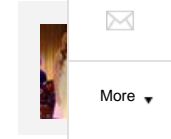


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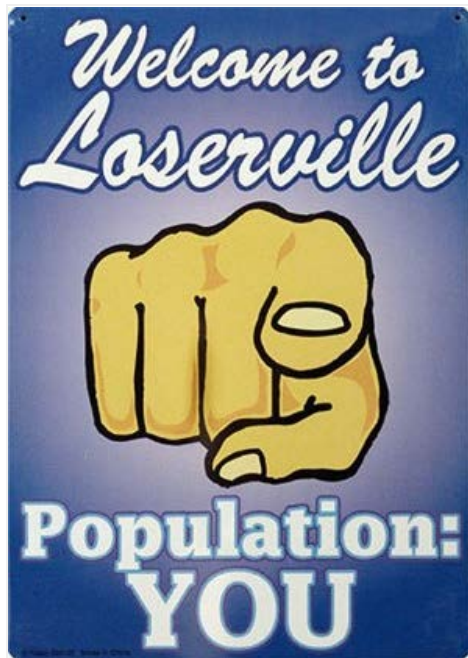
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**Other runners-up** win their choice of a yearned-for [Loser Mug](#) or the ardently desired [Grossery Bag](#). Honorable mentions get a lusted-after [Loser magnet](#). First Offenders receive a smelly, tree-shaped air "freshener" (FirStink for their first ink). E-mail entries to

Like many Washington area residents, the Empress takes a great interest in the outcomes of congressional races every two years. And like more and more Americans these days, she tends to hope for an infusion of fresh blood in the House and Senate. But more than most Americans, she hopes foremost that the new members have names that can be combined into something sounding like a phrase or even a sentence. Yes, it's time to welcome the freshmen of the 113th Congress with our biennial joint-legislation contest: **Name a piece of legislation "cosponsored" by two or more of the 98 new House and Senate members**, as in the examples above; the names include House members who moved to the Senate. (We didn't want to wait around for the two current vacancies to be filled.)

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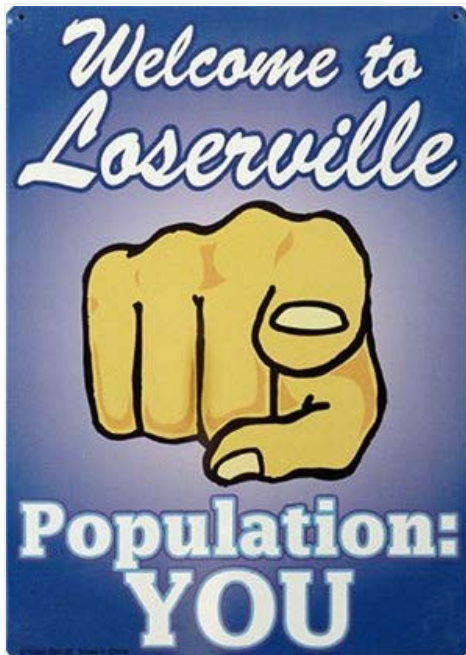
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way to finish a nasty comment. "Billy is such a pathetic SOB, BHH." (*Dayna Fellows, Bethesda, Md.*)

**2. Winner of the "vampire butterfly" bubble wand and nose-shaped pencil sharpener: FLASC: Fake-laughing at stupid comment.** "Everyone was doing major FLASC on the boss at the staff meeting today." (*Arden Levine, New York*)

**3. CYANATA: Cover your behind, never admit to anything.** "Time to go on 'Meet the Press.' CYANATA." (*Doug Frank, Crosby, Tex.*)

**4. WSEAD: Worst sex ever, almost done.** (*Bird Waring, Larchmont, N.Y.*)

**CUS: Came up short — honorable mentions**

**NOe:** No biggie. (*Brad Alexander, Wanneroo, Australia*)

**CURAP:** Completely unnecessary rules and procedures. "I have to submit my tweets in triplicate? Talk about a bunch of CURAP." (*Skip Livingston, Hopewell, N.J.*)

