The Style Invitational
WEEK 15: PUNCH US.

1. Sandra Day O'Conner, Abraham Lincoln and Woody Woodpecker are in a boat that capsizes. There is only one life preserver. Sandra says...

2. How do you know if Bill Clinton has been in your house?...


4. A run, a rabbi and an atheist are taking a tour of the White House...

5. A man walks into a bar in Washington and orders a Kahlua and root beer fizz. He notices that the woman next to him has a chicken bone in her hair. "Hey," he says to the bartender...

This week's contest: Complete any of these jokes in 75 words or fewer. First-prize winner will receive several books of tasteless jokes, a value of about $30.

Report from Week 12, in which we asked you to write a limerick using any of these names: George Stephanopoulos, Hillary Rodham Clinton, Jack Kerouac or Bosnia-Herzegovina. We offered a contest poetic. The results, they were pretty pathetic. 'Twas the worst of our fears—You all had tin ears! And kept trying to stick in extra clunky words and committing rhymes that gave us a headache.

AND NOW THE WINNERS, some of which have been lightly edited to improve their meter:

Third Runner-Up: Hillary Rodham spent hours Developing Bill Clinton's powers. But she really got niffed When she bought him a gift, And he said that he'd rather have Flowers. (Scott Straub, Winchester, Va.)

First Runner-Up: The president's spokesperson was out An afternoon lunch date, no doubt. "Find George Stephanopoulos! This crisis could topple us!" Al Gore's got termites, not gout! (Kevin Dunleavy, Fairfax)

Special award of a tin cup for the most pitiful attempt at a rhyme: In a faraway jungle most populous With elephant and rhinoceros, George deemed it unsound That we sleep on the ground Because something big might Stephanopoulos. (C. Paul Mendez, Silver Spring)

Next Week: Anagrams—A Man's Rag.

Second Runner-Up: There are names that are spoken with ease, While others come out like a sneeze. By George, there's a lot of us Who think "Stephanopoulos" Just sounds like a rare foot disease. (Art and limerick, Andy Black, Reston)

And the winner of the twitching rubber rat caught in a trap: Jack Kerouac, Suicide Doc, Awoke to a terrible shock. His machine, it was broke! "But folks want to croak! I suppose I can use a blunt rock." (Jimmy Nguyen, Rockville)

And last: Ms. Clinton, that's Hillary Rodham, Into the White House, she got him. Now, when they're in bed, Or so it is said, She favors the top o' the bottom. (Art and limerick by Andy Black, Reston)

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