

DIVERSIONS

THE STYLE INVITATIONAL

Art of the DOYLE: Top neologisms

BY PAT MYERS

In **Week 1271** we celebrated the 2,000th blot of Invite ink won by Biggest Loser Ever Chris Doyle, with a neologism contest; the new terms had to have a D, an O, a Y, an L and an E.

4th place

Delay-O-Matic: A device built into most hands-free faucets. (Roger Dalrymple, Gettysburg, Pa.)

3rd place

Tirade policy: The Art of the Tantrum approach to exports and imports. Also known as "spittle diplomacy." (Kevin Dopart, Washington)

2nd place and the "Irish drinking cap":

Oldyssey: The epic journey that follows forgetting where you parked your car. "Buying the shoes took 10 minutes, but the oldyssey added an hour and a half." (Frank Osen, Pasadena, Calif.)

And the winner of the Lose Cannon:

Doodeyful: Faithfully willing to lie for your boss. "Spicer doodeyfully proclaimed the inauguration crowd the biggest ever." (Brian Collins, Olney, Md.)

F-O-Y-L-E-D again! Honorable mentions

Stormy denials: A tweetstorm from the White House. (Chris Doyle, Denton, Tex.) [Sure, we let him enter this contest. Why not?]

Deweyblooper: A bungled announcement. "Warren and Faye's Oscar deweyblooper got them invited right back the next year, just to see if they'd do it again." (Beverly Sharp, Montgomery, Ala.)

YOLO bride: Someone whose parents have deep pockets and one daughter. (Jeff Hazle, San Antonio)

Little Lord Fondleroy: You Know Who's nickname on the pageant circuit. (Warren Tanabe, Annapolis)

Motherly load: A take-home "gift" to a visiting child: "That box is Grandma's dishes, and you know she'd want to keep them in the family. And I bought you new socks . . . Wait, take the leftovers — you're thin as a rail . . ." (Danielle Nowlin, Fairfax Station)

REmployed: "Working" the night shift. (Rob Huffman, Fredericksburg, Va.)

Voldemortify: To humiliate Death Eaters in public. "The Parkland students continue to voldemortify the NRA." (Ann Martin, College Park)

Beige Floyd: "We don't need any education . . ." (Duncan Stevens, Vienna, Va.)

Deli-goy: The guy who orders pastrami on white bread with mayo. (Mark Raffman, Reston)

Below-dryer: To Marilyn Monroe, a subway grate. (Gary Crockett, Chevy Chase)

Deplomacy: The fine art of damaging international relations. "Believe me, our foreign policy will put a yuge emphasis on diplomacy!" (Jesse Frankovich, Grand Ledge, Mich.)

DiploMEcy: [See above.] (Warren Tanabe)

Bunemployed: On maternity leave. (Duncan Stevens)

Cloglodyte: A houseguest who manages to stop up the shower drain in the space of a weekend visit. (Tom Witte, Montgomery Village, Md.)

Fly a la mode: Regular (if unintended) dessert at the Screen Door Diner. (Jeff Shirley, Richmond)

Formaldejekyll: An environmentally friendly preservative. (Gary Crockett)

Greed-only memory: What Martin Shkreli had installed in his laptop. (Chris Doyle)

Lay-bored: Thinking of England. (Duncan Stevens)

Lead yo-yo: Something that goes down but never comes back up again. Like a submarine made from old colanders, or presidential approval ratings. (Daniel Galef, Montclair, N.J.)

Kleptodactyl: A prehistoric bird with sticky talons. (Jon Gearhart, Des Moines)



BOB STAAKE FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

New contest for Week 1275: That is the question

Fair is foul, and foul is fair. (*Macbeth, Act I, Scene 1*)
How does the umpiring work when the Nationals hold Backwards Day?

"What bloody man is that?" (*Macbeth, Act II, Scene 2*)
What did Prince Charles say when he was introduced to Donald Trump?

It is a tale told by an idiot, full of sound and fury, signifying nothing. (*Macbeth, Act V, Scene 5*)
Hey, what did you think of "The Emoji Movie"?

This week, at the suggestion of Obsessive Loser Duncan Stevens, we offer a new take on our perennial Questionable Journalism contest. This time, instead of having you comb through newspaper stories, we'll send you to a hoitytoitier source. **This week: Choose a line from Shakespeare (or a significant part of a line) and pair it with a question that the line could humorously answer, as in Duncan's examples above.** You can find the whole oeuvre of plays and poems at **OpenSourceShakespeare.org**. Please cite the play or poem you're using.

