**The Style Invitational**

**Week 506: The Battle of All Mottoes**

_The CIA: Why are you asking about our motto? The Department of Transportation: Oddly enough, we don’t transport much of anything._

This week’s contest was suggested by Russell Beland of Springfield, who points out that the CIA and the DOT are two agencies that have more in common than you might think. His suggestion was that the CIA and the DOT both have a motto, but that neither agency has revealed its true motto to the public. Beland suggests that the CIA’s motto is “We can’t tell you how much we hate it,” and the DOT’s motto is “We can’t tell you how much we hate it.”

First runner-up was Anna Louise L. (Kirkland, Washington) with the motto “The CIA: They’re just like us.” Second runner-up was Bill T. Harris (Kirkland, Washington) with the motto “The DOT: They’re just like us.”

- **Third Runner-Up:** (Cartoon B) We thank the future Mrs. Ashcroft several months of practice before she was able to hold all the exploded compact discs in place while coming out of the shower. (Roger T. Harris, Silver Spring)
- **Second Runner-Up:** (Cartoon C) This is what $350,000 gets you in the 10th inning of the World Series. (Jennifer Hart, Arlington)
- **First Runner-Up:** (Cartoon D) What if Eve used fig BARK instead of fig leaves? (Geneva Collins, Silver Spring)

**Cartoon A**

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- **Deadline:** The Department of Transportation: Oddly enough, we don’t transport much of anything._

- **Entry Format:** E-mail entries must include the week’s motto. Deadline is Tuesday, May 27. All entries must include the name of the cartoon in which the motto appears. Do not alter the cartoon. Results will be published in four weeks. The Washington Post reserves the right to refuse entry at its sole discretion. Does not apply to4th Place: (John H. (Harry) Hines, Alexandria) 

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