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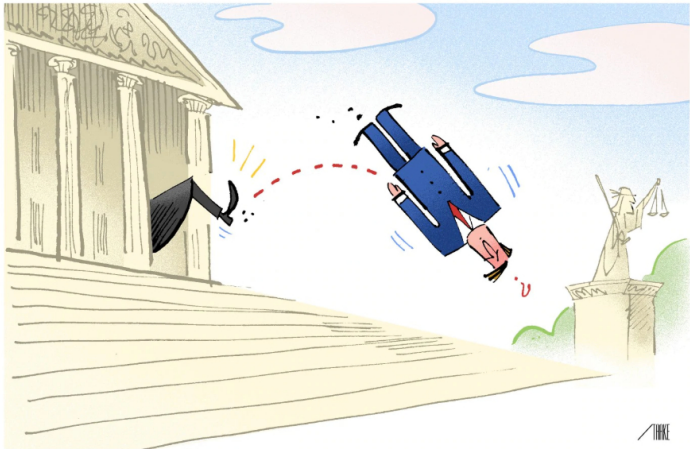
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Style Invitational Week 1371: The Tile Invitational VII

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Create new words from ScrabbleGrams letter sets; plus winning (or Losing) pickup lines



(Bob Staake for The Washington Post)

By Pat Myers

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(Click [here](#) to skip down to the winning pickup lines for different professions)

Yes, **EGNORSU** unscrambles to **SURGEON**. But you could also get:

EGNORSU > **SNOG-RUE**: Morning-after regret. “Caroline awoke with a queasy stomach from last night’s beer pong game at the office party, and a worse case of snog-rue from the final-round ‘encouragement’ from the guy in IT with the ‘frohawk.’”

EGNORSU > **GROUSEN**: To make someone irritable. “The new neighbor’s Labradoodle may be cute, but his barking and poopage are grousening up half the street.”

EGNORSU > **UNGORE**: What the Supreme Court did to the 2000 election.

For the VIIth year in a row, at the bottom of this page is a list of 45 VII-letter sets taken from the 2005 “[Big Book of ScrabbleGrams](#).” Each of them contains at least one real VII-letter word, but the Empress doesn’t care if you find it. **This week: Create a five-, six- or seven-letter word (or phrase) by scrambling the letters of any of the sets and define it**, as in the examples above from one of this week’s sets.



These fantastic! pretty nice! um ... this week's second prize. (Pat Myers/The Washington Post)

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Most Read Arts & Entertainment

- 1


Review

Ten books to read in March


- 2


Perspective

Watching 'To Kill a Mockingbird' with 18,000 teenagers was one of the most profound theater experiences of my career


- 3


Review

Coronavirus feels like something out of a sci-fi novel. Here's how writers have imagined similar scenarios.


- 4


Perspective

Don't be afraid to let children read graphic novels. They're real books.


- 5

Review

You've probably never heard of these artists, but they painted reality in a way we've lost sight of



Important! How to format your entry: Begin *each* entry with the letter set you're unscrambling, as above, so the E can sort them all into 45 handy-dandy groups. Don't number your entries, because then they won't start with the seven letters, right?

Submit up to a total of 25 entries, from as many letter sets as you like, at wapo.st/enter-invite-1371 (no capitals in the Web address). Deadline is Monday, Feb. 24; results will appear March 15 in print, March 12 online.

Winner gets the [Lose Cannon](#), our Style Invitational trophy. Second place gets this **handsome pair of cuff links** — or they would be handsome had they not had the word “Meh” inexplicably printed in lowercase (it's definitely not a monogram) within their translucent blue glass stones. How Loserly is that for the first-runner-up prize? Donated by Hall of Fame Loser Jeff Contompasis, who suggested the ScrabbleGrams contest back in 2013.

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Other runners-up win their choice of our “[For Best Results, Pour Into Top End](#)” **Loser Mugs** or our “[Whole Fools](#)” Grocery 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). See general contest rules and guidelines at wapo.st/InvRules. The headline “Flirtation Devices” is by Chris Doyle; Duncan Stevens 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 on Twitter.

