

DIVERSIONS

THE STYLE INVITATIONAL

Har Scrabble: Winning ScrabbleGrams neologisms

BY PAT MYERS

Week 1123 was our third annual Tile Invitational, in which we posted several dozen seven-letter "tile racks" used in ScrabbleGrams word puzzles and invited you to create your own terms of five, six or seven letters, or supply a funny definition of an actual word. Lots of people found "sin hour" in HINORSU, defining it as what comes right after happy hour.

4th place

AAABKLV Lavabak: Hawaiian term meaning "mainlander forgot the sunscreen." (Dion Black, Washington)

3rd place

EGLOPSS Glopess: The school lunch lady. (Jeff Contompassis, Ashburn)

2nd place and the Doggie Doo pump game

AACELMN Manlace: Really tattered underwear. (Jeff Shirley, Richmond)

And the winner of the Inkin' Memorial

EFFILRY Filefry: Somehow, Hillary's phone got infected by this bug. (Ricardo Rodriguez, Springfield, a First Offender)

Tilin' error:

honorable mentions

AACELMN Ma Clean: The real brains behind the Magic Eraser. (Frances Hirai-Clark, Columbia)

Manlace: Burlap. — C. Norris, Hollywood (Bob Brown, Alexandria)

Lean Mac "Two all-beet patties . . ." (Mark Raffman, Reston)

AADGGLR Glad-ag: The new major in cannabis farming at Colorado A&M. (Frances Hirai-Clark)

Ragglad: Relieved to find out you're not pregnant. (Rob Huffman, Fredericksburg)

Raglag: How long a spill gets to seep in before you sop it up. "With a 2-year-old in the house I've got my average raglag down to 3.7 seconds." (Danielle Nowlin, Fairfax Station)

AAIMRSU Isaruma: Unconfirmed gossip. (Pie Snelson, Silver Spring)

ABCFILO Fib-o-cal: "Lite" food labels showing 14 servings for a box of pasta. (Jon Gearhart, Des Moines)

Flabio: The model for the covers of the new plus-size Farleyquin romance novels. (Roy Ashley, Washington)

Co-flab: The "sympathetic" weight your husband gains while you're pregnant. (Danielle Nowlin)

ABEITUX TexAb: It's less a six-pack and more of a case. (Lawrence McGuire, Waldorf)

Beatux: The condition of the rental after a great prom. (Joanne Free, Clifton)

ABILORT Ratboil: Somehow, it never caught on the way the clambake did. (Barry Koch, Catlett, Va.)

Tai bro: The ancient martial art of fist-pumping and high-fiving. (Alex Jeffrey, Columbia)

ACDILOR Oil card: Until the middle of this decade, an ace in the hole. (Mark Raffman)

AC Lord: the household member who always controls the thermostat. (Rick Haynes, Boynton Beach, Fla.)

ADELNTW Nadlet: Anatomical feature of Porsche owners. (Mark Raffman)

ADNORTU Art nod: Sage-looking head motion intended to make other gallery-goers think you have some idea what you're looking at. (Adam Beland, Fairfax)

AEGLMPU Plum age: Comes right before the prune age. (Steve Honley, Washington)

Pulmage: Nice pair of "lungs." (Mike Gips, Bethesda)

AEMPRSV Ampervs: Clearly superior to those Europervs. (Todd DeLap, Fairfax)

Vampers: Thong diapers. (Jack McBroom, Fort Valley, Va.)

AHLOOPW: Phool: Unfamiliar with the latest slang. "Listen, bae, everyone's going to think you're phool unless your slang is on fleek." (Danielle Nowlin)

ALNOPPY Lo-nappy: What gangsta babies wear. (Rob Huffman)



BOB STAAKE FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

New contest for Week 1127: From the creators of . . .

Original: "Say Yes to the Dress."

Spinoff: "Spend Bux on the Tux."

Groom: This is the first thing I tried on and I like it fine.

Groomsman: Us, too.

