

DIVERSIONS

THE STYLE INVITATIONAL

Beeologisms: Report from Week 1277

BY PAT MYERS

In Week 1277 we presented 15 sets of seven letters each and asked you to create a new term from the letters of any of the sets.

4th place

From ROXTANE: Ranx: Shapewear and deodorant in one!

3rd place

From ROXTANE: Oxanne: No, really, you shouldn't turn on any lights.

2nd place and the red crab beanie:

From FINCOUT: FU-ton: A couch so uncomfortable, it appears to be designed out of spite.

And the winner of the Lose Cannon:

From PTACKRO: Krapatoa: A presidential Twitter eruption.

PTACKRO --> Crap pack: Honorable mentions

From WMALTER: "Maaaaaaate!": What excitable announcers yell during a chess match.

Lawmart: At this big-box store, you WILL have 12 items or less in the express lane, or ELSE!

Were-ewe: A sheep in wolf's clothing. (Bill Dorner, Indianapolis)

WMATA ETA: A known unknown. (Pete Morelewicz, Fredericksburg)

Tartar Melter: Cool Mint & Drano mouthwash, recommended by four out of five surviving dentists.

Erratata: A third nipple. (Kevin Dopart, Washington)

From PHANETY: Yentanet: You got questions? We got advice. You don't? We got it anyway.

Hyenatape: Sitcom jargon for the laugh track. (Jeff Contompasis, Ashburn)

Ant-panty: A thong. (Kathleen DeBold)

Ante-panty: A fig leaf. (Beverly Sharp)

From CHELOAN: Hello-hole: New Yorker's term for Midwest town where strangers dare to smile at you on the street.

From CYMENGR: Gene me: "Let's do some baby-making."

McGermey: The ball pit at the PlayPlace. (Bill Dorner)

Mergency: A shotgun wedding. (Warren Tanabe, Annapolis)

From FINESTY: Styfine: "No allowance till you clean your room!"

Yesfest: A Trump Cabinet meeting. (Janelle Gibb, Rockville)

Sinfinity: A very long day at the confessional. (Rob Cohen, Potomac)

From FOUTHGL: Hugglut: A visit to Grandma's. (Sue Lin Chong, Baltimore)

From LABGENT: Alt-Age: The radical wing of AARP. (Terry Smith, McLean, a First Offender)

Gall gene: The biology that permits you to hire Bill Clinton's lawyer to defend you against an investigation you claim is masterminded by people who are out to get you because they secretly support Hillary.

Balge: One reason we don't like Speedos. (Michael Rolfe, Cape Town, South Africa)

From RONTCUD: Courtoon: A comic strip featuring the president's current lawyer, a person named Kasowitz Dowd diGenova Toensing Cobbi Giuliani. (Dave Zarrow, Reston)

From UBATRIE: Bratterrie: A chic but honest day-care center. (Beverly Sharp, Montgomery, Ala.)

Rub-tuba: That moment during a massage when you relax a bit too



BOB STAAKE FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

New for Week 1281: We only have (googly) eyes for you

For many years, the Empress has had a lovely neighbor around the corner whom we'll call Dave, since his name is Dave.

Dave, here is your contest. It is the most gettable of contests.

You know those googly eyes you can stick onto things? Get yourself a pack at the dollar store, or just draw some, and . . . This week: Send us a photo of something that you have made funny by pasting googly eyes on it; funny titles and captions are optional.

This is, we know, not a new idea; five years ago, for example, BuzzFeed published "40 Pictures That Prove That Everything Is Better With Googly Eyes," and there's even an online generator where you can put virtual googly eyes on the photo of your choice (do not use this).

But fortunately for us all, there still are some things out there that do not have any googly eyes on them.

How we'll do this: Get googly eyes. They're very cheap at dollar stores, craft stores, etc., usually coming dozens to a bag in various sizes for a buck or two.

Put googly eyes on something or someone and take a photo. It must be an original photo; we don't want to get into copyright problems.

Obviously, this isn't one of our cerebral, more-clever-than-funny contests; we're hoping for gut laughs. But you know we can't resist witty wordplay and clever jokes.

Upload your photo at the website wapo.st/enter-invite-1281 (all lowercase). For this week, please submit just one photo per entry form.

For this week, please submit just one photo per entry form. You may still, however, send as many as 25 entries. If you have a title and/or a caption, put those in the first field of the form, where the text of entries usually goes; then scroll down to the upload part near the bottom.

Form to accept your photo, don't get all panicky; you may email it as an attachment to the Empress at pat.myers@washpost.com (put "Week 1281 photo" in the subject line). Don't forget to include your first and last name and your postal address in the email.

You'll get an extra week to get the googly eyes, persuade your toaster to pose for you, etc. So the deadline is Monday night, June 11; results published June 24 (online June 21).

