

DIVERSIONS

THE STYLE INVITATIONAL

Social neTWORKing: Hybrid tweets from Week 1142

BY PAT MYERS

In Week 1142, inspired by the tweets of @KimKierkegaardashian, we asked you to combine two names into a Twitter handle, and write a tweet or "bio" by the hybrid person:

4th place

@Lao-Tzuperman: A journey of a thousand miles must begin with a single bound. (Chris Doyle, Ponder, Tex.)

3rd place

@JFKanye: Ask not what your country can do for you — ask what you can do for you. (Or for me.) (Lela Martin, Midlothian, Va.)

2nd place and the "I'm an california gril" T-shirt:

@Trumpelstitskin: Of course the bimbo knew my name — everybody knows my name! And I never wanted her firstborn. Ugliest kid I ever saw. (John Glenn, Tyler, Tex.)

And the winner of the Inkin' Memorial

@OrangeJulius: Could be well mov'd: My friends in the House are sticking knives into me. #IdeasOfSeptember (Gary Crockett, Chevy Chase)

Tweetin' Low: honorable mentions

@BieberOfSeville: Look at Me. . . Look at Me. . . LookatMeLookatMe LookatMeLookatMe . . . LOOK AT ME! (Todd DeLap, Fairfax)

@RonaldonaldReagantrump: Mr. Obama, put up that wall! (Warren Tanabe, Annapolis)

@Trumpelstitskin! can spin this straw poll into gold. (Jesse Frankovich, Lansing, Mich.)

@Santorumpelstitskin: Do you even know what my name means? No, wait . . . Don't Google it! (Jamie Martindale, McLean)

@BelaUGehrig: Today I consider myself the suckiest man on the face of this earth. (Gary Crockett)

@GenPaulMacArthurmy: I shall go back! Go back! Go back to where I once belonged! (Doug Frank, Crosby, Tex.)

@JohnLewistler'sMother: Fought all my life for civil rights, but in that painting I'm a prime example of profiling. #gray&blacklivesmatter (Mae Scanlan, Washington)

@MrBillcelMarceau: :o (Jeff Shirley, Richmond)

@KeanuReevevere: The British are coming! Whoa. (David Friedman, Arlington)

@JayLenOmar Khayyam: The moving finger writes, and having writ, moves on. Well, it writ me smack out of late night, and I haven't moved on yet. (Mae Scanlan)

@FScottFitzGeraldFord: So we beat on, boats against the current, borne back ceaselessly into the — oops! Man overboard! (Mark Raffman, Reston)

@HennyJungman: Take my wife . . . as an example of an overdeveloped superego! (Doug Frank)

@YogiBerraGrylls: When you come to a fork in the road, pick it up, sharpen the tines, lash it to a stick, and use it to hunt small reptiles for food. (Ben Aronin, Washington)

@SwedishChefferson: Yers der tree of libjortie must be refreshed vrom time der time vit de blüd of patriirts und tyrants. Børk! Børk! Børk! (David Friedman)

@StevieWonderWoman: It's true — I have an invisible airplane. Invisible to me anyway. (Dave Ferry, Purvis, Miss.)

@SecretariatHRClinton: So I'm supposed to just keep running to the left? (Mark Spencer, Waldorf, a First Offender)

@RobertTheBruceLee: Kicking the English out of Scotland. Literally. (Lawrence McGuire, Waldorf)

@RobertFrostyTheSnowman: Some say the world will end in fire, some say in ice. All I know is that if this hat goes, I'm a puddle. (Rob Huffman, Fredericksburg)

@OliviaNewtonJean-LucPicard! hate Q, I honestly hate Q. Yar, the one that I want. (Barbara Turner, Takoma Park)

@RaspuTaylorSwiftin: Stabbers gonna stab stab stab stab.



New contest for Week 1146: Stick it to us with a magnet

Ever since 2004, when we stopped sending out bumper stickers, the Empress has been awarding each Style Invitational honorable-mention winner a Lusted-After Loser Magnet, created by the unmentionable Bob Staake and featuring a contest-winning slogan. Every year or so, we print two new designs, 500 copies each — so they really are limited-edition artworks.

And now that we're low on the 2015 models — "Hardly Har-Har" and "The Wit Hit the Fan" — tell us what to put on our next pair of magnets. This is the first time we've asked you since 2012; we've been using runner-up entries since then. Over the years, the slogans have taken several tacks: (a) the idea of being not quite good enough to win ("Middle-Wit Champion"; "Honor Among Dweebs"); (b) the idea of being bad ("Discredit Card"; "Po' Wit Laureate") (c) a fairly positive sentiment ("Puns of Steel"); and (4) a joke about the Invite in general ("Sunday Drivel").

This week: Suggest a new Style Invitational honorable-mention magnet to be drawn by Bob. You can include just the text and Bob will illustrate, or suggest a visual idea as well — in fact, Bob exhorted me to remind you: "Think visually!" But remember: **The magnet is only the size of a business card** (2 by 3.5 inches), and it needs to say "The Style Invitational," "The Washington Post," "Honorable Mention" and "2016" — so you can't also show a complicated cartoon and/or a long sentence. See this week's Style Conversational (bit.ly/conv1146) for all the slogans so far. You may resubmit your own idea from any of our previous prize-slogan contests.

