

# CHECKING IN 2

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Fake News is at the Pho Bar  
Mister Good Bar thinks this is fubar  
Thin Lizzy's watching her carbs  
The smoker, the joker and the mid-night toker are wanting a vape  
Old Man Beaver is wanting a 5 cent cigar  
The pedagogue is in the synagogue  
The luddite is going analog  
Microsoft is getting hard  
Form is wet with Content's Dream  
Deleuze and Guattari are eating 1000 Platinos  
Th'Oaten Flautist is eating Flautus  
Chiaroscuros are at the Churrascaria  
Chick Corea is at the Tequileria  
Siouxie is eating sashimi  
Aer Lingus is serving vaniglia  
Longinus is getting wet  
Christina Rosetti likes this  
And says pluck it and suck it "pit it pit it little saddle pear say"  
Per Se says it's all heresay  
Binaries are doubling down  
Hulsenbeck's having Malbec  
Saussure's sipping Sancerre  
Comic Sans is doing without  
The 12 Tribes are at BamidBar  
Sacher-Masoch is *servin*g it  
Hugo Ball's having highballs  
The Rebbe of Babli is sipping Bubbly  
Erving Goffman is quaffin' it  
Korzybski's sippin' it  
Havelock's unlockin' it  
Harold Innis is swiggin' Guinness  
McLuhan's all Macallan®  
Jacques Elul is drinking alcool  
UBERmench's drinking Cab  
Starry Night is lit  
Petit Fours are at the Betty Ford  
3rd Party Cookies are getting some candy  
Overdots are ascending on high  
Bold Italics are refusing to move into an upright position  
The plums that were in the icebox are getting juiced

Small Batch Bourbon is in a Tiny House  
Walt Whitman is enjoying some summer grass  
Thelonious Monk is smokin' skunk  
Johann Gottfried von Herder is hoarding it  
Plato is opening his Pharmacy  
Yahoo! is opening some Happy Tabs  
Roman Jakobson is getting diaChronic  
Jack is getting all cranked up  
Hansel and Gretel are getting baked  
Brion Gysin is cutting it up  
Jack the Ripper this  
Hot Media is unzipping itself  
Emily Dickinson is going into the fog  
Hello Kitty is grabbing her pussy  
The Wandering Jew has lost herself  
Anubis is smoking Cannabis  
The Princess's got Lephroaig in her throat  
Flogging Molly is eating a Tamale  
Flat Foot Floogie is doing the rhumboogie  
Ob la di is saying oh-blood-ugh!  
Obadiah is saying La-Di-Da  
Paul Valéry is saying Valer ahahahahahaha!  
Raw Data Has Been Stripped Bare by her Bachelors  
The Long, Long Sleeper is Woke  
Abandoned Airbnb's in Araby  
John Ashbery is where black swansdown settles on the city  
William Butler Yeats is where the Inn is free  
Yes Man is in the Noosphere  
Arthur Rimbaud is at the Four Seasons in Hell  
Geppetto is in a ghetto  
Frodo is in a grotto  
The cāiman is in the Caymens  
The Layman is saying Amen  
Google is mapping the territory  
The World Wide Web is at The W  
Virginia Woolf has a Zoom of one's own  
Narcissus is pinning himself  
Tormented polyglots of sensorium are sharing their screen  
Edvard Munch is sharing his Scream  
Doctor Moreau is at the pyramids of Meroe  
Joan Miró is drinking Merlot  
The Pied Noir are drinking Pinot Noir  
The Cocteau Twins are at the Double Tree

