

DIVERSIONS

THE STYLE INVITATIONAL

Punny business: Altered brand names

BY PAT MYERS

In **Week 1254** we asked you to change the name of a business by (a) adding a letter; (b) dropping a letter; (c) switching two letters; or (d) substituting another letter. Lots of entertaining names among some 2,200 entries; many people described "Hole Foods" as the place to go for doughnuts, Swiss cheese, Cheerios, etc.

4th place

McDonald's: You want lies with that? (Beryl Benderly, Washington)

3rd place

Bannon Yogurt: Naturally uncultured! (Jeff Loren, Seattle)

2nd place and the motorcycling-cow glitter globe:

Swearovski: The jewelry you give her along with the promise never to do that thing again. (Ellen Raphaeli, Falls Church)

And the winner of the Lose Cannon:

In-No-Out Burger: A fast-food restaurant for cats. (Danielle Nowlin, Fairfax Station)

Brands X'ed: Honorable mentions

Panerd: Serving complete out-to-lunches. (David Wolinsky, Frederick, Md., a First Offender)

Burger Kin: It's kind of like meat... (Steve McClemons, Arlington)

Burger Kink: Have it your way. (Nick Semanko, Washington)

Purger King: "One Whopper, coming up!" (Beverly Sharp, Montgomery, Ala.)

P-P Boys: They'll replace your hoses at this walk-in urology clinic. (David Patch, Toledo)

Peep Boys: They'll just take a quick look under your hood. (Dion E. Black, Washington)

Aer Dingus: A.k.a. Air Force One. (Matt Monitto, Bristol, Conn.)

Philip Mortis: Maker of coffin nails since 1847. (John O'Byrne, Dublin)

Equilax: We've made getting your credit report so easy, anyone can do it! (Kyle Hendrickson, Frederick)

Brooks Brothels: The nation's most distinguished un-clothier since 1818. (Dave Prevar, Annapolis)

Build-a-Beer Workshop: Where Dad asked to have his birthday party this year. (Rob Huffman, Fredericksburg; Sean Bender-Prouty, Arlington, a First Offender)

Build-a-Fear Workshop: Our campaign consultants can help you push voters' buttons. (Mandy Worley, Washington)

Capital Gone: What used to be in your wallet? (Jerome Uher, Alexandria)

Charles Schwa: "We take the stress out of investing." (Jesse Frankovich, Grand Ledge, Mich.)

Five Guts: Fast-food chitterlings, tripe, andouillette, haggis and hog maw. (Philip Justus, Potomac)

Five Goys: Worst bagels in town. (Christy Tosatto, Brookeville, Md.)

FeudEx: When that SOB absolutely, positively has to get what's coming to him overnight. (Gary Crockett, Chevy Chase)

Restoration Lardware: Your clothes' waistlines expanded by expert tailors. (Dave Prevar)

Pollo by Ralph Lauren: Rotisserie chickens for \$30 a pop. (John Hutchins, Silver Spring)

Nuder Armour: For when compression shirts aren't revealing enough. (Chris Doyle, Denton, Tex.)

Sorta: Maker of the Imperfect Sleeper mattress. (Dave Prevar)

Almart: "Drop in when you want to grab something and run." — A. Franken, proprietor (Jon Gearhart, Des Moines)

Alt Disney World: Where all the characters are snow white. (Dave Matuskey, Sacramento)

Tact Bell: "This burrito — well, let's just say that everyone in the kitchen tried their best." (Duncan Stevens, Vienna, Va.)

Iffy Lube: Sure, they may dump off-brand cooking oil into your car, but it's cheap and they vacuum your floor mats. (Hildy Zampella, Falls Church)

Fruit of the Loo: A breakthrough



BOB STAAKE FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

Week 1258: The year in redo, Part 2

Winner of *Week 1251, things to be thankful for:* **I'm thankful that Harvey won't ever be grabbing me again.** — Oscar (John O'Byrne)

Winner of *Week 1248, (un)true confessions:* **I cut my tofu into animal shapes. I usually eat the heads first.** (Rob Huffman)

We continue our little wallow in quickie nostalgia with our annual retrospective contest, now spread across two weeks. Last week the Empress invited you to enter the Week 1203-1229 contests; this week it's the more recent six months: **Enter (or reenter) any Style Invitational contest from Week 1230 through Week 1254** (there were no new contests for Weeks 1233-34). This group includes such Invite faves as limericks, cartoon captions and song parodies (about science), as well as more novel contests like a dialogue of a Creator designing some creature. You may enter multiple contests as long as you don't submit more than 25 entries in all. For contests asking you to use that week's paper, use papers and online articles dated Dec. 14-26. You may refer to events that took place after the original contest ran, and you may resubmit non-inking entries from earlier contests.

