

## **BABY-NAMING CONTEST: WHAT ABOUT DOBBS?**

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### **Body**

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An L.A. radio station has launched the "Name Your Baby Lou Dobbs Challenge" to any illegal immigrant willing to brand their infant after the CNN host.

It's the brainchild of Lalo Alcaraz and Esteban Zul, hosts of the Pocho Hour of Power on KPFK, in reaction to what they claim is Dobbs "soft bigotry in a three-piece suit."

"He used to have a business show, and now it's all-immigrant, all the time," Alcaraz told us. "Call me crazy, but if I had a TV show, I'd do different topics. And what he's doing is a kind of cultural bigotry that [immigrants] are inferior in some way. In reality, they're working their asses off. It leads viewers to think, 'Now I can discriminate against Panchito.'"

Last month, the -media watchdog group Fairness and Accuracy in Reporting called Dobbs "tone on immigration consistently alarmist," with the Space.com founder claiming that Mexicans are "an army of invaders" who want to reannex parts of the U.S. for Mexico; that "illegal alien smugglers and drug traffickers are on the verge of ruining some of our -national treasures," and that "the invasion of illegal aliens is threatening the health of many Americans" through "deadly imports" of diseases like malaria - and even leprosy.

About the contest, Dobbs was uncharacteristically -silent. "We don't have a comment," his spokeswoman said.

Despite hundreds of dollars' worth of baby merchandise as prizes (see [www.pochocom.com](http://www.pochocom.com)), there've been no takers so far. Small wonder: If Dobbs is so objectionable, who could saddle an infant with his name?

Would Alcaraz? "I'd have to be drunk," he concluded.

### **SIDE DISH**

Could Kimora Lee Simmons be regretting her breakup more than estranged hubby Russell is? When the two were paired at Anna Wintour's Metropolitan Museum of Art Costume Institute gala Monday, someone asked the hip-hop mogul if they were back together. "Just for this event," he said. As they were leaving, Kimora tried to slip her hand into Russell's as they approached photogs. Simmons, who's been linked with models Naima Mora and Denise Vasi, whom he brought to California, "wanted no part of it," our spywitness swears. Then, when it looked as if they were about to depart in separate limos (sniff!), Kimora knocked on the window of Russell's Maybach, snapped at him and jumped in. Later, he turned up at Bungalow 8 - alone. ... DAYANARA TORRES is back at work after emergency surgery. The former Miss Universe (and ex-wife of Marc Anthony) recently had to be rushed from the

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airport to Columbia Presbyterian, where doctors did abdominal surgery. Within days, she was doing bikini shots for her new My Network TV show, "Watch Over Me," and Wal-Mart's new Metro 7 fashion line. ... ANNE HEARST and Jay McInerney, Mary and Bobby Kennedy Jr., and Brooke Hayward and Peter Duchin are some of the culture vultures due to roost tonight at the Joan Weill Center for Dance, where New York City Ballet master Peter Martins will host a gala screening of "Bringing Balanchine Back." ... DIOR DESIGNER John Galliano hosted a 34th-birthday bash at

Stephen Starr's Buddakan for his style consultant Alexis Roche with dinner guests Gisele Bundchen, Sophie Dahl, Uma Thurman, Joy Bryant, Andre Balazs, Linda Evangelista, Helena Christensen and Matt Dillon. John surprised Alexis with an \$800 Sylvia Weinstock birthday cake in the shape of his Jack Russell terrier Cheyenne. ... MARISA TOMEI, Matthew Modine and Fran Drescher toasted playwright Martin McDonagh at the opening of "The Lieutenant of Inishmore."

O-ring sets off King explosion.

Reporters got more than they bargained for when "Oprah" show correspondent Gayle King sashayed down a red carpet Tuesday. The ultrastylish King, who is Winfrey's best friend, sounded off when one journo simply said, "I love your ring."

"Oprah and I are not engaged!" King retorted.

Supermarket tabloids ignited with innuendo when King, who is also editor-at-large at Oprah's O mag, started wearing the diamond-encrusted platinum band.

"Oprah made these rings out of a huge pair of earrings she had," she said. "Nine other people have this ring!"

Winfrey has been dating businessman and motivational speaker Stedman -Graham for more than a decade. King, a divorcée, met Winfrey in 1976 and had a suite built in her former mansion in South Glastonbury, Conn., for the -woman her two college-aged children call "Auntie O." When Oprah launched her magazine, the generous-to-a-fault talk -titan joked about paying for the kids' -private schools and a new car for King each year. In turn, King has worked with Winfrey on her philanthropic efforts, which

include building a girls' leadership school in South Africa.

King was at the premiere of "Ithuteng: Never Stop Learning" to support young filmmakers Charlie and -Willie Ebersol - the sons of Susan Saint James and Dick Ebersol, who lost their brother Teddy in a plane crash. They're raising money for education in South Africa with their film.

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