

DIVERSIONS

THE STYLE INVITATIONAL

Little Shop of Har-Hars: Song puns as business names

BY PAT MYERS

In Week 1111, we asked for puns on songs that could be used as the name or slogan for a business. The Empress knew she'd be facing a deluge of entries; here are the 57 best of some 5,000. If yours isn't included below, it was surely her 58th choice.)

4th place

The Building Trades Training Institute of Tucson: **Do You Know the Way to Sand, José?** (John Glenn, Tyler, Tex.)

3rd place

A female-owned home remodeling business: **Shingle Ladies (Put a Wing on It)** (George-Ann Rosenberg, Washington)

2nd place and the Dr. Fart electronic key chain:

A store specializing in kitschy "country" decor: **My Oaken Tacky Home** (Mae Scanlan, Washington)

And the winner of the Inkin' Memorial

A by-the-hour motel: **Whole Lotta Check-In Goin' On** (John O'Byrne, Dublin)

Reelin' in the nears: honorable mentions

A fertility clinic:

Four Runs in My Life (Robert Schechter, Dix Hills, N.Y.)

An avant-garde sushi bar: **Eel Eyes Coming!** (Dawn Kral, La Plata)

A personal counseling service: **I Only Advise for You** (Frank Osen, Pasadena, Calif.)

A fossil analysis lab: **I Want It B.C. Dated** (Chris Doyle, Ponder, Tex.)

Kim Kardashian's personal trainer: **Your Arse So Beautiful** (Beverly Sharp, Montgomery, Ala.)

Progressive Insurance: **Geico Killer** (David FitzPatrick, Rochester, N.Y., a First Offender)

A golf coaching firm: **Consultants of Swing** (Bill Lieberman, Ellicott City)

ISIS recruitment office: **That's What Fiends Are For** (Dave Prevar, Annapolis)

A gay-friendly church: **God Bless Ye! Marry, Gentlemen!** (Jeff Shirley, Richmond)

A shop specializing in engagement rings, wedding planning and birth announcements: **Ice, Rice, Baby** (Todd DeLap, Fairfax)

A urologist's office: **The Impassable Stream** (Beverly Sharp)

A cheerleading supply store: **Pompom Circumstance** (Christopher Lamora, Los Angeles)

Imported candies: **Hal's Swedish Fish (Will Be Loved by You)** (Frank Osen)

An Indian vegetarian food stand: **Mr. Tandoor Bean Man** (Andrew Ballard, London)

A campaign strategy firm: **Fly Me to Des Moines** (Phil Frankenfeld, Washington; Richard Friedman, Indianapolis, a First Offender)

A transplant center: **My Heart Will Go In** (Gary Crockett, Chevy Chase)

A heavy-arms dealer: **We've Only Just Big Guns** (Chris Doyle)

A yoga studio: **Omward Bound** (Jon Gearhart, Des Moines)

An assertiveness-training course: **Getting to No You** (Nan Reiner, Alexandria)

An S&M club: **The Lay & Slaps Tonight** (Larry Gray, Union Bridge, Md.)

The Global Warming Information Center: **Your Heatin' Chart** (Barry Koch, Catlett, Va.)

A cafe for poetry readings: **Iamb, I Said** (Nancy Schwalb, Washington)

Sex-change-reversal clinic: **Return to Gender** (Greg Arnold, Herndon; Tom Witte, Montgomery Village)

A septic tank replacement crew: **Pu Pu and Away** (Jeff Contompassis, Ashburn)

A kosher sidewalk cafe: **Knaidel in the Wind** (Stephen Gold, Glasgow, Scotland)

A kosher bourbon distillery: **Mashmaker, Mashmaker** (Edward Gordon, Austin)

An STD testing service: **Break It to Me Genitally** (Chris Doyle)

A mourning wear boutique: **Don't Stop Bereavin'** (Kevin Dopart, Washington)



