The Style Invitational
Week 392: Unstated Truths

A man.
A woman.
A Weblead.
A pro athlete.
A poet.
A PR person.
A telemarketer.
An 8-year-old child.

This Week’s Contest: Come up with lines that you’ll never hear the above people say. Choose one or more. (Example: Something you’ll never hear a man say: “Sorry, I never kiss on a first date.”) First prize winner gets a genuine goose-skin bottle donated to the Style Invitational by Stephen Durlak of Silver Spring, who wins a copy of the Washington-Baltimore Dog Lovers Companion, a new book that is basically a travel guide for dogs.

First runner-up gets the tacky but estimable Style Invitational Loser Pen. Other runners-up receive the coveted Style Invitational Loser T-shirt. Honorable Mentions get the mildly sought-after Style Invitational bumper sticker. Winners will be selected on the basis of humor and originality. Mail your entries to the Style Invitational, Week 392, c/o The Washington Post, 1150 15th St. NW, Washington, D.C. 20071; fax them to 202-334-4312; or submit them via Internet to this address: losers@washpost.com. Internet users: Please indicate the week number in the “subject” field. Also, please do not append “attachments,” which tend not to be read. Entries must be received on or before Monday, Jan. 3. Important: Please include your postal address and phone number. Winners will be announced three weeks from today. Editors reserve the right to alter entries for taste. Humor or appropriateness. No purchase necessary. Today’s Ear No One Reads was written by Richard Leby of Silver Spring. Employees of The Washington Post and members of their immediate families are not eligible for prizes.

REPORT FROM WEEK 399, in which you were asked to come up with supermarket tabloid headlines using only the left side of the computer keyboard. A few people wrote magnificent, inventive headlines that were, alas, too sedate for the task. Our favorites, by JoAnn Gottlieb of Arlington: “63% AGREE STARR EXAGGERATED CASE.”

» Sixth Runner-Up: BEREAVED EATS CADAVER! (Barbara Collier, Garrett Park)

» Fifth Runner-Up: FDA DATA ASSERTS CASABA BREASTED BABIES BETTER WEAR BRAS (William M. Powell, Arlington)

» Fourth Runner-Up: TA TA TESTES! EX CASTRATES DEADBEAT DAD (David Genser, Arlington)

» Third Runner-Up: REEFER RAGE GRABS W VA! GEEZERS AFEARED! (Jennifer Hart, Arlington)

» Second Runner-Up: SAVAGES EAT STEWED WEEMVES AS DESSERT! (Elden Carnahan, laurel)

» First Runner-Up: BRETT FAVRE WEDS BART STARR AFTER 16 BEERS! (Tom Witte, Gaithersburg)

And the winner of the “Man Eating Bugs” book:

WET AREAS ARE GREASE
DRESS WEARER ATTESTS!
WET AREAS ARE SEED
SWEARS DRESS TESTER! (Eric Lemming, Reston)

» Honorable Mentions!
CAT FECE STEW DRAWN RAVES AT CATERED FEAST! (Reed Kelly, Bethesda)

STARR BABES 666! (Sue Lin Chong, Washington)

FATTEST SERB EVER EATS GREATER ZAGREB! (Elden Carnahan, laurel)
DEAD VERSACE WEDS! (Eric Lenning, Reston)
FEDS SEE CEEGAR SEX AS FAD! (Jen G. Mitchell, Manassas)
VAST STEWARDESS EATS DESSERT CART! (Meg Sullivan, Potomac)
TEXAS RAW BAR VS SCARE! GREAT BABES! BAD CRABS! (Tipper McFarren, Bethesda)
GB BARFS AT FAR EAST STATE FEAST! (Don Juran, Rockville)
SERRATED BRA SEVERS BREAST! (Bill Snider, Gaithersburg)
EXCESS BEER AFFECTS ERECT STATE! (Don Juran, Rockville)
BEER FARTS GET TAXED AS GAS (Lee Mayer and Paul Laporte, Washington)
STARR WEARS SEX DRESS AT STAFF RETREAT! (Paul Kocak, Syracuse; Brad Kelly, Bethesda)
EXTRA! FED EDGAR WEARS TAFFETA DRESSES! (Michael J. Hannan, Arlington)
VADER SEX SABER AWES STAR WARS guest! (Eric Lenning, Reston)
SAX RAT ADDRESSES GREATEST SEX FEATS! (Jim Swickard, Uniontown, Ohio)
ZSA ZSA DEAD AT 112! (Dave Perry, Leesburg)
EAT ERSATZ FAT! DEFECATE DRAWERS! (Don Juran, Rockville)
STARR REGARDED AS GASBAG! (Barbara Collier, Garrett Park)
u And last
CZAR TEST A SAD RETREAD! (Brad Kelly, Bethesda)

Next Week: A Brand New Contest