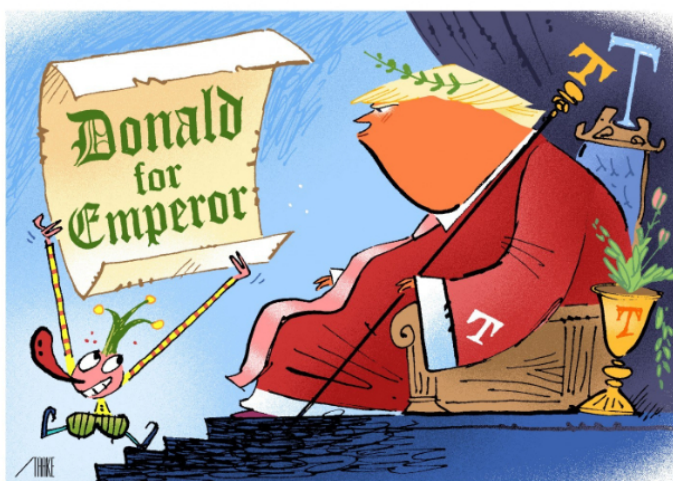


Entertainment

# Style Invitational Week 1238: D-E-F Comedy Jam

Give us a new D-E-F (or E-F-D, etc.) phrase; plus new ink from old contests



(Bob Staake for The Washington Post)

By Pat Myers July 27, 2017 [Email the author](#)

(Click [here to skip down](#) to new honorable mentions from a variety of previous contests)

**E-D-F — Environmental Destruction Fund:** The administration finds ONE part of the EPA budget to increase.



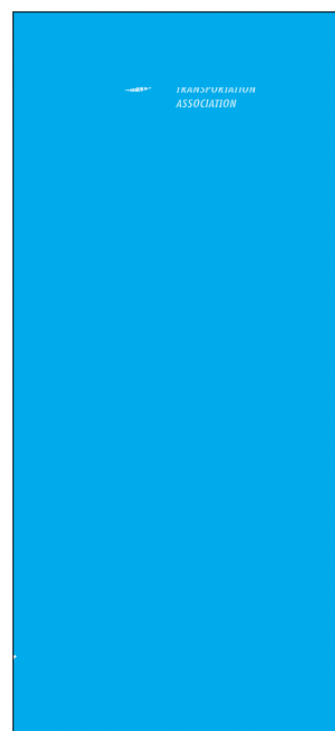
**E-F-D — “Energy For Dummies”:**

“A great read for three reasons: the pages are numbered; I learned some energy things; and . . . ummm” — R. Perry



**D-F-E — Donald For Emperor:**

The RNC tests some early 2020 election slogans.

Here’s Installment 2 of a contest that will march intermittently through the alphabet. Last summer in [Week 1179](#),



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- 1 First glimpse of Kennedy Center’s much delayed expansion unveiled 
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Don't call them octopus tentacles, you unpedant: They're arms. Okay, these would be fingers.

we asked you to come up with three-word phrases whose words began with A-B-C, C-B-A or any other arrangement of those letters (winner by Chris Damm: "Cot And Bagel: a low-budget bed-and-breakfast"). And so: **This week: Coin a three-word phrase (you may add an insignificant word or two) whose words begin with D, E and F — in any order — and describe it**, as in the examples above by Jeff Shirley, who suggested this contest in the first place. You might also come up with a brilliantly clever description of an existing phrase. See the A-B-C results at [bit.ly/invite1183](http://bit.ly/invite1183).

Submit entries at this website: [wapo.st/enter-invite-1238](http://wapo.st/enter-invite-1238) (all lowercase).

Winner gets the **Inkin' Memorial**, the Lincoln statue bobblehead that is the official Style Invitational trophy — one of the last few before we come out with a new design. Second place receives a pair of long, rubbery, pink, curly "octopus fingers" (or, as their Danish label puts it, "*blaekspruttefingre*") that fit over your own fingers for, well, we don't know what for. To make your hand look like an octopus. Donated by Roy and Inge Ashley.

