36 Real rubbish

37 Counting word

in a rhyme

42 Nips in the bud

43 Seat of Val Verde

County, Texas

46 Advertising gimmick

landmark, now

called Uluru)

52 Vision (prefix)

53 Red on the face?

56 Place to play favorites,

____ Rock (Australian

44 Out for the night?

47 Cousin of an oryx

48 Altar exchanges

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13 Check, in a way

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DIVERSIONS

THE STYLE INVITATIONAL

A run of good yuk: Collective nouns

BY PAT MYERS

In Week 1178 we finally reran our 1993 (Week 14) contest for new collective nouns. The Empress was inundated with several thousand entries, 99 percent of which were terrific except for being entirely boring and unfunny. Some good ideas were submitted by too many people for individual credit, such as a NUMBER of anesthesiologists, a GROSS of sea slugs/poopy toddlers, a MASS of physicists, an ABUNDANCE of twerkers, an ASSEMBLY of Ikea shoppers. Others had already run in the previous set of results: a PRIDE of grandparents, a RASH of hookers, a PILE of hemorrhoids, a SLEW of killers, and a PROLIFERATION of abortion protesters. But then there were all these:

4th place

A RISING TIDE of climate change deniers (Jeff Shirley, Richmond)

3rd place

A GROUNDSWELL of undertakers (Jack McBroom, Fort Valley, Va.)

2nd place and the cuddly plush dust mite:

TWO intellectual Trump supporters (David Kleinbard, Maramoneck, N.Y.)

And the winner of the Inkin' Memorial:

TWO SQUARE MEETERS of Mormon missionaries (Dudley Thompson, Cary, N.C.)

A GONY of defeat: honorable mentions

A SHUL of gefilte fish (Dave Matuskey, Sacramento, Calif.)

A PAFFEL of Colonial documents (Duncan Stevens, Vienna, Va.)

A WHATEVER of teenagers (Chris Filiatreau, Arlington, a First Offender)

A SCARCITY of velociraptors (Beverley Sharp, Montgomery, Ala.)

A Y'ALLIANCE of Southerners (Jesse Frankovich, Lansing, Mich.)

A BULLPEN of speechwriters (Jack McBroom)

A SELF-SERVING of egos (Chris Doyle, Denton, Tex.)

A LOT of salty wives (Bill Curtis,

Fort Worth, a First Offender) A GASP of drama queens

(Kimberly Baer, Woodbridge, Va.)

UN PETIT PEU DE pretentiousness (Chris Doyle)

A CONVOCATION of license plate makers (Bruce Niedt, Cherry Hill, N.J.; Rob Huffman, Fredericksburg)

A GUILD of ichthyologists (Rob Huffman)

A CRU of raw-vegans (Jeff Contompasis, Ashburn, Va.)

A FW:FW:FW of email jokes (Brendan Beary, Great Mills, Md.)

A DULTERY of Ashley Madison members (Mark Raffman, Reston)

A MEDLEY of busybodies (Robert Schechter, Dix Hills, N.Y.; Larry Gray, Union Bridge, Md.)

AN ANARGASM of anagrams (Jesse Frankovich)

A BUTT TUBA of palindromes (David Kofalt, Gaithersburg)

A COATERIE of Burlington executives (Dave Prevar, Annapolis)

A PEERAGE of optometrists (Larry Gordon, Potomac)

A PLEATHERA of dominatrixes (George-Ann Rosenberg, Washington; Ted Weitzman, Olney)

A QUARTER POUND of coin stampers (Susan Thompson, Cary,

A QUIVER of romance novelists (John Hutchins, Silver Spring)

A FLEX of mussels (Beverley

A STRAND of Metro riders (Nan

AN EMBARRASSMENT of dads

(Bird Waring, Larchmont, N.Y.) A HALF PECK of air kisses

(Dudley Thompson) A ZYQK of Scrabble cheaters

(Perry Beider, Silver Spring)

A SURFEIT of Beach Boys singles (Perry Beider)

AN EXCESSIVE SURFEIT of

redundancies(Dave Matuskey) A CONGLAMORATION of



New contest for Week 1182: Where in the wor(I)d?