BOB STAAKE FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

New contest for Week 1115: Our type o' headline

The Invitational regularly runs a contest to choose a headline from The Post, then misinterpret it in a bank head, or subtitle, under it. This week's contest is a twist on it, a break for those who don't want to bother with The Post's actual words: **Change a headline in an article or ad in The Washington Post** or on washingtonpost.com from March 12 through March 23, by adding or subtracting one letter; substituting a letter; switching two letters; or changing spacing or punctuation, **and then add a "bank head," or subtitle**, as in the inking entry above by Beverley Sharp, from a previous time we did this contest, in 2011. You may also omit a beginning or ending phrase from a complex head. You may capitalize each word of the headline if that will help your wordplay. *Make clear what the original headline said.*

Winner gets the Inkin' Memorial, the Lincoln statue bobblehead that is the official Style Invitational trophy. Second place receives the excellent hat modeled here by YMCA fitness instructor Brian Whitaker of Fort Washington, who never saw a goggle-eyed squid hat that he didn't want to put on his head immediately. Donated by Dave Prevar.

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, March 23; results published April 12 (online April 9). You may submit up to 25 entries per contest. Include "Week 1115" 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 Kevin Dopart. Join the lively Style Invitational Devotees group on Facebook at on.fb.me/invdev.

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.

A dental surgery center: **We Can Jerk It Out** (Danielle Nowlin, Fairfax Station)

A school for dental hygienists: **You Floss That Lovely Filling** (Jeff Shirley)

National Super PAC Clearinghouse: **As Slime Goes By** (Jack McBroom, Fort Valley, Va., a First Offender)

A think tank on Latin American affairs: **El Ponder Casa** (Diane Wah, Seattle)

An oxygen supply company: **Med Doses for a Blue Lady** (Joanne Free, Clifton)

A circumcision referral service: **500 Mohels** (Kathleen DeBold, Burtonsville)

A vineyard maintenance company: **The Grapery Tender** (Frank Osen)

A class for subprime mortgage brokers: **Peaceful, Easy Stealing** (Carmiya Weinraub, Rockville, a First Offender)

A French jeweler: **Lucien, This Guy With Diamonds** (Gary Crockett)

A Canadian rail tour agency: **Take the Eh Train** (Gerald Diamond, London, Ontario)



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Fitness instructor Brian Whitaker demonstrates proper ocular position when wearing a fuzzy plush squid hat, this week's second prize.

A hiring agency for migrant workers: **Serfin' USA** (Mark Raffman, Reston)

A luxury lice-removal service: **Nits in White Satin** (Nancy Schwalb)

A clothing clearance outlet: **Save the Last Pants for Me** (Pie Snelson, Silver Spring; Gregory Koch, Poughkeepsie, N.Y.)

A pH testing company: **Take It to the Litmus** (Melissa Balmain, Rochester, N.Y.)

A remedial school for magicians: **The First Time Ever I Sawed Your Face** (Dave Prevar; Rob Wolf, Gaithersburg)

FedEx Field: **Boulevard of Broken Teams** (Gary Crockett)

A bonsai nursery: **I Got Yew-Babes** (Christopher Lamora)

A cashew vendor: **I Got Plenty of Nut Things** (Phyllis Reinhard, East Fallowfield, Pa.)

A cellphone repair shop: **Samsung Blew** (Beverly Sharp)

A Bay Area bridge club: **I Led My Heart in San Francisco** (Chris Doyle)

A Martha Stewart-licensed funeral home: **Oh, What a Beautiful Mournin'** (Warren Tanabe, Annapolis)

A specialty brothel: **Buy Bi Love** (Nan Reiner)

A Broadway consulting firm: **Do You Want to Build a Show, Man?** (David FitzPatrick)

Wholesale cheese exporters: **Ricotta Gets Out of This Place** (Frank Osen)

And last: The Style Invitational Devotees: **Losin's My Religion** (Gary Crockett)

For a list of entries that were puns on "50 Ways to Leave Your Lover," see The Style Conversational at bit.ly/conv1115.

