

DIVERSIONS

THE STYLE INVITATIONAL

...FaR-OUT wit: T-O-U-R neologisms

BY PAT MYERS

Week 1312 was one of our annual Tour de Fours neologism contests; this year, the four-letter block to include in a word or phrase was . . . TOUR, in any order but with no other letters between them.

4th place:

Tutorrid: Hot for teacher. (Jeff Contompasis, Ashburn)

3rd place:

Manafortune cookie: "This isn't the last sentence you'll get. Lucky numbers: 15 to 30." (Jesse Frankovich, Grand Ledge, Mich.)

2nd place and the Mr. Turdy molding toy:

Troubleshooting: "YES, I HAVE ALREADY REBOOTED MY COMPUTER!!!" (Duncan Stevens, Vienna, Va.)

And the winner of the Lose Cannon:

Bit o' Uranus: Candy that did not sell as well as the Mars Bar. (Mark Raffman, Reston)

Marginal-mastery TOUR: Honorable mentions

Heel of Fortune: Yet another reality show in which a bunch of rich twits compete to see who is the most contemptible. (Jesse Frankovich)

Looturgy: The spiel that televangelists use to fleece their flocks. "Joel Osteen's looturgy is so good, his parishioners throw their money at him before he's gotten to the first hallelujah" (Lynne Larkin, Vero Beach, Fla.)

#MeTourism: Guided excursions to NBC headquarters, Fox headquarters, CBS headquarters . . . (Tom Witte, Montgomery Village)

Rotunderpants: "Relaxed-fit" drawers for wearing after the holidays. (Jesse Frankovich)

Authoritarian: A persnickety, bossy driver. "Laying doctor's-table paper over his SUV seats was bad enough, but then Stan asked the carpool to wear those blue protective slippers . . ." (Frank Osen, Pasadena, Calif.)

Attourniquet: A lawyer who really puts the squeeze on a witness. (Jon Gearhart, Des Moines)

Detouronomy: This book of the Bible explains how Moses took a wrong turn when leading the Israelites to the Promised Land, causing a 40-year delay. (Roy Ashley, Washington)

Euotica: "Instinctively, Theresa pulled away from the European. Clearly the European had no interest in pursuing her anyway. Both seemed to realize this was the worst porn story ever." (Dave Zarrow, Reston)

Altruotomy: Cutting the charitable deduction from the tax code. (Mark Raffman)

Fortune nookie: What a rich guy can get even if he resembles a mushroom. (Jesse Frankovich)

Ampututor: What every professor was in Civil War-era medical schools. (Dan Helming, Trenton, N.J.)

Foxtrot Uniform: The official NATO response to Trump. (Jesse Frankovich)

Et tu, Robin? Batman's last words before his attack by the Boy Wonder at a Gotham City Council meeting. (Jon Ketzner, Cumberland, Md.)

A-trou-cious: What above-the-ankle pants are. (Dan Helming)

BotRus BotRus Ghali: Putin's new U.N. ambassador. (Mike Gips, Bethesda)

Distributor Cap: A Washington hockey player with a lot of assists. (Jesse Frankovich)

Dontourage: All the president's men. (Jeff Contompasis)

Tortuoso: An extremely bad musician. "Timmy proved himself a true tortuoso at the violin recital with his rendition of 'Lightly Row.'" (Frank Osen)

Fartuoso: A master at playing the wind instrument. (William Kennard, Arlington)

Full discloture: A successful filibuster. (Kevin Dopart, Washington)

Go Ruth! Slogan on many signs at



BOB STAKE FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

New contest for Week 1316: Lies, damn lies, with statistics

Although the Chinese outnumber us 4 to 1, Americans have a greater combined weight. (Joseph Romm, winner of Week 702, 2007)
Manure collected from stalls at Churchill Downs has been proved to increase lawn growth by 153 percent vs. regular horse poo. (Dave Komornik, Week 1057, 2014)

In a study of 67 athletes who said they gave 110 percent, it was found that they actually gave an average of only 93.2 percent. (Art Grinath, Week 1057)
When fully inflated, an adult Shar-Pei can reach up to seven feet in circumference. (David Schwartz, Week 1289, 2018)

As 92 percent of politicians can tell you, lots of otherwise sensible people will believe anything when a few "statistics" are flung into the argument; some folks are so intimidated by numbers that they just turn off their brains and nod passively at the most patently ridiculous figures since Barbie's.

