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# Style Invitational Week 1395: Always room for one more

The 11th Commandment, Four Horsemen Plus One, etc.; plus no-C,O,V,I,D neologisms



(Bob Staake for The Washington Post)

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**The Ten Commandments Plus One:** 11. Thou shalt mask thy pestilent piehole. (*Art Grinath*)

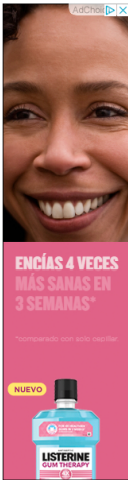
**The Seven Dwarves Plus One:** Handsy, who sings, "Heigh-ho, heigh-ho, it's off to HR I go." (*Art Grinath*)

**"Thirteen Angry Men":** The jurors' anger erupts into gunfire when Yosemite Sam cain't stand no more infernal yammerin'. (*Judith Cottrill, Week 651*)

This week's contest was suggested by Loser Since Week 106 Art Grinath, who earns his 400th blot of Style Invitational ink with his idea. **This week: Add a "plus one" to some familiar numerical grouping, true or fictional**, as in the examples above. You might also add a description or "quote" illustrating the effect of that new element; for example, if you had the Four Stooges, you might have some dialogue among Moe, Larry, Curly and, say, Bill Barr.



A star is worn: Loser spouse Nancy Kupiec models this week's second prize. (John Kupiec)



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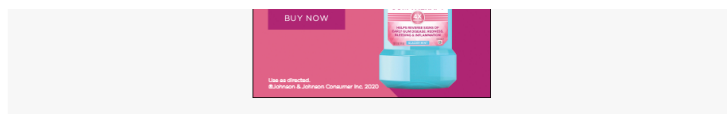
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This contest overlaps a bit with one we did in 2006: Week 651 asked readers to add a character to a book or movie and describe the resultant plot. But this week's encompasses any grouping known by a number.

Submit up to 25 entries total at [wapo.st/enter-invite-1395](http://wapo.st/enter-invite-1395) (no capitals in the Web address).  
**Deadline is Monday, Aug. 10;** results will appear Aug. 30 in print, Aug. 27 online.

**Winner gets the Lose Cannon**, our Style Invitational trophy. Second place receives something we thought we'd be giving out in April, the ostensible start of baseball season — or around July 4, when the Washington Nationals would have been hosting the Houston Astros: It's a **"Houston Asterisks" T-shirt**, in dishonor of the team that, it turns out, owed its 2017 postseason success — culminating in a World Series win — to an elaborate cheating scheme. Alas, this summer the Nats won't even be playing the Astros, but we'd better not wait any longer to announce this prize; at least, as of this week, there's still *some* season. Donated by Loser John Kupiec, who a few years ago also gave us some Atlanta "Barves" barf bags, for when their fans do that horrible Tomahawk Chop.



**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 new lusted-after Loser magnets, **"No Bility"** or **"Punderachiever."** 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 "COVoIDance" is by Tom Witte; Jesse Frankovich wrote the honorable-mentions subhead. Join the 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](https://bit.ly/inkofday); follow [@StyleInvite](https://twitter.com/StyleInvite) on Twitter.

**The Style Conversational** The Empress's weekly online column, published late afternoon Thursday, July 30, discusses this week's new contest and set of results. Especially if you plan to enter, check it out at [wapo.st/conv1395](http://wapo.st/conv1395).

And from The Style Invitational four weeks ago . . .

## COVoIDance: No c-o-v-i-d neologisms from Week 1391

In [Week 1391](#) we asked you to come up with new terms that did not include the letters C, O, V, I and D. But we didn't ask you to stay away from the *topic*.

### 4th place:

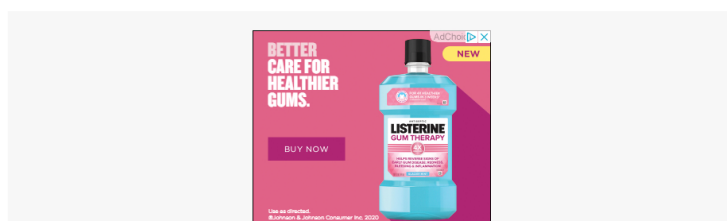
**Fleeway:** Your escape route if someone threatens to violate your six-foot perimeter. "I hope there's no traffic, because when that dog walker comes down the sidewalk, my fleeway is the middle of the street." (*Mike Gips, Bethesda, Md.*)

### 3rd place:

**PeeTee:** To resort to a paper towel when all the toilet paper is gone. It's pretty peeteeful. (*Mike Caslin, Round Hill, Va.*)

### 2nd place

and the *prank box* for an "earwax candle kit":

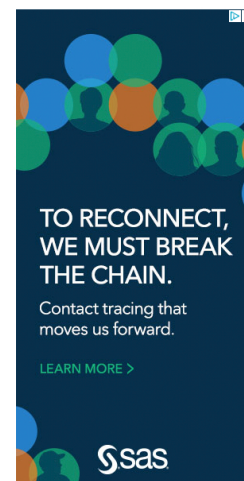


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**Elephantasy:** Mainstream Republicans' prediction that the president will start governing responsibly any day now. (*Duncan Stevens, Vienna, Va.*)

## And the winner of the Lose Cannon:

**Harangutan:** A large orange creature that spends all day bellowing at rivals in the other branches. (*Jesse Frankovich, Lansing, Mich.*)

