

DIVERSIONS

THE STYLE INVITATIONAL

Twinnuendo: Double-entendres

BY PAT MYERS

Week 1484 was a double-entendre contest; we asked for things you could say in any two situations on a list we supplied. Given the more than 1,600 entries to this contest, it wasn't surprising that some answers were sent by lots of entrants:

At a gas station and during a Supreme Court session: "It's pulling way to the right all the time."

At the gym and in bed: "Remember to wipe off the equipment after you're done."

And of course in a religious service and in bed: "Oh my God!"

Not to mention many duplicative "in bed" pairings that wouldn't have been printable anyway.

4th place:

At a gas station and to the Jan. 6 committee: "It's all Biden's fault." (Kevin Dopart, Washington)

3rd place:

At the hairstylist and in bed: "Well, so much for your expensive volumizer." (Frank Osen, Pasadena, Calif.)

2nd place and the vintage 'My Cup Punneth Over' Loser Mug:

At a gas station and at the hairstylist: "Very funny, ha ha — no, I wasn't under the influence when I did this." (Karen Lambert, Chevy Chase)

And the winner of the Clowning Achievement:

At the gym and in the Jan. 6 committee: "Did you really think you could work with that 250-pound dumbbell and not get hurt?" (John Glenn, Tyler, Tex.)

NOLO ENTENDRE: Honorable mentions

In elementary school and to the Jan. 6 committee: "I need you to use your inside voice, Marjorie." (Jonathan Jensen, Baltimore)

In elementary school and during a Supreme Court session: "It's not nap time, Clarence." (Jeff Shirley, Richmond)

At a religious service and at the Jan. 6 committee hearing: "Hmmm — I was expecting more people to sing." (Duncan Stevens, Vienna, Va.; Dottie Gray, Alexandria)

At a gas station and to the Jan 6 committee: "We need to take a look under the hood." (Rob Cohen, Potomac)

At a gas station and in bed: "I need you, but I hate the fact that you're about 10 percent alcohol right now." (Gary Crockett, Chevy Chase)

At a gas station and on a hike: "Perhaps there's no cause for concern, but, you know, that bear(s) watching..." (Beverly Sharp, Montgomery, Ala.)

At a gas station and in bed: "Yeah, it shouldn't leak like that." (Leif Picoult, Rockville)

In elementary school and to the Jan. 6 committee: "It wasn't my idea — he made me do it!" (Roger Webb, Ashburn, a First Offender)

At the gym and to a telemarketer: "A new personal best — 10 reps today!" (Frank Osen)

At the hairstylist and in bed: "My neighbor highly recommended you." (Terri Berg Smith, Rockville)

At a religious service and to the Jan. 6 committee: "I may be here, but I'm not one of those fanatics!" (Karen Lambert)

At the hairstylist and during a Supreme Court session: "I prefer how Ruth used to do it." (Sam Mertens, Silver Spring)

In elementary school and in bed: "How would you like it if someone did that to you?" (Francis Canavan, Reston)

At a religious service and at a gas station: "Looks like I need to hand over 10 percent of my annual income." (Duncan Stevens)

At a gas station and at the hairstylist: "Hmm, looks like you recently had a nasty blowout." (Jeff Contompasis, Ashburn)

At a gas station and to the Jan. 6 committee: "You've got a leak, but I don't know where it's coming from." (Steve Smith, Potomac)

At a gas station and at the hairstylist: "Jeze, whoever put your plugs in didn't know what they was doin'!" (Lawrence McGuire, Waldorf)

At a religious service and at the Jan. 6 committee: "Give Satan an inch and he'll become



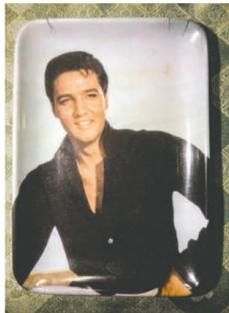
BY BOB STAAKE FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

New contest for Week 1488: Let's re-recycle!

