See if you can come up with uses more useful than the above for various surplus items. (Bob Staake for The Washington Post)
(Click here to skip down to the results of our contest for TV series spinoffs)


The Empress hates to do away with stuff until it’s utterly used up, even if it’s not her own — Losers sometimes receive their runner-up prizes in boxes and envelopes fished out of newsroom wastebaskets. So she was tickled to see the cool stuff the Royal Consort showed her on RepurposedMaterialsInc.com, one of several sites that sell surplus industrial objects with the hope that some imaginative, enterprising person with a very big truck could put them to a better use than to build up a landfill.

No, the Royal Consort didn’t want the Empress to install a plastic hockey rink in the front yard (cool as that might be); he was just suggesting a contest. **This week: Suggest a humorous way to reuse one or more of the items listed above — or anything else advertised on RepurposedMaterialsInc.com** (click on “Products”). Writing a bit about your idea might enhance the humor, if you are a funny writer. Don’t worry if it says “Out of Stock,” “only one left,” etc.; just assume there’s an unlimited supply. You have to outdo reality, though; it seems the rotating street-sweeping brushes are the beloved back scratchers of itchy cows and pigs.

Winner gets the Inkin’ Memorial, the Lincoln statue bobblehead that is the official Style Invitational trophy. Second place receives a, uhh, picturesque little ceramic sculpture of an outhouse, complete with a little ceramic door that swings open to reveal a little ceramic
embarrassed person sitting there. A thrift shop discovery by Pie Snelson — ready to be repurposed.

Other runners-up win their choice of a yearned-for Loser Mug or the ardently desired “Whole Fools” Grossery Bag. Honorable mentions get a lusted-after Loser magnet designed by Bob Staake: either “The Wit Hit the Fan” or “Hardly Har-Har.” First Offenders receive a smelly tree-shaped air “freshener” (FirStink for their first ink). E-mail entries to losers@washpost.com or, if you were born in the 19th century, fax to 202-334-4312. Deadline is Monday night, July 13; results published Aug. 2 (online July 30). You may submit up to 25 entries per contest. Include “Week 1131” in your e-mail subject line or it might be ignored as spam. Include your real name, postal address and phone number with your entry. 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 Beverley Sharp. 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.
^ 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.

And the results of the Style Invitational contest from four weeks ago . . .

CHECK YOUR LOCO LISTINGS: The winning TV spinoffs of Week 1127

In Week 1127 we asked you to think of a spinoff of a real TV series, past or present, and to describe the result, or include a snippet of the script. One zinger, by Bird Waring of Larchmont, N.Y., lacked a description but really didn’t need it: “The Cosby Show: SVU.”

4th place:

House of Cardinals: After the mysterious demise of his predecessor, Pope Francis II takes control of the Vatican. (Mark Raffman, Reston, Va.)

3rd place

Pitcher, Houston Astro: Chuck Norris heads farther south to become a crime-fighting major leaguer. He also catches his own pitches and ejects umpires from games. (Kevin Dopart, Washington)

2nd place and the pregnant-grandma salt and pepper shakers:

Sesame Towne Centre: Kermit buys the block and converts it to a vibrant retail/residential community, finding that it’s easy making green. (Rob Cohen, Potomac. Md.)

And the winner of the Inkin’ Memorial:

Game of Throne 2016:

Lindsey Graham: “We must conquer the Seven Kingdoms — no, let’s make it eight!”

Rand Paul: “Conquest is for fools, I say! And I will keep on saying . . .”
Hillary Clinton: “I shall decide later. First, bring me your gold.” (Mark Raffman)

Teleflubbies: honorable mentions

19 Counts and Kidding: Legal analysts trade quips about charges that might be brought against Josh Duggar and his parents. (Chris Doyle, Ponder, Tex.)

Phat Girl: Never comfortable growing up in rural Montana, Rachel Dolezal moves to the Big City to live out her dream of being a Notable Black Person. (Doug Frank, Crosby, Tex.)

ERR: The drama moves down the hallway at County General to the nightmarish world of Medical Billing. (Jason Russo, Annandale, Va.)

