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THE STYLE INVITATIONAL

Heads will LOL: Week 1191 winners

BY PAT MYERS

**Week 1191** was one of our Mess With Our Heads contests, in which you were asked to take a headline from The Post and reinterpret it with a bank head, or subtitle. Too often cited: a head calling Melania Trump **“a model of restraint,”** with a bank head about a photo shoot of bondage gear.

4th place

**Mazda, Ford recall millions of vehicles**  
Remember when we used to sell millions of vehicles?  
(Gary Crockett, Chevy Chase, Md.)

3rd place

**This time, Kaepernick takes knee for anthem**  
Fortunately, dissident player was wearing a cup during assault  
(Mark Raffman, Reston, Va.)

2nd place and the whale-tail fleece hat:

**A government campaign urged Italians to have more babies immediately**  
Berlusconi's press secretary politely translates obscene gesture  
(John McCoey, Rehoboth Beach, Del.)

And the winner of the Inkin' Memorial:

**'They call it bunny hunting'**  
Reaching out to NRA, Obama proposes new event to replace White House Easter Egg Roll  
(Roy Ashley, Washington)

Off-wit, their heads: honorable mentions

**America in the world:** News comes as surprise to Gary Johnson  
(Danielle Nowlin, Fairfax Station, Va.)

**Clinton should stop pretending she's not elite:** "What's a leet?" asks Gary Johnson  
(Mae Scanlan, Washington)

**What ever happened to Bronson Arroyo?** "Okay, got it, now you're just putting me on," Gary Johnson replies  
(Jesse Frankovich, Lansing, Mich.)

**Breaking North American birdwatching's toughest record:** Neb. man bores 2,221 people with tales of rare sightings  
(John Hutchins, Silver Spring, Md.)

**Democrats lock arms around Clinton:** Nominee protests that she won't need bandoleers during debate  
(Elden Carnahan, Laurel, Md.)

**Democrats squirm over Hogan's latest decision:** Speedo decried as poor choice for Md. governor's pool party  
(John Hutchins)

**Focused on the art of the moment:** Toddler working on living room mural oblivious to mother yelling, "No, no! We draw on paper!"  
(Danielle Nowlin, mother of 3)

**The ugliest, most appalling spectacle in American politics:** Remembering Rick Perry's 'smart glasses'  
(Todd DeLap, Fairfax, Va.)

**NASA craft blasts off on 7-year journey to collect rubble from asteroid:** Trump: "See what I mean about incompetence? We should be sending OUR garbage THERE."  
(Elden Carnahan)

**Trump, Clinton go to Cleveland in pursuit of working-class voter:** Voter seeks restraining order  
(Francis Canavan, Reston)

**No more delaying the Purple Line:** Prince's estate finally signs deal with Kmart  
(Rob Huffman, Fredericksburg, Va.)

**Robert Griffin III's debut with Cleveland Browns ends in defeat and injury:** QB 'already in midseason form,' coach boasts  
(Stephen Litterst, Newark, Del.)

**Get the facts:** Trump's chief speechwriter fired after unorthodox staff request  
(Kevin Dopart, Washington)

**For some, Uber's self-driving taxi test not something to hail**  
Black clients dismissed as driverless cars ignore them  
(David Ballard, Reston, Va.)

**A 500 million-mile mission . . . to grab 4 pounds of dirt:**  
Paparazzo racks up distances seeking Kardashian topless shots  
(Lynne Larkin, Vero Beach, Fla.)

**The first step: Stop digging**  
Cure for Hepcat Syndrome begins with updated language  
(Gary Crockett)

**Someone has to be first at this, Bill. It's your shot to be a**



BOB STAAKE FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

New contest for Week 1195: Don't change a letter!