- 20 50-foot fire hoses with couplings
750 feet of bubble wrap
55-gallon bung barrel
20-foot, 8,000-pound concrete highway barrier
Blast-resistant trash can
500 31-inch pieces of rope
300 7-by-9-inch foam food trays
Baking pans for 32 hamburger buns; pack of 5 or of 134
8-by-80-foot roll of artificial turf
500 used burlap coffee bean sacks

The Empress is an almost pathologically thrifty person, one of those people who keep boxes of used jars because they're perfectly fine and we might have extra zubbubz and maybe we could turn them into yaddayadda. And so she's especially captivated by RepurposedMaterials, a nationwide chain of stores offering ginormously wide assortment of surplus goods from construction, manufacturing and military sources. And she's even recycling this contest — she first ran it in Week 1131 in 2015. This week: Come up with humorous uses for ANY product or combination of products listed at RepurposedMaterials.com, including but not restricted to the list above. You should account somewhat for the lot size; if you're getting a 500-pack of ropes, don't suggest something for one little piece.

Submit up to 25 entries at wapo.st/enter-invite-1488 (no capitals in the Web address). Deadline is Monday, May 23; results appear June 12 in print, June 9 online.



Recycled into this week's second prize: Elvis on a tray.

Winner gets the Clowning Achievement our Style Invitational trophy. Second place receives... but of course, something recycled: It's a little plastic tray, about 3 by 5 inches, sporting a photo of a young, open-shirted Elvis Presley gazing right up at you. Found in a second-hand store and donated to the Invite by Loser Cheryl Davis.

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 new lusted-after Loser magnets, "A Small Jester of Appreciation" or "Close, but Ceci N'est Pas un Cigare." First Offenders receive only a smelly tree-shaped air "freshener" (FirStink for their first ink). See general contest rules and guidelines at wapo.st/inviteFAQ. The headline "Twinnuendo" was submitted by both Chris Doyle and Tom Witte; Roy Ashley 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/conv1488.

your ruler." (Dave Prevar, Annapolis)

At a religious service and to a telemarketer: "God, what do you want from me?" (Ben Aronin, Washington)

At the gym and in bed: "If you improve your form, you may be able to do more repetitions." (Henry J. Aaron, Washington)

At the gym and to the Jan. 6 committee: "I feel I really need a shower." (J.F. Martin, Naples, Fla.)

At the hairstylist and in bed: "You're kinda receding but I can still work with it." (Craig Dykstra, Centreville)

In bed and at a religious service: "What do you mean I have to wake up now?" (Jean Lightner Norum, Charlottesville)

To a telemarketer and in bed: I did say up front that I had only three minutes. Bye! (Mark Richardson, Takoma Park)

At a gas station and at the gym: "I'm here because of a broken belt." (Ryan Martinez, Takoma Park)

At a gas station and to the Jan. 6 committee: "Man, this is going to cost me everything." (Jesse Rifkin, Arlington)

At a religious service and to the Jan. 6 committee: "Let me tell you more about this magical being who can do no wrong." (Leif Picoult)

At an elementary school and to the Jan. 6 committee: "Today we're going to learn about Q!" (Ryan Martinez)

At the hairstylist and in bed: "Sure, Bob, I remember you from last time. How are the wife

and kids?" (Jon Gearhart, Des Moines)

At a religious service and on a hike: "No, sweetie! That water isn't for drinking!" (Sarah Walsh, Rockville)

At the gym and to the Jan. 6 committee: "So what's it gonna take to make this go away?" (Diane Lucitt, Ellicott City)

In an elementary school and during a Supreme Court session: "God, recess can't get here soon enough!" (Michael Stein, Arlington)

At a gas station and in bed: "Sorry, only self-service available today." (Frank Osen; Jon Ketzner, Cumberland, Md.)

