## DIVERSIONS

## the style invitational

Ask mandates: Winning A's and Q's
by pat myers


Beyond pale: Beyond pale:
Ken Jennings Ken Jennings
names his faves
of the week!
for dumb puns, so loved Dalai ouble, Tic Tac Tao, Buzzy Koan解e show that "only. goes to s11" is actually a pretty good
And more! "Impotent Notables is so good I want to suggest it to the
Jeopardy!' writers." But: "The Whiter Shade of Pale' joke got e so steamed that I knitted my Unfortunately they're so blond no

## 4th place:

A. Zen Jennings.
Q. Who'd always.
Double? foef forle a true Dalai

## 3rd place:

. A bun in the oven. $Q$. What do akers have no control over in

## 2nd place and the

 vintage 2008 Loser $T$ shirt:A. Ken Jennings.
Q. Who was the inspiration for "
Whiter Shade of Pale"? (John

Whiter Shade of Pale"?
Hutchins, Siver Spring)

## And the winner of the

 Clowning Achievement:A. Six hours without Fa
Q. How do 56 percent of Americans describe an eight-hou

## Q\&A-bombs:

Honorable mentions A. Ken Jennings. Q. Who
discovered that dear Watso wasn't so elementary after all?

Ken Jennings. Q. Who was vited to host "Reading Raing Kevin Dopart, Washington)
A. Zen Jennings. Q. Who is the
only "Jeopardy!" contestant whose heart doesn't skip a beat with the music? (Coleman Glenn, Huntingdon
: Zen Jennings $Q$ : Who courages the "Jeopardy!" audience to applaud with one
hand? (Pia Palamidessi C Cune Md.)

Zen Jennings $Q$. Whose game show rival is Buzzy Koan? (Willia thesd
. Zen Jennings $Q$. Who is the all me winner on the game show Tic . Not a Future "Jeopardy!" ategory. Q. What is Impotent Rockville)

Not a future "Jeopardy!" Pictures of Muhammad? (Bird category. Q. What is Ex-Executive Producers? (Amanda Yanovitch,
A. Spinal Jeopardy. Q. On what show does the prize enoney only go
to $\$ 11$ ? (Duncan Stevens, Vienna, Va.) A. Spinal Jeopardy. Q. Which movie stars Christopher Guess? (Jesse . Spinal Jeopardy. Q. What is a the twisties?" (John Conti, Norfolk
A. ${ }^{3 / 12 / 2}$ pounds. Q. How much did for his Wiece Lilibet? (Fred Saby gift ilver Spring)
A. $3^{1 / 2}$ pounds. Q . How big is a


New contest for Week 1461: It's the eponymy, stupid

DISPUTIN, $w$. To invite a one-way ticket to the
.as.
Ever since the Khodorkovky verrict, Russians uag beer sine the Kinodirkvevk verdict, Russians behavior. "You decided to crash the car because it
wouldn't turn left and right at the same time? Pretty nematic." (Duncan Stevens)
SNYDER, adj.: More mis SNYEE, adj. More miserly. "I never met a guy who
 mysteriously swollen parts. (Duncan Stevens)

Here's a contest that we haven't done since 2010--
nd most of the names spoofed that year aren't exactly and most of the names spoofed that year arent't exactly of he hour right now: Lohan, Reubens, Whittington,
Rangel, Haynesworth, Fenty. Sol This week: Creat eponym - a word based on the name of a well-known
 entence, as in the examples above by Loser Duncan
tevens, who suggested doing this contest again, and from earlier Invite contests.
Submit up to 25 entries at wappost/enter-invite1461 (no capitals in the Web addresss). Deadline is
Monday, Nov. 15 ; results appear Dec. 5 in print, Dec.
Winner sets the Clown Andien nvitational trophy. Second place receives a plush hat Invitational trophy. Second place ereecives a plust hat....
or rather, a plush pizza to be worn atop the head. It has
 a bright yellow surfac
with red pepperoni
circles circles and various strips
of whatever. A sort of Italian beret: Oven cooking is not advised,
especially while it is on especialy whie tited
Lous head Donated by
Loser Dave Prenal

Other runners-up
n their choice of our win their choice of our Topperoni: Wolfe Geist of Fort
Washington, Md... models this "For Best Results, Por
Into Top En" Loser
Mus or
Nur ${ }^{\text {Whole }}$ Washington, Ma.,. models this Mu or orur "Whole
Fools ${ }^{\text {G Grossery }}$ Bag.
 Cigare", Firstofternd ers receive only smently tree-shaped ir "freshener" (Firstink for their first ink). See eneneral contest rules and guidelines at weapo.st ITvoRuless. The
headline Ask Mandates' is by Kevin Dopart; Chris Doyle wrote the honorable-mentions subhead. Join the lively Style Invitational Devotees group on Facebook at Day on Facebook at bit.ly/inkoffday.
The Stlye Conversational. The Empress's weekly
online colum discusses each new contest and set of online column discusses each new contest an
results. See this weeks at wapoost/ convol 161
The "You're Invited" podicast: Seventeen half-hour episodes, including dish from the Empress and the Cza
and tips from top Losers. See bit.ly invite-podcast.

