

# DIVERSIONS

## THE STYLE INVITATIONAL

# Torquing heads: Headline winners

BY PAT MYERS

**Week 1375** was our perennial Mess With Our Heads contest, in which readers added a bank head, or subtitle, to a real headline from The Post or elsewhere. Many used “remote learning” as How to Teach Gramps to Use the Clicker.

**4th place:**

**Major Universities Stop Lab Research**  
‘Who’s a good dog?’ to remain a mystery (Jeff Shirley, Richmond)

**3rd place:**

**My Co-worker Burps Loudly and Engages in Self-Talk**  
Title set for tell-all book by Pence (John Hutchins, Silver Spring)

**2nd place and the defibrillator T-shirt:**

**Amid outbreak, Meals on Wheels is changing the way food is delivered**  
Frustrated, dizzy customers long to return to Meals on Tables (Alex Steelsmith, Kailua, Hawaii)

**And the winner of the Lose Cannon:**

**Queen’s message of solidarity to the nation**  
‘Fat-bottomed girls make the rockin’ world go round’ inspires Britons in time of need (Michelle Christophorou, Guildford, Surrey, England)

**Banks for nothing: Honorable mentions**

**NFL changes draft to TV-only event**  
55-inch Samsung expected to be first pick (John McCooy, Rehoboth Beach, Del.)

(Ad for kitchen cabinet remodeling)  
**Don’t Replace – Reface!**  
Plastic surgery helping more couples avoid expensive divorces (Marli Melton, Carmel Valley, Calif.)

**What’s still open in D.C.**  
Hole in presidential face continues to spout misinformation (Lawrence McGuire, Waldorf)

**Fauci throws cold water on Trump’s declaration that chloroquine is a ‘game changer’**  
‘I couldn’t push him down, so I just splashed his paper with my drink’ (Dave Zarrow, Reston)

**1 in 8 Trump voters lives in a county with no ICU beds**  
ICE beds deemed more essential (Jonathan Jensen, Baltimore)

**U-Haul offers 30-day storage free for college students**  
Parents must retrieve offspring from lockers by May 1 (Jesse Aronson, Arlington)

**‘We’ll improvise and make it work’**  
Copies of next week’s Post to have perforations, cardboard tube (Howard Ausden, Damascus, a First Offender)

**Living in the present**  
Woman given isolation cottage by husband (Dan Helming, Trenton, N.J.)

**Broadway to dim lights for a month**  
‘Maybe virus won’t see us’ strategy questioned (Duncan Stevens, Vienna, Va.)

**Coronavirus slowdown seen from space**  
Extreme social distancing proves effective (Alex Steelsmith)

**Crocs to close all North American stores through end of month**  
CDC sics carnivorous reptiles on nonessential businesses (Frank Osen, Pasadena, Calif.)

**D.C. Council to consider emergency measures this week**  
Will vote Thursday on whether to put out raging fire in downtown building (Jesse Rifkin, Arlington)

**From castle to cubicle**  
On-his-own Prince Harry starts as admin assistant at real estate office (Jeff Contompasis, Ashburn; Roy Ashley, Washington)

**How many rolls do you really need?**  
White House physician boldly questions Trump about his diet (Steve Smith, Potomac)

**It still doesn’t seem real!**  
Even Trump’s fiercest supporters have doubts about his hair (Bill Dornier, Indianapolis)

**House, Senate leaders start to make changes to congressional routines**  
Lobbyists must now leave bags of cash in designated touch-free drop zones (Allen Haywood, Washington)



BOB STAAKE FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

## New contest for Week 1378: You wish: A pun — a star

**Short form:** How are Donald Trump’s coronavirus news conferences like Elvis Presley’s hound dog? They’re ‘quine, all the time. (Duncan Stevens)

**Long form:** Intrigued by rumors that a group of Tennessee Jews has been marketing a brand of chewing tobacco, kosher food giant Manischewitz sends someone to investigate. He approaches a group of men loitering outside a Baptist church, spitting into cans, and he asks: “Pardon me, goys, is that the Chattanooga Jews’ chew?” (Charles Frick, Style Invitational Week 347, 2000)

This week’s contest was suggested by Loser All the Time Duncan Stevens: **Tell a joke, in your choice of form, whose punchline is a pun on a song title or lyric, as in Duncan’s obviously brand-new example as well as one from a long-ago contest for groaner puns on any expression or passage.**

Submit up to a total of 25 entries at [wapo.st/invite-1379](http://wapo.st/invite-1379) (no capitals in the Web address). Deadline is Monday, April 20; results will appear May 10 in print, May 7 online.

**Winner gets the Lose Cannon**, our Style Invitational trophy. Second place receives **The Screaming Goat**, which is a tiny plastic goat, maybe two inches high, that is perched on a plastic tree stump. When you push down on the goat, it emits a goatlike scream. You’re guaranteed to have several seconds of fun listening to “the high-pitched bleats that caused the screaming goat sensation to go viral,” according to the box. On the other hand, by now, several seconds might be more fun than you’ve had lately. Donated by Longtime Loser Drew Bennett.

**Other runners-up** win their choice of our “For Best Results, Pour Into Top End” Loser Mug or our “Whole Fools” Grossery Bag. Honorable mentions get one of our lusted-after Loser magnets, “Too-Weak Notice” or “Certificate of (de) Merit.” First Offenders receive only a smelly tree-shaped air “freshener” (FirStink for their first ink). See general contest rules and guidelines at [wapo.st/InvRules](http://wapo.st/InvRules). The headline “Torquing Heads” is by Kevin Dornier; Jon Gearhart wrote the honorable-mentions subhead. Join the Devotees group on Facebook at [on.fb.me/invdev](https://www.facebook.com/on.fb.me/invdev). “Like” the Style Invitational Ink of the Day on Facebook at [bit.ly/inkofday](https://www.facebook.com/bit.ly/inkofday); follow @StyleInvite on Twitter.

