

DIVERSIONS

THE STYLE INVITATIONAL

fUNDOings: New words with U-N-D-O

BY PAT MYERS

Week 1418 was our annual Tour de Fours neologism contest; this year all the new terms had to include the letter block U-N-D-O, in any order. Submitted by several Losers: **Undowear:** easily removable lingerie.

4th place:

Undo pressure: "So look. All I want to do is this. I just want to find 11,780 votes . . . So tell me, Brad, what are we going to do?" (*Lee Graham, Rockville*)

3rd place:

Undorphins: An intimate dinner with Mike Pence releases a surge of these. (*Jesse Frankovich, Lansing, Mich.*)

2nd place and the electronic Elvis penguin:

Undoh: To realize you were right after all. (*Dave Prevar, Annapolis*)

And the winner of the Clowning Achievement:

Ickspound: To overshare about your bodily functions. "To start the Zoom meeting, the boss ickspounded on barfing up a whole bag of multicolored Skittles." (*Terri Berg Smith, Rockville*)

Marked DOUN: Honorable mentions

Backhandout: Financial assistance with a slap of shame. "Here's your emergency relief payment, you lazy bum." (*Jeff Contompasis, Ashburn*)

Stoopendous: Astonishingly self-degrading. "Senator Graham, we recognize you for your stoopendous accomplishments during the Trump administration." (*Duncan Stevens, Vienna, Va.*)

"Don, U Can't Be Serious!": Subtitled "Famous Last Texts, 2016-2021: An Anthology." (*Ira Allen, Bethesda*)

Boos-hounds: What home team fans become when the Houston Astros are in town. (*Steve Smith, Potomac*)

Brofound: Sounding deep and insightful only after a few brewskis. "Yes, we drank beer. I liked beer. Still like beer. We drank beer," Brett intoned brofoundly. (*Hannah Seidel, Alexandria*)

Condumb: Discount prophylactic with a hardly noticeable tear. (*Stephen Dudzik, Olney*)

Correspondunce: Someone who starts a letter with "To Who It May Concern." (*Jesse Frankovich*)

Creshundo: The growing chorus of outrage from Republicans distancing themselves from Trump. (May soon be followed by a decreshundo.) (*Jonathan Jensen, Baltimore*)

Dadouncement: The old man's embarrassing habit of saying things like "I'm off to lose a few pounds" when he leaves the table holding the newspaper. (*John Bauer, Gaithersburg*)

Donuments: What Trump really thinks should replace Confederate statues. (*Jesse Frankovich*)

Donut Orifices: Dunkin's marketing failure before coming up with a better name. (*Jon Ketzner, Cumberland, Md.*)

Doody-bound: Constipated. "I wish I could have that second helping, but I'm doody-bound to decline." (*Chris Doyle, Denton, Tex.*)

Endonube: Someone experiencing their first colonoscopy. "I'm such an endonube, I thought Bowel Prep was a boarding school." (*Bill Dorner, Indianapolis*)

Fonduel: Fork-jabbing competition for that last cube of bread that fell into the pot. (*Mark Raffman, Reston; Beverley Sharp, Montgomery, Ala.*)

Fonduodenum: The Donner Party's version of Taco Tuesday. Also known as Chitlins 'n' Cheese. (*Mike Gips, Bethesda; Dave Prevar*)

Fondupes: Restaurant patrons who are tricked into cooking and serving their own food. (*Frank Mann, Washington*)

Foreplayground: The back row at a movie theater. (*Jeff Contompasis*)

Founding Fodder: It'd be a great brand name for baby formula. (*Jesse Frankovich*)

Go undercover: Euphemism for bedwetting. (*Jon Ketzner, Cumberland, Md.*)

Guano duty: How Rudy Giuliani's ex-publicist described her job. (*Steve Smith*)



New contest for Week 1422: The Collaboratory

If Roald Dahl had worked with LeBron, they could have made "James and the Giant Reach."

Bill Haley + Internet inventor Tim Berners-Lee = "Rock Around the Click"

Gary Cooper + the Church Lady = "The Prude of the Yankees"

This week's contest was suggested by Daniel Fleisher of Baltimore, who has but a single blot of Invite ink — for an obit-poem for Stephen Hawking two years ago — but clearly a feel for classic Style Invitational contests: **Think of a book, movie or song title. Then pair it creator, star, singer, etc., with an unrelated "collaborator" to produce a wordplay on the title, as in Daniel's own examples above.**

Submit up to 25 entries at wapo.st/enter-invite-1422 (no capitals in the Web address). **Deadline is Monday, Feb. 15;** results appear March 7 in print — ooh, that's the Invite's 28th anniversary! — March 4 online.

