

DIVERSIONS

THE STYLE INVITATIONAL

Redo unto others: 'Reologisms'

BY PAT MYERS

In **Week 1347**, the Empress rounded up a list of zingy neologisms and name-puns that had been entered in earlier contests but needed better descriptions — and asked the whole Loser Community to help. It delivered, as you'll see below. Too many people to credit suggested that **Marco Pollo met General Tso while crossing the Silk Road** and that **Richard Outhouse Nixon really needed plumbers**.

4th place:

Mediochre: The color of the fifth-place ribbon. (David Peckarsky, Tucson)

3rd place:

A. The Right Brothers. Q. Who invented the mansplane? (Jesse Rifkin, Arlington)

2nd place and the Mr. Turdy modeling clay kit:

Lady Maga: The new name Ken Cuccinelli is planning for the Statue of Liberty. (Steve Smith, Potomac)

And the winner of the Lose Cannon:

Captain Rehab: His saga opens: "Call me Ishmael." "Hiiii, Ishmael." (Bob Kruger, Rockville)

Def warmed over: Honorable mentions

Genghis Cohen: The most fearsome ruler ever to live, except for his mother. (Mark Raffman, Reston)

Attila the Hon: History's least menacing Baltimorean, until the 2019 Orioles came along. (Jeff Hazle, San Antonio)

Bill DeBlasé: Meh-yor of New York City. (Eric Nelkin, Silver Spring)

Exersighs: What you let out when touching your toes becomes touching your knees. (Mark Raffman)

Exersighs: A delicate term for farting during a gym workout, as in "Pardon my exersighs." (Harold Mantle, Walnut Creek, Calif.)

A. F* Scott Fitzgerald.** Q. Who wrote "Tinder Is the Night?" (Tom Witte, Montgomery Village)

A. Gen. William Tecumseh Charmin. Q. Who captured Atlanta but lost the Battle of Bull Runs? (Frank Mann, Washington)

A. Gen. William Tecumseh Charmin. Q. Who was number two in his class at West Point? (William Kennard, Arlington)

Gen. William Tecumseh Charmin: By the time he reached Georgia, he was on a roll! (Beverly Sharp, Montgomery, Ala.)

A. Horatio Algebra. Q. Who wrote his rags-to-riches stories according to this formula: "X < Y; X impresses Y; Y rewards X; X = Y"? (Lawrence McGuire, Waldorf)

How deadpan are his jokes? They're so deadpan we call him the **humortician**. (David Peckarsky)

Humortician: That oh-so-helpful comedy expert who analyzes why your joke wasn't funny. (Neal Starkman, Seattle; Jeff Contompasis, Ashburn)

Humortician: Someone who can turn a FUNERAL into REAL FUN. (Jesse Frankovich, Grand Ledge, Mich.)

Ikea Turner: This pop singer's birth name was Allen Wrench. (Danielle Nowlin, Fairfax Station)

IMH0tep: "With all due respect, mighty Pharaoh, I think the wide part of the pyramid should go at the bottom." (Jesse Frankovich)

Joan of Arkansas was Bill Clinton's earliest known girlfriend, until she burned his steak. (Alan Duxbury, Carlisle, Pa.)

A. John F. Kidney. Q. Who said, "Ich bin ein Uriner!" (Jeff Shirley, Richmond)

A. Kevin Costco: Q. Who said, "If you build it, they will come and purchase a ginormous jar of olives?" (Bill Dorner, Indianapolis)

Kindergartenerd: "Spell 'cat'?" Would you give me the etymology, please?" (Duncan Stevens, Vienna)

If you carry your crayons in a pocket protector, you might be a **kindergartenerd**. (Sam Mertens, Silver Spring; Jesse Frankovich)

Kindergartenerd: A first-year Cub Scout who already has his eyes on becoming a Dweebelo. (Chris Doyle, Denton, Tex.)

Kindergartenerd: A kid who



BOB STAAKE FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

New contest for Week 1351: What concept will you be for Halloween?

Bury yourself in a pile of raincoats and umbrellas and be an Alabama hurricane victim.

Be a Trump national security adviser: Just change costumes every 10 minutes.

Throw a Democratic primary Halloween party: a bash jammed with so many people, they all get half a piece of candy each and have to yell to be heard.

When the results of this contest run, four weeks from now, it'll be the weekend before Halloween. So here's an incentive to put a Loserly spin on the holiday: **Give us a creative, clever idea for a timely Halloween costume (for one or more people) or an idea for a party or other activity**, either feasible or not so much, as in the examples above provided by Invite Obsessive Duncan Stevens along with his suggestion of this contest. **You may even send us a photo of an actual new costume you've created this year**, so the Empress will extend the usual contest deadline by a week; you have until Oct. 14.

