

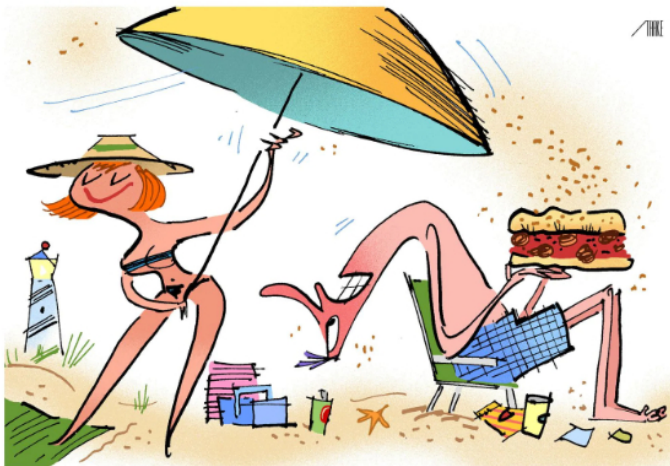


Entertainment

Style Invitational Week 1341:
Portmanteautapping E to R

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Combine two words to make a new one. Plus winning riddles with anagrams.



(Bob Staake for The Washington Post)

By **Pat Myers**

July 18

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Parmesand: What ends up sprinkled all over the meatball sub you get at the beach. (*Bob Staake*)

Frigidiot: That shirtless guy at a January football game. (*Jimmy LaCaria*)

Estrogeniality: The attribute that compels women to go to the restroom in pairs. (*Joy Vizi*)

Among the innumerable neologism contests put up by the Empress and, before her, the Czar have been those for portmanteau words — words that combine two existing words. Reading back through the Comprehensive Style Invitational Archives, maintained as the ever-growing magnum dopus of Loser Elden Carnahan at NRARS.org, the E discovered that many years ago, she ran a contest for portmanteau words beginning with A through D, and another one for S through Z ... and then forgot the rest of the alphabet. **This week: Coin a portmanteau word beginning with E through R, in which the words overlap by at least two letters, and describe it, as in the**

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examples above; the non-Bob ones are from Week 476 (2002), our first portmanteau contest. As always, you're welcome to make your entry funnier with a funny sentence showing how the word could be used.

Submit entries at wapo.st/enter-invite-1341 (all lowercase).

Winner gets the **Lose Cannon**, our Style Invitational trophy. Second place receives an oval decal like the "26.2" one that marathoners like to put on their cars (or perhaps across one of their ruined knees) — but this one brags **"0.0."** Donated by Loser Barbara Turner.

our **WHOLE FOOLS** Grossery Bag. Honorable mentions get one of our lusted-after Loser magnets, **"Too-Weak Notice"** or **"Certificate of (de) Merit."** First Offenders receive only a smelly tree-shaped air "freshener" (**FirStink** for their first ink). **Deadline is Monday night, July 29;** results published Aug. 18 in print, Aug. 15 online. See general contest rules and guidelines at wapo.st/InvRules. The headline for this week's results is by Chris Doyle; Jesse Frankovich wrote the honorable-mentions subhead. 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](https://twitter.com/StyleInvite) on Twitter.

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MOT-FOOLERY: ANAGRAM RIDDLES FROM WEEK 1337

In **Week 1337** we asked for jokes in a Q/A format that included an anagram of a relevant word or name in the punchline. Many of you cited President Trump's reliance on **Vladimir Input**.

(Can't figure out an anagram or two? I'll explain the less obvious ones in this week's Style Conversational column at wapo.st/conv1341.)

4th place:



Brag about your unmarathon — "marathno"? — with this week's second prize.

Q. How did the senator explain his cowardly vote to his constituents?

A. **"I flee your pain."** (Brett Dimaio, Cumberland, Md.)

3rd place:

Q. What condition seems to be epidemic on overcrowded Metro cars?

A. **Irritable elbow syndrome.** (Ira Allen, Bethesda, Md.)

2nd place and the **Alexander the Great** action figure:

Q. What is Bill de Blasio sick of being called by Big Apple haters?

A. **Mayor of Yer Icky Town.** (Melissa Balmain, Rochester, N.Y.)

And the winner of the Lose Cannon:

Q. With what inscription would the White House like to replace Emma Lazarus's poem ("**Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free . . .**") on the Statue of Liberty?

