

## DIVERSIONS

## THE STYLE INVITATIONAL

## Redoer's Digest: Retrospective Part 1

BY PAT MYERS

In Week 1362, Part 1 of our annual retrospective, we let you enter (or reenter) any of 24 contests from the first half of the past year.

## 4th place:

## Week 1322, problematic inventions:

The Newfihuahua. (Ken April, Arlington)

## 3rd place:

## Week 1323, shorten a movie title:

"3:10 to Yum[a]": Instructional film for making the most of your microwave. (Jeff Contompasis, Ashburn)

## 2nd place and the book of Joan Crawford paper dolls:

## Week 1307, change a term by one letter:

Receding heirline: Family you see less of since you lost your money. (Jon Gearhart, Des Moines)

## And the winner of the Lose Cannon:

## Week 1318, anagrams:

## Article II, Section 4, of the Constitution:

"The President, Vice President and all civil Officers of the United States, shall be removed from Office on Impeachment for, and Conviction of, Treason, Bribery, or other high Crimes and Misdemeanors . . ."

**Anagrams to (using every letter above):** Before endorsing voodoo, Republicans promise heaven and reaffirm they're in fact foremost victims of reason. Biden and Clinton (spincters!) have committed theft — federal crimes! Hill idiots cheer. (Kevin Dopart, Washington)

## Laughedovers: Honorable mentions

## Week 1307, change a letter:

Eros: The god of misguided love. (Jeff Contompasis)

Fondud: Aunt Edna's Velveeta and Wonder Bread cheese surprise. (Sam Mertens, Silver Spring)

Adullery: An affair that's even more boring than your marriage. (Tom Witte, Montgomery Village)

## Week 1312, neologisms containing T-O-U-R in any order:

Bot-rus Bot-rus Ghali: Putin's new representative to the U.N. (Mike Gips, Bethesda)

Sourteen: A stage of adolescence. "Don't mind Janice, she hasn't spoken to anyone since her sourteen birthday." (Frank Osen, Pasadena, Calif.)

## Week 1313, poems about people who died in 2018:

Mile runner Sir Roger Bannister To offer Sir Roger a suitable toast Tell folks that you'll speak for five minutes, at most.

Their tell of his challenge, his triumph and more And get to the finish in just under four. (Bob Kruger, Rockville)

## Aretha Franklin

Aretha Franklin, Queen of Soul — A singing legend we extol. Now she's gone, we pray that she R. I. P-E-A-C-E. (Jesse Frankovich, Lansing, Mich.)

## Week 1314, "joint legislation" with congressional names:

The Fulcher-Fletcher-Finkenauer provision for printable alternatives to use after "mother." (Jesse Frankovich)

## Week 1315, crossword clues:

EARPLUGS: Role of tiny fingers when the president says, "La la la la." (Jesse Frankovich)

## Week 1316, fake trivia citing "statistics":

92 percent of clickbait uses this one weird trick. (John Hutchins, Silver Spring)

In a recent survey, 59 percent of Native Americans found the Washington Redskins offensive; the remaining 41 percent didn't see them play this season. (John Hutchins)

## Week 1318, anagrams:

Articles of impeachment = The top criminal faces 'em. (Jesse Frankovich)

## Week 1321, online reviews of given mundane products:

Shoelaces: "I bought the 54-inch green ones for my go-to party trick — sucking a pair up my nostrils and pulling them out of my mouth. Five stars. (Chris Doyle, Denton, Tex.)

## Week 1322, bad product ideas:

The solar-powered electric chair.



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## New contest for Week 1366: Tour de Fours XVI — It's the LIAR club

## EARLY:

How strange is it that you remember every note of the theme music for a sitcom from 50 years ago?

## PEQUILARITY:

The desire to have an unusually spelled name. "That's Marcq with a C and a Q . . . right, first C, then Q . . . Yeah, my mom was really into pequilarity."

## MATEARIAL:

What you need lots of for a good sob story.

