

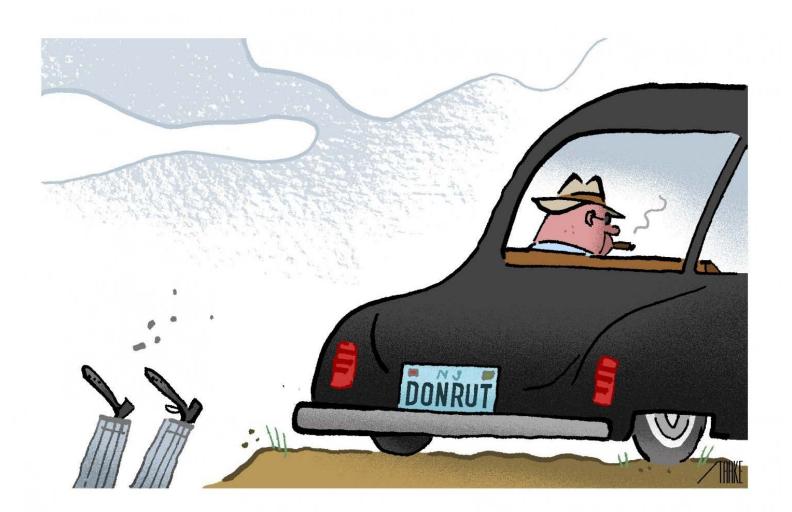
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Style Invitational Week 1123: It's The Tile Invitational III — words from ScrabbleGrams

Plus the winning names for new colors





One of many, many, many (trust us) neologisms to be found in the letter set ADNORTU. (Bob Staake for The Washington Post)

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(Click here to skip down to the winning color names from Week 1119.)

ADNORTU — **DONRUT**: The ditch off the New Jersey Turnpike where they buried those Mafiosi.

ADNORTU — OUTDARN: Definitively swear a baby-blue streak. "Grandma outdarned all the other ladies at the church social when the casserole pan fell off the table."

ADNORTU — **ROADNUT**: The guy who weaves frantically from lane to lane so he can end up second in line instead of third at the stoplight.



Actually, it's a highly colorful game, complete with bright yellow poo that you cram into Doggie's mouth and pump until it comes out the other end. (If.) See the video at bit.ly/doggiedootest.

For the third straight May, it's our tribute to ScrabbleGrams, the word puzzle that appears daily on The Post's comics pages: At the bottom of this page is a list of 40 seven-letter sets taken from "The Big Book of ScrabbleGrams." Give us a five-, six- or seven-letter word (or two words) by scrambling the letters of any of the sets and define it, as in the examples above. The word may be a brand-new term, as in the examples, but you may also find an existing word and supply a clever definition for it. Funny sample sentences are good, too. Note that we are *not* playing for Scrabble points, as in the real game;

the letter values don't matter. Really important: The Empress will be sorting the entries by the original letter set, so you must include the set, in the original letter order, on the same line as your entry, as above; each entry should be one line long (with no line breaks).

Winner gets the <u>Inkin' Memorial</u>, the Lincoln statue bobblehead that is the official Style Invitational trophy. Second place receives one of the most mystifyingly bad ideas ever for a toy: It is a game called Doggie Doo, which features a large plastic dachshund into whose mouth you cram some Play-Doh-type "food"; then you pump and pump a handle on its leash until Doggie poops it out. If that doesn't work for, uh, squat — which is what happened in the Empress's test; see it at <u>bit.ly/doggiedootest</u> — you're supposed to keep cramming and pumping, then blow into the poor dog's mouth. Found on clearance (big surprise there!) by Loser Nan Reiner.

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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 night, May 18; results published June 7 (online June 4). You may submit up to 25 entries per contest. Include "Week 1123" 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 Tom Witte; the honorable-mentions subhead is by Kevin Dopart. 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.

And the results of The Style Invitational's contest posted four weeks ago . . .

THE JOKE'S ON HUE: THE NEW COLORS FROM WEEK 1119

In Week 1119 we asked for new color names — for crayons, house paint, clothes, whatever — that reflect the current age, along with a description. Some people didn't include the latter; the funniest of those was Sandy Moran, who offered Aw Crap, Is This Miracle Whip? White. Other direction-non-followers, instead of describing a color, used color names to coin new terms, such as "H&R Black: We guarantee you'll never see red or your money back" (Gordon Cobb). Sent by many: Jerry Brown, the color of unwatered grass.