Winner gets the Clowning Achievement, our new Style Invitational trophy. Second place receives the **Amazing Silly Straw**, a five-part curly tube you fit together and can wrap around your face like a pair of glasses as you imbibe. We suggest using a Château Pape Clément Red 2010 for the best Amazing Silly Straw experience. Donated by Dave Prevar.

Other runners-up win their choice of our "For Best Results, Pour Into Top End" Loser Mug or our "Whole Fools" Grossery Bag. Honorable mentions get one of our lusted-after Loser magnets, "No 'Bility" or "Punderachiever." 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 "Fundings" is by Chris Doyle; Jeff Contompasis 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; and follow @StyleInvite on Twitter.

The Style Conversational: The Empress's weekly online column discusses each new contest and set of results. See this week's at wapo.st/conv1422.

The "You're Invited" podcast: In Episode 10, Mike Gips treats Invite Rookie Phenom Sarah Walsh, who's been on both "Jeopardy!" and "The Chase," to a surprise Invite Jeep game. **See bit.ly/invite-podcast.**



The best way for a drink to go to your head — and around it.

Houndini: A dog that's an escape artist. "Sorry that Max got out of the yard and into your trash can again — he's a regular houndini." (*Adie Peña, Makati, Philippines, a First Offender*)

Iguan'udon: Mm-mm, Godzilla noodle soup. (*Chuck Helwig, Centerville*)

In-Doubt Burgers: Always made with USDA Choice mystery meat. (*Mark Raffman*)

Innuendo U.: "Come inside and check out the intimate relationship you'd have with our well-endowed faculty." (*Danielle Nowlin, Fairfax Station*)

Loudnum: A drug that causes uncontrollable yelling. "It seems likely that he got a big dose of loudnum at Walter Reed." (*Sarah Walsh, Rockville*)

Nincompounded: Exacerbated by idiots. "Nothing like a call for 'trial by combat' to nincompound the insurrection, Rudy." (*Kevin Dopart, Washington*)

Plagueground: Right now, any indoor recreation facility. (*Duncan Stevens*)

Pseudo-understudy: You, in your living room, singing every word of "Hamilton" at full volume. (*Danielle Nowlin*)

Pundora's box: What you will open if you say "Who's there?" to a

racist's knock-knock joke. (*Kevin Ahern, Corvallis, Ore.*)

Sin-and-Out: A chain of drive-thru brothels. (*Jeff Contompasis*)

Sonduce: The scion who tweets a video of his girlfriend dancing in joy over his dad's coup attempt. (*Sam Mertens, Silver Spring*)

The Sound of Mucus: Even when her heart is lonely, Maria should not go to the hills during hay fever season. (*Gary Crockett, Chevy Chase*)

Thun (d'oh) storms: Sudden squalls reminding you that you left your car windows open. (*Jeff Shirley, Richmond*)

Trolling in dough: Sending fundraising emails about "election fraud" while the Capitol is under attack. (*Steve Smith*)

Undonate: What some Republicans wish they could do these days. (*Steve Hanley, Washington*)

Downhill skiing: The ultimate cardio workout. (*Pamela Love, Columbia*)

Undoo: To remove poop references. "Were the Empress to undoo this week's entries, she'd have a far smaller pile to judge." (*Jeff Shirley*)

And Last: Pseudonice: What the Empress was being when she said your entries were surprisingly good. (*Jesse Frankovich*)

And Even Laster: Stupondous: What neologisms that get ink are. Well, most of them. (*Jesse Frankovich*)

More honorable mentions in the online Invite at wapo.st/invite1422.

