

# The Style Invitational

## THIS WEEK'S CONTEST

### Week 636: A Song From Tex Arcana

I'm tryin' to say I'm sorry, but you're makin' it hard to do.  
I looked for you in Bremen — Gdansk and Hamburg, too.  
Breslau, Krakow, what's it matter anyhow? Why do ya make me roam?  
I got the Hanseatic League fatigue, baby, when you coming home?

Sea urchin sushi  
The Hanseatic League  
The preservative sodium benzoate  
Marzipan  
The S&P 500  
The Beijing Olympics  
Fluorescent light bulbs  
Prince Valiant  
Tungsten, bismuth and/or molybdenum  
Burkina Faso  
The Smoot-Hawley Tariff Act  
"The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer"



BY BOB STAAKE FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

Back in Week 628, where we asked you to compare any two items on a list we supplied, one entry from Brendan Beary of Great Mills posited that the difference between sea urchin sushi and \$400 jeans was that you could probably write a country song about the jeans. This idea got no ink because its premise was obviously faulty. **This Week's Contest: Write a verse of a song about sea urchin sushi or any of the other ostensibly unlyrical topics listed here.** You may include more than one topic. The example above was written by the Esteemed Mr. B at our request.

Winner receives the Inker, the official Style Invitational trophy. First runner-up receives, by the grace of Loser Mary Ann Henningsen of Hayward, Calif., a genuine 1989 "Alf" calendar, complete with the lovable TV alien posing in pinups dressed as a gangster, football player, etc.

**Other runners-up** win a coveted Style Invitational Loser T-shirt. Honorable mentions get one of the lusted-after Style Invitational Magnets. One prize per entrant per week. Send your entries by e-mail to [losers@washpost.com](mailto:losers@washpost.com), or, if you really have to, by fax to 202-334-4312. Deadline is Monday, Nov. 21. Results will be published Dec. 11. Put "Week 636" in the subject line of your e-mail, or it risks being ignored as spam. Include your name, postal address and phone number with your entry. Entries are 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. 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 Tom Witte of Montgomery Village.

## REPORT FROM WEEK 632

In which we asked for "backronyms" for companies or products:

- 4** Wow! Heroes Eat Anything To Indiscriminately Endorse Something (Marty McCullen, Gettysburg, Pa.)
- 3** Tiny Raincoat Over Johnson Avoids Natality (Kyle Hendrickson, Frederick)
- 2** The winner of the Internet Urinal plastic jug: Big Ugly Drunkards Will Enjoy Its Smoothness, Especially Regurgitating (Brendan Beary, Great Mills)

## 1 AND THE WINNER OF THE INKER

Moshe, After Nipping Inebriating Syrup, Crudely Mollered, "Esther Weinstein Is Titillatingly Zaftig!" (Jonathan M. Guberman, Princeton, N.J.)

## HONORABLE MENTIONS

- Help Us Morons Misuse Earth's Resources (Elwood Fitzner, Valley City, N.D.)
- Here's One Substance That Every Scientist Should Test: What Ingredients (Nonfood) Keep It Eternally Spongy? (Chris Doyle, Tokyo)
- Dispatching Everybody's Luggage To Atlanta (Brendan Beary)
- Simply Covers Odoriferous Piehole Exhalations (Stephen Dudzik, Olney)
- Get A Tub Overhead . . . Ready, Aim, Dump Everywhere! (Jesse Frankovich, Lansing, Mich)
- Glop Enters Retching Baby, Exits Running (Cecil J. Clark, Asheville, N.C.)
- A trio: Inter-Personal Obstruction Device (Daniel Horner, Washington)
- Impending Pandemic Of Deafness (John C. Feltz, Fairborn, Ohio)
- It's Paxil, Only Digital. (Kirk Zurell, Waterloo, Ontario)
- How Often Men Experience Delirious Ecstasy Purchasing Obscure Tools! (Brendan Beary)
- Xerox Exactly Reproduces Original Xeroxes. (Joe Neff, Oreland, Pa.)
- Snot Usually Dries After Five Eventful Days (Marty McCullen)
- Seattle Tycoon Accumulates Riches Because Upscale Consumers Keep Sipping. (Douglas Frank, Crosby, Tex.)
- Come In And Look! I'm Stiff! (Chris Doyle)
- Keep Resisting Insidiously Sweet Pastries — Your Keister Registers Every Minuscule Expansion (Elwood Fitzner)
- Fats Rendered Into Tidbits Of Sin (John Held, Fairfax)

Mad Cow Disease Or Not, Americans Love Dietary Suicide (Elwood Fitzner; Chris Doyle)

Congressional Speeches Producing American Narcolepsy (Dave Zarrow, Herndon)

Pathetic Rug? Obvious Pomade? Extreme Combover? I'm Available! (Chris Doyle)

Insurance Necessary Or Vacate Area (Jeff Covell, Arlington)

Men Expediently Take A Manure Using Chalky, Icky Liquid (Dave Komornik, Danville, Va.)