Winner gets — along with the magnet with the winning slogan — the Inkin' Memorial, the Lincoln statue bobblehead that is the official Style Invitational trophy. Second place gets the other magnet we'll be using, plus — just in time for Thanksgiving dinner — this fabulous pumpkin pie hat, modeled here by Style graphic designer Susana Sanchez-Young (Empress: "Would you like to have your picture in the paper with a pie slice on your head?" Susie: "Do I have time to put on some lipstick?").

Other runners-up win their choice of a yearned-for Loser Mug or the ardently desired "Whole Fools" Grocery Bag. Honorable mentions get, yes, a magnet, probably the last of the current batch. 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, Nov. 3; results published Nov. 15 (online Nov. 12). You may submit up to 25 entries per contest. Include "Week 1146" 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 Kevin Dopart; the honorable-mentions subhead was submitted by both Jeff Shirley and Danielle Nowlin. 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.

But I shake it off, I shake it off. (Sandy Moran, Santa Rosa, Calif.)

@JimmyJacobBuffett: I dreamed a ladder was set upon the beach, reaching up to paradise and at the top, behold: a cheeseburger. Wow. Blew out my flip-flop. (George-Ann Rosenberg, Washington)

@JackLordByron: She walks in beauty like the night. Book 'er, Danno. Solicitation. (Gary Crockett)

@Hillary Clinton Portis: Don't worry, fans — I'm still running and running and running for Washington! (Jamie Martindale)

@HerodTheGreatPumpkin: This Halloween, I shall rise from the most sincere patch, seek the world's good children, and



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Style/Metro art director Susana Sanchez-Young gamely models this week's 2nd-prize headwear.

slaughter them. (Jeff Contompassi, Ashburn)

@GeorgeR.R.MartinLutherKing: I have a dream today, and I will tell you the next part of it in five or six years. (Duncan Stevens, Vienna)

@DonMcLenaDunham: And I knew if I had my chance / That I could go take off my pants / And maybe HBO'd be happy for a while (Rivka Riss-Levinson, Washington, a First Offender)

@DeepakGrouchopra: I find meditation diverting — whenever someone starts to meditate, I go in the other room and smoke a cigar. (Frank Osen, Pasadena, Calif.)

@CarlyFioSimon: I'm so vain, I probably think I saved HP. (Robert Schechter, Dix Hills, N.Y.)

@CaptKirkCousins: If Scotty would beam me up about a foot, those @#%&* linebackers couldn't tip my passes. (Dick Barnes, Washington)

@BryceHarperLee: Shoot all the Blue Jays you want, if you can hit 'em, but remember it's a sin to choke a National. (Tom Witte, Montgomery Village)

BritneyShakeSpears (@Oops): At which hour lest I not be with thee I lose mine mind. Giveth unto me a sign. Hit mine own self baby again but once. (Kevin Dopart)

More honorable mentions in the online Invite at bit.ly/invite1146.

Still running — deadline Monday night: Our annual Tour de Fours neologism contest. See bit.ly/invite1145.

SUNDAY CHALLENGE

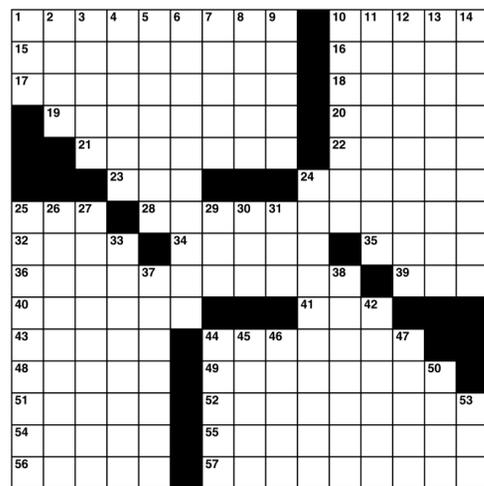
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ACROSS

- 1 "Done!"
10 Not on good terms
15 Start of a famous 1939 Judy Garland hit
16 "El ____" (1983 film)
17 Short, of a sort
18 Ekberg of "La Dolce Vita"
19 Locker room strategy
20 Man of principle?
21 Bottom-line problem
22 Several Russian tsars
23 Day, to José
24 A non-singing Jackson
25 Trap for an off-roader
28 Irish singer who's usually known by her first name
- 32 Worked up
34 Turn a deaf ____
35 Window shade?
36 Dockers maker
39 ____ crossroads
40 Rewards for Rover
41 Be visibly disconsolate
43 Lacking warmth
44 Tongue-lashing
48 Do lunch?
49 Reluctant risers
51 "Run Runaway" band
52 Its logo is a shamrock
54 Baylor of basketball fame
55 Ducks, out of the water?
56 In concert
57 Has and holds

DOWN

- 1 Takeout menu eponym
2 ____ Kong
3 "That's ____ thing to do!"
4 Known as
5 Kind of pie?
6 Gustav Holst classic
7 Cry of surprise
8 Fields
9 Birds related to gulls
10 Heaped
11 Big nothing
12 Arne's "Rule, ____"
13 Bridesmaid
- 14 Start of a Christmas letter
24 Invoice figures
25 Latvia-Sweden separator
26 Bridge plays
27 Try
29 "Babi ____" (Shostakovich symphony)
30 First name in Notre Dame football fame
31 Air conditioner meas.
33 Performing extremely well
- 37 Ingredient in synthetic rubber
38 White or brown sauce with strained or puréed onions
42 Scowcroft and Spiner
44 Get a grip on
45 Refrain from farming?
46 "The Big Bang Theory" guys, e.g.
47 Drop-off points?
50 Apartment boss, slangily
53 Conscripting org.