Submit up to 25 entries at wapo.st/enter-invite-1351 (no capitals in the Web address). If you have more than one photo to submit, please use a separate entry form for each photo.

Winner gets the **Lose Cannon**, our Style Invitational trophy. Second place receives a **belly pack that looks like a white man's hairy belly**, modeled here by Loser Drew Bennett, who donated it. (The Empress has no idea whether it looks like Drew's actual bodily gut, and we'll leave it that way.) It's actually a high-quality bag, with durable straps and zippers and such. Wearing it as a fanny pack might be even more interesting.

Other runners-up win our "You Gotta Play to Lose" Loser Mug or our "Whole Fools" Grocery 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). **Deadline is Monday, Oct. 14;** results published Oct. 27 in print, Oct. 24 online. See general contest rules and guidelines at wapo.st/InvRules. The headline "Redo Unto Others" is by Jon Gearhart; Chris Doyle 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" the Style Invitational Ink of the Day on Facebook at [bil.ly/inkofday](https://www.facebook.com/bil.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/conv1351.

writes out the chord progressions of "Baby Shark." (Jesse Frankovich)

A. Lady Maga. Q. Who sings "Suborn This Way?" (Jeff Contompasis)

Lewdicrous: How to describe crotchless bike shorts. (David Kleinbard, Mamaroneck, N.Y.)

Marco Pollo: A game in which two blindfolded players swim toward each other until one swerves. (Stephen Dudzik, Olney)

A. Marco Pollo. Q. What do you call a Florida senator who is afraid to debate? (Kevin Dopart, Washington)

Politicalsthenics: Lots of pushing and pulling that ends with dips doing squat. (Jesse Frankovich)

Quizine: "I see that you have taken a bite! How IS everything? ... Yes, of course you can finish chewing ... So, is everything AMAZING?" (Danielle Nowlin)

A. Richard Outhouse Nixon. Q. Who stunned the world by meeting with Mao Tse-Dung? (Beryl Benderly, Washington)

Richard Outhouse Nixon: Even his presidency smelled better than Donald "John" Trump's. (Mark Raffman)

Rupert Nerdoch: Guy who is unlikely to land a 21st-century fox. (Danielle Nowlin)

Samuel Morose: "Dots and dashes are fine, but what a disappointment that I never found a way to transmit a smiley face." (Jonathan Jensen, Baltimore)

Samuel Morose: Whose favorite song was taps? (Kevin Dopart)

The Hardly Boys: A pair of amateur sleuths who've been solving crimes since 1927. (Jonathan Jensen)



Keep your valuables inside your fake-nake belly, modeled here by donor Drew Bennett.

A. The Hardly Boys. Q. Who were the main characters in "The Mystery of the Eunuuchs' Tunics?" (Harold Mantle)

A. Thomas Uvula Edison. Q. Who invented, you know, that ... thingy? (Hildy Zampella, Alexandria)

Thomas Uvula Edison: The Gizzard of Menlo Park. (Bob Kruger)

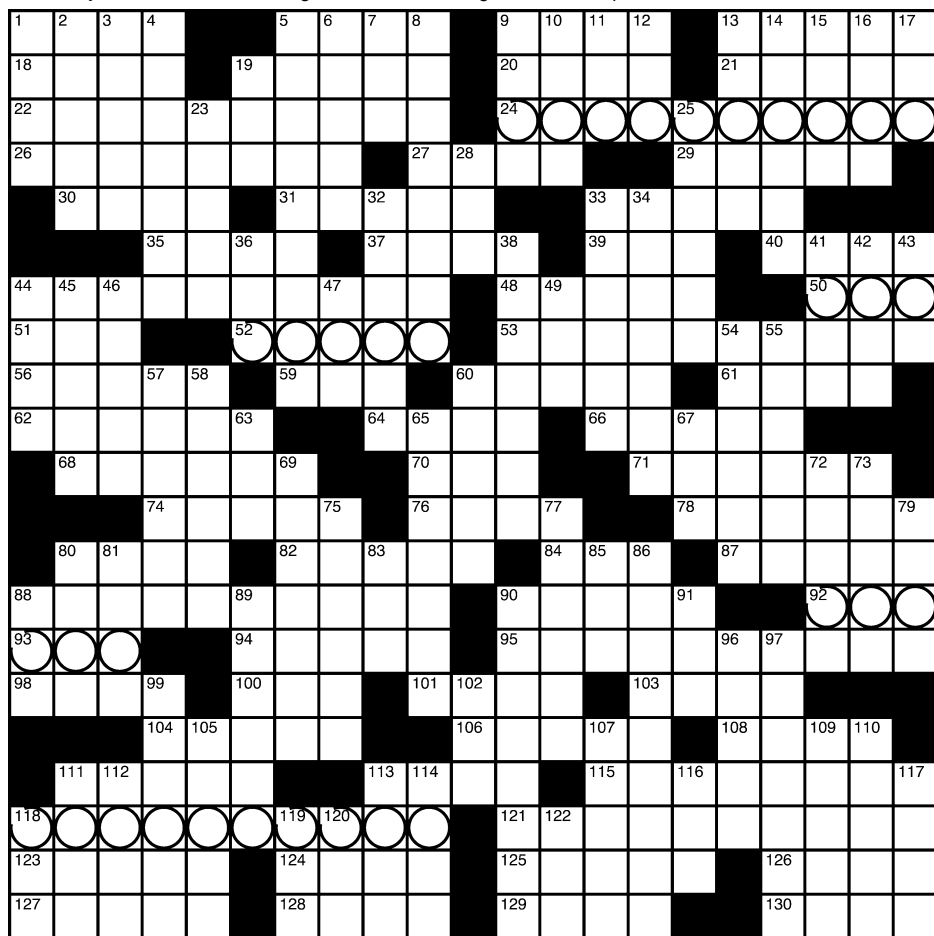
More honorable mentions in the online Invite at wapo.st/invite1351.

