

## DIVERSIONS

## THE STYLE INVITATIONAL

## Quotation Mocks: Report from Week 1067

BY PAT MYERS

In Week 1067, we asked you to change a well-known quote slightly and then attribute it to someone else. The Invite did this contest once before, back in 1998; while a number of fake quotemakers from Week 251 were a lot more famous then than now — Terry Nichols, Cecil Jacobson, Harry Helmsley, even Dan Quayle — others got ink both then and now: perennial Invite fodder Donald Trump, Jeffrey Dahmer, John Bobbitt and, of course, Bill Clinton.

Among the funny quotes submitted too often for individual credit: “If at first you don’t succeed, pry, pry again” — Barbara Walters, the NSA, Wolf Blitzer, etc.; “You had me at Jello” — Bill Cosby; “Show me the hunny” — Winnie the Pooh. The Empress was ready to give ink to one entry when she realized that it didn’t fit the contest because it didn’t attribute the altered quote to someone else: kudos but no magnet to Mike Gips for “I did not hate sex with that woman” — Bill Clinton.

Not getting the joke? See the online version of the Invitational at [bit.ly/invite1071](http://bit.ly/invite1071) for links to many of the original quotes in this week’s results, and the people doing the quoting.

## The winner of the Inkin’ Memorial

**“If you like your wealth care plan, you’ll be able to keep your wealth care plan.”** — The GOP (Nan Reiner, Alexandria)

**2nd place** and Pest World, the set of Russian-style nesting dolls with household critters painted on them:

**“Frankly, Madea don’t give a damn.”** — Tyler Perry (Doug Frank, Crosby, Tex.)

## 3rd place

**“Rooghmeeb.”** — John Travolta’s audition for the “Citizen Kane” remake (Frank Osen, Pasadena, Calif.)

## 4th place

**“Take, my wife, please!”** — Bob McDonnell (Nan Reiner)

Bartlett’s spares:  
honorable mentions

**“All men are created equal.”** — P.T. Barnum (Craig Dysktra, Centreville)

**“I’m the kin of the world!”** — Adam (Danielle Nowlin, Woodbridge)

**“I’m sorry, Dave, I’m afraid I can do that.”** — Stephen Colbert (Lawrence McGuire, Waldorf)

**“Thou shalt not admit adultery.”** — Bill Clinton (Brad Alexander, Wanneroo, Australia)

**“Let meth entertain you.”** — Vince Gilligan (Nan Reiner)

**“Eat two, Brute!”** — Brutus’s mother (Rob Cohen, Potomac)

**“Don’t taste me, bro!”** — former friend of Jeffrey Dahmer (Bruce Carlson, Alexandria)

**“The rug really tied the groom together.”** — Joan Rivers commenting on Elton John’s wedding toupee (Steven Steele Cawman, Poughquag, N.Y.; Warren Tanabe, Annapolis)

**“I have no god in this fight”** — the family dog (Susan Collins, Charlottesville)

**“I’ll be Bach.”** — Peter Schickele (Todd DeLap, Fairfax)

**“First, do no harm.”** — Moses (Tom Witte, Montgomery Village)

**“The best things in life are me.”** — Kanye West/Donald Trump (Danielle Nowlin; Jim Stiles, Rockville)

**“Omission accomplished!”** — Rose Mary Woods (Bruce Carlson)

**“There are no second acts in American lives.”** — O’Neill, Faulkner, Hemingway et al. (Lawrence McGuire)

**“Now is the winter of our discontent made glorious summer by this ton of pork.”** — the U.S. Congress (Miriam Nadel, Vienna)

**“L’état, c’est Ma’s.”** — Prince Charles (John O’Byrne, Dublin)

**“A thing of beauty is a job forever.”** — Cher (Chris Doyle, Ponder, Tex.)

**“It’s like making candy from a baby.”** — Jonathan Swift (Jon Gearhart, Des Moines)

**“Uneasy lies the head that wears a crown.”** — Johnny Depp (Chris Doyle)



BOB STAAKE FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

New contest for Week 1071:  
A pair of threes

**BFS: Basketball Federation of Slovenia and Belfast International Airport (the IATA code):** You don’t want to be caught traveling in either one.

**ABC: African Black Coalition and Aerial Bundled Cable:** Both aim to bring power to the people.

**WAA: Wisconsin Arborist Association and Women’s Action Alliance:** Both get really ticked off about the indiscriminate use of wood.

