

DIVERSIONS

THE STYLE INVITATIONAL

Har-core humor: 'Steamy' prose

BY PAT MYERS

In **Week 1352** we asked for some steamy writing about decidedly unsteamy situations: in essence, double-entendres. Some of the entries were so porny-sounding that the Empress had to dab repeatedly at her tiara — even when the story turned out to be about slipping a Visa into the card-reading machine. Here are some slightly tamer accounts — and of course, not one of them is about sex. What kind of paper do you think we are?

4th place:

She was all over me the moment I walked in. She pressed and pressed me to stroke her, not to stop. We continued to fool around, right there on the floor . . . and I knew that I would be taking her home with me for more. Moments later I filled out the paperwork from the SPCA, and . . .

(Kevin Dopart, Washington)

3rd place:

My fingers slid across that spot, sensing its contours, then pressed gently but firmly. Did I have consent to go all the way? Not yet: "Wait," I heard — not "no," but "wait"! And so I shivered with anticipation, knowing that I would soon get the "walk" signal.

(Gary Crockett, Chevy Chase)

2nd place and the Undies for Two four-holed bikini briefs:

Is it wrong to take advantage of her? Though we'll both be sorry later, I know I'm making her hotter by the minute and I don't want to stop. We're co-dependent, Mother Earth. — Mankind, All-Over-You

(Kevin Dopart)

And the winner of the Lose Cannon:

She dims the lights and prepares the device just for me. I wait with a mixture of curiosity and excitement as she moves it toward me, pressing it gently against my skin. She tries one setting, then another. "Is this better? Or this?" I reply, "Please could you do it again?" Again and again, until finally, "Yes! That!" "Perfect," she says. "Your new glasses should arrive within five business days."

(Jeff Strong, Fairfax)

Porn to lose: Honorable mentions

"My fingers clenched the sheets and I experienced one satisfying release after another . . . I just love popping bubble wrap!"

(Jesse Frankovich, Lansing, Mich.)

I was terrified, running as fast as I could, but he chased relentlessly. No matter which way I turned, he pursued. I could hear his panting as he drew closer, my own heart about to burst out of my heaving chest. Then I felt his massive arms grab me as he thrust me to the ground, the full weight of his muscular body crushing down upon me. I began to realize what the rest of the night held in store — it was still early in the first quarter.

— Colt McCoy (Drew Bennett, West Plains, Mo.)

She had waited a long time for this precise moment. She knew that she would have him at last. Her actions were swift and sure — he could not elude her advances. She wanted him . . . she wanted him badly. She wanted him impeached.

(Ann Martin, Brentwood)

She looked at the bed, and him in it, and she began to feel hot all over. He was already sweating; he had stripped to almost nothing. Raw emotion overcame her. With a visible shudder, she cried: "When will we ever get all these dang weeds out of the begonias?"

(Beverly Sharp, Montgomery, Ala.)

They had met only a few minutes ago, but he knew she was just what he needed. With confidence, she moved closer and slowly removed his belt with expert fingers. Then she reached in with both hands and said softly, "The alternator's bad. You're looking at about \$800 for parts and labor."

She smiled proudly and displayed her enormous boobs. "My goodness, Mrs. Trump," I said, "Don Junior and Eric sure have grown!"

My need was urgent. Damn the consequences, I felt compelled like I never had before. Forget what it might mean for my job, my family, or anything else, I just had to wrap



BOB STAAKE FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

New contest for Week 1356: Ask Backwards 38

- The middle seat in coach
- The next Crayola color
- Pierre Defecto
- 42-3
- Lynt
- Laft
- A box of Sharpies
- A Botoxed Shar-Pei
- A perfect call
- Ankle, ankle, hooray!
- The Washington Monument elevator
- Iowa Man
- Lil Nas XL
- A 10-year-old jar of natural peanut butter
- Rudy Giuliani's more pensive moments
- A dress made of Loser magnets

If you've read The Style Invitational on any of 37 particular occasions since Week 24 in 1993 — most recently a year ago — then you know what we're doing here. If not: Above are 16 "answers." Tell us the questions, up to a total of 25 A&Q's. Write the answer first, followed by the question.

Submit up to 25 entries at wapo.st/enter-invite-1356 (no capitals in the Web address).

