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# DIVERSIONS

### THE STYLE INVITATIONAL

# The retro section: Winning do-overs

#### **BY PAT MYERS**

Week 1206 was Part 2 of our annual retrospective contest, in which you could enter (or re-enter) any of the year's previous contests. Just as with Week 1205, there were several fab song parodies that we don't have room for here; see them in the online Invite at bit.ly/invite1210.

### 4th place

Week 1159, new board games: **Donopoly:** Buying up properties and building hotels in one city is no longer enough. This game expands first to counties, then states, countries, continents and the ultimate goal of owning the world. (Jon Gearhart, Des Moines)

### **3rd place**

Week 1183, if [x] were more honest: **If golfers were more honest,** ironically, they'd have worse lies. (Jesse Frankovich, Lansing, Mich.)

### 2nd place and the Trump Winery wineglass:

Week 1187, drop the last letter of a word and define the result: **Diarrhe:** A daily blog that desperately needs an editor. (John Hutchins, Silver Spring)

# And the winner of the Inkin' Memorial:

Week 1171, take a line from a song, then add your own, rhyming line: With the thoughts I'd be thinkin', I could be another Lincoln if I only had a brain.

But the rubes loathe "elitists"; with the wisdom of a fetus, I just ran the best campaign. @RealDonaldTrump (Nan Reiner, Boca Raton, Fla.)

### The laughed-overs: Honorable mentions

Week 1162, Onion-style headlines: Aunt Eleanor Considers Removing Plastic Slipcovers for Papal Visit (John Hutchins)

American Robot Loses Job to Cheaper Chinese Robot (Art Grinath, Takoma Park, Md.)

Week 1165, add one or more B's:

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# Week 1210: Send us the bill: Our 'joint legislation' game

The Kustoff-Brat Get Off the Lawn Act

The Budd-Beyer Initiative to Celebrate Good Ol' American Non-Craft Beer

# The King-Lee-Banks Repeal of Any Government Control of Wall Street

Like it or not (and it's not getting too many Likes), the 115th Congress has commenced to make/not-make its contribution to American democracy. And like *it* or not, that means it's time for The Style Invitational's biennial "joint legislation" name-combining contest — always one of our most frequently entered. Most years we present a list of freshman legislators as potential "co-sponsors," but there were so few new senators and House members this year, the Empress had to augment the roster with the rest of the Maryland and Virginia House delegations plus a bunch of other arbitrarily chosen incumbents, who might or might not have been used in earlier contests.

So: Combine two or more names from the list of members of Congress (the list is at the bottom of this page) to "co-sponsor" a bill based on their combined last names, and state its purpose, as in the examples above. The Empress will permit a slight stretch of pronunciation if it's clear what you're getting at — she gave ink in 2015 to David Kleinbard's "Mooney-Kaine-Beyer-Love Act to note that some Beatles lyrics are factually incorrect," but had no use for "Ashford-Lawrence" as "ass for low rents." Lest the Imperial Brow furrow unnecessarily, you may translate your effort, but do it on a separate line so the E can try it without a hint.

# **Submit entries at this website: bit.ly/enter-invite-1210** (all lowercase).

**Winner gets the Inkin' Memorial,** the Lincoln statue bobblehead that is the official Style Invitational trophy. Second place gets, fittingly, one of those foam stressrelieving squeeze balls . . . well, not exactly a ball: It's in the shape of the Capitol Dome. Donated by Dave Prevar.

## SUNDAY CHALLENGE

#### **BY TONY ORBACH** © 2017 CROSSYNERGY SYNDICATE LLC

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### HOROSCOPE

#### BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

**HAPPY BIRTHDAYJan. 15:** This year you open up to many new ideas, and you also see an increase in your awareness. In fact, you become more intuitive than in the recent past. If you are single, you could meet someone who seems too good to be true. Make sure this person is everything you want before making any commitments. If you are attached, the two of you connect on both a mental and an emotional level. Your connection deepens as a result. Virgo adores you, even if they are often critical of your actions.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Listen carefully to feedback, but also make sure you pace yourself — you can't do everything. You might perceive something

differently from how it is bei

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Your ideas come across as irresistible and delightful. No one seems to mind the idea of wasting a day. Of course, you are not wasting time, you are just not doing **SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You'll need to bend when dealing with an authority figure. It really is this person's way or the highway, even if they have a subtle way of expressing that view. Others get

**State of the Bunion:** A lengthy speech given by Grandma each Thanksgiving, Christmas and Mother's Day. (Jesse Frankovich)

Week 1170, "breed" two racehorse names and name the foal: Annals of Time x Caribbean = **Age Before Booty** (Steve Honley, Washington)

The Lieutenant x Let Me Go First = **The Loo Tenant** (Kathy El-Assal, Middleton, Wis.)