Still running — deadline midnight Monday, March 16: Our contest to spin an event to fit The Post's newsletter The Optimist. See bit.ly/invite1114.

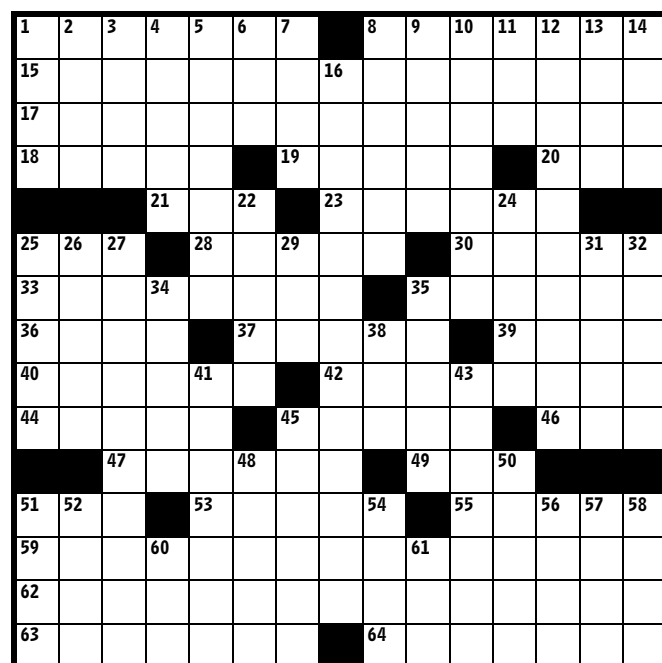
POST PUZZLER

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Instrument also called a sweet potato
 - 8 "True Lies" actress Tia
 - 15 Euphoric
 - 17 Successful social occasion comment
 - 18 Flight segment
 - 19 Final preceders
 - 20 Palm product, briefly
 - 21 Point
 - 23 Maker of the ThinkPad laptop
 - 25 Hawaiian bigeye
 - 28 Spotted caviar
 - 30 "Don't Know Why" singer Jones
 - 33 Knee cartilage
 - 35 Easy key sequence
 - 36 Celestial sci.
 - 37 Brand of garden products
 - 39 Somewhat
 - 40 Bundles up
- DOWN**
- 1 Removes the squeak from, often
 - 2 Online tech news site

- 3 Dog dreamed up by Dashiell
- 4 Turpentine component
- 5 ICU administrations
- 6 Keanu's role in the "Matrix" films
- 7 Kitchen raiders
- 8 Clock sounds
- 9 Chinese title character of an 1877 play
- 10 Infers
- 11 Cleaning aid
- 12 Device that turns liquid to gas
- 13 Longtime senator from Nevada
- 14 Highest provincial capital of Italy
- 16 Spencer Tracy film of 1958
- 22 Salad topping
- 24 Apt to speak
- 25 Save up
- 26 Inclusive pronoun
- 27 Gap
- 29 Dastard
- 31 Beanie Babies bear
- 32 Full of boundary bushes
- 34 Pitcher Hideki of the late-1990s Yankees
- 35 Grove
- 38 Greek definite article
- 41 Welsh author Ken
- 43 Quick insights
- 45 Hushes
- 48 ___ Islands (North Atlantic chain)
- 50 "Swing Shift" Oscar nominee Christine
- 51 Volcanic cone on Kilimanjaro
- 52 Off in the distance
- 54 Three, overseas
- 56 Stern rival
- 57 Shop
- 58 Spanish model Sastre
- 60 Cal. rows
- 61 Country cousin's conditional