At the Central Park Zoo: hidden.cave.dinner Near the White House kitchen: hill.shares.fairly At the Kohler toilet factory: couch.sights.blowing AND stews.prevent.pumps

The Style Invitational's future European headquarters: pathetic.invite.loser, Cantabria, Spain Or maybe it's here: empress.banished.forever, near Ribeira Grande, Azores

This week's contest isn't your typical Style Invitational challenge, but the Empress has to agree with Loser Doug Frank that the concept is just too cool to pass up.

There's a new website (and app) called What3words, in which every single 3-by-3-meter square on the entire surface of the Earth has been assigned a unique name combining three common words from a list of 40,000. There are more than 57 TRILLION of these three-word codes.

The idea is that, even in places with no street addresses — and that's the vast majority of the world locations may be identified precisely, and easily shared with others, without those long strings of GPS coordinates. (The app has separate dictionaries in several

So you go to what3words.com (or download the app) and click on Explore Map. You type in a street address or more general place (e.g., "Grosvenor Metro Station," "Mongolia") and get a map on which you can zoom way in or out. You move the map around under a teardropshaped pointer — and as you do, at the bottom of the screen will be the unique three-word code for each little point, like the ones above. Because each point is only 9 by 9 feet, even a single building will have lots of different codes. So: How to make this into an Invite contest? The Empress gives you two options: This week: (1) On What3words.com, find one or more humorously appropriate (or ironic) three-word codes at a particular **place,** like the zoo or the White House above; and/or (2) find a three-word code, tell us where it is, and tell us what ought to be there, like the Invitational headquarters above. See this week's Style Conversational column for further guidance.

Submit entries at this website: bit.ly/enter-invite-1182 (all lowercase).

Winner gets the Inkin' Memorial, the Lincoln statue bobblehead that is the official Style Invitational trophy. Second place receives a fantastic egg timer encircled by rings of weird humanoid heads, brought all the way from England and delivered into the Empress's eager hand by Loser Jayne Osborn.

Other runners-up win their choice of a yearned-for Loser Mug, the older-model "This Is Your Brain on Mugs" mug or a vintage Loser T-shirt. Honorable mentions get one of our lusted-after Loser magnets, "Magnet Dum Laude" or "Falling Jest Short." First Offenders receive a smelly treeshaped air "freshener" (FirStink for their first ink). Deadline is Monday night, July 11; results published July 31 (online July 28). You may submit up to 25 entries per contest. See contest rules and guidelines at wapo.st/ InvRules. The headline for this week's results is by Chris Doyle; the honorable-mentions subhead is by Jesse Frankovich. 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; 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.



JAYNE OSBORN

Your eggs won't go over easy with this prize watching over

them. Direct from England! supermodels (Tom Witte, Montgomery Village; John O'Byrne,

Dublin; Mae Scanlan, Washington) A CLUTCH of misers (Susanne Pierce Dyer, Suisun City, Calif., a First Offender)

A FARTERNITY of windbags (Stephen Gaull, Arlington)

A FLEET of [glassbowls] (David Thorne, Washington)

A RECORD NUMBER of

bookkeepers (David Friedman, Santa Clara, Calif.)

A HANDFUL of Muppets (Larry McClemons, Annandale, Va.)

A HUSUFRADE of Virginia wolves (Randy Lee, Burke, Va.)

A HEAP of used-car salesmen (Douglas Raybeck, Amherst, Mass.)

A PRESCHOOL of roe (Jesse

Frankovich) A REAM of drill sergeants

(Danielle Nowlin, Fairfax Station) A PANTYBUNCH of prima donnas (Kimberly Baer)

AN ASCENT of flatulence (Chris

Doyle) A ****LOAD of censors (Rob

Cohen, Potomac, Md.) A UNIT of needleworkers

(Jennifer Dickey, Silver Spring, Md.) AN OLIO of crossword buffs

(John Hutchins) LOT'S of grammatical errors (Jill

Renkey, Frederick, Md.) And Last: A STAAKE of

refrigerator magnets (David Garratt, Silver City, N.M.) Still running - deadline Tuesday, July 5: Our contest for short poems featuring spelling

bee words. See bit.ly/invite1181

SUNDAY CHALLENGE

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by Peter Lorre

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21 Springbok's home

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BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

