

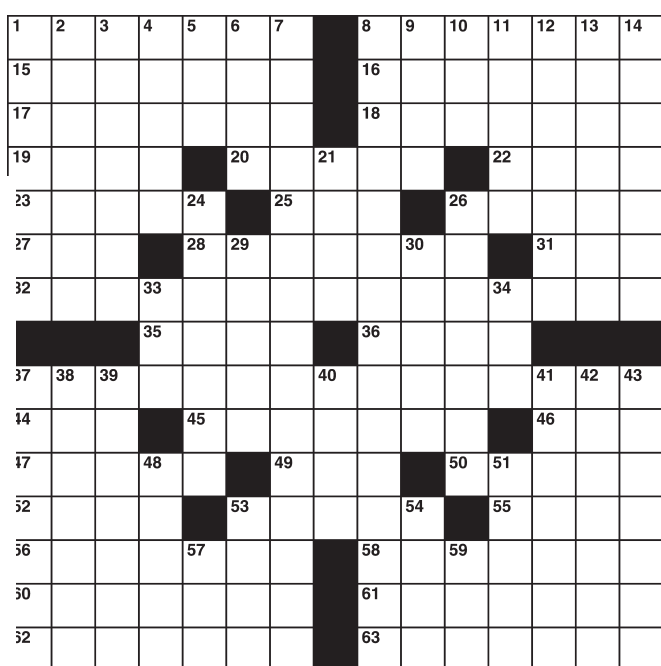
DIVERSIONS

SUNDAY CHALLENGE

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Game show that was mobile
 - 8 Features
 - 15 Michael's "The American President" co-star
 - 16 Some finger painting
 - 17 Connection
 - 18 Northernmost country in Africa
 - 19 Devilish tots
 - 20 Jeopardy
 - 22 Break up ____
 - 23 Backgrounds
 - 25 Precious amount?
 - 26 Hit's complement
 - 27 Hellenic character
 - 28 Making of a word
 - 31 Nada
 - 32 Stop daydreaming
 - 35 Scurries

- 36 ____ de gallo (Mexican restaurant order)
- 37 Maureen Dowd piece, e.g.
- 44 EPA measure
- 45 Troop group
- 46 Leader of a 45-Across, often (abbr.)
- 47 Emulates Duke Kahanamoku
- 49 O'Hare clock hrs.
- 50 Sharp
- 52 "____ Yellow Ribbon Round the Ole Oak Tree"
- 53 Terriers of Scottish origin
- 55 Man ____ (famous racehorse)
- 56 One of the Leeward Islands
- 58 Bowzer's oldies group

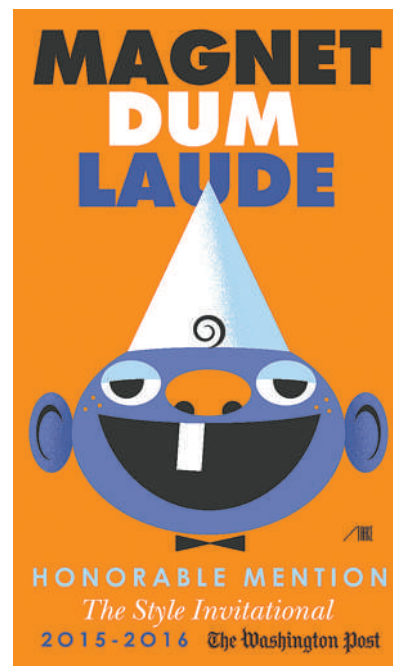


THE STYLE INVITATIONAL

Tr'ink'ets: Our new honorable-mention magnets

BY PAT MYERS

In Week 1146 we asked for slogans for our next two Loser Magnets, the prize that the Empress has sent out to honorable-mention winners since 2004; Bob Staake draws a new pair (we print 500 each) every year. The last time we had a magnet contest was in 2011; since then, we've been using entries from that contest. And in future years, God and Bezos willing, we'll be mining the list of runners-up and honorable mentions below for subsequent sets.



- 4th place**
No Cigar, perhaps with a Loser spurned by a traditional cigar store statue (Nancy Della Rovere, Silver Spring, Md.)
- 3rd place**
Dork Losing, with an arm sticking out between the closed doors of a Metrorail car (Kevin Dopart, Washington)
- 2nd place and the pumpkin-pie-slice hat**
(plus the magnet with this slogan): **Magnet Dum Laude** (Rob Cohen, Potomac, Md.)
- And the winner of the Inkin' Memorial**
(plus the magnet with this slogan): **Falling Jest Short** (Howard Walderman, Columbia, Md.)