Answer to last week

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HOROSCOPE

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY | OCT. 25: Your daily and social life might not always play out as you'd like, but ultimately everything will work out for the best. If you are single, your upbeat personality draws many people toward you. You will find yourself in a very social group, where you are likely to meet someone quite special. If you are attached, you are focused on your long-term goals as a couple. Aries has a temper like you, only he or she is more volatile.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You might seem like a changed person to some. You have more vigor and enthusiasm than you have had in a while. You might try to slow down so that others can keep up with you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Take your time when making decisions. You might not be happy with what someone is sharing. A discussion approached creatively might clear the air. You might need to revise your thinking.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Zero in on what you want or need. You are full of energy and driven to hang out with friends. A loved one could appear to be closed off. You have an innate warmth that still comes out, even when dealing with this person.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) A boss, parent or older person will become demanding, and you might not have the flexibility you would like to have at the

moment. A power play could arise. Know how to gracefully slip out of this control game.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Accept a spontaneous invitation that will pull you away from your daily life. Wherever you end up, you will gain enough perspective to look at your life differently. You might be more discreet when handling money in the presence of others.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) One-on-one relating is likely to draw you and a friend or loved one closer together. Your imagination peaks with wild ideas when you are around this person. Your creativity soars.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You could be uncomfortable when dealing with a somewhat wild person in your life. This individual often surprises you, forcing you to regroup. Remember that you like the excitement.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

You could be put off by news that heads your way. You might be uncomfortable with what you are hearing. You'll decide to play the day low-key in order to keep plans flexible.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Be sure of your choices, and allow a child to have some part in deciding what your plans will be. A loved one might want to join you. Don't push others, but be open to their suggestions.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You might want to slow down and take an assessment of what is going on around your home. You have been very busy lately, but there is a need to spend some time at home with your roommates or family.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You're likely to say what is on your mind. Don't be surprised by a loved one's response. This person likes your openness, and he or she finds you to be even more likeable when you are direct.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You could be taken aback by what is going on with your finances. You might be allowing money to slip through your fingers. Tighten up your financial habits. Start counting your change and marking down each expenditure.

Girlfriend concerned about girl friends

Ask Amy

AMY DICKINSON

Dear Amy: I have been with my boyfriend for almost five years.

Lately he seems to want to meet up or hang out with more girls than usual.

He has always had friends throughout our relationship who have been girls, some of whom he had previously even had sex with, but obviously they displayed nothing more than a friendship and acted as if it never happened. I was okay with these friendships.

But isn't meeting new girls kind of like finding a new date? Or does he just want friends outside the relationship?

I don't feel the need to meet other people. I'm comfortable focusing on our relationship. Is this a sign he is bored?

Wondering Girlfriend

Wondering Girlfriend: It might be significant that your boyfriend wants to form new friendships with new women, but it also seems significant that you don't want to meet new people. Are you saying that you don't want to form new friendships because your relationship with your boyfriend fulfills all of your

relationship needs? If so, then you might be unwittingly encouraging your guy to seek out new friendships as he compensates for how static your personal life has become. Stable couples don't always act like a monolith, but in a stable and loving relationship, each partner is very intentional about not causing jealousy or distress to their partner.

Most important, you should be asking your boyfriend about his feelings and his reaction to your long-term relationship. If his female friendships make you feel jealous, anxious or worried that you or your relationship are boring, then you should be honest about it.

Dear Amy: I have been in treatment with radiation and chemotherapy for eight months for a brain tumor and I look like it, too.

I am tired and bald, but I still try to stick to an exercise schedule and do my own grocery shopping. When I am out and about and I have been greeted a number of times by strangers with "How are you?" I find it hard to respond like I used to.

A couple of times I have tried an honest answer and told the

greater truth, that I feel pretty awful and, of course, nobody really listens to what I am saying.

I would like to suggest a greeting like "Hey There" be used for cancer patients. I know I would really appreciate that, and I suspect some of my fellow cancer patients would, too.

Cancer Patient

Cancer Patient: If strangers are greeting you with the phrase "How are you?" when you are very obviously unwell, this could very well be their way of offering you an acknowledgment, without asking for — or deserving — specific health-related answers from you. You might answer by saying, "I'm hanging in, thank you."

I think the fact that strangers are greeting you at all is a sign that you are inspiring friendliness and generosity from other people. That is a good thing, and you deserve credit, as well as a firm "thumbs up" from me.

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