**BOFFDA:** Been online for four days already. "The giggling-otter meme? Eh. BOFFDA." (*Doug Frank*)

**CTRL:** Can't text — 'rents looking. (*Cathy Lamaze, North Potomac, Md.*)

**DITCH:** Drove into truck — call for help. "b home soon, on bway. uh oh DITCH." (*Joe Neff, Warrington, Pa.*)

**DODO:** Department of Defense official. (*Jeff Contompasis, Ashburn, Va.*)

**LAPTOY:** Looking at porn, thinking of you. (*Chris Doyle, Ponder, Tex.*)

**FOG:** Old guy. "Arggh, a FOG's slowing traffic in the left lane." (*Kevin Dopart, Washington*)

**LALOF:** Living a life of fiction. "He thinks he's gonna score with HER? He is so LALOF." (*Dale Hample, Silver Spring, Md.*)

**STFU:** Sincere thanks for understanding. Use this to express appreciation for someone's comment, and be sure to say "you're welcome" when someone sends it to you. (*Mark Raffman, Reston, Va.*)

**TABWAT:** Taking a bath with a toaster. "Saying that to my wife would be utter

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**TABWAT.** (Dale Hample)

**UPCHUCK:** Ugh, parents coupling — hear unrestrained carnal knowledge. (Mike Gips, Bethesda, Md.)

**NERP:** Not even remotely possible. (Skip Livingston)

**OMPED:** Oh my possibly existing deity! (Gregory Koch, Storrs, Conn.)

**RACK:** Relevant as a couple of Kardashians. “Jesse James’s opinion on gun control is RACK.” (Andy Promisel, Fairfax, Va., a First Offender)

**IGNORE:** In great need of rapid examination. Use to mark urgent communications. (Roger Hammons, Ashburn, Va.)

**SNOR:** Something no one reads. “Facebook privacy settings? SNOR.” (Kevin Dopart)

**MEATLOAF:** Moth-eaten aardvark tasting like old ankle fat. “So what’s for lunch in the cafeteria today?” (Lawrence McGuire, Waldorf, Md.)

**MHIFOE:** My hovercraft is full of eels. (John Shea, Philadelphia)

**DOH:** Disastrous one-time hookup. “She was fun last weekend — headed for the doctor now. DOH.” (Tom Witte, Montgomery Village, Md.)

**JIHAD:** I hate jokes about dyslexia. (Jeff Contompasis, Ashburn, Va.)

**NYRAB:** New Year’s resolution already broken. “Sneaked out for a quick puff. NYRAB.” (Ari Unikoski, Tel Aviv)

**MABU:** Missing as Britney’s underwear. “Where were you last night? MABU again!” (Bill Smith, Reston, Va.)

**MAYAN:** Much apocalyptic yammering about nothing. (Nan Reiner, Alexandria, Va.)

**PEWEE:** Perfect in every way except endowment. (Tom Witte)

**WABOB:** What a bunch of bull. “Put guns in schools? WABOB.” (Mae Scanlan, Washington)

**WAUGAS:** Who among us gives a [something]? (Cathy Lamaze)

**WWIF:** Wait while I flush. “I’ll upload the pic I just took — WWIF.” (Kevin Dopart)

**PICBIRD:** Pretending I care but I really don’t. “Sry yr parents r getting divorced. #PICBIRD.” (Ivars Kuskevics, Takoma Park, Md., a First Offender)

**TTTTTTTTTTT:** Thumbs too tired to text today. Try texting tomorrow. Till then, ta ta. (Robert Schechter, Dix Hills, N.Y.)

Acronyms to supplement LOL:

**GUMBE:** Giggled until my bladder emptied. (Mark Holland, Danville, Va.)

**LOLIGAG:** Laughing out loud in giant animated giggles. (Robert Schechter)

**SMOON:** Spewing milk out of one nostril. (Chris Doyle)

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*Anti-LOLs:*

**LAYNWY:** Laughing at you, not with you. (*Robert Schechter*)

**OSCC:** Only sound: crickets chirping. "Yuk yuk. Hilarious. OSCC." (*Michael Reinemer, Annandale, Va.*)

**FEFSI:** Funny enough for the Style Invitational. (*Robert Schechter*)

**Still running — deadline Monday night — is our annual obit-poem contest. See [bit.ly/invite1004](http://bit.ly/invite1004).**

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**Next week's results: Wring Out the OED, or Oxforgeries, our [Week 1002](#) contest, in which we asked you to coin bogus definitions for obscure words.**

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