

DIVERSIONS

THE STYLE INVITATIONAL

Forge a head: Winning bank headlines

BY PAT MYERS

In **Week 1327**, we once again asked readers to choose a headline from an article or ad in The Post or another publication that week and reinterpret it with a bank head, or subtitle.

4th place

Headline: Bikers support bullying victims

Bank head: 'Those wimps deserve it,' they claim
(William Collinge, Gettysburg, Pa.)

3rd place

Second inmate who escaped jail is found

Oog of Mongolia left ancient cave-prison more than 4,000 years ago
(Frank Mann, Washington)

2nd place and the Atlanta 'Barves' T-shirt: Hoda Kotb welcomes baby number two!

'I know it's weird but I love changing poop diapers,' TV host says
(Jesse Frankovich, Grand Ledge, Mich.)

And the winner of the Lose Cannon:

Easy ways to keep your home green without breaking the bank
1. Don't paint it another color
(Duncan Stevens, Vienna, Va.)

The bank-and-file: Honorable mentions

On Capitol Hill, some Trump officials are testifying for an audience of one
'Typical ratings for us,' says C-Span
(Sam Mertens, Silver Spring)

Full moon yoga for Fitness Friday!

Instructor blames mishap on old workout leggings
(Frank Osen, Pasadena, Calif.)

Taliban announce spring offensive

Sunshine, flowers deemed blasphemous
(John McCoey, Rehoboth Beach, Del.)

Why it's so hard to keep conspiracy theorists off YouTube

It's because YouTube is controlled by an Islamist/Soros/Hillary cabal determined to infiltrate our society
(Neal Starkman, Seattle)

Missing man found safe and well

Discovered money from one, water from the other
(Jesse Frankovich)

N. Korea rejects Pompeo, asks for more 'mature' U.S. envoy

Officials irritated by secretary playing video games on phone at negotiating table
(Dave Prevar, Annapolis)

Grease heists can generate \$10,000 in a night

24-hour guards ordered for Don Jr.'s comb
(Gary Crockett, Chevy Chase)

Davis ends hitless streak in a big way

First baseman finally punches heckler
(Howard Walderman, Columbia)

For the Impossible Whopper, consider the possibilities

'Biggest crowd ever,' 'total exonerated' spring to mind
(Chris Doyle, Denton, Tex.)

As support grows, Buttigieg officially joins race

'Okay, you can put me down as Caucasian,' candidate affirms
(Mark Raffman, Reston)

Henderson County job fair

'Eh, I've had better ones,' says zoning dept. worker
(Frank Osen)

Stone demands Mueller report, dismissal of indictment

Also demands ice cream with sprinkles at bedtime
(Robyn Carlson, Keyser, W.Va.)

Explore Our New Model (home)

Fashion Show Invitation Angers #MeToo Activists
(Kevin Dopart, Washington)

Eight-foot alligator removed from Fort Myers home

Stunned wildlife officials gape at animal's four extra limbs
(Jesse Frankovich)

Liberal Democrats hope small-dollar donations can sway more voters

'Just bribing them with \$5 at the polls might work best,' strategists say
(Danielle Nowlin, Fairfax Station; Jonathan Jensen, Baltimore)

How to do a dumbbell roll-out

The inside story of Herman Cain's nomination to Fed
(Frank Osen)

Columbus does it again, puts Tampa Bay on brink



BOB STAAKE FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

New contest for Week 1331: Paste Imperfect

"It is discouraging to see a GHOST HAUNTING THE cluttered house with clothes on the bed or toiletries all over the bathroom vanities." (From a recent Post article on selling your home)

Publish a LoveNote in The Washington Post on Tuesday, February 14, and let them know you're [thin]king of them. (Marty McCullen, Week 647)

Voters are serious about wanting to make sure that their legislators [are focused on the right priorities] SHOW UP WAVING MONEY IN THEIR FACES. (Peter Metrisko, Week 647)

As you might guess from this week's results, the Empress loves contests that send you searching through this newspaper, or even other people's newspapers. Here's one we did only one time before, back in 2006.