Winner gets the Lose Cannon, our Style Invitational trophy. Second place receives a set of three handy, or perhaps heady, headbands, each supporting a comics-style text bubble made of dry-erase board — one for comments, one for thoughts, one for action noises — on a spring several inches above your head.

Think of all the talking you won't have to do at parties, and not only because everyone there will avoid you like a subpoena. Donated by Loser J. Larry Schott.

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, "We've Seen Better" or "IDiot Card."

First Offenders receive only a smelly tree-shaped air "freshener" (FirStink for their first ink). See general contest rules and guidelines at wapo.st/InvRules. The headline "Beeologisms" was submitted separately by Tom Witte, Kevin Dopart and Jesse Frankovich; Tom also wrote the honorable-mentions subhead.

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THE STYLE CONVERSATIONAL The Empress's weekly online column discusses each new contest and set of results. Especially if you plan to enter, check it out at wapo.st/styleconv.



One way to be a standup comic: with this on a headband.

much and accidentally let one out. (Matt Monitto)

Teeter-teeter: Playground activity with weight-mismatched kids. (Duncan Stevens)

From ROXTANE: Exxonerate: To absolve of blame even when wrongdoing is obvious. "Campaign donations are one way of being exxonated after an oil spill."

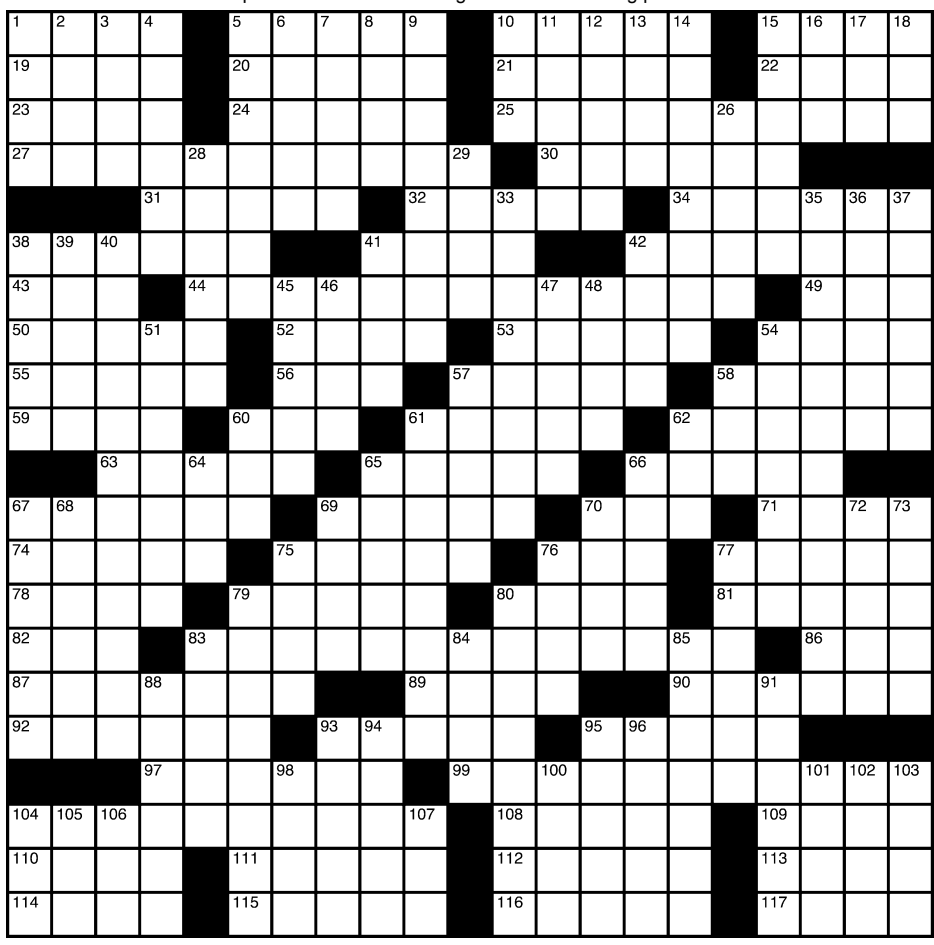
From KETICYR: Erectricity: When there's more than just a little spark between you. (Jon Gearhart)

Still running — deadline Tuesday, May 29: our "air quotes" contest. See wapo.st/invite1280.

