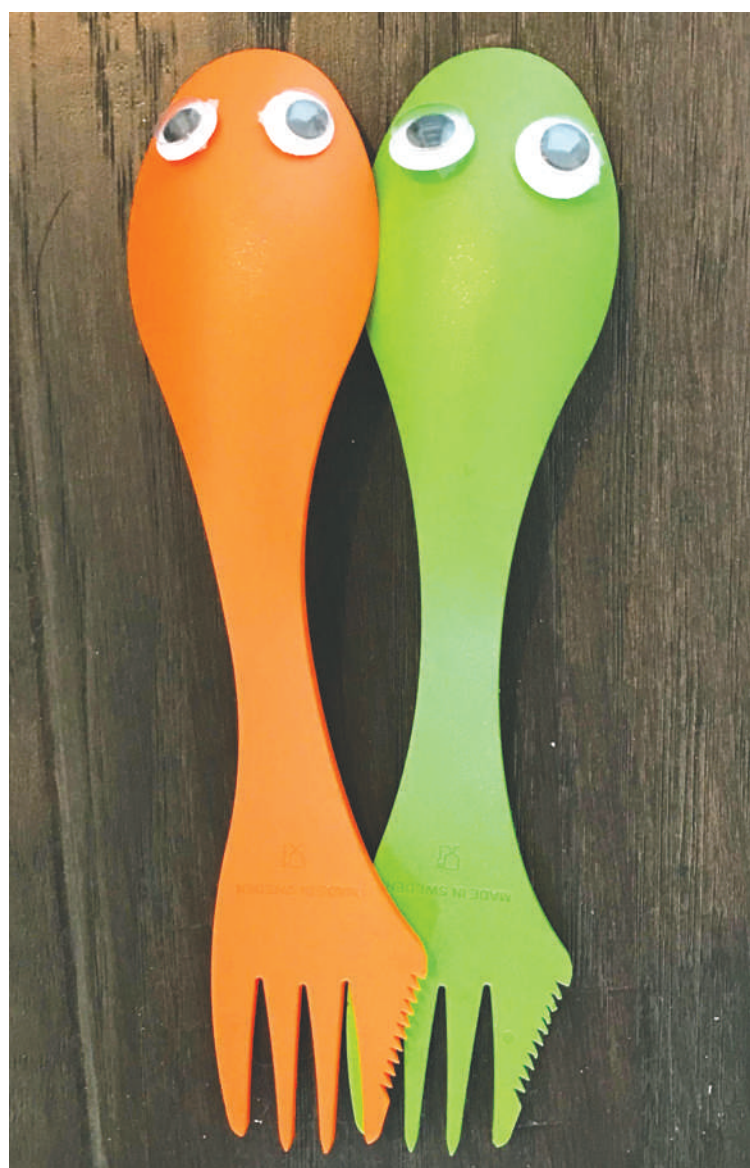


DIVERSIONS



First place *The winner of the Lose Cannon:* "Actually, babe, spooning isn't what I had in mind." **Hildy Zampella, Alexandria**



Second place "If I have one more french fry, I'm gonna hurl." **Nancy Summers, Potomac, a First Offender**



Third place "It's just wrong to toast a bagel." **Kevin Dopart and daughter Alethea Dopart, Washington**



Fourth place Eye sockets. **David Friedman, Indianapolis**



Honorable mentions "Let's have a show of hands: Who you gonna believe, me or your lying eyes?" **Kevin and Alethea Dopart**

THE STYLE INVITATIONAL

EYE JINKS: Winning photos

BY PAT MYERS

Feeling ground down lately with all the shameful news coming every which way, the Empress went for pure giggles in **Week 1281**, asking readers to paste googly eyes on things and take photos. But of course she welcomed funny captions and punny titles as well. **See more photos in the online Invite at wapo.st/invite1285.**

New contest for Week 1285: That is so wrong!

Q. What hideous, snake-haired woman had the power to turn people to stone with a single glance?

Correct answer: Medusa.
So-wrong guess: Yo Mama?

