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## Style Invitational Week 1119: We want hue so bad! Invent a new color name

And the winning 'typos' in headlines, with the resulting interpretations

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Actually, we'd prefer you type your entries for Week 1119, a contest to name and describe a new color. (Bob Staake for The Washington Post)

By Pat Myers April 9 at 11:35 AM [Follow @PatMyersTWP](#)

(Click [here to skip down](#) to the results of Week 1115, our headline “typo” contest)

**You’ll Never Take Me Alive Copper: The color of a dirty rat.** (Tom Criss; Dave Ferry)

**Oxymaroon: A perky brown.** (Gina Morgan; Mike Thring)

**Govern Mint: Please refer to specification Mil-Q- 17983245, Rev. G, w/Appendix J, which details the hue, tone, shade, tolerance, refraction, reflection, intensity and brilliance of this color.** (Paul Styrene, aka Ted Weitzman)



This week’s second prize, the Happy Pill: Go ahead and operate heavy machinery. It’s all good. (Not to be taken internally.) (Pat Myers/The Washington Post)

The colors above were among the winning entries in a contest from Year 1 of The Style Invitational, back in 1993. It was a contest to “name a new crayon color for the 1990s,” pegged to Crayola’s own innovations of “Tickle Me Pink” and “Macaroni and Cheese.” Given that many of [Week 39’s entries](#) were as 1990s-colored as a Dodge Caravan in Island Teal, there were references to Joey Buttafuoco, William Kennedy Smith and the Rainbow Coalition — the Empress figures we can give this contest another go: **This week: Invent a name for a color and describe it**, as in the examples above. They can be crayon colors, car colors, wall paint colors, lipstick colors, whatever.

Winner gets the [Inkin’ Memorial](#), the Lincoln statue bobblehead that is the official Style Invitational trophy. Second place receives the appropriately colorful [Happy Pill](#), a pink and white hand-size plush toy capsule you

can squeeze to its evident delight, since it commences to giggle raucously for 13 interminable seconds. Donated by the inexplicably beaming Dave Prevar.

**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 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](mailto:losers@washpost.com) or, if you were born in the 19th century, fax to 202-334-4312. Deadline is Monday, April 20; results published May 10 (online May 7). You may submit up to 25 entries per contest. Include “Week 1119” 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](http://wapo.st/InvRules). The headline for this week’s results is by Chris Doyle; the honorable-mentions subhead is by Roy Ashley. Join the lively Style Invitational Devotees group on Facebook at [on.fb.me/invdev](https://on.fb.me/invdev). “Like” the Style Invitational Ink of the Day on Facebook at [bit.ly/inkofday](http://bit.ly/inkofday).

**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](http://wapo.st/styleconv).

[And the results of the Style Invitational contest announced four weeks ago . . .](#)

HEAD-LYIN’ NEWS: THE WINNING ‘TYPOS’ OF WEEK 1115

**In Week 1115** we asked readers to choose a headline appearing in The Post, and then create a “typo” by adding, deleting or substituting a letter; transposing two letters; or changing the spacing or punctuation. All of you who changed “public” to “pubic,” you get no points for originality.

4th place:

**Top Pot-seeded Terps are all smiles**

U-Md. drops ban on grow-boxes in dorms (Chris Doyle, Ponder, Tex.)

3rd place:

**Metro Retro leader search on hold**

Nation decides Clinton vs. Bush will be retro enough (Frank Osen, Pasadena, Calif.)

2nd place and the pink velveteen squid hat:

**Netanyahu: No Go Palestinian State**

Surprising upset pick in Bibi's NCAA bracket (Brian Collins, Olney, Md.)

And the winner of the Inkin' Memorial:

**Royal Couple Checks Out the Malt Malt**

Charles chugs Colt 45s while Camilla crushes cans against royal forehead (Gary Crockett, Chevy Chase, Md.)

Typo negative: honorable mentions

**I found my soul foul mate, my best friend**

BO leads wife to husband's hiding place (Richard Lempert, Arlington, Va.)

**If I can do just a few more reps, a few more miles males . . .**

Congressional groupie testifies (Chris Doyle)

**When Spock dies, Obama takes note nose**

Desk ornament 'reminds me to be logical'; both ears already taken (Neal Starkman, Seattle)

**U.S. Loses Track of Arms Sent to Yemen Yesmen**

But allies 'seemed so agreeable,' State Dept. official laments (Mark Raffman, Reston, Va.; Richard Gasparotti, Cockeysville, Md., a First Offender)

**Putin Says Ease of Action in Crimea Crime Was Surprising**

'But I'll stop robbing liquor stores anyway,' leader pledges (Elden Carnahan, Laurel, Md.)

