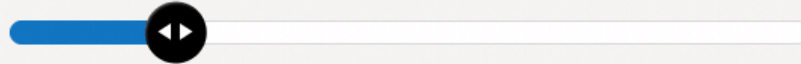


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# Style Invitational Week 1107: Bill us now — our biennial ‘joint legislation’ contest

Plus the winning matchups of TV shows with ‘appropriate’ songs





It's Joint Legislation time! (Bob Staake for The Washington Post)



**By Pat Myers** Editor and judge of The Style Invitational January 15, 2015 [Email the author](#)

(Click [here to skip down](#) to the results of our contest to match up TV shows with humorously “appropriate” songs)

**The Beyer-Tillis-Love Act to encourage Valentine’s Day jewelry purchases**

**The Kirk-Takai Resolution to Boldly Go**

**The Manchin-Newhouse bill to keep 500 people from sending this combination unless there’s an amazingly clever description**



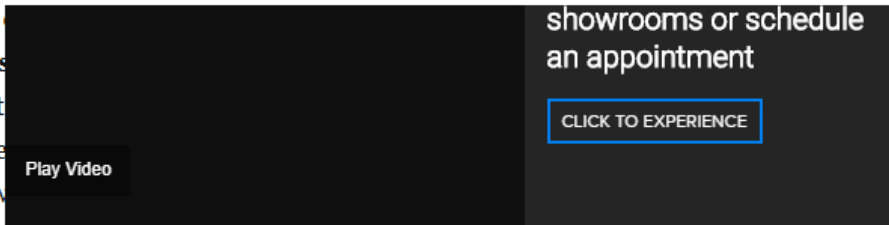
This week’s second prize: The Joint Subcommittee on Shell Corporations. (Two members were off doing research on a Caribbean beach.) (Pat Myers/The Washington Post)

Every two years, even when when the electorate doesn’t much agree with her own political preferences, the Empress gets excited whenever there’s a large turnover in Congress. (And not just at the Apple Pastry Appreciation Day press conference.) It’s because there will be more freshmen’s names to cobble together for the Invite’s “joint legislation” contest, a game we’ve been playing since 1993. Actually, despite the big GOP gains in November, there are only 64 new people in the House and Senate for this 114th Congress (if you count people who’ve moved from one to the other) —

which is a dozen or so fewer than in the 113th. So we're padding out the list by adding veteran senators whose names haven't been used in any previous Invite results. After all, the new legislators had better learn to work with their seniors.

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two or more names from the list of members of Congress (the list is at Winner gets to **of this page)** to “cosponsor” a bill based on their combined last names, Invitational trophy **purpose**, as in the examples above. Sometimes people will string together six or Davis, who brought to create something that sounds like real words only in the deluded mind of the Other runners-up, someone sent in “Yoho-Vela-Williams” to mean “Jehovah’s Witnesses,” which Fools’ Grossery Bag whole lot of imperial tiara-scratching. You may translate your effort for the Empress, but do it on a separate line so she can try it without a hint first.

Winner gets the [Inkin’ Memorial](#), the Lincoln statue bobblehead that is the official Style Invitational trophy. Second place receives [the fine sculpture](#) pictured at left; donated by Cheryl Davis, who brought it up from Myrtle Beach just for us.

**Other runners-up** win their choice of a yearned-for [Loser Mug](#) or the ardently desired “Whole Fools” [Grossery Bag](#). Honorable mentions get a lusted-after Loser magnet designed by Bob Staake: either “[The Wit Hit the Fan](#)” or “[Hardly Har-Har](#).” First Offenders receive a smelly tree-shaped air “freshener” ([FirStink](#) for their first ink). E-mail entries to [losers@washpost.com](mailto:losers@washpost.com) or, if you were born in the 19th century, fax to 202-334-4312. Deadline is Monday, Jan. 26; results published Feb. 15 (online Feb. 12). You may submit up to 25 entries per contest. Include “Week 1107” 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/InvRules](http://wapo.st/InvRules). The headline for this week’s results is by Chris Doyle; the honorable-mentions subhead was submitted by both Howard Walderman and Mark Raffman. Join the lively Style Invitational Devotees group on Facebook at [on.fb.me/invdev](https://on.fb.me/invdev). “Like” Style Invitational Ink of the Day on Facebook at [bit.ly/inkofday](http://bit.ly/inkofday).



**The Style Conversational:** The Empress’s weekly online column discusses each new contest



and set of results. Especially if you plan to enter, check it out at [wapo.st/styleconv](http://wapo.st/styleconv).

[And from The Style Invitational four weeks ago . . .](#)

### **PUN-CHAINED MELODIES: THE RESULTS OF WEEK 1103**

For [Week 1103](#), we asked you to pair a TV show with a humorously “appropriate” song. Many entries fell (with a thud) into the Duh category: “We Are the Champions” with the Olympics, for instance. But others found the zing.

#### **4th place:**

“Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes” for “Dexter” (Christopher Lamora, Los Angeles)

#### **3rd place:**

“I’m Gonna Make You Love Me” for “The Cosby Show” (Nancy Schwalb, Washington; Mark Raffman, Reston, Va.)

#### **2nd place and the Pee-Pee Poo-Poo hand sanitizer:**

“Tears of a Clown” for “The Glenn Beck Program” (Frank Osen, Pasadena, Calif.)

#### **And the winner of the Inkin’ Memorial:**

“Three Times a Lady” for “The Biggest Loser” (Larry Gray, Union Bridge, Md.)

#### **Unthemely: honorable mentions**

*For “19 Kids and Counting”:* “Oops! . . . I Did It Again” (Brian Cohen, Norfolk, Va.)