Still running — deadline Monday night: Our contest for poems based on new dictionary words. See wapo.st/invite1350.

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- "WHERE IT'S AT" By PAUL COULTER**
- ACROSS**
- 1 Bite
 - 5 Arabic for "commander"
 - 9 Exam administered by the College Board, briefly
 - 13 Rock and Roll Hall of Fame architect
 - 18 Burn balm
 - 19 "Mostly Ghostly" series author
 - 20 Charity
 - 21 High times?
 - 22 Ahead of time ... and where it's at
 - 24 It includes a king and queen
 - 26 Regards intensely
 - 27 Like the White Rabbit
 - 29 About to explode
 - 30 Cherbourg cherb
 - 31 Bedevil
 - 33 Speak colorfully, so to speak
 - 35 Rescue op
 - 37 Not for
 - 39 MileagePlus rewards co.
 - 40 Puts in stitches
 - 44 On the up and up ... and where it's at
 - 48 Chutney fruit
 - 50 Bout enders, for short
 - 51 Lenient
 - 52 Food squares?
 - 53 In a ship's hull ... and where it's at
 - 56 West Point newbie
 - 59 Rapa ...
 - 60 Japanese beer brand
 - 61 Native Nebraskan
 - 62 Atlanta suburb
 - 64 Complain
 - 66 Itsy-bitsy
 - 68 Frisk
 - 70 "... he drove out of sight": Moore
 - 71 Compass points
 - 74 Bank
 - 76 Strong-voiced Mama
 - 78 Bends
 - 80 The Miners of the Lone Star St.
 - 82 Add
 - 84 Blackguard
 - 87 Nab in a trap
 - 88 More than flamboyant ... and where it's at
 - 90 Artist Matisse
 - 92 Red ...
 - 93 Casual shirt
 - 94 Adult
 - 95 Mortgaged to the hilt and then some ... and where it's at
 - 98 Highland toppers
 - 100 Away from the office
 - 101 "... here"
 - 103 Burpee product
 - 104 Big dipper
 - 106 Areas for religious statues
 - 108 Former WNBA star ... Leslie
 - 111 José's "good"
 - 113 Speedy steed
 - 115 Zone that may be restricted
 - 118 Final football score including at least one safety
 - 121 Subsequent to the normal closing time ... and where it's at
 - 122 Martini garnish
 - 124 Each
 - 125 Salad green
 - 126 Notices
 - 127 Doled (out)
 - 128 Puts the kibosh on
 - 129 "Categorical imperative" philosopher
 - 130 Scots Gaelic
 - 8 City near San Bernardino
 - 9 Actor's goal
 - 10 Gin flavor
 - 11 One of Alcott's "Little Women"
 - 12 Org. with a lot of baggage?
 - 13 Prefix with red
 - 14 Back biters
 - 15 Displeased look
 - 16 Massachusetts motto opener
 - 17 Book end?
 - 19 French possessive
 - 23 Christopher of "Superman"
 - 25 Hide out
 - 28 ABA member
 - 32 Aioli ingredient
 - 33 Naturally illuminated
 - 34 Conestoga driver (of)
 - 36 1972 USA-USSR treaty subj.
 - 38 Drinks
 - 41 Big name in kitchenware
 - 42 Active against racial injustice, in slang
 - 43 Sautéing sound
 - 44 "The Sound of Music" backdrop
 - 45 Salves
 - 46 Daisy variety
 - 47 Sullivan Award sports org.
 - 49 ...Lingus
 - 54 Breakfast sinkers
 - 55 Linguistic root
 - 57 Pick-me-up
 - 58 Absorbed
 - 60 Part of DKNY
 - 63 Spanning: Abbr.
 - 65 Chef's creations
 - 67 "Come again?" sounds
 - 69 Auditioning actor, say
 - 72 Sing one's own praises
 - 73 Bender
 - 75 Change genetically
 - 77 Clips for trailers
 - 79 Lightly burn
 - 80 Eye layer
 - 81 Abound (with)
 - 83 Dude (up)
 - 85 Connector of partners
 - 86 Most formal, fashion-wise
 - 88 Giant whose #4 was retired
 - 89 Jinx
 - 90 Large whale
 - 91 Steamed state
 - 96 From Swansea, say
 - 97 Fatty
 - 99 Short one seen more in warm weather
 - 102 Battery size
 - 105 Started the pot
 - 107 Consumed
 - 109 Acidic, in Augsburg
 - 110 Farm measures
 - 111 Irascibility
 - 112 Condo, e.g.
 - 113 HarperCollins romance imprint
 - 114 Gym set
 - 116 Monopoly foursome: Abbr.
 - 117 To be, to Brutus
 - 118 Nancy, in
 - 119 Terrific
 - 120 Draft pick
 - 122 Monk's title



