Entertainment

Style Invitational Week 1145: It’s a DICEy situation — Tour de Fours XII

Our annual neologism contest, plus the winning reinterpreted headlines

Bob Staake came up with “paracomedic”: Can you make up a term that includes the E-D4-C block, in any order? (Bob Staake for The Washington Post)

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(Click here to skip down to the results of our Mess With Our Heads bank headline contest.)

Paracomedic: an EMT who performs stand-up while you lie down in the ambulance.

Ice-damsel: The person in distress if you try to “rescue” this princess is you.
And from the Style Invitational contest announced four weeks ago . . .

QUIPPED FROM THE HEADLINES:

REPORT FROM WEEK 1141

Week 1141 was our perennial Mess With Our Heads contest, in which you chose a real headline from that week’s Post and wrote a bank head, or subtitle, that either misinterprets the original head or comments wryly on it. Great results, as always.

4th place:

How first lady can avoid a dress flap

Aides suggest she drop designer Dr. Denton (Pie Snelson, Silver Spring, Md.)
3rd place:
A no-brainer on Syria
Palin weighs in on Mideast conflict (Duncan Stevens, Vienna, Va.)

2nd place and the Mr. Tea Infuser:
Bush’s unfamiliar position: underdog
Transplanted azalea withers from warm, yellow watering (Rob Wolf, Gaithersburg, Md.)

And the winner of the Inkin’ Memorial:
Amid pomp and circumstance, a shepherd tends his flock
‘Quit playing FarmVille on your phone — they’re about to call you up for your diploma!’ friend mutters to classmate (Danielle Nowlin, Fairfax Station, Va.)

Bank reserves: honorable mentions
Ben Carson says a Muslim shouldn’t be president
And Muslims say Ben Carson shouldn’t be president
(Neal Starkman, Seattle; Gregory Koch, Falls Church, Va.)

Stocks close down on growth concerns
Colonial Williamsburg removes replicas because ‘fat tourists keep getting their arms caught’ (Mark Raffman, Reston, Va.)

Tortorella to coach U.S. squad in Cup
Embarrassed players wish he would put more clothes on (Brendan Beary, Great Mills, Md.)

The beginning of Trump’s end?
That would be right on top of his neck (Jon Gearhart, Des Moines)

Israeli supermodel wanted a no-fly zone for her wedding
All male guests had to wear yoga pants, kilts (Sylvia Betts, Vancouver, B.C.)

Carly Fiorina subdued in victory lap after debate
Police allege “she looked black” (Stephen Litterst, Newark, Del.)

‘I’ve tried three wheels before, but not two. I’m a little nervous.’
Brie addict struggles to reduce daily cheese consumption (Roy Ashley, Washington)

Candidates on both sides bashing China
Senate Dining Room spat between Sanders, Cruz turns into plate-throwing brawl (Rob Cohen, Potomac, Md.)

When dating in your 40s, is it better to be divorced or never married?
Experts agree that, yes, married people shouldn’t be dating (Christopher Thorpe, San Francisco)

Culture of reprisals against whistleblowers
Disgruntled fans routinely toss stuff at refs (Beverley Sharp, Montgomery, Ala.)

At debate, many candidates spell out their strategy on Iran
‘B-O-M-B’ (Gary Crockett, Chevy Chase, Md.)

Washington Post honored at food journalist conference
Paper edges Times of London in coveted Fish & Chip Wrapping category (John McCooey, Rehoboth Beach, Del.)

**Md. man ‘touched everyone’s hearts’**
Out-of-control surgeon performed unwanted, invasive procedures (Rebekah Bundang, Vienna, Va., a First Offender)

**Groupon to shed 1,100 jobs**
Company-wide e-mail titled ‘10% off!’ wasn’t best way to break the news, execs say (Brendan Beary)

**White House picks florist**
‘Ha, now you know how we feel,’ say Rose Garden inhabitants (Danielle Nowlin)

**Doesn’t get any easier for Virginia**
Tyke to be told there is no Easter Bunny (Mark Raffman)

**Metro nears new deal to keep cellphone users connected**
Riders will be able to call the office to say they’re stuck on the Red Line again (Brendan Beary)

**GOP hopefuls spell dread for federal employees**
Only 3 forgot to include the silent A (Neal Starkman)

**How to make 2016 the year of the tomato**
Trump urges GOP to recruit women candidates with ‘huge personas’ (Frank Osen, Pasadena, Calif.)

**Copper returns as an agent in the battle against resilient bacteria**
Officer McGruff says: ‘Take a bite out of grime’ (Jeff Contompasis, Ashburn, Va.)

**A look ahead at Wednesday’s Mass**
After Tuesday’s banquet, Christie predicts 5-lb. gain (Rick Haynes, Ocean City, Md.)

**Amazon announces new $50 tablet**
‘Amateurs,’ scoffs pill-gouger Martin Shkreli (Brendan Beary)

**Another disappointing transportation meeting**
Metro seatmate turns out not to be soul mate for 7,653rd consecutive morning (Danielle Nowlin)

**Name the panda Elvis**
CIA reveals Bin Laden’s cryptic last words (Frank Osen)

**Number of uninsured fell steeply last year**
Owner of free Novocain clinic lost control on double-diamond ski slope (Gary Crockett)

**Obama is now letting U.S. telecom carriers go to Cuba**
Country told to expect installer between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. next Tuesday (Roger Dalrymple, Gettysburg, Pa.)

**On Lesbos, endless waves of boats and fears of a more treacherous voyage**
U.S. government slow to aid because senators cannot say ‘Lesbos’ without giggling (Bird Waring, Larchmont, N.Y.)

**Overdue praise for the line**
Classic ‘Would you like to come up and see my etchings?’ gets new life in tat age (Mae Scanlan, Washington)

**Papal visit to Washington will start in summer, end in fall**
Psychics agree that pontiff’s first Segway outing won’t fare well (David Garratt, Silver City, N.M.)
Pope meets with Fidel Castro, urges Cubans to ‘serve people,’ not ideas
‘Soylent Verde’ policy unveiled (Bird Waring)

To minimize lumber damage, quickly get rid of water
Infections from chronically full bladders can spread to nearby parts (Jeff Contompasis)

Too much time behind bars
Ted Danson regrets early TV career (Mark Raffman)

Waiting hours and hours for a joyous few seconds
‘Dinner and a movie’ retains its romantic utility (Elden Carnahan, Laurel, Md.)

With today’s offenses, reaching triple digits doesn’t look quite as impossible
Irritated Beltway drivers growing extra middle fingers to adapt (Danielle Nowlin)

First commute goes well at Silver Spring Transit Center
‘Tomorrow we’ll try a second passenger,’ officials vow (Duncan Stevens)

Get ready for three-on-three
‘Man-man-woman marrying man-man-dog is next,’ Santorum warns (Chris Doyle, Ponder, Tex.)

U.S. sees opportunity for military gains against ISIS in Syria
Wishes everyone luck with that, changes channel (Mike Connaghan, Alexandria, Va.)

A unique chance to figure what the future of museums looks like

The Most Popular All Over

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Malia Obama visits Brown University, causes campus-wide freak-out

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US naval chief asserts navigation rights in contested South China Sea (+video)

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