Yucky Organisms, Plainly Living, Are In There. (Brian Barrett, New York)

Vigor In Aging Genitalia Requires Assistance (Dave Kelsey, Fairfax)

Manly Refreshment Produces Ideal Booming Belches (Brendan Beary)

Crates Of Stuff To Cart Out (Peter Metrinko, Chantilly)

Meet And Talk. Catch Herpes. Call Other Match. (Steve Fahey, Kensington)

Great Organizer Of God's Little Earth (Ross Elliffe, Picton, New Zealand)

Usage Triggers Zits (Roy Ashley, Washington)

One Reaches, Eats; One . . . (Tom Witte, Montgomery Village)

Almost Last: Weaselly Anonymous Sources Help Inform Newspaper Given To Overtly Noxious Positions On Subversive Topics — R. Nixon, Hades (Kevin Dopart, Washington)

And Really Last: We Always Share Horrible, Insensitive News, Gladly Taking Our Nice Profit Off Someone's Troubles. (Russell Beland, Springfield)

Next Week: Your Secret Here, or The Battle of Divulge



Honorable mentions walk away with the lusted-after Style Invitational magnets.

## Family Aims for Justice After 32 Years

HENRICHSEN, From D1

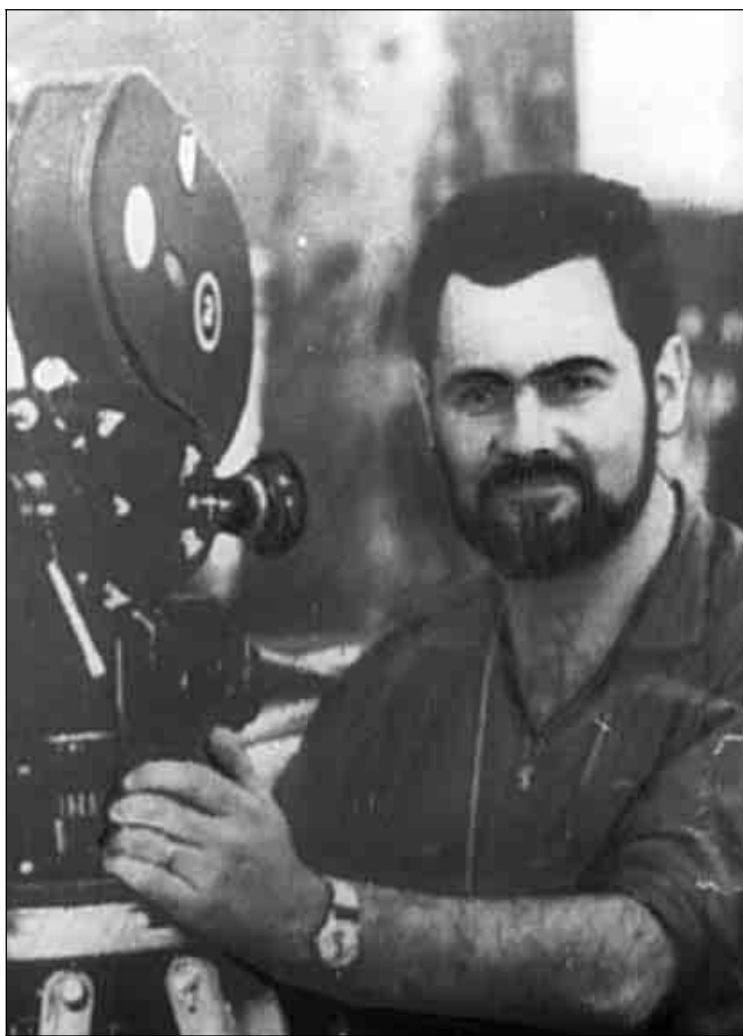
"For many years after his death, I was scared that something might happen to me or my children if I tried to pursue it," said Heather McFarlane, Henrichsen's widow, who lives in Buenos Aires. "I think I've seen the film only once or twice. I just wanted to put it behind me, to go on with living."

Henrichsen's death occurred during a failed military coup on June 29, 1973, less than three months before a successful revolt that toppled Allende and ushered in the 17-year dictatorship of Gen. Augusto Pinochet.

Freelancing for a Swedish television channel, Henrichsen, then 33, was walking with his camera equipment to an interview when tanks and trucks rumbled into Santiago's central square and the soldiers began their failed assault on the presidential palace and the nearby Ministry of Defense. Henrichsen and 21 others — all but six of them civilians — were killed.

