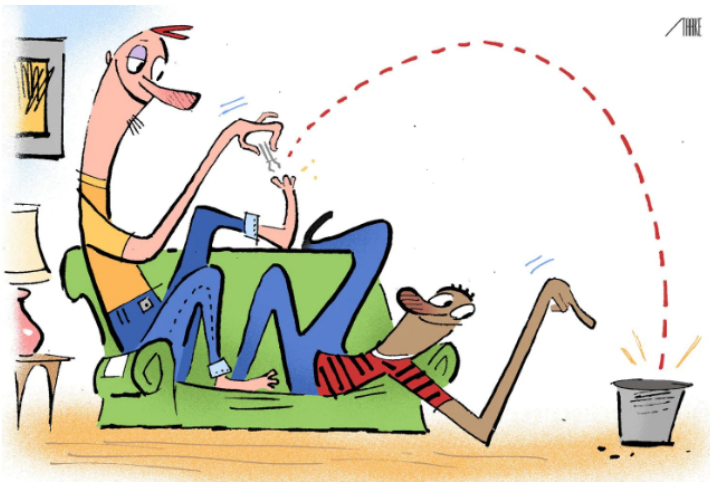


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Style Invitational Week 1321: Pumping Prime – Amazon product reviews

Plus the winning Punku – haiku with puns



(Bob Staake for The Washington Post)

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(Click [here to skip down](#) to the winning punny haiku)

Toenail clippers (2017): This is a great product! Pretty sure I set a new distance record this weekend. I even shot one into the trash can without leaving the couch! (#nailedit!) (*Danielle Nowlin, Week 1244*)

Paper clips (2014): This product is hopelessly confusing. I can never tell whether the small inside loop is supposed to go on top, or the big outside end. Where is the instruction manual? (*Ken Gallant, Week 1098*)

It's been a year and a half since we last sought your creative product reviews for various everyday items sold on Amazon.com. Given that its owner keeps the Empress outfitted in a proper ermine stole, we want to make sure that our readers don't forget about this little-known website.


This week: Send us a humorous "review" (like the samples above from our earlier contests) for any of the items below that are listed on Amazon.com. The reviews must not cause harm to the manufacturer or seller. Feel free to post the reviews on Amazon itself *after* we post the results online March 28. While some reviews on Amazon run hundreds of words, we're looking for much shorter entries; 75 words would be lengthy for us.

Click on the links below to see the exact Amazon listings we're referring to

eSaleRugs

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Most Read Entertainment

- 1 Oprah Winfrey aired a powerful interview after 'Leaving Neverland,' and is ready for the backlash 
- 2 Who is Wade Robson? The choreographer accuses Michael Jackson of sexual abuse in 'Leaving 

Click on the links below to see the latest random things we're referring to this week.

[12-pack of men's white cotton handkerchiefs](#)

[Flat shoelaces, 5/16 -inch wide](#)

[5-pound dumbbell](#)

[Velveeta Original Pasteurized Recipe Cheese Product, 64 oz.](#)

[Swivel vegetable peeler](#)

[60 binder clips, assorted sizes](#)

[Amazon Basics standard toilet paper holder](#)

Submit entries at wapo.st/enter-invite-1321 (all lowercase).

Winner gets the [Lose Cannon](#), our Style Invitational trophy.

Second place scores a real collector's item, complete with wonk-celebrity provenance: We offer four-count-'em-**four K-cups of genuine Select by Trump coffee**, two each of Clubhouse Medium Roast and Tower Light Roast. They are from the personal collection of The Post's David A.

Fahrenthold, winner of the Pulitzer Prize for his dogged work uncovering then-candidate Trump's fascinating "charity" (non)payments. David bought two boxes of the pods on eBay a couple of years ago (you think he'd accept compromising Trump swag?) and reports that they tasted "bad even then." The line was [discontinued in 2017](#) partly because of poor sales. And no, they're not on Amazon.

Other runners-up win our "[You Gotta Play to Lose](#)" Loser Mug or our "[Whole Fools](#)" Grocery Bag. Honorable mentions get one of our lusted-after Loser magnets, "[We've Seen Better](#)" or "[IDiot Card](#)." First Offenders receive only a smelly tree-shaped air "freshener" ([FirStink](#) for their first ink).

Deadline is Monday night, March 11; results published March 31 (online March 28). See general contest rules and guidelines at wapo.st/InvRules. The headline "Ha-ku" in this week's results is by Tom Witte; Tom, Kevin Dopart and Bill Dorner each submitted the honorable-mentions subhead. Join the Style Invitational Devotees on Facebook at on.fb.me/invdev. "Like" Style Invitational Ink of the Day on Facebook at bit.ly/inkofday; follow @StyleInvite on Twitter.

