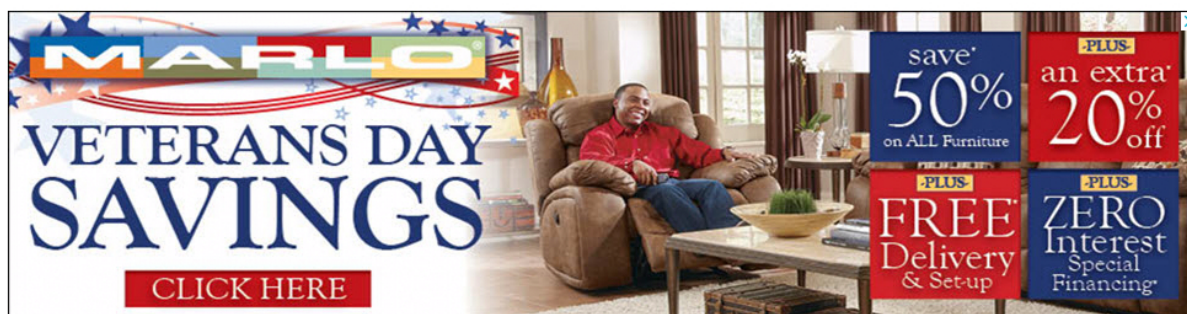




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# Style Invitational Week 1305: Hits and Googles

Looking for Googlenopes and Googleyups; plus winning 'Fib' verses



Even since 2007, there haven't been many Google hits for "chocolate covered lettuce." (Bob Staake for The Washington Post)

By **Pat Myers**

November 8

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**Googleyup:** "chocolate covered lettuce"

**Googleyup:** "chocolate covered steak"

**Googleyup:** "chocolate covered sand"

**Googleyup:** "chocolate covered Volkswagen Beetle parked in front of a supermarket in China"

**Googlenope:** "chocolate covered poached mouse fetuses on a lightly toasted poppy-seed bagel with a schmear" — from [a list by Gene Weingarten, 2007](#)

**Googleyup:** "Trump is completely honest." (The one hit:

"Trump is completely honest about his probable future dishonesty.")

**Googleyup:** "Twitter brings me peace of mind." (The one hit:

"Lately, staying off Twitter brings me peace of mind.") — both from

At a comely age 25, the Style Invitational has grown up — and here's the only way you'll see "Style Invitational" with "grown up" — with Google. And the Invite has played with the search engine in various ways, as has Washington Post humor columnist Gene Weingarten (who until 2003 carried on an intimate, whispered-about relationship with the Empress's predecessor, [the Czar](#)).

In 2007 Gene coined the term "Googlenope," a word or phrase that generates no Google hits at all, while discovering "**Queen Elizabeth's buttocks**," "**Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious-esque**" and "**Nelson Mandela is a doo-doo head**." The same year, the Style Invitational Losers tried it for [Week 717](#) (winner: "**That controversial 'Gilligan's Island' episode**" by Malcolm Fleschner). And as [late as 2010](#), Loser Mark Richardson found no hits for "**Nobody understands me like my husband**" or "**Nobody understands me like my wife**."

We've also had contests for Googlewhacks — a single hit — and Googillions, phrases that drew more than 1 million hits ("**Trump has the same hair on his behind**" — J. Larry Schott, 2009). But we never got around to doing the variation that Gene dubbed Googleyups: phrases that surprisingly do have one or more hits out there, if only to negate the sentiment, as in the examples above from Gene's column just last weekend.






Obviously, finding unique *and* interesting hits on Google is a lot harder in 2018 than in 2010, and it was hard then. So the E is broadening her search parameters, so to speak. **This week: Find us either a Googlenope — a phrase in quotation marks that generates no previous hits — or a Googleyup, a phrase that surprisingly does have hits.** You could even contrast a Googlenope with one or more Googleyups, as Gene did in 2007, or cite an ironic context for the Googleyup, as he did last week. If you come up with an actual Googlenope, note that with your entry.

Submit entries at the website [wapo.st/enter-invite-1305](http://wapo.st/enter-invite-1305).

Winner gets the [Lose Cannon](#), our Style Invitational trophy. And speaking of Pulitzer-Winning Juvenile Armpit-Farters, this week's second prize was donated by Dave Barry, who got it from a fan. It's a nice **manly barbecue apron**, probably from 2012, since "Meat Romney" is embroidered onto it. What's manly about it? Well, lurking behind a dish towel attached to the front of the apron is a pendulous foot-long fabric, um . . . as Dave says: "It is difficult to describe this item without using the word 'penis,' but I will try: This is a novelty apron mining the rich, never-gets-old humor vein that is 2012 election humor." *Warning:* Before the Empress will award this prize, the winner must attest in writing to having no taste whatsoever. Otherwise, the E will substitute something more decorous and mature, like a plastic dog turd.

