

## DIVERSIONS

## THE STYLE INVITATIONAL

## Manqué business: Week 1130's Foreign-phrase puns

BY PAT MYERS

In **Week 1130** we asked you to make a pun on a foreign term or phrase (or a foreign term that's become an English one) and describe the result. Here's *la crème* of about 1,700 entries. Not sure what the original term was? You can see links to them all in the online Invite at [bit.ly/invite1134](http://bit.ly/invite1134).

## 4th place

**Carpe BM:** Clean up after your dog! (Neal Starkman, Seattle)

## 3rd place

**Hate couture:** Wrapping yourself in the Confederate flag. (Nan Reiner, visting Boca Raton, Fla.)

## 2nd place and the deck of "Aussie Sheila" cards:

**In MoCo parents:** Calling Child Protective Services if you see some kids walking down the street. (Stephen Dudzik, Olney)

## And the winner of the Inkin' Memorial

**'Sup du jour:** Whatever greeting is currently hip. "A fist bump followed by a low five and a quiet 'yo' is the 'sup du jour in Flatbush. (Bird Waring, Larchmont, N.Y.)

## Honorable Menschen (und Frauen):

**Choreigami:** The art of folding laundry. (Ben Aronin, Washington)

**Paterfemalias:** Caitlyn Jenner. (Mike Gips, Bethesda)

**Liberté, égalité, maternité:** The result of too much fraternité. (Stephen Gold, Glasgow, Scotland)

**Huevos ranch eros:** Breakfast on Brokeback Mountain. (Chris Doyle, Ponder, Tex.)

**Ice versa:** Giving back the engagement ring. (Tom Witte, Montgomery Village)

**Glamor vincit omnia:** What Hillary Clinton sincerely hopes is not true. (Danielle Nowlin, Fairfax Station)

**Amor vincit amnesia:** Typical soap opera plot. (Mark Raffman, Reston)

**Joie de Bieber:** It feels pretty good to be 21 years old and worth 200 million dollars. (Tom Witte)

**Jindalaya:** A concoction that somehow manages to be both bland and offensive. (Frank Osen, Pasadena, Calif.)

**Ho polloi:** A cheap hooker. (Dave Prevar, Annapolis)

**Hea culpa:** It's the other guy's fault. (Jim Stiles, Rockville)

**Maya culpa:** It's the Mexicans' fault! — D. Trump (Todd DeLap, Fairfax)

**Mayor culpa:** Marion Barry, Vincent Cianci, Kwame Kilpatrick, Ray Nagin . . . (Warren Tanabe, Annapolis)

**Plus ça change, plus c'est la même shows:** The new sitcoms look a lot like the old ones. (Skip Livingston, Hopewell, N.J.)

**De Plorabus Unum:** The one thing we can all agree on is we don't like each other. (Art Grinath, Takoma Park)

**Répondez s'il vous play:** An invitation on Tinder. (Dave Patton, Arlington, a First Offender)

**Non compass mentis:** "Don't worry, honey, I know exactly where we're going." (Matt Monitto, Bristol, Conn.)

**Non compost mentis:** "Did you just throw those perfectly good vegetable peels into the trash can? You must be out of your freaking mind!" (Danielle Nowlin)

**Ad hock:** Served with a special garnish to an obnoxious diner: After being ordered to "make it snappy," Pierre served up the filet mignon ad hock." (Jim Stiles)

**Persona non gratuity:** What the waiter will be if he serves the filet ad hock. (Jim Stiles)

**Purse-owner non grata:** It's a man's world. (Dudley Thompson, Cary, N.C.)

**Ladenfreude:** The collective American cheer when we learned that the Navy SEALs got their man. (Amy Harris, Charlottesville)

**Rigor Morris:** When a cat has used up its nine lives. (Jeff Contompasis, Ashburn)

**Peeanissimo:** The quieter volume you get from aiming at the side of the toilet bowl. (Dave Prevar)



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## New contest for Week 1134: The 'Sty'le Invitational Red'ux'