Winner gets the **Lose Cannon**, our Style Invitational trophy. Second place receives a cute little desk toy called **Zen Garden Litter Box**, which sets you on the path to enlightenment by letting you drag a little Barbie-size wooden rake through a bit of sand in a tiny tray and make exquisite designs in it — only you are to pretend that the sand is cat litter, which is why the kit comes with two itty-bitty toy cats. It also has "5 decorative rocks," though in their feline context you'd be forgiven for thinking they're supposed to be, well, clumps. It even comes with a mini-book on "the Zen of litter box gardening." At least it smells perfectly fine. Donated by Loser Drew Bennett, who is ever closer to reaching his twin goals of getting down to 200 pounds and getting up to 200 blots of ink; in fact, he's already printed himself a certificate to be signed by the Empress. Drew's right now at 202, he writes, but he still has 13 inks to go. Don't gain it back, Drew!

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, "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, Nov. 11;** results published Dec. 1 in print, Nov. 27 (Wednesday) online. See general contest rules and guidelines at wapo.st/InvRules. The headline "Har-Core Humor" was submitted by both Bill Dornier and Kevin Dopart; Beverley Sharp 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.

• **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/conv1356.



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Your clumpless path to enlightenment. This week's tiny second prize, with sand, cats, rake, rocks and 32-page book.

my lips around that whistle and blow. (Sam Mertens, Silver Spring)

And Last: I must confess my secret love. Let's just call her "E." I willingly submit to her over and over — sometimes more than 20 times a week. Alas, she cruelly denies me so often, leaving me perpetually unsatisfied with the occasional tease of gratification. I only wish I could submit to her

even more! (Tom Witte, Montgomery Village)

More honorable mentions in the online Invite at wapo.st/invite1356.

Still running — deadline Monday night, Nov. 4: Our perennial "air quotes" contest. See wapo.st/invite1355.

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"DON'T MISS THE FINALE" BY DAVID ALFRED BYWATERS

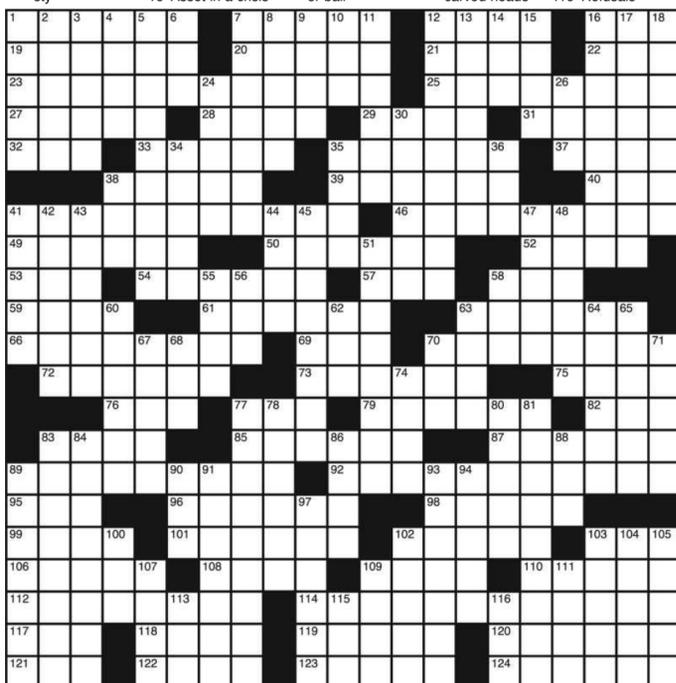
ACROSS

- Apes
- Wise advisers
- That's how it is
- Gown complement
- Farks with games
- Plane figure
- Emotion linked to schadenfreude
- "I ___ you liked your drink," sez Gunga Din
- Coiffure created using a mirror?
- Catholic leader appealing to a younger demographic?
- Pry
- Nailed
- School support gps.
- 50s TV innovation
- Lonely
- Slender bit of stemware
- Woos
- Branch of Islam
- One often seen in a parlor
- Establish firmly
- Coll. major
- Aggressive tie feature?
- Becoming a full-grown dog?
- Soft leathers
- Convert to ready money
- Pharma offerings
- Downed
- Game with plenty of kicks
- Extremely
- Window coolers
- Some pvt. equity ventures
- Ejection
- Much party food
- Topper for a tiny barn?
- Not Rep. or Dem.
- Result of a hotel sprinkler malfunction?
- Termination
- Two trios
- Alike, in Arles
- Tats
- Letters on a tap
- Basilica display
- Challenge to "You're wrong!"
- Horse hue
- "Manic" time in a 1986 hit