## Jested negative: Honorable mentions

**Barrbell:** Something Trump has in the palm of his hand that helps him flex his muscle. (*Jonathan Jensen, Baltimore*)

**F-fluent:** What a lot of tots have become after learning new vocabulary at home from their stressed-out parents. (*Dan Helming, Trenton, N.J.*)

**Barrrf:** The gag reflex. (*Bob Kruger, Rockville, Md.*)

**BSAT:** Required exam for all aspiring press secretaries. (*Roy Ashley, Washington*)

**Esperate:** Clinging to your job. "Donald Trump is our greatest president ever," said the defense secretary esperately." (*Chris Doyle, Denton, Tex.*)

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**Gaffyyette Square:** Historic site renamed in honor of Trump's photo op debacle. (*Bob Kruger*)

**Heretage:** The belief that something belongs there because it's there. "Sure, General Sassafras was a enslaver who killed thousands of U.S. troops, but his statue's been up there at the courthouse since 1965." (*Frank Osen, Pasadena, Calif.*)

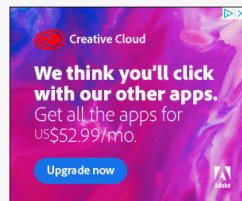
**Jeezburger:** "It has cheddar, bacon, ranch dressing AND onion rings?" (*Jesse Frankovich*)

**True as Trump:** A 21st-century idiom for "blatant lie." (*Liz Siegenthaler Rubin, Annapolis, Md., a First Offender*)

**Ans-were:** An out-of-date factoid. "The most home runs ever? That'd have to be Hank Aaron, given that this trivia game is from 1982." (*Jon Gearhart, Des Moines*)

**Babble Belt:** The route of Trump's rally tour. (*Steve Smith, Potomac, Md.*)

**Buyway:** The \$32 HOT lane. (*Jeff Contompasis, Ashburn, Va.*)



**Emaskulate:** To diminish someone's manhood by asking him not to infect his neighbors. (*Sarah Walsh, Rockville, Md.*)

**Employee:** Someone "working" from home who just happens to have League of Legends up in another window. (*Sam Mertens, Silver Spring, Md.*)

**Eureka:** "I found the source of that foul smell — it's Kyle!" (*Lee Graham, Rockville, Md.*)

**Green Beats Spleen:** After years of protests fail to get Dan Snyder to change his team's name from a racial slur, [FedEx's money puts it there overnight!](#) (*Ward Foeller, Charlottesville, Va., a First Offender*)

**Halvenue:** A street whose name suddenly changes in the middle of town. "Huh? I thought I was on . . . ohh, Waze didn't note that this is a halvenue." (*Jon Gearhart*)

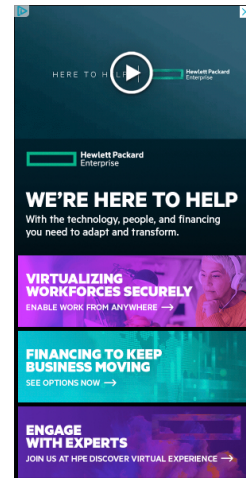
**Kneel estate:** An NFL sideline. (*Eric Nelkin, Silver Spring, Md.*)

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**Luggage:** Your suitcases that finally show up on the last day of your overseas vacation. (*Kate Sammons, Ashburn, Va.*)



**Laughtear:** A reaction when you don't know whether to guffaw or weep. "He said, 'Nobody ever thought this could have happened'? Oh, my." (*Kathy El-Assal, Middleton, Wis.*)

**Memwar:** A campaign to suppress your niece's book. (*Jonathan Jensen*)

**Pantsy:** Overdressed for your Zoom meeting. (*Sam Mertens*)

**Purgery:** Wielding the scalpel on troublesome people. "I fired that inspector general because he was incompetent, that's why." (*Mark Raffinan, Reston, Va.*)

**Quarantan:** Bronze skin around the eyes and a ghostly pallor around the nose and mouth. (*Ben Aronin, Washington*)

**Quaranteam:** The concept that we are all in this together — an idea that was thoroughly debunked in March. (*Frank Osen*)

**Queueueueueueue:** The line to vote in this year's primary. (*Edmund Conti, Raleigh, N.C.*)

**Red Membranes:** How about this for the team's new name? (*Drew Bennett, West Plains, Mo.*)



**Shampee:** That blue liquid they use in diaper commercials. (*Tom Witte, Montgomery Village, Va.*)

**Shun Belt:** Southern states that are best avoided right now. (*Duncan Stevens*)

**Take a née:** Protest the patriarchal biases in marriage by not changing one's name. (*Kevin Dopart, Washington*)

**Test-ease:** Some people have, and some people buy. "Donald had SAT performance issues until he learned he could pay for some test-ease." (*Steve Smith*)

**Thy-slapper:** "A Mennonite walks into a bar . . ." (*Chris Doyle*)

**Harbage:** All the Invite entries that aren't here today. (*Eric Nelkin*)

**And Last: Covidiot:** Yes, I used every single letter I have been told not to, AS IS MY RIGHT! FREEDOM! (*Danielle Nowlin, Fairfax Station, Va.*)

**Still running — deadline Monday night, Aug. 3: Our contest for a line that would work in either of two movies. See [wapo.st/invite1394](http://wapo.st/invite1394).**

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