Do you ever type something, start to change it, then get distracted and move text to the wrong place, or accidentally delete words? Here's your chance to do it for Unfabulous Prizes! **This week: Choose a headline or sentence from The Post or another publication, print or online, dated May 9-20, 2019. Then change that headline or other text by:**

- A. Deleting up to 40 consecutive characters from it** (put brackets around the deleted text);
- B. Adding up to 40 consecutive letters from the same article or ad** (write the additions in capital letters);
- or C. Both A and B, as long as the added text goes at the end of your headline or sentence.**

As in the examples above. Please include the date and page number from the paper or, if you have it, the URL of the Web page.

Submit entries at wapo.st/enter-invite-1331 (all lowercase).

Winner gets the **Lose Cannon**, our Style Invitational trophy.

Second place receives a lovely item crafted expressly as a Style Invitational prize by Fan but Not a Loser Janine Borofka of Frederick, Md.: It's a **miniature basket crocheted entirely from tightly twisted Washington Post delivery bags** of assorted colors. Big enough to hold one large apple, it would also make a very nice Loser Mug cozy. It even has little handles.

Other runners-up win our "You Gotta Play to Lose" Loser Mug or our "Whole Fools" Grossery Bag. Honorable mentions might get one of our lusted-after Loser magnets, "We've Seen Better" or "IDiot Card," or possibly a new "Too-Weak Notice" or "Certificate of (de)Merit." First Offenders receive only a smelly tree-shaped air "freshener" (FirStink for their first ink). **Deadline is Monday night, May 20;** results published June 9 in print, June 6 online. See general contest rules and guidelines at wapo.st/InvRules. The headline "Forge a Head" was submitted by both Chris Doyle and Jesse Frankovich; Jesse also wrote the honorable-mentions subhead.

● **The Style Conversational:** The Empress's weekly online column discusses each new contest and set of results. Check it out at wapo.st/styleconv.



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See, Post bags are for more than poop pickup: This week's handcrafted 2nd prize.

Spirit of genocidal white European returns to menace native Floridians
(Jeff Contompasis, Ashburn)

Redress measure passes in GU vote

Success of 'You're not wearing that, are you?' referendum stuns Hoya students
(Brendan Beary, Great Mills; Craig Dykstra, Centerville)

These Books Spark Joy

After electric shock, 'View' host Behar swears off Kindles
(Jesse Rifkin, Arlington)

Cherry Blossom 10 Miler wasn't actually 10 miles

Also, blossoms were poison ivy
(Dave Zarrow, Reston)

A Home That Worked for the Whole Family

'We loved it,' says Suzanne Whole
(Chris Doyle)

Company pulls electric bicycles

When batteries fail, seller offers a tow with tiny truck
(Frank Mann; Mark Raffman)

Enjoy the outdoors all year!

Bank tries to put best face on foreclosures
(Mark Raffman)

Irving scores 37 as Boston goes up 2-0

His first 35 points are called back for interference
(Jon Gearhart, Des Moines)

Minnesota United loses seesaw battle, 4-3

'Maybe we should have played soccer instead,' coach says
(Dave Airozo, Silver Spring)

Why your next new iPhone should be used

Never taking it out of the box decreases satisfaction, surveys show
(Frank Mann; Danielle Nowlin)

Woods back on top of world

Global warming sparks tree growth in Arctic
(Larry Carnahan, Peabody, Mass.)

Ford expects \$1 billion from change at plant

Test drivers lost LOTS of coins in car seats, says CEO
(Rick Haynes, Boynton Beach, Fla.)

Evans says he will stop outside consulting, legal work

Council member to switch to trusted insiders, illegal activities
(Sam Mertens)

And Last: In imperial China, the power of empresses

Unbridled authority set precedent for today's tyrannical rule, fickle judgments
(Steve Smith, Potomac)