## BARIAL:

The preferred font for obituaries.

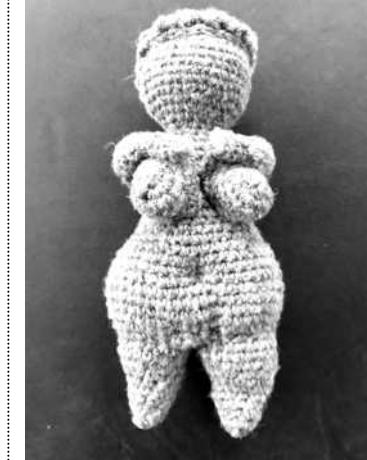
Once again, it's the neologism contest we call Tour de Fours. And this week, at the suggestion of Loser Jon Gearhart at the inspiration of We Can't Imagine Who: **Coin a word or multi-word term that contains the letter block L-I-A-R and describe it**, as in the examples above (the last two of them Jon's). The letters may be in any order, but there can't be any letters between them (you may insert a space or hyphen). You might enhance your entry by including an amusing example, or by showing how someone could use the word in real life, since there's a good chance that someone else will send in the same term you did.

Submit up to 25 entries at [wapo.st/enter-invite-1366](http://wapo.st/enter-invite-1366) (no capitals in the Web address). Deadline is Monday, Jan. 20; results will appear Feb. 9 in print, Feb. 6 online.

**Winner gets the Lose Cannon**, our Style Invitational trophy. Second place receives a wonderful custom-made craftwork: It's a replica — except that it's crocheted — of the 29,000-year-old **Venus of Willendorf**, or, better, Woman of Willendorf, since the voluptuous 5-inch-tall limestone figurine, discovered in Austria in 1908, predates anyone named Venus by at least 25,000 years. Ms. Willendorf, let's call her, even has a wire inside so you can pose her. Handmade by local fiber artist Dawn Zurell from a pattern by trishagurumi.com, and donated by 16-time Loser J.J. Gertler.

**Other runners-up** win one of our new "For Best Results, Pour Into Top End" Loser Mugs 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" (FinStink for their first ink). See general contest rules and guidelines at [wapo.st/InvRules](http://wapo.st/InvRules). The headline "Redoers' Digest" is by Jon Gearhart; Jon Ketzner wrote the honorable-mentions subhead. Join the lively Style Invitational Devotees group on Facebook at [on.fb.me/invitedx](https://www.facebook.com/invitedx/). "Like" the Style Invitational Ink of the Day on Facebook at [bit.ly/inkofday](https://bit.ly/inkofday); follow @StyleInvite on Twitter.

**The Style Conversational:** The Empress's weekly online column reviews each new contest and set of results. Check it out at [wapo.st/convo1366](http://wapo.st/convo1366).



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of astronauts become the first members of the 200-Mile-High Club. (Chris Doyle)

**Week 1326, foal names:** Spinoff x Van Beethoven = Centrifuge (David Peckarsky, Tucson)

One Bad Boy x Gray Magician = Leroy Taupe (Duncan Stevens, Vienna, Va.)

Sly x Rotation = Yls (Jeff Contompasis)

**Week 1327, reinterpret a real headline by adding a bank head:**

**Headline:** In an Indonesian cave, the oldest story ever told

**Bank:** Etching translated as "Wife no understand me" (Duncan Stevens)

Former CIA official chosen for No. 2 job at Smithsonian

Disgraced ex-chief to collect

National Zoo dung. (Jeff Contompasis)

**Week 1329, add your line to one Shakespeare:**

"By indirections find directions out" ("Hamlet")

This Maps of Google app inspireth doubt. (Duncan Stevens)

"Can you remove this mole with

laser spark?" (Sarah Walsh, Rockville)

"Oh, no! It is an ever-fixed mark." (Sonnet 116)

More honorable mentions in the online Invite at [wapo.st/invite1366](http://wapo.st/invite1366).