The Greater Loser Community has made hay from this phenomenon — 762.4 bales of it since 1993 — in various jokes over the years, especially in our bogus-trivia contests. So let's go all digital at once: **This week: Tell us some bogus trivia using "statistics" or some bogus quantitative measure**, as in the examples above from earlier fictoid contests.

Submit entries at wapo.st/enter-invite-1316 (all lowercase).

Winner gets the **Lose Cannon**, our Style Invitational trophy. Second place receives the absolutely finest **papier-mache rattle/maraca in the shape of a lime green frog wearing a bikini and covered in polka dots** that you will *ever* see. Brought back directly from Cuba by Loser Ellen Goldlust.

Other runners-up win our "You Gotta Play to Lose" Loser Mug or our "Whole Fools" Grossery Bag. 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). **Deadline is Monday night, Feb. 4;** results published Feb. 24 (online Thursday, Feb. 21). See general contest rules and guidelines at wapo.st/InvRules. The headline for this week's results is by Chris Doyle; Beverley Sharp wrote the 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/inkofiday; 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, check it out at wapo.st/styleconv.



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Named for what Trump called Hillary in a tweet, our grand prize.

(Mark Raffman)



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She's easy being green: A Cuban rattle, this week's second prize.

the Women's March. Insert a comma for the conservative version. (Duncan Stevens)

Echotourism: Going wherever everybody else goes on vacation. (Tom Witte)

"Got Russians?": Mueller team slogan. (Mark Raffman)

Microtrump: A unit of size, as in "My 5-year-old needs gloves. Do you carry these in microtrump?" (Laura Clairmont, Ashburn)

Torus trap: A Krispy Kreme store. (Mike Gips)

Heart-out: What Mitt Romney eats for breakfast every day I sit in the White House — D.J.T., Washington

"I Get Round": A song that Brian Wilson wrote a few years later. (Duncan Stevens)

Nanotruth: The largest particle of verity detected in a Sarah Sanders press briefing. (Ann Martin, Brentwood)

Routhouse: FedEx Field. (Barry Koch, Catlett, Va.)

Trotuouos: Giving you a bad case of the runs. (Jeff Contompasis)

Troubadorks: The Losers who sing the parodies at the Style Invitational party. (Mark Raffman)

Blot rush: The feeling of intense satisfaction that Losers experience when they get ink. (Jesse Frankovich)

Auto-reject: Crude tool that the Empress presumably uses for efficiency. I mean, what other explanation is there for my awesome entry not getting ink last week? (Eric Nelkin, Silver Spring)

Still running — deadline Monday night, Jan. 28: Our backward-crossover contest. See wapo.st/invite1315.

