

DIVERSIONS

THE STYLE INVITATIONAL

Har heads: Winning bank headlines

BY PAT MYERS

In **Week 1269**, our perennial Mess With Our Heads contest, we asked you to find a headline in The Post or elsewhere and reinterpret it by adding a bank head, or subtitle.

4th place

Has someone hacked your webcam?

Because you look pretty funny reading this in your underwear right now (Bill Dorner, Indianapolis)

3rd place

Mueller evidence appears to contradict Prince statement

Investigators found at least 1 thing that compares 2 U (Frank Mann, Washington)

2nd place and the winner of 'How to Know When You're Dating a Loser':

D.C.-area forecast: Some wet snowflakes possible today

Pipe bursts in Washington Post newsroom (David Kleinbard, Mamaroneck, N.Y.)

And the winner of the Lose Cannon:

Luckily for world, Trump's no Xi Miss Rome says he is "at most a VII" (Elden Carnahan, Laurel, Md.)

Snubtitles: Honorable mentions

Lawmaker drops bid for Bowser to testify Senator denied use of his dog as his only positive character witness (Margaret Welsh, Oakton, Va.)

Pill may be able to mimic the effects of exercise Trial subjects report blisters, tennis elbow after watching TV (Jeff Shirley, Richmond)

2-year-old girl meets Obama: 'She's a queen' Betsy DeVos slams 'failed liberal' preschools (Chris Doyle, Denton, Tex.)

Using the Courts to Destroy Unions National Divorce Lawyers Association announces new motto (Steve Honley, Washington)

The jobs U.S. workers won't take First lady tops the list (Rob Wolf, Gaithersburg, Md.; Ward Kay, Vienna, Va.)

Title hopes dashed Redskins hold first preseason practice (Amy Harris, Charlottesville)

High heels are the worst, and women are finally ditching them 'That jerk was always stoned,' says ex-girlfriend (Frank Mann)

Rear seat retains repete as safest part of car, but not for adults, older teens Study points to increased pregnancy rate (Tom Logan, Sterling, Va., who last got Invite ink 24 years ago)

Surfer who fought off a shark will retire Wants to spend more time fighting off his family (Gary Crockett, Chevy Chase)

What's New in Hip and Knee Replacement? Mostly just hip and knee (Danielle Nowlin, Fairfax Station)

Four-Hand Piano Concert Sellout expected for guest artist from Mars (Beverly Sharp, Montgomery, Ala.)

Md. court reverses database 'mistake' Transcriber didn't know that locals pronounce 'Baltimore' and 'bomber' identically (Ivars Kuskevics, Takoma Park)

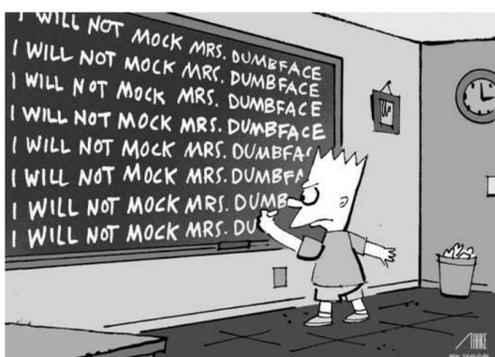
Car giveaway fills the church and hearts: 'God is amazing' Oprah shows why presidency would be demotion (Kevin Dopart, Washington)

Rings for 1987 players NFL adopts its own version of 'participation trophy' (Mark Raffman, Reston)

Valentino's gowns will take your breath away Whalebone corsets show up again on Milan runways (John McCoey, Rehoboth Beach, Del.; John Hutchins, Silver Spring; David Peckarsky, Tucson)

'I wonder: Am I wanted?' Fugitives can't resist looking for their portraits on post office walls (Perry Beider, Silver Spring)

Harvey Schmidt: Composed longest-running musical in



BOB STAAKE FOR THE WASHINGTON POST WITH APOLOGIES TO MATT GROENING AND 'THE SIMPSONS'

New contest for Week 1273: Restocking the Cabinet

Bart Simpson for secretary of education: He's had 28 years of public school experience, including much time with school boards.

If you saw the alleged presidential magazine-spanker give a more articulate and persuasive account of herself on "60 Minutes" last Sunday than Education Secretary Betsy DeVos did two weeks earlier, it might have occurred to you that, just maybe, not every government position has been filled with the very best and very brightest the nation has to offer.