**Still running — deadline Monday night, Jan. 13: Write a poem about someone who died in**

2019. See [wapo.st/invite1366](http://wapo.st/invite1366).

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**"UP ABOVE" By DAVID ALFRED BYWATERS**

1 Cozy	86 "Kim" author	118 "Absolutely!"	10 Rabbit	43 Good name for a Swedish soccer goalie?	85 Horne or Headay
5 Dublin-based air conditioner company	95 Search	120 Mutton dish	11 Pub order	87 Golfer's choice	88 Old historian of older Britain
10 Fontaine filler	96 Name after Paul or before Peter	123 Rightmost menu, often	12 Fashion house employee?	89 One or more times	90 Witty exchange
13 Red and blue	98 Chicken source ... and product	125 CO rank	13 "Row on row" blower in a classic poem	92 Hibernia	97 South African liberator
20 Seriously flirt with	101 Often perpendicular measure	126 Northeast express train	14 Belt firms?	99 Ornamental front ends	100 Surrendered amateur status
21 Matterhorn or Jungfrau	102 Get to	127 One in the headlights?	15 Flying Clouds, e.g.	102 Feel sick	103 Revolutionary Hale
22 Mozart works	104 Hindu princess	128 1994 Grammy Lifetime Achievement	16 Like some court motions	108 Michelangelo masterpiece	110 Puccini masterpiece
23 Informally	105 Conquistador's treasure	130 Grandmas	17 Workplace with tests	112 "Well . . . dah!"	114 Part of Q.E.D.
formal entry announcement	106 Significant period	131 "In that case . . ."	18 Salem-to-Boise dir.	115 Uncouth	117 As . . . saying
24 Mozart works for 22-Across	107 The "Iliad" and the "Odyssey"	132 Some online forum posts?	25 Some online forum posts?	118 Entrepreneur-helping org.	119 Bruins legend
26 "Friends" friend	109 Like some cookies	133 Like many characters in 22-Across?	28 Like an enthusiastic shrubbery salesperson?	121 Shad spawn	122 Half a score
27 "Friday I'm in Love" group	111 Impish	134 Submit a new invoice to	31 Twisted Bible book	123	
29 Google	113 Rival of J.H. and W.K. Kellogg	135 Emulate Columbo	34 Emulate Columbo	124	
30 Rival of J.H. and W.K. Kellogg	115 No longer fooled by Render nonfunctional	136 Many a map	37 Many a map dot	125	
32 From bottom	116 Render nonfunctional	137 Prominent noses	38 Garment worker Guinier	126	
33 Hiker's path	117	138 Nile serpents Muhammad with gloves	41 Social activist	127	
35 Hall with Oates	118	139 Tirade	83 Tirade	128	
36 Clear (of)	119	140	141	142	
39 Ambulance worker, briefly	120	142	143	144	
40 Fromage hue	121	145	146	147	
42 Unhappily unaccompanied	122	148	149	150	
44 Holder of rays	123	151	152	153	
46 Modernist's prefix	124	154	155	156	
47 Google	125	157	158	159	
49 Staff helper	126	159	160	161	
50 Big finish	127	162	163	164	
51 Intend	128	165	166	167	
53 Bad sort whose second syllable is often dropped	129	168	169	170	
55 Hart part	130	171	172	173	
56 Possibly sarcastic	131	174	175	176	
59 Intl. supporter of the arts	132	177	178	179	
60 Metric wts.	133	180	181	182	
61 "Ie luago"	134	183	184	185	
62 Enticed	135	186	187	188	
64 Like some ancient Icelandic works	136	189	190	191	
66 Strike caller	137	192	193	194	
69 Bigeye or yellowfin	138	195	196	197	
70 Appliance alert	139	198	199	200	
72 Times and Herald, in NYC	140	201	202	203	
74 21-year-old currency	141	204	205	206	
75 Taro dish	142	207	208	209	
76 U.S. org. chaired by the president	143	210	211	212	
77 Aerosol targets					