

## Entertainment

## Style Invitational Week 1167: What's to liken — compare any 2 of these 18 things

Plus 'El Bib,' 'epyks' and other winning backward-spelled neologisms

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The difference between President Taft's bathtub and the last Cheeto in the bag? Tell us in our Week 1167 contest. (Bob Staake for The Washington Post)

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**The last Cheeto in the bag vs. President Taft's bathtub: You'd gladly stick your tongue in the bag to get the Cheeto.**

**The Cat in the Hat had a game he called "UP-UP-UP with a fish." After an all-you-can-eat buffet, you might be playing that game too.**



Positively Biffy: This week's second prize, a "Back to the Future" Hot Wheels Ford complete with snap-off manure. (HOTWHEELS.BR.COM)

- \* **Tiny hands**
- \* **The Apple Store employee of the month**
- \* **Three inches of snow**
- \* **Hillary's emails**
- \* **Daylight-saving time**
- \* **An all-you-can-eat buffet**
- \* **President Taft's bathtub**
- \* **A selfie stick**
- \* **The last Cheeto in the bag**
- \* **An octagon**
- \* **The Pentagon**
- \* **7th-grade boys**
- \* **Leftover Valentine's candy**
- \* **Embalming fluid**
- \* **Bunions**
- \* **The Cat in the Hat**
- \* **Walmart mulch**
- \* **Scrabble tiles**

It's our beloved compare-or-contrast contest, in which you take any two items from the list above and explain how they're similar or different, as in the examples above, or connect them some other way. As she's done occasionally in the past few years, the Empress asked the 1,000-plus members of the [Style Invitational Devotees](#) group on Facebook to offer, a la Mad Libs, a bunch of random nouns or noun phrases. From something like [115 ideas offered](#), the E chose the 18 above, pretty much by shutting her eyes and stabbing her finger at a printout. They came from Devotees Ann Martin, Brendan Beary, Daphne Steinberg, Diane Wah, Bruce Niedt, Dennis Power, Mike Creveling, Kathy El-Assal, Marni Penning Coleman, Amanda Yanovitch, Dave Prevar and Jeff Contompasis.

Winner gets the [Inkin' Memorial](#), the Lincoln statue bobblehead that is the official Style Invitational trophy. Second place receives a genuine Hot Wheels 1948 Ford Super De Luxe, specifically the model featured in "Back to the Future," more specifically after Biff [rear-ended the manure truck](#). (The manure on this one is molded plastic, and it even snaps off.) Donated by Jeff Contompasis.

**Other runners-up** win their choice of a yearned-for [Loser Mug](#), the older-model ["This Is Your Brain on Mugs" mug](#) or a vintage Loser T-shirt. Honorable mentions get one of our Loser magnets, ["Magnet Dum Laude"](#) or ["Falling Jest Short."](#) First Offenders receive a smelly tree-shaped air "freshener" ([FirStink](#) for their first ink). Email entries to [losers@washpost.com](mailto:losers@washpost.com). Deadline is Monday night, March 28; results published April 24 (online April 21). You may submit up to 25 entries per contest. Include "Week 1167" in your email 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 Jesse Frankovich; the

honorable-mentions subhead is by Jeff Contompasis. 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](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 [bit.ly/conv1167](https://bit.ly/conv1167).

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

### **GOING BACK ON OUR WORDS: WINNERS FROM WEEK 1163**

In Week 1163 we asked you to spell a word or other term backward and define the result, which should relate somehow to the original:

#### **4th place:**

**ST. NUTS:** The patron saint of daredevils. (Jesse Frankovich, Lansing, Mich.)

#### **3rd place:**

**ABUC:** What to make out of closer relations with Havana. (Kevin Dopart, Washington)

#### **2nd place and the “Wanna Rub My Butt?” barbecue apron:**

**REDYNS:** Well, we know it *doesn't* mean “blushes with shame.” (Todd DeLap, Fairfax, Va.)

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

**QARI:** A deep hole the government throws billions into. (Ellen Ryan, Rockville, Md.)

#### **Flopped flips: honorable mentions**

**REDYNS:** Here’s an inoffensive Washington football team name that rhymes with the old name, still refers to the team color, and reflects (literally) the ownership. (Francis O’Donnell, Silver Spring, Md., a First Offender)

**EL BIB:** It covers a multitude of sins. (Frank Osen, Pasadena, Calif.)

**TNILF:** Acronym for “Town I’d Like to Flee” (Frank Mann, Washington)

**NEMICEPS:** Bladder muscles that oppose you at a medical exam. (Kevin Dopart)

**EREHWYNA:** Where roughly half the population of the United States plans to move if what’s-his/her-name is elected president. (Ivars Kuskevics, Takoma Park, Md.)

