

Entertainment

Style Invitational Week 1216: As the word turns – ‘discover’ new words in a grid

Plus the winning neologisms from ScrabbleGrams ‘racks’

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S
1	Q	Q	Y	R	Z	G	L	D	Q	N	T	K	V	N	N	M	B	K	D
2	H	U	V	R	I	N	S	T	R	U	C	T	O	R	S	H	I	P	L
3	P	M	I	J	O	N	S	J	S	A	C	I	D	U	L	A	T	E	W
4	R	D	Q	N	I	T	H	U	R	S	T	L	I	Z	K	L	R	B	Y
5	O	K	K	M	D	A	A	A	F	A	E	M	X	C	D	M	Y	N	P
6	M	D	R	N	C	E	M	I	T	F	M	L	I	O	M	R	E	H	T
7	A	E	I	H	B	P	C	I	T	A	U	T	D	R	V	Z	G	D	W
8	R	R	U	A	A	R	C	E	C	A	E	S	M	I	W	G	N	G	Z
9	T	R	Y	N	T	A	R	U	M	L	R	P	I	F	A	G	Y	W	Y
10	E	K	T	J	P	H	L	N	L	V	A	G	E	O	N	J	D	J	M
11	T	L	Y	A	B	A	E	A	N	R	I	L	N	I	N	G	L	Q	P
12	Y	D	C	T	T	M	B	R	S	D	I	R	G	I	N	M	L	M	Q
13	L	N	A	E	W	K	D	I	M	C	V	G	A	I	N	P	L	T	Y
14	I	Y	W	R	N	T	I	Y	I	O	A	T	D	T	V	G	N	J	K
15	Y	M	X	D	R	S	G	F	K	S	U	A	P	L	E	B	B	L	Z
16	M	Y	M	P	M	Z	Y	L	N	Z	F	S	D	Z	L	W	L	X	G

"Piglav" and "reggy" are among the words waiting to be coined within this grid for Week 1216. (Grid constructed at puzzle-maker.com)

By Pat Myers

(Click [here to skip down](#) to the winning ScrabbleGrams neologisms)

L-9: Piglav: A bar’s men’s room by last call.

P-6: Reggy: How you won’t be describing most federal agencies this year.

We’re on our third go-round – or go-up, go-down, go-sideways, go-diagonally – with our contest in which you “discover” brand-new words by tracing a line through letters on a word search grid. The Empress created the grid by feeding 20 randomly generated words – including oddities ranging from “darr” to “quindecimvirate” –

into an online puzzle generator, but lots of other real words showed up as well. **This week: Create a word or multi-word term that consists of adjacent letters — in any direction or several directions — in the grid above, and provide a humorous definition, as in the examples above.** You may also give an especially clever definition for an existing term you find. And you may use the word in a sentence, if that makes your entry funnier. Even with this many possible words, there's a good chance that many people will send in the same word, and it'll come down to the description. (If you're having trouble printing out the grid above, [print it from here.](#))



Create Symphonies Nos. 1 and 2 by tapping on the Toilet Tunes mat, this week's second prize. (Pat Myers/The Washington Post)

IMPORTANT: You *absolutely* must begin each entry with the letter-number coordinates that mark the first letter of your term, as in the examples; no way is your reasonably obliging but got-her-limits Empress going to search the grid for it. Also, please don't begin the line with numbering, bullets, etc.; they mess up the entry-sorting.

Submit entries at this website: bit.ly/enter-invite-1216 (all lowercase).

Winner gets the [Inkin' Memorial](#), the Lincoln statue bobblehead that is the official Style Invitational trophy. Second place gets a nifty toy called Toilet Tunes: It's an electronic floor pad with some piano keys drawn on it. Tap your feet and make some melodies while you're, you know, occupied with other matters. It is a little-known fact that Beethoven worked out his Symphony No. 2 on a primitive version of this instrument. Donated by Loser Nan Reiner, who tried it out and reports that it actually works pretty well.