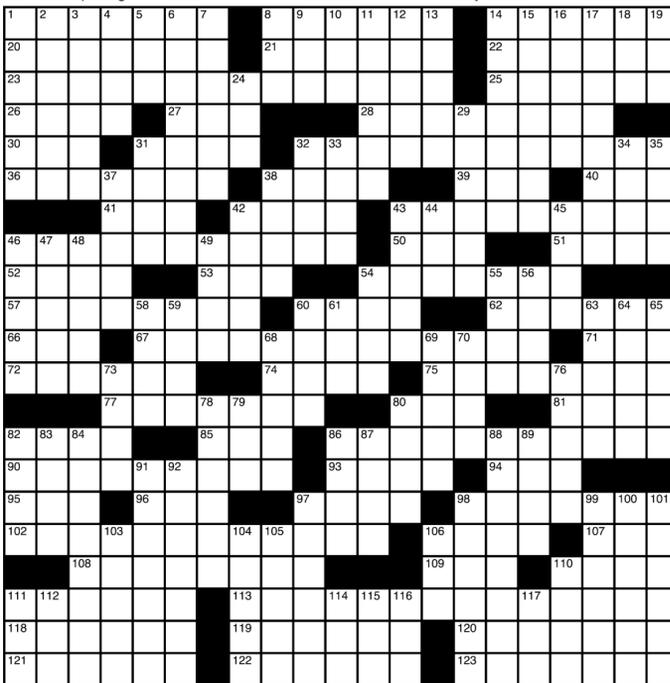
Lots more honorable mentions in the online Invite at wapo.st/invite1331

Still running — deadline Monday night, May 13: Our "grandfoals" wordplay contest. See wapo.st/invite1330.

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Answers to last week's puzzle below.

HOROSCOPE

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY | May 12: This year, you flow from playful and fun-loving to serious and determined. People might often wonder who they'll run into when visiting with you! If you're single, many people would love to be your sweetie. Be discriminating. If you're attached, your significant other enjoys your multifaceted personality. Virgo can be very critical of you. Chin up. Don't let this person get to you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
This morning, you might find it hard to contain your happy and jubilant mood. Your awareness of what you must accomplish today helps you settle in, to a degree. Others admire your sense of commitment and follow-through.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Accept the slow pace of a leisurely morning. You might enjoy watching your Sunday programs or, if you're attached, having some extra snuggle time. What starts as a morning diversion could become a full day of relaxation and smiles.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
Make Sunday calls early in the day. You might make or confirm plans for later. However, your mind and body would appreciate some downtime, if possible. Build some extra time into your schedule for a snooze.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
You might spontaneously decide to go out for brunch. You enjoy yourself while out and about, perhaps squeezing in a little shopping. By afternoon, you might discover that visiting with a friend who calls or whom you run into is a lot of fun.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
You naturally put your best foot forward, thereby making the impossible possible. Your attitude might be more admired and observed than you're aware it is. Others learn from you simply by example. Use care with spending in the afternoon.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Although you might have a slow start, once you get going, you could be difficult to stop. Others might be surprised by the sudden change of energy and all the enthusiasm that emanates from you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
Use the morning to touch base with a dear friend whose news you want to catch up on. This person might mean more to you than you think. Note your feelings when you speak to this person. Take some much-needed personal time in the evening.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
Your intensity takes you to a new level of understanding. You can identify with someone and how they experience life. A deep discussion ensues. Make time to join a group of friends at a sporting event or a party.

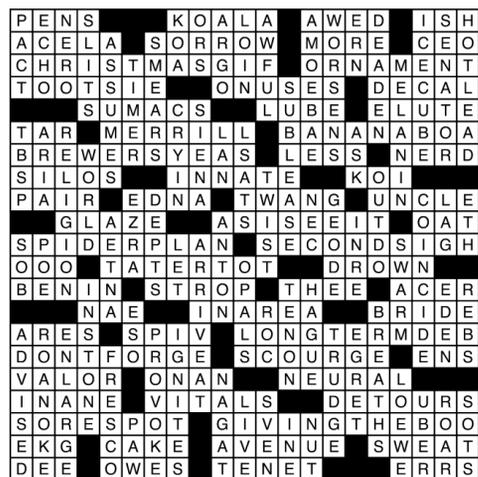
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
You might succeed in taking the day off and splitting town. A change of scenery helps you recycle. You also might enjoy a hike or a visit to a famous flea market. Getting away from the tried and true does wonders for you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Respond to another person's attempt to draw you out. Be flattered that this person wants to get to know you better. Because of recent events, you see them in a different light. For some of you, a new romance could be kindling.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Others continue to seek you out. You feel flattered and cared about. You don't feel the need to commit to any set of plans; however, if intrigued by an invitation, then by all means, head out the door.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
If you can, defer to another person. Not having to always be accountable for plans and responsible for getting others together might be a delight. Sometimes, changing roles is important. An unexpected revelation occurs in the afternoon. Before commenting, digest what you're hearing.

Answers to last week's puzzle.



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