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# Style Invitational Week 1153: Be three-paired — find 2 things with the same abbrev.

And link them somehow. Plus winning ways to show love to your lawyer or other 'lovable' pro.



The doody and the deily: FSM stands for Fecal Sludge Management as well as for Flying Spaghetti Monster. (Bob Staake for The Washington Post)



By Pat Myers Editor and judge of The Style Invitational December 9, 2015

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(Click [here to skip down](#) to the results of Week 1149, ways to show your love for your lawyer, DMV clerk, etc.)


**FSM: To follow Fecal Sludge Management, it is best to wear rubber gloves and a mask.**

**To follow the Flying Spaghetti Monster, you need only wear a spaghetti strainer on your head.**

**FMM stands for the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary ... and also for Female-Male-Male, a position not endorsed by the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary.**

We came up with that nice comparison above to use in Part 2 of our series of initialisms contests, covering EAA through HZZ ... and then, at the very last minute, we realized: *We did Part 2!* We're on Part 3! But you get the idea: There's a set of Wikipedia pages containing nothing but [thousands of three-](#)

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## Most Read Entertainment

- 1 First glimpse of Kennedy Center's much delayed expansion unveiled



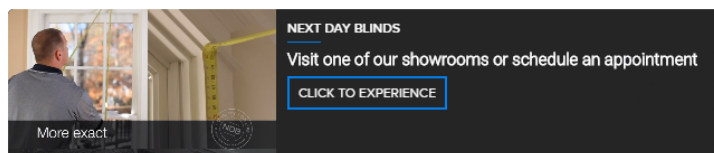
**letter combinations** — TLAs, they're called, three-letter acronyms and initialisms. And each one of these TLAs is a link to a page listing various things that the TLA is used to represent. **This week: Choose two or more entities represented by a single three-letter combination from IAA through LZZ — find the Wikipedia links at [bit.ly/invite3-2015](http://bit.ly/invite3-2015) — and say how they are alike or different or have some connection**, as in the examples above. The entity could be something abbreviated by the three letters, as above, or it might be a three-letter word or name: "let" or "Ito," say. It doesn't even have to be mentioned in the Wikipedia list, but it must be real. And remember, the TLA has to start with I, J, K or L.



Kick back and listen to this 1970 collection of natterings by the only vice president from Maryland, and the first to resign in disgrace.

Winner gets the [Inkin' Memorial](#), the Lincoln statue bobblehead that is the official Style Invitational trophy. Second place also salutes a titan of the Republican Party: It's a genuine original LP record of "Spiro T. Agnew: The Speeches That Stirred America," which the Empress procured from [Som Records](#), that great D.C. emporium of vinyl. Made to promote the Nixon-Agnew 1972 reelection ticket, the disc features 60 solid minutes of the then-veep having his

say on "Youth, Hippies and Yuppies, Draft Dodgers," etc. (Not clear if "nattering nabobs of negativism" made the cut; also, there's no tape of Agnew [accepting construction kickbacks in his White House office](#).)



**Other runners-up** win their choice of a yearned-for [Loser Mug](#), the older-model ["This Is Your Brain on Mugs" mug](#) or the ardently desired "Whole Fools" [Grossery Bag](#). Honorable mentions get one of our brand-new Loser magnets, ["Magnet Dum Laude"](#) or ["Falling Jest Short."](#) First Offenders receive a smelly tree-shaped air "freshener" ([FirStink](#) for their first ink). Email 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 night, Dec. 21; results published Jan. 10 (online Jan. 7). You may submit up to 25 entries per contest. Include "Week 1153" in your email 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 is by Jesse Frankovich. Join the lively Style Invitational Devotees group on Facebook at [on.fb.me/invdev](https://on.fb.me/invdev). "Like" the Style Invitational Ink of the Day on Facebook at [bit.ly/inkofday](http://bit.ly/inkofday); follow [@StyleInvite](https://twitter.com/StyleInvite) on Twitter.

**The Style Conversational:** The Empress's weekly online column, published Thursday afternoons, 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 posted four weeks ago . . .



- 2 **Perspective**  
President Trump's power to pardon himself, as skewered by cartoons
- 3 **Analysis**  
Do the dismal box-office returns of 'Solo' signal a problem for Star Wars?
- 4 Oprah Winfrey picks prison memoir for her book club
- 5 **Review**  
The best science fiction and fantasy to read this month

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## FESTIVAL OF SLIGHTS: WAYS TO 'LOVE A LAWYER' AND MORE FROM WEEK 1149

In Week 1149, we asked you for tips on how to celebrate National Love Your Lawyer Day — a real thing, dreamed up by the [American Lawyers Public Image Association](#) — or similar “holidays” real or imagined.

### 4th place:

How to celebrate **National Mime Day**: Grab a hammer, smash the glass box, and let him out. (Roy Ashley, Washington)

### 3rd place

For **Cosmetologist Appreciation Day**? Just make up something. (Kevin Dopart, Washington)

### 2nd place and the bottle of wine containing a snake and a scorpion:

For **Love Your Lawyer Day**: Hire him for a rush project right before daylight-saving time ends, so he can fulfill every lawyer’s dream: billing 25 hours in a single day. (Mark Raffman, Esq., Reston, Va.)

### And the winner of the Inkin' Memorial:

#### A greeting card for National Love a Supermodel Day:

To thank you for your flawless skin  
And hips and tummy (oh so thin)  
And thighs that do not meet, it  
Will be my pleasure to bring cake  
To your next shoot, where, on a break,  
You'll get to watch me eat it.  
(Melissa Balmain, Rochester, N.Y.)