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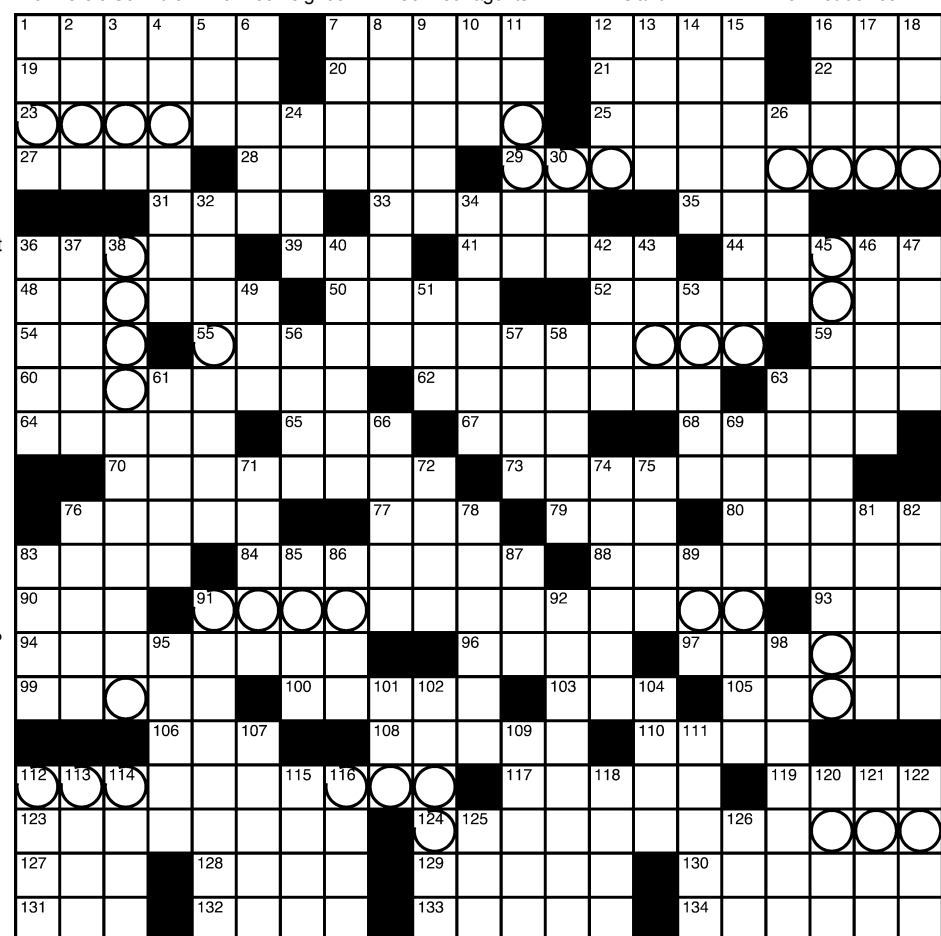
ACROSS
1 Navajo relative
7 Main points
12 They're thrown in anger
16 Germany-based shipper
19 Tank-emptying gadget
20 According to script
21 Burger King beverage option
22 Dinner order?
23 Many a character in "The Americans"
25 "Seriously!"
27 Four years, in some cases
28 Out of the sack
29 Jenna, to Barbara
31 Teen heartthrob
33 Author Zora ___ Hurston
35 DDE's wartime command
36 Martini go-with?
39 Flower in la Seine
41 Almost-ready software products
44 Premium beef
48 Most likely
50 Today's fortysomethings, e.g.
52 Empty storefront sign
54 Sellout sign
55 Amtrak service
59 Pin cushion?
60 "My bad"
62 "To sum up ..."
63 Photo sources
64 Snowboarder White
65 Stud location
67 Green Day drummer ___ Cool
68 Draw forth
70 Punished, as a teen
73 "By all means!"
76 Discover
77 Online forum VIP
79 Original "Nashville Now" ailer
80 Snap
83 Animal house
84 University of Wisconsin city
88 "Methinks ..."
90 Blood system letters
91 Elegant carousel rider?
93 Eggs, to a biologist

94 "Pay attention"
96 Neeson of "Silence"
97 Tablet download
99 1983 Michael Keaton role-reversal movie
100 1836 battle site
103 Delta rival: Abbr.
105 "Here will ___ me till the break of day": Shak.
106 Common practice
108 November birthstone
110 Due cubed
112 Bit of racket
117 Vacation twosome, perhaps
119 Acquired, with "by"
123 Get more points than
124 "Enough already!"
127 Untruth
128 Backup military org.
129 Heroic Schindler

130 Play the piccolo
131 Covert ___ trillion miles
132 Lily variety
133 Can't do without
134 World ___
DOWN
1 Part of ADA: Abbr.
2 Tidy sum
3 Copycat
4 Lingerie top with spaghetti straps
5 Triple-jump element
6 Calendario
7 Dress like
8 Roles for young women
9 Movie clip
10 Large wine cask
11 Not get everything you want
12 Done, in Dijon
13 Desktop image
14 Far from talkative
15 Get everything you want
16 Pec neighbor

17 Robust
18 Approx. 5.88
24 Really peeve
26 In unison
30 Like nail polish being blown on
32 Shame
34 Playing hooky, say
36 Carpentry files
37 "Queen Sugar" co-producer
38 Place to keep things
40 Business end of a cutting tool
42 "The Mod Squad" hairdo
43 Rise dramatically
45 PlayStation 4, for one
46 Lexicographer's concern
47 Venn diagram regions
49 Pewter metal
51 N.Y. tech school
53 Travels
56 Fed. agents

57 Tombstone lawman
58 Resided
61 When repeated, rock group named for the villain in "Barebella"
63 Skin flick
66 Dance track, often
69 Falling apart
71 Like goals not attained
72 Doctor's order
74 Real puzzle
75 Arm-leg connector
76 Delivery process
78 Sour cream blob
81 Stalagmite sites
82 Ritz-Carlton alternative
83 Soothing ointment
85 ___ mater
86 Fight with seconds
87 Rapa ___: Easter Island
89 Turkish dignitary
91 West Asian capital
92 Wound cover
95 Caffeine-rich nuts
98 Exam monitor
101 The NBA's Hawks
102 It merged with Coors in 2005
104 Norse prankster
107 "___ fault is that?"
109 Got up
111 Some USAF NGOs
112 Tune sung alone
113 One-liner
114 Western natives
115 Act the blowhard
116 Sleek, in car talk
118 Goofs
120 Opponent
121 Lawn problem
122 Woolly mamas
125 "The Waste Land" monogram
126 Plot device?



