

DIVERSIONS

THE STYLE INVITATIONAL

ScOops! Week 1297 headline ‘typos.’

BY PAT MYERS

In **Week 1297** we asked you to change a real headline with a “typo,” then write a bank head, or subtitle, to explain the resulting story.

4th place

Autumn activities abundant in area urea

Pumpkin spice use detected by new drug tests (J. Larry Schott, West Plains, Mo.)

3rd place

Target tries to entice seasonal workers porkers

Call goes out early for store Santas (Jeff Contompassis, Ashburn)

2nd place and the tractor glitter globe:

Still ticking tickling, with a message

New Elmo toy teaches kids to obtain consent before touching (John Hutchins, Silver Spring)

And the winner of the Lose Cannon:

Crude Crud stockpiles fall for a fifth week

Experts fear end of yard sales if shortage worsens (Frank Osen, Pasadena, Calif.)

Typo negatives: Honorable mentions

Senate approves \$8.4 billion legislative package to combat opioid crisis crisps

Grim new meaning for ‘Bet you can’t eat just one’ (Gary Crockett, Chevy Chase)

For the first time, the Met Mets will perform opera on Sundays

After lousy season, players hope for more success with different kind of tragedies (Dave Airozo, Silver Spring)

Amazon’s Alexa is coming for your microwave, wall clock and more amore

Will offer bedside coaching during lovemaking (John O’Byrne, Dublin)

School district’s plan to arm harm employees rejected

Staffers won’t have to eat cafeteria fish sticks after all (Eileen Doll, Gwynn Oak, Md.)

Still boddy oldly going

Costly Harvard study determines that centenarians are more likely to die than the young (Tom Witte, Montgomery Village)

Still boddy coldly going

Local family celebrates refrigerator’s 50-year mark, promises to ‘clean it out someday’ (Lawrence McGuire, Waldorf)

Still boldly going goring:

Former pacifist Ferdinand prepares for 12th bullfight (John Hutchins)

There’s no such thing as a good wedding welding poem

A verse on flux/unduly sucks. (Jeff Contompassis)

3 charged with huge luge fraud on investors

Was just an old sled with ‘Rosebud’ painted on it (Roy Ashley, Washington)

Apple’s priciest iPhone modet yodel will cost \$1,100

The crazy hot market for upscale ringtones (Jeff Swallen, Richmond, a First Offender)

Congress shields airlines from scrutiny over fees feels

TSA pat-downs were only the beginning (Francesca Kelly, Highland Park, Ill.)

... over fees pees

... over fees feces

Drops requirement for working toilets on planes (Jon Ketzner, Cumberland, Md.; Chris Doyle, Denton, Tex.)

... over fees feet

Guy sitting next to you can still take off shoes (Jeff Shirley, Richmond)

Better Butter without dudes

All-female remake of “Last Tango” hits theaters (Duncan Stevens, Vienna, Va.; Kevin Dopart, Washington)

Choosing the right shampoo to maintain the most vibrant color colon

Our crack team of reporters reviews 6 cleansing products (Jesse Frankovich, Grand Ledge, Mich.)

Forty-four siblings amd end counting

Duggars finally give up on keeping track (Danielle Nowlin, Fairfax Station)

Heavier workload forkload



BOB STAAKE FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

New contest for Week 1301: Tell us a Fib(onacci)

Hell, Yeah, I like

To drink beer! He said with a slurp.

“It’s party time, bro judges! [Burp.]”

Here’s a poetry contest we’ve done only one other time, and that was back in 2006, right after it was introduced by blogger Gregory Pincus. It’s called the Fib, for Fibonacci sequence, a numerical series in which, after the first two, each number is the sum of the two before it. It’s reflected all over nature, such as in nautilus shells, spiraling tree branches, and Week 659 of The Style Invitational. The Fib counts by syllables, and we’ll do this week’s contest as we did back then, except that we won’t insist on subjects from today’s headlines (though we know we’ll get them anyway). **This week: Write a humorous poem of 20 syllables divided among six lines like this: 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8. And at least two — any two — of the lines must rhyme.** As in the fib above by Bob Staake Himself.

Submit entries at the website wapo.st/enter-invite-1301 (all lowercase).