Submit entries at the website wapo.st/enter-invite-1275 (all lowercase).

Winner gets the **Lose Cannon**, our Style Invitational trophy. Second place receives this very cool, puffy dragon hat (species of dragon unknown) of shiny fabric, donated by Loser Dave Prevar and modeled here by Style Invitational Devotee Kathleen Delano. The Empress is envious, but will stick for now with her array of tiaras. **Other runners-up** win our "You Gotta Play to Lose" Loser Mug or our Grossery Bag, "I Got a B in Punmanship." Honorable mentions get one of our lusted-after Loser magnets, "We've Seen Better" or "IDiot Card." First Offenders receive only a smelly tree-shaped air "freshener" (FirStink for their first ink). **Deadline is Monday night, April 23;** results published May 13 (online May 10). See general contest rules and guidelines at wapo.st/InvRules. The headline "Art of the DOYLE" was submitted by both Jon Gearhart and Jesse Frankovich; Beverly Sharp wrote the honorable-mentions subhead. Join the lively Style Invitational Devotees group on Facebook at [on.fb.me/invdev](https://www.facebook.com/on.fb.me/invdev). "Like" Style Invitational Ink of the Day on Facebook at [bit.ly/inkofday](https://www.facebook.com/bit.ly/inkofday); follow @StyleInvite on Twitter.

THE STYLE CONVERSATIONAL The Empress's weekly online column discusses the new contest and results. Especially if you plan to enter this week, visit wapo.st/styleconv.



DAVE PREVAR

Loser Kathleen Delano rocks this week's second prize at a recent Loser brunch.

Loyaled up: Brought all your favorite people to Crony Island. (Danielle Nowlin)

Mellow-yellowed: Condition of teeth exposed to a lifetime of marijuana smoking. (Mark Raffman)

Toyled: Worked all night at Santa's workshop. (Jane Pacelli, Annandale)

Molar derby: A hockey game. (Kevin Dopart)

"Oy! Delaware!": That time you realized you left the EZ Pass transponder at home. (Ira Allen, Bethesda)

Phonytailed: Sporting artificial locks. "Given that her hair was in a bob two weeks ago, it's clear that she was phonytailed down to her waist at the party last night." (Tom Witte)

Gobbeldygood: Finger-lickin' delicious! (Beverly Sharp)

Smelody: A tune Dad plays after

dinner on Taco Tuesdays. And on Spam Sundays it's a **Hormelody**. (Jesse Frankovich; Kevin Dopart)

Supercalifragilisticexpialidociously: In a supercalifragilistic-expialidocious manner, duh. (Jesse Frankovich)

Pseudoroyalty: Mediocre people with such delusions of self-importance that they give themselves Russian monarchical titles, wear tiaras, etc. (Jesse Frankovich)

Doilies: Amazingly crafted creations on newsprint, decorated with 2,000 blots of ink. (Duncan Stevens)