**The Style Conversational:** The Empress’s weekly online column reviews each new contest and set of results. Check it out at [wapo.st/conv1379](http://wapo.st/conv1379).



**Billy pulpit:** This week’s prize Screaming Goat atop an upside-down Loser Mug.

**Effort is underway to thin jail population**  
Inmates complain of forced Jazzercise (Sam Mertens, Silver Spring)

**Kitchen trends for 2020**  
Faucet that plays “Happy Birthday” twice tops the list (Bill Dornier)

**Influential French chef elevated British cuisine**  
Proclaimed ‘Zees stuff is terrible,’ threw it at ceiling (Duncan Stevens)

**Many who died had health problems**  
Captain Obvious releases annual report (Frank Mann, Washington)

**Maryland casinos will cut visitors**  
CDC insists ‘no proven cure for coronavirus through bloodletting’ (Sue Lin Chong, Baltimore)

**Openings that just went poof**  
Another good reason to practice social distancing at Taco Bell (Jon Ketzner, Cumberland, Md.)

**Sharks, Blue Jackets set to play without any fans**  
Dan Snyder offers tips (Sam Mertens)

**The new Virginia looks a lot like the old Virginia**  
Disappointed woman sues plastic surgeon (Lee Graham, Rockville; Rob Cohen, Potomac)

**This is the biggest blunder in presidential history**  
At least until tomorrow (Drew Bennett, West Plains, Mo.)

**VIPs get quick test access, highlighting system inequities**  
Hollywood, Wall Street big shots pay others to take virus test for them (Allen Haywood)

**We Make Flooring Easy — We Come to You**  
Our customers don’t have to bring their old floors to us (Marli Melton)

**WHO declares virus a global pandemic**  
President demands identity of this whistleblower (Howard Walderman, Columbia)

**Model prompts policy U-turn**  
Melania persuades CDC to change guidance to ‘Be Best’ (Gary Crockett, Chevy Chase)

**How to cook if cooped up with the kids**  
Hansel & Gretel witch starts ‘Coven Oven’ blog (Steve Honley, Washington)

**The benefits of an immersion blender**  
Sorry, this is the most upbeat news we can provide during a global pandemic (Bill Dornier)

**Man gets jail for video of himself licking ice cream tub**  
Toy Rikers Island ‘weirdest prize yet,’ says Style Invitational stunt contest runner-up (Alex Steelsmith)

**My co-worker burps loudly and engages in self-talk**  
Royal Consort chafes at sharing home office space with Empress (Drew Bennett)

**Still running — deadline also April 20: our contest for songs (including videos) about Life in the Time of Corona. See wapo.st/invite1378.**

## L.A. TIMES SUNDAY PUZZLE

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Answers to last week’s puzzle below.

## HOROSCOPE

BY MADALYN ASLAN

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY|April 12:** Independent and outspoken, you learn best from experience, and this year gives you plenty of that. Expect massive changes in your lifestyle, which smooth the way for a terrific summer. Financial rewards come through a job well done. If single, fate is working overtime to create your soul mate connection. If attached, you take more initiative and your sweetie responds with delight. Romantic bliss follows. Pisces loves to be cuddled.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19)  
You are restless today and yearning for something new, whether it is long-distance travel to a foreign land or taking a seminar on a subject that attracts your interest. Your beliefs are strong and sincere but changeable.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)  
Even at home today, be aware that your workload could increase and you might feel stressed and overworked. Take time out for an elderly family member. With a stranger you detect deception and recognize insincerity with ease.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)  
Romance is in the air, and relationship issues figure prominently. You look for balance as you fine-tune a love partnership. Harmony and peace are highlighted. It is also a day for feeding your creative juices. Indulge in art and music.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)  
Completing a home project is not as much fun as starting something new, but today demands it. A partner also demands it. So now is the time to wrap up what you have been working on and make room for something else.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)  
Tomorrow it is back to the grind so take today to celebrate. Let loose, have fun and recharge your batteries. It is your day to play it your way. And to play with children. Let things be unpredictable, open and innocent.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)  
You look at your priorities today. Issues about your ideals and what you value arise. Expect emotional reactions related to money and finances. Do something simple with a small group of friends and feel a breath of fresh air.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)  
Today is great for launching new ideas and brainstorming. Emotions could be volatile. You might be impatient. Follow your curiosity and look for adventure. Get ready for the changes coming in the next week.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)  
You get a financial boost today. You are restless and looking for a change. Freedom of thought and action is key. Stay focused as best as you can and plan a list of goals for the upcoming week.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)  
Your charm and wit are appreciated today. Relax, enjoy yourself, and replenish your body. Remain flexible in your schedule. Foster generosity and listen carefully to a child who has something burning to say.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan 19)  
You seek peace and harmony today. Lie low and take plenty of naps and time to daydream. Do not feel there is anything you absolutely must do. You can let yourself off the hook.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)  
Friends play an important role in your day, especially Libra and Gemini. You do well with others, especially in a group. Focus on your wishes and dreams. And make sure that they are still an expression of who you are.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)  
You are changeable today so be careful not to overcommit yourself. You pursue a new idea and get very excited about it. Share it online. This revs you up for the new week and you feel you can accomplish anything.

## Answers to last week’s puzzle.

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