**"Aw"ard:** The trophy the team gives to the schlumpy kids just for participating. (Roger Dalrymple)  
**Ameri"can":** A butt larger than a size 18. (Barbara Turner)  
**Se"cret in"redient:** A common marketing ploy targeting the pathologically gullible. (David Garratt)

By personal request of the long-deposed but occasionally still indulged Czar of The Style Invitational, who maintains that the Empress has not redone this contest often enough — "you have never given them the love they deserve" — we bring you another encore of our "air quotes" contest, which last ran two years ago, and before that in 2009, 2001 and 2000. Exactly the same as before: **Put quotation marks around part of a word, name or phrase and define the result**, as in the inking entries above from Week 1031 in 2013. (Links to the previous results appear in this week's Style Conversational at [bit.ly/conv1134](http://bit.ly/conv1134).)

Winner gets the Inkin' Memorial, the Lincoln statue bobblehead that is the official Style Invitational trophy. Second place receives a squirrel feeder in the shape of a hollow horse head; if the critters are going to eat up your seeds anyway, you might as well enjoy watching them look ridiculous while doing so. (Could a similar device be created for, say, tax auditors?) Donated by Loser Diane Wah.

**Other runners-up** win their choice of a yearned-for Loser Mug or the ardently desired "Whole Fools" Grossery Bag. Honorable mentions get a lusted-after Loser magnet designed by Bob Staake: either "The Wit Hit the Fan" or "Hardly Har-Har." 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, Aug. 3; results published Aug. 23 (online Aug. 20). You may submit up to 25 entries per contest. Include "Week 1134" 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). The headline for this week's results is by Tom Witte; the honorable-mentions subhead is by Chris Doyle. Join the lively Style Invitational Devotees group on Facebook at [on.fb.me/invdev](http://on.fb.me/invdev). "Like" the Style Invitational Ink of the Day on Facebook at [bit.ly/inkofday](http://bit.ly/inkofday).

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



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**This squirrel doesn't know how ridiculous it looks. Or care.**

**Bonk vivant:** Someone who always wants to bed the life of the party. (Frank Osen)

**Boudoirk:** The opposite of a bonk vivant. (Frank Osen)

**Veryboten:** Not just out of the question, but OUT OF THE QUESTION. (Dudley Thompson)

**Coup de grass:** Lawn 1, mower 0. (Marni Penning Coleman, Falls Church)

**Coitus interruckus:** The upstairs neighbors are at it again. (Chris Doyle)

**Cri decor:** "What have you DONE to my HOUSE??" the HGTV contestant screamed. (Marni Penning Coleman)

**La dolce feta:** Greece, back in the day. (Sylvia Betts, Vancouver, B.C.)

**Chargé d'affairs:** Alimony. (John Burton, Herndon)

**Summa cum loud:** Letting everyone know, for the rest of your life, that you graduated at the top of the class. (Rick Haynes, Boynton Beach, Fla.)

**Cad infinitum:** Many a woman's dating history. (Amy Harris)

**Caveat emptier:** Beware the

overfull diaper pail. (Mark Richardson, Takoma Park)