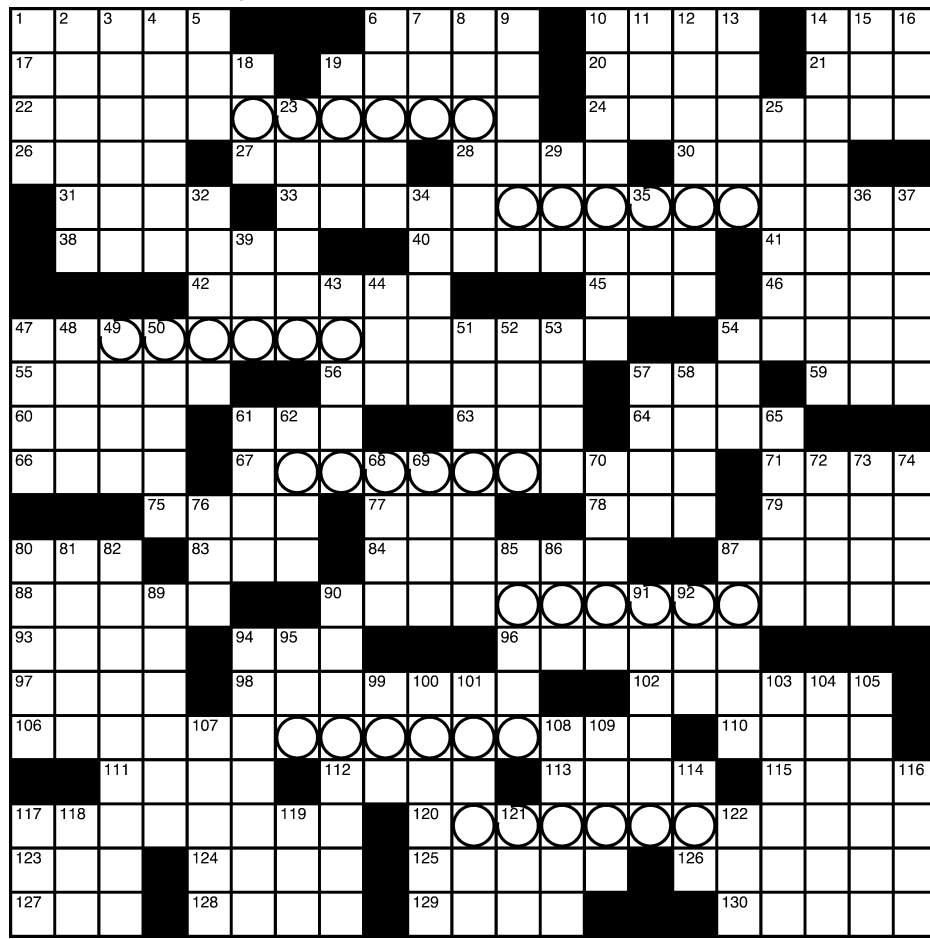
And last: Condoylences: "Sorry, but I had to give the win to this guy who's just way more funny and clever than you are. For the 57th time. Best, The Empress." (Frank Osen)

Still running — deadline Monday night, April 16: our famous horse name "breeding" contest. See wapo.st/invite1274.

L.A. TIMES SUNDAY PUZZLE

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By PAUL COULTER | 93 Acidity-correcting fertilizer
94 Asian honorific
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98 Like a well-grounded argument | 129 Ladies of Sp.
130 Flippant | 23 Well-shod Marcos
25 Annual winter telecast, with "The" | 54 Frying pan spray
57 Scrolling unit
58 Frisbee, e.g.
61 "Immediately!"
62 Forklift load: Abbr. | 94 Carb-loaded
95 Gym unit
99 Inlet or cove
100 Some rechargeable shavers
101 One offering quarters
103 Albania's capital
104 Actresses Linney and Dern
105 Gives a seat to website
107 Seafood serving
108 Tough bosses to work for
109 Hard to come by
114 Seer's claim
116 Open carriage after tire rotation
117 Meas. checked after fire
118 Cariou of "Sweeney Todd"
119 "___ the season ___"
121 Pueblo pronoun
122 Frozen Wasser |
| ACROSS | 10 Langston Hughes poem
14 Cinematic FX
17 "The War of the Worlds" narrator of 1938
19 Hum-dinger of an instrument?
20 It's composed of balances
21 Crew member
22 Coastal casino center
24 Block-stocking building
26 Champagne word
27 Indian nurse
28 First name in architecture
30 Out of concern that
31 Needle concoction?
33 Current route
38 Charlie Brown correspondent
40 Lights into
41 It floods Florence periodically
42 Straightens up
45 "We need a cat!"
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47 Chinese and Vietnamese
54 Pretentious sort
55 Poppycock
56 Some decision makers
57 Smartphone ancestor, briefly
59 Cos. with Xings
60 Source of stress, probably
61 Like this ans.
63 St. Pete's place
64 Goals
66 Hombre's hand
67 Hotel evaluation system
71 Terrible time?
75 Builder's need
77 "___ the fields we go ..."
78 Common Market letters
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83 Courses for coll. credit
84 Third-least populous state
87 Staples Center player
88 Ladybug's lunch
90 Three-dimensional arrangement of atoms inside a diamond, say | 102 Play the flute
106 Article seen daily
110 Lab vessel
111 Mystery writer Nevada
112 Middle of a Latin trio
113 Wind worth a warning
115 Regrets
117 Pretends
120 Website evaluation tool
123 Champagne word
124 Iota
125 Long time follower?
126 One getting smashed at a bash?
127 Tots
128 Nasdaq rival | 1 Q-tip
2 Speak without restraint
3 Refer (to)
4 Typewriter roller
5 D.C. VIP
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7 Action film weapon
8 Sacred songs
9 Journalist Bill inducted into the TV Hall of Fame in 1995
10 Follies
11 Private eye
12 Washington Monument, for one
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14 Dior or Klein
15 Beetle juice?
16 Boiling state
18 Transit syst. component
19 Longtime TV broadcaster of 87-Across games | DOWN
29 Coastline feature
32 In a fitting way
34 ___ bell: act of war
35 2016 W.S. losers to the Cubs
36 Bring upon oneself
37 Contemptible sorts
39 Afflict
43 IV part
44 I strain?
47 McAn shoes
48 The last Mrs. Chaplin
49 It may be proper
50 Creator of many talking animals
51 To the extent that
52 Cabbage
53 Morales of "The Brink"
54 "Is that ___?" | |



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Answers to last week's puzzle below.