Other runners-up win the yearned-for ["This Is Your Brain on Mugs" Loser mug](#) or our Grossery Bag, ["I Got a B in Punmanship."](#) Honorable mentions get one of our new lusted-after Loser magnets, ["No Childishness Left Behind"](#) or ["Magnum Dopus."](#) First Offenders receive only a smelly tree-shaped air "freshener" ([FirStink](#) for their first ink). Deadline is Monday night, March 6; results published March 26 (online March 23). See general contest rules and guidelines at wapo.st/InvRules. The headline for this week's results is by Jesse Frankovich; the honorable-mentions subhead is by Jeff Contompasis. "As the word turns" was an entry by Dave Prevar in a previous contest. Join the lively Style Invitational Devotees group on Facebook at on.fb.me/invdev. "Like" Style Invitational Ink of the Day on Facebook at bit.ly/inkofday; follow [@StyleInvite](https://twitter.com/StyleInvite) on Twitter.

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RACK-TILE DYSFUNCTION: WINNING SCRABBLEGRAMS NEOLOGISMS

It's Neologism Central in Loserland this week. Besides the new word-find puzzle, in [Week 1212](#) we presented 40 seven-letter "racks" from ScrabbleGrams puzzles and asked you to come up with new terms of at least five letters. Submitted too frequently: **BONKLIT** or **KNOBLIT** as porn, and **WHISPAR** for that hushed tone golf commentators make.

4th place:

AILOPTV → **TV PAIL:** Bucket kept close at hand for reality shows — and, increasingly, for reality. (Mark Richardson, Takoma Park, Md.)

3rd place:

AOOPPRS → **ARSPLOOP:** Don't tell me there's another kind! (Jim Lubell, Hillsboro, Ore.; Frank Mann, Washington)

2nd place and the Vietnamese civet coffee:

AMRRSTY → **SMARTYR:** One who vows to *live* for the cause. (Beverly Sharp, Montgomery, Ala.)

And the winner of the Inkin' Memorial:

CHILSTU: Two names for the president's inner circle: **HIS CULT** and **LIC TUSH.** (William Kennard, Arlington, Va.)

Clearance racks: honorable mentions

AILOPTV → **POLIVAT:** A pork barrel. (Brad Alexander, Wanneroo, Australia)

ALLOPRY → **YAPROLL:** A dachshund (Bruce Niedt, Cherry Hill, N.J.)

BGIORTY → **GORYBIT:** A particularly graphic scene in a horror movie; **ORGYBIT:** the same in a porn flick. (Bruce Niedt)

BIKLNOT → **BILKTON:** Las Vegas (Jeff Hazle, San Antonio)

CDELMSU → **CLUMSED:** Moved less than gracefully. "Fred just clumsed in here and knocked over the TV again." (Sarah Jay, Churchville, Md.)

CDELMSU → **DE-SLUM:** To gentrify, from the point of view of the gentry. (Josh Fedblyum, Philadelphia)

CIILNUV → **LUVNIC:** A cute term for a vasectomy. (Drew Bennett, West Plains, Mo.)

AHINRSV → **VARNISH:** Somewhat like a varn. (Roger Dalrymple, Gettysburg, Pa.)

AHINRSV → **RAVISH:** To carjack a Toyota SUV. (Larry Gray, Union Bridge, Md.)

AHINRSV → **VINRASH:** Rosé-cea. (Barry Koch, Catlett, Va.)

AHINRSV → **NRA-SHIV:** "Help protect the incarcerated from prison gang violence: Arm inmates." (Matt Monitto, Bristol, Conn.)

AHIPRSW → **R.I.P.SHAW:** A two-wheeled hearse. (Chris Doyle, Denton, Tex.; Jon Gearhart, Des Moines)

AHIPRSW → **RAWSHIP:** How to address an inexperienced, crude officeholder. “Your executive orders are working out perfectly, Your Rawship.” (Duncan Stevens, Vienna, Va.)

AIIIMNNV → **MINIVAN:** A Dutch toddler. (Ed Edwards, Worcester Park, Surrey, England)

AILLNNO → **LOINAL:** The region on a woman most likely to be regulated by the moon, or the GOP. (Marni Penning Coleman, Falls Church, Va.)