### Better call it a day: honorable mentions

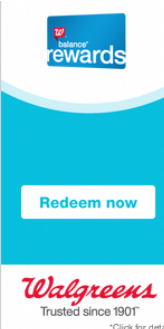
#### For Love Your Lawyer Day:

♥ Take him to lunch, factoring in the 0.25 hour he'll bill for advising you to order the prime rib. (George-Ann Rosenberg, Washington)

♥ Send a card, and of course charge for the cost of the card, gas to the card store, ink from the pen used to sign the card, postage, carriage, the intellectual property represented by the inscription, plus 50 percent overhead costs. (Mike Gips, Bethesda, Md.)

♥ Have sex with her spendthrift spouse. (Edward Gordon, Austin, Tex.)

♥ Buy your lawyer a treadmill with a screen that shows the back end of an



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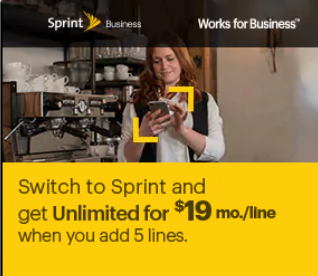
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
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♥Buy your **boy** a **television** with a screen that shows the back end of an ambulance driving away. (Drew Bennett, West Plains, Mo.)

♥Buy him a dog named Your Honor so he can enjoy uttering phrases like “Sit, Your Honor!” and “Beg, Your Honor!” (Mark Raffman)

♥Send a card with your best wishes, stipulating that “wishes” provide no assurances and “best” implies no actual superlative benefit. (George-Ann Rosenberg)

♥Buy him a judge. (Jeff Shirley, Richmond, Va.)

#### **FOR THE REST OF HUMANITY (OR “HUMANITY”):**

It’s **Love Your Gym Teacher Day**: Remember yours with a three-pack of pale gray candles in a trio of evocative scents: Damp Tile, BO and Three-Day Sweat Sock. (Nancy Della Rovere, Silver Spring, Md.)

Tell **your cable installer** you’ll pick him up for dinner between 4 and 10 p.m. on Thursday. Call at 9:30 to reschedule for a week from Tuesday. (Jon Gearhart, Des Moines)

Invite a few **airline executives** over for dinner. Serve each one three peanuts and a thimbleful of Scotch. (Jon Gearhart)

For **Love Your Psychiatrist Day**:

I talked to both the others and we think:

We ought to give a day off to our shrink.

We’ll muddle through somehow if we just try;

Enjoy yourself! Signed: Me, Myself and I.

(Beverly Sharp, Montgomery, Ala.)

Buy **your lab tech** a lovely gown — backless, of course. (Frank Osen, Pasadena, Calif.)

For a **freelance writer**: Mail her a postcard saying, “We’ve considered the idea of a day set aside to appreciate you. Unfortunately, it does not suit our current needs.” (Lawrence McGuire, Waldorf, Md.)

The Orange Line will mark **Love Our Subway Day** by announcing at each stop, “We \_ov\_ yo\_, Met\_o.” Celebratory gargling and snorting is encouraged. — Metro Mgmt. (Larry Neal, McLean, Va.)

Celebrate **Love Your Chiropractor Day** by getting extra kinky. (Jeff Contompasis, Ashburn, Va.)

For **National Mail Carrier Day**, send your note of thanks to mylocalcarrier@usps.com. (Rob Cohen, Potomac, Md.)

Present a **paparazzo** with a framed photo of himself at work stalking some celebrity, but not the picture you tweeted of him taking a break peeing behind a car. (Dave Prevar, Annapolis)

For **Love Your Bloomingdale’s Ad Exec Day**: Spike her morning coffee while she’s not looking — wink, wink — then lock her office door and, you

know, “love” her. (Nan Reiner, Boca Raton, Fla.)

For **Love Your Improv Comedian Day**: Spend the day doing whatever random strangers tell you to do. (Duncan Stevens, Vienna, Va.)

Give **your banker** a hotel stay with free check-in (other services included for additional fees). (Lela Martin, Midlothian, Va.)

For **Love Your Garbage Collector Day**, hide a few festively decorated gifts among your refuse. Your collector will enjoy the curbside “scavenger hunt.” (Rob Huffman, Fredericksburg, Va.)

Buy a Super Bowl ticket for your favorite **Washington Redskin** so he can go to a Super Bowl at least once. (Jeff Hazle, Woodbridge)

A card for **National Love Your Mortician Day**:

It was only this summer you buried our dad  
In a casket you claimed was the cheapest you had.  
When we looked at the bill, we decided right then:  
We'll be none of us dying to meet you again. (Chris Doyle, Ponder, Tex.)

#### Local Headlines newsletter

Important local stories in D.C., Va. and Md., around 8 a.m. on weekdays.

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Hold a buffet lunch on **DMV Clerk Recognition Day**: Place the food on the main table but put the utensils in a different room. Then let the guests know they need to have brought their own plates, notarized. (Kevin Dopart)

On **Lenders Appreciation Day**, call up a savings and loan, offer to throw them a party, then call back and tell them they don't qualify. (Frank Osen)

**Still running — deadline Monday night, Dec. 14: our contest to enter any of 50 previous contests. See [bit.ly/invite1152](https://bit.ly/invite1152).**

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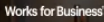

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