Which brings us to this week's contest, suggested to the Empress by 12-time Loser Chris Damm: **Explain why a particular person — or thing — ought to fill a Cabinet post or other U.S. government position**, either a real one or a job you think up. This is somewhat like our contest from 2008 — posted shortly after Sarah Palin was named to the GOP ticket — in which we posted a list of random items (e.g., a moss-covered rock, Krusty the Clown, tapioca pudding) and asked why any of them would be qualified to be president of the United States. This time, though, you get to choose the position as well as who might fill it. Submit entries at the website wapo.st/enter-invite-1273 (all lowercase).

Winner gets the **Lose Cannon**, our Style Invitational trophy. Second place receives a set of **Body Parts Sushi Gummy Candy**, which is exactly that: gummy candy fashioned to look very much like pieces of sushi — little pads of "rice" wrapped with strips of "nori," except that instead of a little piece of tuna or eel on top, it's an eyeball, nose, bloody ear, fingertip, etc. Includes chopsticks! Donated by Loser Daphne Steinberg, who's had it lying around for years.

Other runners-up win our "You Gotta Play to Lose" Loser Mug or our Grossery Bag, "I Got a B in Punmanship." 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, April 9;** results published April 29 in print, April 26 online. See general contest rules and guidelines at wapo.st/InvRules. The headline for this week's results is by Chris Doyle; Jesse Frankovich wrote the honorable-mentions subhead. Join the lively Style Invitational Devotees group on Facebook at on.fb.me/invdev.

THE STYLE CONVERSATIONAL The Empress's weekly online column discusses the new contest and results. Especially if you plan to enter, check it out at wapo.st/stylecon; this week the E looks back on our 2008 contest for presidential candidates and tickets.

history 17-hour slog tested audience's patience (Brendan Beary, Great Mills, Md.)

Don't replace . . . reface! Taking surgeon friend's advice, president decides to stick with 47-year-old Melania, on one condition (Steve Honley)

Late-game execution is the difference Punishment seems awfully strict for a traveling call, says Wizards coach, but a win's a win . . . (Bill Lieberman, Ellicott City, Md.)

Nats may call on Montero to back up behind plate Rookie catcher keeps crouching in front of batters (Jeff Shirley)

Robber on bicycle struck four times this year, police say 'I told him to watch out for traffic while stealing purses,' mother says (Matthew Zimmer, New York)

Tree at Mount Vernon, linked to George Washington, felled in storm C'mon, George, don't lie — we know it was you (Jesse Frankovich, Grand Ledge, Mich.)

She was beautiful AND salty Lot's wife fondly remembered (Duncan Stevens, Vienna, Va.)

The \$560 million secret behind this winning Powerball ticket 'I picked the right numbers,' area woman reveals (Alan Duxbury, Carlisle, Pa., a First Offender)

Drawn by decay White House tourist lines stretch for blocks (Rob Huffman, Fredericksburg, Va.)

Color pairings that should be hideous are, somehow, exquisite Fashion shows are SO much better on acid (Gary Crockett)

The end of two-wing parties

Host promises to triple KFC order for next Super Bowl fete (Mark Raffman)

Where Might Trump and Kim Jong-un Meet? Here Are Some Possibilities Mordor's Mount Doom, Dante's Ninth Circle of Hell top list (Lawrence McGuire, Waldorf, Md.)

Why do we understand so little about breast feeding? Primary consumers too young to share their thoughts (Rob Wolf)

Why I could no longer serve the president 'I just couldn't keep putting ketchup on his steak!' laments aphorized waiter (Steve Honley)

Chances of contempt for Bannon fade in GOP probe Compared with other probees, 'we just like the big lunk,' Ryan says (Ann Martin, College Park; Catherine Hagman, Silver Spring)

Re-creating a volcanic eruption — indoors The easy way to do a colonoscopy prep (Mae Scanlan, Washington)

Hicks to step down as communications director Cletus and Jethro Jenkins shared a WH job, will return to selling moonshine (Elden Carnahan)

Feeling low is depressingly common in U.S. Crotchgroping incidents increasing, study finds (Chris Doyle)

And Last: Mess With Our Heads Lettuce isn't just for salad anymore — try these new recipes (Matthew Zimmer)

More honorable mentions in the online Invite at wapo.st/invite1273

Still running — deadline Monday night, April 2: Our contest for cursers. See wapo.st/invite1272.