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

Flirtation devices: Pickup lines from Week 1367

In [Week 1367](#) we asked for pickup lines to be said by particular people, or people in various professions. At least a dozen of you had a **dentist offering to fill the person's cavity**, and a **librarian “checking out”** the desired one. More creative but also submitted by too many people: **Houston Astro: Hey, baby, I already know your sign.**

4th place:

Prince Andrew: “Excuse me, don't I not know you from somewhere?” (*Frank Osen, Pasadena, Calif.*)

3rd place:

A plumber: “I'll pick you up Friday night sometime between 6:30 and 9:45.” (*Jesse Rifkin, Arlington, Va.*)

2nd place

and the Trump “We Shall Overcomb” socks:

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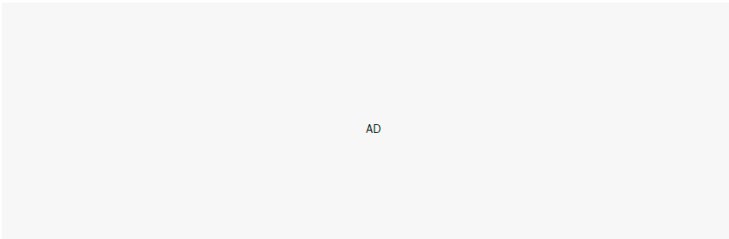
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Kanye West: "I'ma let you finish. I swear." *(Mark Raffman, Reston, Va.)*

And the winner of the Lose Cannon:

Orthopedic surgeon: "What's a joint like that doing in a nice girl like you?" *(Alan Duxbury, Carlisle, Pa.)*



So-solicitations: Honorable mentions

Computer programmer: "How about you and I go out, [just the 10 of us](#)?" *(Alan Duxbury)*

Carpenter: "How about a little tongue and groovin'?" *(Chris Doyle, Denton, Tex.)*

Lawyer: "Do you or do you not visit this establishment on a regular basis?" *(Bob Kruger, Rockville, Md.)*

London stockbroker: "Let's play [FTSE](#)!" *(Bill Spencer, Cockeysville, Md.)*

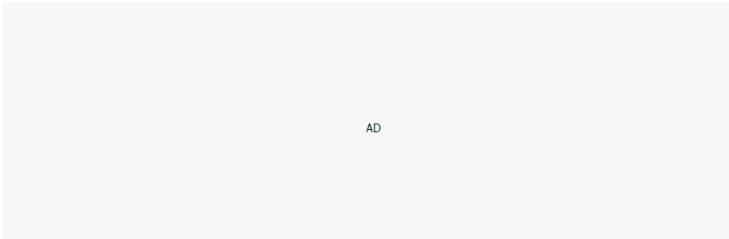
Narcissist: "Is it just me, or am I hot in here?" *(Frank Osen)*

Serial killer: "You know, I have the body of an 18-year-old." *(Seth Tucker, Washington)*

Sports radio host: "I can think about baseball for hours!" *(Seth Tucker)*

Virginia legislator (R): "If that's a gun in your pocket, I'm happy to see you."

Virginia legislator (D): "If that's not a gun in your pocket, I'm VERY happy to see you." *(Allen Haywood, Washington)*



ADA lawyer: "I'd like to make sure all your entrances are accessible." *(Kevin Mettinger, Warrenton, Va.)*

Actuary: "Baby, if we get started now, we can enjoy each other 18,325 times before we die!" *(Dottie Gray, Alexandria, Va.)*

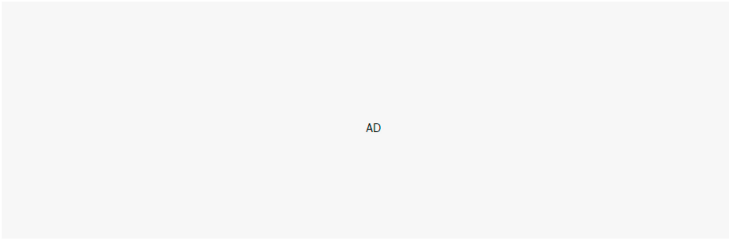
Amnesiac: "Do I come here often?" *(Frank Osen)*

Auto mechanic: "It looks like you've got a lot of play in that rear end." *(Jon Gearhart, Des Moines)*

SAT tutor: "The number of drinks I want to buy you is twice what I want to buy Mary. The number of drinks I want to buy Mary is two fewer than I want to buy Sue. I want to buy Sue three drinks. How many do I want to buy you?" *(David Kleinbard, Mamaroneck, N.Y.)*