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- "SUPPRESSED URGES" By GAIL GRABOWSKI
81 "Night Moves" singer
82 L, at times: Abbr.
83 "Curious though it may seem ..."
86 Sinus dr.
87 By and by, to a bard
89 Needing a nap
90 Feuding (with)
92 He pardoned Richard
93 Syrian leader
95 "Li Abner" critic
97 Miss the beginning
99 Fairy tale feature
104 Frank account, e.g.
108 Sarcophagus holder
109 Bonkers
110 Parcel measure
111 Bring together
112 One in training, perhaps
113 City near Vance Air Force Base
114 Test release
115 Mixed nuts
116 Dubai dignitaries
117 Attitude
16 Hockey immortal
17 Shout after un
18 Playoff pass
26 pollution
28 Perpetual, poetically
29 Road warning
33 Semiaquatic rodent
35 Focusing completely
36 "The Orchid Thief" author
Susan
37 Go back on one's word
38 Words with friends?
39 Base adviser
40 Military construction expert
41 Courtroom cry
42 Piles of chips
45 _mat
46 Starbucks stack
47 Glorify
48 Long ride?
51 Corona and Tsingiao
54 Light beer?
57 Mayor before Emanuel
58 Boiling
60 Worked on a course?
61 Spiral-shaped light sources, briefly
62 Old star makeup
64 Guitarist Paul
65 '80s-'90s crime boss
66 Louisiana wetland
67 Fairway challenge
68 Asylum seeker
69 Home to Dollywood: Abbr.
70 Islands staple
72 Fix text
73 Puts in order
75 Our _
76 Refined chap
77 He plays Steve in "Jobs"
79 "It's cold out there"
80 Big pain
83 Scott of "Scandal"
84 Fist-pump cry
85 Reproductive cells
88 Attraction in L.A.'s Hancock Park
91 Tons
93 Web site
94 Perfect Sleeper, e.g.
95 "Heidi" author
96 Excited to the max
98 Celebrity chef
Burrill
100 Proper partner
101 Macbeth's burial site
102 CBS military drama
103 Jupiter and Mars
104 Small application
105 Word with pack or pick
106 Creative works
107 Urge hidden in this puzzle's eight longest answers



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Answers to last week's puzzle below.

HOROSCOPE

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY | May 27: This year, positive changes make their way into your life. Sometimes you feel challenged, but that's not necessarily a bad thing.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Make an effort to get past a problem efficiently. Others seem more receptive than they have been in a while.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Walking off the beaten path will be appealing. You need to respond to your own energy, even though others surround you and want to come in closer.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You could be involved with a big project. Your focus will be on the above-mentioned activity rather than following your traditional Sunday routine.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You could be ready to handle a problem, yet the issue never comes up. Be creative in how you schedule your free time.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Listen to a friend who has a lot to share, but be sure to keep the information hush-hush. Do not hesitate to try different options to get you to a certain point of understanding.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Be willing to switch gears and adjust to someone else's suggestion. You could find the day much more relaxing if you flow with this person's energy.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You are living the good life, and today others easily can see the evidence of this. You will charm a new friend or a loved one into joining you to do what you desire.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Others respond to your intensity and make clear that they want to have some time with you. Be honest with yourself as to how much you want to spend with them.

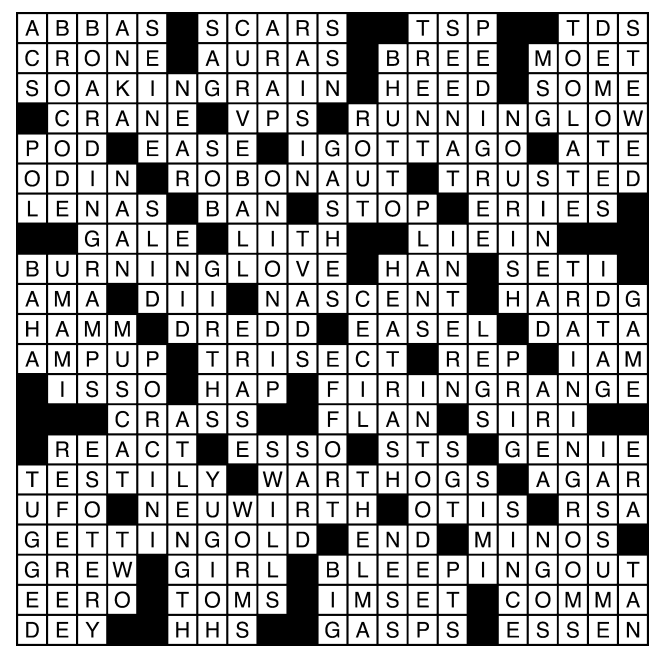
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) When taking risks, slow down and proceed with care. Nevertheless, nothing too serious is likely to happen today.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Be aware of the limitations of your time, yet know the importance of certain people in your life. Make time for those closest to you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Reach out to someone who has a very different attitude about life than you do. Not only do you have a good time together, you also support each other in broadening your horizons.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Contact a friend who is always a hoot to be around. Recognize what is happening between you and a loved one.

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