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Answers to last week's puzzle below.

HOROSCOPE

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY | Sept. 29: This year, you will open up to fast changes. You could find that others seem more amenable than in the recent past. They respond to a gentler, more caring you. Without realizing it, you open many doors that were previously closed to you. If single, you have suitors everywhere, yet you might not be sure who is best for you. Date until you know. If you're attached, you and your sweetie might be looking at remodeling your home, moving or buying a new home. Your immediate circle of friends grows, as does your bond. Capricorn's bluntness tests your patience.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You might want to spend some quality time with loved ones or family this morning. Even flipping a pancake could prove to be fun when there are several participants. Be willing to adjust plans accordingly. Consider postponing afternoon plans.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Get into a project that you have been avoiding. It hovers above you like a dark cloud. Make others happy and make yourself happy; clear out this project. You will not only delight in getting it done, others will celebrate.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Your spunk mixes with your childlike personality. You and others could have a ball together. A child delights in your company, as does an adult. Encourage those around you to relax and let go.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You will be best close to home. Face the facts: Home is where your heart is, anyway. Invite family and friends over for a fun get-together. Make a special, well-liked meal and all falls into place.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Open up a conversation that needs to happen. Others might be avoiding the topic. As soon as this talk is done, all is better. You will be surprised by the strength of another person's feelings.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Open up to new possibilities, but be aware of how much you need to spend to get to a position of security and well-being. Don't blow your budget, but rather, honor it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Do not push someone away; rather, stay centered and focused. You could discover that someone you

care about is out of whack. Ask a pertinent question or two without making the other party feel insecure.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Be aware of subtle currents running behind the scenes. You could be challenged by events and not sure of yourself. If that's the case, do little and assume a holding position.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Where your friends are is where you want to be. You could weave an interesting path to get there, as you want to visit an older person first. Curb any extravagant spending.

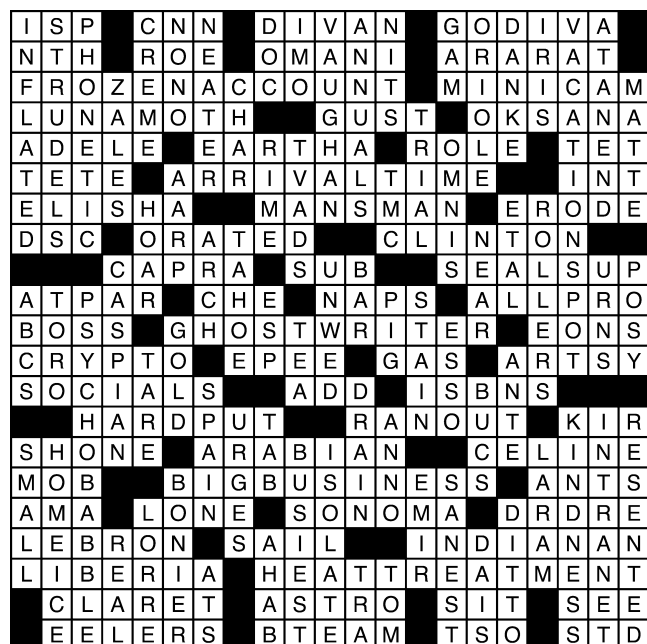
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You might not be comfortable with all the attention you are getting.

Others look to you for advice and feedback, and today is no exception. If you're out for an early dinner or a late brunch, you might feel that you are playing the role of the sage.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Keep reaching out to someone at a distance. You not only love speaking to this person, you gain strong insights from your talks, too. You could reveal a secret without intending to. Careful.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) One-on-one relating takes you down a new path. If you're not comfortable with this new closeness, you might want to politely distance yourself. A friend could be cantankerous at best. Steer clear if necessary.

Answers to last week's puzzle.



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