

Entertainment

## Style Invitational Week 1221: Who's kidding whom? Give any two people a child

Plus 'Brrr, Grrr & Fryes' and other winning hybrid businesses



The child of Richard Nixon and Miss Manners will compile a People Whom We Will Decline to Invite list. That's an inking entry by Brendan Beary from our 2003 contest. (Bob Staake/for The Washington Post)

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**The child of Carmen Miranda and John Nash will be fruitful and multiply.** (Peter Metrisko)

**The child of Imelda Marcos and Dr. Seuss would collect mukluks, galoshes and gillies and high-tops, and also some moccasins, chukkas and flip-flops.** (Mark Hagenau)



A sign of good breeding: This week's second prize, an electronic chipmunk. (Pat Myers/The Washington Post)

Here's a contest that we seem to have done only once before, long ago — in fact, it was one of the last contests posted by the Empress's predecessor, [the Czar](#), before he went off to spend more time with his family at the end of 2003. And more than 13 years later, it could use some fresh names. **This week: Take two people from history, past or present, and tell what their child would be like**, as in the examples above from Week 533. **New this time:** In 2003 we insisted that the parents be one male and one female; this time, same-sex unions are fine with us.

**Submit entries at this website:** [bit.ly/enter-invite-1221](http://bit.ly/enter-invite-1221) (all lowercase).

**Winner gets the [Inkin' Memorial](#)**, the Lincoln statue bobblehead that is the official Style Invitational trophy. Second place receives a [larger-than-life fuzzy toy chipmunk](#) that, powered by the battery inside, wiggles its limbs and tail and makes chipmunk sounds. It's really actually very cute, unless you don't like toy-chipmunk sounds. Found by the Empress somewhere she doesn't remember.

**Other runners-up** win our new "[Gotta Play to Lose](#)" Loser Mug or our Grossery Bag, "[I Got a B in Punmanship](#)." Honorable mentions get one of our new 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 Monday night, April 10; results published April 30 (online April 27). See general contest rules and guidelines at [wapo.st/InvRules](http://wapo.st/InvRules). The headline "Pun of your business" is by Chris Doyle; the honorable-mentions subhead is by Kevin Doport. Join the Style Invitational Devotees group on Facebook at [on.fb.me/invdev](http://on.fb.me/invdev). "Like" Style Invitational Ink of the Day on Facebook at [bit.ly/inkofday](http://bit.ly/inkofday); follow [@StyleInvite](https://twitter.com/StyleInvite) on Twitter.

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

**PUN OF YOUR BUSINESS: THE CORPORATE MERGERS OF WEEK 1217**

In [Week 1217](#) we asked you to combine two or more types of businesses and name the hybrid. Approximately 1,600 groaner puns later, the Empress cuts the ribbon on the following joint ventures.

**4th place:**

A store that sells ice cream, pets and cowboy boots: **Brrr, Grrr & Fryes** (Melissa Balmain, Rochester, N.Y.)

**3rd place:**

Home protection service/celebrity hairstylist: [A Mighty Fortress/ Scissor God](#) (Frank Osen, Pasadena, Calif.)

**2nd place**

and the [Potty Basketball](#) set:

Comedy club/medical insurer: **Yomamacare** (Dave Matuskey, Sacramento)

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

A Vietnamese soup joint with a travel agency on the side: **Pho Getabout** (Tom Witte, Montgomery Village, Md.)

**Limited partnerships: honorable mentions**

Basketball court/cinema/AC repair: **Net, Flicks & Chill** (Hildy Zampella, Falls Church, Va.)

Tanning salon/hair salon: **Turn You Red & Coif** (Chris Doyle, Denton, Tex.)

An art supply store below a toupee shop: **Brushes Under the Rug** (Danielle Nowlin, Fairfax Station, Va.)

Bakery and juice bar: **Roll With the Punches** (Jesse Frankovich, Lansing, Mich.; Amy Harris, Charlottesville, Va.)

Battery store with Mediterranean coffee shop downstairs: **Anode on a Grecian Urn** (David Peckarsky, Tucson, Ariz.)

Casino that offers EMT training: **Aid and a Bet** (Mark Calandra, Sudbury, Mass., a First Offender)

Gun store/funeral home: **Bloodbath & Beyond** (Holly Saunders, Bethesda, Md.)

Fashion boutique/smoking cessation clinic: **Clothes but No Cigars** (Jesse Frankovich)

Hydraulic engineering firm/workout space: [Dammit Gym](#) (David Friedman, Santa Clara, Calif.)

Life coach/Jewish deli: **What Am I/ Chopped Liver** (Amy Harris)

Middle Eastern fruit market and fortuneteller: **Dates With Destiny** (Jesse Frankovich)

Otis Elevator Co./U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement: **Lifts and Separates** (David Garratt, Silver City, N.M.)