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"NOW THAT'S A WORKOUT!" By PAM AMICK KLAWITTER

- 1 Shopper, at times
- 6 Driving hazard
- 10 The last game there was played 9/28/2008
- 14 Olive Garden staple
- 19 cuisine
- 20 Newcastle's river
- 21 Changes lanes on?
- 22 One way to think
- 23 Laura's classic "Dick Van Dyke Show" wail
- 24 Baseball family name
- 25 Got off the horse
- 26 Hit-by-pitch reminders
- 27 Mediators burn calories by —
- 31 Increased
- 32 Short relative? — spot
- 33 March family creator
- 38 Cancel at NASA
- 40 Brainstorm
- 45 Employees burn calories by —
- 50 Those, in Tijuana
- 51 2018 "Sunday Night Baseball" addition
- 52 Org. with specialists
- 53 Bust unit
- 54 Carve up
- 55 Like many an AARP mem.
- 56 Got glasses on credit?
- 60 Trent Reznor's band, initially
- 61 College near Albany
- 62 Earthshaking event
- 64 Researchers burn calories by —
- 67 High winds
- 70 Monterey day
- 71 Blackens, as a flue
- 72 Forensic investigators burn calories by —
- 77 Clan symbols
- 81 Bountiful native
- 82 Canides of "My Big Fat Greek Wedding"
- 83 "Inside the NFL" analyst
- 86 Place to go in Gloucester
- 87 Collapses
- 88 La Scala strain

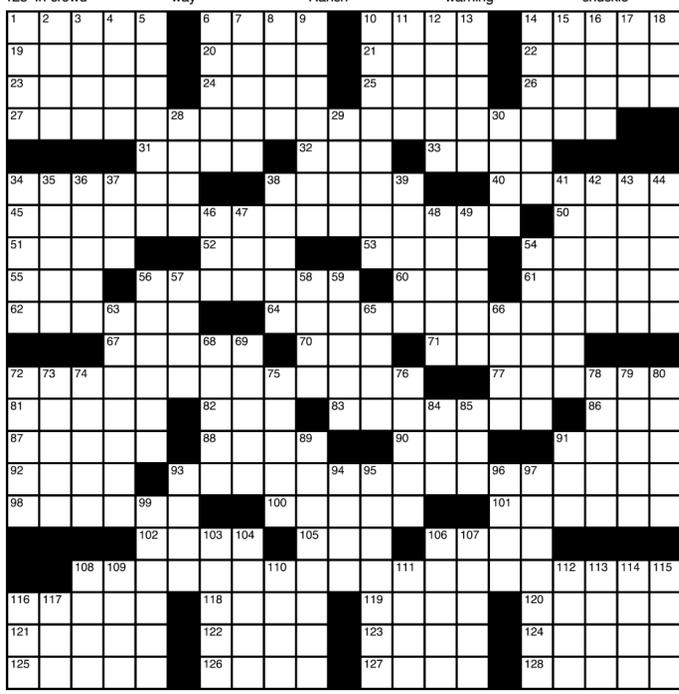
- 90 High degree
- 91 Buy and sell quickly
- 92 Cabinet dept. with an atom on its seal
- 93 Campaigners burn calories by —
- 98 Fight in the boonies
- 100 Offshore
- 101 Picks on
- 102 First name in folk
- 105 Broadway's Hagen
- 108 Pouches
- 108 Toadies burn calories by —
- 116 Getting warm
- 118 Unadorned
- 119 Logical word from Descartes
- 120 Positive words from one in a slump
- 121 Puts an edge on
- 122 Omani money
- 123 Roger succeeded him in Bond films
- 124 Chilling in-crowd

- 126 Word with ant or brat
- 127 Churchill, for one
- 128 Chips
- DOWN**
- 1 God with a hammer
- 2 Iolani Palace island
- 3 Chance to play
- 4 Berkshire boarding school
- 5 Renaissance
- 6 Big bucks
- 7 One of the Jenners
- 8 Part of German, in Germany
- 10 Pequod's chief mate
- 11 Moon: Henry Hudson's ship
- 12 Cat Nation people
- 13 Toon dog sharing a name with an MLB player
- 14 Used as security, in a way

