

**ATMOSPHERE Quiz**

**Prince Bandar, We Hardly Knew You**

Prince Bandar bin Sultan bin Abdul Aziz, Saudi royal family member and former Saudi Arabian ambassador to the United States, has listed his 56,000-square-foot, 15-bedroom, 26-bathroom Aspen-area vacation home (right) for $135 million. How well do you know your former part-time neighbor?

—Mike Kessler

1. Which of the following is true?
   a) The current sale price of Bandar’s Aspen home is believed to be the most expensive private residence ever listed in the United States.
   b) The compound is referred to by President Bush as “House of Saud, House of Bush.”
   c) The compound is referred to by the President as “Crawford North.”
   d) All of the above

2. _______ and _______ are among the many couples who have attended Prince Bandar’s famously lavish parties.
   a) H.W. and Bar
   b) Antonio and Melanie
   c) Brad and Angelina
   d) Mel G. and J.C.

3. The figure $1.4 billion signifies which of the following?
   a) The projected value of Prince Bandar’s Aspen home in the year 2073
   b) The approximate amount spent by the House of Saud on investments and contracts directly benefiting companies to which the Bush family and friends have close ties
   c) The amount Prince Bandar has spent since 1971 on laser shoulder-hair removal
   d) The estimated gross GDP of Saudi Arabia if its oil wells were to instantly dry up

4. In the days following 9/11, Prince Bandar:
   a) was escorted to and from his Aspen home by U.S. Secret Service agents
   b) attended ski-fit class no fewer than three times with Aspen local Don Johnson
   c) used his political muscle to help spirit more than 20 members of the bin Laden family out of the U.S. on secret flights, without interrogations
   d) cancelled a neighborly elk hunt with gonzo journalist Hunter S. Thompson

5. Which of the following is false?
   a) Prince Bandar took ninth place out of 112 in a closing-day “Chinese Downhill” ski race at Snowmass.
   b) Shortly after 9/11, George W. Bush told Bandar that if the U.S. couldn’t get any Al Qaeda operatives to cooperate, “we’ll hand them over to you.”
   c) Prince Bandar once referred to Bill Clinton’s foreign policy team as “weak-dicked.”
   d) Besides H.W. himself, Prince Bandar is the only person allowed to smoke in the elder Bush’s household.

6. True or false: During the Iran-Contra scandal of the mid-1980s, Prince Bandar helped to allocate more than $30 million in Saudi money to Nicaragua’s Contra rebels.

7. The number 110 signifies which of the following?
   a) The amount, in hundreds of thousands of U.S. dollars, that Prince Bandar spent on his Aspen hot tub
   b) The number of Saudi men arrested at a party in Bandar’s homeland last year at a “gay wedding” who were, according to Saudi authorities, “behaving like women”
   c) The number of guests Prince Bandar paid for at recent dinner at Aspen’s Takah Sushi
   d) The number of Takah Sushi waitresses who claim to have “behaved like women” in Bandar’s hot tub

8. Which of the following is least common in Prince Bandar’s native land of Saudi Arabia?
   a) Torture
   b) Persecution of those attempting to exercise free speech
   c) Fundamentalist Wahhabism
   d) Women’s rights

9. According to Bob Woodward, Prince Bandar promised to _______ before the 2004 presidential election so that _______.
   a) learn how to moonwalk; the president could take him to Aspen’s Caribou Club
   b) call George W. Bush; he could wish the president luck
   c) give Mary Cheney the key to his Aspen home; she and her friends could have a place to crash after Jazzfest
   d) lower oil prices; the U.S. economy would appear stable

10. True or false: According to at least one account, Prince Bandar prefers his Big Macs to be served on silver platters.

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