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THE STYLE INVITATIONAL

Beeologisms: Report from Week 1277

BY PAT MYERS

In Week 1277 we presented 15 sets of seven letters each and asked you to create a new term from the letters of any of the sets. The twist, in a shout-out to the New York Times Spelling Bee game, was that you could use any of the letters more than once, or not at

4th place

From ROXTANE: Ranx: Shapewear and deodorant in one! (Tom Witte, Montgomery Village)

3rd place

From ROXTANE: Oxanne: No, really, you shouldn't turn on any lights. (Kathleen DeBold, Burtonsville)

2nd place and the red crab beanie:

From FINCOUT: FU-ton: A couch so uncomfortable, it appears to be designed out of spite. (Duncan Stevens, Vienna, Va.)

And the winner of the **Lose Cannon:**

From PTACKRO: Krapatoa: A presidential Twitter eruption. (Jeff Hazle, San Antonio)

PTACKRO --> Crap pack: **Honorable mentions**

From WMALTER: "Maaaaaaaate!": What excitable announcers yell during a chess match. (Duncan Stevens)

- Lawmart: At this big-box store, you WILL have 12 items or less in the express lane, or ELSE! (Matt Monitto, Bristol, Conn.)
- Were-ewe: A sheep in wolf's clothing. (Bill Dorner, Indianapolis)
- WMATA FTA: A known unknown (Pete Morelewicz, Fredericksburg)
- Tartar Melter: Cool Mint & Drano mouthwash, recommended by four out of five surviving dentists. (Gary Crockett, Chevy
- Erratata: A third nipple. (Kevin Dopart, Washington)

From PHANETY: Yentanet: You got questions? We got advice. You don't? We got it anyway. (Sue Taubenkibel, Washington, a First Offender)

- Hyenatape: Sitcom jargon for the laugh track. (Jeff Contompasis, Ashburn)
- Ant-panty: A thong. (Kathleen DeBold)
- Ante-panty: A fig leaf. (Beverley Sharp)

From CHELOAN: Hello-hole: New Yorker's term for Midwest town where strangers dare to smile at you on the street. (Duncan Stevens)

From CYMENGR: Gene me: "Let's do some baby-making." (Jeff Shirley, Richmond)

- McGermy: The ball pit at the PlayPlace. (Bill Dorner)
- Mergency: A shotgun wedding. (Warren Tanabe, Annapolis)

From FINESTY: Styfine: "No allowance till you clean your room! (Kathleen DeBold; Ward Kay, Vienna, Va.)

- Yesfest: A Trump Cabinet meeting. (Janelle Gibb, Rockville)
- Sinfinity: A very long day at the confessional. (Rob Cohen, Potomac)

From FOUTHGL: Hugglut: A visit to Grandma's. (Sue Lin Chong, Baltimore)

From LABGENT: Alt-Age: The radical wing of AARP. (Terry Smith, McLean, a First Offender)

- **Gall gene:** The biology that permits you to hire Bill Clinton's lawyer to defend you against an investigation you claim is masterminded by people who are out to get you because they secretly support Hillary. (Frank Osen, Pasadena, Calif.)
- **Balge:** One reason we don't like Speedos. (Michael Rolfe, Cape Town, South Africa)

From RONTCUD: Courtoon: A comic strip featuring the president's current lawyer, a person named Kasowitz Dowd diGenova Toensing Cobb Giuliani. (Dave Zarrow,

From UBATRIE: Bratterie: A chic but honest day-care center. (Beverley Sharp, Montgomery, Ala.)

- Rub-tuba: That moment during a massage when you relax a bit too



BOB STAAKE FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

New for Week 1281: We only have (googly) eyes for you

For many years, the Empress has had a lovely neighbor around the corner whom we'll call Dave, since his name is Dave. And when they see each other around the 'hood, Dave will often say, "You know, I see that thing of yours in the newspaper, that contest — and man, I just

don't get it."

Dave, here is your contest. It is the most gettable of contests.

You know those googly eyes you can stick onto things? Get yourself a pack at the dollar store, or just draw some, and . . . This week: Send us a photo of something that you have made funny by pasting googly eyes on it; funny titles and captions are **optional.** This is, we know, not a new idea; five years ago, for example, BuzzFeed published "40 Pictures That Prove That Everything Is Better With Googly Eyes," and there's even an online generator where you can put virtual googly eyes on the photo of

your choice (do not use this). But fortunately for us all, there still are some things out there that do not have any googly eyes on them.

Get yourself a bag of

eyes at a craft store,

or just draw some.

How we'll do this: - **Get googly eyes.** They're very cheap at dollar stores, craft stores, etc., usually coming dozens to a bag in various sizes for a buck or two. Or if you can't find them, just draw some on a piece of paper.

- Put googly eves on something or someone and take a photo. It must be an original photo; we don't want to get into copyright problems. For this reason, also don't paste eyes on a photo that someone else took, unless the photo is part of a sign, on packaging, etc. **Don't just** Photoshop eyes onto a photo.

