**The Style Invitational**

**WEEK 10, A Week That Will Live in Euphemy**

**PLANE CRASH = UNSCHEDULED ARRIVAL**  
**THROWING UP = A RETRO DINING EXPERIENCE**  
**LIAR = TRUTH ECONOMIST**  
**ACNE = FACIAL ACCESSORIES**  
**MURDERER = AFTERLIFE FACILITATOR**

This week's contest: Euphemisms. We came up with this concept after receiving a brochure from a school for "persons with multiple exceptionalities." Eventually we figured out this meant "lunatics." And so we got to thinking about how euphemisms are cynical assaults on the truth, and must be ridiculed to oblivion. So: Write us a funny one.

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Report from week 7

"...in which we asked you to come up with names for new rock bands."

Your 3,200 entries were "spirited." This is a euphemism for "twisted beyond all reason." How twisted? Suffice it to say that dozens of hilarious entries had to be eliminated for reasons of taste. Now look at those that survived the taste test, and permit your imagination to boggle.

**Eighth Runner-Up:** Pointless Untalatat (Ron Vaskamp, Crofton)

**Seventh Runner-Up:** Armegeddon Sandwich (Bob Runett and Todd Kolm, Pelham)

**Sixth Runner-Up:** Mansion Family Values (Bradley Fisher, Rockville)

**Fifth Runner-Up:** The Irving R. Levine Experience (Anthony Fable, Gaithersburg)

**Fourth Runner-Up:** Satan In Therapy (Catherine D. Richardson, Alexandria)

**Third Runner-Up:** Sprole the Fat Elvis (Douglas E. Morris, Washington)

**Second Runner-Up:** Meal of Poodles (Edward Giefer, Arlington)

**First Runner-Up:** Mobolansis Hitler (Ranald Totten, Springfield)

And the Winner of the Collection of Awful Tapes:

Your Mother Was My Father

(Beverly Brown, Falls Church)

**Honorable mentions:**

- When Ruby Met Oswald (Mark Hagman, Washington)
- Shemp’s Swollen Prostate (Doreen Florida, Upper Arlington)
- Xenophobic Strangers (Stephen Dukas, Silver Spring)
- Cross-eyed Cyclops, also, Spore Agnew’s Yard Sale (Jeff and Joe Drucker, Arlington)
- We Who Are Flocod (Sall Eaves, Arlington)
- Six-Word, Eighth Syllable Band Name (Mal Gagne, Foster’s Way)
- Fixtures Your Parents Doing It (Aimee Crisco, Gaithersburg)
- Ich Bin Ein Target (Randall Tobias, Springdale)
- The Incontinent (John H. Prokasa, Washington)
- Turn Your Head and Cough (Tony Serino, Holy Trinity, and Page Newton, Washington)
- Reckless Express (Delia Ritz, Washington)
- Spastic Mahels (Stephen Aikins, Silver Spring)
- Dead Rock Stars of the Future (Gold Kuna, Catamarcar)
- And lost: Give Me the Damned T-Shirt (Tom Wolfe, Gaithersburg)

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Next Week: Tom Gets His T-shirt.