**Caveat hemptor:** Dude, that might be oregano. (Jeff Shirley, Richmond)

**Knobless oblige:** A eunuch's responsibility to the harem. (Jeff Shirley)

**Sooeey generous:** The family-size barbecue platter. (Susan Thompson, Cary, N.C.)

**Sinus qua non:** The phlegm of the phlegm of nasal infections. (Kathy El-Assal, Middleton, Wis.)

**Sheik semper tyrannis:** There's not much democracy in some of those desert kingdoms. (John O'Byrne, Dublin)

**Shalom:** The downhill path of Middle East peace. (Kevin Dopart, visiting Naxos, Greece)

**Nom de fume:** Your rants-only Twitter handle. (Pam Sweeney, Burlington, Mass.; Larry Neal, McLean)

**Nom de prune:** "California Dried Plums." (Yuki Henninger, Vienna)

**Veni, Vidi, Vichy:** I came, I saw, I surrendered. (Neil Harris, Gaithersburg, a First Offender)

**Pox populi:** Veni, VD, vici. (Jeff Contompasis)

**Lardi Gras:** An even fatter Tues day. (Rob Huffman, Fredericksburg)

**Tardi Gras:** Fat Thursday. (John Glenn, Tyler, Tex.)

**Stoat couture:** Genuine furs at a lower price point. (John McCooley, Rehoboth Beach, Del.)

**Entree nous:** "I'm not that hungry — I'll just have a little of yours." (Marni Penning Coleman)

**Tannenbomb:** The Style Invitational FirStink "prize." (Emily Davis, Bloomington, Ind.)

**Still running — deadline Monday night, July 27: Our contest for clerihews. See bit.ly/invite1133.**

## SUNDAY CHALLENGE

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**ACROSS**

1 Some farm deliveries

8 Men of letters?

15 It could be a lot

16 Start of many an Erle Stanley Gardner title

17 He's played Oscar and Chandler on TV

18 Setting of "Twelfth Night"

19 Environmental transition zone

20 Playing hard to get

21 \_\_\_ Harbour, Fla.

22 Word associated with artist Robert Indiana

23 Early wheels

25 Latin quarters

26 Cockney quarters

27 Put-downs

28 Beat

29 Summer horse racing venue

31 Whopper toppers

32 European vacation destination

34 Frozen fare, at times

37 Vanity affairs

41 About to explode

42 Firing places

43 Day break?

44 Barre room bend

45 Bryant's onetime co-host

46 "Salus populi suprema lex \_\_\_" (Missouri's motto)

47 Go for the gold?

48 Singer DiFranco

49 Intensity

51 Not fuzzy

53 Rock band's activity

54 School

55 The United States, to Mexicans

56 Division unit

57 Like a daring circus act

**DOWN**

1 Thick-skinned fruits

2 Out for days

3 Put in the past

4 Starbucks serving

5 Repeat performance?

6 Successor of Senator John Stennis

7 Waste

8 Fish servings

9 Daphnis's amor

10 Be dependent

11 Dangerous for driving

12 Derby winner between Giacomo and Street Sense

13 Boomer of CBS Sports

14 Underwater workplaces

24 Cry from a happy finisher

25 Cicada sound

27 Put away

28 Bolt holders

30 Grave

31 Bad opening for environmentalists

33 Sparkling

34 Politically active group emergent in the 1960s

35 Magic place

36 Worthwhile, as employment

38 Fire up

39 Some are pending

40 Voracious learners

42 \_\_\_ roll

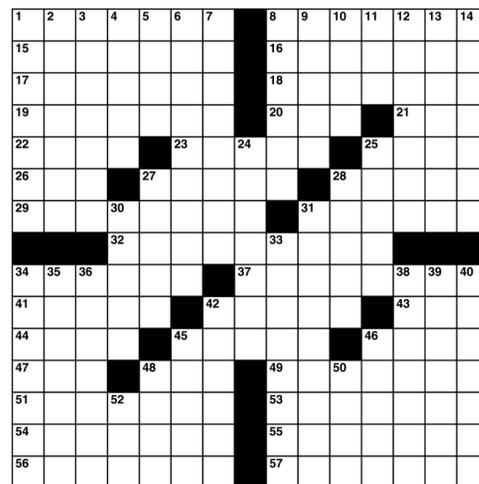
45 Big name at Notre Dame

46 Film star Flynn

48 Berry rich in antioxidants

50 Polly, to Tom

52 Neatnik's possible condition, for short



Answer to last week

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## HOROSCOPE

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY | JULY 26:** This year you have quite a few options regarding children, love and realizing your goals. You will make the right choices because you are in harmony with yourself. You will be on the upswing financially, unless you start overspending. A pay raise or promotion is in the offing. If you are single, someone special easily might enter your life in the next few weeks. Romance continues to be a theme, and it is likely that you will date a lot. If you are attached, the two of you will make a major decision and act on it. You have reason for celebration.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)**

You might not be in tune with a situation, but you have time to make an adjustment. A friend is feeling out of sorts. Show how much you care.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**