A. **Never send me your rapist, free-rider, s-hole, drug army. Out! Goodbye! I hate you.** (*Mark Raffman, Reston, Va.*)

Next of ink: Honorable mentions

Q. Which campaign slogan did the former veep definitely not plagiarize?

A. **"I need job."** (*Frank Mann, Washington*)

Q. Under pressure from the left, who changed his position about his support for the Hyde Amendment?

A. **Joe I-Bend.** (*Mark Raffman*)

Q. In what movie does Marty McFly time-travel to stop Brexit?

A: **"Back to the EU Turf."** (*Jon Gearhart, Des Moines*)

Q. What's the new novel about the Hogwarts test-cheating scandal?

A. **"Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Notes."** (*Lawrence McGuire, Waldorf, Md.*)

Q. What appropriately shaped D.C. structure commemorates the city's longest-ever orgy?

A. **The Swingathon Monument.** (*Sam Mertens, Silver Spring, Md.*)

Q. What was constructed to commemorate D.C.'s blizzards of 2009-2010?

A. **The Snowhating Monument.** (*Ken Liss, Brookline, Mass., a First Offender*)

Q. Who said he had no idea what happened to the cherry tree?

A: **George Sawnothing.** (*Jesse Frankovich, Grand Ledge, Mich.*)

Q. How does the North Korean dictator refer to the American president and first lady?

A. **Dotard 'n' Plum.** (*Mark Raffman*)

Q. I hear that our president is going to open a hotel in Haiti that's the opposite of his one in D.C. What's he going to call it?

A. **Trump Latrine Nation.** (*Chris Damm, Charles Town, W.Va.*)

Q. When it turns out to be too boring to call it "March Madness," what would be a better name for a humdrum NCAA tournament?

A. **Bleak Blast.** (*Drew Bennett, West Plains, Mo.*)

Q. Which longtime jurist was just banned from an Alabama mall?

A. **Judge Roy Romeo.** (*Eric Nelkin, Silver Spring, Md.*)

Q. Who hid state secrets inside a beer bottle in his backyard?

A. **Lager Hiss.** (*Harold Mantle, Walnut Creek, Calif.*)

Q. After Bob got his hand stuck in the garbage disposal, what was left?

A. **An arm and a gel.** (*Tom Witte, Montgomery Village, Md.*)

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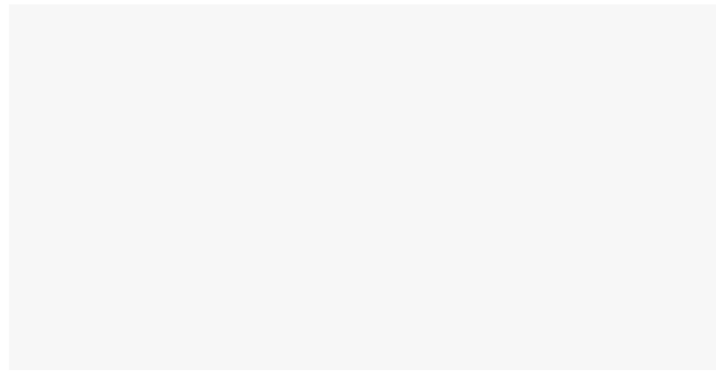
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Q. What did Jeff Sessions do when he resigned from the Trump administration?

A. **He rescued himself.** (*Jesse Frankovich*)

Q. What did Sheriff Woody say when Mr. Potato Head joined a coup to oust him?

A. **Et tu, tuber?** (*Jeff Contompasis, Ashburn, Va.*)

Q. The candidate wants to attract more young voters by changing his name? To what?

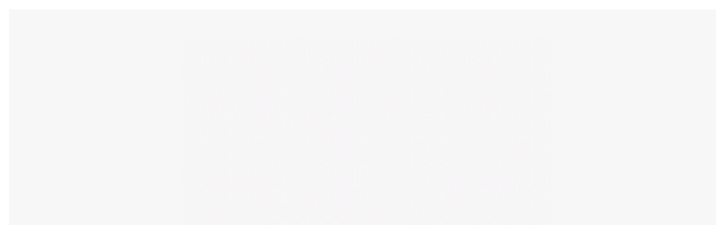
A. **Bernie Radness.** (*Matt Tietze, Rockville, Md., a First Offender*)

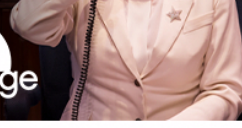

Q. What iconic Wyoming locale does the administration want to open up for oil drilling?

A. **Ye-Ton-o'-Wells National Park** (*Mark Raffman*)


Q. What did the printer ask the customer placing an order?

A. **"You want serif with that?"** (*Jesse Frankovich*)







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Q. What did the Romans call the Dacian revolt against their empire in the year 157?

A. **The CLVII War.** (*Jeff Contompasis*)

Q. What directions are at the top of every Russian presidential ballot?

A. **Put in Vladimir.** (*Christopher Thorpe, Millbrae, Calif.*)

Q. It's this summer's biggest hit, but what do some people call Lil Nas X's song?

A. **Download rot.** (*Bill Dornier, Indianapolis*)

Q. Which famed large-"nosed" drummer went on to appear in porn films?

A. **Groin Starr.** (*Jesse Rifkin, Arlington, Va.*)

Q. Who sang "If I Had a Hummer" and "Blowin' Up in the Wind"?

A. **Peter, Paul and Army.** (*Chris Doyle*)

Q. Who started an online forum to rate U.S. Marine bases?

A. **Gomer Yelp.** (*Chris Doyle*)

Q. Who was that rotten committee who denied Samuel L. Jackson an Oscar nomination?

A. **Snakes on a panel!** (*Danielle Nowlin, Fairfax Station, Va.*)