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Style Invitational, Week 911: Help! Write a funny 911 call; and more neologisms

By Pat Myers

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The second half of your neologisms formed by moving the first letter of a real word to the end: Take a second to see what the original word was — it always relates to the new word.

The winner of the Inker

Ommutec: The Egyptian god of wasted time. (*David Garratt, Glenn Dale*)

2 Winner of the [basketball-hoop-on-your-head game](#): Pectacles: Gladiator movies. (*Brad Alexander, Wanneroo, Australia*)

3 Poonerisms: Wordplay used to sneak a dirty joke into print. (*Roy Ashley, Washington*)

4 Uh: How most Americans would respond, if asked to name the President of China. (*Tom Witte, Montgomery Village*)

Moved to the rear: Honorable mentions

NCyclopediae: Reference books accessible only to ages 17 and up. (*Christopher Lamora, Guatemala City*)

Noozes: Periods of “watching” CNN in your recliner. (*Craig Dykstra, Centreville*)

Normouse: A giant Scandinavian rat. (*Konrad Schwoerke, Chapel Hill, N.C., a First Offender*)

Nthilla: A grain of sand. (*Judy Blanchard, Novi, Mich*)

NYthinga: What you buy from a Manhattan street vendor. (*Kevin Dopart, Washington*)

Oblessen: Take from the poor and give to the rich. “All GOP congressional freshmen eventually learn to oblessen.” (*Kevin Dopart*)

Octorated: Took eight years to get three letters. (*Christopher Lamora*)

Oinc: The ka-ching of pork-barrel spending. (*Kevin Dopart*)

Olcatl: The Aztec god of silly Internet memes. (*Matt Monitto, Elon, N.C.*)

Omunculush: A really ugly drunk. (*Vic Krysko, Surat Thani, Thailand*)

Onnaget: A new device to provide boarding assistance for extremely large

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may never end



5 Perspective
Carolyn Hax: A kiss-and-don't-tell
with an ex-boyfriend's buddy



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airline passengers. (*Jeff Brechlin, Eagan, Minn.*)

Onotonym: A boring nickname. (*Kevin Dopart*)

Oogleg: A Web site you pore over for half an hour when you'd been searching for something else. (*Jan Broulik, Chevy Chase, a First Offender*)

Oreak: A creature that has a splendidly developed lower half, but a sparse and hideous upper half. (*Tom Witte*)

Ornadot: Map marking designating a trailer park. (*Kevin Dopart*)

Ortlyp: The scientific term for jowls. (*Tom Witte*)

Osseling: The act of publicly displaying one's children for profit. (*Bill Oldach, Potomac, a First Offender*)

Ouched: Called a demeaning name. (*Rick Haynes, Potomac*)

Ouchet: The sting of a witty rebuttal. (*Drew Bennett, West Plains, Mo.*)

Oursy: Kind of belonging to both of us even though I didn't pay for any of it. (*Russell Beland, Fairfax; Jeff Contompasis, Ashburn*)

Piglottise: To talk while eating. (*Vic Krysko*)

Possumo: Specialty of Trattoria Westvirginico. (*Bird Waring, Larchmont, N.Y.*)

Roublet: Rural French child you can see coming from a kilometre away. (*Malcolm Fleschner, Palo Alto, Calif.*)

Rumpt: Fired from an apprenticeship. (*Nathan Lindsey, Arlington; Sande Brecher, Rockville, both First Offenders*)

Sic: Describing overly graphic TV crime dramas. (*Craig Dykstra*)

Sparagusa: A Mediterranean tourist spot that's a bit of an acquired taste . . . and smell. (*Brendan Beary, Great Mills*)

Steriska: A Soviet "female" athlete. (*Tom Witte*)

Tahu: New name for the Great Salt Lake to attract more tourists (*Tony Phelps, Washington*)

Theista: A Sunday morning nap. (*Lynda Gattozzi, Bethesda, a First Offender*)

Ummush: Hummus. (*Brendan Beary*)

Undays: When you fix the things you messed up the rest of the week. (*Paul Rubenstein, Manassas Park, a First Offender*)

Uplicated: Made twice as difficult. (*Kevin Dopart*)

Zone-O: The really high seats at FedEx. (*Barry Koch, Catlett, Va.*)

And Last: **M-presse:** The first part of the butt-kissing procedure. (*Craig Dykstra*)

Next week: Recast away, or Role muddles



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