Winners of a magnet with someone else's idea on it: honorable mentions

- Cordon Bleh** (David Schildkret, Chandler, Ariz.)
- I'm So-So Special** (Nan Reiner, Alexandria, Va.)
- Better Yuk Next Time** (Danielle Nowlin, Fairfax Station, Va.; Frank Mann, Washington)
- Nearly Beloved**, with a bride left at the altar (George-Ann Rosenberg, Washington)
- Mini Ha-Ha** (Nan Reiner; George-Ann Rosenberg)
- A Marvel-less Achievement** (Jeff Contompasis, Ashburn, Va.)
- We've Seen Better** (guy squinting at an eye chart) (Brendan Beary, Great Mills, Md.)
- Punderachiever** (Danielle Nowlin; Steve Glomb, Alexandria)
- Too-Weak Notice** (Bruce Carlson, Alexandria)
- amBIGUOUS ACHIEVEMENT** (Jeff Contompasis)
- AWESOME**what (Jesse Frankovich, Lansing, Mich.)
- INFINITE**simal **JEST** (Frank Osen, Pasadena, Calif.)
- Ax-Rated Material** (Beverly Sharp, Montgomery, Ala)
- Won Under Par** (Jim Exnicios, Manassas, Va.)
- BO_US PRIZE**, with a Loserly "Wheel of Fortune" contestant guessing "G" (Larry Gray, Union Bridge, Md.)
- Cream of the Cr_p**, with the anarchy symbol — an A inside a circle — replacing the missing letter (Ivars Kuskevics, Takoma Park, Md.)
- I ♥ Nyuk** (Mark Raffman, Reston, Va.)
- Oh Mirthy Me** (Roger Hammons, Ashburn, Va.)
- Just Do Wit** (Nan Reiner)
- P-U-litzer Prize** (Jeff Shirley, Richmond)
- Witty Bitty** (Elizabeth Kline, Frederick, Md)
- Inking to New Lows** (Mark Richardson, Takoma Park, Md.)
- Delusions of Adequacy** (Brendan Beary)
- Ink-Brained Wretch** (Sylvia Betts, Vancouver, B.C.)
- Mom Be Not Proud** (Lawrence McGuire, Waldorf, Md.)
- Maximum Fool Efficiency**, with a clown car (Nan Reiner)
- A Mind Is a Thing to Waste** (Steve Honley, Washington)
- Beware the Punslinger** (Steve Honley)
- A Small Jester of Appreciation**, with, of course, a diminutive jester (Elizabeth Molyde, Arlington)
- Embrace Your Dork Side**, a huggable teddy bear with a Darth Vader helmet (Kevin Dopart)
- IDiot CARD** (Beverly Sharp)
- A Club That Would Have Me** (Steve Honley)

New contest for Week 1050: A deviant character

Catherine Deneuve: Just who does she think she is, anyway?

Orlando Boom: I hear he's going to star in the remake of "Blow-Up."

Helena Bonham Crater: She used to be a bombshell.

There's one contest for which The Style Invitational is best known, especially online: It's the one in which you change a word by a single letter and define the result. Old lists of Invite change-a-letter results — often sullied with inferior jokes that others have tacked on — have continued to careen through cyberspace since 1995, sometimes misnamed the "Mensa Invitational"; the Empress still sees them on the Web almost every week.

We've repeated the change-a-letter contest several times over the years. But Ultra-Loser Brendan Beary notes that we've never had a contest that required you to change just one letter of someone's name. Hence **This week's contest: Change the name of a person or animal — real or fictional — by adding or subtracting one letter; substituting one letter for another; or switching the positions of two nearby letters, and describing the result**, as in Brendan's examples above.

Winner gets the Inkin' Memorial, the Lincoln statue bobblehead that is the official Style Invitational trophy. Second place receives a really fun, pretty little knickknack or stress reliever, a hand-size sealed Lucite box in which two tiny frogs sit on lily pads, which float atop blue water, which clearly isn't water but something stronger and more viscous — because no matter how you flip the box around, the little frogs always keep sitting atop the whatever-it-is. Poor frogs can never take a swim. Donated by Danielle Nowlin.

Other runners-up win their choice of a yearned-for Loser Mug, the older-model "This Is Your Brain on Mugs" mug or the ardently desired "Whole Fools" Grossery Bag. Honorable mentions get one of the two new Loser magnets presented above. 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. 30; results published Dec. 20 (online Dec. 17). You may submit up to 25 entries per contest. Include "Week 1150" 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 "Tr'ink'ets" headline is by Tom Witte. 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; follow @StyleInvite on Twitter.

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.



Shake 'em up as you will, these little froggies never dip below the surface of the "water." Wait — that's kind of sad.

From the Land of Inkin', with someone having trouble splitting logs (Barbara Turner, Takoma Park)

Shtick Magnet (Claudia Raffman, Reston; Kristen Rahman, Silver Spring)

I Scratched My Jocular Itch (Konrad Schwoerke, Chapel Hill, N.C.; well, don't expect *this* one to be illustrated on a future magnet)

I've Got Style Issues, with a Loser surrounded by piles of Washington Posts. (Ivars Kuskevics)

Is This All There Is? (Roger Dalrymple, Gettysburg, Pa.)

Still running — deadline Monday night, Nov. 23: Our contest to show "love" for lawyers or people in other professions. See bit.ly/invite1149.