How to find all these contests: If you subscribe to The Post — and you certainly should — you can go to washingtonpost.com/styleinvitational and scroll through the descriptions of all these contests, and select one, or two, or 25, as far back as Week 1230. Or, if you don't subscribe: Go to the Losers' own website, nrars.org, click on "Master Contest List," and scroll down to Weeks 1230-54. Click on the "E" icon for the online version of the week's contest, or the "WP" for the print version. With either method, check the results of that week's contest (usually four weeks later) to make sure your idea didn't already get ink. *Please* give the week number of the contest you're using. **See this week's Style Conversational column at wapo.st/conv1258 for more guidance** for this week's contest.

Submit entries at the website wapo.st/enter-invite-1258 (all lowercase) — **NOT the entry forms for those old contests.**

Winner gets the **Lose Cannon**, our Style Invitational trophy. Second place receives another of one of the Empress's fave lit prizes of recent years: It's the **Nose Aerobics basketball game**, in which you wear a pair of lensless nerd-eyeglasses from which a little arm sticks out; at the end of the arm are a two-inch-high basket and, attached to that, a tiny string and a little plastic basketball. Our 2014 winner of this prize, Jeff Contompasis, became expert at shaking his head around in just the right way so that the ball would fly into the basket, a skill he displayed repeatedly in the middle of a restaurant during one of our monthly Loser Brunches. This game, like the previous one, was donated by Loser Nan Reiner.

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, "No Childishness Left Behind" or "Magnum Dopus." First Offenders receive only a smelly tree-shaped air "freshener" (FirStink for their first ink). **Deadline is Tuesday night, Dec. 26;** results published Jan. 14 (online Jan. 11). See general contest rules and guidelines at wapo.st/InvRules. The headline for this week's results is by Chris Doyle; Kevin Dopart wrote the honorable-mentions subhead. Join the Style Invitational Devotees group on Facebook at on.fb.me/invdev. "Like" Style Invitational Ink of the Day on Facebook at bit.ly/inkofday; follow @StyleInvite on Twitter.



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Jeff Contompasis shows his skill with this week's 2nd prize.

in recycled fiber! (Mark Raffman, Reston)

Guber: Rural areas need rides, too. (Gordon Cobb, Marietta, Ga.)

Untied Airlines: No seat belts, so it's easier to drag you off the plane. (Steve McClemons)

Kea: Car in a box — assemble it yourself! (Tom Panther, Sharps, Va.)

Duncan Hanes: Makers of the finest edible underwear. (Duncan Stevens)

Fannie Made: DIY art store specializing in big "Butt-R-Fly" prints. (Ivrs Kuskevics, Takoma Park, Md.)

JC Zenney: For all your Christo-Buddhist needs. (Ed Edwards, Worcester Park, England)

L'Ordeal: The 20-step hair-color system — it's not worth it. (Suvinay Subramanian, Cambridge, Mass., a First Offender)

Office Despot: You will buy this stapler and you will like it. (Joanne Free, Clifton, Va.)

T.M.I. Friday's: Along with the daily specials, your servers tell you about their bowel movements and yeast infections. (Jesse Frankovich)

Toes R Us: A prosthetic specialty shop. (Warren Tanabe, Annapolis)

Southeast Airlines: Flying out of our hub in Antarctica. (Drew Bennett, West Plains, Mo.)

Storbucks: On every corner in the Cayman Islands. (Michael Rolfe, Cape Town, South Africa)

Trader Poe's: Goods worth raven about — at prices nevermore than our competitors! (Douri Moura, Chico, Calif.)