**Other runners-up** win our "[You Gotta Play to Lose](#)" Loser Mug or our Grossery Bag, "[I Got a B in Punmanship](#)" (or perhaps a new design). Honorable mentions get one of our lusted-after Loser

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magnets, “[We’ve Seen Better](#)” or “[IDiot Card](#).” First Offenders receive only a smelly tree-shaped air “freshener” ([FirStink](#) for their first ink). **Deadline is Monday night, Nov. 19;** results published Dec. 9 (online Thursday, Dec. 6). See general contest rules and guidelines at [wapo.st/InvRules](#). The headline for this week’s results is by Chris Doyle; Chris also wrote this week’s honorable-mentions subhead. Join the Style Invitational Devotees on Facebook at [on.fb.me/invdev](#). “Like” 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 the Googlenopes/Googleyups contest, check it out at [wapo.st/styleconv](#).

[And from The Style Invitational four weeks ago . . .](#)

### **EASY AS 1,1,2,3 ...: INKING FIB(ONACCI) POEMS**

In [Week 1301](#) we asked for Fibs, poems whose syllables per line follow the mathematical Fibonacci sequence of 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8.

#### **4th place:**

Here’s  
My  
Foreign  
Policy:  
I am no hater,  
As long as you’re a dictator.” — *D.J.T, Washington*  
(Mark Raffman, Reston, Va.)



Gene Weingarten models the presentable, towel-down view of the apron, this week’s second prize .  
(Selfie by Gene Weingarten/The Washington Post)

#### **3rd place:**

Bread’s  
Not  
My snack.  
(Celiac.)  
But that doughy scent . . .  
I’m a gluten for punishment.  
(Matt Monitto, Bristol, Conn.)

#### **2nd place**

*and the [giant rattlesnake mug](#):*

To  
Find  
Single

Men at Trump  
Rallies? Friends guffawed:  
“The odds are good; the goods are odd.”  
(Nan Reiner, Boca Raton, Fla.)

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

Gee,  
Thanks,

Stormy:  
After your  
Tale from those plush rooms;  
I can no longer eat mushrooms.  
(Duncan Stevens, Vienna Va.)

**Deputy dawggerel: Honorable mentions**

Storms,  
Droughts?  
Sad jokes!  
Climate change?  
Of course it's a hoax!  
Mar-a-Lago is just fine, folks.  
(Melissa Balmain, Rochester, N.Y.)

The  
Don,  
Upon  
Waking up,  
Was once filled with dread  
To find a [horseface](#) in his bed.  
(Jesse Frankovich, Grand Ledge, Mich.)

Eight  
Years,  
Steady,  
Atrophied  
My nerves for trauma:  
Now I'm a wreck. Thanks, Obama.  
(Duncan Stevens)

Hue.  
Cry.  
"Boohoo . . .  
What dead guy?"  
While the world hollers,  
Donald counts his petrodollars.  
(Nan Reiner)

Now  
That  
Midterms  
Are over,  
Together we'll grow,  
Eating either turkey or crow.  
(Drew Bennett, West Plains, Mo.)

Horse  
Sleigh  
Snowfall  
Harness bells  
The horse knows the way  
"Wait, where's my phone? Oh no, go back!"  
(Kristin Braly, Baltimore, a First Offender)



Trump  
And  
Comrade  
Vladimir:  
Two peas in a pod.  
One thinks he's czar; the other, God.  
(Ray Gallucci, Frederick, Md.)

In  
A  
Public  
Interview  
If flustered, don't fret:  
Get in touch with your inner Brett.  
(Marcus Bales, Cleveland)

"No  
Gal  
Charging  
Sex assault  
Should just be ignored!  
Except for Christine Blasey Ford." — *Sen. Susan Collins*  
(Duncan Stevens)

Since  
The  
Options  
For voting  
Are so hard to sift,  
My go-to source is [Taylor Swift](#).  
(Jesse Frankovich)

I  
play  
Tennis.  
So, alas,  
Alone I will be.  
Because love means nothing to me.  
(Craig Dykstra, Centreville, Va.)

Go.  
Leave.  
Really,  
I'll be fine.  
Don't feel guilty, son.  
I'm used to loneliness. Have fun.  
(Hildy Zampella, Alexandria, Va.)

"Ah,  
Beer:  
Drank beer;  
I like beer."  
This Supreme Court push  
Was sponsored by Anheuser-Busch.  
(Duncan Stevens)

Tough  
Ruth  
Speaks truth  
To her coach:  
“I want a workout  
So I can knock that frat jerk out.”  
(Nan Reiner)

Now  
Some  
Very  
Fine people  
Made it cool again  
To proudly be a hooligan. -- S. Miller  
(Kevin Dopart, Washington)

To  
Bryce,  
Advice:  
At your price  
(The top of earners!)  
No dice. (Nats’ owners -- slow Lerner’s).  
(Mark Raffman)

#### [French Lawmaker Proposes Bill to Outlaw Mockery of Accents](#)

French  
Laws  
Feature  
New ban—no  
Dissing bad accents:  
Wish they’d told my high school teacher.  
(Frank Osen, Pasadena, Calif.)

#### ***And Last:***

You’ve  
Now  
Read all  
The snoozers  
That got ink for the  
Style Invitational Losers.  
(Chris Doyle, Denton, Tex.)

**Still running — deadline Monday night, Nov. 12: our “what if” contest. [wapo.st/invite1304](http://wapo.st/invite1304).**

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