Winner gets the **Lose Cannon**, our Style Invitational trophy. Second place receives a giant ceramic mug — or maybe it’d be better as a vase — from the Rattlesnake Museum in Albuquerque, donated (as was an earlier one we gave out, as well as, yay!, a future one) by Invite fan but not a Loser Mary Ellen Stroupe.

Other runners-up win our “You Gotta Play to Lose” Loser Mug or our Grossery Bag, “I Got a B in Punmanship.” Honorable mentions get one of our lusted-after Loser magnets, “We’ve Seen Better” or “IDiot Card.” First Offenders receive only a smelly tree-shaped air “freshener” (FirStink for their first ink). **Deadline is Monday night, Oct. 22;** results published Nov. 11 (online Nov. 8). See general contest rules and guidelines at wapo.st/InvRules. The headline for this week’s results is by Nan Reiner; David Peckarsky, Roger Dalrymple and Roy Ashley all submitted the honorable-mentions subhead. Join the Style Invitational Devotees group on Facebook at on.fb.me/invdev. “Like” Style Invitational Ink of the Day on Facebook at bit.ly/inkofday; follow @StyleInvite on Twitter.

THE STYLE CONVERSATIONAL The Empress’s weekly online column discusses each new contest and set of results. Especially if you plan to enter, check it out at wapo.st/styleconv.



PAT MYERS/THE WASHINGTON POST

If the snake doesn’t wake you up, the vat of coffee will.

looks likely for Capitals’ Holtby

Coach orders goalie to bulk up for season opener (Chris Doyle)

Terps bounce Right Back With Big Ten Den Blowout

U-Md. finally wins a game by trouncing Cub Scout pack (Rick Haynes, Ocean City)

Republicans set dates rates to draw new districts

Reportedly a flat \$1 billion for a “very gery” (Barry Koch, Catlett, Va.; Rick Haynes)

Michelle Obama Book Boo Tour Selling Out Arenas

Haters Gonna Hate: Thousands of Birthers Buy Tickets to Jeer at Former First Lady (Dave Airozo)

A fresh beginning for early nearly music

Paleo Grunting & Rock-Banging Ensemble begins new concert series (Dave Prevar, Annapolis)

Holding-Folding pattern

Nats, Redskins, Wizards fans tire of annual end-of-season fade (Howard Walderman, Columbia)

After Massachusetts gas explosions, weary swears residents ask, what happened?

Question was actually more like “WTF?” (John McCooley, Rehoboth Beach, Del.)

Bulgarian Vulgarian President Signs Decree

Uses Extra-Large Crayons to Scrawl

Curse Words on Document (Frank Osen)

United ends the day with a deflating tie tire

Soccer team just wants to get home to a hot bath and Netflix, must wait for AAA (Elden Carnahan, Laurel)

Think you know D-C: D.T.?

Bill advanced for Smithsonian Museum of Trump (Elden Carnahan)

The merits of building bridges brides

More men opt for DIY robots as mates; “She’ll never sag or nag” (Tom Witte)

What’s old is new ew

Stormy Daniels recounts her famous ‘dinner’ date (Tom Witte)

LSU beats Auburn on last-second FG FU

Vulgarity during audible paralyzes shocked defense (Chris Damm, Charles Town, W.Va.)

Patriots acquire Gordon Gorgon in trade with Cleveland

Belichick hopes for better protection for Brady (Chris Doyle)

SpaceX changes plans for first moon moan flight

All-sex-all-the-time mission increasingly viewed as impractical (Duncan Stevens)

Apple Watch’s potential side snide effects

Status symbol brings out worst in braggly owners (Jeff Contompassis; Howard Walderman)

Bama Mama makes it look easy

Yours is setting new scoring records every week (Jesse Frankovich)

More honorable mentions in the online Invite at wapo.st/invite1301.

Still running — deadline Monday evening, Oct. 15: “13” a movie by changing the plot to where something humorously terrible happens. See wapo.st/invite1300.

