Entertainment

Style Invitational Week
1107: Bill us now — our biennial ‘joint legislation’ contest

Plus the winning matchups of TV shows with ‘appropriate’ songs
It's Joint Legislation time! (Bob Staake for The Washington Post)

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(Click here to skip down to the results of our contest to match up TV shows with humorously “appropriate” songs)

The Beyer-Tillis-Love Act to encourage Valentine’s Day jewelry purchases

The Kirk-Takai Resolution to Boldly Go

The Manchin-Newhouse bill to keep 500 people from sending this combination unless there's an amazingly clever description

Every two years, even when when the electorate doesn’t much agree with her own political preferences, the Empress gets excited whenever there’s a large turnover in Congress. (And not just at the Apple Pastry Appreciation Day press conference.) It’s because there will be more freshmen’s names to cobbled together for the Invite’s “joint legislation” contest, a game we’ve been playing since 1993. Actually, despite the big GOP gains in November, there are only 64 new people in the House and Senate for this 114th Congress (if you count people who've moved from one to the other) —
which is a dozen or so fewer than in the 113th. So we’re padding out the list by adding veteran senators whose names haven’t been used in any previous Invite results. After all, the new legislators had better learn to work with their seniors.

The bottom eight names that prompted a whisper to the Empress, but that of two or more names from the list of members of Congress (the list is at the bottom of this page) to “cosponsor” a bill based on their combined last names, a purpose, as in the examples above. Sometimes people will string together six or more names to create something that sounds like real words only in the deluded mind of the author, someone sent in “YoHo-Vela-Williams” to mean “Jehovah’s Witnesses,” which is a whole lot of imperial tiara-scratching. You may translate your effort for the Empress, but do it on a separate line so she can try it without a hint first.

Winner gets the Inkin’ Memorial, the Lincoln statue bobblehead that is the official Style Invitational trophy. Second place receives the fine sculpture pictured at left; donated by Cheryl Davis, who brought it up from Myrtle Beach just for us.

Other runners-up win their choice of a yearned-for Loser Mug or the ardently desired “Whole Fools” Grocery Bag. Honorable mentions get a lust-d-after Loser magnet designed by Bob Staake: either “The Wit Hit the Fan” or “Hardly Har-Har.” First Offenders receive a smelly tree-shaped air “freshener” (FirStink for their first ink). E-mail entries to losers@washpost.com or, if you were born in the 19th century, fax to 202-334-4312. Deadline is Monday, Jan. 26; results published Feb. 15 (online Feb. 12). You may submit up to 25 entries per contest. Include “Week 110?” 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/InvRules. The headline for this week’s results is by Chris Doyle; the honorable-mentions subhead was submitted by both Howard Walderman and Mark Raffman. Join the lively Style Invitational Devotees group on Facebook at on.fb.me/invdev. “Like” Style Invitational Ink of the Day on Facebook at bit.ly/inkofday.
and set or results. Especially if you plan to enter, check it out at wapo.st/styleconv.

And from The Style Invitational four weeks ago . . .

PUN-CHAINED MELODIES: THE RESULTS OF WEEK 1103

For Week 1103, we asked you to pair a TV show with a humorously “appropriate” song. Many entries fell (with a thud) into the Duh category: “We Are the Champions” with the Olympics, for instance. But others found the zing.

4th place:

“Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes” for “Dexter” (Christopher Lamora, Los Angeles)

3rd place:

“I’m Gonna Make You Love Me” for “The Cosby Show” (Nancy Schwalb, Washington; Mark Raffman, Reston, Va.)

2nd place and the Pee-Pee Poo-Poo hand sanitizer:

“Tears of a Clown” for “The Glenn Beck Program” (Frank Osen, Pasadena, Calif.)

And the winner of the Inkin' Memorial:

“Three Times a Lady” for “The Biggest Loser” (Larry Gray, Union Bridge, Md.)

Unthemely: honorable mentions

For “19 Kids and Counting”: “Oops! . . . I Did It Again” (Brian Cohen, Norfolk, Va.)

“Stop! In the Name of Love” (Carole Franks, Lewes, Del., a First Offender; Doug Frank, Crosby, Tex.)

“Baby One More Time” (Frank Osen)

“Dancing on the Ceiling” for “Flip This House” (Todd DeLap, Fairfax, Va.)

“One Bourbon, One Scotch, One Beer” for “How I Met Your Mother” (Rob Huffman, Fredericksburg, Va.)

For “Sex Sent Me to the ER”: “Don’t Do Me Like That” (William Kennard, Arlington, Va.)

“Bang a Gong (Get It On)” (Jeff Contompasis, Ashburn, Va.)