Two contests still running — deadline for both is Monday night, Feb. 8:
— Write a song for or about a job. wapo.st/invite1420
— Write something funny using only words from Biden's inaugural address. wapo.st/invite1421

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"WORK PLACE" By GARY LARSON

ACROSS
1 She plays Niobe in "The Matrix" sequels
5 '70s Connecticut governor Ella
11 Requiring utensils, as some sandwiches
19 Pitcher Hershiser
20 Searched roughly
21 Apparent displacement due to observer movement
22 Facility for processing vacation requests?
24 Facility where the higher-ups do business?
26 Puts on cargo
27 "It's a ___"
28 ORD postings
29 Expert
30 English race place
31 Hides
35 Reagan secretary of state
37 Click beetles
39 Wyoming natives
42 Peak
44 Facility for researching cocoa-based goodies?
48 Muesli morsel
49 City NNW of San Francisco
53 ___Ball: arcade game
54 Place for a hero
55 Pizzeria fixture
57 "Yum!"
59 Last of a series
62 Help
63 Red Cross supply
65 Deck alternatives
67 Advisories
69 Facility for baking custard-filled pastries?
74 Minds
77 Composer Prokofiev
78 Master, in Hindi
82 Zero deg. at the equator, say
83 Impact sound
87 Put (away)
89 California lake near the Nevada border
90 Unpopular spots
92 Donor drive target

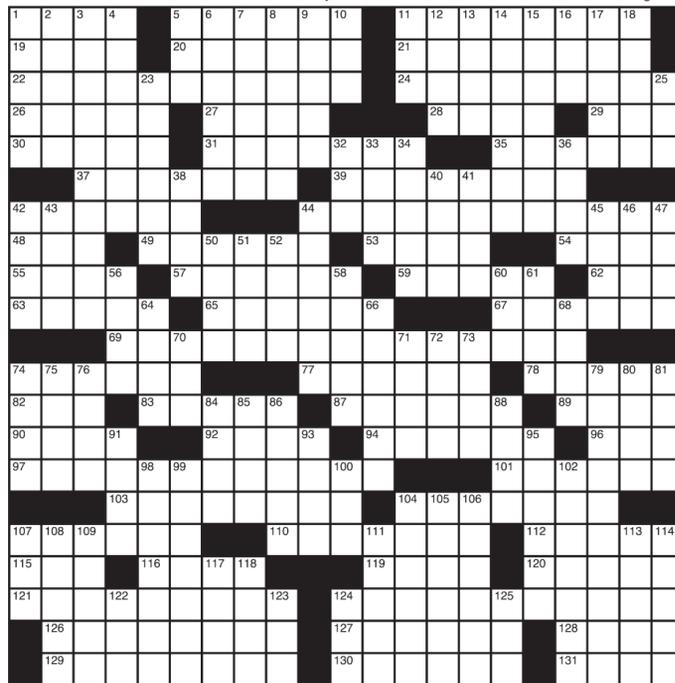
94 Eye
96 Tabloid topic
97 Facility for purchasing the latest fad items?
101 Fingers
103 Indian cooking style
104 Michelin product
107 Some are vital
110 Shapes again
112 Slangy denials
115 Super Bowl
116 Ph.D. hurdle
119 Kind of 1940s suit
120 Gown fabric
121 Facility for a matchmaker?
124 Facility for cloning research?
126 Disinfect
127 Start a paragraph, maybe
128 Writer Bagnold
129 Many kilt wearers

130 Pickles
131 Yardsticks: Abbr.

DOWN
1 La ___ San Diego neighborhood that's home to Scripps Research
2 Neighborhoods
3 Facility for recycling old batteries?
36 Worn
4 Lung air sacs
5 Miracle-___
6 Thumb (through)
7 Fling
8 Pizzeria offerings
9 Shakers and others
10 Keats' "To Autumn," e.g.
11 Black ___
12 Toast topping
13 Part of Q.E.D.
14 Foe of Rocky and Bullwinkle
15 Frequent subject in recent headlines
16 Green and Yankovic
17 Conspiring group
18 Strict
23 It's often divided
25 ___-de-chaussée: ground floor
32 "Well, ___-di-dah!"
33 Suit in a Spanish deck of cards
34 Off-the-wall
38 Sound of an impact
40 Work with feet
41 Toward the sheltered side
42 Attractions in San Diego and the Bronx
43 Iclie's locale
44 Privia Pro Stage pianos, e.g.
45 Cordelia's father
46 Touched down
47 Bridge actions
50 Seized vehicle
51 Its planes have missile defense systems
52 Toy with a tail