In elementary school and at the gym: "Hey! I was using that! No fair! That's my seat! MY SEAT!" (Jon Gearhart)

To a telemarketer and in bed: "You woke me up for THIS?" (Jonathan Jensen)

In elementary school and at the Jan. 6 committee: "Now we're going to watch a video about bullying." (Terri Berg Smith)

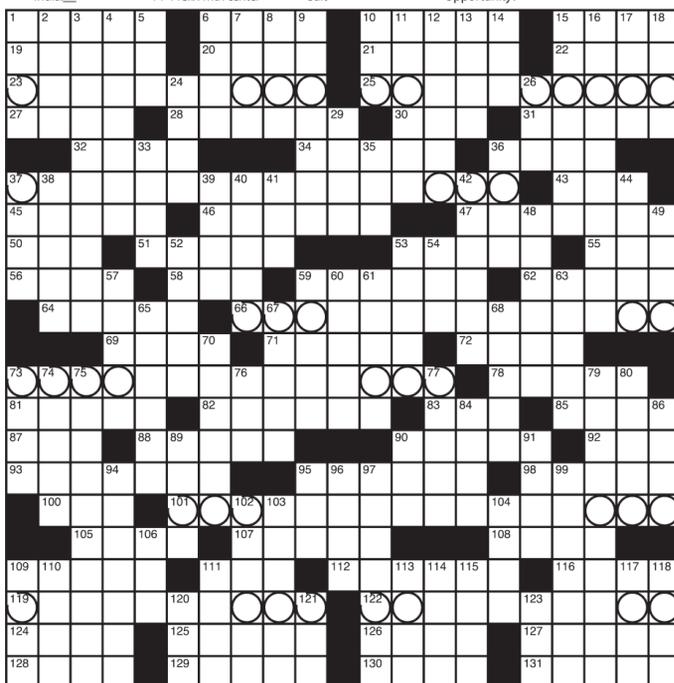
In bed, in elementary school, at a religious service, at a gas station, at the gym, at the hairstylist, to a telemarketer, on a hike, during a Supreme Court session and to the Jan. 6 committee: "I won the election by a landslide!" — D.J.T. (Robert Schechter, Dix Hills, N.Y.)

Still running — deadline May 16: Our annual "grandfoal" contest to "breed" last week's winning foal names to make even more puns. See wapo.st/invite1487.

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51 Knightley of "Colette"
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55 ___ Fridays
56 Clerical vestments
58 Kissing in a crowd, say
59 Poland Spring competitor
62 "Let me put it this way..."
64 Swedish autos
66 Frequent changes of direction
69 Drain nuisance
71 Starts a pot
72 Purrfect
Delicacies brand
73 Films that may follow a band on tour
78 Chrome or silver
81 Clear the board
82 One millionth of a meter
83 Garlic paste amt.
85 ___ musubi: meat-and-rice snack
87 ESPN
127 Flared dress style
128 Topiary evergreens
129 Many a Twitch streamer
130 "Ain't happening"
131 Navajo Nation tablelands
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1 Supersonic unit
2 Tiger Balm target
3 Bright African snake
4 Send down the wrong path
5 Show stoppers?
6 Chums
7 Fast-running birds
8 Spa wrap
9 One of the largest tenants of Pittsburgh's tallest building
10 Make a blunder
11 Place for a lark
12 Antelope whose name means "gazelle" in Zulu
13 Highlands girl
14 Prefix with center
15 Present presented for fun
16 Martin Luther King Jr.'s message from Birmingham Jail, for one
17 Desperate
18 Smart talk
24 "___ win 'em all"
26 Pt. of USNA
29 Mille, in Managua
33 Short race, for short
35 Did a 33-Down, say
36 "Hanna" actress
37 Country star
38 Cameo shapes
39 "Just joking!"
40 Unit in gemology
41 College application fig.
42 Tantra specialist
44 Kicked off
48 "Am I the only one?"
49 Loud noises
52 Dr. Teal's Pure ___ Salt
53 So yesterday
54 Actress de la Reguera
57 Stats for NFL defensive linemen
59 Tunisian currency
60 Four-footed Jetson
61 Beer garden mug
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65 Toni Morrison's "The ___ Eye"
67 Timepiece
68 Softens, as sound
70 Sign of spring
73 Powerlifter's units
74 Maker of Glide floss
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76 Minor quibble
77 Unblinking look
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80 Golden brew
84 Whole lot
86 Land of Opportunity?
89 Tiny arachnid
90 Tentative taste
91 "The Good Dinosaur" dinosaur
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Answers to last week's puzzle below.

