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Style Invitational Week 1426: Mess with our heads

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Our perennial bank headline contest. Plus winning wordplay ‘collaborations.’



(Bob Staake for The Washington Post)

By **Pat Myers**
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(Click [here to skip down](#) to this week’s winning wordplay “collaborations”)

Chair dismisses fears of overdoing stimulus (*Washington Post*, March 1)

Bank head: ‘Let those kids jump on me,’ La-Z-Boy says; vows to ‘boing ’em right back with my springs’

50% Off Labor (*ad for home renovations*)

Reconsidering no-meds approach, expectant mom opts for ‘just half the pain’ semi-epidural

Miller Leads Patriots Past the Colonials (*George Mason vs. George Washington basketball*)

Creepy White House ex-aide seen heading white militants’ march through suburban subdivision

It’s one of The Style Invitational’s most beloved contests (beloved by the Empress, anyway): **Reinterpret an actual headline (or a major part of it) by adding a bank head, or subtitle**, as in the examples above.

The headlines may be from any publication, print or online, dated March 4-15, 2021. Please give the source and date for the headline so the E can verify it; see details on the entry form.

Submit up to 25 entries at wapo.st/enter-invite-1426 (no capitals in the Web address). **Deadline is Monday, March 15**; results appear April 4 in print, April 1 (whuh-oh) online.

Winner gets the Clowning Achievement, our new Style Invitational trophy. Second place receives a **desktop globe in the shape of a cube**, which will surely prove popular in all eight corners of the world. Donated by Dave Prevar, who sent the E a big Santa-package of ridiculous prizes.

Other runners-up win their choice of our “[For Best Results, Pour Into Top End](#)” **Loser Mug** or our “[Whole Fools](#)” **Grossery Bag**. Honorable mentions get one of our husted-after Loser magnets, “[No ‘Bility](#)” or “[Punderachiever](#).” First Offenders receive only a smelly tree-shaped air “fresher” ([FirStink](#) for their first ink). See general contest rules and guidelines at wapo.st/InvRules. The headline “Ink-a-Hoots” is by Barbara Turner; Jesse Frankovich wrote the honorable-mentions subhead. Join the lively Style Invitational Devotees group on Facebook at on.fb.me/invdev; “like” the Style Invitational Ink of the Day on Facebook at bit.ly/inkofday; and follow [@StyleInvite](https://twitter.com/StyleInvite) on Twitter.

The Style Conversational: The Empress’s weekly online column discusses each new contest and set of results. See this week’s, published late Thursday, March 4, at wapo.st/convi426.

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Week 1422 was essentially an APB for book, movie and song puns; the contest asked for them to be “collaborations” resulting in the tweaked name. Among the 2,000 entries was much pairing of Judy Garland with Ted Cruz/Rudy Giuliani/The Blob to make **The Wizard of Ooze**; others had Mike Lindell singing with Little Anthony on **Tears on MyPillow**. Lots of First Offenders today; they’re marked with asterisks.

4th place:

Marie Kondo with co-author Lindsey Graham: **The Life-Changing Magic of Toadying Up**. (*John Butman, Cabin John, Md.; Frank Mullen III, Aledo, Ill.)

3rd place:



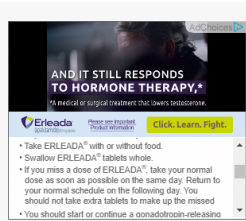
See Greenland around the corner from Canada? This week’s 2nd prize.

Elton John and Kiki Dee featuring Hannibal Lecter: **Don’t Go Baking My Heart**. (Mark Raffinan, Reston, Va.)

2nd place

and the [drinking straw you wrap around your face](#):

If Vicki Lawrence handed her song to Stacey Abrams, she’d sing **The Night the Right Went Out in Georgia**. (Eric Nelkin, Silver Spring, Md.)



And the winner of the Clowning Achievement:

With co-author Vladimir Putin, Barbara Kingsolver would write **The Poison-Good Bible**. (Harold Mantle, Sunnyvale, Calif.)

Co-ing under: Honorable mentions

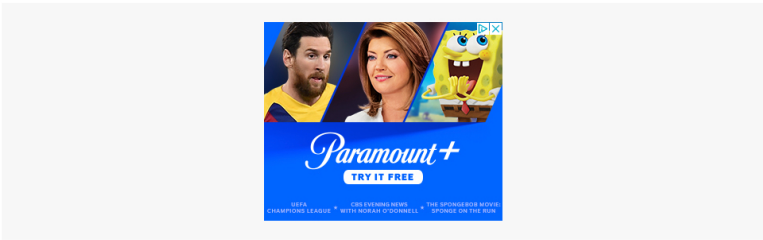
The Silence of the Lames, starring Anthony Hopkins and 43 senators. (*Megan Barnett, Crozet, Va.; Seth Tucker, Washington)

Disney’s collaboration with Fidel and Raúl Castro: **Irates of the Caribbean**. (J. Larry Schott, West Plains, Mo.)