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## **A renewed push for unions bunions**

Tiny shoes with four-inch heels back in fashion (Kevin Dopart, Washington)

## **Cruz set to make mate campaign official**

Candidate says he wants to 'know' his staff (Elden Carnahan)

## **Wine and dine din**

The baby-friendly bars of D.C. (Todd DeLap, Fairfax, Va.)

## **Document details retails ex-Va. first lady's would-be testimony**

The McDonnells: What won't they sell? (Ben Aronin, Washington)

## **What else could we try to ease highway thighway congestion?**

How 'bout keepin' Your Mama locked up? (Jon Gearhart, Des Moines)

## **Teasing out the drama of ordinary lives olives**

Martini veterans' tales will leave you shaken, stirred (Howard Walderman, Columbia, Md.)

## **Are your tenants ten ants moving out?**

Entomologist gives comforting tips for empty-nesters (Chris Doyle)

## **Open Oxen government's promise falls short**

BS production can't match human legislators' (Gary Crockett)

## **The unkindest cut of off all**

Vengeful mohels go overboard (Ivars Kuskevics, Takoma Park)

## **Police arrest 5 in suspected bomb OMB plot**

Rogue budget analysts accused of moving decimal point in FY '17 baseline (Howard Walderman)

## **How an Easy Bill Got Stalled-Stalked**

Clinton's still blaming it on Monica

(Barry Koch, Catlett, Va.)

## **Charles and Camilla spend a packed day in ~~D.C.~~ W.C.**

Irregularity causes change in sightseeing plans (Frank Osen)

## **Netanyahu's win points to 2 more years of ~~strained~~ stained U.S.-Israel ties**

Difficult to get the spit, vomit out (Mark Raffman)

## **Chicago River ~~Liver~~ Goes Green for St. Patrick's Day**

Unlikely to catch on as corned beef alternative, chefs say (George-Ann Rosenberg, Washington)

## **Wizards stave off ~~Blazers'~~ blazers' comeback**

Hogwarts faculty may continue to wear robes, Dumbledore says (Catherine Hagman, Silver Spring, Md.)

## **Fairfax may revise its ~~grading~~ goading standards**

Double dog dare could be upgraded to triple (Gary Crockett)

## **Offshore drilling is too ~~risky~~ frisky for Virginia**

But Marylanders eager for shipboard liaisons (Ann Martin, Falls Church, Va.)

## **Obama visits troubled ~~VA~~ VP facility**

President calls on Biden at home, reassures him that people are laughing *with* him (Ira Allen, Bethesda, Md.)

## **Secret Service picks ~~insider~~ inside for No. 2 spot**

Agents thrilled to finally get indoor plumbing (William Lieberman, Ellicott City, Md.)

## **His rise stalled, can Jindal regain ~~flight~~ fright path?**

Route to GOP nod linked to effective fearmongering (Jeff Contompasis, Ashburn, Va.)

## **An incomplete Student Aid Acid Bill of Rights**

'I was gonna finish it but, dude, the colors! And it was kinda squirming.'

(Gary Crockett)

## **If you're not my baby, I don't want to hear your opinions on breastfeeding beastfeeding**

Woman insists she enjoys making dinner for man everyone else calls '@##\$-head' (Roger Dalrymple, Gettysburg, Pa.)

## **Off-duty cop hurt in one-way crash crush**

Patrolman still moons over dispatcher who won't give him time of day (Elden Carnahan)

## **Secret Service agents disrupted bomb boob probe**

Crashed car into mammogram exam room (Patrick Olsen, Norfolk, Va., a First Offender)

## **D.C.'s best dishes disses of 2015**

'Get out of here, you lowlife scum!' gushes tearful winner (Frank Osen)

## **'I'm the best nose tackle tackler in the league'**

Knighton vows to master ear tackling next (Robert Gallagher, Charleston, S.C.)

## **So long, SAT FAT: Admissions are about to change**

Your diet regimen after gastric bypass surgery (Michael Greene, Richmond)

**Still running — deadline Monday night, April 13: Our annual horse name "breeding" contest. See [bit.ly/invite1118](http://bit.ly/invite1118).**

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