Q. A mother is parted from her child forever in the wrenching novel "Sophie's Choice," written by whom?

Correct answer: William Styron.
So-wrong guess: Jeff Sessions?

This week's contest was suggested by just-crowned Loser of the Year Duncan Stevens, who gained the title from his fellow Losers by getting more blots of Style Invitational ink (113!) in the past year than anyone else except two guys who'd won before (115! 161!!). In addition to all the Inviting (and competing in Ultimate Frisbee and running and being a parent to two adorables and even being a federal lawyer), Duncan recently joined the online trivia group LearnedLeague, which, along with the usual awards, also cites the most creative and amusing *wrong* answers.

This week: Supply a trivia question along with both the correct answer and a cleverly wrong "guess," as in Duncan's own examples above.

Submit entries at the website wapo.st/enter-invite-1285 (all lowercase).

Winner gets the **Lose Cannon**, our Style Invitational trophy. Second place receives a set of six plastic golf tees in the shape of headless naked women of Barbie-doll physique. They are execrable. Take them on your next jaunt to Mar-a-Lago. Donated by Loser Nan Reiner. **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, July 2;** results published July 22 (online July 19). See general contest rules and guidelines at wapo.st/InvRules. The headline for this week's results is by Jesse Frankovich. Join the lively Style Invitational Devotees group on Facebook at on.fb.me/invdev. "Like" Style Invitational Ink of the Day on Facebook at bit.ly/inkofday; follow @StyleInvite on Twitter.

● **THE STYLE CONVERSATIONAL** The Empress's weekly online column discusses each new contest and set of results. Especially if you plan to enter, check it out at wapo.st/styleconv.

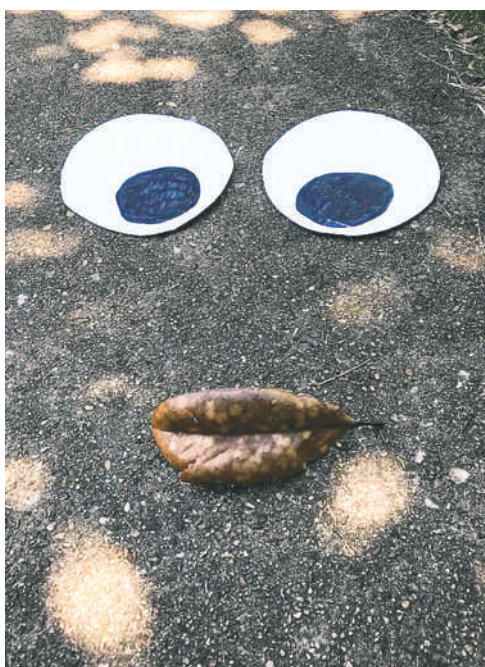
Still running — deadline Monday night, June 25: our contest to compare/contrast any two weird items on a list we provided. See wapo.st/invite1284.



"Back so soon for another week of Invitational disappointment, Typewriter Boy?" **Lawrence McGuire, Waldorf**



Eyedrangeas. **Danielle Nowlin**



Jeff Shirley, Richmond



Mary Kappus, Washington



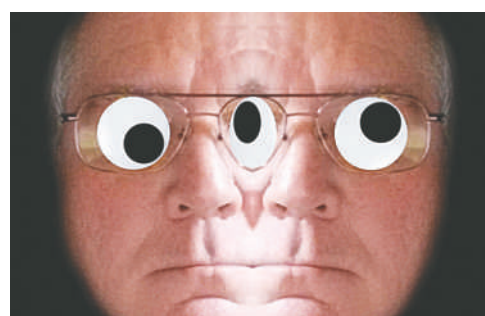
The eyes of the bee-holder. **Danielle Nowlin**



The Veneration of The Donald **Kevin Dopart**



Eyescalator. **Duncan Stevens, Vienna, Va.**



Symmetrical selfie. **Ken Gosse, Mesa, Ariz., a First Offender**



"I thought YOU had the quarters." **Mary Kappus**

PHOTOS FROM READERS