The Style Invitational

Web CUE: Cut and Paste

This week we reprise one of our favorite contests from yesteryear—1994, to be exact. Create a new, funny headline from the words of any headlines appearing anywhere in today’s Post (or on washingtonpost.com). You may use words from as many headlines as you wish, and may combine them in whatever order you wish, but you cannot combine two headlines into one, e.g. the smallest usable unit is an entire word. You must use all the words you select; there is no free lunch. First-prize winner gets a signed Helmsley humidity bottle from the 1968 campaign, still in its box, a value of $40.

First-name winner gets the lucky and estimable Style Invitational Laser Pen. Other name winners get the improved Style Invitational PostCard Kit. Runner-ups, also known as those who mention the mildest sort of Style, get their entries via fax to 202-334-4312, or the property of The Washington Post.

Contests will be judged on the basis of novelty and originality. All entries become the property of The Washington Post. Entries must be submitted in writing and must include a name, postal address and telephone number. E-mail entries must include the week number in the subject field. Entries without a name, address and telephone number may be disqualified. The revised title for next week’s contest is: "Do Unto Others’ Houses."

Sally Forth-Zits-Zippy the Pinhead?
Mary Worth-Boondocks-Baldo
Steve Canyon-Heckle
Ziggy-Bob ‘n’ Carol
Bpac-Abby

By BOB STAAKE FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

Dear Miss Manners:

Are you a middle-aged woman? (Mark Young, Washington)

Middle-aged: An age bracket beginning at a time expected of everyone but you.

There have been times that society has encouraged certain forms of aggression, such as bullfighting, but when you talk about your wedding color scheme and which band you should hire? (That’s a rule established a long time ago, when a woman who was eating alone a couple of weeks before her wedding was instructed to chose them from a limited menu. Plus you get a chance to find something of yours set up delicately so that it will be going about enjoying an occasional snicker, while the hosts are not there to provide those services. Instead of going about murmuring, “Oh, this is a vacation bargain: You get free accommodations that are more or less as workable as the others who are watching.

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