This week’s contest comes courtesy of Loser Forever Elden Carnahan, also known as the Keeper of the Loser Stats on his Web site, [nrars.org](http://nrars.org). Elden alerted the Empress to a Wikipedia page containing — of course it does! — nothing but thousands of three-letter combinations. Actually, each combination on the page, covering AAA through DZZ, is a link to a list of words and abbreviations represented by those three letters. Elden’s idea is this: **Choose two or three entities represented by a single three-letter combination on this page — find it at [bit.ly/3letterabs](http://bit.ly/3letterabs) — and say how they are alike or different**, as in Elden’s own examples above. The entity could be something abbreviated by the three letters, as above, or it can be a three-letter word or name: “ADS” or “ads,” say. And it doesn’t have to be mentioned in the Wikipedia link, as long as it’s real.

Winner gets the Inkin’ Memorial, the Lincoln statue bobblehead that is the official Style Invitational trophy. Second place receives a fabulously icky back scratcher consisting of a genuine baby alligator foot, complete with scales and claws, impaled on a stick. Driven up from Florida in the car of Loser Nan Reiner.

**Other runners-up** win their choice of a yearned-for Loser Mug or the audiently desired “Whole Fools” Grossery Bag. Honorable mentions get a lusted-after Loser magnet, either the Po’ Wit Laureate or Puns of Steel. First Offenders receive a smelly tree-shaped air “freshener” (FirStink for their first ink). E-mail entries to [losers@washpost.com](mailto:losers@washpost.com) or, if you were born in the 19th century, fax to 202-334-4312. Deadline is Monday, May 19; results published June 8 (online June 5). No more than 25 entries per entrant per contest. Include “Week 1071” in your e-mail subject line or it might be ignored as spam. Include your real name, postal address and phone number with your entry. See contest rules and guidelines at [wapo.st/InvRules](http://wapo.st/InvRules). This week’s honorable-mentions subhead is by Mark Raffman. Join the lively Style Invitational Devotees group on Facebook at [on.fb.me/invdev](http://on.fb.me/invdev), and click “like” on Style Invitational Ink of the Day at [bit.ly/inkofday](http://bit.ly/inkofday).

**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](http://wapo.st/styleconv).

**“Mission accomplished!”** — Dick Cheney (Frank Osen)

**“Here’s licking at you, kid.”** — Miley Cyrus (Jim Stiles)

**“I feel the need — the need for seed!”** — “Octomom” Nadya Suleman (Sandra Hull, Arlington)

**“There’s no business like ho business.”** — Heidi Fleiss (Seth Tucker, Washington)

**“And we’ve lived Harper Lee ever after.”** — J.P. Lippincott and Co., publisher of “To Kill a Mockingbird” [at least until Lippincott was bought out in 1978] (Mae Scanlan, Washington)

**“Killjoy was here.”** — Women’s Christian Temperance Union (Mae Scanlan)

**“After all, tomorrow is another dad.”** — Elizabeth Taylor’s offspring (Mark Raffman, Reston)

**“We strut and fret our hora upon the roof.”** — the cast of “Fiddler on the Roof” (Phil Frankenfeld, Washington)

**“And what is so rare as a day in tune?”** — Joe Cocker (Jeff Shirley, Richmond)

**“Four scores were seven years ago . . .”** — the Redskins/Capitals/D.C. United (Tom Panther, Springfield; Nan

Reiner; Paul Burnham, Gainesville, Va., respectively)

**“Fourscore and seven gears ago . . .”** — Rube Goldberg (Emily Auerswald, Annapolis, a First Offender)

**“Mrs. Bobbitt, you’re trying to reduce me.”** — Mr. Bobbitt (Eric Bennett, Stephens City, Va.)

**“We’re going through a period of conspicuous uncoupling.”** — Gwyneth Paltrow and Chris Martin (Frank Osen)

**“All my children, except one, grow up.”** — George H.W. Bush (George Randels, Port Townsend, Wash., a First Offender)

**“Blonde. Lame blonde.”** — the Human Barbie (Konrad Schwoerke, Durham, N.C.)

**“There’s a stocker born every minute.”** — Sam Walton (Doug Frank)

**“One good fern deserves another.”** — Zach Galifianakis (Dave Silberstein, College Park)

**“That which does not kill us makes us stronger.”** — Gary Busey (David Clayton, Alexandria, a First Offender)

**“Long time no she.”** — Chaz Bono (Chris Doyle)

**“Plus ça change, plus c’est les mêmes shows.”** — Washington Post TV critic Hank Stuever (Kathy El-Assal, Middleton, Wis.)