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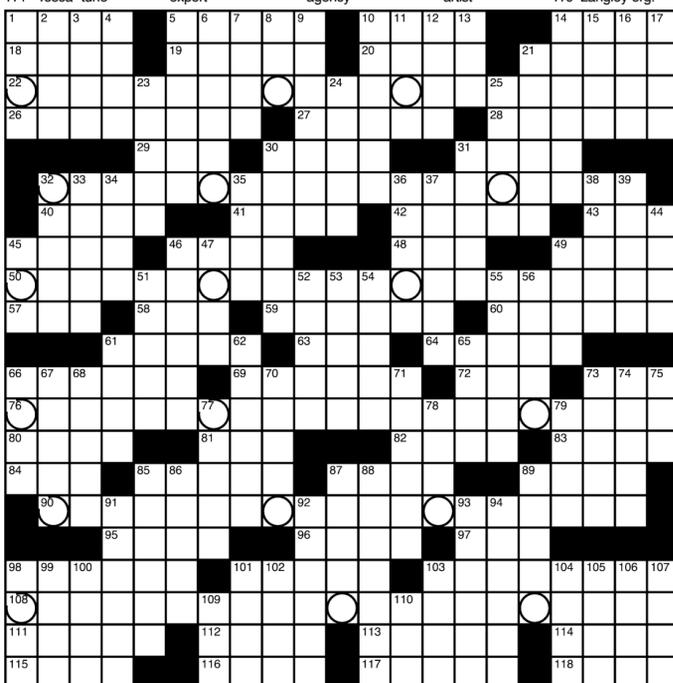
“FOR STARTERS” By PAUL COULTER

ACROSS

- 1 Eponymous
- Chanel perfume
- 5 Eagerly enjoy, as praise
- 10 Latitude
- 14 Not barefoot
- 18 Banned fruit spray
- 19 Gladiator’s realm
- 20 Pull-up beneficiaries
- 21 Mold
- 22 Three types of (see circled letters)
- 26 Naturally lit room
- 27 “500” initials
- 28 Stick in one’s craw
- 29 Q and A part: Abbr.
- 30 Allocate, with “out”
- 31 Word often paired with “great”
- 32 Three types of (see circled letters)
- 40 Mirrors
- 41 Gadget’s rank: Abbr.
- 42 Ann and May
- 43 Much of “Deck the Halls”
- 45 Eclipse, maybe
- 46 Wharton postgrad awards
- 48 “Bravo!”
- 49 Speech problem
- 50 Three types of (see circled letters)
- 57 Resting place
- 58 Reception vessel
- 59 Most healthy
- 60 More than proper
- 61 Electrolysis particle
- 63 [not my error]
- 64 Solemn
- 66 “... in the Boy’s Room”: 1973-’74 hit
- 69 Prepares to transplant
- 72 Control
- 73 Small batteries
- 76 Three types of (see circled letters)
- 80 “Chestruts roasting ___ open fire”

DOWN

- 1 Pic takers
- 2 Parkway product
- 3 Director Reiner
- 4 Marine predator
- 5 About one-third of MLB players
- 6 Fire up
- 7 Waves overhead?
- 8 Acapulco article
- 9 Astronomical measures
- 10 Mars, for one
- 11 Sgt. Friday’s force
- 12 Resting on
- 13 Designing initials
- 14 Black eye
- 15 Online break-in
- 16 Australian export
- 17 Remove from a manuscript
- 21 Prestige
- 23 Many Qatar natives
- 24 Eagerly enjoy
- 25 About to explode
- 30 Stand-up sort
- 31 Star of the animated short “Two Scent’s Worth”
- 32 Farr of “M*A*S*H”
- 33 Flip over
- 34 Computer list
- 35 Chinese city known for its Terracotta Army
- 36 PC screen images
- 37 High-end hotel employees
- 38 Radar screen images
- 39 Havens
- 44 Agile
- 45 Fed. fiscal agency
- 46 Fine wool
- 47 Bath in Baja
- 49 Made, as a bet
- 51 Roman garment
- 52 Door fasteners
- 53 Eclectic mixes
- 54 Prefix with linear deposits
- 55 Salmon egg
- 56 In ___ published
- 61 Analogous
- 62 Nile valley native
- 65 Perfectly
- 66 Many a bagpiper
- 67 Bouncing off the walls
- 68 Norwegian king, 995-1000
- 70 Spiral-horned African antelope
- 71 Attack verbally
- 73 Bubbling hot
- 74 Monastery head
- 75 Part of CBS: Abbr.
- 77 Author James and baseball’s Tommie
- 78 Cake-decorating artist
- 79 Censorship-fighting org.
- 85 Gulf War journalist Peter
- 86 “Nothing ___”
- 87 Radio knob
- 88 Figures of speech?
- 89 Diamond weight
- 91 Root vegetable
- 92 Gentle touch
- 93 Brings out
- 94 Major Japanese port
- 98 Not quite a majority
- 99 Bad to the bone
- 100 Spanish lady
- 101 Cheese on crackers
- 102 Barely beat
- 103 Cotton capsule
- 104 Highlands
- 105 Pair in a dinghy
- 106 Bypass
- 107 Resorts with body wraps
- 109 Carpentry tool
- 110 Langley org.



