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Asphalt roof shingles **Plastic hockey rink** **Carpet tiles** **Purple linen napkins**
Odor-eater fabric **Plastic ballot boxes** **Cargo parachutes** **10-milliliter glass vials**
Ski lift cable **Climbing rope** **Bowling alley wood** **Fire hose** **Rubber sheets**
Escalator handrail **Mineral oil** **Street sweeper brushes** **Synthetic turf**

The Empress hates to do away with stuff until it's utterly used up, even if it's not her own — Losers sometimes receive their runner-up prizes in boxes and envelopes fished out of newsroom wastebaskets. So she was tickled to see the cool stuff the Royal Consort showed her on [RepurposedMaterialsInc.com](#), one of several sites that sell surplus industrial objects with the hope that some imaginative, enterprising person with a very big truck could put them to a better use than to build up a landfill.

No, the Royal Consort didn't want the Empress to install a plastic hockey rink in the front yard (cool as that might be); he was just suggesting a contest. **This week: Suggest a humorous way to reuse one or more of the items listed above — or anything else advertised on RepurposedMaterialsInc.com** (click on "Products"). Writing a bit about your idea might enhance the humor, if you are a funny writer. Don't worry if it says "Out of Stock," "only one left," etc.; just assume there's an unlimited supply. You have to outdo reality, though; it seems the rotating street-sweeping brushes are the beloved back scratchers of itchy cows and pigs.

Winner gets the [Inkin' Memorial](#), the Lincoln statue bobblehead that is the official Style Invitational trophy. Second place receives a, uhh, picturesque little ceramic [sculpture of an outhouse](#), complete with a little ceramic door that swings open to reveal a little ceramic



Second prize, for some Loser who doesn't know his art from a hole in the ground. (Pat Myers/The Washington Post)

embarrassed person sitting there. A thrift shop discovery by Pie Snelson — ready to be repurposed.

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 or, if you were born in the 19th century, fax to 202-334-4312. Deadline is Monday

night, July 13; results published Aug. 2 (online July 30). You may submit up to 25 entries per contest. Include “Week 1131” 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. The headline for this week’s results is by Chris Doyle; the honorable-mentions subhead is by Beverley Sharp. 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.

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CHECK YOUR LOCO LISTINGS: The winning TV spinoffs of Week 1127

In [Week 1127](#) we asked you to think of a spinoff of a real TV series, past or present, and to describe the result, or include a snippet of the script. One zinger, by Bird Waring of Larchmont, N.Y., lacked a description but really didn't need it: "**The Cosby Show: SVU.**"

4th place:

[House of Cardinals](#): After the mysterious demise of his predecessor, Pope Francis II takes control of the Vatican. (Mark Raffman, Reston, Va.)

3rd place

[Pitcher, Houston Astro](#): Chuck Norris heads farther south to become a crime-fighting major leaguer. He also catches his own pitches and ejects umpires from games. (Kevin Dopart, Washington)

2nd place and the pregnant-grandma salt and pepper shakers:

[Sesame Towne Centre](#): Kermit buys the block and converts it to a vibrant retail/residential community, finding that it's easy making green. (Rob Cohen, Potomac. Md.)

And the winner of the Inkin' Memorial:

[Game of Throne 2016](#):

Lindsey Graham: "We must conquer the Seven Kingdoms — no, let's make it eight!"

Rand Paul: "Conquest is for fools, I say! And I will keep on saying . . ."

Hillary Clinton: “I shall decide later. First, bring me your gold.” (Mark Raffman)

Teleflubbies: honorable mentions

19 Counts and Kidding: Legal analysts trade quips about charges that might be brought against Josh Duggar and his parents. (Chris Doyle, Ponder, Tex.)

Phat Girl: Never comfortable growing up in rural Montana, Rachel Dolezal moves to the Big City to live out her dream of being a Notable Black Person. (Doug Frank, Crosby, Tex.)

ERR: The drama moves down the hallway at County General to the nightmarish world of Medical Billing. (Jason Russo, Annandale, Va.)