You have let a loved one call the shots for a while. At this point, you might need to take the reins. Make plans that would suit both of you.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**

Defer to someone you care about. This person may have a head filled with ideas, so play out one of them. You won't be sorry, and you will have quite an adventure, as well.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**

You will make a decision involving your routine and what works for you. A friend doesn't seem to express his or her caring as you do; make that okay.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**

Your playfulness won't be able to be harnessed. Maintain a sense of humor, and be willing to invite others into your fun. Share your feelings.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**

You'll want to speak your mind, but you suddenly might find yourself unwilling to open up. Consider your options. Tonight, stay close to home.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**

Ask questions. Even if you do not like the response, you will appreciate the clarity you receive from asking. Join a friend to watch a ballgame or go off to a summer barbecue.

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

Slow down, and remember your budget. Not being as clear as you

should be about your spending may be a problem. For once, let someone else treat.

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

As the day goes on, you might feel more and more vivacious. A talk about a potential trip makes it possible. Tonight, try something new.

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

Sometimes taking a day off is the perfect solution, especially for you. You are a sign that really cares about carrying out your responsibilities. Make it okay to take a day to re-energize. You will see the difference.

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

Every so often you have the opportunity to hang with friends and not worry about your schedule. Today might be one of those times. Visit with a loved one whom you care a lot about.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**

You may be in a situation where you'll be doing more work than you would like. Smile, and remember that this doesn't happen often.

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## Father-in-law angers grieving woman

## Ask Amy

AMY DICKINSON

**Dear Amy: A few months ago my father passed away unexpectedly, and when it**

came time for the funeral, my father-in-law asked my husband if it was okay if he and his girlfriend skipped the service because they had plans to go away with friends.

He was pouty about having to attend my father's funeral and my husband reluctantly said he didn't have to go. When I found out, I was crushed and angry that my father-in-law would have so little respect and empathy for me and my family.

My husband agreed that he shouldn't have said it was okay. He called his dad and told him he made a mistake, but my father-in-law pointed the finger back at my husband, saying he gave them permission.

I have forgiven my husband, but I refuse to see my father-in-law as he has not reached out to me or my family to apologize. My husband is now giving me guilt trips for not forgiving him. He hasn't apologized and I think he just hopes I will forget at some point and everything will be okay again. I'm not sure what to do.

*Hurt and Sad*

**I am so sorry for this loss —**

and further sorry that your anguish and anger about it is causing you to make choices that are guaranteed to keep you anguished and angry.

You should not go through your husband to communicate with your father-in-law. He chose to use your husband as a go-between because he is a coward. He knew he was making an unkind choice to miss this funeral and he didn't want to face you.

And now you are doing your version of this same dance. Your father-in-law will never initiate an apology and ask for forgiveness because — he is a coward. If you want for your hurt to be recognized, then you will have to do the hard work of communicating your feelings directly to him, without any expectation that he will respond well. After that, I hope you can heal.

**Dear Amy: We have a new dog park in town and generally things are tame there. Sometimes there's a dust-up over aggressive behavior, but that's usually on the part of owners, not their canine charges.**

Lately, I've encountered people bringing small children and letting them play among the dogs. This, frankly, scares

the heck out of me. When the number of dogs hits critical mass and they begin to run around as a pack, I fear the worst. Rather than confront the "responsible" adult, I leave with my dog, feeling slightly cowardly. What do you suggest as a way of keeping everyone safe and happy in the park?

*Nervous in Redlands*

**I'm assuming** that these parents don't also have a dog at the park. Undoubtedly they have seen adorable YouTube videos of bull mastiffs safely nuzzling babies and think that all dogs somehow know how to protect and nurture children. I can't imagine watching this unfold and choosing to simply slip out of the dog park. And other dog owners are allowing this?

Dogs behave differently when they are influencing each other and running as a group. You should warn the parents of the risk; bring your own dog and let the child pet it, but caution the parent to be careful. If the parent rejects your attempt to protect the child, then, yes, slip out the back.

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