Answer to last week, No. 257

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HOROSCOPE

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY | MARCH 15: This year you may want to do one thing but feel as if you should do another. Your conflicting emotions might bring confusing results. Consider why this is happening, and figure out how to avoid it. If you are single, a friendship plays a significant role in your finding your next sweetie. This period will begin in October. If you are attached, you will enjoy greater closeness with your sweetie. Friendship also plays a stronger role in your relationship.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
An element of surprise is at play. Schedule a morning walk, as your temper may be closer to the surface than you realize. A get-together with a friend will help you regain balance.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Make calls and touch base with friends you rarely get to chat with. Relax with a good movie or dinner, and share news with your favorite person.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
Getting going might be close to impossible as you luxuriate in a slow day with a loved one. You might even spend the day in pajamas. Relating will be easier than usual.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
Be ready for a day of friends. You might invite people over for a late brunch. You love to cook, and

others view your cooking as an act of love. Don't expect the party to end early.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
You might consider this as a day to play, and play you will. A roommate or loved one might try to manipulate the situation. Do whatever you want.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
You will communicate your desire for fun. A friend will have no problem joining in; however, a partner might have other plans. Try to avoid an argument. Quiet caring goes a long way.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
Tensions might be mounting on the home front, and a disagreement could arise as a result. How you deal with this pressure will color the rest of the day. Why not work through it? Make peace, not war.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
One invitation after another seems to head your way. Choose the company you want, and you will be happier. Conversations will flourish in the afternoon or over a meal.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
You might be in a situation where you feel you must act. Stay cool. Many of you might decide to flee the situation and go shopping or out for brunch.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
You will be up for some fun, but someone around you might be holding you back. A domestic matter needs to be addressed. Take a few hours in the afternoon to relax.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
You might decide to maintain a low profile right now. Be responsive to a friend who seems to need to discuss an issue. Stay neutral.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
Stop and do some solid thinking. Be careful, as you might end up on a shopping spree or involved with some other indulgence. Calmly express your feelings to the person who needs to hear them. You will feel better, even if he or she doesn't respond.

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Quiet zones harder to find at libraries

Ask Amy
AMY DICKINSON

Dear Amy: When I was in school, libraries were places where people went to read and study in a quiet environment. Librarians quickly squelched noisemakers with a "shush" and stern gaze.

I have recently begun frequenting city and university libraries. The noise level, without exception, makes it virtually impossible to concentrate. I'm sitting at a local branch of a city library. Children are running around talking loudly, and their parents respond in kind. Staff members speak at a normal volume, making no effort to set an example. Other patrons answer cellphones at a normal volume.

I recently went to a university library. Two floors were designated "Quiet Zones." The entire library should be a quiet zone! Whenever I ask people to please be quiet, they react like I am crazy to expect quiet in a library. Am I crazy?

Crazy? No, but you are very much behind the times. Today's libraries are morphing into

community centers, with cafes, Wi-Fi, computer terminals and, yes, kids. I happen to think this is just right. If you want quiet, you can still find it in designated spaces at the library — or at home. Wearing earphones might help you stay in "the zone."

Dear Amy: When my boyfriend and I started dating seven months ago, I loved that we went out on fun dates. However, I started wondering where his money was coming from. I now know that he still receives income from his mother, even though he's 23 and out of school.

Although he's working a part-time job, I know it's not enough to cover his bills. He said he's waiting to find his "true passion."

He spends money on meals out, clothes, and acting and writing classes. I value a strong work ethic, and it's difficult for me to see him using his parents' money. How do I discuss this with him? Is it wrong to impose my values on him?

It might be wrong for you to impose your values on your boyfriend, but you must live according to them yourself. So if you value hard work and self-

reliance, you aren't going to respect someone who takes and spends somebody else's money. If the point of a discussion would be for you to urge him to change, then I don't think you should discuss this with him. If you are socially benefiting from this money, you have a valid reason to ask him where it comes from.

Dear Amy: "Confused Dad" was concerned about his daughter's married name, given that she has a hyphenated surname. Your response was right on, but unfortunately people often use this difficulty as an excuse to keep their maiden name.

Changing your name is not that hard. Most people over a certain age did it quite easily when we got married.

Women over a certain age likely started the process with very few credit cards, forms of ID, car loans and professional identities. The process of adopting a new surname is more complicated now.

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