Victoria's Secrete: Nursing bras can be attractive, too. (Stephen Dudzik, Olney)

And Last: **PayPat:** How do you think the Empress gets her bribe money? (Kyle Hendrickson)

More winners at wapo.st/invite1258.

Still running — deadline Monday night, Dec. 18: our contest to enter Weeks 1203-1229. See wapo.st/invite1257.

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| <p>"TWO FOR ONE" By JIM HOLLAND</p> <p>ACROSS</p> <p>1 "Don't panic!"</p> <p>7 Lincoln who was the first screen adult</p> <p>11 Adlai's 1956 running mate</p> <p>16 Japanese theater form</p> <p>19 Astronomy Muse</p> <p>20 "King ___"</p> <p>21 Lacking ___ company</p> <p>22 "What have we here?!"</p> <p>23 Athlete Jackson discusses immunization options?</p> <p>26 Put an end to</p> <p>27 Bit of porch furniture, perhaps</p> <p>28 Beauty pageant band</p> <p>29 Cruise purpose</p> <p>31 Seville : Sra. :: Seattle : ___</p> <p>33 Wee amount</p> <p>35 Quick, as service</p> <p>36 Spring spelling event could face cancellation?</p> <p>44 ___ Sea</p> <p>45 Rotting results</p> <p>46 General Bradley</p> <p>47 Writer Bagnold</p> <p>49 Places with courts</p> <p>52 NBA nickname since the '70s</p> <p>53 Actress Gaye of "Ali"</p> <p>54 Former Renault</p> <p>56 "Could be trouble"</p> <p>57 Forgers of a sort</p> <p>59 Roof rack items</p> <p>61 Basic French infinitive</p> <p>62 Greiner of "Shark Tank"</p> <p>63 Brief moments</p> <p>65 Denver-to-Omaha dir.</p> <p>66 What "it takes" at the start of many macho mantras</p> <p>68 Nile biter</p> <p>71 Seaman's complete canvas expense?</p> <p>75 Tarzan player</p> <p>76 How rural areas are populated</p> <p>78 "More than I wanted to know"</p> <p>79 Garden invader</p> <p>81 Actor Diggs</p> | <p>82 Rover's turf</p> <p>84 Chooses</p> <p>86 Checked (out)</p> <p>90 Dadaist collection</p> <p>91 Clapton et al.</p> <p>93 Offer of help</p> <p>95 Rodeo accessory</p> <p>96 Borscht veggie</p> <p>97 Phobia beginning</p> <p>98 Islamic branch</p> <p>99 Bean in Hollywood</p> <p>100 "Friends" friend</p> <p>103 "2 + 2 = 5" problem?</p> <p>106 Draw</p> <p>109 CEO's credential</p> <p>110 LAX inspection org.</p> <p>111 Like serious errors</p> <p>113 Pizazz</p> <p>116 Slowly</p> <p>121 Tease</p> <p>122 Writer anticipates a vacation?</p> <p>126 Key for Debussy?</p> <p>127 Thin porridge</p> | <p>128 Approval indicator</p> <p>129 Aerial mission</p> <p>130 Two above an eagle</p> <p>131 Lamb piece</p> <p>132 Spot</p> <p>133 Fighting ender</p> <p>DOWN</p> <p>1 Pal</p> <p>2 Cupid, to Plato</p> <p>3 Actress Blanchett</p> <p>4 Med school subj.</p> <p>5 Easy rhythm</p> <p>6 Arms-folded response</p> <p>7 Brother of Peyton</p> <p>8 Camera component</p> <p>9 Subject of clothed and nude Goya portraits</p> <p>10 Handel opera written in Italian</p> <p>11 Absorb, as a loss</p> <p>12 Unintended revelation</p> <p>13 Kit set</p> | <p>14 Set of nine</p> <p>15 Bun choice</p> <p>16 Situation when a frat room is empty?</p> <p>17 Tara surname</p> <p>18 Darling</p> <p>24 Weekly inspiration for many</p> <p>25 No. 5 maker</p> <p>30 Shore squawker</p> <p>32 Island birthplace of Pythagoras</p> <p>34 Gift recipient</p> <p>36 Grandmas, earlier</p> <p>37 Podcaster Carolla</p> <p>38 "Pic-a-nic" basket-seeking toon, familiarly</p> <p>39 The Beatles, e.g.</p> <p>40 Avoids like the plague</p> <p>41 Pinstripes wearer</p> <p>42 Smarts</p> <p>43 Certs competitor</p> <p>48 1925 Bryan foe</p> <p>50 Aesopian ending</p> | <p>51 Reflective</p> <p>55 Big name in candy</p> <p>58 Plot</p> <p>60 Defense gp. dissolved in 1977</p> <p>64 Toyota Camry model</p> <p>67 Was humbled</p> <p>68 Take ___ at</p> <p>69 Success on the second roll</p> <p>70 Average salary on a Detroit team?</p> <p>72 Ira Gershwin's forte</p> <p>73 Mischievous</p> <p>74 Chinese evergreen</p> <p>77 Bring back to a former state</p> <p>80 Anthony ___ Pulitzer winner for "All the Light We Cannot See"</p> <p>83 Rugby action</p> <p>85 Leslie Charteris hero, with "The"</p> <p>87 El ___ Texas</p> <p>88 Harrow competitor</p> | <p>89 Mild oath</p> <p>92 Gloomy</p> <p>94 Bugs</p> <p>101 Brutal</p> <p>102 Searches all over</p> <p>104 "Unto the Sons" memoirist</p> <p>105 Word derived from a marquis</p> <p>106 "Get ___": "Control yourself!"</p> <p>107 Refrain syllables</p> <p>108 Ballet outfits</p> <p>112 Where the Mets played</p> <p>114 Motion passers</p> <p>115 Tide type</p> <p>117 2-Down, to Cato</p> <p>118 "Chicago" star</p> <p>119 Meager amount</p> <p>120 "What ___?"</p> <p>123 Beer originally brewed near a Northwest capital, briefly</p> <p>124 Foxy</p> <p>125 Poehler</p> <p>125 "Weekend Update" co-host on "SNL"</p> |
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Answers to last week's puzzle below.

