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Style Invitational Week 1093: You're only as rich as you fee—send us bad business ideas

Plus the neologisms the Losers discovered in a word-search grid





(Bob Staake for The Washington Post)

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\$1 “deplaning fee,” payable just after landing, to defray the cost of bringing the jetway to the airplane and opening the door.

Anti-spam software that sends you a text to let you know each time it blocks an unwanted e-mail, so you’ll appreciate how effective it is.



And that's why "the cat's pajamas" means a really good thing: Crocheted Un-pajama-clad cat-butt coasters, this week's second prize. (Pat Myers)

more bucks? As in Mark's examples above. Outrageous real-world examples are also welcome; just make that clear.

Winner gets the [Inkin' Memorial](#), the Lincoln statue bobblehead that is the official Style Invitational trophy. Second place receives a delightful set of [four crocheted coasters in the shape of a cat's behind](#), each complete with a little curved tail and a little star-shaped pink dot in the center. Created by Shanna Compton of the Etsy shop Hooks and Balls, and donated to the Invite by Diane Wah.

Other runners-up win their choice of a yearned-for [Loser Mug](#) or the ardently desired "Whole Fools" [Grossery Bag](#). Honorable mentions get a lusted-after Loser magnet, either the [Po' Wit Laureate](#) or [Puns of Steel](#). 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, Oct. 20; results published Nov. 9 (online Nov. 6). No more than 25 entries per entrant per contest. Include "Week 1093" 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. This week's honorable-mentions subhead was submitted by both Beverley Sharp and Tom Witte. Join the lively Style Invitational Devotees group on Facebook at on.fb.me/invdev, and click "like" on Style Invitational Ink of the Day at bit.ly/inkofday.

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THE WORDS THEY 'FOUND' NEOLOGISMS FROM THE WEEK 1089 WORD-SEARCH GRID

In Week 1089, the Empress posted the word-search grid pictured below ([or here](#)) and asked you to “discover” new words by snaking a path through the grid. (The squiggles pictured showed that week's examples, “crudelet” and “chatox”.) Not surprisingly, you found plenty of neologisms — there were well over 1,000 entries — especially the ones that included the letter series S-E-X. The coordinates below refer to the position of the first letter.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R
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3	F	E	I	E	R	U	T	L	U	C	I	R	O	L	F	E	S	Z
4	M	T	I	S	R	E	T	S	I	G	E	R	N	E	O	C	L	X
5	M	A	T	J	E	C	Z	C	R	Y	C	D	L	I	H	B	U	N
6	B	S	S	W	D	M	N	Y	G	A	J	C	H	G	K	B	T	U
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10	H	N	T	O	B	F	T	R	S	X	J	G	N	F	D	H	Z	S
11	O	O	S	N	I	R	I	U	E	T	S	E	N	O	M	A	X	S
12	L	C	Y	N	L	C	M	E	F	K	D	Y	B	T	D	U	E	A
13	E	I	E	J	I	V	E	L	G	A	E	D	A	E	R	P	S	L
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15	J	O	M	I	Y	F	M	U	I	P	O	R	T	C	E	X	S	C

(Grid constructed with the instant online word search maker at puzzle-maker.com)

The winner of the Inkin' Memorial

F-12: CRIMEA VISIT: Term for guests who overstay their welcome, and then announce they own your house. (Mark Raffman, Reston, Va.)

2nd place and the book 'The World's Worst Jokes'

D-11: NOTIGAN: The sweater your aunt knits for you, every birthday, every year. (Frank Osen, Pasadena, Calif.)

3rd place

F-12: CLINTONHOLE: A term conservatives use in

front of their children while talking about someone they don't like. (Rob Wolf, Gaithersburg, Md.)

4th place

J-8: DANGRY: Only mad enough to use pseudo-curse-words. (Pam Sweeney, Burlington, Mass.)

GRIDLACKS: HONORABLE MENTIONS

A-6: BUNSEC: The maximum time a guy can ogle before getting caught. (Keith Waites, Frederick, Md.)

A-11: OH-NOTION: An astonishingly bad idea. "Abercrombie's kiddie thong [a real thing!] was an obvious oh-notion to everyone but the marketing team." (Kevin Dopart, Washington)

B-6: SUNNY SAM: A cheerful serial killer. (Dawn Kral, La Plata, Md.)

