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# Style Invitational Week 1408: Re-Organization — tweak the name of a charity

Plus the winning questions to our answers in Ask Backwards



(Bob Staake for The Washington Post)

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**The American Rung Association:** Sponsoring charity balls for social climbers. *(Kathy El-Assal)*

**American Foundation for the Bland:** Support and advocacy for the terminally boring. *(Jeff Contompasis)*

**Panned Parenthood:** Support group for people filled with regret about bringing ungrateful brats into this world. *(Jeff Contompasis)*

It's that time of year when many of us are paging through the Combined Federal Campaign catalogue of charities — thousands and thousands. So we'd better offer some more choices, right? Back in [Week 1254](#) we had a contest to change the name of a commercial business by one letter; Loser Jeff Contompasis suggests this week's variation: **Slightly change the name of a nonprofit organization and describe it**, as in the examples above (Kathy El-Assal's was an inking entry back in Week 997 for dubious causes). **You might also include a funny slogan.** By "slightly" we mean that the original name should be easily recognized; it doesn't have to be a one-letter change.

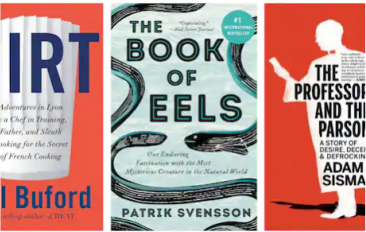


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You can toucan if you win this week's second-prize socks.



Submit up to 25 entries at [wapo.st/enter-invite-1408](http://wapo.st/enter-invite-1408) (no capitals in the Web address). **Deadline is Monday, Nov. 9**; results will appear Nov. 29 in print, Nov. 25 online.

**Winner gets the [Lose Cannon](#)**, our Style Invitational trophy, **or its replacement trophy** (TBA). Second place receives this season's de rigueur fashion statement: a pair of stretchy **socks that, between them, replicate a box of Froot Loops**, all the way up to the "nutrition" information.

**Other runners-up** win their choice of our "For Best Results, Pour Into Top End" **Loser Mug** or our "Whole Fools" Grossery Bag. Honorable mentions get one of our lusted-after Loser magnets, "[No 'Bility](#)" or "[Punder-achiever](#)." First Offenders receive only a smelly tree-shaped air "freshener" ([FirStink](#) for their first ink). See general contest rules and guidelines at [wapo.st/InvRules](http://wapo.st/InvRules). The headline "Askmasters" was submitted by both Chris Doyle and Kevin Dopart; Jesse Frankovich wrote the honorable-mentions subhead. Join the 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](#) on Twitter.



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**The Style Conversational:** This week, the Empress shares the picture that Gene talks about in the podcast. See [wapo.st/conv1408](http://wapo.st/conv1408).

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

## Askmasters: Inking questions from Week 1404

[Week 1404](#) was our umpteenth-plus-one **Ask Backwards** contest, in which we give the "answers" and you supply the questions. Perhaps the best question of the bunch was submitted by too many people to credit:

**A. The Washington Football Team's Mascot.**

**Q. What is the name of the Washington Football Team's mascot?**



Special bonus! To weigh in on the categories "Ken Jennings and Kylie Jenner" and "Alex Tribeca," the Empress recruited Ken Jennings himself! Ken's faves among those entries are noted below.

## 4th place:

**A. [@UnrealAbrahamLincoln](#).**

**Q.** Who tweeted: "Great speech yesterday in Gettysburg! Union widows LOVE their President (ME)!"?

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### 3rd place:

#### A. Shut Up Man.

Q. Who is Florida Man's attorney? (*Jeff Hazle, San Antonio; Pia Palamidessi, Cumberland, Md.*)

### 2nd place

and *the Chinese army-style cap:*

#### A. Ken Jennings and Kylie Jenner.

Q. Who are Mr. Trivia and Ms. Trivial? (*Rob Huffinan, Fredericksburg, Va.; this was Ken's favorite in this category as well*)

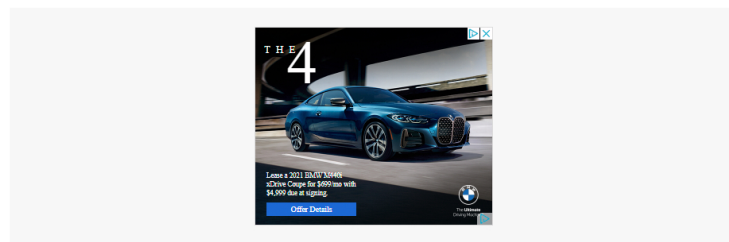
### And the winner of the Lose Cannon:

