

## Entertainment

## Style Invitational Week 1215: A so-so contest (How so-so is it?)

It's so so-so that .☒. / Plus disparaging tweets about historical heroes



"Donald Trump is so annoying that ..." – a joke that got ink in The Style Invitational ... in 1993. (Bob Staake /for The Washington Post)

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**All from Style Invitational Week 21, August 1993:**

**The White House staff is so inexperienced that it has never “been” with another staff. (Meg Sullivan)**

**D.C. streets are so badly maintained they have more potholes than Jerry Garcia’s sofa. (Robin Grove)**



You have a golden opportunity to win this lovely mug, this week's second prize. (Pat Myers/The Washington Post)

### **Donald Trump is so annoying that Amnesty International wants him beaten and locked up. (Tom Gearty)**

When the results of this week's contest run, The Style Invitational will have turned 24 years old. And since Week 1 — in virtually every kind of contest we've come up with — entrants to the Invite have always figured out a way to slip in zingy jokes about politics, celebrities and whatever else was grabbing headlines that week. This week the Empress reprises a contest we hadn't done since Year 1. [The results](#) then were almost all about current events — but as you see above, some of them have proved remarkably long-lived, even if they were referring to the start of the Clinton administration and some loudmouth casino mogul. **This week: Write a humorous exaggeration in the form “x is so y that . . .”** as in the examples above.

**WEEK 1214 UPDATE:** The Empress was alerted a few days ago by alert non-Loser Rich Strimel that the transcript of the inaugural address we're using for the [Week 1214](#) contest contained a typo: It said “they will their heart”; it should be “they fill their heart.” It's now correct at [bit.ly/trump-address](http://bit.ly/trump-address). Deadline is still Tuesday night, Feb. 21.

**Submit entries at this website:** [bit.ly/enter-invite-1215](http://bit.ly/enter-invite-1215) (all lowercase).

**Winner gets the [Inkin' Memorial](#)**, the Lincoln statue bobblehead that is the official Style Invitational trophy. Second place gets a little white toilet-shaped mug promoting “King of Thrones,” a 2013 cable series on bathroom renovations that was so quickly forgotten, it lacks a Wikipedia entry. Donated by WaPo TV critic Hank Stuever, who knows what to do with promotional toilet mugs that come his way. AND the E will toss in “Rattlesnake Poop” (chocolate-covered sunflower seeds), donated by Cheryl Davis, AND “Moose Droppings” (little chocolate nuggets), donated by Duncan Stevens.

**Other runners-up** win the yearned-for [“This Is Your Brain on Mugs” Loser mug](#) or our Grossery Bag, [“I Got a B in Punmanship.”](#) Honorable mentions get one of our new lusted-after Loser magnets, [“No Childishness Left Behind”](#) or [“Magnum Dopus.”](#) First Offenders receive only a smelly tree-shaped air “freshener” ([FirStink](#) for their first ink). Deadline is Monday night, Feb. 27; results published March 19 (online March 16). See general contest rules and guidelines at [wapo.st/InvRules](http://wapo.st/InvRules). The headline for this week's results is by Tom Witte; the honorable-mentions subhead is by Jeff Contompasis. This week's contest is based on a suggestion by Ken

Gallant. Join the lively Style Invitational Devotees group on Facebook at [on.fb.me/invdev](https://on.fb.me/invdev). “Like” Style Invitational Ink of the Day on Facebook at [bit.ly/inkofday](https://bit.ly/inkofday); follow [@StyleInvite](https://twitter.com/StyleInvite) on Twitter.

● **The Style Conversational** The Empress’s weekly online column, published late Thursday afternoon, discusses each new contest and set of results. Especially if you plan to enter, check it out at [wapo.st/styleconv](https://wapo.st/styleconv).

[And from The Style Invitational four weeks ago . . .](#)

## YOUR TWEETING HAR: REPORT FROM WEEK 1211

In [Week 1211](#), inspired by, oh, I don’t know, we asked for disparaging tweets of celebrated historical or literary figures. Some of the inking entries below were “written” by particular people; if there isn’t an attribution, think of them as coming from any old time-warped (and otherwise warped) shallow narcissist with a ridiculous sense of perspective.

### 4th place

@**OskarSchindler** so inept! Factories lost money. Freeloader “workers” didn’t build munitions. On my weak list. (Duncan Stevens, Vienna, Va.)

### 3rd place

If @**Muhammad** is such a big deal, why isn’t his picture on any coins? Not to mention six-foot portraits. (Kevin Dopart, Washington)

### 2nd place and the Fishin’ for Floaters bathtub game:

@VladP 1/20/17: Take that, @**Jim Henson**. #TheRealPuppetMaster (Jesse Frankovich, Lansing, Mich.)

### And the winner of the Inkin’ Memorial:

Looks like @**TheMessiah**’s getting delusions of grandeur. Thinks he’s @RealDonaldTrump. (Gary Crockett, Chevy Chase, Md.)

### Social network: honorable mentions

Can’t believe @**TJefferson** spent \$15M on Louisiana Territory! Very bad deal. Should have just grabbed it and made France pay. (Gil Glass, Washington)

@**ALincoln**, so low-energy! 4 scores in 7 years? LAME! I can do better at one pageant! (Sean Doherty, Silver Spring, Md., a First Offender)

Such a nasty woman, @**Cleopatra**. A real snake! Nice asp, though. (Chris Doyle, Denton, Tex.; Frank Osen, Pasadena, Calif.)

