











# Style Invitational Week 1331: Paste imperfect more fun with the paper

Plus the winning bank headlines of Week 1327



(Bob Staake for The Washington Post)

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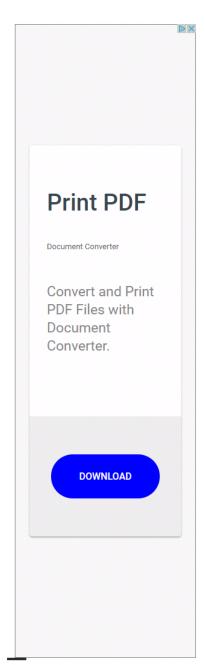
(Click here to skip down to the winning bank headlines)

"It is discouraging to see a GHOST HAUNTING THE cluttered house with clothes on the bed or toiletries all over the bathroom vanities." (From a recent Post article on selling your home)

Publish a LoveNote in The Washington Post on Tuesday, February 14, and let them know you're [thin]king of them. (Marty McCullen, Week 647)

Voters are serious about wanting to make sure that their legislators [are focused on the right priorities] SHOW UP WAVING MONEY IN THEIR FACES. (Peter Metrinko, Week 647)

As you might guess from this week's results, the Empress loves contests that send you searching through this newspaper, or even other people's newspapers. Here's one we did only one time before, back in 2006.



**Most Read Entertainment** 

Do you ever type something, start to change it, then get distracted and move text to the wrong place, or accidentally delete words? Here's your chance to do it for Unfabulous Prizes! **This week: Choose a**headline or sentence from The Post or another publication, print or online, dated May 9-20, 2019. **Then change that headline or other text by:** 

A. Deleting up to 40 consecutive characters from it (put brackets around the deleted text);

B. Adding up to 40 consecutive characters from the same article or ad (write the additions in capital letters);

or C. Both A and B, as long as the added text goes at the end of your headline or sentence.

As in the examples above. Please include the date and page number from the paper or, if you have it, the URL of the Web page.

Submit entries at wapo.st/enter-invite-1331 (all lowercase).

Winner gets the Lose Cannon, our Style Invitational trophy.

Second place receives a lovely item crafted expressly as a Style Invitational prize by Fan but Not a Loser Janine Borofka of Frederick, Md.: It's a miniature basket crocheted entirely from tightly twisted Washington Post delivery bags of assorted colors. Big enough to hold one large apple, it would also make a very nice Loser Mug cozy. It even has little handles.

Other runners-up win our "You Gotta Play to Lose" Loser Mug or our "Whole Fools" Grossery Bag. Honorable mentions might get one of our lusted-after Loser magnets, "We've Seen Better" or "IDiot Card," or possibly a new "Too-Weak Notice" or "Certificate of (de)Merit." First Offenders receive only a smelly tree-shaped air "freshener" (FirStink for their first ink). Deadline is Monday night, May 20; results published June 9 in print, June 6 online. See general contest rules and guidelines at wapo.st/InvRules. The headline "Forge a Head" was submitted by both Chris Doyle and Jesse Frankovich; Jesse also wrote the honorable-mentions subhead. Join the Style Invitational Devotees on Facebook at on.fb.me/invdev. "Like" the Ink of the Day at bit.ly/inkofday; follow @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 this week's contest, check it out at wapo.st/styleconv.

And from The Style Invitational four weeks ago . . .

#### FORGE A HEAD: BANK HEADLINES FROM WEEK 1327

In <u>Week 1327</u>, we once again asked readers to choose a headline from an article or ad in The Post or another publication that week and reinterpret it with a bank head, or subtitle.

#### 4th place:

 "Game of Inrones' recap: 'Ine Bells' rang and King's Landing changed forever



2 Constance Wu was 'literally crying' after 'Fresh Off the Boat' got renewed. Her apology made things worse.



3 Review
In satisfying 'Veep' finale,
Selina gets what she wanted
and the final indignity she

deserved

expected.



4 Is there anything Trump could do to lose the support of Republican senators? SNL has the answer.



5 Analysis
Cleganebowl finally happened.
But it didn't go down as anyone





#### Latest episode

A battle in West Virginia: A coal mine versus crayfish.

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# Headline: Bikers support bullying victims

Bank head: 'Those wimps deserve it,' they claim (William Collinge, Gettysburg, Pa.)



Washington Post bags can be used for more than picking up dog poop, as demonstrated by their use as yarn for this handcrafted basket, this week's 2nd prize. (Pat Myers/The Washington Post)

#### 3rd place:

# Second inmate who escaped jail is found

Oog of Mongolia left ancient cave-prison more than 4,000 years ago (Frank Mann, Washington)

### 2nd place

and the Atlanta 'Barves' T-shirt:

# Hoda Kotb welcomes baby number two!

'I know it's weird but I love changing poopy diapers,' TV host says (Jesse Frankovich, Grand Ledge, Mich.)