**“You are my part’s desire.”** — Bill Clinton to various ladies (Nan Reiner)

**“Well, here’s another fine miss you’ve got me into.”** — Casanova (John O’Byrne; Kelly Ronayne, Alexandria)

And Last: **“You’re gonna need a better quote.”** — The Empress (Gary Crockett, Chevy Chase)

**Still running — deadline Monday night: Our “grandfoals” contest: See [bit.ly/invite1070](http://bit.ly/invite1070).**



A back scratcher made from an alligator foot, second prize in Week 1067 of The Style Invitational.

## POST PUZZLER

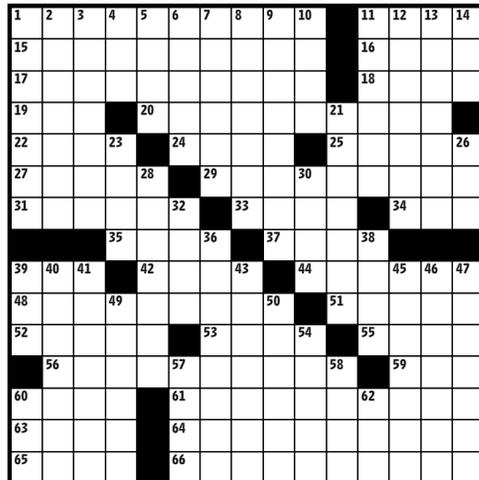
## No. 214

BY TRIP PAYNE EDITED BY PETER GORDON • FIREBALLCROSSWORDS.COM

<b>ACROSS</b>	<b>35</b> Vending machine feature	<b>DOWN</b>	<b>12</b> Former attorney general Gonzales	<b>41</b> Be great at
<b>1</b> Novel featuring Wonderboy	<b>37</b> Abode	<b>1</b> Lush	<b>13</b> Antlered animal of Eurasia	<b>43</b> Maine breed
<b>11</b> Next-door neighbor, in a way	<b>39</b> Impersonate	<b>2</b> “A Moral Alphabet” poet Belloc	<b>14</b> R cause, often	<b>45</b> Japanese side dish
<b>15</b> “Probably”	<b>42</b> Maurice’s lover in E.M. Forster’s “Maurice”	<b>4</b> ___ X (“Saturday Night Live” character played by Chris Rock)	<b>21</b> Pests	<b>46</b> Job of a World War II icon
<b>16</b> “Lift Your Spirit” singer Blacc	<b>44</b> Ostracized people	<b>5</b> New or golden follower	<b>23</b> Lee side	<b>47</b> Cassandra, for example
<b>17</b> Many a storefront	<b>48</b> Estados Unidos ___	<b>6</b> Eldrick, familiarly	<b>26</b> Beats by Dr. ___ (line of headphones)	<b>49</b> Hard up
<b>18</b> Goat with curved horns	<b>51</b> British actress Frost	<b>7</b> Get rid of	<b>28</b> Gave support to, maybe	<b>50</b> It may be given to a large group after dinner
<b>19</b> Criticize severely	<b>52</b> Side effect of steroid use	<b>8</b> Got more from a magazine	<b>30</b> Marsh bird	<b>54</b> Where the National Guard was born
<b>20</b> Put back into alignment	<b>53</b> Peerless	<b>9</b> Gave support to	<b>32</b> Caffeine source	<b>57</b> Nervates
<b>22</b> Creator of fiction	<b>55</b> Go crazy	<b>10</b> Shake	<b>36</b> Boneless limb	<b>58</b> Two-time Haitian president Prèval
<b>24</b> Merlin Olsen’s team	<b>56</b> Attends	<b>11</b> Parasol setting?	<b>38</b> Practice one’s crosses	<b>60</b> Riot squad’s concern
<b>25</b> Was part of the crew	<b>59</b> Loup de ___ (fish also known as branzino)		<b>39</b> U.N. figure	<b>62</b> 2004 biopic
<b>27</b> “Rose Gown” and “Feather Gown,” for two	<b>60</b> 320 rods		<b>40</b> Small and round	
<b>29</b> Certain Wolverine	<b>61</b> Quicken			
<b>31</b> Maker of the Shaq Attaq	<b>63</b> Sooner in the past			
<b>33</b> Requiring a jump, perhaps	<b>64</b> Curaçao and Champagne, e.g.			
<b>34</b> Settlers of Catan resource	<b>65</b> Compromise			
	<b>66</b> Predecessor of Colin Jost			

