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Style Invitational Week 1111: When you riff upon a store — plus 'joint legislation' results



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A women’s bartending school: Lady Slings the Booze (Chris Doyle)

An Indian restaurant: Love Me Tandoor (Chris Doyle)

A mail-order fabric store: Some Day My Chintz Will Come (Diane Wah)

A Haight-Ashbury liposuction clinic: I Left My Lard in San Francisco (Rob Pivarnik)

This week’s contest was inspired by an apropos-of-nothing post by 26-time Loser Steve Langer in the Facebook group [Style Invitational Devotees](#): “I’m going to open a laser depilatory salon to compete with the bikini wax business. It’ll be called “50 Ways to Lase Your Love Hair.” Shortly afterward some of the Devotees offered more examples of what would become **This Week’s Contest: Use a wordplay on a song title as a name or slogan for a real or imagined business**, as in the examples above. It shouldn’t be hard to think up a lot of entries for this contest, so remember that there’s a 25-entry limit; as always, you can list all your entries in a single e-mail as long as you have a little space between lines so that the Empress’s head doesn’t fall tiara-first onto her desk in frustration. Also remember that if your entry is identical to more than one or two others, it won’t get your name in the paper.

Winner gets the [Inkin’ Memorial](#), the Lincoln statue bobblehead that is the official Style Invitational trophy. Second place receives, so appropriately for this week’s contest, a musical prize: the [Dr. Fart electronic key chain](#) — “Never Silent, Always Deadly” — featuring a little plastic box with buttons bringing forth “six hilarious fart sounds.” Donated by Loser Nan Reiner, who, while carrying this useful personal-safety device, never once was threatened by an ax-murderer.

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 or, if you were born in the 19th century, fax to 202-334-4312. Deadline is Monday, Feb. 23; results published March 15 (online March 12). You may submit up to 25 entries per contest. Include “Week 1111” 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. The headline for this week’s results is by Danielle Nowlin; the honorable-mentions subhead is by Peter Shawhan. Join the lively Style Invitational Devotees group on Facebook at on.fb.me/invdev. “Like” the Style Invitational Ink of the Day on Facebook at bit.ly/inkofday.

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[And the winners of the Style Invitational contest announced four weeks ago . . .](#)

GETTING THEIR ACTS TOGETHER:

THE ‘JOINT LEGISLATION’ OF WEEK 1107

For Week 1107, our biennial “joint legislation” contest, the Empress fleshed out the usual pool of

congressional freshmen with a list of incumbent senators whose names hadn’t been used in previous contests. Once again, numerous members of the Loser Community drove the Empress to tiara-scratching distraction by submitting strings of names that resembled some phrase only in the entrants’ deluded minds (I’m waiting to hear next that they’re seeking the Republican nomination); for example, “Ashford-Lawrence” was supposed to be read as “Ass for low rents.” The “bills” below are much more valid as pronunciation goes, but if you don’t get one, don’t get all huffy and call the Empress; just [click here for the same list accompanied by translations](#). But do read them here first.

4th place:

The **Boyle-Dold-Rice** school lunch program (Kathy Hardis Fraeman, Olney, Md.)

3rd place:

The **Lieu-Dold-Ratcliffe** Resolution to express Congress’s opinion about Bill Cosby (Joanne Free, Clifton, Va.; David Clayton, Alexandria, Va.)

2nd place and the sculpture of seven smiling guys made out of little shells:

The **Cotton-Gardner-Graves** bill to create euphemisms for slave cemeteries (Steve Langer, Chevy Chase, Md.)

And the winner of the Inkin’ Memorial:

The **Buck-Perdue** Act, levying a \$1 fine for every deposit your dog leaves on federal land (Dawn Kral, La Plata, Md.)

Retch across the aisle: honorable mentions

The **Mooney-Kaine-Beyer-Love** Act to note that some Beatles lyrics are factually incorrect (David Kleinbard, Mamaroneck, N.Y.)

The **Young-Mooney-Love** bill declaring that no, YOU hang up first (Danielle Nowlin, Fairfax Station, Va.)

The **Gardner-Young-Menendez-Graves** Act to increase security at military cemeteries
(Chris Doyle, Ponder, Tex.)

The **Lieu-Peters** Declaration of National Cheerios and SpaghettiOs Day (Pam Sweeney,
Burlington, Mass.)

The **Buck-Fischer** Act to vote however you want me to vote (Rob Huffman, Fredericksburg,
Va.)

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The **Beyer-Rubio-Newhouse** bill regulating compensatory payments from NFL players to
their abused spouses (Nan Reiner, Alexandria, Va.)

