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Style Invitational Week 990: Indecent relations — jokes about two people with the same last name

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(Bob Staake for The Washington Post)

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Woodrow and Brian Wilson: They'd sing: "I'm starting a League of Nations, it's giving me excitations ..."**James Brown scored with hit after hit, while Charlie Brown couldn't get in a single kick.**

Back in Week 963 this past spring — a contest for “portmanteau names,” in which the last name of one person overlapped with the first name of another — Loser in Exile Christopher Lamora of Guatemala City suggested a variant: **Pair two people, real or fictional, who have the same last name; say how they're alike or different, or something they might do (even in fantasy) as a pair**, as in the examples above.

Winner gets the [Inkin' Memorial](#), the bobblehead that is the official Style Invitational trophy. Second place receives the tasteful Porkin' Pigs Bank, a pair of ceramic piggy banks that are pictured here in a more decorous arrangement than their intended placement (you'll have to use your imagination). Donated by 91-time Loser Nan Reiner.



The Porkin' Pigs piggy banks, this week's second-place prize, weren't intended to be set up face to face. Think of it as foreplay. (Photo by Nan Reiner)

Other runners-up win their choice of a yearned-for [Loser Mug](#) or the ardently desired [Grossery Bag](#). Honorable mentions get a lusted-after [Loser magnet](#). First Offenders receive a smelly, tree-shaped air “freshener” (FirStink for their first ink). E-mail entries to losers@washpost.com or fax to 202-334-4312. Deadline is Monday, Oct. 8; results published Oct. 28 (online Oct. 25). No more than 25 entries per entrant per week. Include “Week 990” in your e-mail subject line or it might be ignored as spam. Include your real name, postal address and phone number with your entry. See contest rules and guidelines at wapo.st/inviterules. The subhead for this week's honorable mentions is by Beverley Sharp. Join the lively Style Invitational Devotees group on Facebook at on.fb.me/invdev.

Report from Week 986

in which we asked for humor based on homophones — different words that sound alike: Homophones tend to be the basis for groaner puns, so . . .

The winner of the Inkin' Memorial

“I can't believe my dad told our Vietnamese neighbor he'd improved on her soup recipe . . . Oh, hi! We were just talking about your pho, Pa!” (*Mark Richardson, Washington*)

2. Winner of the catapulting [Superfly Monkey](#): In his résumé, the zoo vet claimed experience delivering litters of tigers, leopards, jaguars . . . but really he was just a lioness OB. (*Dudley Thompson, Cary, N.C.*)

3. “I heard there's a new reality show about desperate couples who turn to in vitro fertilization.” “Yes, it's called ‘Extreme Make-Ova.’” (*Steve Honley, Washington*)

4. Your observations were most inciteful, Congressman Akin. (*Andy Bassett, New Plymouth, New Zealand*) [Yup, Akin's comment was the cheap shot heard round the world.]

Razing the bar: honorable mentions

What's the not-quite-American dish that's trendy right now at Paris bistros? It's the Filly Cheesesteak. (*Christopher Lamora, Guatemala City*)

Say what you will about the televangelist's “powers,” but he sure is able to make his followers heel. (*Howard Walderman, Columbia, Md.*)

How does the commercial go for that new Puerto Rican restaurant on 115th Street? “There is arroz in Spanish Harlem . . .” (*Brendan Beary, Great Mills, Md.*)

Did you hear about that great new software that speeds up your uploads? It's called AceApp. (*Phil Frankenfeld, Washington*)

“You’ve been ranting online since 1995?” “Yes, I was one of the Internet’s surly adopters.” (*Robert Schechter, Dix Hills, N.Y.*)

When gun-nut journalist Hunter Thompson covered the ’72 election, reporters and candidates alike were fearin’ loadin’ on the campaign trail. (*Kevin Dopart, Washington*)

What English singing group had a surprise novelty hit with “Do the Funky Chicken”? The Cornish Gay Men’s Chorus. (*Dudley Thompson*)

“These days you live full time on your yacht?” “Yes, I look at life from boat-sides now.” (*Chris Doyle, Ponder, Tex.*)

Reunion weekend culminated in a gala dinner at which the oldest alumni were all fetid. (*Elly Lampner, Cockeysville, Md., a First Offender*)

Westboro Baptist Church’s funeral-crashing strategy? “If we stand shoulder to shoulder, we will be a fence of people.” (*Peter Shawhan, Silver Spring, Md.*)

After the apple juice market was cornered, people claimed it was all in cider trading. (*Jeff Contompasis, Ashburn, Va.*)

Gertrude didn’t like people to wear hats in her house, even in the kitchen. So she always insisted that Alice be toqueless. (*Christopher Lamora*)

Whenever I see January Jones’s cleavage I want to fall into the depths of this pair. (*Harry Farkas, Columbus, Ohio*)

What do you call heterosexual men who color their hair? Dyer straights. (*Beverley Sharp, Montgomery, Ala.*)

What’s that sitcom about the wacky bride? That’s “Aisle of Lucy.” (*Mae Scanlan, Washington*)

William Shatner’s hair loss can’t stop the show, particularly when there’s Bill’s toupee. (*Brad Alexander, Wanneroo, Australia*)

During the U.N. commission’s tour of Lubbock, local reporters didn’t take no foreign answer. (*Kevin Dopart*)

“After we finish getting the grand piano up the stairs to the third floor, there’ll be biers for everyone.” (*John Shea, Philadelphia*)

The freshman figured his first semester would be a breeze — at orientation he found out he’d even be studying works of Play-Doh. (*David Ballard, Reston, Va.*)

What do Baal-worshippers call their social-media network? Idol Chitchat. (*Lawrence McGuire, Waldorf, Md.*)

What was the note on the hernia patient’s chart before he went in for surgery? Trussed butt — verify. (*Dudley Thompson*)

“There’s a green stain on the back of your trousers,” I pointed out. “Gracias,” he answered. (*Robert Schechter*)

A reporter went undercover at a brothel, and he got a sordid tale. (*Jonathan Hardis, Gaithersburg, Md.*)

George W. Bush: Tuchus on the wrong path. (*Phil Frankenfeld*)

A sudden breeze caused Ted’s exam paper to flutter off his desk onto his lap. “Man, that test tickles,” Ted blurted out. (*Rob Huffman, Fredericksburg, Va.*)

“I can’t wait to see that video clip they were talking about at the water cooler, but I better not look at it at work.” “Why, what’s wrong with seeing the princess tripping on the tarmac?” (*Neal Starkman, Seattle*)

They’ve opened a treatment center for men who keep exposing themselves — it’s called New Directions. (*Dixon Wragg, Santa*

Rosa, Calif.)

And last: I showed the editors of the New Yorker my lifetime collection of Style Invitational entries, but they were not oeuvrely impressed. (Russell Beland, Fairfax, Va.)

And even laster: “So, Empress, was there much bodily-discharge humor among this week’s entries?” “There was snot enough.” (Kel Nagel, Salisbury, Md.)

Visit the online discussion group [The Style Conversational](#), in which the Empress discusses today’s new contest and results along with news about the Loser Community — and you can vote for your favorite among the inking entries, since you no doubt figured the Empress chose the wrong winner. If you’d like an e-mail notification each week when the Invitational and Conversational are posted online, write to the Empress at losers@washpost.com (note that in the subject line) and she’ll add you to the mailing list. And on Facebook, join the far more lively group [Style Invitational Devotees](#) and chime in. **Still running — deadline Monday night — is Week 989, a contest to combine two professions. See wapo.st/inv989.**

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