Animal shelter/law firm: **Boxers or Briefs?** (Hildy Zampella)

Psychics/abortion-activist fundraisers: **Seers and Roe Bucks** (Mike Ostapiej, Mount Pleasant, S.C.)

A Victoria's Secret with an optometrist on the second floor: **Eyes Up Here!** (Lee Graham, Washington)

Repo service/growth removal: **Seize and De-Cyst** (Jesse Frankovich)

Vietnamese noodle restaurant/Vietnamese nail salon: **Pho Toe-Finish** (Dave Airozo, Silver Spring)

Meditation center/ packing supplies: **Better Oms and Cartons** (Chris Doyle)

A funeral home that rents out unused rooms to tourists: **Dead & Breakfast: The Snoretuary** (Tom Witte)

Climbing equipment/lingerie: **The High and the Nightie** (Mae Scanlan, Washington)

A tobacco shop, health spa and travel agency: **We've Got Chew, Calming and Going** (Jon Gearhart, Des Moines)

Bookkeeping firm/motel cabins: **Sums and Shanty Evenings** (Amy Harris)

Cattle barn cleanup and urinal sales: **Moo Goo/ Guy Pan** (Frank Osen)

Mosque/minicar track: **Allah/Kart** (Stephen Dudzik, Olney, Md.)

Clothing store/public toilet: **Getup & Go** (Duncan Stevens, Vienna, Va.)

Dermatologist/leather crafter: **Warts & Awl** (Dave Prevar, Annapolis, Md.; Lawrence McGuire, Waldorf, Md.)

Heavy-duty hosiery/personal security/family planning clinic: **No Runs, No Hits, No Heirs** (Larry Gray, Union Bridge, Md.)

Houseplants/fundraising events: **Fronds With Benefits** (Jesse Frankovich)

Italian restaurant/funeral parlor: **Pastaway** (Becky Fisher, Madison, Wis.)

Masonry supply/Breitbart News headquarters: **Brick & Mordor** (Mark Raffman, Reston, Va.)

Mattress store/weight-loss clinic: **U-Snooze, U-Lose** (Jane Auerbach, Los Angeles)

Metal refinery/casino: **Smelt It, Dealt It** (Alison Candela, Rockville, Md.)

Milliner/fitness center: **Cap 'n' Crunch** (Larry Gray)

Off-track betting parlor/spay-neuter clinic: **They're Off!** (Larry Gray)

Orthopedist and Cuban restaurant: **Slings and Arroz** (Mark Raffman)

Proctologist's office/kitchen remodeler with a big storefront window: **See-Colon-Backsplash** (Danielle Nowlin)

Seminary/riding academy: **Sermon on a Mount** (Howard Walderman, Columbia, Md.)

Ski school and weight loss center: **Downhill Fast** (William Kennard, Arlington, Va.)

Truck rentals /language academy: **U-Load Sixteen Tongues** (Jeff Shirley, Richmond, Va.)

Skin care/home sales: **Repeel and Replace** (Annette Green, Lexington, Va.)

Sleep clinic/ WWF promoter: **The Yawn & the Wrestlers** (Larry Gray)

Tibetan monastery/Spanish restaurant: **The Lamas & the Tapas** (Sarah Jay, Churchville, Md.)

Trump boutique/apiary/landscape service: **Ivanka-Bee-A Lawn** (Becky Fisher)

Lumberyard/CIA safe house: **Woodstock & Snoopy** (Danielle Nowlin)

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Stump removal/Museum guide training: **Chipper by the Docent** (Brad Alexander, Wanneroo, Australia)

Ice cream maker/computer repair: **Sorbet/The Geek** (Holly Saunders)

Realtor/escort service: **Land, Ho** (Duncan Stevens)

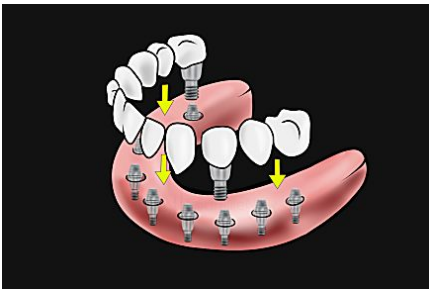
A performance arts emporium combining Elvis memorabilia, theater production, “Lord of the Rings” costumes, and busking lessons: **Presley, Stage, Toes Hairy and Mime** (Kevin Dopart, Washington)

**Still running — deadline Monday night, April 3: our contest inviting you to be comically pedantic. See [bit.ly/invite1220](http://bit.ly/invite1220).**

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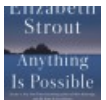
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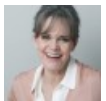
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