

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 Newfohuahua. (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 (sphincters!) 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)

Adultery: 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 seventeenth 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.  
Then 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 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.



BOB STAAKE FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

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

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

**PEQUIARIETY:**  
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 pequiarity."

**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" (FirStink 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/invdev](https://on.fb.me/invdev). "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/conv1366](http://wapo.st/conv1366).



BY DAWN ZURELL FROM A PATTERN FROM TRISHAGURUMI.COM

**Curve-proud Venus of Willendorf, the crocheted version: This week's 2nd prize.**  
(David Kleinbard, Mamaroneck, N.Y.)

**Week 1323, clipped movie titles:**  
[A]Lice in Wonderland: A little girl regrets sharing a fedora with the Mad Hatter. (Robert Schechter, Dix Hills, N.Y.)

[The H]Unger Games: "The Odd Couple" takes a dark turn as Felix manipulates Oscar into a killing frenzy. (Jeff Contompasis)

**Twelve Angry Me[n]:** Ryan Reynolds goes for his Oscar in a remake of "Sybil." (Stephen Litterst, Newark, Del.)

[P]Lay Misty for Me: A porn actor needs body doubles to finish the job. (Chris Doyle)

**2001: A Space O[dy]ssey:** A couple

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 by 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-fixèd mark." (Sonnet 116)

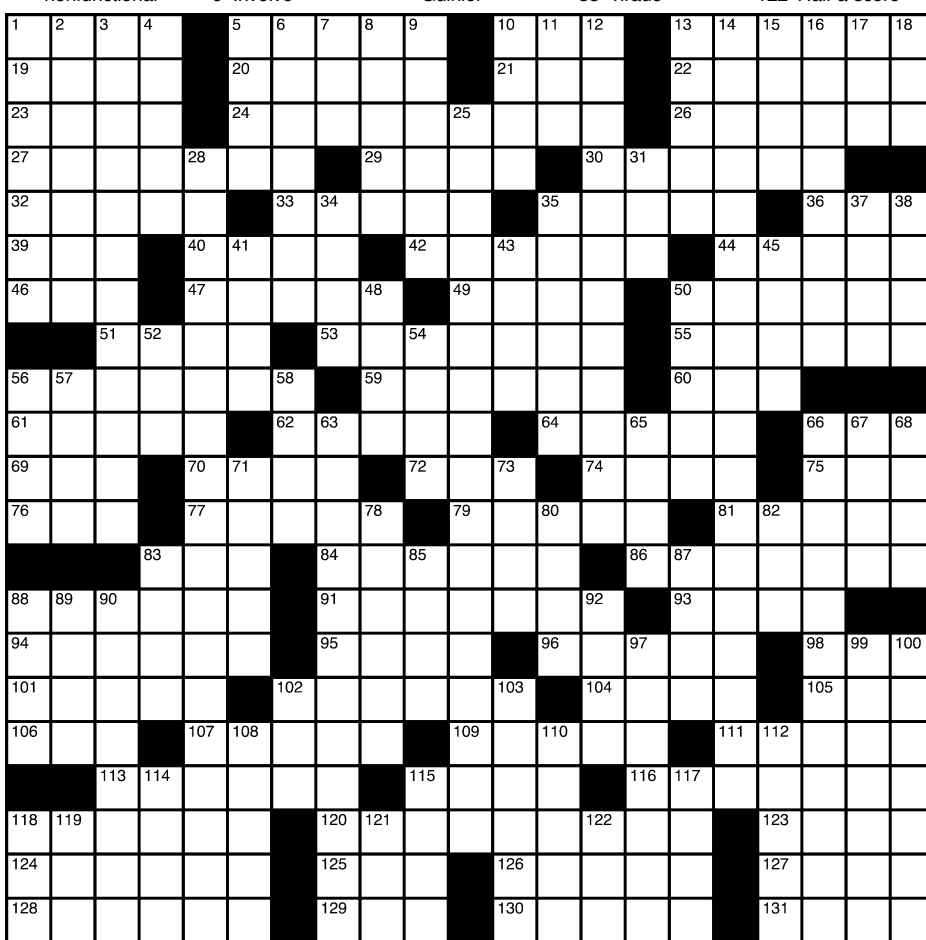
More honorable mentions in the online Invite at [wapo.st/invite1366](http://wapo.st/invite1366).

