

Style Invitational

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Report from Week 990

in which we asked for jokes about any two people with the same last name (or names pronounced the same):

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Cynthia Nixon had sex in the city; Richard Nixon screwed the whole country. (Robert Schechter, Dix Hills, N.Y.)

2 Winner of the Talking Toilet practical-joke gizmo: Stephen King: Writes about the living dead. Larry King: Is. (David Garratt, Silver City, N.M.)

3 Ken Starr and Ringo Starr: Each was willing to use whatever sticks. (Kevin Dopart, Washington)

4 George Romney and Mitt Romney: One was transparent; the other you can see right through. (John Huber, Montgomery Village, a First Offender)

Nixed of kin: honorable mentions

Neil Armstrong and Lance Armstrong: One took a giant leap forward for mankind. (Jon Reiser, Hilton, N.Y.)

Bill Russell and Jane Russell: Known for great two-pointers. (Kevin Dopart)

Jack Ryan and Paul Ryan collaborate in "The Hunt for Red-State November." (Chris O'Carroll, Emporia, Kan.)

Robert E. Lee took off up North. Gypsy Rose Lee took off "down south." (Beverly Sharp, Montgomery, Ala.)

Dave Matthews leads a band; Chris Matthews preaches to the choir. (David Genser, Poway, Calif.)

Jon Stewart wears his convictions on his sleeve; Martha Stewart had to

wear hers on her ankle. (Ira Allen, Bethesda)

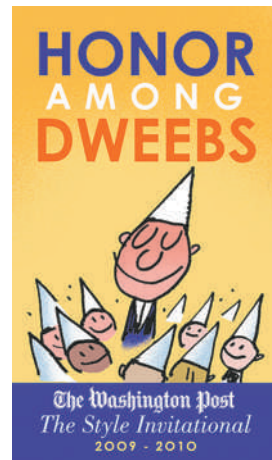
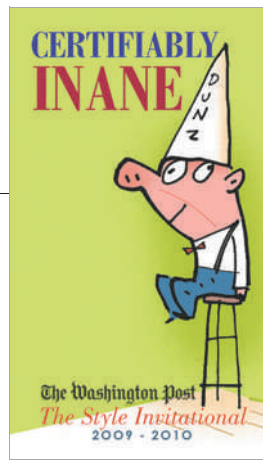
Bruce Lee and Robert E. Lee: Both were born in the United States yet became famous working in another country. (David Ballard, Reston)

William S. Burroughs and Edgar Rice Burroughs: Tarzan eat naked lunch every day. What big deal? (Chris O'Carroll)

Commodore Perry: "We have met the enemy and they are ours." Rick Perry: "I have met the enemy and he is me." (Chris Doyle, Ponder, Tex.)

Ben Jonson and Dave Johnson: One knew that "The Devil Is an Ass," but the other had never heard of Peter Angelos. (Ann Martin, Bracknell, England)

Jim Bowie and David Bowie: Both are famous as blades. (Rob Huffman,



BOB STAAKE FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

A few of our honorable-mention Loser Magnets.

Fredericksburg, Va.)

Robin Roberts and John Roberts: Either one could throw a heck of a curveball. (Roy Ashley, Washington)

Eddie Cantor and Eric Cantor: Each seemed to have the same guiding principle: "Bring Down the House." (Travis McKinney, San Antonio)

Joyce Kilmer co-wrote with Billy Kilmer: "I think the world will never see/ A decent spiral thrown by me." (Joel Cockrell, Damascus)

Dave Barry and Marion Barry: One of them thinks Crack Pipe Mayor would be a good name for a rock band. (Chris O'Carroll)

Sherlock Holmes was featured in "A Study in Scarlett." John C. Holmes could have been featured in "A Stud in Scarlett." (Chris Doyle, Ponder, Tex.)

Isabel Briggs Myers and Pat Myers: For Week 995, they'd suggest the hilarious match of an ISTJ with an ENFP. (Jim Deutsch, Washington)

Many people anxiously await both Seth Meyers's and Pat Myers's weekend updates. (Christopher Lamora, Guatemala City)

See more odd couples, plus links to remind you who all these people are, in the online Invite at bit.ly/inv994.