**The Yellow Rosé of Texas:** (Doug Frank): Waco winemakers struggle to produce a high-ranked vintage.

**The Leg End of Tarzan:** (Chuck Salerno) The Ape Man loses his grip on the vine, becomes literally footloose.

**I Am Curious: Yell "Ow!"** (Doug Frank) Adventurous Swedes practice using a safe word.

This week's contest is the brainchild of 75-time Loser Doug Frank, who posted a challenge on Facebook: He called it "The Bad Reader's Guide to the Movies": **Alter a movie title only by changing word spacing, changing capitalization, and adding or deleting punctuation marks, accents, etc., then describe the result,** as in the examples above from the Facebook thread (which were posted without descriptions). **Do not add, drop, substitute or rearrange letters or numbers.** Note: Even with the umpteen and a half movies in existence, the Empress is sure she'll receive a bunch of identical titles, so it could well be the humor in the descriptions that wins the ink.

**Submit entries at this website:** [bit.ly/enter-invite-1195](http://bit.ly/enter-invite-1195) (all lowercase).

Winner gets the Inkin' Memorial, the Lincoln statue bobblehead that is the official Style Invitational trophy. Second place gets two almost unique items: a pair of wine bottle stoppers in the shape of a hand making the L-for-Loser sign — designed and created by Loser Kyle Hendrickson on his 3-D printer, and given out last month to those who went to the Loserfest weekend in Pittsburgh. The whitish one is said to glow in the dark, even. **Other runners-up** win their choice of a yearned-for Loser Mug, the older-model "This Is Your Brain on Mugs" mug or our new Grossery Bag, "I Got a B in Punmanship." Honorable mentions get one of our lusted-after Loser magnets, "Magnet Dum Laude" or "Falling Jest Short." First Offenders receive a smelly tree-shaped air "freshener" (FirStink for their first ink). Deadline is Monday night, Oct. 10; results published Oct. 30 (online Oct. 27). You may submit up to 25 entries per contest. See general contest rules and guidelines at [wapo.st/InvRules](http://wapo.st/InvRules). "Heads will LOL" is by Chris Doyle; the honorable-mentions subhead is by Jon Gearhart. Join the lively Style Invitational Devotees group on Facebook at [on.fb.me/invdev](http://on.fb.me/invdev). "Like" the Style Invitational Ink of the Day on Facebook at [bit.ly/inkofday](http://bit.ly/inkofday); follow @StyleInvite on Twitter.

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STOPPERS CREATED BY KYLE HENDRICKSON

**That's L for Loser: 3-D-printed bottle stoppers, our 2nd prize.**

**trailblazer:** Hillary reminisces about her third date with the future president  
(Theresa Kowal, Silver Spring, Md.)

**Two small words inspired a marriage:** "I'm pregnant."  
(Cindi Rae Caron, Blowing Rock, N.C.)

**The big question that could decide the 2016 election:** Do you want to be embarrassed every day, or just once a week or so?  
(Drew Bennett, West Plains, Mo.)

**More than 6 million immigrants could be deported:** Native Americans consider retaking Manhattan  
(Beverly Sharp, Montgomery, Ala.)

**Offensive outburst does the trick for O's:** Studies confirm that talking dirty improves sexual satisfaction  
(Steve Honley, Washington)

**A biography, in subject's own words:** Writer explains what an autobiography is  
(Chris Doyle, Denton, Tex.; Hildy Zampella, Falls Church, Va.)

**Army runs wild in upset of Temple:** IDF's re-enactment of

Roman attack 'not such a good idea,' reconsiders Netanyahu  
(Mark Raffman; Steve Honley; Frank Osen, Pasadena, Calif.)

**Fewer taking Metro trains:** Thefts decline after operators stop leaving keys overnight inside sun visors  
(Andrew Hatzyannis, Rockville, Md.)

**Media bids for names in 'Bridgiate' denied:** Suggestions of 'Chris-crossed,' 'Porky's Revenge' rejected to replace clichéd suffix  
(Howard Walderman, Columbia)

**News project wages war on cluelessness:** Paper rushes to replace dropped daily crossword  
(John O'Byrne, Dublin)

**Scalp-hunting as sport:** Snyder launches new league to "truly honor Native Americans"  
(Kevin Dopart)

**This week, the presidential candidates embarrassed all of us:** Record now extended to 53 consecutive weeks  
(Kel Nagel, Salisbury, Md.)