HOROSCOPE

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY | Dec. 17: This year, you will be unusually creative and dynamic. You know what you want, and you know how to get it. If you are single, you have a tendency to be adventurous. Be careful not to get involved with someone who is emotionally unavailable. If you are attached, the two of you have a lot of fun together. Make sure you allow your sweetie to share more of him- or herself. A fellow Sagittarius considers you to be their soul mate.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Keep reaching out to someone about whom you care deeply. It is quite possible that you have not spoken to this person in a while; don't be surprised if they cop an attitude as a result. You know how to melt any barriers between you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You hear a lot of news, but it appears that others might not be in the mood to hear your news. Know that you can do anything you want with your determination. Make time for a loved one. You are likely to hear some shocking news.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) An unexpected development surrounding a friend could have interesting results. You might not be comfortable with what you are hearing, especially as it probably will affect you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You'll wonder what could make this day more relaxing. Consider canceling plans. New beginnings become possible, but only when you are up to snuff and relaxed. Someone finds you unusually kind and caring.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Others seek you out for advice. A friend or loved one might be unusually frustrated and angry. This person could be wondering how to succeed in not losing their cool.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Consider your options more carefully. A certain amount of uproar becomes possible around your joint finances with a loved one. Find a way of making peace between the two of you by solving the issue at hand.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Stay open to an unexpected development from a loved one. This

person will have your day bubbling with fun. Curb your spending with your last-minute holiday errands. Great gifts don't need to cost much.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You might be overly concerned about finishing your Christmas shopping. Get off your duff and complete any holiday chores today. Understand that you will be exhausted when you're done, but you will feel much better as well.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You are at your best, and you feel as if you can finally be responsive and caring with others. It is as if you have freed yourself from a black cloud that has been lingering over you as of late.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You might want to keep the curtains pulled and get more sleep. You have pushed yourself very hard over the past few weeks, and you deserve a timeout. Whom you decide to share this day with is your call.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Focus on bringing loved ones together. You might not be comfortable with what someone says; consider putting some distance between you. A friend proves their loyalty by supporting you in your decisions and actions.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Make sure that a child or loved one is included in your plans; otherwise, they could make you miserable for a sustained period of time. Your caring flows from one person to the next.

Answers to last week's puzzle.

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