

The Style Invitational

WEEK 40: NOT WRONG. JUST INCORRECT.

WHITE HOUSE TO BE RENAMED
"MULTICULTURAL HOUSE"

SPIC AND SPAN BANNED
FROM GROCERY SHELVES



ILLUSTRATION BY MARC ROSENTHAL FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

Washington Plans Monument
to 'Persons Who Have Been
Offended by Something'

Th-Th-That's All, Folks
WARNER BROS.
KILLS OFF PORKY PIG;
*Character Deemed Insulting to
People With Speech Impediments*

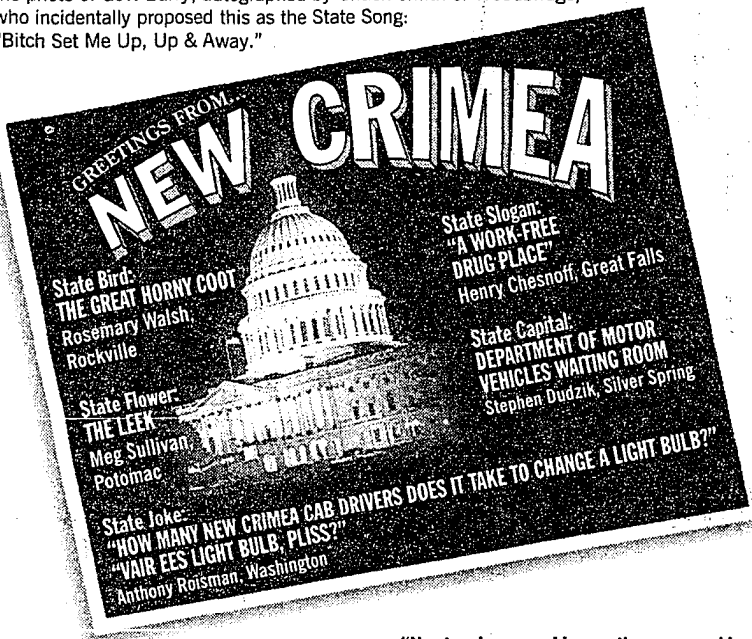
All these headlines are real. Okay, they're not *really* real, but you were just about ready to believe them, weren't you?

This week's contest: What's next on the political correctness agenda? First-prize winner gets the cow parts game, the cracker thrower and the nose spreader from Dave Barry's Gift Guide, plus a copy of this page autographed by Dave Barry, a value of about \$50. Runners-up, as always, get the coveted Style Invitational losers' T-shirts. Winners will be selected on the basis of humor and originality. Mail your entries to the Style Invitational, Week 40, The Washington Post, 1150 15th St. NW, Washington, D.C. 20071, or fax them to 202-334-4312. Entries must be received on or before Monday, Dec. 13. Please include your address and phone number. Winners will be announced in three weeks. The Faerie of The Fine Print resents being imprisoned in the agate type, deep in this contemptible feature. The Czar gets all the glory, and the Faerie does all the work. The Faerie has a sense of humor, too. Knock knock. Who's there? Your underwear. Your underwear who? Your underwear the yellow went when you brush your teeth with Pepsodent. Hahahaha. Chew on that one, Czar. No purchase necessary. Employees of The Washington Post and their immediate families are not eligible for prizes.

Report from Week 37:

in which we asked for a name, a capital, a flower, a slogan and a governor for the great state of Washington, D.C., plus a state joke. No one came up with a decent candidate for governor. The closest was Jim Kolb, of Derwood, who suggested lawyer "Boogie" Weinglass, because he has the coolest name. This is no way to select a governor, Jim. Americans prefer the more conventional method of picking the person with the squarest head.

A lot of duplications in this contest. (Flower: The Croakus. Bird: The Robbin'. Slogan: The "Right to Remain Silent" State.) The runners-up are in the postcard below. First prize for the state name goes to Peggy Hyde of Charlottesville and Gene Lawhun of Gainesville. They win the photo of Gov. Barry, autographed by Chuck Smith of Woodbridge, who incidentally proposed this as the State Song: "Bitch Set Me Up, Up & Away."



◆ Honorable Mentions:

STATE NAME:

- New Gimme** (Joyce A. Sauter, Lusby, Md.)
- Meterland** (Andre Jones, Cambridge, Md.)
- Tyson's III** (Sue Lin Chong, Washington)
- Rhode Island Jr.** (Chris Rooney, Blacksburg, Va.)
- New Hades** (Kevin Smith, Manassas)

STATE BIRD:

- The Heroin** (Paula Rubinoff, Oakton)
- The Ruffed Grouch** (Chuck Smith, Woodbridge)
- The Common In-Tern** (Chuck Smith, Woodbridge)
- The police helicopter** (Mrs. Myron's third-period civics class, Carl Sandburg Intermediate School, Alexandria)

STATE SLOGAN:

- "Expect Delays"** (Philip Fleet, Arlington)
- "Live Prudently or Die"** (Peyton Coyner, Afton)
- "Everyone Is a Local Call"** (Joe Milazzo II, McLean)

"No stopping or parking anytime—no parking 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Loading Zone from here to curb—Zone 1 Permit Holders excepted"
(Robin D. Grove, Washington)

"They can't tell me that! My hair itches! The light is right in my ear! Spare change?"
(Chuck Smith, Woodbridge)

"Come for a Day, Stay for a Hearing"
(Laura Martinengo, Silver Spring)

"The Loophole State" (Mike Thring, Leesburg)

"Uzi Maschi, Mace Femine"—Men Tote Uzis, Women Need Mace (Jimmy Vincent, Alexandria)

"We Will Fill No Pothole Before Its Time"
(Lynne Larkin, Reston)

"The Lawyer's Playground" (Jed Babbitt and Wayne Keup, Arlington and Alexandria)

The 'It's Not My Department, Please Hold While I Transfer You' State (Geoff and Jacki Drucker, Arlington)

STATE FLOWER:

The Spreading Hubris (Jan Verrey, Arlington)

Next Week: Ask Backwards II.