**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, "[No Childishness Left Behind](#)" or "[Magnum Dopus](#)." First Offenders receive only a smelly tree-shaped air "freshener" ([FirStink](#) for their first ink). Deadline is Monday night, Aug. 7; results published Aug. 27 (online Aug. 24). See general contest rules and guidelines at [wapo.st/InvRules](http://wapo.st/InvRules). Join the Style Invitational Devotees group on Facebook at [on.fb.me/invdev](https://on.fb.me/invdev). "Like" Style Invitational Ink of the Day on Facebook at [bit.ly/inkofday](http://bit.ly/inkofday).

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[And from some earlier Style Invitational contests . . .](#)

### EXTRA! EXTRA! More inkworthies


The Empress is just getting back from vacation, so this week she's offering some extra honorable mentions from several recent contests. The Losers below who didn't already get ink in those contests will get Loser magnets when the E catches up with the prizes. They will wait patiently.

### FROM WEEK 1223,


*a contest in which entrants wrote misleadingly juicy (though technically true) headlines for real non-juicy articles in this and other papers:*


### OHIO MAN TO MISS WORK AFTER ATTACKING PENGUIN WITH STICK


NHL's Columbus Blue Jackets' Matt Calvert suspended after hitting

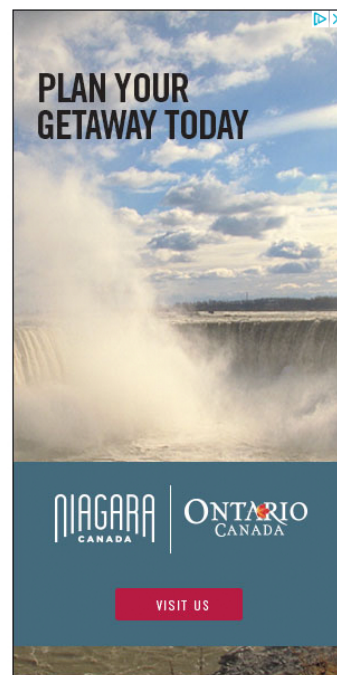
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**3 Perspective**  
President Trump's power to pardon himself, as skewered by cartoons


- 4 Review**  
Sex, politics and art painted in broad strokes in 'Botticelli in the Fire'


- 5 Analysis**  
Do the dismal box-office returns of 'Solo' signal a problem for Star Wars?





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Mahjongg Candy  
Matching game



Word Wipe  
Word game



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Arcade game

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Pittsburgh player  
(Kevin Dopart, Washington)

FILE'S CONTINUOUS BLUE JACKETS Matt Carver suspended after hitting  
Pittsburgh player  
(Kevin Dopart, Washington)

### SCHOOL OFFICIALS AIM SHOTS AT CHILDREN, HIT TARGETS

Mandatory vaccination program increases California's immunization rate  
(Mark Raffman, Reston, Va.)

### WILL OUR GALAXY EXPLODE?

Samsung's newest phones to be released  
(Drew Bennett, West Plains, Mo.)

### TRUMP SENDS SECRETARY TO HOLOCAUST CENTER

Rex Tillerson and family tour museum  
(Karen Van Buren, Los Altos, Calif., a First Offender)

### NSA AGENTS MAKE MICROSOFT EMPLOYEES TAKE LEAKS OUT OF WINDOWS

Agency addressed Windows 10 security flaws  
(Edward Gordon, Austin)

### LOCAL CHILDREN ORDERED TO SEARCH FOR FOOD AMONG DEADLY TOOLS, DANGEROUS CHEMICALS

"Hardware store hosts Easter egg hunt"  
(Frank Osen, Pasadena, Calif.)

