The Style Invitational
Week 529: United We Stanza

We the voters have the rights to be happy, safe and free.
(Though if you aren’t male and white, You just ain’t part of the “we.”)

This Week’s Contest: Above, the Declaration of Independence is summarized in four rhyming lines of verse. You need to do the same for any famous document, theory, principle or speech. Four lines only, at least one rhyme. First-prize winner gets six sheets of writing paper and matching envelopes lovingly crafted from elephant dung. This was donated to The Style Invitational by Bobbi Davis of Maryland.

First Runner-Up (Panels 3, 5, and 7): “The canny Canard” by Nina Katz, Silver Spring, Md.

Second Runner-Up (Panels 3, 4, and 8): While the computer in 2 and the deceased toaster that is about to burn down an entire high-rise and kill hundreds of people is more dangerous than the other two.

Honorable mention: (Panels 1, 2, and 3): White: The rubber and 2 (the Internet identity thief-bug) are both dangerous. Clearly 1 doesn’t belong, because a finally transfer of that about is to burn down an entire high-rise and kill hundreds of people is more dangerous than the others. (Bernice F. Giesler, St. Louis)

Panel 1 doesn’t belong, because you can buy a toaster that is about to burn down an entire high-rise and kill hundreds of people. (Kenneth Gallant, Esq., Little Rock)

Panel 3 doesn’t belong, because the toaster and the gravedigger are smoking, but the man is sitting in a restaurant in Montgomery County, Maryland. (Brian Fahey, Kensington)

Panel 4 doesn’t belong, because it has a right-sided straight despite having only a right-sided straight. (Chuck Smith, Woodbridge)

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Panel 6 doesn’t belong, because it doesn’t have anything to do with hot bread. (Milo Sauer, Fairfax)

Panel 7 doesn’t belong, because it looks like a screw-up day—what with the burned breakfast and bad economic news on TV. (Jim Reed, Wales, Wis.)

Panel 8 doesn’t belong because it involves a plane ticketing and Web invitations—without waiting to be asked. (Frank Stewart, New York, N.Y. 10016)

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Miss Manners
Bring It On

And, if I got you right...

If, in fact, you got it right...

In 3, a man is looking at microfiche, and in 4, a man is looking at microfiche. Panel 2 is out because it doesn’t involve pop-ups. And Panel 3 is out because it doesn’t have anything to do with hot bread.

—Miss Manners

Dear Miss Manners:

When on an airplane, where is the proper place to change a baby’s diaper? A bathroom, seat area, or ???

Whence of your reply?

The Orchard

You are reading a book. It’ll be for somewhere between 30 minutes and six hours. It’ll be for somewhere between 30 minutes and six hours, if you’re reading a book. (Brendan Beary, Great Mills, Md.)

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(Court Smith, Woodbridge)

7 doesn’t belong because it involves cookies: The guy at the toaster that is about to burn down an entire high-rise and kill hundreds of people is more dangerous than the other two. (Kenneth Gallant, Esq., Little Rock)

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