— Obviously, this isn't one of our cerebral, more--than-funny contests; we're hoping But you know we can't resist witty wordplay and clever jokes. So a funny title or caption accompanying your googly-eyed toaster might pop it above someone else's googly-eyed toaster.

Upload your photo at the website wapo.st/enterinvite-1281 (all lowercase). For this week, please submit just one photo per entry form. You may still, however, send as many as 25 entries. If you have a title and/or a caption, put those in the first field of the form, where the text of entries usually goes; then scroll down to the upload part near the bottom. If you have trouble getting Mr. Form to accept your photo, don't get all panicky; you may email it as an attachment to the Empress at pat.myers@washpost.com (put "Week 1281 photo" in the subject line). Don't forget to include your first and last name and your postal address in the email.

- You'll get an extra week to get the googly eyes, persuade your toaster to pose for you, etc. So the **deadline** is Monday night, June 11; results published June 24 (online June 21).

Winner gets the **Lose Cannon**, our Style Invitational trophy. Second place receives a set of three handy, or perhaps heady, headbands, each supporting a comicsstyle text bubble made of dry-erase board — one for comments, one for thoughts, one for action noises — on a spring several inches above your head. Think of all the talking you won't have to do at parties, and not only because everyone there will avoid you like a subpoena.

Donated by Loser J. Larry Schott.

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, "We've Seen Better" or "IDiot Card." First Offenders receive only a smelly tree-shaped air "freshener" (FirStink for their first ink). See general contest rules and guidelines at wapo.st/InvRules. The headline "Beeologisms" was submitted separately by Tom Witte, Kevin Dopart and Jesse Frankovich; Tom also wrote the honorable-mentions subhead. Join the lively 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

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One way to be a standup comic: with this on a headband.

much and accidentally let one out. (Matt Monitto)

 Teeter-teeter: Playground activity with weight-mismatched kids. (Duncan Stevens)

From ROXTANE: Exxonerate: To absolve of blame even when wrongdoing is obvious. "Campaign donations are one way of being exxonerated after an oil spill." (Jon Gearhart, Des Moines; Chris Doyle, Denton, Tex.)

From KETICYR: Erectricity: When there's more than just a little spark between you. (Jon Gearhart)

Still running - deadline Tuesday, May 29: our "air quotes" contest. See wapo.st/invite1280.

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Answers to last week's puzzle below.

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BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY | May 27: This year, positive changes make their way into your life. Sometimes you feel challenged, but that's not necessarily a bad thing. If you are single, you will not be able to complain about a lack of potential suitors, especially after summer. The issue will be how to get to know these individuals better. If you are attached, you could experience some controversy between you and your sweetie. Try to understand where your significant other is coming from. Scorpio might be a demanding partner or co-worker.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Make an effort to get past a problem efficiently. Others seem more receptive than they have been in a while. Tap into your intuition, and you will know what to do. Make plans to escape and go off to the movies, or join a friend at a jam session.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Walking off the beaten path will be appealing. You need to respond to your own energy, even though others surround you and want to come in closer. A partner plays a significant role in events that occur, as he or she does not want to be left out.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You could be involved with a big project. Your focus will be on the above-mentioned activity rather than following your traditional Sunday routine. You might feel as if there is not enough time to enjoy yourself. Make yourself a higher priority.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You could be ready to handle a problem, yet the issue never comes up. Be creative in how you schedule your free time. Support yourself in pursuing a new interest or hobby.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Listen to a friend who has a lot to share, but be sure to keep the information hush-hush. Do not hesitate to try different options to get you to a certain point of understanding. Be aware of your limits and where you are heading.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Be willing to switch gears and adjust to someone else's suggestion. You could find the day much more relaxing if you flow with this person's energy. Do not push yourself so hard.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You are living the good life, and today others easily can see the evidence of this. You will charm a new friend or a loved one into joining you to do what you desire. Opportunities appear out of nowhere, so don't hesitate to jump

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Others respond to your intensity and make clear that they want to have some time with you. Be honest with yourself as to how much you want to spend with them. Be sure the feelings are mutual.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) When taking risks, slow down and proceed with care. Nevertheless, nothing too serious is likely to happen today. You will land like a cat on all fours. Understand what is happening with a routine responsibility or habit.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Be aware of the limitations of your time, yet know the importance of certain people in your life. Make time for those closest to you. Give up the serious, workaholic attitude, even if just for a little while.

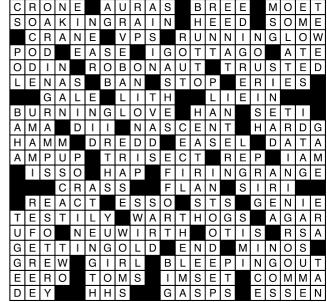
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AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Reach out to someone who has a very different attitude about life than you do. Not only do you have a good time together, you also support each other in broadening your horizons.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Contact a friend who is always a hoot to be around. Recognize what is happening between you and a loved one. Taking a radical stance might not work, but opening up to unique views of life could prove to be provocative and worthwhile.

Answers to last week's puzzle.

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