In the following decades, the coup attempt was largely forgotten, eclipsed by the dramatic overthrow of Allende that September. Thanks in part to Henrichsen's film — which was recovered by a Chilean journalist later that day and soon broadcast around the world — Allende's government held military hearings and collected testimony from soldiers. But after Pinochet took power, the files from those hearings remained hidden for years.

"The justice system in Chile is just now beginning to discover the details of what happened during those times," said Andres Henrichsen, 35, who was just 2 years old when his father was killed. "This file was just sitting there for all those years and nothing hap-



COURTESY OF CLAREN

Cameraman Leonardo Henrichsen was filming outside the besieged presidential palace in Santiago, Chile, in 1973 when a soldier killed him.

pened."

Nothing, that is, until a Chilean investigative journalist named Ernesto Carmona wrote a book in 1997 profiling 24 journalists, including Henrichsen, who had been killed during the Pinochet years. A friend of Carmona's — a Swedish journalist — offered to

help pay his expenses if he investigated the case.

Fabiola Letelier — a lawyer, human rights activist and the sister of Orlando Letelier, a former Chilean diplomat assassinated by Pinochet's agents when they blew up his car in Washington in 1976 — helped Carmona track down

the witness file.

"I developed a complete obsession with the case," said Carmona during a telephone interview from Santiago. "There are 2,000 or 3,000 pages in the file, and all the information is there. In January, I discovered the man's name."

Carmona tracked down Henrichsen's family in Buenos Aires, and they began exploring the possibility of legal action against the man they believed was responsible for the killing. McFarlane said that the man was a corporal, born in 1943, now retired and living in Chile. Although it can't be proved that the identified man definitively shot Henrichsen, the testimony from the file indicates that he ordered the shooting in the plaza, Carmona said.

The family's lawsuit also targets the members of the Fatherland and Liberty Movement, which opposed Allende's Socialist government and admitted to supporting the June coup attempt.

The leader of that group, Pablo Rodriguez Grez, is now the principal lawyer defending Pinochet, who is the focus of several judicial probes investigating charges of murder, torture and bank fraud. In recent years, several high-ranking members of Pinochet's government have been prosecuted for human rights violations, including the former head of Chile's secret police force.

Henrichsen's case now awaits a preliminary ruling by a judge to determine whether it will go to trial.

"Just to have a name of someone who is responsible, after all these years, is incredible," said McFarlane. "Pinochet's government pushed aside the June coup [attempt] as if it never existed. I hope they're worrying a little bit now."

## TODAY'S HOROSCOPE

Holiday Mathis

### Aries (March 21-April 19)

Whatever your ailment, the age-old remedies work. Here's an old-fashioned idea: Walk beside a friend and talk. No, not on your cell phone — in person. Your heart becomes full again.

### Taurus (April 20-May 20)

You don't need all that stuff you think you need. Take two things off that "need list" in your head, and watch your energy level rise. Also, spending time with a Sagittarius or a Leo causes an energetic surge.

### Gemini (May 21-June 21)

You hate when people say they're ready and then it turns out they're not ready at all. At least you can say you were on the ball. Try to have compassion for others.

### Cancer (June 22-July 22)

Loved ones present ideas to you that are so far out of your realm of comfort it's hard not to laugh. But be open-minded. See these thoughts as one possibility in a bouquet of possibilities.

### Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

Lately, it seems that time has been a bully to you. But today you're pushing time around — showing it who's boss. Getting back in control feels so terrific. There's not a moment to waste on mundane activities.

### Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

It's funny how a harmless little informational tidbit can spin you down a winding road for hours. Try to keep your original intent in mind! The contact you have with a Gemini or a Scorpio is soul-refreshing.

### Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

Consider if there's someone you should get to know better. People behind the scenes are a part of your life almost as much as the ones you deal with face to face. What happens after lunch is nothing short of miraculous.

### Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)

Make the rounds, wishing friends and family well. Feeling so connected to others lowers your stress levels. Take into account your own needs, though. It's nice when something you want is no problem for someone else to give.

### Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

You're tougher than usual. Pity anyone who snakes out of an agreement with you now! Confrontation can clear the way to peace. Instead of doing your best to keep this monster at bay, invite it in for tea.

### Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

New love flies into your tender heart. Unknowingly, you are the conduit for someone else's creative blossoming. You achieve this just by being yourself.

### Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

The resistance you've encountered will disappear when you raise your energy. Jump into a project like you're the Tasmanian Devil. Obstacles in the path of your tornado are uprooted, and they never even see it coming.

### Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

It shouldn't be so hard to drum up your enthusiasm for life. Perhaps you're focusing on pleasing someone besides yourself. You help others best when you figure out what makes you feel vital and continue doing that.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY NOV. 13:** Your humanity blossoms beautifully, enabling you to experience what you simply weren't ready for last year. When you trust and act, finances fall into place. You're in fast-forward motion through January but will be super-productive if you stop to take a trip or attend a retreat. Your connections with Leo and Aries are magical.

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