- 15 One of the Baldwins
- 16 Lonesome fish?
- 17 Son of Akhenaten
- 18 "Mad Men" creations
- 28 Words of denial
- 29 Blarney Stone home
- 30 The Phantom of the Opera
- 34 In pieces
- 35 Attractive one?
- 36 Benjamin's bill
- 37 Anxious med. condition
- 38 ESPN figures
- 39 Russian crepes
- 41 Hardest to hang on to
- 42 More than enough, usually
- 43 Odds end?
- 44 Cornerstone abbr.
- 46 Tandori bread
- 47 "Today" rival, for short
- 48 Hollywood's Ken and Lena
- 49 Where Kinshasa is
- 54 Chilling in-crowd

- 56 Birds in Kilmer's "Trees"
- 57 Memphis middle name
- 58 Quattro maker
- 59 Salty solution
- 63 Goose and hen?
- 65 Domino
- 66 Wizard revealer
- 68 "Walk, Don't Run" actress
- 69 Skyline stand-out
- 72 German pistol
- 73 Rock music memoir
- 74 Strong preferences, casually
- 75 Mikhail's wife
- 76 — different tune: change one's mind
- 78 Self-named sitcom rival
- 79 Word in Duncan Hines ads
- 80 Former frosh
- 84 Co. that spawned Baby Bells
- 85 Theater warning

- 89 In an insightful manner
- 91 Shot target
- 93 Witness' lineup choice, ideally
- 94 Map strip: Abbr.
- 95 Least distant
- 96 Inscribe
- 97 Runway display
- 99 Like the worst excuse
- 103 Sign of balance?
- 104 Ecstatic way to walk
- 106 Domino product
- 107 Ecstasy's opposite
- 108 Multiple Grammy winner
- 109 Purposes
- 110 Weight unit
- 111 Stale cookie in crosswords?
- 112 Ritz-Carlton rival
- 113 Lyrical
- 114 It's stopped during a save
- 115 Gets
- 116 All the tea in China?
- 117 Facebook chuckle



Answers to last week's puzzle below.

HOROSCOPE

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY | April 1: This year you will flourish when relating to others. Most of you can't help but express your depth and compassion. If you are single, you will meet people with ease. Decide what type of relationship you want and choose accordingly. If you are attached, the two of you often are found out and about together. Your relationship is a source of excitement. Think twice before starting a relationship with a Scorpio.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Communication flourishes by midday, despite a rough start for some of you. Recognize that your responses are anything but standard or usual. You are your own person, and others frequently find you to be a bit unpredictable.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You could be in a situation where you have to focus on a particular project, be it taxes or making your garden look like spring. You'll gain an insight that might make you nervous.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You are not willing to give up the weekend spirit just yet. You might be ready to have a one-on-one conversation with a loved one, or head out for a picnic. An unpredictable friend could add a twist to your day, forcing an adjustment of sorts.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You might feel as if a loved one is too much into power plays. Your response will be to detach and not get involved. Communication excels with an older person. At some point, this individual might surprise you with a comment.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Opt to stay close to home. An important call heads your way. As a result, you'll feel informed and more in control. News from a distance could shake you out of the doldrums. Make plans to go to dinner, and invite a friend to join you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Note that your possessive side emerges when dealing with others. Start opening up more, and the uncomfortable feelings will leave. Make important calls and touch base with key loved ones.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You might decide to make a major purchase. You could jolt others with how quickly you follow through on it. A partner is likely to have a strong reaction. You can't change how this person feels, but you can try to understand where they are coming from.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Others come forward and have a lot to share. Choose to be with a close loved one, and make plans that suit both of you perfectly. You need to choose a happening that helps soothes your nerves.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Think through an idea before presenting it to others. You might want to brainstorm with a trusted adviser or confidant. The unexpected occurs as you try to arrange plans, especially those with a loved one.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Zero in on what you want. Verbalize what you believe you deserve. Someone close to you might have a strong reaction, but don't let it get to you. Others are likely to be very receptive.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Take charge, and you'll get done even more than you had anticipated. Others follow your lead, but few can imitate your style. You take command much like a leader and draw others out.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Your perspective might be more evolved than many others'. Lighten up the moment by being more present with friends and loved ones. Those closest to you feel that you are the key to learning more in a certain area of their lives.

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