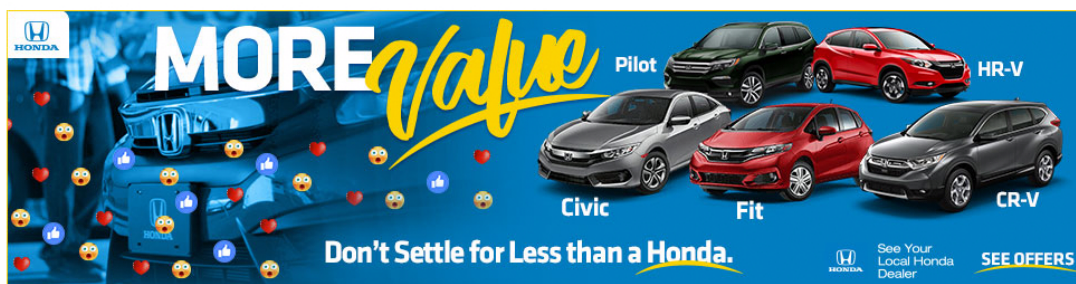




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Style Invitational Week 1258: The year in redo (Part 2) — our retrospective contest

Now you can enter any of the past 6 months' contests. Plus 'Purger King' and other altered business names.



(Bob Staake for The Washington Post)

By Pat Myers December 14, 2017 [Email the author](#)

(Click [here to skip down](#) to the winners of the contest to change a business name by one letter)

Winner of Week 1251, things to be thankful for:

I'm thankful that Harvey won't ever be grabbing me again. — Oscar (John O'Byrne)

Winner of Week 1248, (un)true confessions:

I cut my tofu into animal shapes. I usually eat the heads first. (Rob Huffman)

We continue our little wallow in quickie nostalgia with our annual retrospective contest, now spread across two weeks. Last week the Empress invited you to enter the Week 1203-1229 contests; this week it's the more recent six months: **Enter (or reenter) any Style Invitational contest from Week 1230 through Week 1254** (there were no new contests for Weeks 1233-34). This group includes such Invite faves as limericks, cartoon

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captions and song parodies (about science), as well as more novel contests like a dialogue of a Creator designing some creature. You may enter multiple contests as long as you don't submit more than 25 entries in all. For contests asking you to use that week's paper, use papers and online articles dated Dec. 14-26. You may refer to events that took place after the original contest ran, and you may resubmit non-inking entries from earlier contests.

How to find all these contests: If you subscribe to The Post — and you certainly should — you can go to

washingtonpost.com/styleinvitational and scroll through the descriptions of all these contests, and select one, or two, or 25, as far back as Week 1230. Or, if you don't subscribe: Go to the Losers' own website, nrars.org, click on "Master Contest List," and scroll down to Weeks 1230-54. Click on the "E" icon for the online version of the week's contest, or the "WP" for the print version.

With either method, check the results of that week's contest (usually four weeks later) to make sure your idea didn't already get ink. *Please* give the week number of the contest you're using. **See this week's Style Conversational column at wapo.st/conv1258 (published late Thursday afternoon) for more guidance** for this week's contest.

Submit entries at the website wapo.st/enter-invite-1258 (all lowercase) — **NOT the entry forms for those old contests.**

Winner gets the **Lose Cannon**, our Style Invitational trophy. Second place receives another of one of the Empress's fave li'l prizes of recent years: It's the **Nose Aerobics basketball game**, in which you wear a pair of lensless nerd-eyeglasses from which a little arm sticks out; at the end of the arm are a two-inch-high basket and, attached to that, a tiny string and a little plastic basketball. Our 2014 winner of this prize, Jeff Contompasis, [became expert at shaking his head around](#) in just the right way so that the ball would fly into the basket, a skill he displayed repeatedly in the middle of a restaurant during one of our monthly Loser Brunches. This game, like the previous one, was donated by Loser Nan Reiner.