**EPYKS:** Long, boring video chats. (Frank Osen)

**ELGAE:** Slime on America’s reputation: “The elgae outbreak of 2016 is the worst since Jackson v. Adams in 1828.” (Kevin Dopart)

**DUH:** The government agency Rick Perry forgot. (Chris Doyle, Denton, Tex.)

**DEFINK:** To get a stoolie to zip it. (Chris Doyle)

**AEHRRRAID:** You-know-what hitting the fan. (Bird Waring, Larchmont, N.Y.; Chris Doyle)

**EL YOD:** Much ink he has. (Duncan Stevens, Vienna, Va.)

**DRIB:** One of those white splotches on your car after you park under a tree. (Craig Dykstra, Centreville, Va.; Gerald Diamond, London, Ontario)

**SISONGORP:** Whatever it is, it's not good. (Marni Penning Coleman, Falls Church, Va.)

**YNNUF:** I laughed the first time, okay? (Gordon Cobb, Marietta, Ga.)

**EDUN:** Paradise. Or hell. It depends. (Tom Witte, Montgomery Village, Md.)

**NO-ROM:** A politician without any memory of stupid things he's said. (Christopher Damm, Charles Town, W.Va.)

**NOBLE PAP:** The Nats' closer sounded good when he apologized. But will that hold up when he chokes away a save? (Bill Lieberman, Ellicott City, Md.)

**TAKTIK:** Strategic whining by a child in the checkout line so Mom will buy the candy bar. (Matt Monitto, Bristol, Conn.)

**ADNAP:** To laze around all day, contribute nothing to society, and still be fawned over by crowds of people. (Xin Yu, Fitchburg, Wis.)

**MOR GOP!:** Desire of some of Trump's least educated supporters. (Danielle Nowlin, Fairfax Station, Va.)

**ELBBOW:** That jiggly part on the back of your arm. (Danielle Nowlin)

**PEEB:** The irritatingly impatient driver behind you when the light changes. (Craig Dykstra)

**PUKCAB:** Plan B for getting home from the bar. (Craig Dykstra)

**E-GABRAG:** Online gossip magazine. (Dale Frankel, Bloomfield, Mich., a First Offender)

**KROW:** A foul-tasting creature, but boy, you really miss it when you haven't had it for a while. (Mike Ostapiej, Mount Pleasant, S.C.)

**LOOPRAC:** A torture device on which parents are strapped in, driven in endless circles, and stretched extremely thin. (Amanda Yanovitch, Midlothian, Va.)

**KLAW:** A cat's response to a leash. (David Kofalt, Gaithersburg)

**MUGELBBUB:** A demon who tortures souls after sticking their shoes to the floor. (Duncan Stevens)

**AISSUR:** Word meaning "we want only peace." (Gerald Diamond)

**AWOI:** Classification for candidates who disappear after the first caucus. (Brendan Beary, Great Mills, Md.)

**DELI OPS:** The FDA's covert kitchen inspection program. (Jeff Shirley, Richmond)

**NAYR:** A House leader who says no to anything the president proposes. (Jesse Frankovich)

**KNUBED:** Set straight after falling for an Internet hoax. "I got knubed immediately with a Snopes link after I shared that post about the singing otter." (Craig Dykstra)

**EEF FOC:** An ugly epithet hurled at those who greet us too early in the morning. (Jamie Martindale, McLean, Va.; Melissa Balmain, Rochester, N.Y.)

**ELBERT:** A man with a high voice. (Tom Witte)

**KCAR:** A classic model with really big headlights. (Chris Doyle)

**ENOTLAID:** A guy who prefers Internet sex to the real thing. (Mark Raffman, Reston, Va.)

**Still running — deadline Monday night, March 21: our Questionable Journalism contest. See [bit.ly/invite1166](https://bit.ly/invite1166).**

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