Clueless @**Julius** turned into Caesar salad, blames @2Brutus. Still won’t call it by its name: Radical Pre-Islamic Terrorism. (Gary Crockett)

Hey, @**LudwigVB**, I hear you wrote another symphony. Too bad YOU can’t. #okbadjoke (Edmund Conti, Raleigh)

Hey @**DurgCaveman**, you fire no big as me fire. GOL! #ThargBestKnuckleDragger (Jesse Frankovich)

My @ColCusterCavalry is biggest! My secret plan is the best. I have greatest hair ever. #**SittingBulls--t** will

FAIL! (Art Grinath, Takoma Park, Md.)

Delusional **@Dorothy**. Icky farmhand fantasies. And that mangy mutt! #lockhimup — @The\_Gulch (Kevin Dopart)

Dim bulb **@TAEdison** tries 9,000th filament, still nothing. I win historic victory with #gaslighting. (Gary Crockett)

**@Edward VIII**, big league loser. Gave up throne for some p\*. Throne GETS you p\*, dumb duke! (Lynne Larkin, Vero Beach, Fla.)

Hey **@mc\_escher**, I'm in your building but can't seem to make it up these damn stairs. Something is \*@&( up. #NotUpToCode (Jeff Brechlin, Apple Valley, Minn.)

**@FrodoBaggins** wasted perfectly good jewelry by throwing it in a volcano. Give it to Goodwill and get the tax break! #dramaqueen (Duncan Stevens)

**@Gandhi** u 2 skinny bra #haveaburger (Jamie Johnson, Fayetteville, W.Va., a First Offender)

Some POTUS **@GWashington** turns out 2 be! There goes another silver \$ into the river. #taxandspend — @Grover\_Norquift (Beverly Sharp, Montgomery, Ala.)

You've gotta see this **@FDR** guy -- what a lame leader. Lets his aides push him around. Wife is a 2. Pathetic. (Marleen May, Rockville, Md.)

Saw **@HelenKeller** today. Called & waved to her but no acknowledgment. Rude! Democrat? (Larry McClemons, Annandale, Va.)

Just 5K people, **@Jesus?** You even gave out fish sandwiches. My crowd 10,000x bigger — see the photo. (Hugh Thirlway, The Hague)

Failing fiddler **@JoshuaBell** plays in train stations, makes just \$32! Embarrassing. (Alison Candela, Rockville, Md., a First Offender)

Overrated **@Gehrig** "luckiest man"? Sorry, buddy, that position's been filled. (Rob Huffman, Fredericksburg, Va.)

Only 1 life to give for his country? **@Nathan Hale** has no stamina! (Frank Mann, Washington; Elliott Shevin, Oak Park, Mich.)

**@OliverTwist** always asking for more handouts! Welfare prince exploits hard-working job creators. (Duncan Stevens)

**@Shakespeare:** All codpiece and naught but the limpest cod. — @SirFrancisBacon (Jeff Hazle, San Antonio)

**@Spidey** sense? If he had any sense, he'd clear the webs from his head and finally boink Mary Jane. (Roger Dalrymple, Gettysburg, Pa.)

**@Sun Tzu** says the supreme art of war is to subdue the enemy without fighting. Wuss. — @GenghisK (Chris Doyle)

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Rough Rider? Please, **@TRoosevelt**. @CatherineTheGr8 could ride better upside down and backwards. — @VPutin (Jeff Hazle)

Hey, **@Yoda**, why can't you use #TheForce to help you speak properly? Because stupid you sound. (Todd DeLap, Fairfax)

**@RealFDR**, 12/5/1941: Emperor **@Hirohito** is totally overrated! More like ZEROhito. (Eric LeVasseur, Seal Beach, Calif., a First Offender)

**@AlmightyGod** takes forevrrr to get to work, then quits in 6 days. All the shows say he's over. — **@Lucifer** (Kevin Dopart)

**@Hemingway** sober up and maybe then you could write a sentence of more than six words before nodding off — **@JamesJoyce**

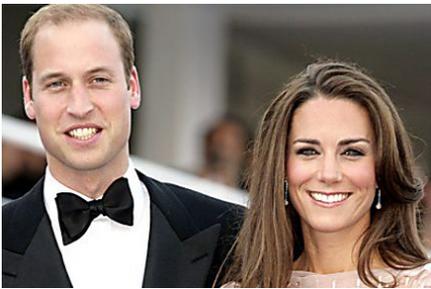
**@JamesJoyce**, it's called punctuation. Try it some time. Ulysses = best doorstep I never read. —

**@Hemingway** (John Hutchins, Silver Spring, Md.)

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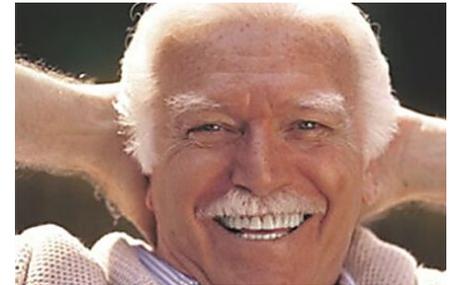
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