Other runners-up win our "You Gotta Play to Lose" Loser Mug or our Grossery Bag, "I Got a B in Punmanship." Honorable mentions get one of our lusted-after Loser magnets, "No Childishness Left Behind" or "Magnum Dopus." First Offenders receive only a smelly tree-shaped air "freshener" ([FirStink](#) for their first ink). **Deadline is Tuesday night, Dec. 26;** results published Jan. 14 (online Jan. 11). See general contest rules and guidelines at wapo.st/InvRules. The headline for this week's results is by Chris Doyle; Kevin Dopart wrote the honorable-mentions subhead. Join the Style Invitational Devotees group on Facebook at on.fb.me/invdev. "Like" Style Invitational Ink of the Day on Facebook at bit.ly/inkofday; follow [@StyleInvite](https://twitter.com/StyleInvite) on Twitter.

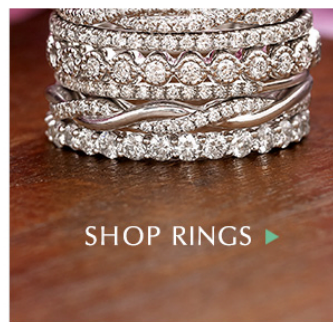
[And from The Style Invitational four weeks ago . . .](#)

PUNNY BUSINESS: THE TWEAKED COMPANY NAMES OF WEEK 1254

In [Week 1254](#) we asked you to change the name of a business by (a) adding a letter; (b) dropping a letter; (c) switching two letters; or (d) substituting another letter. Lots of entertaining names among some 2,200 entries; many people described "Hole Foods" as the place to go for doughnuts, Swiss cheese, Cheerios, etc.

4th place:

- 2 Perspective**
President Trump's power to pardon himself, as skewered by cartoons 
- 3** Celebrities, fashion insiders react to death of Kate Spade 
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- 5 Perspective**
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McDonald's: You want lies with that? (Beryl Benderly, Washington)

3rd place:

Jeff Contompasis shows off his skills at Nose
Aerobics Basketball, this week's second prize.
(M.K. Phillips)

Bannon Yogurt: Naturally
uncultured! (Jeff Loren, Seattle)

2nd place

and the [motorcycling-cow glitter globe](#):

Swarovski: The jewelry you give her along with the promise never to do
that thing again. (Ellen Raphaeli, Falls Church, Va.)

And the winner of the Lose Cannon:

In-No-Out Burger: A fast food

And the winner of the Lose Cannon:

The prize looks just as lovely on women, as the
Empress demonstrates. (But she was terrible at
shaking the ball into the cup.)

In-No-Out Burger: A fast-food
restaurant for cats. (Danielle Nowlin,
Fairfax Station, Va.)

Brands X'ed: Honorable mentions

Panerd: Serving complete out-to-lunches. (David Wolinsky, Frederick, Md.,
a First Offender)

Burger Kin: It's *kind* of like meat . . . (Steve McClemons, Arlington)

Burger Kink: Have it your way. (Nick Semanko, Washington)

Purger King: "One Whopper, coming up!" (Beverley Sharp, Montgomery,
Ala.)

Peep Boys: They'll just take a quick look under your hood. (Dion E. Black,
Washington)

Aer Dingus: A.k.a. Air Force One. (Matt Monitto, Bristol, Conn.)

Philip Mortis: Maker of coffin nails since 1847. (John O'Byrne, Dublin)

Equilax: We've made getting your credit report so easy, anyone can do it!
(Kyle Hendrickson, Frederick, Md.)

Brooks Brothels: The nation's most distinguished un-clothier since 1818.
(Dave Prevar, Annapolis, Md.)

Build-a-Beer Workshop: Where Dad asked to have his birthday party
this year. (Rob Huffman, Fredericksburg, Va.; Sean Bender-Prouty,
Arlington, Va., a First Offender)

Build-a-Fear Workshop: Our campaign consultants can help you push
voters' buttons. (Mandy Worley, Washington, a First Offender)

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Capital Gone: What used to be in your wallet? (Jerome Uher, Alexandria, Va.)