Crib Your Enthusiasm: Larry David remarries and has a kid, and guess what — the baby looks just like him, and he can talk! “Have you noticed that the left one hangs a little lower than the right? It’s easier for me to reach — so would you mind if we just stick with that one?” (Mark Raffman)

“Open Sesame” Street: Chinese tykes learn how to hack Internet passwords and are taught about spyware by the Cookies Monster. (Bruce Carlson, Alexandria, Va.)

Cement Pondering: Shrewdly gauging the 90210 market, Jethro Clampett becomes a New Age spiritual adviser. (Kevin Dopart)

House of Lards: Prequel historical fiction that chronicles the rise to power of Tip O’Neill. (Edward Gordon, Austin)

Mad Lib Men: Don (last name) makes (noun)s for large companies in the (decade number)s. He drinks a lot of (liquid) and smokes (noun)s. He sleeps with (number)s of (gender option)s. (Art Grinath, Takoma Park, Md.)
**The Old and the Restful:**
Grandpa: “I love you.”
Grandma: “LINE?” (Dave Ferry, Purvis, Miss.)

**The Big Bang Hypothesis:** The prequel series follows the characters in their high school years. And you thought they were awkward now! (Danielle Nowlin, Fairfax Station, Va.)

**Harpy Days:** Chachi no longer loves Joanie. (John Kammer, South Riding, Va.)

**Survivor: Cooperation:** Participants face challenges in a harsh environment and are rewarded for working together rather than backstabbing each other. (Unsold pilot.) (Jeff Contompasis, Ashburn, Va.)

**Survivor: Gilligan’s Island:**
Skipper: Gilligan, little buddy, it looks like you’re getting voted off the island.
Gilligan: Not if Mrs. Howell votes for Mr. Howell. [Laugh track: polite chuckle.]
Thurston Howell III: You’d never do such a thing, would you, Lovey? [Beat.]
[Laugh track: Big laugh, end-of-scene applause.] (Warren Tanabe, Annapolis, Md.)

**Pop-Up Book Notes:** The great literary minds of our day discuss old-school interactive stories.
Brian Lamb: “Tonight we explore the deeper significance of ‘Tyra the Tyrannosaur Hunts Up Lunch.’”
Philip Roth: “I really enjoyed the pull thingy on Page 2 that makes the dinosaur’s mouth open.”
Donna Tartt: “And the skinny lizard that you pull the tab and it makes a fan? That was neat.”
Don DeLillo: “Aren’t we missing the greater significance of the sliding window that shows the effect of Tyra’s bite on, on, the one with three horns?”
Tartt: “Triceratops.”
Roth: “Wasn’t that a stegosaurus?” (Lawrence McGuire, Waldorf, Md.)

**Original: “Jeopardy!”** **Spinoff: Jeopardy.** With new host [Stephen Wright](http://www.washingtonpost.com/...le-invitational-week-1131-one-mans-trash/2015/07/01/ce1f362c-1ecd-11e5-aeb9-a411a84e9d55_story.html). (Rob Huffman, Fredericksburg, Va.)

**Dancing With the D-list:** Audience members who can identify any of the “stars” are invited to try out for the next season, “Dancing With the E-list.” (Roger Dalrymple, Gettysburg, Pa.)

**MythTrusters:**
Excitable Guy: Is it true that a broken mirror causes seven years of bad luck?
Calm Guy: I saw a YouTube video where somebody broke a mirror and then had 7 years of bad luck.
Excitable Guy: Good enough for me. (Art Grinath)

**Leave IT to Beaver:** Aging, embittered Vietnam vet Theodore Cleaver struggles with PTSD while working a tech support help desk. (Jeff Contompasis)

**I Love Lucy’s Lacies.** Now it can be told . . .
Lucy: “Ricky, do you know why my bras and undies are all stretched out of shape?”
Ricky: “I guess I got some ’splaining to do . . .”
Lucy: “Waaaaaaah!” (Mark Raffman)

**Still running — deadline Monday night, July 6:** Our contest for wordplays on foreign terms. See [bit.ly/invite1130](http://www.washingtonpost.com/...le-invitational-week-1131-one-mans-trash/2015/07/01/ce1f362c-1ecd-11e5-aeb9-a411a84e9d55_story.html).
Dave Grohl is a back-aching, coffee-guzzling, minivan-driving classic rocker

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