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Answers to last week’s puzzle below.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY | Oct. 14: This year, you have unusual options appear on your radar. How willing you are to take risks will determine whether you take a leap of faith. Information you gather will be critical to your decision-making process. If you are single, you could meet someone exotic yet seemingly unavailable. You’ll have to decide whether your first impression was correct. If you are attached, the two of you decide to accept an unexpected opportunity that drops into your life. Boredom will not be an issue this year. Capricorn always suggests that you avoid making changes.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Don’t throw caution to the wind, or else you could be quite upset by the end of the day. Though you have been adventurous as of late, you need to remain focused right now. A new person in your life could be a handful.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

One-on-one relating could be enhanced by your ability to open up at the right time. Some people see your quietness as stubbornness manifested. Others see this behavior as you being a good listener.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

One-on-one conversations are favored. In any case, you come to respect others more as a result. Don’t hesitate to reveal more of what you’re thinking. The other party could be unusually serious, but this attitude may have nothing to do with you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

What might concern you is the tone of a loved one’s voice. Don’t read anything into this, as it likely has very little to do with you. Be open, nurturing and supportive, yet allow the other party to call the shots.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Pace yourself, as you can do only so much in one day. A long-overdue conversation could be difficult but necessary. Honor your needs. If you’re tired, take a nap. If you’re bloated, go for a walk. Do what you need to do to feel better.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Your creativity surges. Don’t allow a loved one’s closed-down attitude to get the best of you. Your friendly ways open up new doors, despite this person’s negativity. An associate might feel threatened by your decision to broaden your horizons.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

You come from a more solid background and perspective than someone with whom you are dealing. Nevertheless, you will have to work as a team if you are going to succeed.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Make calls early in the day, as some news you hear could encourage you to change your plans. You might have a hard time explaining your decision to a sibling or close friend. This person simply doesn’t want to hear it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Pace yourself, and share more of what you want to happen from a financial agreement. Pull away from a personal issue if you’re taking a risk. Is the outcome worth it? Only you can determine that. Open up to a different type of thinking and behaving.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

A child or loved one is full of surprises. You might have thought that you’d seen it all until this particular scene unravels. Try not to be unusually stern or serious. Lighten up the moment and recognize how quickly this issue will pass.

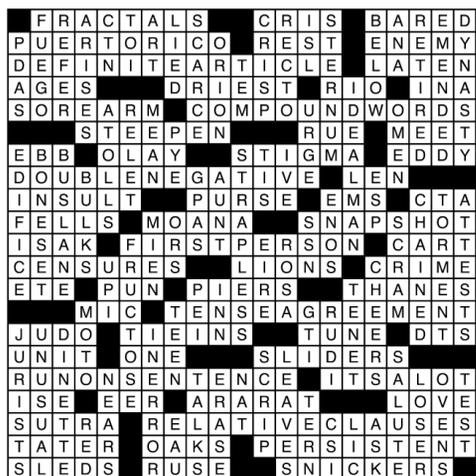
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Use the morning for a key discussion or any other matter that needs dealing with. You could feel somewhat taken aback by what happens in the afternoon. Say little and listen a lot.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

You might need to deal with an older friend or relative in the morning. As the day goes on, you will make plans to join friends at a game or some other place you often meet. Your levity and sense of humor will put you in a positive mind-set.

Answers to last week’s puzzle.



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