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Answers to last week's puzzle below.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY | Jan. 27: This year, you seem to have the power and will to make important changes in your life if need be. You also could take the lead with a commitment. If you're single, your allure speaks for itself. Your independence, intensity and vision draw many suitors. Do not make a commitment unless you are sure. If you're attached, the two of you often are out in public together. You seem to have a natural stature, as does your sweetie. You are a couple that draws attention. Scorpio knows how to trigger you.

ARIES (March 20-April 19)
The unexpected could put a chokehold on your finances unless you say no or have some expertise with this type of issue. Others disagree with your choices, but they might not understand where you are coming from.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Zero in on your priorities, understanding that you need to get a solid perspective about something that might be confusing. Listen to what a partner or close associate says. You might not be on the same page, but understand that you're coming from the same place.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
Pace yourself, understanding that you have a great deal of grounding on a day-to-day matter. Others seek feedback from you, as they feel the unexpected has created a boulder in the path to where they want to be. Help this other party understand the function of the boulder.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
You can be an endless source of creativity and ideas. At the moment, someone could stop you in your tracks with unusual ideas, which triggers more creativity from you. Treasure this time, as you have a way of feeding each other's ingenuity.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Anchor in at home. You could experience a lot of tension, no matter where you are. The unexpected could affect the way you view what is happening. Double-check your messages, plans and meeting times. You could run into a last-minute hassle.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Reach out to a person whom you care about. This person could be a close relative or a neighbor. You often don't make time for this person, so reverse that trend today.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
Use caution with spending. You might believe an item costs less than it actually does. You could be disappointed by the glimpse of reality you receive. Open up to new ways of handling certain costs. Get feedback. You can do what you want.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
You could be overwhelmed by recent events and need to slow down rather than act impulsively. You may not be getting all the facts you need. Slow the process down until you do. Someone close to you could be embellishing the information they're sharing.

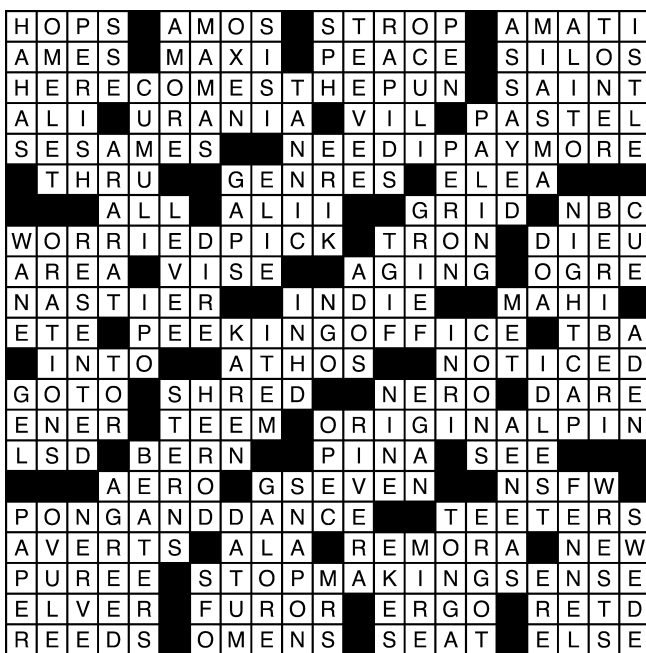
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Don't push others, as any pressure at the moment could backfire. Keep your own counsel and maintain a low profile. If you want to take a back seat to events or go off and do your own thing, by all means do. You might find that others misrepresent a situation.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
You zero in on a major change around a friend. You see the change heading this person's way, but they cannot even understand what you are perceiving. Be a good friend and remain close to this person. Help them sort through what happens until the time is right.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Pressure builds when you're out and about. You might want to project a certain attitude and willfulness. In a sense, this behavior is a deception, but you'll maintain clarity if you feel it's important.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
Seek out someone you care a lot about. This person will be delighted to simply hear your voice on the phone. You could encounter some interference connecting with this person. Don't lose heart, and keep trying. You'll get through.

Answers to last week's puzzle.



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