**Uzbek President Islam Karimov dies at 78:** Hearse will karimov to cemetery  
(Nan Reiner, Boca Raton, Fla.)

**A teacher's daily grind in a public school classroom:** Parents troubled by educator's twerking routine  
(Duncan Stevens, Vienna, Va.)

**10,000 is not enough**  
Yet Style Invitational entry limit remains at 25  
(Gary Crockett)

*More honorable mentions in the online Invite at [bit.ly/invite1195](http://bit.ly/invite1195).*

**Still running — deadline Monday night, Oct. 3: our contest for fake origins of words. See [bit.ly/invite1194](http://bit.ly/invite1194).**

SUNDAY CHALLENGE

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Renaissance fair garment
- 7 Regular container?
- 15 "Think" singer, familiarly
- 16 Really let have it
- 17 Climbs up
- 18 Bonobo, for one
- 19 The Joker's villainous sidekick
- 21 Copy cats?
- 22 Hardly colorful
- 23 Stare like a rube
- 25 \_\_\_ chips
- 28 Leaves in stitches
- 30 Ready to serve
- 34 Noh tie
- 35 Nimble
- 36 Symphonic premiere of 1805
- 37 Display at many a political rally
- 40 "Family Guy" baby
- 41 Nervous mannerisms
- 42 Throwing number, for short
- 43 "Cotton Comes to Harlem" director Davis
- 44 "We're hosed!"
- 45 Sweet drink prefix
- 46 Cos. with access fees
- 48 Titicaca, por ejemplo
- 50 Decides not to nix
- 53 Producer of pings on a diamond
- 58 Its slogan is "Endless Discoveries"
- 60 Opportune
- 61 Strove to match
- 62 Post position?
- 63 Exterminators, often
- 64 Make the rounds?
- DOWN**
- 1 Major party
- 2 Echolocation user

Answer to last week

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- 3 Sweetie
- 4 "Good enough"
- 5 Provide some team support
- 6 "Child's play"
- 7 Japanese fish delicacy
- 8 Strips, as a ship
- 9 Colleague of Ruth and Clarence
- 10 Karaoke and smorgasbord, linguistically speaking
- 11 Body image?
- 12 West who played Bruce Wayne
- 13 Casual rejection
- 14 Had down
- 20 '80s arcade sensation with an asterisk in its name
- 24 Armoire projection
- 25 Museum sculpture, perhaps
- 26 Is a wheelman for, say
- 27 Midway attractions
- 29 "Christina's World" artist
- 31 Mosaic repairer
- 32 Legend maker, once
- 33 Hymn of praise
- 35 Draws back
- 36 Stock character in some fantasy novels
- 38 "Captain America: The First Avenger" setting, briefly
- 39 Sub spread
- 44 One expecting considerable interest
- 45 Obligate oneself
- 47 Vanity \_\_\_
- 49 Italian painter Reni or Cagnacci
- 50 Dedicated works
- 51 Gore's 1996 debate opponent
- 52 Speak ill of
- 54 Dispensary stock, informally
- 55 Not-quite-final version
- 56 Buckets
- 57 Spare in a boot
- 59 Modeled after