For “WWE Smackdown”: “Try a Little Tenderness” (Thomas Salander, Arlington, Va., a First Offender)

For “Six Feet Under”: “Don’t Get Around Much Anymore” (John Shea, Philadelphia)

“Amazing Grace” for “The Amazing Race” (Lee Mayer and Paul Laporte, Washington)

For “The Bachelor”: “What’s Love Got to Do With It” (Christopher Lamora; Gordon Cobb, Marietta, Ga.)
“Turn! Turn! Turn!” for NASCAR sprint racing (Jeff Shirley, Richmond, Va.)

“When Doves Cry” for “The Rachel Maddow Show” (Kathleen DeBold, Burtonsville, Md.)

“Sunday Bloody Sunday” for “Game of Thrones” (Ward Kay, Vienna, Va.)

For “CSI”: “It Had to Be You” (Christopher Lamora)

“The Long and Winding Road” for Katie Couric’s televised colonoscopy (Jeff Shirley)

“Pick Up the Pieces” for “Miami Vice” (Larry Gray)

“Put on a Happy Face” for “Nip/Tuck” (Pie Snellson, Silver Spring, Md.)

“Great Balls of Fire” for “The Apprentice” (Kathy Hardis Fraeman, Olney, Md.)

For “The Cosby Show”: “How Long Has This Been Going On?” (Philip Justus, Potomac, Md.)

“Don’t Drink the Water” (Jon Gearhart, Des Moines)

“Papa Don’t Preach” (Roy Ashley, Washington)

For “The View”: “Pickalittle (Talk-a-Little)” (Charles Mann, Falls Church; Kathleen DeBold)

“Whole Lotta Rosie” (Jonathan Hardis, Gaithersburg, Md.)

For “Saturday Night Live”: “I Don’t Care Anymore” (Barbara Turner, Takoma Park, Md.)

For “Hoarders”: “Let It Go” (Brian Cohen)

“Never Gonna Give You Up” (Ninamarie Maragioglio, Burke, Va., a First Offender; Kristen Rahman, Silver Spring, Md.)

“Bang Bang Bang” for “Jersey Shore” (John Folse, Bryans Road, Md.)

“Blank Space” for “Keeping Up With the Kardashians” (Brian Cohen; Lori Petterson, College Park, Md.)

“Where Have All the Flowers Gone?” for the Tournament of Roses Parade (Pie Snellson)
Still running — deadline Jan. 20: Our contest for New Year’s resolutions for 2115:

THE CONGRESSIONAL FRESHMEN(PLUS SOME VETERAN SENATORS)

Below are the names of the new members of the 114th Congress, along with many incumbent
senators. Combine two or more of their names to produce “joint legislation” that reflects their
names, and describe its purpose. See the contest rules at the top of this page.

Abraham
Aguilar (pronounced AG-u-lar)
Allen
Ashford
Babin (“babbin”)
Baldwin
Barrasso (rhymes with “lasso”)
Bennet
Beyer (“buyer”)
Bishop
Blum
Blumenthal
Booker
Bost (rhymes with “cost”)
Boyle
Buck
Capito (CAP-i-toe)
Carter
Cassidy
Comstock
Coons
Costello
Cotton
Cruz
Curbelo (cur-BEL-lo)
Daines
DeSaulnier (de-SO-nyey)
Dingell (“ingle”)
Dold
Emmer
Ernst
Feinstein
Fischer
Gallego (guy-AY-go)
Gardner
Graham
Graves
Grothman
Guinta ("ginta" with a hard G)
Hardy
Heinrich (HYNE-rick)
Heitkamp
Hice
Hill
Hoeven (rhymes with “rovin’”)
Hurd
Jenkins
Kaine
Katko
Kirk
Klobuchar (KLO-ba-shar)
Knight
Lankford
Lawrence
Lieu ("lyoo" but "loo" is close enough)
Loudermilk (as opposed to quieter milk)
Love
MacArthur
Manchin (rhymes with “ranchin’”)
McCain
McConnell
McSally
Menendez
Merkley
Mikulski
Moolenaar
Mooney
Moulton
Murkowski
Nelson
Newhouse
Palmer
Perdue
Peters
Plaskett (rhymes with “basket”)
Poliquin (polla-kwin)
Radewagen (RAD-e-wa-jen)
Rateliffe
Rice
Rounds
Rouzer (rhymes with “trouser”)
Rubio
Russell
Sasse (“sass”)
Schatz
Schumer
Sessions
Shaheen
Stefanik (sti-FAHN-ick)
Sullivan
Takai (ta-KYE)
Tillis
Torres
Trott
Walker
Walters
Watson Coleman (she uses both names)
Westerman
Wicker
Young
Zeldin
Zinke (“zinky”)

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The angry driver allegedly reached into Megan Stackhouse’s window, twisting and breaking her arm before punching her in the face.

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