The proletariat are at the Marriot  
Citizens in lockdown are using Homeric language  
Helvetica Ultra Light is using its indoor voice  
cOvid is metamorphosing  
Idioms are being contaminated  
Fellini's having quarantinis  
van Gogh's got gin and mango  
Frances Ponge's nursing a mélange  
L'chanteuse is having chartreuse  
The sine qua non is overflowing  
bpNichol is sinking in sin's kin  
Lynyrd Skynyrd is in the skin i live in  
Fats Waller is with Iceberg Slim  
525,600 minutes are at Midnight Moment  
The Sixty Minute Man is reading The Book of Hours  
Minute Maid is taking minutes  
Time is on your side  
Kronos got Corona  
Copper and aluminum are exposing their inner mettle  
Dirty Concretists are overwriting  
Gaudy Heavy Face is WRIT LARGE  
Robust hegemonics & Spanx© are re-shaping identity  
Subjectivists are saying, there's "no [O]there there"  
Non-essentialists are singing, "there's no *isness*  
    like show *isnesss*, no *isness* i know"  
The system is closed  
The Lady's Yes is cautiously optimistic  
The House of Pancakes is waffling  
The Flexitarian is having a healthy dialogue  
Heidegger's just looking for some Authenticity  
Immanuel Kant is saying, "i simply can't"  
Conjunctions are negotiating an erotics of the between  
Triads are having a 3-way  
Polyphonic translations are semantically triangulating  
The cold relentless vest is craving a coat of arms  
The Boogaloo's making a hullabaloo  
Edamame is with Nobodaddy  
The Weird Sisters are establishing their own hagiography  
The Ayin Hara is eyeballing it  
Noah's sheltering in his Ark  
Arced discourse is watching its Spread  
The Cosmic Chef is reading a Tale of Two Zitis  
Chef Boyardee is reading the Rime of the Ancient Marinara  
John the Baptist is at Chopt

Le Chat Noir is at Château Noir  
Idioms are out on Parole  
The ampersand is with the analysand  
George Sand is saying *Santé, L'chaim, Nostrovia*  
Proust is saying *Prost!* Remembering his drinks past  
Loose ends are at the side bar  
Footnotes are toe-ing the line  
Underscores just wanna experience the *subline*  
Zoomers are feeling boxed in  
The half-full cup says emptiness is endless  
Copulas are beside themselves  
Commas are giving pause  
Entropic worlds are folding inward  
Filler words are lost in the *Umwelt*  
Marinetti and Ferlinghetti are with their Olivetti  
Aleatory is telling another story  
The Jewish Giant is overcome with unintentional greatness  
The lone weaver is reading pattern recognition  
The shmata is fighting against its own pRAGmaticism  
Cursors are creating their own precursors  
singing, "Ring around the eros-ey, apocryphalic poesie"  
The center is losing its balance  
Hot medium is shpritzing  
Spit Temple is gobsmacked  
The drizzle of the dying day is watching its droplets  
Thunder is pointing to the technological rumble of social change  
Messages are hiding their mediums Yahweh is using Huawei  
Damascus is unmasking  
Apprisers are uprising  
Protesters are pro-testing  
Minota(u)rians are negotiating a labyrinthine r/evolution  
Revolutionaries are chanting, "support our tropes"  
The Maggid of Chernobyl is seeing the light  
Reb Menachem Nachum is singing, "The BeShT is yet to come"  
Sumerians are singing, "I love a [language] in cuneiform!"  
Lacan likes language in a lacunae form  
Mashiach is withholding his big reveal  
Media Ecologists are doing t.v.ological analyses  
Skeptics are negotiating all the ins and doubts  
Hotel.com's negotiating all the inns and routes  
Schipol's gettin' a Sky Pool  
Synechdoche's in Schenectady  
Arachne's in an infected Quay  
Paul Celan's at the salon

Omicron's in Milan

sayin, *t-t-t-t-ouch me I wanna be diiiiirty*

Activist margins are left justified

New systemic models are re-posing

Deep Fakes are drowning in shallow discourse

Vexed lexis is regulating access

Xerxes is xeroxing

The immunocompromised are still Cloroxing

Sad Boy's Sad Boy is playing with his enWii

Kant is looking for Duty Free

Lexicons are flyin'

Dangling modifiers are going off the derech

Square Roots are being radicalized

Potentia is plotting

Potus is plotzing

Postcard Poems and Prisons are reducing their sentences

Definitions are still in lockdown

Charles Sanders Peirce is lookin' for change

Close readers and Active Listeners are saying, we're all in this together