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HOROSCOPE

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY | Oct. 2:** This year your creativity surges, and you seem to have limitless solutions and ideas. You will be more possessive than in past years. If you are single, you could meet many people of interest in the next 12 months. Follow your instincts, but don't commit until you are sure that you've made the right choice. If you are attached, remember that a marriage is a 50/50 proposition. Be aware of your sweetie's needs, and go along with their ideas more often. Scorpio might surprise you with his or her news.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19)  
An unexpected insight could throw you off your game. Try to integrate this thought into your life in a positive way. Anger comes up when dealing with a touchy matter. Use this moment to express what has been on your mind.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)  
You'll create more understanding by sitting down and getting to the bottom of an issue. When you see someone close to you go off the deep end, you'll know that you are missing some information.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)  
Your playfulness emerges, and as a result, you could have difficulty dealing with a change of pace. You may want to cancel some plans, but you know you need to step up to the plate.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)  
Defer to someone who you care a lot about. Listen to what is being said. If you can go along with this person's agenda, everything will flow easily.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)  
The unexpected could throw off your plans. Return calls and check out what is happening beyond the obvious. What you hear could have you thinking that you have missed some important information.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)  
If you need to say "no" to someone, say it in the morning. You'll be more willing to get past this person's attitude then, and you'll be able to turn the situation around. Invite friends to join you at a game or to go off to do some Halloween shopping.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)  
Use the morning to regroup and discuss a friend's or loved one's unexpected reaction. If you can understand where this person's behavior is coming from, you probably know more than the person whose behavior you are discussing.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)  
Your moodiness could be getting the best of you this morning. You might be stunned by someone else's behavior. Read the Sunday paper and relax.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)  
A child's playfulness makes you laugh. Go with the moment. Use today to spend time with a loved one and to indulge in a favorite pastime. Keep the mood light and easy, and try not to get involved in an issue that could affect your bond.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)  
You could be looking at a personal matter differently from how those closest to you are. This disparity might be a source of a problem unless you accept these different points of view.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)  
Your mind drifts to those at a distance and plans to take off for the day. You probably need a change of scenery; just go off and do what makes you happy. You will see how your perspective changes and how much better you feel.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)  
A partner, roommate or loved one wants to dominate your time. Allow this person to express their caring and love of your company.

A hang-up with the 'smartphone pause'

Ask Amy

**Dear Amy:** My husband and I have been married

four years. Lately, I've noticed that I'll enter a room and remark about something I'd love to do that day, and he ignores me.

I don't get a head nod, grunt or eye contact. Oftentimes he's checking social media, and he'll say, after an awkward three minutes of silence, "Sorry, I was just reading something."

I certainly don't need to be acknowledged all the time, nor does the room have to be filled with active conversation, but I find this silence disrespectful.

I've tried to talk to him, but he brushes it off as, "I didn't think I needed to answer," or, worse, "What do you want me to say?"

Am I being too sensitive?  
*Talking to Walls in Ottawa*

**Talking to Walls in Ottawa:** Your husband is demonstrating the smartphone pause. This is the slack-faced absorption of someone who is so deeply distracted by his device that he forgets he's in the real world. But when you walk into a room and he is basically doing something else, aren't you in

some sense interrupting him, and wouldn't it be most respectful for you to wait until he is done?

Regardless of the specific dynamic, after four years of marriage, it would be a good idea for the two of you to remind each other that if you don't make a point of engaging one another in a loving and enthusiastic way, you could end up basically navigating around each other in silence.

I read a study showing that the typical married couple actually spends a shockingly brief time making eye contact each day. Sometimes, proximity breeds contempt. Much of the time, it breeds . . . meh.

Eye contact, polite greetings and expressions of enthusiasm are everyday ways that you both can help keep your relationship fresh.

Demonstrate your values by always greeting him in the way you want to be greeted.

**Dear Amy:** I am a woman and have known my best friend (male) for a few years. I realized that I'm in love with him, and I can't stop thinking about him. I've loved him for at least a year, and I can't bring myself to

tell him, because he has a girlfriend of about six months and they are pretty serious.

I'm also good friends with his girlfriend. I've known her forever. I actually introduced them.

Do I tell him now? Or wait for them to break up? Or do I just not tell him at all?

*Crushed by My Crush*

**Crushed by My Crush:** You should not interfere with your friend's serious relationship. Confessing this now is not fair to either of these friends.

This is a very tough situation; that's why it has been used as the plot point for stories spanning Shakespeare to "Friends."

Love is patient. It is also kind. You should be both patient and kind, and hold this crush close until you have an appropriate opening to disclose it.

Amy's column appears seven days a week at [washingtonpost.com/advice](http://washingtonpost.com/advice). Write to askamy@amydickinson.com or Amy Dickinson, Tribune Content Agency, 16650 Westgrove Dr., Suite 175, Addison, Tex. 75001. You can also follow her @askingamy.

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