorkin, Chevy Chase)

Bordallo-Gerlach-King-Talent act requiring more skilled prostitutes in brothels. (Mike Duffy, Washington)

Musgrave-Pryor-Nunes act requiring all interments before midday at Arlington National Cemetery. (Stephen Dudzik, Olney)

Cole-Porter-Scott-Talent bill to waste time by pointing out the bleedingly obvious. (Jonathan Paul, Garrett Park)

Alexander-Alexander-Bishop-Bishop-Davis-Davis-Miller-Miller bill to research the cause of echoes in the halls of Congress. (Beth Benson, Lanham)

Garrett-Chocola Act to study cereal stranglers. (Milo Sauer, Fairfax)

Cole-Gerlach-Coleman act to promote Alaskan marriages. (Milo Sauer, Fairfax)

Gingrey-Rogers act to prohibit dancing backward in high heels. (Ellen Perlman, Washington; Dan Steinberg, Falls Church)

The Davis-Davis-Diaz-Balart-Meek-Brown-Waite act to clarify the confusion in the currently accepted method of identification of bill authors which does not acknowledge hyphenated surnames. The bill will mandate a parenthetical explanation after every use of the dash or hyphen when identifying the authors of all bills, as in the example of the extant bill, the Davis (dash) Davis (dash) Diaz (hyphen) Balart (dash) Meek (dash) Brown (hyphen) Waite Bill. (Bill Moulden, Frederick)

Alexander-Graham-Sanchez bill saluting the founder of Taco Bell. (Dave Zarrow, Herndon)

Alexander-Chocola-Bell resolution recognizing the real inventor of the Hershey's Kiss. (Dave Zarrow, Herndon)

Bordallo-Chambliss bill prohibiting prostitutes to fake orgasms. (Chuck Smith, Woodbridge; Don Richardson, Haymarket, Va.)

Rogers-Bordallo bill to develop Mister Rogers' Neighborhood into a red-light district. (Chuck Smith, Woodbridge)

Franks-Hensarling-King bill authorizing Perdue chickens to surf the Web. (Dave Zarrow, Herndon)

The Meek-Talent act, honoring those who achieve honorable mentions in the Style Invitational. (David Salzman, Chevy Chase)

Next Week: Ear Rotica No One Reads

Richard's
Post Almanac

SUPERBOWL COMMERCIALS - a preview

by Richard
Thompson

TODAY'S HOROSCOPE | Sydney Omarr

Sydney Omarr died Jan. 2, but had written his columns through March 22.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You will receive unique honor; accept it graciously without being obsequious. Individual you care about protects you from self-deception. Pisces, Virgo play fascinating roles.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Get thoughts in order; you will be doing the right thing almost effortlessly. Relationship is controversial, intense. Do things your way because today your way is right way.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Don't tell everything you know about family savings; be discreet. Make intelligent concession, and this will restore domestic harmony. Libra plays outstanding role.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Lie low, play waiting game. Time is on your side; don't be rushed into signing an agreement. Focus on partnership and marriage. Tonight you'll be pleasantly surprised.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Look behind scenes; someone is keeping something from you. Get priorities in order and then present them to superiors. Love relationship will intensify.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Believe it or not, many of your fondest hopes and wishes will materialize. Warning: Don't wish for more than you can handle. Elements of timing, luck ride with you. Aries represented.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You receive stunning gift. This could be the start of something big. Love relationship is on the way, planned or otherwise.

Aquarian, another Leo play sensational roles.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You receive proposals that include career, business and marriage. You could find just the right living quarters. You've earned what you get; be happy, not apprehensive.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Almost effortlessly you will be in right place at crucial moment. Your name will be called—and you could win a contest! You exude aura of personality and sex appeal. Gemini featured.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Judgment, intuition will be on target; you could be flirting with fame and fortune. You will arouse envy and will not be afraid of controversy. Taurus represented.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You will be writing about secrets, the unknown. You will help people overcome fear of what lies ahead. Flirtation is getting hot and heavy. Keep standards high.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Attention revolves around where you live and with whom. Spotlight on marital status, revelation concerning why you are here and what to do about it. Libra involved.

IF JAN. 26 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You have talent for bringing order out of chaos. When relationship appears to fall apart, you are there to catch the pieces and patch them together. Capricorn, Cancer natives play major roles in your life, could have these letters in names: H, Q, Z. Follow your hunch during February; what at first might appear to be a mere illusion could turn out to be the real thing. March and December will be most memorable.

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BRIDGE

Frank Stewart

North-South vulnerable

NORTH (D)
♠ K 3 2
♥ 7 3
♦ A 4
♣ A K Q 10 8 4

WEST
♠ 10 9 8 5 4
♥ A J 10
♦ J 10 8 2
♣ 7

EAST
♠ J
♥ Q 9 8 6 5
♦ Q 9 5
♣ 9 6 3 2

SOUTH
♠ A Q 7 6
♥ K 4 2
♦ K 7 6 3
♣ J 5

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1 ♣	Pass	1 ♦	Pass
3 ♣	Pass	4 ♣	Pass
4 ♦	Pass	4 NT	Pass
5 ♦	Pass	6 NT	Pass

All Pass
Opening lead: Choose it.
Zia Mahmood, the dynamic Pakistani now living in New York City, is surely the best player never to win a world title. Zia has competed internationally and successfully for two decades but has never captured a major World Bridge Federation event. At the 2002 World Championships, Zia contended in most of the events. In the Open Pairs, he and Michael Rosenberg led most of the way. Meanwhile, Rosenberg's wife, Debbie, playing with Karen McCallum, was ahead in the concurrent Women's Pairs—a possible marital double. McCallum-Rosenberg won but, alas, Zia-Rosenberg had to accept the silver medals.

When Zia was today's declarer, West would have beaten 6NT by leading a minor suit or a low spade but picked an unlucky 10 of spades. Dummy played low, and East contributed the jack smoothly enough to convince Zia it was a singleton. Zia took the ace and led the six, and when West played low, Zia let the six ride! Making six.
It wouldn't have helped West to cover the six of spades as long as Zia diagnosed the position of the ace of hearts. Zia could take the king of spades and cash six clubs, pitching two hearts and two diamonds, and then take the top diamonds.
With three tricks to go, West would have to keep the 9-5 of spades and the ace of hearts. Zia would then lead a heart, and West would have to return a spade into South's Q-7.
Zia's first world title will come sooner, not later.

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