If Rodgers & Hammerstein had done the score for “Groundhog Day,” there’d be **Same Enchanted Evening**. (Jonathan Jensen, Baltimore)

Martin Scorsese could do a documentary on the White House: **Malice Doesn’t Live Here Anymore**. (Adie Peña, Makati, Philippines; Howard Walderman, Columbia, Md.)

Baby Yoda stars with Christopher Lloyd in **The Man DeLorean**. (Gary Crockett, Chevy Chase, Md.)



Alex Winter and Keanu Reeves could sign Pope Francis for **Bill & Ted’s Lent Adventure**. (Chris Damm, Charles Town, W.Va.)

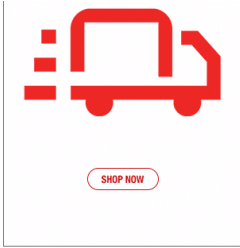
Eric Carle and co-author Quentin Tarantino could make the picture book **Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What the \$%^&* You Looking At?** (Duncan Stevens, Vienna, Va.)

If Cecil B. DeMille had gotten script input from Bill Clinton, he would have made **The Nine Commandments**. (Jeff Contompasis, Ashburn, Va.)

Angelina Jolie could star with Lance Armstrong in **Lara Croft: Tomb ’Roider**. (Bill Dorner, Indianapolis)

If Charles Dickens wrote a novel with George Carlin, it’d be called **Bleep House**. (Jeff Rackow, Bethesda, Md.)

Timothy Spall’s ballad with Joe the Plumber: **The Bottom Line**. (Scott Nims, Cumberland, Md.)



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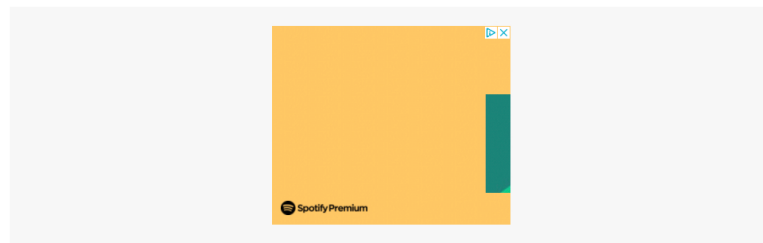
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Ichnaiovsky's ballet with Joe the plumber: **the Butcracker.** (*Breu Dimaio, Cumberland, Md.*)

Sean Connery could have starred with Rudy Giuliani in **The Hunt for Red November.** (*John Klayman, Fairfax, Va.*)



Norton Juster with co-author Rudy Giuliani: **The Phantom Poll-booths.** (*Perry Beider, Silver Spring, Md.*)

Mariah Carey with [virally unwise hairstylist](#) Tessica Brown: **All I Want for Christmas Is Glue.** (*Megan Barnett*)

Ray Bradbury with co-authors Ben & Jerry: **Something Licked This Way Comes.** (*Daniel Fleisher, Baltimore*)

If Quentin Tarantino had cast Paula Deen over Uma Thurman, the movie would have been **Keel Beel.** (*Danielle Nowlin, Fairfax Station, Va.*)

James M. Cain with co-author Louis DeJoy: **The Postman Rings Once in a While.** (*David Shombert, Harrisonburg, Va.*)

Kojak sucks Sam Spade into helping him find his stolen car in **The Baldy's Falcon.** (*Kevin Dopart, Washington*)

Bob Dylan with Donald Trump: **Bellowin' in the Wind.** (*Steve Glomb, Alexandria, Va.*)

Elton John could pair with John G. Roberts Jr. for **Docket Man** and with Nikola Tesla for **Shock-It Man.** (*Jeff Hazle, San Antonio*)



Chinua Achebe and Kim Kardashian: **Thongs Fall Apart** (*Duncan Stevens*)

Neil Diamond and Richard Simmons: **Sweat, Caroline!** (*Bob Kruger, Rockville, Md.*)

Khaled Hosseini and Charlie Brown: **The Kite Ruiner.** (*Lee Graham, Rockville, Md.*)

Charlotte Brontë and A.A. Milne: **Jane Eeyore.** (*Lee Graham*)