The **Knight-Mooney** Bedtime Demand Resolution (Charles Hummel, Falls Church, Va., a First
Offender)

The **Young-Boyle-Sasse** Act to mandate that young men start minding their manners.
(Beverley Sharp, Montgomery, Ala.)

The **Hardy-Daines-Hill-Zinke-Cruz** Act to provide an ice cutter to ferry folks from
Copenhagen to the Finnish capital every January (Beverley Sharp)

The **Katco-Kaine** Feline Narcotics Act prohibiting catnip as a gateway drug (George-Ann

Rosenberg, Washington; Dudley Thompson, Cary, N.C.)

The **Baldwin-Young-Love** Resolution stating that follicle-challenged men are natural chick magnets (Brendan Beary, Great Mills, Md.)

The **Graves-Heitkamp-Sessions** bill to encourage the telling of ghost stories around the fire (Steve Langer)

The **Buck-Tillis-Sasse-Hurd** bill to limit bronco riding at weekend rodeos (David Adlerstein, Apalachicola, Fla.)

The **Young-Guinta-Daines-Tillis-Knight** Resolution that we might as well let the kids party all day long (Pie Snelson, Silver Spring, Md.)

The **Young-Stefanik-Sessions** Act to end “whole language” reading instruction in our nation’s schools (Chris Doyle)

The **Rice-Coons-Buck-Schatz** bill subsidizing Appalachian wedding essentials. (Kevin Dopart, Washington)

The **Blumenthal-Blum** bill prohibiting immigration officers from shortening surnames (Michael Baker, Ellicott City, Md.)

The **Guinta-Beyer-Rounds-Tillis-Love** bill to provide dating tips for pathetic men. (Mark Raffman, Reston, Va.; Todd DeLap, Fairfax, Va.)

Dold-Daines-Allen-Graves Education Amendment requiring shorter Shakespeare synopses (Mary Kappus, Washington, a First Offender)

The **Young-Barrasso** Act to excise spoonerisms from the Congressional Record (Mike Gips, Bethesda, Md.)

The **Hurd-Daines-Knight** subsidy for those who have been working like a dog (David

Friedman, Arlington, Va.)

The **Rubio-Capito-Lieu** Memorandum about the proper design of the [University of Oklahoma logo](#) (Craig Dykstra, Centreville, Va.)

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The **Walker-Trott-Buck-Wicker** bill to encourage pedestrians to step livelier (Chaya Shuch, New York)

The **Peters-Nelson** bill to legalize one of the more controversial wrestling holds (Andy Bassett, New Plymouth, New Zealand)

The **Hurd-Hardy-Knight-Love-Sessions** Act requiring better soundproofing in motels (David Patch, Toledo, Ohio)

The **Coons-Russell-Watson Coleman** act mandating tighter lids on campers’ food containers (Steve Glomb, Alexandria, Va.; Brendan Beary, two of several Losers to use the two-word name of Rep. Bonnie Watson Coleman)

The **Fischer-Boyle-Dold-Cotton** resolution to investigate the Senate cafeteria’s cod casserole (Frank Osen, Pasadena, Calif.)

The **Schatz-Hurd-Rounds-Manchin** Act to investigate who killed Mr. Boddy with the gun in the conservatory (Mark Raffman)

Gardner-Hurd-Graves-Russell bill to assist mentally ill cemetery groundskeepers (Rob Wolf, Gaithersburg, Md.)

The **Bennet-Booker-Kaine** Act to require Catholic schools to offer reading “Pride and Prejudice” as an alternative to corporal punishment (Matt Monitto, Bristol, Conn.)

The **Mooney-Knight-Graves-Walker-Rounds** Act establishing zombie liberties (Jeff

Contompasis, Ashburn, Va.)

The **Cotton-Nelson-Lieu** Act to ensure properly stocked restrooms (Bill Gage, Nellysford, Va., a First Offender)

The **Comstock-Newhouse** Act to subsidize gifts for first-time home buyers (Warren Tanabe, Annapolis, Md.)

The **Rouzer-Walker-Booker** Act to establish law-enforcement procedures for handling intoxicated women (Frank Mann, Washington; John Ramos, Duluth, Minn., a First Offender)

The **Hurd-Dingell-Katko-Trott** Act to fund Pavlovian conditioning research on felines (Mark Raffman)

The **Torres-Dingell** Act to mandate safety zippers for men’s trousers (Larry Rubin, Silver Spring, a First Offender)

The **McCain-McConnell-McSall-Mikulski** Resolution to celebrate the game One of These Things Is Not Like the Other (Kathye Hamilton, Annandale)

Still running — deadline Tuesday night: our contest for [someone’s Mama] jokes. See bit.ly/invite1110.

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