Salesman: So: Will you spend bux on the tux?

Groom: Yeah. Okay, let's get some beer.

[roll credits]

This week's contest comes from Obsessive Loser Jeff Contompassis, who with 447 blots of ink is next in line to reach the 500-blot Style Invitational Hall of Fame: **Think up a spinoff of a real TV series, past or present, and furnish a description or bit of dialogue**, as in the example above by JefCon, as the Loser Community calls him. Your entry shouldn't use much more space than Jeff's script.

Winner gets the Inkin' Memorial, the Lincoln statue bobblehead that is the official Style Invitational trophy. Second place receives one more in our continuing series of Weird Salt and Pepper Shakers: a merry pair of ceramic S&Ps depicting a grandma-grandpa-looking couple, except that Grandma has a giant bun in the oven under her apron. Upon which is lettered: "You and your 'once more for old times' sake!" Donated by Nan Reiner.

Other runners-up win their choice of a yearned-for Loser Mug or the ardently desired "Whole Fools" Grocery 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, June 15; results published July 5 (online July 2). You may submit up to 25 entries per contest. Include "Week 1127" 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 was submitted separately by Great Minds Frank Osen, Chris Doyle and Kevin Dopart; the honorable-mentions subhead is by Jon Gearhart. 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.



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Shake it, Grandma — er, Ma: This week's salty (and peppery) second prize.

PayPol: A way to make an online donation directly to your candidate's checking account — no questions asked! (Beverly Sharp, Montgomery, Ala.)

BBHIRSU Rubbish: Having a propensity for frottage. "Stay away from that guy on the Metro — he's rubbish." (Bob Brown)

Br-ish: Just above freezing. (Chris Doyle, Ponder, Tex.)

BEEKNOT Bonkee: How you should not refer to your new girlfriend. (Elden Carnahan, Laurel)

CCELLOT Cello: A phone fanatic. "Did you hear that Judy had a three-port docking station installed in her shower? What a cello." (Danielle Nowlin)

CEHMOPR Emporch: To stash old things in out-of-the-way places. "Mom decided to emporch Grandpa for the duration of the birthday party." (John McCooley, Rehoboth Beach, Del.)

CELLOS Y Cellosy: What Yo-Yo Ma would feel if he saw his cherished instrument between someone else's legs. (Jeff Shirley)

Coselly: Pompous and bombastic. "The new guy on ESPN isn't very accurate, but he sure is coselly." (Rob Huffman; Jamie Martindale, McLean)

EFFILRY Effilry: An exchange of

bad language. "The sniping at the party devolved into a volley of unrestrained effilry." (Dudley Thompson, Cary, N.C.)

Fry file: What currently has 275 items at the Texas Department of Corrections. (Mark Raffman)

Iftery: A group of people that can't make a decision. "Jane didn't really care, so she waited patiently while the iftery debated which movie to see." (Amy Harris, Charlottesville)

EHIMNPS Mensi: Displaying a know-it-all attitude. "Don't get all mensi just because you got ink last week." (Amy Harris)

Penism: An utterance displaying a complete lack of knowledge of female matters, e.g., "Can't women swallow mini-cameras for gynecological exams?" (Danielle Nowlin)

EILMOSS SlimeOs: Cereal that's been sitting in milk too long. (Beverly Sharp)

EKNRTUY Tenyur: The word that persuaded the university to deny the English professor's request. (Beverly Sharp)

GIINPTY Pingity: An uncanny ability to set off metal detectors. "I put my belt, coins, watch and prosthetic leg in the bin, and they still had to pat me down. I guess I'm just really pingity." (Andy Bassett, New Plymouth, New Zealand)

Litorgy: Best-attended worship service ever! (Jeff Shirley)

HINORSU Ruinsho: Japanese term for someone who talks and texts in a movie theater. (William Kennard, Arlington)

MOOPSTT Potmost: Same as "topmost": highest. (John Shea, Philadelphia)

Tompost: The NFL's latest pile of fertilizer. (Dion Black)

Still running — deadline Monday night: Our Bob Staake cartoon caption contest. See bit.ly/invite1126.