#### And the winner of the Lose Cannon:

# Easy ways to keep your home green without breaking the bank

1. Don't paint it another color (Duncan Stevens, Vienna, Va.)

#### The bank-and-file: Honorable mentions

# On Capitol Hill, some Trump officials are testifying for an audience of one

'Typical ratings for us,' says C-Span (Sam Mertens, Silver Spring, Md.)

# Full moon yoga for Fitness Friday!

Instructor blames mishap on old workout leggings (Frank Osen, Pasadena, Calif.)

# Taliban announce spring offensive

Sunshine, flowers deemed blasphemous (John McCooey, Rehoboth Beach, Del.)

# Why it's so hard to keep conspiracy theorists off YouTube

It's because YouTube is controlled by an Islamist/Soros/Hillary cabal determined to infiltrate our society (Neal Starkman, Seattle)

#### Missing man found safe and well

Discovered money from one, water from the other (Jesse Frankovich)

# N. Korea rejects Pompeo, asks for more 'mature' U.S. envoy

Officials irritated by secretary playing video games on phone at negotiating table (Dave Prevar, Annapolis, Md.)

#### Thieves target used cooking grease

Restaurant owners lipid over slick crime, want perpetrators to fry (David Kleinbard, Mamaroneck, N.Y.) Grease heists can generate '\$10,000 in a night'

24-hour guards ordered for Don Jr.'s comb (Gary Crockett, Chevy

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#### Davis ends hitless streak in a big way

First baseman finally punches heckler (Howard Walderman, Columbia, Md.)

#### For the Impossible Whopper, consider the possibilities

'Biggest crowd ever,' 'total exoneration' spring to mind (*Chris Doyle, Denton, Tex.*)

# As support grows, Buttigieg officially joins race

'Okay, you can put me down as Caucasian,' candidate affirms (Mark Raffinan, Reston, Va.)

# Henderson County job fair

'Eh, I've had better ones,' says zoning dept. worker (Frank Osen)

# Stone demands Mueller report, dismissal of indictment

Also demands ice cream with sprinkles at bedtime (Robyn Carlson, Keyser, W.Va.)

# Explore Our New Model (real estate ad)

Fashion Show Invitation Angers #MeToo Activists (Kevin Dopart, Washington)

#### Eight-foot alligator removed from Fort Myers home

Stunned wildlife officials gape at animal's four extra limbs (Jesse Frankovich)

# Liberal Democrats hope small-dollar donations can sway more voters

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# These Books Spark Joy

After electric shock, 'View' host Behar swears off Kindles (Jesse Rifkin, Arlington, Va.)

# Cherry Blossom 10 Miler wasn't actually 10 miles

Also, blossoms were poison ivy (Dave Zarrow, Reston)

# A Home That Worked for the Whole Family

'We loved it,' says Suzanne Whole (Chris Doyle)

#### Company pulls electric bicycles

When batteries fail, seller offers a tow with tiny truck (Frank Mann; Mark Raffman)

# Enjoy the outdoors all year!

Bank tries to put best face on foreclosures (Mark Raffman)

# Irving scores 37 as Boston goes up 2-0

His first 35 points are called back for interference (Jon Gearhart, Des Moines)

#### Minnesota United loses seesaw battle, 4-3

'Maybe we should have played soccer instead,' coach says (Dave Airozo, Silver Spring, Md.)

# Why your next new iPhone should be used

Never taking it out of the box decreases satisfaction, surveys show (Frank Mann; Danielle Nowlin)

#### Woods back on top of world

Global warming sparks tree growth in Arctic (Larry Carnahan, Peabody, Mass.)

# Ford expects \$1 billion from change at plant

Test drivers lost LOTS of coins in car seats, says CEO (Rick Haynes, Boynton Beach, Fla.)

# Evans says he will stop outside consulting, legal work

Council member to switch to trusted insiders, illegal activities (Sam Mertens)

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Playwright's form-fitting suit leaves little to imagination (*Brendan Beary*)

#### Beware of IRS scams

Think twice if government help-line agent touts Cayman Island timeshare (Marli Melton, Carmel Valley, Calif.)

# France turns to task of restoring an icon of Paris

Crowdsourced funding to repair Brigitte Bardot's worsening face, reputation ( $Kevin\ Dopart$ )

# Guy enters NBA draft [player Kyle Guy]

May be selected in round by team (Gary Crockett)

Total control in one spot where it truly matters