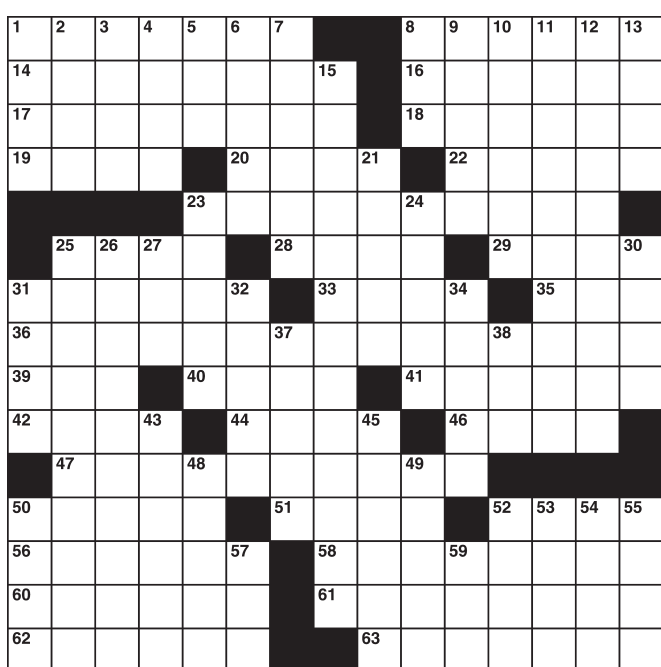
CROSSWORD PUZZLE FOR NOV. 15

Due to a production error, the puzzle for Nov. 8 was duplicated in the paper of Nov. 15. Today's puzzle is above and the puzzle that should have run on Nov. 15 is below. The answers for the Nov. 15 puzzle and Sunday horoscopes are on page E20. We apologize for the error.

BY DOUG PETERSON © 2015 CROSSYENERGY SYNDICATE LLC

- ACROSS**
- 1 Cartouche symbols
 - 8 Win the support of
 - 14 Disaster just waiting to happen
 - 16 Apparently do
 - 17 "That outfit looks amazing!"
 - 18 Makeshift Frisbee
 - 19 Uprising
 - 20 Like Rip Van Winkle's beard
 - 22 "Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D." star Clark ____
 - 23 Run into a brick wall, so to speak
 - 25 "The Pearl" setting, briefly
 - 28 ____ Park
 - 29 Delany of Hollywood
 - 31 Moniker that means "little she-bear"

- DOWN**
- 1 Begin to awaken
 - 2 ____ Field
 - 3 Adamant affirmation
 - 4 Do some recharging
 - 5 Blood group system
 - 6 Peter who played the monster in "Young Frankenstein"
 - 7 Plane, perhaps
 - 8 Medium power?
 - 9 Bay sound
 - 10 Looked the wrong way?
 - 11 Pressing
 - 12 Lady Gaga and Katy Perry, e.g.
 - 13 Grab, as an ice cube
 - 15 Whimsical loungewear
 - 21 Like Noah
 - 23 Strong blows
 - 24 "Marat/Sade" playwright Peter
 - 25 Orphan of fiction
 - 26 Left slack-jawed
 - 27 Project
 - 30 Guitar store buys
 - 31 Company that competes with cabs
 - 32 "____ you clever!"
 - 34 Bronze finish
 - 37 Tuck, for one
 - 38 Spanish sovereign
 - 43 Head-in-the-clouds
 - 45 Lines of patter
 - 48 "Sesame Street" regular
 - 49 Get a kick out of
 - 50 Alpine transport
 - 52 Venus de ____
 - 53 Confident assertion
 - 54 Keep from
 - 55 Same as above, in footnotes
 - 57 Pops
 - 59 Cable channel launched in 2011



Answer to last week



Guy gives one story, Facebook another

Ask Amy
 AMY DICKINSON

Dear Amy: I have recently become involved with a new guy, and we clicked immediately. I've had a great time getting to know him and meeting his close friends. It's been nice and flowing smoothly. But, of course, there's a catch. His Facebook profile still says he's in a relationship with another girl, whom he has been with for almost eight years. His profile picture even has her in it! I asked him about it on our first

date, and he declared he "didn't care about Facebook" and that he and this girl hadn't spoken in three weeks (doesn't seem like an extraordinarily long amount of time). He explained they had been on/off for two years, and it just isn't working for them anymore. If they aren't really together, why is she a part of his Facebook? Am I wrong to be wary? Why hasn't she removed their relationship from FB? I feel by not changing his status he's leaving room for the possibility of their relationship rekindling.

This is a new dating issue specific to my generation. It's been hard for me to detach myself from the situation and view it from an outside perspective. What should I take seriously from his social media, and what doesn't matter? I don't want to fall head over heels, then have his ex come back out of the woodwork and have my heart broken.

Generation Facebook

Generation Facebook: Some issues are generational, and some are (more or less) eternal. A person in a long-term relationship who starts testing the waters before ending said relationship, for instance. That's one for the ages. There are many negatives about Facebook, but one positive aspect of social media is that you can see where people stand.

Do not let this person gaslight you into thinking this issue isn't important. You can say, "Well, your Facebook status might not be important to you, but it's important to me. I'm not interested in dating you if you're in another relationship."

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