POST PUZZLER

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ACROSS	36 Grainy flatbread	64 Distinctively stylish	10 Packing material shape	turning option
1 Mimic Pac-Man	40 Baltimore Ravens mascot	DOWN	11 Concerning forebears	38 Certain puddings
6 Buffet table heat source	41 Ground crew's rollout	1 "Flavor of the month"	12 Winter air?	39 "The Color of Money"
10 Window shopper's selection	43 Putting the kibosh on	2 Saginaw Bay adjoiner	13 Gender-identifying suffix	prop
14 Concerning the country	47 Sharpshooter's aid	3 Snacker's stack	21 Be a goldbrick	42 Took for granted
15 Procter & Gamble trademark	48 Accused's answer	4 Feature of every creature on the United Kingdom's Royal coat of arms	22 Four-time film character for Roddy McDowall	44 Phrase of agreement
16 Genesis figure who lived to 905	49 Pak in the World Golf Hall of Fame	5 Get-together for kids	26 Niño's request for seconds	45 Lord Stark on "Game of Thrones," familiarly
17 "Spartacus" setting	50 Get off the colloquial fence	6 Like the troposphere, among atmospheric layers	28 Mythical mischief maker	46 Disco-era diva Gloria
18 Toad's node	53 "Not another word!"	7 Skagway citizen	29 Sistine Chapel ceiling depiction	50 Eyeballs boldly
19 U.S. Open and French Open feats	56 Willard who lost his title to Jack Dempsey	8 Cohn who crooned "Walking in Memphis"	30 Recipient of the NFL's first cable contract	51 Questions persistently
20 "Almost Famous" actress	57 Seward Peninsula city	9 Reptile that may be reticulated	31 Je ne sais	52 Short-tempered
23 Funny twosome?	58 Instills peace in	60 Place preceding a decimal point	32 Completely covered	53 1993 Mariah Carey chart topper
24 Social misfit	59 Rest or restricted follower	61 Masterful	33 Spelling expert?	54 Moira's role in 1992's "Chaplin"
25 Work for an orchestra	60 Place preceding a decimal point	62 Promise of many a shampoo	37 Helmsman's	55 Squat, in Sonora
26 Basalt's beginning	61 Masterful	63 X-ray units		56 Left in a ring, perhaps
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30 Chalkboard writings in a physics class	63 X-ray units			
34 Discipline symbol				
35 Sights in the western sky				

Answer to last week

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HOROSCOPE

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY | JUNE 7: This year you will enjoy a surge of creativity. Your mind, emotions and energy work like a well-oiled machine. You will have the opportunity to go back to school to learn more or go into a different field of study. If you are single, you will intrigue quite a few people. The real question is: Who will intrigue you? If you are attached, your significant other expresses a great deal of interest in what you say and do, and vice versa. In a sense, you are getting to know each other again.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

You may take in some news that might affect your view of a friendship. Your sense of humor emerges when dealing with a neighbor.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Be aware of a commitment you have made to someone. You can't disappoint this person. Maintain a low profile, and understand where you need to pitch in more.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

You know what you want. Sometimes it is difficult to explain to others the hows and whys of a decision, but do your best to elaborate.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

Manage what is happening with clarity and directness. Others respect your approach. One-on-one relating will get the best results. Open doors rather

than shut them.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Your imagination adds a quality of amusement to your day. Zero in on what is important, and don't settle for anything less.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

You inevitably will find that you have too much to do and too much that you want to do. You may be overwhelmed by everything, but you will accomplish what you want.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Interacting with a child will make you feel like a kid again. A friend might be jealous of all the fun you are having.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

You seem to have landed in a situation that makes you feel quite content. You might not be aware that others are observing you and

witnessing you embrace this new opportunity.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22