Andrew Yang: "You know, I'm good at more than math. Oh, and here's a thousand bucks." *(Ira Allen, Bethesda, Md.)*

Bill Cosby: "Here, drink this." *(Mark Raffman; Bird Waring, Larchmont, N.Y.)*



Brad Pitt: “Hi.” (*Jeff Contompasis, Ashburn, Va.; Eric Nelkin, Silver Spring, Md.; Joanne Free, Clifton, Va.*)

Chimpanzee keeper: “I am happy to see you, but I also do have a banana in my pocket.” (*Jesse Frankovich, Lansing, Mich.*)

911 operator: “Soooo, if your boyfriend doesn’t make it, I’ve already got your number!” (*Jeff Shirley, Richmond, Va.*)

Crossword constructor: “When you walked in, you turned 3 Down into 6 Across.” (*Jesse Rifkin; Jon Gearhart*)

Rep. Devin Nunes: “I, Devin Nunes, a totally impartial observer, recommend that you go out with Devin Nunes.” (*Duncan Stevens, Vienna, Va.*)

Geico Camel: “Uh-oh! [Guess what day it is!](#)” (*John Kupiec, Fairfax, Va.; Duncan Stevens*)

Tax preparer: “You don’t need any help filling out *your* form.” (*Ed Scarbrough, Germantown, Md.*)

Jeff Bezos: “I’m Jeff Bezos.” (*Stephen Dudzik, Olney, Md.*)

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Larry David: “Care to come up and see my kvetchings?” (*Robert Schechter, Dix Hills, N.Y.*)

Vice President Pence: “I can see by the fact that you’re biologically female that you want me.” (*Lorraine McMillan, Alexandria, Va.*)

Sen. Mitch McConnell: “Let’s get down to the floor and get cozy — and don’t worry, there won’t be any witnesses.” (*Hildy Zampella, Alexandria, Va.*)

Rudy Giuliani: “I am not coming on to you! Oh, wait, I am. Actually, I’m not. Of course I am!” (*Sarah Walsh, Rockville, Md.*)

Shirley MacLaine: “Where’ve you been all my lives?” (*Jon Gearhart*)

Sen. Susan Collins: “Ask me out and I’ll give it serious thought for a few weeks before saying no.” (*Chris Doyle*)

Wilt Chamberlain: “Next!” (*Gary Crockett, Chevy Chase, Md.; Sam Mertens, Silver Spring, Md.*)

Abraham Lincoln: “My dear lady, would you be dedicated to my proposition for some three score and nine?” (*Jesse Frankovich, Lansing, Mich.*)

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Carpenter: “Hey, lady, would you marry me? Would you have my baby?” (*Tom Witte, Montgomery Village, Md.*)

Customer service agent: “I am sorry you are having problems with your current marriage. How can I provide you with the highest possible romantic service today?” (*David Kleinbard*)

Woke mathematician: “May I approach you asymptotically?” (*Jeff Contompasis*)

Sen. Bernie Sanders: “Pardon me, miss, do you know where the men’s room is?” (*Jon Ketzner, Cumberland, Md.*)

Haiku poet: “A nightingale falls/ The wind empty in its wings/ Girl, you’re a brick house.” (*Jeff Shirley*)

Noah: “How would you like to be my plus-one on an exclusive cruise?” (*Bob Kruger*)

NPR host: “Support for this proposition was provided by my Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.” (*Duncan Stevens*)

Pat Sajak: “You’ll never have to buy an O again.” (*April Musser Brand, Alpharetta, Ga.*)

Proctologist: “Excuse me, is this stool taken?” (*Frank Osen*)

Reality show host: “Hey, baby, how would you like to date a philandering, lying, six-times-bankrupt draft dodger?” (*Bill Dörner, Indianapolis*)

Washington Post Date Lab matchmaker: “Want to bump my success rate up to 3 percent?” (*Jesse Rifkin*)

And Last: **Style Invitational entrant:** “Why, yes, I *am* a big Loser! How did you know?” (*Bill Dörner*)

Still running — deadline Monday night, Feb. 17: our contest to write about someone with only the letters of the person’s name. See wapo.st/invite1370. (And once again, please make sure to [sign up for the replacement newsletter](#).)

The letter sets for Week 1371. Be sure to begin each of your entries with the full letter set.

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