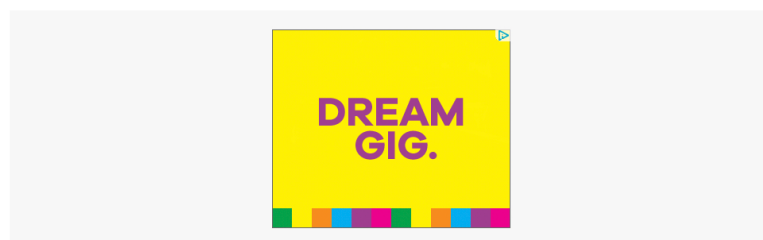
If P.D. Eastman had gone to work for the Biden transition team, he could have written **Go, Don. Go.** (**Chris Wieman, Laurel, Md.*)

William Friedkin could have cast the Peloton Wife in **The Exercicist.** (*Art Grinath, Takoma Park, Md.*)

Lin-Manuel Miranda and Jeffrey Toobin duet in **The Zoom Where It Happened.** (*Megan Barnett*)

Ernest Hemingway might have drafted losing GOP Sens. Kelly Loeffler and David Perdue for **A Farewell to R's.** (*Jesse Frankovich, Lansing, Mich.*)

Louisa May Alcott with Donald Trump: **Belittle Women.** (*Sam Mertens, Silver Spring, Md.; Scott Straub, Winchester, Va.*)



Jane Austen with Enrique Tarrio would write **Proud and Prejudiced.** (**Mike Tringale, Washington*)

Sidney Poitier and Marjorie Taylor Greene: **Guess Q's Coming for Dinner.** (*Bill Dornier*)



Freddie Mercury sings Franz Kafka in **Weevil Rock You.** (*Harold Mantle*)

Billy Joel wrote a song with the California utility PG&E: **We Didn't Start The Fire, and We Understand And Agree That This Settlement Shall Not Be Construed as an Admission of Liability on the Part of Any Person, Firm, Corporation . . .** (*"Hil Barnett, Crozet, Va."*)

Glenn Yarbrough with guest singer Oliver Cromwell: **Baby, the Reign Must Fall.** (*Fran Ludman, Baltimore, who last got Invite ink in Week 29, 1993*)

Louisa May Alcott and [Armie Hammer](#): **Vittle Women.** (*Jim Derby, Gettysburg, Pa.; David Garratt, Silver City, N.M.*)

Donald Trump channels Sam Cooke: **"Qupid, go stop the steal/ Show Pence my landslide was real/ Get him to change the count for me ..."** (*Chris Doyle, Denton, Tex.*)



J.D. Salinger and Washington Post Fact Checker Glenn Kessler: **The Catcher in the Lie.** (*Steve Leifer, Potomac*)

If Fixodent's next ad were written by Gabriel Garcia Marquez, the new tagline would be **100 Years of Solid Food.** (*Danielle Nowlin*)

The Beatles and Jerry Falwell Jr.: **Got to Get You Into My Wife.** (*Dave Matuskey, Sacramento*)

Charles Darwin and Donald Trump: **The Oranging of Species.** (*Bob Kruger*)

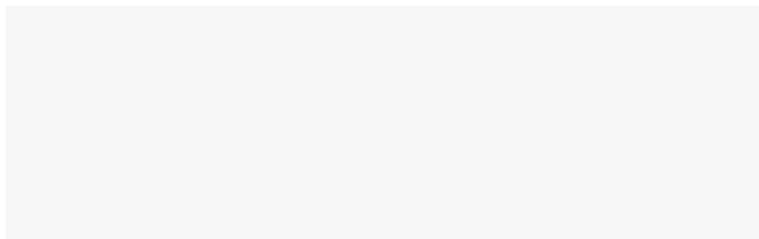
Van Morrison and Dan Quayle: **Dominoe.** (*Steve Smith, Potomac, Md.*)

The Beatles and the Republican National Committee: **Being for the Benefit of Mr. White.** (*J. Larry Schott*)

Warren Beatty stars with Harvey Weinstein in the epic **Preds.** (*Harold Mantle*)

The Coen brothers could cast Sidney Powell in **Fargone.** (*David Shombert*)

Nirvana for the Trump administration family separation program: **Smells Like Mean Spirit.** (*Hil Barnett*)



William Golding and Henrik Ibsen: **Fjord of the Lies.** (*Duncan Stevens*)

And Last: ABBA with the Empress: **Dunce-Ink Queen.** (*Jesse Frankovich*)

Still running — deadline Monday night, March 8: Our Bob Staake cartoon caption contest. See wapo.st/invite1425

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