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

HA-KU: PUNNY POEMS FROM WEEK 1317

In [Week 1317](#) we once again asked for Punku — haiku that contain one or more puns. (Yes, we know, these aren't true haiku; we welcomed anything with three lines and 5-7-5 syllables.) Many Losers wrote about the "Stupor Bowl," that the Mueller probe would "leave no [Roger] Stone unturned," even ancient saws like "no pun in ten did." No ink for youse.

4th place:

Stormy Daniels films?
I have the full collection —
It's the whole she-bang.
(Seth Tucker, Washington)

Neverland.'

3 The 4 most striking moments from Part 1 of 'Leaving Neverland,' HBO's Michael Jackson documentary



4 Perspective Luke Perry came full circle, from heartthrob rebel to sensitive dad



5 Professional wrestler King Kong Bundy dead at age 61



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2nd prize: The best coffee that was ever made ever.

3rd place:

The #MeToo movement
Has had it up to here with
Male pattin' boldness.
(Chris Doyle, Denton, Tex.)

2nd place

and the electric [Sorry Button](#):
Coddling Kim Jong Un:
I just hope this policy
Won't leave us Seoulless.
(Duncan Stevens, Vienna, Va.)

And the winner of the Lose Cannon:

Whichever's Northam,
[In shoe polish or a sheet](#),
He's now in redface.
(Frank Osen, Pasadena, Calif.)

Nigh-ku: Honorable mentions

More on the Virginia scandals:

[Blackface as Jacko?](#)

Doesn't the governor know
Polish jokes are out?
(Tom Witte, Montgomery Village, Md.)

If Ralph denies pix
[but later moonwalks](#), then it
Doesn't mean jack, son.
(Kevin Mettinger, Warrenton, Va.)

Stupid move, Northam!
[Fairfax, Herring? You too!](#) Sigh . . .
The Old Dumbinion.
(Hildy Zampella, Alexandria, Va.)

Northam's new story:
It was a passing phase — his
Minstrel period.
(Duncan Stevens)

All over the world
We're waging war: Sic transit
Gorier mundi.
(Chris Doyle)

The nuanced discourse
At a Trump MAGA rally
Is quite inciteful.
(Kevin Dopart, Washington)

I love Maroon 5!
If you haven't heard them yet,
You Auto-Tune in.
(Frank Osen)

Speaker Pelosi's
One tough cookie, but has a
Wall nut allergy.
(Kathy El-Assal, Middleton, Wis.)

Chants of "U.S.A.!"
It's like a Riefenstahl film:
"Triumph of the Swill."
(Patty Harbison, Nashville, a First Offender)

They told Beethoven
He couldn't compose while deaf.
He didn't listen.
(Jim Villani, Gainesville, Va., conductor of the Manassas Symphony, and a
First Offender)

Pew, Gallup, Harris,
Rasmussen, Quinnipiac...
A poller vortex!
(Jesse Frankovich, Grand Ledge, Mich.)

Measles in Portland?
Time to cut out the fiction
And stick to the vax.
(Mark Raffman, Reston, Va.)

"Big, beautiful wall"?
Mexicans are upset, but
They'll get over it.
(Laura Clairmont, Ashburn, Va.)

What to call a speech
Full of wild absurdities?
State of the Onion.
(Jonathan Jensen, Baltimore)

At the National
Enquirer, blackmail's just a
Wee Peckerdillo.
(Duncan Stevens)

Bezos types revenge
Using just one finger — he's
A-huntin' Pecker.
(Rob Cohen, Potomac, Md.)

Pigeons overtake
Venice's San Marco. It's
A real coo d'état.
(Kathy El-Assal)

Please don't mock the Prez
For his revised border plan:
Stop the slat shaming!
(Mark Raffman)

I have to admit:
With Brady's sixth ring, he goes
From hero to GOAT.
(Bill Dorner, Indianapolis)

All those angry tweets

POTUS sends from the toilet:
You'd expect calm odes. (Kevin Dopart)

The "most productive"
President ever? More like
The Mar-a-Laggard.
(Warren Tanabe, Annapolis, Md.)

Stoner Loner
Her ad said, "Hot chick
Seeking mate to share my stash."
Alas, she meant "'stache."
(Bill Dorner)

Fair Catch
Huge men bearing down,
They mean you harm! Wave your arm!
Punt of no return.
(Barry Koch, Catlett, Va.)


Nancy teaches Trump:
You screw with the wrong woman,
You might get the clap.
(Duncan Stevens)

It's not nice to talk
About one's perineum.
'Taint appropriate.
(Bill Dorner)

No poem from Trump?
Does he fear he'll be deemed a
Man of low haiku?
(Bob Kruger, Rockville, Md.)

**.Still running — deadline Monday night, March 4: Our classic
Questionable Journalism contest. See wapo.st/invite1320.**

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