B-8: EYEJACK: To steal a glimpse. (Jeff Contompasis, Ashburn, Va.)

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B-9: DINGHO: Australian term for an ugly hooker. (Jon Gearhart, Des Moines)

C-4: I AM BUNGHOLE: Amazingly honest working title of Donald Trump's autobiography. (William C. Kennard, Arlington, Va.)

C-4: iSECRETS: Internet secrets; i.e., not secrets. (Frank Osen)

C-6: SECULAY: The opposite of ChristianMingle. (Matt Monitto, Bristol, Conn.)

C-11: SNIRI: Smartphone assistant who replies in a mocking tone. “You *don't* know the capital of Australia!?” (Edmund Conti, Raleigh)

D-8: JESTATE: To have a pun in the oven. (Jeff Contompasis)

E-6: DUMACIN: Pending FDA approval, the first drug to treat chronic stupidity. (Frank Mann, Washington)

E-10: BANKULA: A financial institution whose existence depends upon its ability to suck your blood, er, money. (Kim Adam, Glen Allen, Va., a First Offender)

F2: RUDE-CAFE: Where Gordon Ramsay got his start. (Pie Snelson, Silver Spring, Md.)

F-10: FINNY: Ichthysterical. “Dory was so finny that the other fish almost dried themselves laughing.” (Kevin Dopart)

F11: RIMUET: The little dance a basketball does around the hoop before it goes in . . . or not. (Beverley Sharp, Montgomery, Ala.)

F-14: MAXIWAD: The half-pound of emergency toilet paper every teenage girl has at one time used to make it through the school day. (Danielle Nowlin, Fairfax Station, Va.)

G-10: TRUEL: Way more honest than you need to be. (Lawrence McGuire, Waldorf, Md.)

I-10: SEXTS ED: One class where teaching the abstinence-only method actually makes sense. (Danielle Nowlin)

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I-12: FUTIME: The last day at that job you hate. (John Folsie, Bryans Road, Md.)

J-3: CULTURD: An overbearing, snotty critic. (Jeff Loren, Manassas, Va.)

K-12: DEDATED: Broke up with. (Jeff Loren)

M-12: BAD SPORT: The kind I & *%\$ lose at. (Danielle Nowlin)

N-3: LORDE CULT: Fanatical anti-royalists. (Chris Doyle, Ponder, Tex.)

N-13: EUROPIUM: An element that seems stable when bonded with bureaucratium, but eventually comes unglued. (Jeff Hazle, Woodbridge, Va.)

O-3: FLEECOLI: Intestinal bug that causes one to make a quick exit. (Pam Sweeney)

O-13: REBAY: Getting rid of junk you bought online. “I can’t believe Mom didn’t like this taxidermy squirrel. I guess I’ll have to rebay it.” (Jacob Aldridge, Brisbane, Australia)

P-4: COEN RINSE: A splatter of blood from, say, a wood chipper. (Ward Kay, Vienna, Va.)

P-5: BLEEPLY: How every character talks in “The Wolf of Wall Street.” (Jeff Loren)

P-13: PRE-BEST: New, encouraging report card category, to replace “needs improvement” or, heaven forbid, “failing.” (Sally Stokes, Silver Spring, Md.)

Q-3: SELF-BORE: What you wish boring people would do. (William Kennard)

Q-3: SLUBBY THE HUN: Attila’s useless brother. (Ward Kay)

R-7: PUNX: Tricks someone into planning for six more weeks of winter. (Matt Monitto)

And Last: **C-10: TOILIT:** Bathroom reading. “I always leave the week’s Invitational in the bathroom as toilit for our guests.” (Curtis Morrison, Chesapeake, Va., a First Offender)

And Even Laster: R-7: PUNTUB: The Empress's rejection vat. (Jeff Loren)

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Still running — deadline Monday night: Our contest for comical fundraising challenges a la the Ice Bucket. See bit.ly/invite1092.

Next week's results: Talk Undirty to Us, or Fauxcabulary, our contest to write a poem using one of the rude-sounding but actually wholesome words we supplied. See bit.ly/invite1090. (Alternative title by Beverley Sharp)

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