Week 1171, song "tailgaters": When you're a Jet, you're a Jet all the way ("West Side Story") Watching TV every Super Bowl day. – Tom Brady (Chris Doyle)

Week 1172, write something using only words in the song "American Pie": **The spoken word of the foul jester was caught** – about how he touched one girl and more – but he refused to own what is real. (William Kennard, Arlington)

Week 1177, election song parodies: To "The Joker": Some people call me a base

### clownboy,

Some call me the gangster of gall. Some people mock my hairpiece, And I speak like the pompousest of all. **Other runners-up** win the yearned-for "This Is Your Brain on Mugs" Loser mug or our Grossery Bag, "I Got a B in Punmanship." Honorable mentions get one of our new lusted-after Loser magnets, "No Childishness Left Behind" or "Magnum Dopus." First Offenders receive only a smelly tree-shaped air "freshener" (FirStink for their first ink). Deadline is Monday night, Jan. 23; results published Feb. 12 (online Feb. 9). See general contest rules and guidelines at wapo.st/InvRules. The "retro section" headline is by Kevin Dopart; the honorable-mentions subhead is by Tom Witte. 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; follow @StyleInvite on Twitter.

● 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.

People tweet about me, baby; Say I'm sayin' things wrong, sayin' things wrong. Well, I don't worry, baby, don't worry, 'Cause I'm white-white-white-white, rich and strong . . . (Jesse Frankovich)

Week 1195, change a movie title without changing any letters: La-la-land: A man overcomes his insecurities stemming from a stutter to become an air traffic controller. (Brian Cohen, Winston-Salem, N.C.)

Many more honorable mentions in the online Invite at bit.ly/invite1210.

Still running – deadline Tuesday night, Jan. 17: Our contest for bogus tales of how products or inventions came to be. See bit.ly/invite1209.

# The congressional freshmen (and more)

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**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) Revisit a long-term goal to see whether you really still want to fulfill it. If not, you might want to revise your thinking. You change, and your goals change.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) A family matter could become the focal point of your plans. Whatever you have decided to do, others might have different ideas about how to proceed. Instead of creating tension, you are likely to suggest a project that will delight everyone involved.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) Your words let others know your limits. You would prefer to explore a flea market or go to the movies rather than be saddled with the burden of getting through what you need to do. Remember that you need to relax and have fun once in a while. what you normally do.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Friends and loved ones will feel closer to you. Many of your close friends see you as logical and reliable. Try not to shake things up too much when you decide to display your flaky side.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You might need some time to reflect on a goal to see whether it is still viable for you. Some of you need to recognize that you are seeing only what you want to. Try doing yoga or pursue some other grounding activity.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You could see a personal matter very differently from how your friends see it. Still, show that you appreciate their feedback. A child is full of surprises and could be deceptive. the message, and so will you. Do not challenge this person.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Make calls to those you care about who don't live close to you. Make plans with a friend to meet halfway in the near future. You could experience a happy few days together.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Use care with your finances, as you easily could miscount your change at brunch or make a commitment to a pal that could cost you more than you realize.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) You will try to express certain

thoughts, but others might not be hearing you clearly. You know when you have gone too far in trying to make a point. Let others run the show for now, and you will be much happier as a result.

# Widow illegally uses handicap permit

Ask AmyDear Amy: My<br/>beloved father-<br/>in-law passed<br/>away a few<br/>months ago.

Before he died, he was bedridden for several years. He received a handicapped parking permit. During the years of his sickness, Mom proudly displayed it whenever she parked, even though Dad was not with her.

Now that he has died, she still uses it everywhere she goes, even though she is very healthy and walks two miles every day.

Recently, my wife and I took her out to dinner. I was very embarrassed when she pulled the permit out and told me to park in the handicap space. I offered to drop her off at the door and park in a normal spot. She would have none of it.

To avoid an argument, I parked in a handicapped space. Afterward, I vowed not to do that again, because it is illegal and wrong. My wife thinks that I am overreacting. She wants to appease her mother and believes the permit reminds her of dad. Please help. In a Quandary

**In a Quandary:** A parking permit is a strange totem to attach emotional meaning to. Perhaps you should simply assume that your mother-in-law is attached to the convenience of illegally using a handicap

permit. When you are transporting people in your own car, you get to say how and where you will park. Your offer to drop off your mother-in-law at the entrance was the appropriate gesture to make. Your wife could have easily walked with her to the restaurant entrance and waited inside while you parked in a regular spot.

Because you know it was wrong of you to park in the handicapped spot, you might have made your point clearly if you had told the group before the meal: "I feel terrible about taking up that spot while we are sitting here eating. I'm going to move the car now. When we leave I'll retrieve it and pick you up at the entrance, if you don't want to walk."

**Dear Amy:** I was very disappointed that you neglected to mention the neediest among us — animals — when you recommended several charities in your column. You obviously don't care two hoots about the lives of beings that cannot help themselves.

Dismayed

**Dismayed**: I grew up on a farm. I have and love animals. It may be easier to love defenseless animals than people, but in these challenging times, I'm making my own choice to encourage others to try to help people.

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