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BY GEORGIA NICOLS

Happy Birthday | May 15: Not only are you charming, you are caring and devoted to your loved ones. You are intelligent and reliable; you are also talented and competitive. This is a wonderful year for you, when all your past efforts will be recognized. Expect a promotion, an award, kudos and the applause of your peers.

Moon Alert: There are no restrictions to shopping or important decisions.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Financial matters might come to a head. Or perhaps it's about something that you own. Basically, your challenge is that you have to decide to what extent you should put your own interests first vs. the duties and obligations that you have to someone else. This might be tough.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Whatever you do, you might find that you are restricted or blocked by situations, authority figures or circumstances beyond your control. Sometimes when it rains and you're caught without an umbrella, you just have to get wet. Whatchagonnado?

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Today has its challenges because it's Full Moon Day, which means certain tensions and difficulties are increasing as the day wears on. Just take things moment by moment, and you can handle whatever happens.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) The Moon is your ruler, so you feel the energy of every Full Moon. Today's Full Moon could create problems with friends, groups and your kids. Avoid controversial topics, especially with people who are rigid and set in their ways.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Today will have its challenges with close friends, partners, parents, authority figures and the police. Oh, yes. Therefore, tread carefully. Be ready to cooperate. Don't waste your energy challenging others. Wait for another day to make your stand.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Be careful, because this is an accident-prone day for you; therefore, pay attention to everything you say and do. Think twice before you speak or act. Don't get your belly in a rash if

challenged by authority figures or things that don't go well at work.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Financial matters might be a bit of a crunch for you. You might have difficulty shopping. You might have difficulty earning money. You might have difficulty protecting your possessions and anything that you own. Be aware of this and do the best you can.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Today the only Full Moon in your sign is occurring. Naturally, this will set up some tension between you and others. Therefore, be aware that patience is your best friend today. Don't make a big deal about anything. Observe from the sidelines. Check your ego at the door.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Communications with others will be challenged today, almost certainly. Therefore, take the high road. Avoid arguments. Resist a nasty retort. Wait until today's Full

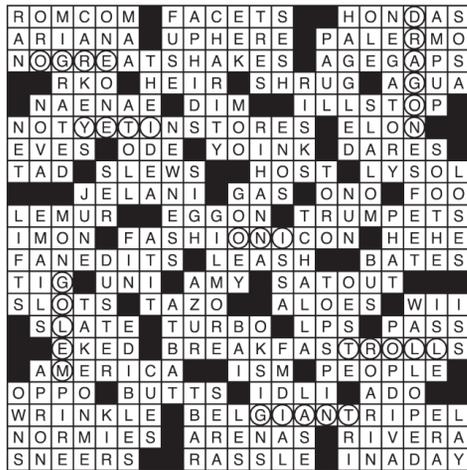
Moon is over before you decide what to do. You'll be glad you did.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Parents might find it challenging dealing with their kids. Likewise, romantic partners might be at odds with each other. You also might have difficulty dealing with a friend or a member of a group. Be patient and tolerant.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You might be pulled between the demands of home and family vs. the demands of your career or dealing with the public. Because of this particular Full Moon, you cannot ignore home and family. Juggle this situation as best you can.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Take precautions, because this is an accident-prone day for your sign. Avoid arguments with others. Don't be aggressive. Take it easy, be careful and think before you act or speak. The Sun is at odds with Saturn, plus this is a Full Moon Day.

Answers to last week's puzzle.



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