#### A. The Republic Forwhichistan.

Q. Where can you find One Asian Undergod — except he's invisible? (*Gary Crockett, Chevy Chase, Md.*)

### Stinqueries: Honorable mentions

A. **May 30, 2022.** Q. When is the earliest we can expect this year to be over? (*Sarah Jay, Churchville, Md.*)



A. **\$750.02.** Q. What tax bill suggests that somebody forgot to deduct the Sharpie ink used in his 1040 signature? (*Gary Crockett*)

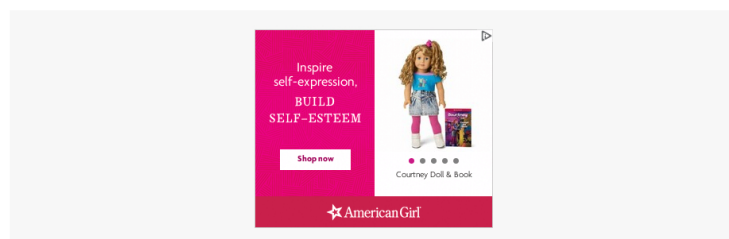
A. **\$750.02.** Q. When we all finally go back to work, what will be the peak toll on I-66? (*Jeff Contompasis, Ashburn, Va.*)

A. **Alex Tribeca.** Q. Who can be found in a Lower Manhattan bar ordering his daily double? (*Beverley Sharp, Montgomery, Ala.*)

A. **Alex Tribeca.** Q. Who replaced Art Flushing? (*Kevin Dopart, Washington; Frank Mann; this was Ken's "Alex Tribeca" choice, though "too bad there's not a MANHATTAN neighborhood that sounds like 'Fleming' "*)

A. **Alex Tribeca.** Q. To whom do you say, "I'll take one-bedroom apartments for \$6,000 a month, Alex"? (*Gary Crockett; Dan Helming, Trenton, N.J.; Ken's second choice*)

A. **The New Cabinet Department We Need.** Q. What is the Department of Presidential Affairs? (*Jesse Rifkin, Arlington, Va.; Steve Smith, Potomac, Md.*)



A. **The New Cabinet Department We Need.** Q. What is the Internal Reality Service? (*Joe McManus, Silver Spring, Md., a First Offender*)

A. **The New Cabinet Department We Need.** Q. What is the Department of Homeland Serenity? (*Edmund Conti, Raleigh; David Shombert, Harrisonburg, Va.; Frank Mann*)

A. **Chris Wallace's Glasses.** Q. Which was the second ugliest of the spectacles at the first presidential debate? (*Jesse Frankovich, Lansing, Mich.*)

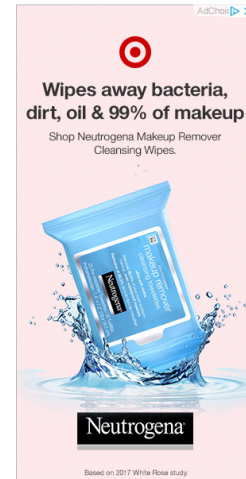
A. **Chris Wallace's Glasses.** Q. What got more spit on them than a pitcher's mound? (*Deb Stewart, Damascus, Md.*)

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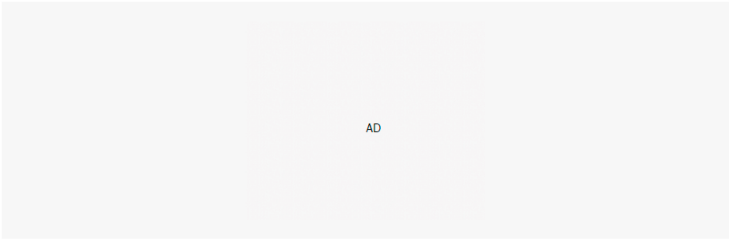
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**A. Chris Wallace’s Glasses.** Q. When the Fox News crew gets together, what do they drink the Kool-Aid in? (*Leila Boyer, Dunkirk, Md., a First Offender*)

**A. Downton Outhouse.** Q. Where is there always a long line of ladies-in-waiting? (*Beverley Sharp*)

**A. Downton Outhouse.** Q. What did the servants check for creepy Crawleys? (*Chris Doyle, Denton, Tex.; John O’Byrne, Dublin*)



**A. Downton Outhouse:** Q. What building’s anteroom had only one footman? (*John Hutchins, Silver Spring, Md.*)

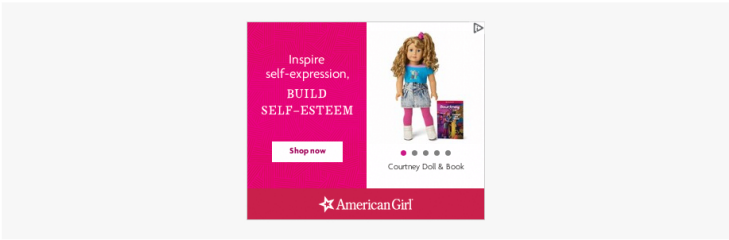
**A. Downton Outhouse.** Q. On whose walls would you find the inscription “O Lord, Grantham pees”? (*Greg Dobbins, Boynton Beach, Fla.*)