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YEARS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY|July 3: This year your creativity soars to unprecedented levels, and you find that many of your ideas are applicable. You'll want to take a look around you as you blow out your candles this birthday - a special someone might be there. If you are attached, curb a tendency to be me-oriented. Remember, a relationship is a two-way street. Include your significant other as much as possible into your life. A fellow Cancer might be even moodier than you are.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You might be in the mood for some type of group event in the morning. Feelings of being connected and caring arise. Keep communicating your bottom line, and hopefully a family member or loved one will get your message.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Reach out to someone who often touches base with you when he or she is ready for an easy yet meaningful conversation. Be willing to listen to this person's ideas, and give him or her your open and honest feedback.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You have shared enough. It is time for those around you to pick up their cue and start opening up. One person's sharing is likely to be so important that it could bring you to tears.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You are in your element and ready to make a dynamic change. A bout of last-minute insecurity might cause you to call a trusted friend who will play devil's advocate for

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Stay centered, and keep your priorities in mind. You might be quite content with what you hear until you start to overanalyze everything that has been said.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Reach out to someone with whom you have not visited in a long time. Make your time together especially enjoyable. Recognize when you need to have a longoverdue conversation.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You are likely to take off and enjoy yourself more in different surroundings. At the moment, you can't seem to get past a hassle caused by someone whom you have put on a pedestal. Recognize what is happening and don't internalize any comments.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Look at the long term, and make decisions accordingly. You'll see a situation in a different light from that of others. You could be exhausted by the possibilities and not being able to define them clearly for others.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) A loved one might need some quality one-on-one time with you. Don't deny this person the possibility of getting together. The smartest move would be to schedule this meeting for later in the afternoon; adjust plans if need

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You could be put off by what is going on around you. You might want to separate from others and make different plans. Doing so will allow you to restore your energy.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Dive into a project, and don't let others take up too much of your time. Exhaustion could surround even the best-laid plans. Make it okay to go off for a lengthy nap or some other type of restorative

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You could be asking a lot of questions and not getting what you feel are appropriate answers. What you feel is the right choice might be totally out of the realm of possibilities to someone else.

Time to tell son that kitchen is closed

Ask Amy

Dear Amy: I am lucky enough to have my adult

bachelor son (in his 30s) live near me. His father and I are in our late 60s, both selfemployed, and have no retirement savings. It was always my dream to have an "equal marriage," have my own career and be financially independent, but because of the stressful nature of my husband's business and limited employment opportunities where we live, I ended up working part time and being a support person for the family instead.

Because I don't make much money, I have assumed responsibility for all the cooking and housekeeping throughout my marriage to make sure I am doing my share.

I love having my son nearby, and I invite him to dinner at least once a month. I don't, however, feel comfortable with him raiding my fridge and cupboards and eating all my leftovers when he stops by uninvited.

He works full time and can't understand why he should have to do all his own cooking and cleaning, too. He does not invite us to his house for dinner, though he is sweet

about taking me out on my birthday and Mother's Day.

I have invited him to eat with us anytime he is lonely, provided that he brings a potluck dish.

I spend far too much time in the kitchen. I have gardened and cooked healthful, balanced meals for the family for 40 years, which requires a lot of time and work. I feel guilty when I set food limits for my son, and he rubs it in.

My husband never backed me up when I tried to set limits for my children, and that attitude has continued.

I need some reassurance that my viewpoint is valid.

Done In

Done In: Just because you chose to be a homemaker doesn't mean that you are relegated to cook, clean and wait on the family for the rest of your life. You need to convey to your family members that, except for certain hours and under specific conditions, the kitchen is closed.

Tell your son that your household's leftovers from the night before are not his for the taking. The groceries you shopped for and carried home

are not community property. If your son charges into your

kitchen and eats the leftovers saved for that day's meal, then your hardworking husband is going to have to be hungry for a while. Tell him, "Our son ate vour dinner."

Dear Amy: I've been off and on with a guy for 21 years. I love him, but I've never met his family or friends. I'm never invited to his home, but he comes to mine (off and on).

I've tried to break it off with him several times.

I'm getting older (we are both 54), and he still does not want to commit. When I don't hear from him, it hurts me to think he's with someone else. I'm sure he has someone else in his life. I think sometimes I'm losing my mind, especially when I'm with him. How do I get over him and move on? Heartbroken

Heartbroken: You can be sure that this man has other people — probably several other people. You already know what you need to do, and that is to

leave it completely.

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