

THE NAME IS THE GAME

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We've all known people whose names or nicknames indicated that their parents had a sense of humor, if not compassion or good taste. One of the most noted examples of frivolous appellation was Ima Hogg, the highly-regarded philanthropist. The actor Rip Torn's real name is Rip Torn. And, in popular fiction, Perry Mason's courtroom adversary was Hamilton "Ham" Burger.

I have known real people with such unlikely names as Bunker Hill, Cloudean Sommers, Harold Angel and O. Noble Hart. And a riffle through the telephone directory of any large city will reward you with such gems as these, which I found in just such a repository: Storm Drayne, Claire Voyant, Legran Ball, Belle Bottoms, Philo and Rhoda Dendron, King and Shanda Lear.

Here's the game: for each of the occupations or categories listed below, come up with at least five "fitting" names. Example: if the category is "Food", typical name choices might be Graham Cracker, Cherry Cheesecake, Link Sausage, Melba Toast and Julienne Potatoes. Okay, try it yourself:

1. Science and Medicine
2. Performing Arts
3. Communications
4. Military
5. Transportation
6. Banking and Finance
7. Manufacturing
8. Retailing
9. Law and Government
10. Meteorology
11. Religion
12. Education

Possible answers can be found in Answers and Solutions at the end of this issue.