Still running — deadline Monday night — is the contest to write a mini-Epic Rap Battle between two historical figures. See bit.ly/inv993.

THIS WEEK'S CONTEST

Week 994: Stick it to us

Every week since she deposed the Czar in 2004, the Empress has been sending out our lusted-after prize magnets to a couple dozen honorable-mention Losers. (One to a person, that is — do you think we're made of money? These babies can run as much as two bits apiece.) Since they replaced the Czarist-era bumper stickers, we've had more than a dozen designs, all of them created by the More Famous and More Full of Himself by the Day Bob Staake, and featuring Loser-contributed slogans; some of the slogans stress the also-ran nature of being a Loser, while others play on the Invitational in general.

Anyway, our current supply is running out, and it's time to order up another year's worth. This week: **Suggest a slogan for one of our two new honorable-mention Loser Magnets for 2012-2013.** Bob will draw it, so you don't need to design or draw anything. You can suggest just the text and Bob will illustrate, or suggest a visual idea as well. The magnet is only the size of a business card (2 by 3.5 inches), and so a short slogan and simple idea work best. Though the magnets pictured are all vertical, we also use horizontal designs. You may resubmit your own unsuccessful submission from an earlier prize-slogan contest.

Winner gets — along with the magnet with the winning slogan — the Inkin' Memorial, the bobblehead that is the official Style Invitational trophy. Second place receives the other magnet we'll be using, plus a fantasy sci-fi romance novel that its donor, Incredibly Longtime Loser Tom Witte, vows is "the best book ever written." Sample passage from the paperback: "Look," he said, "the sun is beginning to set. It will soon be nightfall." She marveled at his wisdom and was in awe of his manhood." The novel is by Tom's mother-in-law.

Other runners-up win their choice of a yearned-for Loser Mug or the ardently desired Grossery Bag. Honorable mentions get, of course, a Loser magnet, either a new one or one from the old batch. First Offenders receive a smelly, tree-shaped air "freshener" (FirStink for their first ink). E-mail entries to losers@washpost.com or fax to 202-334-4312. Deadline is Monday, Nov. 4; results published Nov. 25 (online probably Nov. 23). No more than 25 entries per entrant per week. Include "Week 994" 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/invitrules. The subhead for this week's honorable mentions is by Beverly Sharp. Join the lively Style Invitational Devotees group on Facebook at on.fb.me/invdev.

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POP CULTURE

Rare Bond posters hit auction block in L.A.

In line with the 50th anniversary of the James Bond franchise, posters from every Bond movie in the series are hitting the auction block in December, along with stills, lobby cards, scripts and other 007 ephemera.

Auctioneer Profiles in History said the Bond poster collection is expected to take in well over \$200,000, led by a rare "From Russia With Love" special advance Leicester Square world-premiere poster from 1963.

It is one of a handful believed still in existence and is expected to fetch \$10,000 to \$15,000, the auction house said.

"It's such a rare thing when you get every title like this," said Joe Maddalena, the auction house's president, referring to the comprehensive offerings.

The posters and other items were assembled over some 25 years by a private British collector, Maddalena told Reuters.

"He wanted to build the most

comprehensive James Bond movie poster collection," he said.

"It's really a mind-boggling collection," Maddalena added, pointing to examples such as a yellow "Dr. No" silkscreen on linen poster from 1962 that is thought to be the very first 007 film poster ever to appear to the public.

The auction house estimates what it called the "holy grail" of film poster collecting to sell for \$3,000 to \$5,000, but Maddale-

na said he strives to keep estimates conservative.

Other highlights include posters from the earliest Bond films, including a rare British advance "Goldfinger" from 1964 and a British "Thunderball" poster from 1965, each estimated to sell for \$4,000 to \$6,000.

The auction, including hundreds of other, non-Bond film memorabilia, will be held Dec. 15-16 in Los Angeles.

— Reuters



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PAGING SEAN CONNERY: Daniel Craig is in the Bond club, but his posters aren't rare.