Crib Your Enthusiasm: Larry David remarries and has a kid, and guess what — the baby looks just like him, and he can talk! “Have you noticed that the left one hangs a little lower than the right? It’s easier for me to reach — so would you mind if we just stick with that one?” (Mark Raffman)

“Open Sesame” Street: Chinese tykes learn how to hack Internet passwords and are taught about spyware by the Cookies Monster. (Bruce Carlson, Alexandria, Va.)

Cement Pondering: Shrewdly gauging the 90210 market, Jethro Clampett becomes a New Age spiritual adviser. (Kevin Dopart)

House of Lards: Prequel historical fiction that chronicles the rise to power of Tip O’Neill. (Edward Gordon, Austin)

Mad Lib Men: Don (last name) makes (noun)s for large companies in the (decade number)s. He drinks a lot of (liquid) and smokes (noun)s . He sleeps with (number)s of (gender option)s. (Art Grinath, Takoma Park, Md.)

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The Old and the Restful:

Grandpa: "I love you."

Grandma: "LINE?" (Dave Ferry, Purvis, Miss.)

The Big Bang Hypothesis: The prequel series follows the characters in their high school years. And you thought they were awkward now! (Danielle Nowlin, Fairfax Station, Va.)

Harpy Days: Chachi no longer loves Joanie. (John Kammer, South Riding, Va.)

Survivor: Cooperation: Participants face challenges in a harsh environment and are rewarded for working together rather than backstabbing each other. (Unsold pilot.) (Jeff Contompasis, Ashburn, Va.)

Survivor: Gilligan's Island:

Skipper: Gilligan, little buddy, it looks like you're getting voted off the island.

Gilligan: Not if Mrs. Howell votes for Mr. Howell. [Laugh track: polite chuckle.]

Thurston Howell III: You'd never do such a thing, would you, Lovey? [Beat.]

[Laugh track: Big laugh, end-of-scene applause.] (Warren Tanabe, Annapolis, Md.)

Pop-Up Book Notes: The great literary minds of our day discuss old-school interactive stories.

Brian Lamb: "Tonight we explore the deeper significance of 'Tyra the Tyrannosaur Hunts Up Lunch.' "

Philip Roth: "I really enjoyed the pull thingy on Page 2 that makes the dinosaur's mouth open."

Donna Tartt: "And the skinny lizard that you pull the tab and it makes a fan? That was neat."

Don DeLillo: "Aren't we missing the greater significance of the sliding window that shows the effect of Tyra's bite on, on, the one with three horns?"

Tartt: "Triceratops."

Roth: "Wasn't that a stegosaurus?" (Lawrence McGuire, Waldorf, Md.)

Original: "Jeopardy!" Spinoff: Jeopardy. With new host [Stephen Wright](#). (Rob Huffman, Fredericksburg, Va.)

[Dancing With the D-list:](#) Audience members who can identify any of the "stars" are invited to try out for the next season, "Dancing With the E-list." (Roger Dalrymple, Gettysburg, Pa.)

MythTrusters:

Excitable Guy: Is it true that a broken mirror causes seven years of bad luck?

Calm Guy: I saw a YouTube video where somebody broke a mirror and then had 7 years of bad luck.

Excitable Guy: Good enough for me. (Art Grinath)

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Leave IT to Beaver: Aging, embittered Vietnam vet Theodore Cleaver struggles with PTSD while working a tech support help desk. (Jeff Contompasis)

I Love Lucy's Lacies. Now it can be told . . .

Lucy: "Ricky, do you know why my bras and undies are all stretched out of shape?"

Ricky: "I guess I got some 'splaining to do . . ."

Lucy: "Waaaaaaah!" (Mark Raffman)

Still running — deadline Monday night, July 6: Our contest for wordplays on foreign terms. See bit.ly/invite1130.

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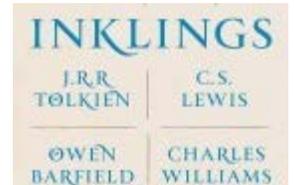
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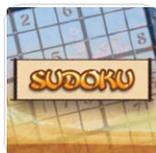
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