**Still running — deadline Monday night, Jan. 13: Write a poem about someone who died in 2019. See wapo.st/invite1365.**

L.A. TIMES SUNDAY PUZZLE

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|--|--|--|--|---|-----------------------------------|
| <b>"UP ABOVE" By DAVID ALFRED BYWATERS</b>         | 86 "Kim" author                              | 118 "Absolutely!"                            | 10 Rabbit                                      | 43 Good name for a Swedish soccer goalie? | 85 Home or Headey                 |
|  | 88 Scold                                     | 120 Mutton dish                              | 11 Pub order                                   | 45 Picnic invaders                        | 87 Golfer's choice                |
|  | 91 Loses it                                  | 123 Rightmost                                | 12 Fashion house employee?                     | 48 Time piece                             | 88 Old historian of older Britain |
|  | 93 Incursion                                 | 124 Chicken choice                           | 13 "Row on row" blower in a classic poem       | 50 Muslim mendicant                       | 89 One or more times              |
| <b>ACROSS</b>                                      | 94 Calendar listings                         | 125 CO rank                                  | 14 Belt firms?                                 | 52 Ga. winter hours                       | 90 Witty exchange                 |
| 1 Cozy   | 95 Search                                    | 126 Northeast express train                  | 15 Flying Clouds, e.g.                         | 54 People                                 | 92 Hibernia                       |
| 5 Dublin-based air conditioner company             | 96 Name after Paul or before Peter           | 127 One in the headlights?                   | 16 Like some court motions                     | 56 Sleuth Charlie known for aphorisms     | 99 Ornamental front ends          |
| 10 Fontaine filler                                 | 98 Chicken source ... and product            | 128 1994 Grammy Lifetime Achievement awardee | 17 Workplace with tests                        | 57 Sighed lines                           | 100 Surrendered amateur status    |
| 13 Red and blue                                    | 101 Often perpendicular measure              | 129 Way in                                   | 18 Salem-to-Boise dir.                         | 58 Jazz singer                            | 102 Feel sick                     |
| 19 Sulk  | 102 Get to                                   | 130 Grandmas                                 | 25 Some online forum posts?                    | 63 Unwanted piano key noise?              | 103 Revolutionary Hale            |
| 20 Seriously flirt with                            | 104 Hindu princess                           | 131 "In that case ..."                       | 28 Like an enthusiastic shrubbery salesperson? | 65 Gloaming                               | 108 Michelangelo masterpiece      |
| 21 Matterhorn or Jungfrau                          | 105 Conquistador's formal entry announcement |  | 31 Twisted characters in 22-Across?            | 66 Niacin and protein, say?               | 110 Puccini masterpiece           |
| 22 Mozart works                                    | 106 Significant period                       | <b>DOWN</b>                                  | 34 Bible book                                  | 67 Tidal influence                        | 112 "Well, ...dah!"               |
| 23 Informally                                      | 107 The "Iliad" and the "Odyssey"            | 1 In love                                    | 35 Emulate                                     | 68 Send a text to                         | 114 Part of Q.E.D.                |
| 24 Mozart works for 22-Across                      | 109 Like some cookies                        | 2 Off somewhere                              | 37 Many a map dot                              | 71 Borders                                | 115 Unctuous                      |
| 26 "Friends" friend                                | 111 Impish                                   | 3 Like many characters in 22-Across?         | 38 Garment worker                              | 73 Span. title                            | 117 "As ... saying ..."           |
| 27 "Friday I'm in Love" group                      | 113 Submit a new invoice to                  | 4 Insurance giant                            | 80 Nile serpents                               | 78 Prominent noses                        | 118 Entrepreneur-helping org.     |
| 29 Google  | 115 No longer fooled by                      | 5 Son of Odin                                | 82 Muhammad with gloves                        | 81 Bruins legend                          | 119 Bruins legend                 |
| 30 Rival of J.H. and W.K. Kellogg                  | 116 Render nonfunctional                     | 6 Rosie, notably                             | 41 Social activist                             | 121 Shad spawn                            | 122 Half a score                  |
| 32 From bottom                                     |  | 7 Consumed                                   | Guinier  |   |                                   |
| 33 Hiker's path                                    |  | 8 Marilyn's birth name                       |  |   |                                   |
| 35 Hall with Oates                                 |  | 9 Involve                                    |  |   |                                   |
| 36 Clear (of)                                      |  |  |  |   |                                   |
| 39 Ambulance worker, briefly                       |  |  |  |   |                                   |
| 40 Fromage hue                                     |  |  |  |   |                                   |
| 42 Unhappily unaccompanied                         |  |  |  |   |                                   |
| 44 Holder of rays                                  |  |  |  |   |                                   |
| 46 Modernist's prefix                              |  |  |  |   |                                   |
| 47 Google  |  |  |  |   |                                   |
| 49 Staff helper                                    |  |  |  |   |                                   |
| 50 Big finish                                      |  |  |  |   |                                   |
| 51 Intend  |  |  |  |   |                                   |
| 53 Bad sort whose second syllable is often dropped |  |  |  |   |                                   |
| 55 Hart part                                       |  |  |  |   |                                   |
| 56 Incisively sarcastic                            |  |  |  |   |                                   |
| 59 Intl. supporter of the arts                     |  |  |  |   |                                   |
| 60 Metric wts.                                     |  |  |  |   |                                   |
| 61 "... luego"                                     |  |  |  |   |                                   |
| 62 Enticed   |  |  |  |   |                                   |
| 64 Like some ancient Icelandic works               |  |  |  |   |                                   |
| 66 Strike caller                                   |  |  |  |   |                                   |
| 69 Bigeye or yellowfin                             |  |  |  |   |                                   |
| 70 Appliance alert                                 |  |  |  |   |                                   |
| 72 Times and Herald, in NYC                        |  |  |  |   |                                   |
| 74 21-year-old currency                            |  |  |  |   |                                   |
| 75 Taro dish                                       |  |  |  |   |                                   |
| 76 U.S. org. chaired by the president              |  |  |  |   |                                   |
| 77 Aerosol targets                                 |  |  |  |   |                                   |
| 79 Eurasian range                                  |  |  |  |   |                                   |
| 81 Surveying partner of Dixon                      |  |  |  |   |                                   |
| 83 Area  |  |  |  |   |                                   |
| 84 They may about peninsulas                       |  |  |  |   |                                   |