56 Women with habits
58 Sharpens
60 Liquid meas.
61 They may be bitter
64 Gym equipment
66 Tough spot
68 Physical, say
70 Weasel report?
71 Stare at in a creepy way
72 Distribute, with "out"
73 Waterfront sight
74 Leaves on a dog
75 A head
76 Peak seen from Messina
79 Facility for manufacturing homes?
80 Skinny
81 Godsend
84 Arrive, in a way
85 Plus
86 Pre-test helper
88 Flier with a flight
91 Jazz diva Jones
92 Seconds, say
95 Contaminates
98 Excavation site

99 Isn't at all wishy-washy
100 Glass lip
102 Thespian companies
104 "Feather canyons everywhere," to Joni Mitchell
105 Building blocks
106 Givens in the "Wheel of Fortune" bonus round
107 Drinks in the a.m.
108 Like non-oyster months, traditionally
109 Did okay in class
111 ___ layer
113 Heston title role
114 Sprouts-to-be
117 Mason's wedge
118 "The Usual Suspects" crime lord Keyser
122 108-card game
123 Montblanc product
124 Hard to see in
125 Sci-fi beings



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Answers to last week's puzzle below.

HOROSCOPE

BY MADALYN ASLAN

HAPPY BIRTHDAY | Feb. 7: Idealistic, harshly spontaneous and brilliant, you have a social vision and a desire to right existing inequalities. This year, you set an example for others and succeed on a grand and popular scale. If single, you're a true free spirit, and you search for the perfect mate until July. If attached, you are so important to your partner. You are set to be a wonderful parent. Capricorn has your back.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

You acquire a deeper understanding if you look at the practices of other lands. This is a marvelous time for writing. If you have an idea for a story, put it on paper. Add foreign phrases if you want to be a brilliant conversationalist.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Research goes well today. You have new insight and a renewed empathy for children. If you take time to teach others, your own learning deepens. Complete work requiring analysis and precise measurements.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

An abundance of forceful energy rains on you from the ideas and choices generated by companions. Personal involvements will be electric, exciting and unpredictable. You can meet people who revolutionize your whole life.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

You will find satisfaction today in getting organized and developing good habits, after relaxing for the first part of the day, of course. You have more empathy with animals. A pet shows love and devotion.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Accept an invitation. Creativity accelerates if you enjoy novelty and stimulation. Study a new subject or skill if boredom threatens. Your humor and charisma win new friends. If you encourage a relationship, a commitment is offered.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Foster peace and patience at home. Ideally, you want your residence to feel safe, with the atmosphere of a peaceful sanctuary. Reconsider and postpone any major building or home improvements.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Resist the temptation to exaggerate. A tall tale told now could damage your credibility. Be factual about all communication and be subtle with jokes and humor. Others are in a serious state of mind.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Take some time to evaluate what you really want. It's a day to control impulses and rein in impulsiveness. You can resolve debts today. The demand for your skills intensifies, and you're aware of new options for professional growth.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Your charm and beauty are especially appreciated today. It's a perfect time to reach out to a new love, plan a virtual get-together or express artistic inclinations. You're starting a new cycle of tremendous energy and enthusiasm.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Today makes you quiet. You will prefer not to externalize your deepest thoughts and desires. Peace and privacy are cherished. Quiet hours help you find your balance. Old memories and news from old contacts are in your thoughts.

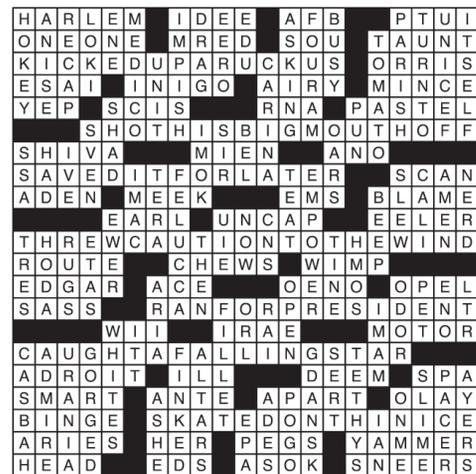
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Friends offer encouragement. You will be warmly welcomed into new circles if you seek companionship. Today helps you discriminate in your choice of associates. You will find it easier to select goals.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

It's a day for freshness and dynamic expansion. Be daring about trying a new interest or type of project. You'll enjoy exploring ways to make a difference in your endeavors. You become highly visible and could assume a position of leadership.

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