**A. The Republic Forwhichistan.** Q. What country’s language has the letter Elemenopee? (*Gail Carter, Martinsburg, W.Va., a First Offender*)

**A. The Republic Forwhichistan.** Q. Where do they sing about “the toilet’s last cleaning”? (*Frank Mann*)

**A. The Republic Forwhichistan:** Where do they have libertine adjusters for all? (*Frank Osen, Pasadena, Calif.*)

**A. Ken Jennings and Kylie Jenner.** Q. Who are a man who did thunderously win, and a woman who is wondrously thin? (*Mark Calandra, Wenham, Mass.; Ken Jennings: “A stretch but it’s such a nice spoonerism! I’m such a sucker for those.”*)



**A. Ken Jennings and Kylie Jenner.** Q. Whose SAT answers did Aunt Becky think she was buying, and whose did she actually buy? (*Ivars Kuskevics, Takoma Park; Ken: “I also liked this one, but I had the biggest crush on Lori Loughlin as a kid.”*)

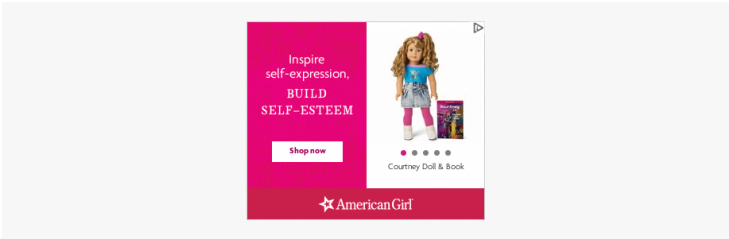
**A. Ken Jennings and Kylie Jenner.** Q. Whose careers got a big boost from “Jeopardy!” and a celebrity family feud? (*Steve Smith*)

**A. @UnrealAbrahamLincoln:** Who tweeted, “James Buchanan? Hah! He’ll go down as the worst president in the next 160 years!” (*Mark Raffman, Reston*)

**A. The Washington Football Team’s Mascot** Q. What is the PAC Rat? (*Chris Doyle*)

**A. The Washington Football Team’s Mascot.** Q. Who is Owen Sixteen? (*Frank Mann*)

**A. The Washington Football Team’s Mascot.** Q. What’s that big shrugging emoji being painted on FedEx Field? (*Hannah Seidel, Alexandria, Va.*)



**A. A Mazel Tov Cocktail:** Q. How did God ignite the Burning Bush? (*Stephen Dudzik, Olney*)

**A. A Mazel Tov Cocktail:** Q. What drink is made from Manischewitz and cream soda and is often hurled? (*Jeff Lubbers, Takoma Park; Andrew Hatziyannis, Rockville*)

**A. Shake, Rattle and Plop.** Q. What was a 1954 hit for Bill Haley and the Comedians? (*Frank Osen*)

**A. Shut Up Man.** Q. What superhero has been called in to moderate the next debate? (*Jim Derby, Gettysburg, Pa.; David Peckarsky, Tucson; Sarah Jay*)

**A. Shut Up Man.** Q. What is a positively brilliant, supremely witty riposte? — N. Pelosi (*Tom Witte, Montgomery Village, Md.*)

**A. LAP, CLAP and WAP.** Q. What are one thing you know Santa has, and two you hope he doesn't? (*Mark Raffinan*)

**A. A Room Without a Roof.** Q. What will make everyone but Pharrell unhappy? (*Jeff Contompasis*)

**A. A Room Without a Roof.** Q. Now that she has spoken her last troof and drawn her last breaf, what have the Supreme Court justices' chambers become? (*Tom Witte*)

**A. A Room Without a Roof.** Q. What was the first thing you made with your new 50,000 BTU teppanyaki grill? (*Jeff Contompasis*)

**A. Keep On Smizing.** Q. What song lyric might you use to rhyme with "Don't worry about the violent post-election uprising?" (*Duncan Stevens*)

**A. A Spelling Hornet.** Q. At which competition do contestants ask, "Could you please use that in a sAAAAarrghh!" (*Frank Osen*)

**A. LAP, CLAP and WAP.** Q. Hey, Cardi B and Megan Thee Stallion, what do you call a cat from Los Angeles, a cat that's a certified learning assistant, and a cat that falls in the water a lot? (*Duncan Stevens*)

**A. LAP, CLAP and WAP.** Q. What are President Trump's favorite dance type, personal Vietnam and body part in increasing order of importance? (*Stephen Dudzik*)

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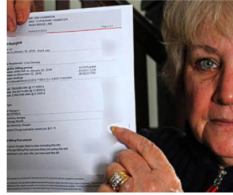
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