“Stop! In the Name of Love” (Carole Franks, Lewes, Del., a First Offender; Doug Frank, Crosby, Tex.)

“Baby One More Time” (Frank Osen)

“Dancing on the Ceiling” for “Flip This House” (Todd DeLap, Fairfax, Va.)

“One Bourbon, One Scotch, One Beer” for “How I Met Your Mother” (Rob Huffman, Fredericksburg, Va.)

*For “Sex Sent Me to the ER”:* “Don’t Do Me Like That” (William Kennard, Arlington, Va.)

“Bang a Gong (Get It On)” (Jeff Contompasis, Ashburn, Va.)

For “WWE Smackdown”: “Try a Little Tenderness” (Thomas Salander, Arlington, Va., a First Offender)

For “Six Feet Under”: “Don’t Get Around Much Anymore” (John Shea, Philadelphia)

“Amazing Grace” for “The Amazing Race” (Lee Mayer and Paul Laporte, Washington)

For “The Bachelor”: “What’s Love Got to Do With It” (Christopher Lamora; Gordon Cobb, Marietta, Ga.)

“Turn! Turn! Turn!” for NASCAR sprint racing (Jeff Shirley, Richmond, Va.)

“When Doves Cry” for “The Rachel Maddow Show” (Kathleen DeBold, Burtonsville, Md.)

“Sunday Bloody Sunday” for “Game of Thrones” (Ward Kay, Vienna, Va.)

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For “CSI”: “It Had to Be You” (Christopher Lamora)

“The Long and Winding Road” for Katie Couric’s televised colonoscopy (Jeff Shirley)



“Pick Up the Pieces” for “Miami Vice” (Larry Gray)

“Put on a Happy Face” for “Nip/Tuck” (Pie Snelson, Silver Spring, Md.)

“Great Balls of Fire” for “The Apprentice” (Kathy Hardis Fraeman, Olney, Md.)

For “The Cosby Show”: “How Long Has This Been Going On?” (Philip Justus, Potomac, Md.)

“Don’t Drink the Water” (Jon Gearhart, Des Moines)

“Papa Don’t Preach” (Roy Ashley, Washington)

For “The View”: “[Pickalittle \(Talk-a-Little\)](#)” (Charles Mann, Falls Church; Kathleen DeBold)

“Whole Lotta Rosie” (Jonathan Hardis, Gaithersburg, Md.)

For “Saturday Night Live”: “I Don’t Care Anymore” (Barbara Turner, Takoma Park, Md.)

For “*Hoarders*”: “Let It Go” (Brian Cohen)

“Never Gonna Give You Up” (Ninamarie Maragioglio, Burke, Va., a First Offender; Kristen Rahman, Silver Spring, Md.)

“Bang Bang Bang” for “Jersey Shore” (John Folse, Bryans Road, Md.)

“Blank Space” for “Keeping Up With the Kardashians” (Brian Cohen; Lori Petterson, College Park, Md.)

“Where Have All the Flowers Gone?” for the Tournament of Roses Parade (Pie Snelson)

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**THE CONGRESSIONAL FRESHMEN(PLUS SOME VETERAN SENATORS)**

Below are the names of the new members of the 114th Congress, along with many incumbent senators. Combine two or more of their names to produce “joint legislation” that reflects their names, and describe its purpose. See the contest rules at the top of this page.

Abraham

Aguilar (pronounced AG-u-lar)

Allen

Ashford

Babin (“babbin”)

Baldwin

Barrasso (rhymes with “lasso”)

Bennet

Beyer (“buyer”)

Bishop

Blum

Blumenthal

Booker

Bost (rhymes with “cost”)

Boyle

Buck

Capito (CAP-i-toe)

Carter

Cassidy

Comstock

Coons

Costello

Cotton

Cruz

Curbelo (cur-BEL-lo)

Daines

DeSaulnier (de-SO-nyey)

Dingell (“dingle”)

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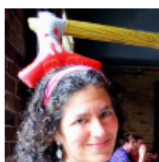
Ernst

Feinstein

Fischer  
Gallego (guy-AY-go)  
Gardner  
Graham  
Graves  
Grothman  
Guinta (“ginta” with a hard G)  
Hardy  
Heinrich (HYNE-rick)  
Heitkamp  
Hice  
Hill  
Hoeven (rhymes with “rovin’ “)  
Hurd  
Jenkins  
Kaine  
Katko  
Kirk  
Klobuchar (KLO-ba-shar)  
Knight  
Lankford  
Lawrence  
Lieu (“lyoo” but “loo” is close enough)  
Loudermilk (as opposed to quieter milk)  
Love  
MacArthur  
Manchin (rhymes with “ranchin’ ”  
McCain  
McConnell  
McSally  
Menendez  
Merkley  
Mikulski  
Moolenaar  
Mooney  
Moulton  
Murkowski  
Nelson  
Newhouse  
Palmer  
Perdue  
Peters  
Plaskett (rhymes with “basket”)  
Poliquin (polla-kwin)  
Radewagen (RAD-e-wa-jen)  
Ratliffe

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Rice  
Rounds  
Rouzer (rhymes with “trouser”)  
Rubio  
Russell  
Sasse (“sass”)  
Schatz  
Schumer  
Sessions  
Shaheen  
Stefanik (ste-FAHN-ick)  
Sullivan  
Takai (ta-KYE)  
Tillis  
Torres  
Trott  
Walker  
Walters  
Watson Coleman (she uses both names)  
Westerman  
Wicker  
Young  
Zeldin  
Zinke (“zinky”)

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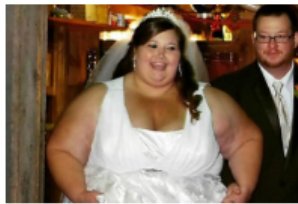
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