Report from Week 987

our perennial contest in which we asked contestants to take any headline from a week’s worth of The Washington Post and washingtonpost.com and follow it with a made-up “bank head,” or secondary headline, that either misinterpreted the original or commented humorously on it:

2 Winner of the Japanese teenage toy potty with rubbery yellow mini-poo: Nats throw away chance at the end, fall to Atlanta

New version of “Gone With the Wind” is big hit in Ga. (Steve Henley, Washington)

3 With Senate at stake, GOP awaits Akin’s next move

Many hope it’s to Paraguay (Howard Goodman, Columbia)

Prince Harry back in Afghanistan Palace relieved he escaped Vegas to save Afghan kids (Brad Alexander, Fairfax)

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Lessons learned in College Park Experimental academic offering complements football program (Edlen Carnahan)

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The outer banks: honorable mentions

Thousands protest new austerity cuts “Keep government’s hands off our austerity” protesters chant (Gary Crockett, Chevy Chase)

Bound for greatness, but not yet New Obama campaign slogan announced (David Ballard, Reston)

Councillman’s license suspended in past

Brown says he can’t produce document because of “time warp” problem (Rob Cohen, Potomac)

Obama reaches out to middle-class voters in Colorado

GOP accuses president of “inappropriate touching” (David Genser, Poway, Calif.)

Capitals players prepare for lockout

Hide extra Verizon Center key under mat (Rob Wolf, Gaithersburg)

Garcon ‘very limited’ in practice

Maire d’ slams trainee for insufficient snottiness (Ira Allen, Bethesda)

Wooly Mammoth goes to the mat, artfully

But mastodon can’t master backflip on the balance beam (Gary Sampliner, Rockville, a First Offender)

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TELEVISION

From Potomac to the big league

by Deene L. Brown

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