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Answers to last week's puzzle below.

HOROSCOPE

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY | Jan. 12:** This year, you seem able to easily integrate with others on a one-on-one level. Your popularity naturally soars. If single, dating provides many insights. You are likely to meet someone who gives you a case of the butterflies this year. If attached, your loved one could covet your time and want to spend more time together than ever before. Make it your pleasure. Virgo fusses about details and often pushes you away inadvertently.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19)  
Encourage a loved one or family member to get more into their feelings. Deciding on a joint venture or a family happening might be your strong suit. In this scenario, you can create a sense of well-being and happiness.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)  
Family and your domestic life are your high priorities. You might want to indulge a loved one and go off and do whatever this person most adores. Your sense of humor emerges when hitting a mini controversy over plans yet to be made.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)  
Be more direct in how you handle a personal issue. The more you listen, as well as share, the easier it will be to come to a solution. Your ability to get past a problem often puts you in a leadership position.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)  
You might be ready to go out and enjoy a day pursuing a favorite activity unrelated to the past few weeks. Some of you might enjoy going to the movies; others delight in visiting the zoo.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)  
You are all smiles and ready to take the next step in a new adventure. You could find it difficult to understand another person's reluctance to take a small risk. Listen to their objectives. Imagine yourself in this person's shoes.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)  
You might want to cancel your plans. Make that desire okay. You never know when fatigue will hit, especially after such a hectic period. Getting some sleep and doing what you want might be just what the doctor ordered.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)  
You have an inclination to do what is

suggested rather than push to have your way. You also might need to recognize your obligations to a family member before you go off to join a friend.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)  
You might want to reconsider a meeting with someone you find very special. Though this person can be charming and agreeable, they also can have dark moments that are challenging.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)  
You tend to push past barriers and will do just that right now. When you get to the other side, you might wonder whether all the effort was worth it. You will be able to judge that later.

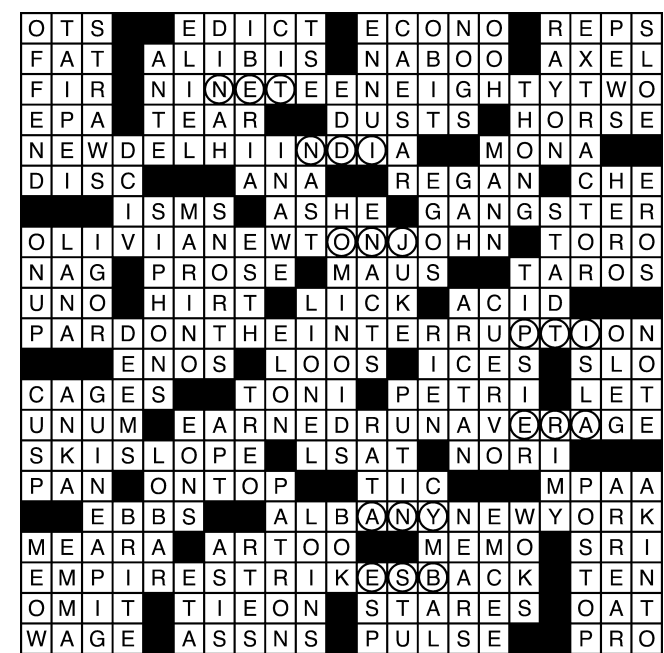
**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)  
You might feel restricted by events,

and in a sense you are. The other party involved could feel a lot freer than you and will take a dominant role. Though you might want to be critical, be smart and go along with their choices.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)  
Continue to defer to another party. Make today a day to relax and enjoy a special person in your life. In a discussion, you might reveal more of yourself than you have for a long time. Your openness will be returned.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)  
You could be taking the lead organizing and clearing out a project. Others might decide to demonstrate their interest in a certain type of cuisine. You will tend to be happiest among friends and loved ones.

Answers to last week's puzzle.



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