### STUNNING DETAILS OF HANGINGS IN UPSCALE HOTELS EXPOSED

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### FROM WEEK 1224,

*in which we presented a list of items and asked you to tell us how any two  
were the same or different:*

### The difference between an intentional walk and a flight on United

**Express:** One gets a man on base and the other gets a man on face.  
(Annette Green, Lexington, Va.)

**A response by Sean Spicer is like the April the giraffe cam:** After  
you've waited days and days for something worthwhile, the camera shuts off.  
(Warren Tanabe, Annapolis)

### The difference between lunch with Mike Pence and World War III

is that women can participate in World War III.  
(John Hutchins, Silver Spring, Md.)

### FROM WEEK 1230,

*dialogues or monologues portraying a Creator's thought process while  
creating various creatures:*

*Creating snakes:*



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**Creating crabs:**

GOD: Imagine a cross between a giant scorpion and a spider.

ANGEL: This should be good.

GOD: It eats garbage but tastes delicious.

ANGEL: Look at you! Mr. IRONY!

(Frank Mann, Washington)

**Creating humans:**

GOD: You what?

ANGEL: We already made something in your image. Remember? You called it a paramecium.

GOD: Okay, but this next one will be allowed to think it's My image.

(Ken Gallant, Oslo)

**Creating fireflies:**

GOD: Remember when I divided light from darkness?

ANGEL: Yeah, it was earlier this week.

GOD: Makes it kind of hard to read at night.

ANGEL: I got this leftover jar you could fill with something.

(Jeff Contompasis, Ashburn, Va.)

**Creating snails:**

ANGEL: Hey, what should we do with this leftover garlic butter?

GOD: I think I have just the thing . . . (Mark Raffman)

**Creating birds:**

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ANGEL: What if I make it snort a lot?

DOG: Pfft.

ANGEL: Okay, so snorting won't help . . . (Warren Tanabe)

**FROM WEEK 1154,**

*parodies about animals:*

**My Florida Things**

(to "[\*My Favorite Things\*](#)")

Here in the tropics, we've got us some critters

Might give the pet lover justified jitters.

Pythons with coils and aningas with wings:

These are a few of my Florida things.

You'd have good reason to question my sanity

If I leashed up a lugubrious manatee.

Or a flamingo – they won't fetch or beg;

Just stand around in the pond on one leg.

Don't want a tortoise or an armadillo:

They're not the sort one would use for a pillow.

And if I took in some gators or crocs,  
I'd be a schnook with her head full of rocks.

If you wanna friend this fauna,  
I suppose you can . . .  
But one critter here can't be taught, trained, or tamed:  
The infamous Florida Man!  
(Nan Reiner, Boca Raton, Fla.)

### The Cat Song

(to "*The Jet Song*")

When you're a cat, you're the king of the house!  
Every creature knows that,  
Every dog, every mouse.  
When you're a cat you're the lord of the realm  
Every human knows that  
It's a cat at the helm.

It's been you all along, the law remains unwritten;  
They've heeded your song since you were just a kitten.  
Bizarrely smitten!

When you're a cat and you enter a room  
They all know where it's at, they all know who owns whom  
They all KNOW WHO KNOWS WHOM. (Kel Nagel, Salisbury, Md.)

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Your retirement on Mondays and personal finance on  
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#### FROM WEEK 1219, faux medieval "lik the bred" poems:

My name, Ivanka.  
Mark this thyng:  
I aim to make  
My Daddy Kyng.  
I knoweth well  
He be a clown.  
I knock him off.  
I seize the crowne.  
(Nan Reiner)

I'm Kim Jong Un.  
I have no qualms  
At offing uncles,  
Testing bombs,  
Yet now it really  
Chafes my butt,  
Folks look at Trump;  
They fear *that* nut.  
(Duncan Stevens, Vienna, Va.)

**Still running — deadline Monday night, Aug. 1: our contest for  
alliterative headlines. See [wapo.st/invite1237](https://wapo.st/invite1237).**

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