HOROSCOPE

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY | April 15: This year, you could startle many people around you with your unusual insights and energy to follow through on them. You could become quite the innovator or inventor. Confusion tends to surround you, as you often run with an idea without first completing your thought. If you are single, your energy and creativity will attract many people. In fall, you are likely to meet someone who intrigues you. If you are attached, be sensitive to your sweetie's needs. A fellow Aries could point out how "me" oriented you have become.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
What starts off as a tense situation could transform into an enlightening conversation. Both parties recognize the importance of changing and adapting to a new situation. Consider a new beginning.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
How you deal with an imaginative yet aggravating person depends on what you want in the long run. Before blurting out a comment or two, consider who this person is to you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
You could have a grievance, and you'll want to air it. Ask yourself what the cost of speaking up is before taking action. Make good choices for you and others. No one needs to call all the shots.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
You'll be expected to meet the demands of someone around you. Know that this is likely to create more stress for you. Perhaps bringing your feelings out into the open might help. Have a discussion about different ways you can compromise.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
You shine and express deeper feelings than you have in a long time. This openness delights someone who might be quite distant from you. A visit will be in order, even if it means a change of plans.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
You have the ability to relate to others on a one-on-one level. You might want to clear the air in the near future. Be responsive to the other party's feelings. Adapt for a loved one's sake, and you'll see the benefits immediately.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
You could feel as if you need to distance yourself from others in the

morning. Later in the day, you will witness a change that allows you to be respond accordingly. Have a long-overdue conversation.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
You have a project in mind that needs completion. Handle your taxes, if need be. You might want to rebel against doing this work, but discipline yourself and just do it. You will feel remarkably better as you start to see the outcome.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Your playfulness cannot be suppressed. Avoid serious conversations and projects. A loved one adores it when you are carefree and easygoing. Relax with others while exchanging humor, knowledge and caring.

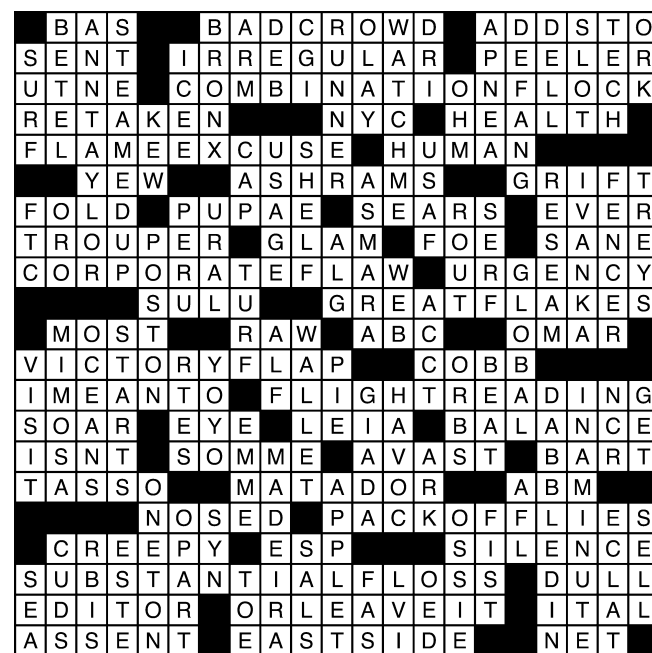
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
A family member might be the

source of pressure, yet you feel as if you can't change the situation. Recognize that you are making a judgment about what is expected of you. Observe a difference in what occurs once you tackle this issue.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
You might not recognize the anger that seems to be building within you. You suddenly could find yourself seething for a reason that you don't fully comprehend. Open up a discussion quietly, without going on a tear about how you feel.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
The friend who takes your comments personally also embodies some of the problems that you are discussing. You might not want to push this person, unless you want to witness a major uproar.

Answers to last week's puzzle.



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