Charles Schwa: "We take the stress out of investing." (Jesse Frankovich, Grand Ledge, Mich.)

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Five Guts: Fast-food chitterlings, tripe, andouillette, haggis and hog maw. (Philip Justus, Potomac, Md.)

Five Goys: Worst bagels in town. (Christy Tosatto, Brookeville, Md.)

FeudEx: When that SOB absolutely, positively has to get what's coming to him overnight. (Gary Crockett, Chevy Chase, Md.)

Restoration Lardware: Your clothes' waistlines expanded by expert tailors. (Dave Prevar)

Pollo by Ralph Lauren: Rotisserie chickens for \$30 a pop. (John Hutchins, Silver Spring, Md.)

Nuder Armour: For when compression shirts aren't revealing enough. (Chris Doyle, Denton, Tex.)

Sorta: Maker of the Imperfect Sleeper mattress. (Dave Prevar)

Almart: "Drop in when you want to grab something and run." — A. Franken, proprietor (Jon Gearhart, Des Moines)

Alt Disney World: Where all the characters are snow white. (Dave Matuskey, Sacramento)

Tact Bell: "This burrito — well, let's just say that everyone in the kitchen tried their best." (Duncan Stevens, Vienna, Va.)

Iffy Lube: Sure, they may dump off-brand cooking oil into your car, but it's cheap *and* they vacuum your floor mats. (Hildy Zampella, Falls Church, Va.)

Fruit of the Loo: A breakthrough in recycled fiber! (Mark Raffman, Reston, Va.)

Guber: Rural areas need rides, too. (Gordon Cobb, Marietta, Ga.)

Untied Airlines: No seat belts, so it's easier to drag you off the plane. (Steve McClemons)

Kea: Car in a box — assemble it yourself! (Tom Panther, Sharps, Va.)

Duncan Hanes: Makers of the finest edible underwear. (Duncan Stevens)

Fannie Made: DIY art store specializing in big "Butt-R-Fly" prints. (Ivars Kuskevics, Takoma Park, Md.)

JC Zenney: For all your Christo-Buddhist needs. (Ed Edwards, Worcester Park, England)

L'Ordeal: The 20-step hair-color system — it's not worth it. (Suvinay Subramanian, Cambridge, Mass., a First Offender)

Office Despot: You will buy this stapler and you will like it. (Joanne Free, Clifton, Va.)

T.M.I. Friday's: Along with the daily specials, your servers tell you about their bowel movements and yeast infections. (Jesse Frankovich)

Toes R Us: A prosthetic specialty shop. (Warren Tanabe, Annapolis, Md.)

Southeast Airlines: Flying out of our hub in Antarctica. (Drew Bennett, West Plains, Mo.)

Storbucks: On every corner in the Cayman Islands. (Michael Rolfe, Cape Town, South Africa)

Trader Poe's: Goods worth raven about — at prices nevermore than our competitors! (Dori Moura, Chico, Calif.)

Victoria's Secrete: Nursing bras can be attractive, too. (Stephen Dudzik, Olney, Md.)

The Mensa Wearhouse: "You'll like how smart you look." (Jesse Frankovich)

Abercrombie and Fileh: Fashion-forward clothing that shoplifts itself. (Warren Tanabe)

National Trifle Association: Eh, what's one more mass shooting? (Matt Monitto)

Chaste Bank: Nobody can touch our rates. (Kyle Hendrickson)

Costmo: The rich people's big-box store. (Ed Edwards)

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Accidental Petroleum: "And then one day, Jed was shooting at some food, and up from the ground . . ." (Jerome Uher)

And Last: **PayPat:** How do you think the Empress gets her bribe money? (Kyle Hendrickson)

Still running — deadline Monday night, Dec. 18: our contest to enter Weeks 1203-1229. See wapo.st/invite1257.

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