AILLNNO → **NONILLA:** World’s blandest flavor. (Dudley Thompson, Cary, N.C.)

AILLNNO → **NO-AIL:** The health-care system replacing the ACA. It saves money by mandating that all Americans just stay healthy. (Jason Russo, Annandale, Va.)

AILOPTV → **VAIL POT:** The best thing to happen to Colorado tourism since snow. (John Hutchins, Silver Spring, Md.)

AIMMOSS → **MIASMOS:** The stinkiest kind of cigars. (Jeff Contompasis, Ashburn, Va.)

AIMMOSS → **IOS-MAS:** Holiday in which presents are put under an Apple tree. (Mark Raffman, Reston, Va.)

ALOQRSU → **QUAROLS:** Songs from the War on Christmas, like “Violent Night” and “I Saw Mommy Choking Santa Claus.” (Jon Gearhart)

AINNTUY → **ANNUIT:** A native Alaskan who’s hit the lottery. (Warren Tanabe, Annapolis, Md.)

AINNTUY → **NAYNUT:** Republican member of Congress, 2009-17; Democratic member of Congress, 2017-___. (Mark Raffman)

ALLOPRY → **LOL; PRAY:** The best advice for surviving the president’s new empire. (Lawrence McGuire, Waldorf, Md.)

ALLOTYY → **TALLY OY:** Rallying cry at the end of a lox hunt. (Deb Stewart, Damascus, Md.)

AMNNOSW → **MANNOWS:** Sperm. “Triplets on the way, bro — my mannows can SWIM!” (Bird Waring, Larchmont, N.Y.)

AMNNOSW → **NO SWAN:** Alas, most ugly ducklings stay ugly. (Mae Scanlan, Washington)

AOOPPRS → **SPA-POOR:** Bankrupt, but relaxed. (Jack McBroom, Fort Valley, Va.)

BBEORRY → **ROBE-RY:** What Senate Republicans did to Merrick Garland. (Allen K. Robinson, Charlottesville, a First Offender)

BGIORTY → **B.G. RIOT:** After the Bowling Green Massacre, there was also this. Or something like that somewhere. Clearly we need to militarize the police. — K. Conway (Jesse Frankovich, Lansing, Mich.)

BNNRSUU → **NUN RUBS:** The most awkward massages ever. (Scott Slaughter, Monrovia, Md.)

CEENNOV → **NEONCÉ:** This entertainer is inert most of the time, but she really lights up onstage. (Harold Mantle, Walnut Creek, Calif.)

CEIORTW → **EWROTIC:** Arousing disgust. “Sending photos of your junk is so ewrotic!” (Perry Beider, Silver Spring, Md.)

AHIPRSW → **WAR HIPS:** Helen of Troy’s real secret wasn’t her face. (Allen K. Robinson)

AIMMOSS → **AM-SO-ISM:** Self-esteem movement; counter-philosophy to the You’re-Notsies. (Ellen

Raphaeli)

ALLOPRY → **PALLORY**: The salon the British visit to get that famous pasty skin. (Jeff Brechlin, Apple Valley, Minn.)

ALLOTYY → **LYALOT**: Knight who said, “I didn’t lay a hand on Guinevere, I swear!” (Mark Raffman)

AMRRSTY → **MR. ARTSY**: A better hire to teach at your daughter’s school than “Mr. Satyr.” (Mark Raffman)

AILOPTV → **PLATO VI**: Thankfully, the last film in the “Western Philosophy’s Excellent Adventure” series. (Barry Koch)

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ALLOPRY → **Y’ALL-PRO**: A Southern voice coach. “Nicolas Cage needed a y’all-pro in ‘Con Air.’” (Chris Doyle)

BNNRSUU → **UNBUNS**: Gives birth. (Mark Raffman)

CEELRTU → **CRULTEE**: De rigueur fashion for haters, paired with stone-washed denim jeans. (Jon Gearhart)

AILOPTV → **ILOVPAT**: The vanity plate I chose in a shameless grab at Invite Ink. (Jesse Frankovich)

Still running — deadline Monday night, Feb. 27: our contest for jokes in the “X was so Y that ...” format. See bit.ly/invite1215.

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