Answer to last week, No. 213

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## HOROSCOPE

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY! MAY 11:** This year you are inspired by a desire for change. Without turning your life upside down, you’ll find that a small adjustment may change how you feel. If single, you may meet someone in a strange way, perhaps while having an argument with someone else. If attached, the two of you will want to develop a common interest or hobby. You also might decide to take a workshop together. Your daily life as a couple becomes more important as well.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Someone might challenge you. This person may have listened to you for so many years that he or she has been waiting for this moment to stand up to you. Recognize the inevitable change of roles.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** Make this a supremely lazy day. Don’t feel obligated to do anything but sleep and maybe watch some TV. You might not even pick up the phone.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** Allow greater give-and-take between you and a child. Perhaps you’ll opt to join him or her for a fun activity. Don’t take this time together for granted.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** Be more sensitive to a family member who might need a little encouragement. Arguments may

erupt, especially as others seem to be controlling.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** You might feel a bit burdened by what needs to be done, but a phone call may cheer you up. Don’t be surprised if you suddenly veer in an unanticipated direction. Your spontaneity will encourage others to be more upbeat.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Be conscious of a need to go overboard. This might be okay once in a while, but in general it does not work out well. Use care with your funds.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** You may be involved in an argument involving a child or loved one. Later you might wish that you had not lost your temper. Consider making amends when you feel you are able to do so.

## Sincerest form of flattery is annoying

## Ask Amy

AMY DICKINSON

**Dear Amy: I work at a large high-tech firm in Silicon Valley. My co-workers and I are all in our 30s. I enjoy shopping and put a lot of effort into finding clothes and accessories that are affordable, fun and unique. Every time I wear something new into the office, my co-worker “Bob” asks me where I bought it. A few days later, Bob comes to the office wearing the identical shirt, pants, jacket, shoes, watch, sunglasses, electronic gadget, etc.**

**I resent that I spend hours looking for the perfect item, only to have Bob race to the store and purchase the same thing. I now flinch every time he asks where I bought something. While I recognize that imitation is the sincerest form of flattery, this is beginning to feel stalker-ish.**

**Should I just chalk this up as a weird compliment, or should I start saying new purchases were gifts and I don’t know the source? He is rather persistent.** John

**Thank you for the reminder that even high-tech workers in Silicon Valley have very human**

dilemmas, i.e.: “Stop copying me!”

You should respond to “Bob” with equal doses of humor and inscrutability. Tell him, “I’m flattered that you’re jumping onto my style, but I’ve decided that my look is part of my personal brand and so, well — you’re on your own.”

The fact is, it is very easy to find just about anything online (or 3-D print it, as your colleague knows), so he really doesn’t need you to lead him by the hand or “run out to a store” in order to copy you.

**Dear Amy: Last weekend was the beautiful wedding of my eldest daughter and new son-in-law.**

**As we recovered from the festivities, it was noted that there were several no-shows. I totally understand that life gets busy. When you RSVP in February for an April wedding, all intentions are to show up. Then life happens. This leaves the bride holding the doggie bag.**

**Catered meals for weddings are expensive. If 10 or 20 people don’t show, this adds up. If the caterer has a heads-up even a week before the event, quantities and prices can be adjusted. As wedding season ap-**

## SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Take some much-needed personal time off. If you want to head out and take a walk alone, do. Listen to some good music. Take it easy.

## SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Join a group of friends in an activity that you all enjoy. You will feel far more relaxed than you have in a long time.

## CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Defer to someone else. You will be far more content if you let others take control and make choices accordingly. An older friend or family member might be difficult to deal with.

## AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Someone may make an overture that is quite touching. Decide to let go and not worry so much. A friend might become testy if you don’t make time for him or her.

## PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

Remain responsive to a loved one, even if you have had a tiff or two. You may get sucked into the blame game. Listen without getting angry. Indulge in a favorite pastime or hobby.

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*proaches could you remind your readers that their presence will be missed but we don’t need the leftovers. Send your regrets ahead of time.*

Happy MOB in Portland

**Sometimes people feel** they’ve done their job as a guest by responding to an invitation in a timely fashion. But you raise a very important point: When plans change, notify the hosts, giving them time to adjust their head count and seating plans.

**Dear Amy: I could have written the letter from “Potential Grad Student.” She was wondering about switching fields and going into debt to finance grad school in the medical field. Many health-care organizations will pay for some schooling. That’s how I did it. It took awhile, but I got there.**

Career Switcher

Well done. Congratulations.

**Dear Readers: Don’t forget to hug a mom today. We literally would not be here without them.**

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