## Tallahassee)

nimal shnds. Q. How many Clifford the Eige Big Red Dog? (Bob ruger, Rockville . $3^{1 / 2}$ p pounds. $Q$. What is Boris budget? (Bird Waring)
A. $3^{1 / 2}$ pounds. Q. What do Nicki
Minai's cousin's friend's testicles weigh? (Chris Doyle, Denton, Tex.)
A. Six hours without Facebook. Q. What is the best thing about Undergoing triple-bypass surgery?
(Jonathan Jensen, Battimore)
A. Six hours without Facebook. Q A. Six hours without Facebook. Q.
What is 18 hours short of the recommended daily allowance? (Chris Doyle)
A. Such a stupid question. Q . hat does "that's a good question" actually mean? (Joseph
Horgan, Kensington, a First Offender) A. A self-driving pogo stick A. A self-driving pogo stick. Q.
What should Dolly Parton not choose as her new vehicle? (Andy Promisel, Fairfax)
A. A self-driving pogo stick. Q. What will the presidential limousine look He if $A O C$ gets elected to the W
House? (ra Allen, Bethesda)
A. $\mathbf{3 0 , 0 0 0}$ steps. O . What does the phrase "some assembly required" mean? (Mari Melton, Carmel Valley, Calif.)
A. 30,000 steps. Q. Approximately
how long is a broken Metro
escalator? (Duncan Stevens) A. 30,000 steps. Q . What's
rules? (Karen Golden, Prince A: John Jacob Jingleheimer udd. $Q$ : What is the full name of the rapper known as I -Fu?
Witte, Montgomery Village)
A. John Jacob Jingleheimer Fudd.
Q. Whose name twips people up as much as mine does? (Jeff
A. A bun in the oven. $Q$. How did the original draft of "Peter Rabbit
end? (Dave Savolaine Silver Soring Duncan Stevens)
A. Abun in the oven Q . What was Sara Lee surprised to find after a Ward Kay, Vienna, Va) Doughboy?
A. Curry Spice. Q. What wears on his date with Padma Lakshmi? (Frank Mann, Washingto) A. Curry Spice. Q. What is Gene
Weingarten's stripper name? Weingarten's strip
Graham, Rockvile)
A. Curry Spice. Q. What do Indian takeout orders and Washington
Post takeout orders have in Post takeout orders have in
common? (Pia Palamidessi) More honorable mentions in the
online Invite at wapo.st invite1461. Two contests still running deadline Monday, Nov. 8, for both: Week 1459 (wapo.st/enter-Thvite-1459): Write song lyrics in he first person "for" some Write a short poem using one of the new dictionary words we supplied (wapo.st/enter-invite-

## L.A. TIMES SUNDAY PUZZLE

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## HOROSCOPE

Happy Birthday | Nov. 7: You are artistic and determined. Sometimes you are shy. You have an appreciation for beauty and like to surround yourself with beautiful things. You are an individualist who is very independent with Be open to meeting new friends.

Moon Alert: Caution. Avoid shopping or making important
decisions from 8:30 a.m. to 8:15 decisions from 8:30 a.m. to 8:15
p.m. After that, the Moon moves
from Sagittarius into Carricon

RIES (March 21-April 19) inthis to expand yourel. Do of the world, because you will love a chance to enjoy adventure. Check the Moon Alert. Keep your cool in disputes about shared property,
insurance matters or inheritances.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) This is a lovely day to enjoy the
company of partners and close friends. There is a Moon Alert all day; nevertheless, this a lovely day to socialize and exchange clever
ideas with others. Be patient with partners and close friends about partners and close
authority issues.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20) With the Moon opposite your today, you will have to be
cooperative with others. This means you have to go more than halfway when dealing with those
who are closest to you. Check your finances. Be reasonable about disagreements that affect your job, your health and your pet.
CANCER (June 21-July 22) This is a wonderful, creative day
Enioy fun and adventure. Do Enjoy yun and adventure. Do
anything that makes you feel as if activities with kids and sports events. Be loving with romantic partners. Likewise, parents need to
be patient with their kids.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) This is the perfect day to cocoon at home and lounge in your robe.
Increased activity on the home front might be a challenge because of residential moves, renovations or visiting guests. Stay calm to keep the peace with family

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22
Today you will love a short trip or
anything that feeds your desire for
lighten someone about something. It's a good day to relax disagreements.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) for aware that there is a Moon Alert creativity and socializing. Relax and enjoy your day. It's a strong disputes however, be patient with disputes about money and
possessions midweek.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You are focused on financial this day is a Moon Alert, which is a poor time for making important financial decisions. Entertain at

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
This is a positive day because the Moon is in your sign for most of the
day. However, there is also a Moon day. However, there is also a Moon
Alert. The best way to handle this is to kick back and relax.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Even though this is a popular time
or you, today you want to hide and enjoy solitude in pleasant surroundings. You need a breather from the busy world around you. that can't be handled.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) female companion might take place today. It might make you ethink your future goals. Don't volunteer for anything during the
Moon Alert. Seek privacy. Avoid disputes midweek.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Today you are high-viz. Others e important decisions until an important conversation. Avoid ssues about politics, religion and racial matt
this week.