- "L.A. Law" actress
- Audition cry
- Reactions to mosquitoes
- Derisive looks

DOWN

- Sizable
- Goddess of peace
- Fruit served in balls
- Dope
- Settings for many ghost stories
- U.S. number-issuing agcy.
- Ronnie of the Ronettes
- Actress Anouk
- Geological period
- Squish
- Elude
- Convenient, as shopping
- Night before
- Coordinate audio and video
- Asset in a crisis
- Names (to)
- House of Lords group
- Frighten
- Places to buy stamps: Abbr.
- Romanticized 18th-century highwayman
- Dogie catcher
- Middling grades
- Frequent auto race sponsor
- One on foot, in signs
- One of a Biblical 150
- Offer more than
- Tyke
- Clinches
- Strongly favoring one side
- Workout ctrs.
- Grass used on some golf greens
- 18th/19th-century agricultural innovation
- Word with stick or ball
- Army-forming insect
- Like a monkey
- OKC-to-Tulsa dir.
- "Go ___ Watchman": Harper Lee novel
- Rwanda's capital
- Pollen producer
- Title Brooklyn lawyer in an Alabama courtroom
- Want as a price
- Jazz guitarist
- Leave out, in speech
- Little dogs
- In a hurry, maybe
- Appropriate for verification
- Otherwise
- 18th/19th-century agricultural innovation
- Mount with carved heads
- Coming
- Ominous
- Paper cut cries
- Full-___: purebred
- Luck, to the Bard
- More than exhaust
- Psychological wounds
- "___ a stinker?": Bugs Bunny
- Manhattan Project projects
- Quaint stopover
- Heavenly body with a tail
- Vampire's undoing
- Slim candle
- Flexible Flyers, e.g.
- PR firm's forte
- Leaning Tower site
- Common adolescent affliction
- "You ___ here"
- "Golly!"
- Refusals



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Answers to last week's puzzle below.

HOROSCOPE

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY | Nov. 3: This year, you will head in a new direction. Your willingness to blaze a new trail emerges. If single, you might decide to go for a different type. Enjoy it. If attached, you often focus on your personal life and loved ones. Your caring becomes more and more important. Aquarius can be rigid but open at the same time.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You have been inordinately busy, yet you finally make time for your personal priorities. Some of you will hang out with a friend, others will take their family on a day trip and still others will have even better ideas. As you reinforce your relationships, you feel far more connected.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Step up to the plate when responsibilities seem to tumble on your shoulders. You could be having a difficult period as you try to figure out what is going on. Touch base with an older friend or relative. Your efforts mean a lot to them.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You have been very intense about a personal matter that demands a lot of your time. Use today to relax. Take off for a day trip to a preferred area. Or make plans to visit with friends. The change of scenery recharges your energy.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) A loved one can be, and probably is, unusually demanding. Rather than lose your temper, be grateful that you have this person in your life. As difficult as this person can be, they genuinely care about you. One-on-one relating brings more intensity to your bond.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You have been so busy running around and doing your thing or handling a problem. Ask your sweetie or dear friend how they would most like to spend the day. Do just that.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You have been unusually busy and playful. Some of you have been dealing with a child, too. You need to pull away and get much-needed rest. Screen calls; don't answer the door.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Finally, you feel liberated and free. Others note your newfound liveliness. Let go, whether with friends, family or loved ones. Indirectly, you recharge and gain a better sense of direction because you are not overthinking.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Your busy pace finally gets to you. You need some long overdue downtime. What you do with this time is up to you. Make it leisurely and relaxing. Go with a loved one to the movies; read your Sunday paper.

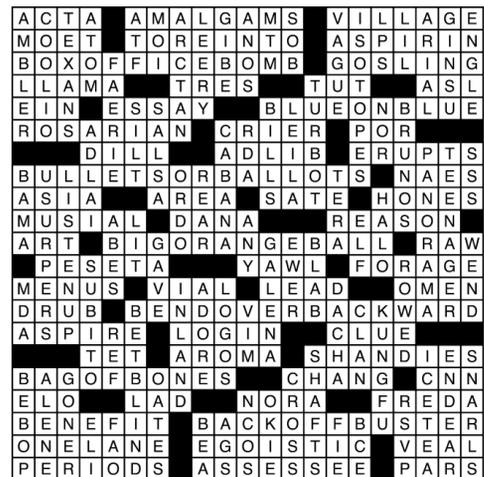
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You might be dragging your heels, as you are not sure which invitation to accept or with whom you would be most content. Be spontaneous; it naturally suits you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Be careful as to how busy you get. Discourage any money discussions. Let that type of thought and talk wait for another day. You need some time to indulge yourself and get past a problem.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Your personality dominates right now. Others become highly responsive as they seek out answers and ideas. Enjoy the moment and relish your popularity. A friend plays a significant role in your plans.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You have been focused and busy the past few days. You need time off from your hectic schedule and busy pace. Why not take some time to do just what you want?

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