4th place:

Same Old Slate: Color scheme for the 2016 Bush-Clinton debates. (Frank Osen, Pasadena, Calif.)

3rd place:

Christian Grey: Ironically, it's terribly inappropriate for a church. (Danielle Nowlin, Fairfax Station, Va.)

2nd place and the stuffed, noisemaking Happy Pill:

Kardashian Blush: Crayola was going to market that color, but it turns out that it doesn't exist. (Edward Gordon, Austin)

And the winner of the Inkin' Memorial:

Lilac a Rug: A shade bolder than White Lie. (John McCooey, Rehoboth Beach, Del.)

28 shades of nay: honorable mentions

Indigo Montoya: Prepare to dye. (Warren Tanabe, Annapolis, Md.; David Friedman, Arlington, Va.)

Unred: What today's newspapers are, all over. (Ann Martin, Falls Church, Va.)

Spinal Taupe: It's just a bit louder than other taupes. (Jeff Shirley, Richmond, Va.)

Jet Black & Blue: Color of a tall person's knees after a coast-to-coast flight. (Jim Stiles, Rockville, Md.)

Nest Eggshell: A disappearing white. (Curtis Morrison, Chesapeake, Va.)

Andy Marooney: Back in my day, we just called it red. (Robert Schechter, Dix Hills, N.Y.)

Chain Smochre: A brownish-yellow tone used on everything from clothes to teeth. (Dave Prevar, Annapolis, Md.)

Beat Red: The color of Roger Goodell's face while insisting he hadn't seen the Ray Rice video. (Todd DeLap, Fairfax, Va.)

Trump Red: A rich maroon. (Jeff Contompasis, Ashburn, Va.)

Gooooold: The color of the World Cup trophy. (Emily Davis, Bloomington, Ind., a First Offender)

Kiddie Pool Blue: A cool cerulean with undertones of warm yellow. (Rob Huffman, Fredericksburg, Va.)

Not Vermilion: Once a favorite of naysayers, recently updated to Not Verbilion. (Frank Osen)

Fuchsiashima: Glow-in-the-dark purple. (Kathleen DeBold, Burtonsville, Md.)

Obamatone: Half black, half white, and red all over. — R. Limbaugh (Mark Raffman, Reston,

Va.)

Bureaucratic Maize: The glossy golden color of a federal employee's eyeballs. (Scott Warner, Hagerstown, Md., who last got ink in Week 54, 21 years ago)

Azure Wish: The color of Cary Elwes's eyes. (Danielle Nowlin)



Climate Fuchsia: Rosy. — J. Inhofe, Everythings, OK (Kevin Dopart, Washington)

Inhofe: Inuit word for the color of melting Arctic sea ice. (Megan Durham, Fairfax)

Perple: The color of bruises on a suspect who "falls" while being arrested. (Chris Doyle, Ponder, Tex.)

Phone Umber: A less obtrusive paint color for cellular towers. (Beverley Sharp, Montgomery, Ala.)

Tall Teal: The color of Brian Williams's flak jacket. (Mark Raffman)

Pitch Blue: The color of skin when whacked with a fastball. (Philip Justus, Potomac, Md.)

Pain & Saffron: The color used to decorate personal-injury lawyers' offices. (Mae Scanlan, Washington)

Beiging: The color of the air in China. (Beverley Sharp; Chris Doyle)

Minnesota Choral: The pinkish-white of the St. Olaf's College choir. (Phil Frankenfeld, Washington)

Board of Directors Rainbow: The full spectrum from white to beige. (Mark Richardson, Takoma Park)

Harvard Crimson: Just a shade less bright than Stanford Cardinal. (Mark Raffman, Harvard Law, '86)

Invisible Ink: The color the Empress uses when printing my entries. (Bruce Carlson, Alexandria, who's had regular-color ink 20 times)

Still running — deadline Monday night: Our annual "grandfoals" contest to "breed" two horse names. See bit.ly/invite1122.

THE SCRABBLEGRAMS SETS FOR WEEK 1123

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